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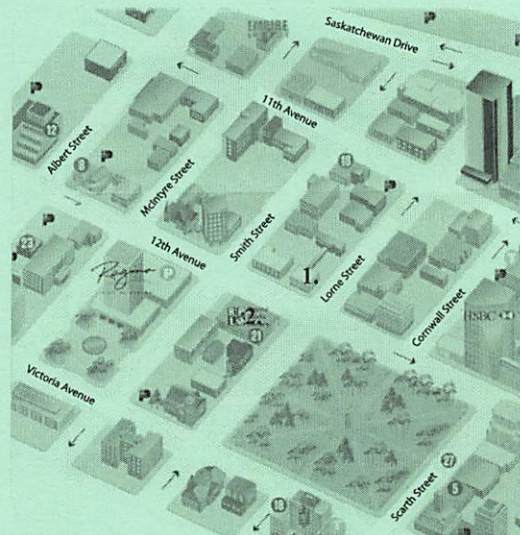
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Editor's Notes

BY: LINDA DUNSMORE-PORTER

Executive Director



In July, a SGS member from B.C. flew to Regina to spend the week researching. She spent approximately four days at the SGS Library and Research Room. As I watched her gather copious amounts of information, a thought occurred to me.

That evening I dug through my collection of old letters. Somewhere there were letters I had received some 30 years ago from an elderly cousin who had lived in New York City. And, ah hah! I found the one I was looking for. It was written on thin blue airmail paper, and within the narrative were names with brief descriptions of relationships; all very confusing.

I looked at all the names and decided to focus on the "Maxwell girls" – Margaret, Mary, and Emily. The letter said they were grand-daughters of MY great-great-grandmother. However, I knew that couldn't be true—because my great-great-grandmother only had one daughter...my great-grandmother, and she had married Joseph Barber. So...how did these three fit in?

During a lunch break I began to prowl our Library and Research Room. I concentrated on the Ontario and Quebec sections, and in particular the Ottawa area, including Hull-Gatineau-Templeton on the Quebec side of the river. I began to pull books off the shelves and sign them out. I carried home a briefcase full, as well as an armful of books (because Celeste says, you can borrow as many as you can carry) from the shelves of the LRR: cemetery indexes, cemetery recordings, County Marriage Registers, Surrogate Court records, census indexes, and histories of the area, just to name a few.

In the evening I poured over these books—writing and inputting information into my computer. Voila! The "Maxwell girls" emerged. Who were they? They were grand-nieces of my great-great-grandmother. As well, many of the other names in that 30-year old letter began to fall into place. In a few evenings I had added

approximately 100 new names to my tree. There is more work to do, but what a start. All this from the shelves of the LRR.

Like our member from BC—I was amazed at what I found. I knew we had lots of 'gems' on the shelves—because I have quite often overheard visitors say—"I found a real 'gem'". I have now had personal experience at discovering the LRR 'gems'.

Those names in that old letter, that had meant little or nothing at the time, now became significant 'ah hah' discoveries.

We invite you to come to the SGS Library and Research Room and discover your own 'gems'. And, if you are a subscriber/member we can mail these 'gems' right to your home.

We have received many new additions to the Library and Research Room, outlined in the SGS Library column. As a member you can borrow these items. This issue also includes subscription/membership renewal form for 2007.

The SGS Annual Seminar in Moosomin, SK, is October 27-29, 2006. There is still time to register. Details are in the June issue, or on the SGS website, www.saskgenealogy.com. Register on or before September 26 to take advantage of the early bird registration. Hope to see you there.

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President's Letter

BY: JANIS BOHLKEN

SGS President



It took me a long time to decide what to write in this article. The March article primarily dealt with SGS's objectives and goals. This article I would like to comment on the benefits of subscribing to the SGS *Bulletin* as a member.

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Serbia Revisited...Without Jail Time

BY: GLENN SCHWARTZ

President, Zichydorf Village Association

In 1986, my wife, Celeste, and I traveled to Europe. Although we visited many of the usual places, one of the primary goals was to visit the village of my ancestors, Zichydorf. Many Zichydorfers were among the pioneers of Western Canada just before and after 1900. Most of them settled in the Regina area. My own great-grandfather came to Regina in 1903 and homesteaded west of Gravelbourg in 1909.

Zichydorf was a German village founded in the southeastern part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire known as the Banat in 1787. After World War I, the Banat was split between Hungary, Romania and Yugoslavia. Zichydorf became part of Yugoslavia. In the aftermath of World War II, the German population of Yugoslavia was driven out to Germany and points beyond, to be replaced by Slavic people from elsewhere in Yugoslavia. It was then given the Serbian name Plandiste.

On our holiday, we made our way from Frankfurt across Europe to Yugoslavia in a rented camper. As we drove northeast from Belgrade I became excited that, at long last, I would visit the home of my forefathers. For a non-genealogist, this excitement might be hard to understand. But, as fellow genealogists, I am sure that you realize the excitement of finding a point of contact with your ancestors.

As we entered the town, I found a village 50 years behind our western standards, with livestock and poultry in the streets, much transportation and haulage by horse drawn wagon, and outdated and run-down infrastructure. We drove to the centre of town where the old Roman Catholic Church, little used by a small remaining congregation, had begun to show its lack of attention. I jumped out to take a few pictures of the church, then turned my attention to some of the other buildings in the town square that I recognized from the German history book about the village.

I had only snapped a couple of pictures when a man in uniform appeared from one of the buildings, yammering in a gibberish that I assumed must be Serbian and making hand gestures that clearly said, "No pictures!" Remember that this was 1986. The Cold War was still underway, there was much distrust between Communist and non-Communist countries, and the breakdown of Communism was still a few years away.

Having been told in no uncertain terms that I was not to take pictures, I was somewhat stunned about what to do next. In retrospect, I suppose I could have looked around a bit more, but, we were so disturbed by our encounter that we felt we had been run out of town. Maybe hanging around would have got us into more trouble. Who knows?

Anyway, we decided that we had best move on. I also wanted to visit the village that my grandmother's family had come from, about 25 km east of Zichydorf on the other side of a larger regional town. With our enthusiasm considerably diminished, we set off in that direction. About half way to the regional town, I observed a police car traveling towards us in the opposite direction. Suspicious that this wasn't just coincidence, I watched the car in my rear view mirror after we passed. Sure enough, it made a u-turn and followed us. After a very short distance, its flashing light turned on to signal us to stop. When I pulled over, a very polite police officer asked us in very good English if we were the people that had just come from Plandiste. I replied that we were. He asked to see our passports, which he promptly stuck in his pocket as he said, "Follow me."

With no alternative, we followed the police car to the station in the regional town. We were taken to the office of someone in authority where another officer interpreted that they would like us to wait there while they checked us out. For

dramatic effect, I like to tell people we were arrested, but really we were just politely detained in relative comfort for a short time while they made sure that we weren't spies. Since I knew that we weren't, I was not terribly concerned, but it was an annoyance that further depleted our enthusiasm and made us feel unwelcome.

After a while, they said that we were free to go, but our spirits were further dampened. We did drive the few minutes to my grandmother's village, but the suspicious stares from the populace and our recent experience caused us to pass through quickly with only a couple of pictures of the church. We did not wish to invite further trouble. Filled with disappointment, we were soon on our way back to Frankfurt.

Ever since this unsatisfactory experience, I have wanted to get back to these villages under different circumstances. The death of Yugoslavia's Communist ruler, Josip Tito, and the collapse of the USSR seemed to open the door a crack. The formation of the Zichydorf Village Association also created an opportunity to gather like-minded people for a group tour with a guide and some type of official sanction.

However, the door soon closed again. Without the iron fist of Tito, the regions of Yugoslavia split apart during a civil war that lasted from 1992 to 1995. NATO (The North Atlantic Treaty Organization), which includes Canada, the USA, and most Western European countries, became involved in enforcing the 1995 peace agreement. With frequent conflict between Serbian and NATO forces, it did not seem like a good time for westerners to be traveling there.

With a peace plan in place in 1995, I decided to start looking into the possibilities. Through 1996 and 1997 I tried to connect with people who could help me put a tour together for 1998. Although I discovered a few possibilities, when they did further investigation, they all either recommended against going there or refused outright until the situation was much improved.

Rather than improving, the situation got worse in 1999. Serbia had annexed Kosovo, a traditional Serbian territory that was now populated mostly by Albanians in 1989. Serbia attempted to resettle into Kosovo many of the Serbs displaced by the 1992 to 1995 civil war. This led to much ethnic conflict which resulted in the Serbs trying to drive the Albanians back to Albania. Once again the Western powers, led by NATO, intervened, bombing infrastructure in many Serbian cities far from the conflict. Clearly it would take some time for memories to fade before we could expect a reasonably warm welcome.

Another factor affecting timing was the Heimatag (Homeland Day) of the Landsmannschaft der Banater Schwaben. This is a group of ethnic Germans that have migrated from their homeland in Romania back to Germany, mostly since 1989. Every second year on Pentecost weekend they hold a convention in Ulm, Germany, the normal departure point for Germans who migrated to Banat in the 18th century. At their convention, they remember their ancestors who first went to Banat. They also celebrate the culture of their homeland with a Roman Catholic Mass, a program of music and dance, and a social gathering. Dave Dreyer, one of the top North American experts on Banat migration, is a big fan of this convention, and I thought it would be a worthwhile activity to take in. With the convention set for June 3 & 4, 2006, this year seemed like an auspicious opportunity to organize a tour. Recent unpleasantness in Serbia were far enough in the past and 2008 was a long way into the future.

In April of 2004, I asked at a Zichydorf Village Association meeting if anyone was interested. I received a favourable response and put the word out to the whole membership in September, 2004, that I was interested in arranging a group tour if there was sufficient interest. I received about 30 replies representing about 40 people over the ensuing months. Although I knew that not all of these inquiries would result in tour participants, I thought that I probably had enough people to go ahead.

My plan then was to arrange something for the fall of 2005, but when I learned the dates for the Heimatag, I made the adjustment to early summer 2006. Through numerous inquiries, I eventually learned the name of a man who ran annual homeland tours, usually for German people, out of Munich. On these tours, he arranged all the details and sold the tour as a package. That sounded like a good arrangement to me, as I really had no idea where to start on my own. I corresponded with him by email and thought I had an arrangement for a May 30 to June 17 tour out of Frankfurt. In the meantime, I had retired from my job, and my wife and I took a long-anticipated dream holiday to New Zealand, Australia, and Japan from January to March, 2006, secure in the knowledge that the European group tour was in good hands.

However, while on holiday I could not get an email response from my tour operator. Finally, through another source, I learned that he was selling his own tour, returning to Munich May 31. How was he going to take us out of Frankfurt on May 30 if he was only returning to Munich on May 31?

I considered my options. Do we delay our departure to June 1 or later? This was not a good option as our timetable was already tight. Do we delay to the fall or the next spring? I was reluctant to do this as the dates I had chosen were already a delay from the first proposal and we would miss the Heimatag unless we delayed two full years. Or do I try to cobble together the tour on my own with only two months to go until departure? This last option seemed like the best. Nobody had committed anything yet, other than some people who had arranged their vacation time around the trip. If I could pull it together, we could still meet the original goals and timetable. If I could not pull it together, no one would be out any cash and 2008 would still be an option.

