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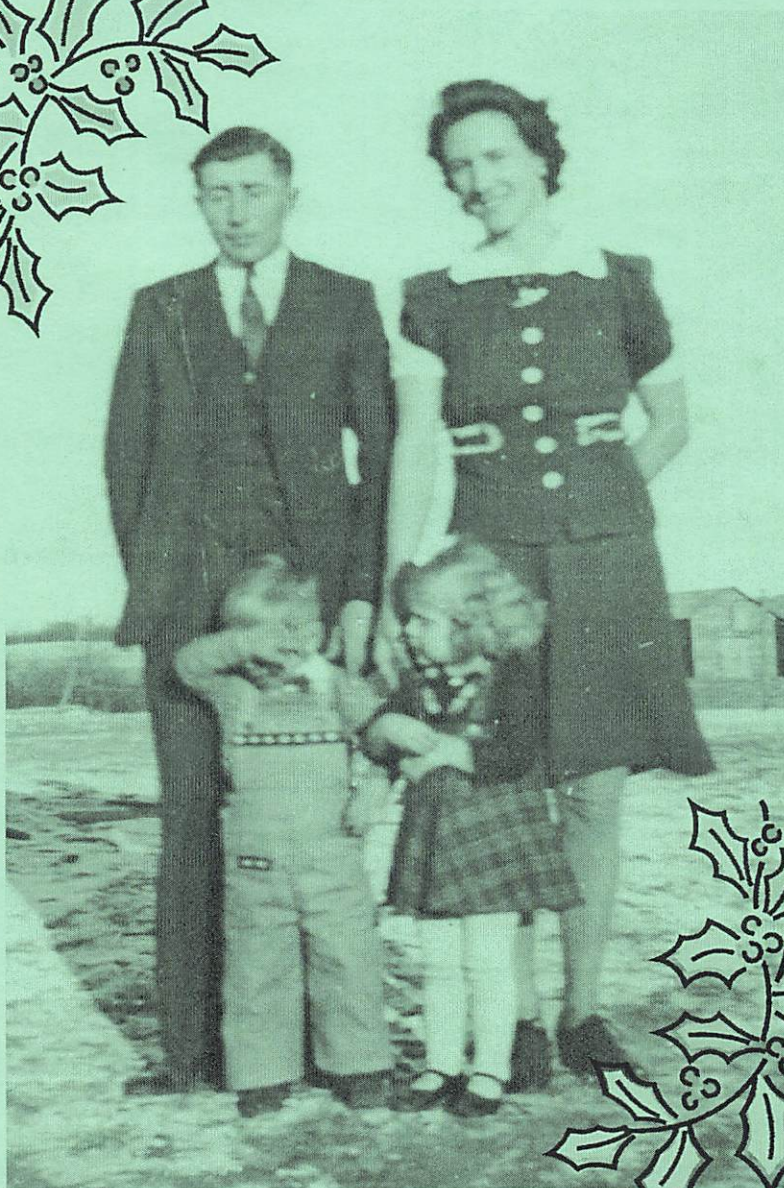
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