I concluded that air travel and hotels could always be arranged somehow. The deal breaker would be whether or not I could arrange a tour bus. Our group would be too small for a large bus that normally holds upward of 50 people. We would need something in the 20 passenger range.

I first enlisted my travel agent to see whether she could arrange anything. Meanwhile, I enquired through some email contacts about people who had done similar tours, but I was unable to successfully communicate with anyone who was able to help. I surfed the Internet and found several German tour companies, but, again, they either were unable to help on short notice or did not have the right equipment. The travel agent struck out completely. Her contacts dealt in package tours. Their resources were committed and they were not particularly interested in putting together a specialized tour on short notice.

Then I had a stroke of luck. I asked the person in Serbia that I had lined up as our guide if he had any ideas. He sure did! He sent me a web page that had about 50 German tour bus companies. I emailed every one with my request. Two were able to meet our requirements and I finally selected one.

Time was now getting quite short. I finally gave the tour participants the go ahead to book their flights. We had missed out on the lowest fares because there was less lead time and fuel costs had risen, but better that than to have cheaper tickets and nowhere to go when you arrive.

The next item on the agenda was to arrange hotels. This was complicated by the fact that we were a large group and that Germany was hosting the World Cup of Soccer while we were there. In certain cities on certain days, hotel accommodations were in short supply and at premium prices. With the help of an Internet hotel booking site, I was able to find and confirm suitable accommodations. I was also able to book several tours.

Unfortunately, one participant from Chicago had to bail out with two weeks to go due to health problems. At first, he was going to go regardless. But then he considered the effect it would have on everyone else if his condition disrupted things. He was very disappointed, but made the unselfish decision to let us go on without him. We held out until the last week in case his condition improved, but there was no change.

Finally, six of us departed from Regina on May 28, arriving in Frankfurt before noon on May 29. Unfortunately, my suitcase did not arrive with me. How would my suitcase ever catch up when we were going to be in a different city every night? Fortunately, the delay caused by dealing with the missing luggage allowed another member of the group, who had flown out of Ottawa via Toronto, to catch up with us. We caught the shuttle to our hotel where we met three ladies from one family in Minnesota who were joining us. We all headed to downtown Frankfurt for an evening of getting to know one another.

When we returned to the hotel at about 9 p.m. my suitcase was still not there. Even worse, two of our group, Reginans who were temporarily living in China, had still not arrived. We had no way to contact them. What would we do if they did not arrive by the time our bus left in the morning? How would I get by without my suitcase? What else could go wrong? Were we headed for disaster? I slept fitfully as I wrestled with these questions.



Our mini-bus

But someone up there must have been looking out for me. In the morning my suitcase had arrived and so had our missing tour members – shortly after we had ourselves returned from our night out. The bus arrived promptly at 8 a.m. and we were soon on our way.

The aim of the first part of our trip was to gain some background into our ancestors. From where did they originate? Why and how did they migrate

to Eastern Europe? What were their lives like as pioneers in a new land? Why did they eventually leave these other places?

We initially headed west and stopped at Trier for a guided tour of the medieval city to get a feel for the setting they left behind. From there we went south into the Alsace-Lorraine region of France from where some of them had come. Our Ottawa member had traced his family back to a few villages in this region, so we intended to visit them and look around. Our stop surpassed our wildest expectations as he located family tombstones in two villages that confirmed some of his research and shed some light on new avenues of investigation. In one village we were invited into the Mayor's office while he made copies for us of the early genealogy of the family in which we were interested. We all had to hold on to our Ottawa member to keep him from floating away. Could the rest of us expect similar success?

From this adventure, we drove east to Pforzheim in Germany. There we met with a German gentleman who had been generous in helping establish our fledgling association. He was born in Zichydorf and lived for a time in the USA. He had contributed moral support, research materials, and financial assistance to the ZVA over the years. We were very excited to meet this gentleman that we held in such high esteem and he was excited to meet all these North Americans who shared his passion to keep alive the memory of his village.



Our group entering Hungary

Next day we drove to Sindelfingen. Various cities and states in Germany have taken on the responsibility of looking after the various German groups displaced after World War II. The city of Sindelfingen and the state of Baden Württemberg have taken responsibility for the Donauschwaben, i.e., those Germans who lived along the Danube River and its tributaries in the southern part of old Hungary. Sindelfingen is home to the Haus der Donauschwaben, which has a museum and a library focused on Donauschwaben history and culture. In the same building are the offices of the AKdFF or Arbeitskreises donauschwaebischer Familienforscher, which focuses on family and village histories. We spent a whole day exploring there and could have stayed longer.

Our next stop was the Heimatag 2006 in Ulm. The experience of the Romanian Banat Germans is a little different from that of our Yugoslavian Germans. While Romanian Germans had their possessions confiscated and some were also sent to forced labour camps, they were not driven out of the country in the aftermath of World War II. In fact, they were virtual prisoners in their own country until the 1970s. Emigration increased to between 10,000 and 15,000 per year from 1977 to 1988. With the fall of the Communist regime, emigration increased to 23,000 in 1989, 111,000 in 1990, 32,000 in 1991, and 16,000 in 1992 before trailing off. The little history lesson is just to explain that this is a relatively young and vibrant group that still has vivid memories of the homes they were forced to leave.



Ceremony commemorating the migration
from Ulm to Banat

Anyway, the Saturday of the festival is dedicated to commemorating the pioneers who set sail down the Danube en route to the Banat in the 1700s. It begins with traditional dances on the mall on Saturday morning, followed by a procession to the Mayor's office. After a short reception, the Mayor joins the procession as it wanders down to the river bank to lay a wreath by the monument to those early pioneers. For someone with such a distant connection to the events being commemorated, I was surprised at how moving I found the whole experience. After the ceremonies, we went to the Donauschwaebisches Zentralmuseum, which is dedicated to this migration.

Sunday began with Catholic Mass at the convention site. I figure that there were close to 2,000 people there. Again, it was very emotional as these people carried their village banners in and out and sang the hymns that they had sung in their own churches in their own villages only a few years ago. You could just feel the emotion in the air. At Communion, the server that I went to was almost in tears.

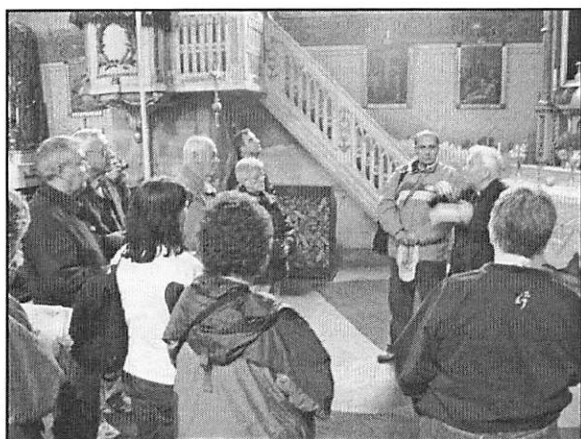
After Mass, we moved on to three huge halls, each as large as a good sized aircraft hangar. Each one had tables set up and labeled with village names. The idea is that you go to your village table, or one that you are interested in, and meet some of your old friends and neighbours that you might not have seen for a few years. They even had tables for Kanada and Amerika. Most of the people are elderly and don't speak English, but a few of us were able to make some connections.

At 2 p.m. three bands fired up in the three different halls and people started to dance. At 3 p.m. an entertainment program began in the large hall where the church service had been. It started with children doing folk dancing, and then got into a skit that set the stage for the adult dancers that followed. It was supposed to depict the Kirchweih celebration that was about the biggest festival on the Catholic Donauschwaben's calendar.

From Ulm we drove to an area west of Budapest called the Schildgebirge. Many Zichydorf settlers had first resided in this area for a generation or more before moving on. This area is a narrow band of beautiful green hills set on a huge flat plain extending for hundreds of miles. There were three or four villages there that we wanted to visit, but we found so much of interest in the first cemetery that we had to postpone the rest in order to rendezvous with our guide in Romania.

We met our guide in the late afternoon and toured five villages before reaching our hotel after 10 p.m. It had become very clear by this time that I had not allowed nearly enough time in the itinerary for touring villages and that we could not maintain the speeds on the roads that I had hoped due to their poor condition.

Next morning, we dropped some tourist sites from the itinerary and visited two more villages on our way to Serbia. We ran into some red tape at the border that cost us some time, but were able to attend a planned wine tasting that was probably the most enjoyable event of the whole trip.



Zichydorf priest speaking to our group

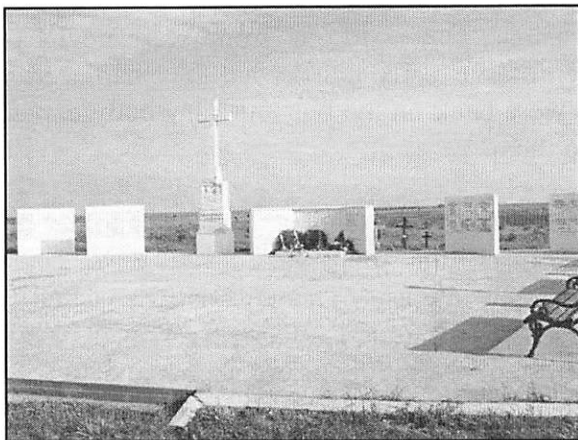
The next day we reached the Holy Grail, Zichydorf. Our guide had arranged for the local priest to meet us and open the church. He was tickled pink that we would come all the way from North America to see him and his church. He was just glowing. For an hour he addressed us and

answered our questions, and we toured the church, took pictures, and examined the beautifully embroidered vestments. From there we went to the cemetery. We found many headstones of interest, but, as we had been warned, the cemetery is gradually being renewed as stones of the present inhabitants replace the old ones.

We had to break off our search after 11 as we had an appointment with the Mayor. We had a very excellent meeting in which he offered us any help that it was possible for him to provide within the resources that he had. He might not have all the answers or documents that we seek, but he would help us to find them as much as possible. He and we acknowledged that some unpleasant things had happened in the past, but that we should learn from our history so that it does not repeat itself and try to form new, mutually beneficial bonds of friendship for the future. This got us all thinking about some possibilities for when we get home.

Also present were the town's cultural history representative, the Serbian Orthodox parish priest, and a lady who is translating the town history into English for posting on the town's web site. After mutual presentations of gifts and some group photos, we were off for lunch at our priest's home in another village. We were treated to a lunch of several kinds of local sausages and cheeses, some biscuits, wonderful hot house tomatoes, dainties, and delicious homemade Apricot brandy. We presented him with a book and some cash from the ZVA and from the travel group. He presented us each with a CD of pictures and a CD of corrections and updates to the digital church book records for the ZVA. We then set off to tour a few other nearby towns, accompanied by the priest, who had prepared receptions for us in two of them.

The next day we visited four more villages to wrap up the Serbian portion of our trip. One of these was Rudolfsgnad, home of a famous post-war internment camp for ethnic German citizens where about 25% of the inmates died from hunger, disease, and inadequate shelter.



Memorial to those who died
in the Rudolfsgnad interment camp

We took a brief tour of Budapest before returning to the cemeteries we had missed in the Schildgebirge. We covered four villages there and had some success in one of the cemeteries. We also met a Hungarian of German descent that was able to shed some light on the history of the area and who promised to send us a copy of a local history book.

With the genealogical and historical part of the trip complete, we headed back to Frankfurt, stopping only to take in an occasional site to break up the monotony of bus travel. We stopped at Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, and a couple of towns on the Romantic Road of medieval towns. On our last full day we took also a short Rhein Cruise.

One other stop of note was a visit with a couple of gentlemen who had also provided research resources to our ZVA members. We had a very pleasant visit with them and their families.

Tour participants were unanimous in saying that they enjoyed the tour and were glad that they had come. All were generally satisfied, while some were downright effusive in their praise. I guess your assessment depends on your expectations.

So, what lessons can you learn from our experience?

First, you can get by in English almost anywhere in Western Europe, but the farther east you go, the less useful it becomes. German is of some use in Hungary, Romania, and Serbia, but it is very difficult to accomplish anything in the latter two without an interpreter speaking the local language.

Second, allow the time that you think you will need for travel and stops, then add 25-50%. Some of the roads in Romania are in very poor condition. Other roads were generally good, but, when you get off main roads, speeds must be reduced. Even on main roads, buses must travel at lower speeds than cars and, just like at home, summer is road repair season. There is no such thing as a ten minute bathroom stop for 15 people. Stops for meals or anything else also take longer than expected by the time everyone does his/her business and you round everyone back up. Be sure to allow some time for shopping and laundry.

Third, consider a small tour on a small bus. We went many places that we could not have gone on a larger bus. Also, the more people you have, the more time is spent rounding them up at every stop. Everyone has a slightly different agenda. We were able to accommodate virtually every request in our small group. This would be impossible if the group was much larger.

Allow at least an hour for every village that you plan to visit and more if some people have a special interest. Our group made a list of the names in which we were interested. At each cemetery everyone would fan out looking for names on the list. Despite this large application of people power, it often took an hour or more to cover the ground. It is interesting to note that the German parts of the Romanian cemeteries were relatively well maintained, while the German parts in Serbia had been allowed to return to nature. This is probably due to the fact that the German population of Serbia has been gone more than 50 years, while the Germans in Romania have mostly left in the last 15 years and there are still some left behind to care for the remains of their family members.

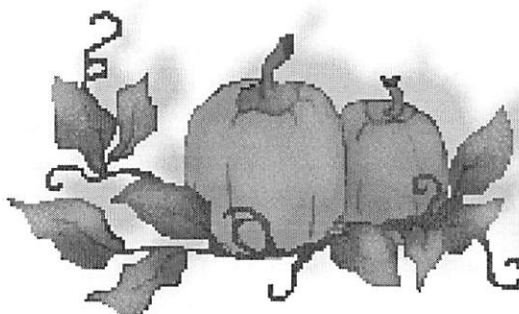
Whenever planning more than a brief cemetery stop, try to prepare the locals for your arrival. People in small towns anywhere are startled when a bus full of foreigners pulls into town and starts snapping pictures of everything in sight. Our Romanian guide said that no such preparation was necessary, but we only stopped briefly at a few cemeteries. In Serbia, we had a wonderful reception in Zichydorf, the main town we visited, because our guide was able to prearrange our visit.

Be prepared. Knowing as much family and regional history as you can will help you to appreciate what you find. For myself, my main interest was just to be there and I had not prepared myself with family tree charts and such. They would have proven useful on a couple of

occasions. Others in our group were novices and often didn't really grasp what they had seen until we were back on the bus and somebody explained it to them.

And finally, be patient with one another. From the outset, the tour was designed to cater to individual interests. The villages we visited were chosen by the tour participants. You may not be interested in what the next person wants to see, but he or she may not be interested in what you want either. If everyone is patient and cooperative, you will all see what you want and you will part as friends that shared a unique experience exploring the homeland of your forefathers.

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Cover picture

John Edwin (Jack) ENGLISH was a Canadian soldier in the Second World War. He was born around 1902 and died at the age of 68 years on Friday, 18 December 1970. Not much is known about the early years of his life. He married Eveline (Evelyne) MAJOR, daughter of Mary and Bill MAJOR, of the Saltcoats area of Saskatchewan. The 1911 Census shows a Robert and Zelia ENGLISH and Mervin ENGLISH in the Saltcoats area but no relationship to them can be established at this time. Jack and Eveline had only one child, a son who died as an infant. The couple moved to Regina about 1957. He worked for 12 years as a caretaker for Saskatchewan Social Welfare and for the Regina Geriatric Centre until his retirement from the Government of Saskatchewan public service in April, 1968. He had a sister, Mrs. Ena LAWS and a brother, Lester who both were living in London, England at the time of his death. Jack and Eveline are buried in Riverside Memorial Park in Regina.

If you have an interest in this photo, please contact Celeste at the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society.

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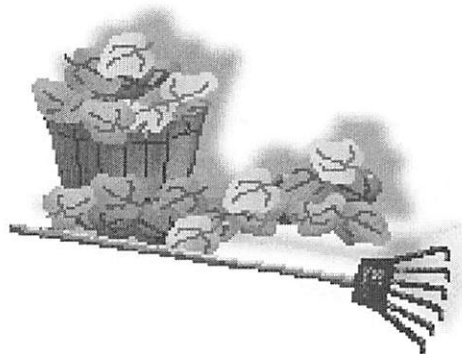


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As genealogist we search for information in all kinds of places. We are probably one of the few groups who enjoy heading to a cemetery in search of information. To others who do not have a great interest in genealogy this seems a bit odd to them. Over the years I made my husband drive for hours in bush in search of lost cemeteries. I have made many trips to different cemeteries with my three boys in tow. My boys are 4, 6 and 11 years old. If there is one joke in the family it is that my boys can spot two things from a mile away, a yard sale or a cemetery. This joke headed to a new level over Easter. My mother watched Steven (the 4 year old) and Nathan (the 5 years old) while the rest of the family headed out to work at my grandmother's farm. Mom and the boys enjoyed the day together. First they loaded the wagon, grabbed some Popsicles and headed for the park. They played for a bit on the different items in the park but soon my boys found their way to the sand box. With their Popsicle sticks they built roads and bridges. This kept Steven interested for a bit until he headed out to explore the park some more. Leaving Nathan alone in the sand box to explore his imagination.

Of all things my son could do with those sticks he decided to build a cemetery. He broke up the sticks to make headstones and level the sand all nice before placing his newly created headstones in the sand. When he was finished he called his grandma back to show her what he had done. My mom knowing he was pretty proud of his work just smile and told him how nice it all looked. The whole time trying not to laugh and thinking that he spends too much time with me searching for cemeteries. For what other little boy, then that of a genealogist, would spend his time in a sand box making a cemetery.

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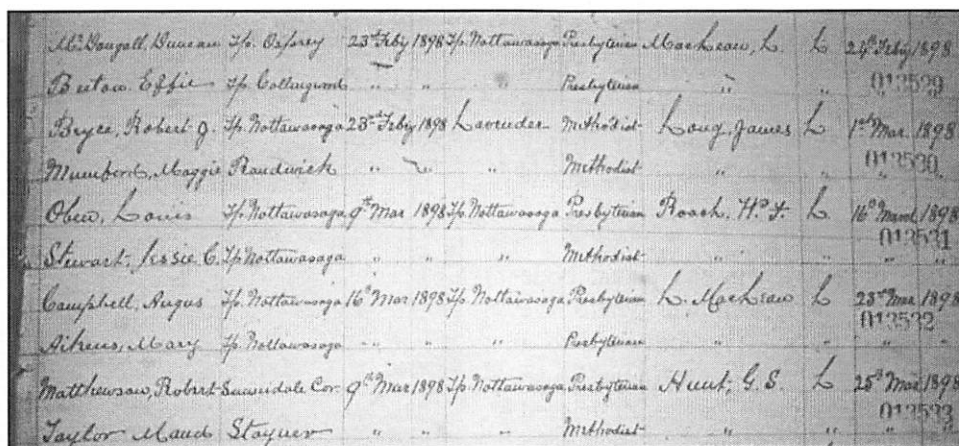


Digital Cameras and Genealogy

BY: KEITH BARR

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I became interested in Genealogy a couple of years back and in February 2006, the Saskatchewan Genealogy Society, Regina Branch had a workshop for beginners and I attended. I started to do some research and started to view some of the Genealogy microfilm in the Prairie History Room of the Regina Public Library. I was not overly enthused in having to pay .50¢ for each copy that I wanted off of the film, especially when the copy was not clear or too large to fit on the scanner. I borrowed my daughter's digital camera and took digital photos off of the viewing screen and got good results with the camera. I then could download these photos right onto my computer with out having to scan them. I find that if I use the camera where you can change the setting on the camera, rather than on automatic, I get better results. I find if I set the camera to incandescent light and use the macro mode and with black and white colour, I get real good results. Granted the film has to be clear and the more contrast on the film the better the photo. If the image is washed out it is hard to read and it is next to impossible to get a photo that you can use. I have also taken photos with the digital camera to get photos off of my computer and find it works well if I use the black and white setting and the incandescent setting. If I use a florescent setting the photos have a bluish tinge. I was pleased with the results that I got, so I went out and bought myself a digital camera. I imagine I could have paid .50¢ a copy for all the copies I might need for all the genealogy research that I will be doing and still have a few hundred dollars left for what I paid for the camera.



This is the result that I get in using a digital camera to take photos off of a microfilm screen.

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Mystery Women

BY: SUSAN LEITCH



This is a picture of my father, Arnold Page LEITCH (1919-1993), and a mystery woman. It was probably taken in the early 1940s in Southern Ontario but, in June 1995, this picture and one other arrived at my brother's house in an unmarked envelope. There was no return address and no signature on the handwritten note. The enclosed note said only "Many years ago I got these pictures of the boss. The girl is from Saskatchewan."

Imagine the flurry of activity in the postal code books trying to, at least, narrow down where the envelope had been mailed from. This only led to a main sorting postal station in Stoney Creek, Ontario so that was of no help. The picture has been passed around to anyone who might know them. It has even been used to play a joke on my brother who received the pictures.

A few years later, since no answer seemed to be forthcoming as to either the identity of the sender or of

the woman in the picture, both pictures were given to a psychic during one evening of that kind of entertainment. As psychics do, she held on to the picture and waited for it to "speak" to her. The psychic was unable to locate the place or the woman BUT the comment was made, "There was a child from this relationship, and I think it was a girl."

Imagine the discussion that comment made! Somewhere out in the world we might have a half sister. This possibility was what turned into a joke on my brother on the occasion of his 40th birthday. A person previously unknown to him arrived on his doorstep with a copy of this picture and asked if he knew whom the man was since the "mystery woman" was her mother. My brother is a sceptic as far as psychics go but there was a split second of possibility that flitted across his face before the jig was up.

Seriously though, we would like to know who the woman in the picture is and, if we actually have a big sister out there, we would really like to meet her/them. Please contact me with any suggestions at srleitch@sasktel.net or (306) 374-7631.



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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

- Genealogical Research Directory (National & International) 2006 edited by Keith A. Johnson, AM and Malcolm Sainty, AM. 2006.
- The Beginner's Guide to Genealogy by Fraser Dunford. 2006. Review copy donated by Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS).

Canada

- Minutes of the Toronto, London, Hamilton, Bay of Quinte, Montreal and British Columbia Annual Conferences of The Methodist Church 1904. Donated by Jim Perfect.

Canada: Ontario

- Index to the Upper Canada Land Books, Volume 1 February 1787 to December 1797 edited by Susan Smart. 2005.
- Index to the Upper Canada Land Books, Volume 2 January 1798 to December 1805 edited by Susan Smart. 2005.
- Ontario Marriage Notices by Thomas B. Wilson. 1982. *Reference Only*. Donated by Max Coates.

Canada: Ontario - Hastings & Prince Edward Counties

- Cemeteries of Hastings County:
 - Bangor Township
 - Belleville (Belleville & St James Cemeteries)
 - Carlow Township
 - Cashel Township
 - Dungannon Township
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 - Faraday Township

- Hungerford Township
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- Limerick & Lake Townships
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- Sidney Township
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- Tyendinaga Township
- Wollaston Township.

Donated by The 7th Town Historical Society.

Canada: Ontario - Lanark County

- Baptismal and Marriage Records of Presbyterian Churches in Dalhousie and Lanark Townships, Lanark County, Ontario compiled by J.R. Ernest Miller and Robert E. Sargeant. 1988. Donated by Biggar Branch, Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) in memory of Archie Affleck.
- Knox Presbyterian Church, Perth: Baptisms 1890-1924, Marriages 1858-1895, 1896-1917 prepared by Robert E. Sargeant and J.R. Ernest Miller. 1988. Donated by Biggar Branch, SGS in memory of Jean Latimer.
- Marriages and Baptisms, First Presbyterian Church, Perth, Lanark County 1817-1857 compiled by J.R. Ernest Miller. 1987. Donated by Biggar Branch, SGS in memory of Jean Latimer.
- Presbyterian and Methodist Church Records of Pakenham, Lanark County, Ontario 1830-1909

compiled by J.R. Ernest Miller. 1991. Donated by Biggar Branch, SGS in memory of Archie Affleck.

- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Perth, Lanark County, Ontario: Marriages 1830-1887, Baptisms 1830-1881 compiled by J.R. Ernest Miller. 1987. Donated by Biggar Branch, SGS in memory of Jean Latimer.

Canada: Ontario - Lennox & Addington Counties

- Cemeteries of Lennox and Addington Counties: Richmond Township. Donated by The 7th Town Historical Society.

Canada: Ontario - Peterborough County

- Little Lake Cemetery - Master Index, Peterborough, Lots 2-8 Con 2, North Monaghan Township. Donated by Sheila Thornton.

Canada: Ontario - Victoria County

- Cemeteries of Victoria County:
 - Bexley Township
 - Bexley Cemetery. Donated by Audrey Wilkinson in memory of Elaine Dumba.
 - Coboconk Village Cemetery. Donated by Leroy & Victorine Smith.
 - St. Mary's R.C. Cemetery. Donated by Audrey Wilkinson in memory of Elaine Dumba.
 - St. Thomas' Anglican Cemetery. Donated by Leroy & Victorine Smith.
 - Dalton Township
 - Kett's Cemetery. Donated by Roberta Case.
 - Sadowa United Church Cemetery. Donated by Roberta Case.
 - Fenelon Township
 - Fenelon Falls Village Cemetery. Donated by Leroy & Victorine Smith.
 - Glenarm Presbyterian Cemetery. Donated by Leroy & Victorine Smith.
 - St. James' Anglican/Pioneer Cemetery, Fenelon Falls. Donated by Audrey Wilkinson in memory of Elaine Dumba.
 - Zion/Worsley Cemetery. Donated by Leroy & Victorine Smith.
 - Ops Township
 - Buckley Cemetery. Donated by Leroy & Victorine Smith.
 - Methodist Burying Ground. Donated by Leroy & Victorine Smith.
 - Mount Horeb Cemetery. Donated by Leroy & Victorine Smith.
 - O'Connell's Cemetery. Donated by Leroy & Victorine Smith.

- Riverside Cemetery, Lindsay. Donated by Leroy & Victorine Smith.
- St. Mary's R.C. Cemetery, Lindsay. Donated by Audrey Wilkinson in memory of Elaine Dumba.
- Unnamed Cemetery Lot 27 Con 3. Donated by Leroy & Victorine Smith.

Canada: Quebec: Les Collines-de-l'Outaouais

- 1891 Cemetery, Old Chelsea, Quebec updated by Patrick M.O. Evans and Cyril Payne. 1985. Donated by Wilma Holmes.
- Private Cemetery Chelsea, Quebec owned by Historical Society of the Gatineau recorded by Patrick J. Horan and Patrick M.O. Evans. 1982. Donated by Wilma Holmes.
- Records of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Cantley, Quebec 1881-1925; Records of St. Andrew's United Church, Cantley, Quebec 1925-1939; and Some Records of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Poltimore, Quebec 1881-1925; Records of St. Andrew's United Church, Poltimore, Quebec 1925-1939 compiled by Mrs. Cindy-Ann (Hough) McClelland & Mrs. Cynthia (Deal) McMillan. 1997. Donated by Wilma Holmes.
- St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Old Chelsea, Quebec by Patrick M.O. Evans and Bruce Elliott. 1979. Donated by Wilma Holmes.
- Two Cemeteries of Masham Township, Quebec: Lascelles Anglican; Old Cemetery, Rupert by Bruce Elliott. 1973. Donated by Wilma Holmes.

Canada: Quebec: Gatineau

- Pink's Cemetery (Mountain View), Lot 16 Range 6, Township of Hull, Quebec by Bruce Elliott. 1973. Donated by Wilma Holmes.
- St. Steven's Anglican Cemetery, Papineau County, Buckingham, Quebec recorded by Ruth Belisle. 1971. Donated by Wilma Holmes.

Canada: Saskatchewan

- Builders of a Great Land Continues, R.M. of The Gap No. 39, Ceylon and Hardy. 2001. Donated by Ceylon History Book Committee.
- Builders of a Great Land, History of the R.M. of The Gap No. 39, Ceylon and Hardy. 1980. Donated by Joyce Carlson.
- Grayson and District History Book. 2005. Donated by The Grayson & District History Book Committee.

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SGS NEWS

FROM THE OFFICE ...

BY LINDA DUNSMORE-PORTER

Executive Director

The online Cemetery database is getting closer to completion. Our volunteer is working hard to have it ready for launch this fall. Watch our website for announcements.

The importance we place on cemetery headstones and the information they provide has been recognized by REMCO Memorials Ltd. through sponsorship of our forthcoming online Cemetery Index. We thank them for their generous support and look forward to future partnering. Their memorialization concept will add another dimension in our research within cemeteries.

As well the obituary indexing has begun. With the help of a student volunteer the "A" surnames have been scanned and will shortly be sent to volunteer transcribers. This will be a long-term process. If there is anyone who would like to come and spend an hour or two scanning at the Library and Research Room, please let me know.

We wish to acknowledge three SGS branches that are celebrating 25 year anniversaries this year. Congratulations to Swift Current, Pangman, and Prince Albert Branches.

As mentioned in the June issue, if you have a photo you would like to feature on the front cover of the *Bulletin* please forward a scanned copy to us via e-mail to sgs@accesscomm.ca. Please scan as a jpeg at 300 dpi. If you are unable to e-mail us a copy, please make a good quality photocopy and mail it to us. Our mailing address is on the inside front cover of the *Bulletin*. Please DO NOT send the original. Also include a brief history/story about the picture.

Also if you are contributing an article for the *Bulletin* and wish to include photos, please scan as

jpeg at 300 dpi and e-mail the photos and articles to us. For alternative ways of sending your article and photo(s) please call Linda or Lisa.

We continue to look for volunteers to help keep our programs running. If you have some time and would like to volunteer, please give us a call. See page vi for opportunities.

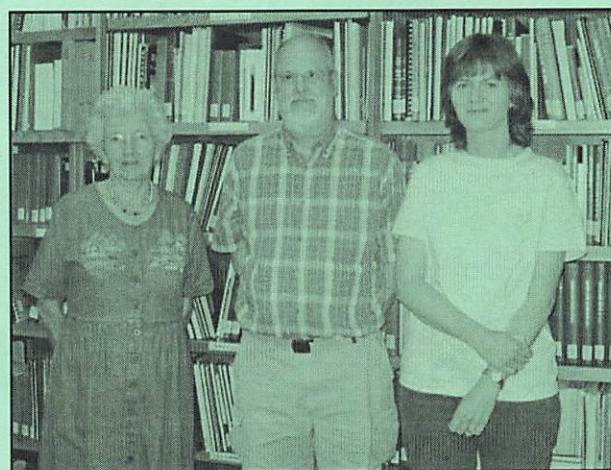
Vital Statistics advises that they continue to index the deaths and marriages and anticipate the data will be online before the end of the year.

The Saskatchewan Heritage Award recognizes individual volunteers who have provided an outstanding contribution to genealogy. Please check page 101 for details if you know of someone you would like to nominate for this award.

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Cataloguing

The SGS Library cataloguing volunteers have reached another milestone. On the 27 July 2006, they had 8,550 items entered into the catalogue. The present team consists of Mona Morrow (proof reading) and Barr Godkin and Rena Hawes (data entry). If you are interested in joining this dedicated team, please contact Celeste Rider, Librarian.



Mona Morrow, Barr Godkin and Rena Hawes

Saskatchewan Settlement Experience

The Saskatchewan Archives Board and the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society are pleased to announce the completion of Phase II of the Homestead Project. The Saskatchewan Settlement Experience web site is now online at <http://sasksettlement.com/index.php>. This web site provides free access to factual and interpretive information, including digital images and video to assist all researchers. The web site allows visitors to navigate seamlessly and extract the information required. The official launch of the web site will take place in September 2006.

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 October 2, 2006**
- Award will be presented at the Fall Membership Meeting in Moosomin on October, 28, 2006.

For more information contact the SGS office.

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NOTICE OF SGS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, 28 October 2006
From 1:00-2:00 pm
Drama Room, McNaughton High School
Moosomin SK

25th Anniversary Celebrations

SGS President, Janis Bohlken, presented a Certificate of Recognition to Swift Current Branch President, Bev Hagen, during the Branch's 25th Year Anniversary Celebration in Swift Current, June 3-4, 2006.



On behalf of the SGS, Past President, Rocky Sample, presented a Certificate of Recognition to SGS Pangman Branch President, Joyce Carlson, during the Branch's 25th Year Anniversary Celebration in Pangman, August 12, 2006.



SGS Prince Albert Branch will also receive recognition this fall for their Branch's 25th Anniversary.

2007 & 2008 Membership

Membership to Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) is on a calendar year from January to December. No prorating. **You may pay up to 2 years.**

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Volunteers Required

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity?

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society is looking for volunteers to help with the following programs:

OBITUARY

SGS is indexing their Obituary Collection. We require individuals to help scan (at the Library), enter data, as well as individuals to proofread.

SASKATCHEWAN RESIDENTS INDEX (SRI)

Co-ordinator - SGS requires a coordinator for the SRI program. The coordinator's responsibilities would include:

- Attending SGS planning sessions
- Maintaining a record of recorded and non-recorded documents
- Soliciting volunteers for the program
- Liaising between SGS and program volunteers
- Promoting the SRI program
- Developing contacts with local authorities
- Promoting Saskatchewan Lotteries
- Working with the Executive Assistant to solve any issues

Proofreaders - SGS requires volunteers who could proofread indexed material. The source materials are located at the Prairie History Room or the Saskatchewan Archives Board.

Indexing - Volunteers are required to index items for the SRI. Such items include Local History Books.

The following books have been indexed, however, these books have been misplaced, lost, or we do not have a copy. If you have a copy of one of these books, would you be willing to proofread or loan the book.

- B216 - Memories 1969 SYB - Kincaid area

For more information on these volunteer opportunities, please contact the SGS office at sgs@accesscomm.ca (please specify in the subject line "Wish to Volunteer") or call (306) 780-9207.

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- Saskatchewan Local Histories at the Legislative Library by Kim Heidebrecht and Liza Leutenegger. 2006 (copyright 2005). **Reference Only**. Donated by The Saskatchewan Legislative Library.
- School Yearbooks (Donated by Charmaine Hartt):
 - 1979-80 Optic, Volume 35. Caronport/Briercrest Bible Institute.
 - 1985-1986 Fledglings to Falcons, Saskatoon Marion M. Graham Collegiate Yearbook.
 - Martin Dictum 1978-79, 1979-80, 1981, Regina Martin Collegiate Yearbooks.
 - Reflections 76-77 Craik School Yearbook.
 - Scott Echoes 1948 and 1949 School Yearbooks – Regina.
 - The Endeavour 81-82 (26th Edition) Windthorst School Yearbook.
 - the O'Neill 1969, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983. Regina O'Neill High School Yearbooks. Donated by Charmaine Hartt on behalf of Mrs. Rene Sell.

Great Britain

- Ancestral Trails, The complete guide to British Genealogy and Family History, Second Edition by Mark Herber. 2005. Review copy donated by Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.

Great Britain: England and Wales

- Baines' General and Commercial Directory of the Borough of Leeds 1839. Compact Disk (CD). **Reference Only**. Donated by Moose Jaw Branch, SGS in honour of Marge Thomas' retirement.
- Leeds Grammar School - Admissions Book 1820 - 1900. Compact Disk (CD). **Reference Only**. Donated by Moose Jaw Branch, SGS in honour of Marge Thomas' retirement.
- Road Map: England and Wales (Geographers' Map Company Ltd.). Donated by the Estate of the late David G. Marshall.

Great Britain: Isle of Man

- The Manx Family Tree, A Beginner's Guide to Records in the Isle of Man, 2nd edition edited by Janet Narasimham, Nigel Crowe, Priscilla Lewthwaite. 1994. Donated by George Wise.

Great Britain: Scotland

- The Highland Clans: The dynastic origins, chiefs and background of the Clans and of some other families connected with Highland history by Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk. 1967. Donated by Robert Pittendrigh.

United States

- Compendium of Historical Sources: The How and Where of American Genealogy by Ronald A. Bremner. 1983. Donated by Max Coates.

Jewish

- Roots and Remembrance, Explorations in Jewish Genealogy by Bill Gladstone (writing as Ze'ev Glicenstein). 2006. Review copy donated by OGS.

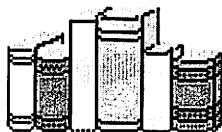
United Empire Loyalists

- United Empire Loyalists, A Guide to Tracing Loyalist Ancestors in Upper Canada by Brenda Dougall Merriman BA, CGRS, CGL. 2006.

Family History

- A Mother Braving a Wilderness, Told by her son, Otto Lutz edited by Thomas Gerwing, O.S.B. 1977. Donated by Cres Sandlund (c/o Stearns History Museum).
- Our Miss Gibbs or Sketches from my Mother's Life History by Jack Jones. Donated by Jack Oglesby.
- The Descendants of John and Catherine Loehr Reunion 1983. Donated by Cres Sandlund (c/o Stearns History Museum).
- The Fertich Family of Canada, Descendants of Josef Fertich of Lovrin, Hungary by Jade L. Fertich. 2006. Donated by Jade L. Fertich.

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Book Reviews

BY CELESTE RIDER

Librarian

CORRECTION:

Lloydminster Times Vital Statistics 1905-1945 compiled by Janet Newman. There was an error in the information regarding the cost of the book and CD. The correct information is as follows.

Book \$35.00 + \$8.50 postage & handling
CD \$10.00 + \$3.50 postage & handling.

To order please contact:

Border Branch, Saskatchewan Genealogical Society,
c/o Lloydminster Regional Archives, 5012 – 49 Street,
Atrium Centre Site, Box 27, Lloydminster AB
T9V 0K2. Phone (780) 875-9272.

The review for this book appeared in the June 2006 issue of the *Bulletin*.

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The following two books, *The Beginner's Guide to Genealogy* and *Roots and Remembrance, Explorations in Jewish Genealogy*, are available from the Ontario Genealogical Society, 40 Orchard View Blvd., Suite 102, Toronto Ontario Canada M4R 1B9. Postage and Handling rates are as follows: First item: ON, PG \$5.95; MB, SK, NS, NB, PE \$7.95; AB, BC, NL, NY, YT \$8.95; each additional item: \$1.75. Canadians add 7% GST to both book and postage charges. U.S. and other destinations outside Canada: \$6.50 first item; each additional item: \$2.25. Orders outside of Canada please pay in U.S. funds.

The Beginner's Guide to Genealogy by Fraser Dunford. Toronto: Ontario Genealogical Society, 2006. 32 pages. ISBN 0-7779-2157-X. The cost of the book is \$5.00 plus Postage and Handling.

This is a handbook designed for beginning genealogists and those who want to "get back to the basics." The author sets out the fundamentals of doing genealogy in a very easy to read format. His book covers everything from how to get started, ethics, getting organized, and locating records, to developing a research plan. He briefly discusses numbering systems, computer programs, copyright, and reinforces the importance of citing your sources and provides guidelines for doing

this often overlooked aspect of research. A lot of very useful information is packed into this 32-page book.

Roots and Remembrance, Explorations in Jewish Genealogy by Bill Gladstone (writing as Ze'ev Glicenstein). Toronto: Ontario Genealogical Society, 2006. 232 pages. ISBN 0-7779-2160-X. The cost of the book is \$27.00 plus Postage and Handling.

The author has built on the study of his own extended Rubinoff-Naftolin family to provide insight into Jewish genealogical research in Canada and elsewhere. Some of the resources he has used are from the Library and Archives of Canada, Yad Vashem, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, and many other repositories. This book contains a bibliography of all works mentioned in the articles and an index.

Ancestral Trails, The Complete Guide to British Genealogy and Family History, Second Edition by Mark Herber. Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2005. 873 pages. ISBN 0-8063-1771-X. This book may be purchased from Genealogical Publishing Company, 3600 Clipper Hill Road, Suite 260, Baltimore, MD 21211. The cost of the book is \$34.95 plus postage and handling. Contact Genealogical Publishing Company for details if you reside outside of the United States. Their web site is at www.genealogical.com; phone: 1-800-296-6687; fax: 1-410-752-8492. U.S. and other destinations outside Canada: \$6.50 first item; each additional item: \$2.25. Orders outside of Canada please pay in U.S. funds.

This book was originally published in 1997 and is now revised and updated to reflect the latest developments in the field of genealogy. *Ancestral Trails* enables the researcher to form a coherent picture of past generations by describing virtually every class of record in every repository and library in Britain, making it, as the subtitle states, "the complete guide to British genealogy and family history."

This would definitely be a very useful addition to your personal reference library if you were doing research in Great Britain.

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Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Registers: The Lost Have Been Found?

BY: LOIS BLACK
OGS #4167

Permission has been granted to reprint this article which was originally printed in OGS Families, Volume 45, Number 2, May 2006.

During the past five years, a group of OGS members has been indexing the Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Registers. As many Toronto researchers know, these registers consist of four volumes of approximately 700 pages each. There can be up to 43 entries per page. The Wesleyan ministers were supposed to surrender their register for the coming year. The clerk then transcribed the entries into the consolidated registers. Although each page bears a title which could be a township name etc., not all entries may belong to that specific page. The clerk fell prey to the "name" bugaboo which still confuses many of us doing research in Ontario today. For instance, there is a Perth County in southwestern Ontario and a town of Perth slightly southwest of Ottawa. Numerous examples similar to this exist. Also, the minister could be transferred from one area of the province to another mid-year but continue to use the same register.

In order to reduce the risk of damaging these valuable volumes the United Church Archives had the four volumes microfilmed several years ago. These microfilms were sold to various institutions and the public. This provided out-of-town researchers access to the records. Nowadays when doing research at the United Church Archives you would be asked to use the microfilm copy.

The computer provides you with the facility to transfer the misposted entries to their proper township/county. Because of this facility it was realized very early on in the project that a control would have to be kept to make sure that every item was picked up. The information was read from the microfilm by Beth Clarke to Joan Phillips who was inputting the item on her laptop computer. Beth's husband, Charlie Clarke, would then transfer the information to a form he designed for the proofreaders' copies which were then proofread back to the original registers by several volunteers. The computer kept a count of the data entries picked up from the microfilm and recorded them by township etc. Also, the proofreaders made a count of the line entries in the register as they finished each page. Questions arising during proofreading about the correctness of the original entry often led to further research on census microfilm and other records.

As the project neared its end, a printout of the computer control was made. The printout indicated that six page numbers were not listed. The original registers were looked at and the missing page numbers not only existed, they contained data. Then the microfilm was checked and it revealed that the pages had never been microfilmed!

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Surname Index:

Lloydminster Times Vital Statistics 1905-1945

The following surname index was prepared by Celeste Rider. It is an index to the book recently published by Border Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, *Lloydminster Times Vital Statistics 1905-1945* that was compiled by Janet Newman. First part of the index was printed in the *Bulletin*, Volume 37, No. 2, June 2006, page 55.

If you are interested in information regarding any of the surnames included in this index, please consult the book or CD for more details. The book and CD are available from: Border Branch – Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, c/o Lloydminster Regional Archives, 5012 – 49 Street, Atrium Centre Site, Box 27, Lloydminster AB T9V 0K2. Phone (780) 875-9272. Email: archives@lloydminster.lb.sk.ca. The cost of the book is \$35.00 plus \$8.50 postage and handling. The CDs are \$10.00 plus \$3.50 postage and handling.

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Arcady Cottage and Neighbourhood

A house history that spans three centuries

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We live in 118, Dulwich Road, Holland on Sea, a home that has an interesting past. For the sake of those who may follow us into our present property, for those who might like to know something of our predecessors, or, for those people who are just concerned with broader local history, this article will, it is hoped, prove of interest.

Until the turn of last century the area was sparsely inhabited. A few farms gave employment to a small number of local people who probably lived in tied cottages close to where they earned their livelihood. Old maps show where various buildings existed, but most have long since disappeared and even the farms are now retained only in the memory of very elderly folk. Little Holland Hall, a substantial residence, once the home of Arthur Christianson, respected editor of the London Daily Express in the days when the paper was very popular broad-sheet, has survived. The lake, once a feature of the Hall's extensive gardens, can still be seen close to the Frinton Road. A small monument near the roundabout where three roads meet near the Hall grounds marks an ancient burial site.

The Oakwood public house, an attractive period building, occupies a site on the north side of Frinton Road. There is otherwise little of note dating to Victorian times and before. Erosion of the once unstable sea cliffs was halted with the installation of various protective structures, but the last stretch below the Esplanade through to the present Holland Sluice was not secured until about 1969. The mile long and undeviating road that provides Holland with its attractive promenade, King's Parade, was only completed in the 1950's. At one time the cliff area and shore was privately owned and remained so until the fifties, when holidaymakers had to pay the sum of 3d to be allowed on to the beach. Since about 1750 the lands were in the possession of the Hills family

and their descendants. They were Lords of the Manor of Little Holland Hall. In 1889 the tenure transferred to James Matthew Balls, a land agent of Castle Hedingham, who divided the estate into 60 lots which were put up for auction in 1900 and the whole of these were, in turn, acquired by D.C. Preston. My notes on these transactions were provided by Mr. R. Kennell.

When we acquired our chalet-bungalow we took immediate possession of a bundle of deeds, dating from 1906. As a result of a conversation we had with the then owners of the nearby villa 'York House', we ascertained that our home was contemporary with this much larger and rather imposing property. Apparently, York House, which at the time provided some additional source of income offering guest house accommodation and was once the seaside residence of nobility, a Lady Warwick. It would seem, she had a rather sickly male child, who, whilst she lived at her mansion estate near Dunmow, remained in Little Holland, cared for by a resident nurse or guardian. He would apparently sit out on a balcony and paint. We knew very little about the aristocratic lady, but she had written books of her reminiscences and been the subject of other's accounts. Certainly her royal connections, particularly with Queen Victoria's heir, figure prominently in many publications.

The fascination for producing biographies about Royalty seems ever attractive and that concerning Edward VII, particularly his life before he took the throne (his mother died in 1901) is still of popular appeal. At times this earlier Prince of Wales popularity had sunk to a very low level and caused his mother much anguish. Certainly, there is plenty of proof that two of his known mistresses knew Clacton. Lily Langtry (*Jersey Lily*) stayed at the then Grand Hotel and this visit is commemorated with *The Langtry Room*, in the building now used as an annex of Colchester Institute. The original Grand Hotel was vacated by the Institute and became expensive apartments in

December 2003.

It is another mistress (*Darling Daisy* who is of much greater interest to us and indeed, the story of her life is colourful. Unquestionably, 'Teddy', in his younger days acted quite blatantly over his extra-marital dalliances. Nearer the time of his accession and as his mother moved into her eighties, perhaps he was advised to show greater decorum. Sexual indulgences in those days, without the availability of modern safe methods to avoid an undesired outcome from cohabiting, created a high risk of accidents, even for princes and monarchs. We know of no proof that 'Daisy' Brooke, as she was known prior to her husband becoming the Earl of Warwick suffered some 'misfortune'. Nevertheless, the whole court atmosphere and stories concerning *'The Marlborough House Set'* and the activities of its various members, were widely circulated and the term 'fast' might still be an appropriate description for sometimes less than discreet behaviour. Today, if one visits the splendid Warwick Castle, a tour would almost certainly include being shown a room that has been set out to recreate a scene recalling a dinner party hosted by the Earl and Countess and attended by Edward VII.

But where does 118 Dulwich Road feature in all this? Fortunately we appear to possess a full set of deeds and other documents which has provided information on previous occupants and land owners.

Our home was built across the garden from the coach or chauffeur's house, once called "Arcady" later York House. About this time Lionel Monkton's musical play 'The Arcadians' became greatly popular and may have had bearing on the choice of name. The earliest document concerns land and an indenture of 11th February 1901 relating to the purchase by David Cripps Preston of two plots from Adolphus William Huxter. Then a conveyance dated 30th January 1906 between D.C. Preston of *'The Hall'*, Dulwich Village, Surrey and Francis Thomas Brooks of 378 Mare Street, Hackney, East London, of a purchase for the sum of £34 of the same two plots. In a later deed there is an original of the planned layout of

the immediate area which takes in *Dulwich, York and Madeira Roads*, showing how the land was to be divided into many plots some envisaged for residences, others in York Road for shops and a tavern. The present road layout dates to that time, the names connected with royalty adhered except that *Kaiser Grove* was re-designated *Queensway*. *Preston Road* preserves the name of the developer, *Dulwich Road* the place of his London abode and *Salisbury Road* a statesman with whom Preston seemed to be on friendly terms. An indenture dated 2nd April 1914 is between Blanch Mary Brooks (widow of F.T. Brooks) and Ada Maria Garner-Watts of 'Arcady', York Road, Little Holland (widow) and refers to the purchase of property for the sum of £40. This document would suggest that the site was undeveloped at the time, but when the writer had cause to open up a hitherto inaccessible part of the roof over a porch for the purpose of installing insulation, two labels were discovered amongst some wrapping paper, both bearing late 1911 dates. Next, a conveyance dated 28th February 1934 is between A.M. Garner-Watts and Gertrude Ellen Johnston of King's Avenue, Holland-on-Sea, and concerns the purchase by the latter of plots 92 and 93 in Dulwich Road and the premises known as 'Foreshore Cottage', for the sum of £450. Again, when removing some bedroom casing timber I found the earlier name pencilled on a piece of board, supposedly by some tradesman. Later owners of our residence included a Cecil George Williams between the years 1949 and 1961, after which it came into the hands of a Mr. and Mrs. White. We bought it in 1985 following Mrs. White's death. Another earlier occupant was one Leggett, a servant or chauffeur of Garner-Watts.

Some Personalities

Frances Evelyn Greville, the Countess of Warwick was born in 1861, eldest daughter of Colonel C. H. Maynard. She married Lord Brooke in 1881 and he succeeded to the Warwick title in 1893. They had three sons and two daughters. One son died in infancy, but the elder inherited the Earldom on the death of his father in 1924. Because of her perceived intimate relationship with the Prince of Wales she became a prominent

personality and a subject of much society gossip in late Victorian and Edwardian times. She was a member of the so called *Marlborough House Set* and her exploits and those of other participants have become attractive subjects for various authors.

None of her children appear to have acquired the celebrity status that she achieved. Her first son died before her in 1928. The Honourable Maynard Greville, an attractive looking child in early photographs, lived until 1960. He served in the Royal Flying Corps and Royal Air Force between 1916-1919 and later became interested in motoring and arboriculture. He lived at the family seat at Easton Lodge near Great Dunmow, his widow Mary nee Rabbett and their daughter Felice Spurrier continued to live on the estate. Their home *Perryfields* is at some distance from the original site of the mansion, of which only an annex and outbuildings survive. We did pay Little Easton a visit and due to an introduction arranged by an elderly gentleman we met there, who happened to be a retired gardener on the estate, we were able to meet and talk to Mrs Spurrier. She remembered as a small child, staying at a 'little' place near Clacton. She died about 10 years ago.

Lady Warwick's eldest daughter Marjorie is not well known. Another, Mercy, arrived when her mother was well into her forties, took to the theatre and was to marry a B.B.C., producer Basil Dean, whose name may be remembered by older radio listeners.

Ada Maria Garner-Watts was a resident of 'Arcady.' Kenneth Walker a local historian wrote to me that Mrs. Garner-Watts seems to have come to Holland on Sea about 1906 and to have first resided at 'Summerholme' in York Road, one of the few earlier houses to have been built there. 'Arcady', a four bedroom house was built a little later, and enlarged about 1919'. Mrs. Garner-Watts a refined but retiring lady was clearly a friend, or perhaps a former trusted retainer, of the Countess'. Like us, Mr. Walker speculated whether she was entrusted with the duties of looking after the mysterious child. She might have become an object of gossip amongst local

residents who met the occupants and servants especially, during the 'Arcady' years. In those days the villas' grounds stretched to the cliff edge; the beach below was also private and part of Arcady grounds.

David Cripps Preston would probably be described in present day terms as a land speculator and developer for he acquired considerable tracks of farmland and laid plans to turn the region into a residential area for middle class housing. However, the original concept never materialised and although most of the basic grid road layout survives, eventual purchasers of individual or multiple plots meant the variety of property styles were erected and terraces as originally planned had no place. This gentleman, judging by his portrait in the Clacton Year Book & Directory of 1920, was at this time quite elderly.

Much of the above data is verified, but there is little surprise that on certain sensitive issues we can only speculate and now over a century on from those days all eye-witnesses with stories to tell are gone. Who was the mystery child and did 'Arcady' and Lady Warwick still receive royal visits

Of our own property; Ah! if only the fabric could speak. Yet, there is a few items of interest worth recall. Sometime in the 1920s, there was structural modification to form bays with metal-framed windows to front and rear. This used space that was previously a substantial garage, proof of this previous usage exists below our lounge and the writer's study. In conversation with a local plumber, he enquired whether I realised that under the floors of said rooms there was a large inspection pit. Later when I had reason to lift floorboards in the lounge, indeed I came across this feature. Also, across the ceiling in the same room there is a steel joist and presumably this was installed so that the chauffeur could carry out his own engine maintenance. Upstairs, both bedrooms were fitted with hand basins each supplied with hot and cold water. Whether the chauffeur, one Leggett or his predecessors were specially favoured, unlike many servants of those days, or alternatively, the rooms were meant to accommodate additional guests of the big house, it

is most unlikely we shall ever be able to answer.

to be that concerned!

Another point worth recall concerns the public house near Thorpe-le-Soken railway station; at one time called *Edward the Seventh*. A story goes that the King when visiting Clacton would alight here and take refreshment at the inn before completing his journey. Maybe his destination was elsewhere, even Holland on Sea, but we are aware that later Queen Mary was known to visit her friend Lady Byng at Thorpe Hall and rumour has it that she did visit 'Arcady'. Some of the above will doubtless be put down to hearsay but it is nice to think that one is close to sites of historical events. Perhaps the King was driven into our lost integral garage, then, out of the public gaze, walked across the garden to see his lady friend. Possibly! Well, we can all make the most of half truths and weave our own stories, much in our newspapers misinterprets words and actions, to the detriment of those still around to be hurt. At least it can be claimed that the characters in this document are most unlikely

We spoke to some elderly residents a few years ago concerning their memories of Old Holland and its early development, who recalled that the occupants of *York House* 'spoke German'. When opening up our bungalow roof area I discovered some wrapping paper which plotted a parcel transportation from Germany via Hamburg and Grimsby dated 1911. The address label of the consignor had, along with the firms name, an illustration of a gun. One might then suppose a firearm of some description was sent from Strasburg to its final destination Clacton. The consignee was Monsieur.P.L.Wenger, *Glengarry*, Marine Parade, Clacton-on-Sea. On another piece of brown paper a label bore a cancelled four-penny Edward VII stamp, and was addressed to a Miss Grounds at the *Reckitt Convalescent Home* and was dated 20th October 1911.

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At the completion of the project, an addendum of items which have been missed all will be published.

The Lost Have Been Found!!

I expect that this information will give new hope to researchers who are missing baptisms in the above townships in Ontario.

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Membership:

There are three types of SGS membership:

1. Regular Membership breaks down into three different categories. The first category is a family membership including a spouse or common-law spouse and other family members living in the same household. The subscription is \$40.00 per year. The second category is a senior membership, is anyone age 65 or older, including a spouse or common-law spouse living in the same household. The senior subscription is \$38.00 per year. The third category is a life subscription/membership which is available to any member in good standing. The life subscription/membership fee is set by the Board of Directors.
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Subscription fees must be received at SGS office for the membership to be in effect. A new membership that is received after October 1st will be credited with membership for the next calendar year without an additional fee. Benefits for the remainder of the current year will include borrowing books, access to microform, and the benefits and privileges outlined below.

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Along with the receipt of the *Bulletin*, members in good standing are also entitled to have access to library

resources and archives of SGS and the ability to join a branch.

Privileges

Regular members in good standing are entitled to:

1. attend membership meetings and cast one vote per family membership.
2. seek office on the Board of Directors of SGS after 24 months of continuous membership.
3. access, under the guidance of the Executive Director to the minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors. Those members with specific SGS needs may be given a copy of motions dealing with their field of interest.
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6. to be able to vote at all membership meetings.
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8. to have access to expert staff, certified researchers and certified instructors.
9. to access knowledge and experience of other members.
10. to post research items in the *Bulletin* and SGS web site.
11. SGS membership is tax deductible donation.
12. to volunteer as a Board Member, project co-ordinator or a volunteer on a project task, which help individuals develop skills. SGS is always looking for more volunteers to complete projects.
13. to join a branch.
14. SGS initiates and coordinates preservation activities such as Cemetery Recording, the Obituary File, and Special Purchases.

15. SGS lobbies other organizations, to gain access to genealogical resources.
16. SGS membership provides a positive environment to help motivate researches.
17. links with other organizations, such as other genealogical and / or historical societies.
18. SGS is a nationally recognized organization.
19. make new friends and have fun.

2006 Seminar

SGS Pipestone Branch has put together an interesting looking seminar. I hope that you have already booked a room and paid to attend the seminar. I have paid for the seminar already and have booked a room. If the expense to drive is too expensive, do you know a couple of people that you can car pool with? This a great way to network on the way to and from the seminar. I'm car pooling with two other people from Regina.

New Facilities

We are starting to network with other non-profit groups and looking at facilities. There is a donation form on the website requesting help with the move. Movers will be expensive as most of the collection is books which are extremely heavy when boxed. If you would be interested in helping with the cost of the move it

would be appreciated. Tax receipts will be given for donations. The donation form is one way that we can raise money for the move. We have also talked about a raffle Would members be interested in selling tickets on a raffle? Please send me an email and give the Board some ideas on how we can raise some money for this move and whether you would be interested in selling tickets on a raffle? No decision has been made if a raffle will take place or not but we are looking for ideas. Thank you in advance for your input.

Communication

The Board has an email address which is: sgs.board@accesscomm.ca

We are looking for your feedback and interest in SGS. Please send your comments to the Board so that we know what you think. The next Bulletin issue I will comment on the number of e-mails received from our membership.

I hope everyone had a great summer and I will see you at the seminar.

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Saskatchewan Trivia

Tom Sukanen, a Finnish immigrant, built an ocean-going boat near Macrorie during the middle of the dust-bowl years. He was 15 miles from the South Saskatchewan River. He intended to take a load of wheat back to Finland. He hand made every part, including boiler and steam engine, he died before completion. The assembled ship can now been seen on Highway 2 south of Moose Jaw.

Computer Column

BY: CHRISTINA KRISMER



Where did the summer go? Kids are back in school and you are back into your fall or winter routine, which I hope includes working on your family genealogy or history. Maybe you are really just getting started and you could use some help.

Perhaps you have come to a dead end or need help in organizing your work or would like to know about software programs for genealogy and how to use the Internet. Why not check with SGS or your local society and see what classes are being offered. Maybe you could suggest some topics for a class. Others may be interested in a similar topic.

I know there are several readers out there who have questions or ideas that would be appropriate to use in this column. How about letting us know? How about sharing? Send your ideas to sgs@accesscomm.ca or mail them to SGS Library & Office, PO Box 1894, Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3E1

Computer Health

Your computer is a machine and as such it will quit one day. Do you back-up your data regularly? My experience in spring has me even more diligent in this regard. My back-ups are now every week or bi-weekly. I do two kinds of backup of all my data –1) on CD/DVD and 2) on an external hard drive. I certainly do not want to lose years of research, my many digitized or scanned pictures and any of my other data. Besides backing up, it is important to protect you computer from virus or “hacker” problems. Is your anti-virus program updated regularly? Does your service provider or do you have firewalls in place to help prevent “hackers” from getting to your files? Do use passwords for your important files?

If you use email and the Internet regularly, you are likely to get all kinds of “spam” or junk mail. A good rule to follow is to not open any email you receive for which you do not recognize the sender.

Internet

In the last issue of the Bulletin, I mentioned the launching by Family Chronicle magazine of their new magazine “Internet Genealogy”. In the first issue Janice Nickerson describes 27 websites that should be on your “favourites” list. Janice has another 27 sites listed in her article “*More Places to Start Your Research*”, which can be found in the July 2006 issue of Internet Genealogy. There are sites listed for all areas of research.

As you search the Internet be aware of some traps that exist. Briefly here are ten for you to ponder:

1. *You found your family tree on a popular site, therefore you can trust it.*

Double-check anything you find online. Did the submitter cite sources? Was the right person researched? Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org do not double-check the information they receive.

2. *That's my ancestors name, it must be him.*

Before you accept the information, be sure his vital information matches. Names such as Mary and Sarah were common, so a man might have married two women with the same first name. Watch for clues such as large gaps between the birth of children.

3. *That's not how my ancestor spelled his name, so it can't be him.*

People changed their names, census takers spelled it as it sounded or as it was understood, nicknames were used. I know of a set of twins who were known as Dick and Bob by everyone. Their real names were Charles and John.

4. *All the children listed with my great-grandmother were hers.*

Watch for the ages of the children and the age of the mother. If kids range in age from 3 months to 18 years and the wife is 30 years old, they cannot all be hers. In some cases when the census was taken, a child of another family present at the time may have been recorded as part of the family.

5. *If I have to pay to use a site, the information must be better.*

Subscriptions to sites do not guarantee quality. A free site can be just as good. Remember you need to double-check the details in original sources regardless of where you find your information.

6. *Online information can come from a record, transcription or an index. It doesn't matter.*

A digitized image of an original census is one that likely wouldn't need to be verified. You may want to check another record for the same information. A transcription, which is a typed document of an original, needs more checking. There may be typo errors or the original may not have been read correctly by the transcriber.

Online indexes, like book indexes help find references to the ancestor. If you are looking at a death records index be sure to note the certificate number and use it to request a copy from the vital records office. Indexes contain only a fraction of the information recorded on the original source.

7. *My ancestor must not have lived in the area, because I cannot find him in online records from there.*

It is possible your ancestor was out of town or visiting elsewhere when the census was taken. The name may have been transcribed incorrectly, spelled differently. It may be a good idea to use Soundex to get all the similar spelling variants.

The ancestor may have gone by a different name during that time period. In some census only heads of household names exist. Also be sure you look in the right area. In many areas boundaries changed and although they lived in the same place, their area boundaries changed and so they are listed in a different area each time.

8. *If I search hard enough I can find all the family information I need on the Web.*

The records or information has to be posted on the Web before you can find it there. Some searching in other available sources still needs to be done.

9. *They're my family. Information about them belongs to me.*

We can all take pride in our family trees, but some facts such as names, dates and places are not yours alone. Posting grandfather's birth date and place online

allows anyone to use the information for their own research; however stories you write about grandfather and post to the Web are yours and you own the copyright to those. Pictures, books, diaries and maps are also copyright protected if published since 1 January 1923.

10. *The Internet is the best place to begin researching my family history.*

Before going online, start your search in your home by going through documents, pictures, whatever you may have in your attic, basement, shelves or closets. Ask your relatives. They may have interesting stories. Asking a brother or sister about certain events may prove very interesting as they may have seen the event differently than you did. Once all this is done, you may turn to the Internet for answers to some questions. Remember you still need to verify online facts.

Take advantage of libraries, archives, as well as historical and genealogical societies.

The Internet is a useful tool for searching and it has made some of our research much easier and less costly, however we need to keep the above items in mind as we work on our family trees and histories. Some other footwork will always have to be done. Getting clues and hints or leads in different ways makes the challenge of the search much more fun and rewarding. I would never have found my grandparents marriage license if I had not been surfing the Net. I did, however, have to write a letter to the source with a request for the information I had found on the Internet. I did have to request to have a microfilm sent to my local Family History Library for me to see the entry of their marriage into the county records. In the end I was rewarded with the original copy of the marriage license which is over 100 years old!

Hope to see some of you at the Seminar in Moosomin, Saskatchewan, October 27-29, 2006. The Pipestone Branch of SGS is hosting the Seminar. The theme is "*Our Roots, Our Branches, Our Trees*".

Here is a little humour to lighten your day.

"Too late, Fellows"

This was found in a lady's will. She had requested that all the pallbearers at her funeral be female, no men, because "They wouldn't take me out when I was alive and they sure aren't going to take me out now!"

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Cemetery Program

BY: LINDA NEELY

SGS Cemetery Coordinator

There has been several sightings this summer of people with clipboards and pencils, sunhats and bug spray at hand, walking slowly through cemeteries peering at the headstones. Occasionally they are seen getting down on their knees for a closer look or pushing back bushes and weeds to find a well hidden headstone. They are, of course, the dedicated SGS volunteers who are our cemetery recorders. Our files will grow again this year with the newly acquired records.

To date we have about 1,077 cemeteries that we have located but have not recorded yet so there is no chance of running out of recording work any time soon.

We all know the value that our cemetery records have for genealogists all over the world, but there are others who benefit from our work as well. The Regina Branch recorded the Qu'Appelle Community cemetery in June. The town office there used a manual system of recording burials in a ledger, common in town offices. Like many

town offices they were not sure if their paper record actually matched the headstones in the cemetery. They kindly let the Branch have a copy of the register which was then used to assist in recording the headstones. The headstone recording and the register data were entered in a spreadsheet, a copy of which was given to the town office. So the town now has a more complete record of their cemetery, in electronic form which they intend to continue to use and SGS has the records for our files for genealogists to use. Something of a win-win situation I think.

I expect that other Branches might be doing the same kind of thing so it would be nice to hear from them if they are. Let me know of your Branch's experience with recording, or better yet, write up a Bulletin article and send it to Lisa at the Library.

We have also acquired a few more RM maps so our list has gotten shorter, but we still need maps for the following RMs: 94, 103, 125, 126, 131, 154, 161, 252, 280, 303, 308, 346, 377, 426, 438.



012.08 Rockglen Cemetery (Rockglen)

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LIBRARY CLOSURES

October 7, 2006 - Thanksgiving
October 27 & 28, 2006 - SGS Seminar in Moosomin
November 11, 2006 - Remembrance Day
December 23, 2006 - January 1, 2007 - Christmas
/New Years

WINTER HOURS

Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm
(Effective September 16, 2006)

WORKSHOPS AND CERTIFICATION COURSES

SGS will again be offering workshops and certification courses this fall. For more information on available workshops and certification courses, contact SGS at (306) 780-9207, e-mail sgs@accesscomm.ca, or check the website for information www.saskgenealogy.com.

Workshop topics will include:

- Beginners Workshop
- Advanced Workshop
- Using Timelines
- Internet and Genealogy

If you have an area of specific interest, contact SGS and ask about a workshop in that area.

Certification Courses

- Record Searcher
- Researcher
- Instructor

Course outlines are available on our website at http://www.saskgenealogy.com/aboutsgs/sgs_certification.htm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contact the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society or visit our web site for details on the publications and for postage/handling charges.

Tracing Your Saskatchewan Ancestors: A Guide to the Records and How to Use Them, 3rd Edition.

The 3rd Edition of *Tracing Your Saskatchewan Ancestors: A Guide to the Records and How to Use Them* will be available October 1, 2006 for \$26.00 plus postage/handling. This book has information on how to conduct an effective search of all available records pertaining to Saskatchewan.

Tracing Your Aboriginal Ancestors in the Prairie Provinces: A Guide to the Records and How to Use Them.

We are pleased to announce the new publication *Tracing Your Aboriginal Ancestors in the Prairie Provinces: A Guide to the Records and How to Use Them*. This book is a comprehensive guide to researching your Aboriginal ancestors. The guide is compiled and edited by Laura M. Hanowski, a recognized expert in Aboriginal research. *The book is available for pre-publication purchase at a special pre-publication price of \$25.00 plus postage/handling, effective until October 28, 2006. Following that date the regular price will be \$28.00 plus postage/handling.*

Birth, Deaths, and Marriages from Regina Leader 1914 - 1916.

We are pleased to announce the completion of Volume 6 of the *Births, Deaths, and Marriages from Regina Leader, 1914-16*. This publication will be available for purchase October 27, 2006, for \$28.00, plus postage/handling. The book contains abstracts for *Births, Deaths, and Marriages from Regina Leader 1914-16* taken from newspapers printed in Regina during this time period. *Due to the First World War, there were a high number of military casualties which are not included in this publication. The First World War casualties will be published at a later date.*

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Announcements

Ulster Historical Foundations 50th Anniversary Conference

Searching for the Elusive Irish Ancestor? *Belfast: Past, Present and Future* takes place on 25 - 30 September 2006. There will be a variety of talks, tours, presentations and events. Check web site for updates www.ancestryireland.com. E-mail: enquiry@uhf.org.uk for further information.

Family Roots 2006

Alberta Family Histories Society presents Family Roots 2006 "Genealogy, Genes and Gigabytes" on 13 - 14 October 2006 at Calgary, Alberta. Books for sale and software programs will be demonstrated. For more information contact the Alberta Family Histories Society, 712 - 16 Avenue NW, Calgary AB T2M 0J8; telephone: (403) 214-1447; web site: www.afhs.ab.ca/

Ontario Genealogical Society Seminar 2007

1-3 June 2007 in Ottawa, Canada at the Algonquin College. Details available this fall. Information also available from OGS Seminar 2007, Box 96, Greely ON K4P 1N4, e-mail: conference@ogsottawa.on.ca; website: www.ogsseminar.org/.

Roots 2007

Join in the 30th Anniversary celebrations of the Quebec Family History Society at roots 2007. This international conference on family history research will be held at Montreal's McGill University in June 2007. Further details, including dates, times, a list of speakers and topics, events and a registration form will be published in future issues of *Connections* and on the QFHS webpage <http://www.qfhs.ca/>.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Brian W. Hutchison Genealogical Scholarship

The Brian W. Hutchison Genealogical Scholarship 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. Deadline for application: 31 December 2006. Scholarship will be awarded in Spring of 2007. For information write to Alberta Family Histories Society, Attention: Scholarship Committee, 712 16th Avenue NW, Calgary AB T2M 0J8 or web site: <http://www.afhs.ab.ca/scholarship/>.

1891 Census Name Index Project Volunteers Needed

The Index to the 1891 Census of the Unorganized Territories is the fifth in a series of five every-name indexes prepared by the Regina Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society. Volunteers are required to help with proofing the hard copy pages against the original microfilm. Each census district averages 14-25 census pages, which will require checking back against the original microfilm. Microfilm is available in Regina at SGS, Regina Public Library, the Legislative Library and the Saskatchewan Archives. Contact Marian Powell at tm.powell@sasktel.net or phone (306) 585-0390.

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Query

BRIGHT: Seeking descendants of William John **Bright** b. 1873, his wife Mary **Bright** (formerly **Ford**), and their son John Wesley **Bright** b. 30 August 1901. All of Bristol. The family emigrated to Saskatchewan, believed to have been during the period 1904/1914. The parents of William John were Edward **Bright** (1838) and his wife Mary Manning **Bright** (1845, formerly **White**). Norman England, 18 Clayfield Road, Brislington, Bristol, BS4 4NG United Kingdom.

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- Pictures, graphs diagrams, etc are welcome.
- If your article is printed in one of our issues, YOU receive a complimentary copy of the Bulletin that the article is printed in.

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SGS Branches: Contacts & Meetings

BATTLEFORDS BRANCH: RR 3, North Battleford, SK S9A 2X4. Meetings: 3rd Wed. (except May to August & December) 7:00 pm at North Battleford Library. Contact: Janice Walker #(306)445-5425

BIGGAR BRANCH: Box 1103, Biggar, SK S0K 0M0. Meetings: 2nd Wed. (except July & August). May-Dec. 7:30 pm & Jan-April 2:00 pm at Post Office - 2nd Floor, 2nd Avenue entrance or Biggar Museum. Contact: Rae Chamberlain #(306)948-3638. E-mail: rwcambe@sasktel.net

BORDER BRANCH: 206 - 4801 47th Avenue, Lloydminster, SK S9V 0T9. Meetings: 4th Mon. (except July & December) 7:00 pm at Lloydminster Public Library (Ken Burke Meeting Room, lower level). Contact: Millie Rudolph # (306)825-0168. E-mail: m.rudolph@sasktel.net

CENTRAL BUTTE BRANCH: Box 298, Central Butte, SK S0H 0T0. Meetings: 4th Wed. (except July, August & December) at 7:30 pm at various locations. Contact: Joanne Berg #(306)796-2148. E-mail: barry.berg@sasktel.net

CRAIK BRANCH: Box 478, Craik, SK S0G 0V0. Meetings: 3rd Mon. 2:00 pm at Craik Library. Contact: Pauline Dixon #(306)734-2249

GRASSLANDS BRANCH: Box 272, Mankota, SK S0H 2W0. Meetings: 3rd Tues (except July & August) at 7:30 pm at Mankota RM Office. Contact: Linda Calvin #(306)478-2314 or e-mail: Della Sanders at jsanders@sasktel.net

GRENFELL BRANCH: Box 61, Grenfell, SK S0G 2B0. Meetings: 3rd Tues. (Jan/Apr/June/Oct/Nov) 7:30 pm at Grenfell Museum - History Room. Contact: Lloyd Arthur #(306)697-3176

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NORTH-EAST BRANCH: Box 1988, Melfort, SK S0E 1A0. Meetings: 1st Tues. (except January and June to September) 7:00 pm at North East Leisure Centre in Melfort. Contact: Blair Gordon #(306)752-2168. E-mail: gordbl@sasktel.net

PANGMAN BRANCH: Box 23, Pangman, SK S0C 2C0. Meetings: 4th Wed. (April to June & August to October) at 7:00 pm (4th Sat. from January to March) at 1:30 pm at Pangman Regional Library. Contact: Joyce Carlson #(306)454-2400. E-mail: jlcarlson@sasktel.net or Edith Merritt #(306)442-4206. E-mail: emerritt@sasktel.net

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SASKATOON BRANCH: Box # 32004, #3 - 402 Ludlow Street, Saskatoon, SK S7S 1M7. Meetings: 3rd Fri. (except July & August) 6:30 pm at St. Paul Catholic School, 1527 Alexandra Avenue. Contact: Karen Haffermehl #(306)382-2338. E-mail: wk.haffermehl@sasktel.net

SOUTHEAST BRANCH: Box 795, Carnduff, SK S0C 0S0. Meetings: 4th Mon. (except July, August & December) 7:30 pm alternating at Oxbow Public Library or Carnduff Public Library. Contact: Lynette Lang #(306)482-3378. E-mail: cl.lang@sasktel.net or Evelyn Dreher #(306)483-2865. E-mail: medreher@sasktel.net.

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Basic Search of Saskatchewan Records

\$37 CDN / \$37 US / £21 per person/couple. The SGS will do a basic search of Saskatchewan sources. We require a given name and surname AND if possible, a Saskatchewan location. Sources searched: 1. Homestead index & file. 2. Obituary index. 3. Cemetery index & file. 4. Local histories. 5. Newspaper index. 6. SRI. 7. Census Index (1891, 1901) 8. Family Histories (SGS Library Catalogue). Up to \$2 worth of copying plus postage is included. Beyond that copying charges would be quoted.

Other Indexes:

\$7 per surname plus 50¢ per page for prints.

- Index to 1881 & 1891 Census for Assiniboia East, Assiniboia West & the District of Saskatchewan.
- Index to 1870 Census of Manitoba – location required
- Index to 1871 Census of Ontario - must specify county
- Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register Master Index 1829 to 1910 (Ontario)
- Index to Upper & Lower Canada Land Records 1737-1867
- Index to Ontario Land Records (*Original Landowners only*)
- Index to 1881 Census Index England & Wales, Isle of Man, Guernsey, Jersey & Royal Navy (Fee is per surname per county)
- Index to Old Parochial Registers (OPR) of Scotland for Aberdeen, Angus, Glasgow, Inverness, Kincardine, Orkney, Sutherland, Renfrew, Ross & Cromarty, Kirkcubright. (Fee is per surname per county)
- Index to BC Vital Statistics: Births 1872-1901; Marriages 1872-1926; Deaths 1872-1981
- Aberdeenshire Index of Monumental Inscriptions. The Index will tell you the name of the cemetery where your surname is found.

Saskatchewan Obituary Search

Particular Search - \$3 per obituary, plus a self-addressed stamped envelope. General Search - \$5 per surname, plus .25¢ per page for photocopying, plus a self-addressed stamped envelope.

For obituaries not in the collection, SGS will check to see if a newspaper is available for the location and time period - \$10 per obituary.

Saskatchewan Cemetery Search

\$3 per name, plus a self-addressed stamped envelope if the name of the cemetery is given. \$5 per surname if the name of the cemetery is given. \$10 per name if all cemeteries in a Rural Municipality need to be checked.

SGS Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI)

General Search - \$4 per surname - all entries for a particular surname. Includes up to 4 pages of printouts, quote for entries beyond this number. Particular Search - \$3 for one name. Includes up to two pages of printouts. Look-ups and copying as a result of the SRI Search - \$1 per source plus 25¢ per page for copies plus a SASE.

Saskatchewan Homestead Search

\$15 – Provide the name of the homesteader and the legal land description.

\$17 – Provide the name of the homesteader and a community name or general area/location in Saskatchewan where the homestead could have been.

Index to Births, Marriages & Deaths

3 year search - \$10 per person. For a marriage record both parties are considered as one.

- England & Wales 1837-1894; 1900; 1901; 1912-1914
- Ontario Births 1869-1907; Marriages 1869-1922; Deaths 1869-1932

Your report will include the information from the index as well as information about how to obtain the original record.

Other research services that are available

- Indian and Metis Sources - \$50 per family
- Henderson Directory - \$15 per name for a search of five directories – you must specify the time frame
- Books in the SGS Library (such as Saskatchewan Local Histories) - \$5 per look-up plus 25¢ per page for copies
- National Burial Index - \$6 per name per location or \$12 per surname only
- Pre-1869 Marriage Records for Ontario - \$10 per couple per district
- Repertoires for RC Parishes of Quebec 1700-1765 - \$25 per hour; minimum charge \$12 per ½ hour
- New Brunswick Newspapers – Vital Statistics (1784-1881) - \$5 per name (3 year search)
- Householders Index for Griffith Valuations in Ireland 1845-1867 - \$25 per hour; minimum charge \$12 per ½ hour
- **Germans to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports, Volumes 1-67** - \$10 for each year. *Ask for brochure.*
- International Genealogical Index (IGI) - \$5 per name, per location. ie. John Smith, England, Kent Co.
- **Analysis & Research Plan** - \$50 per family of origin. Provide a professional analysis of the information given and will develop a search plan for further research.

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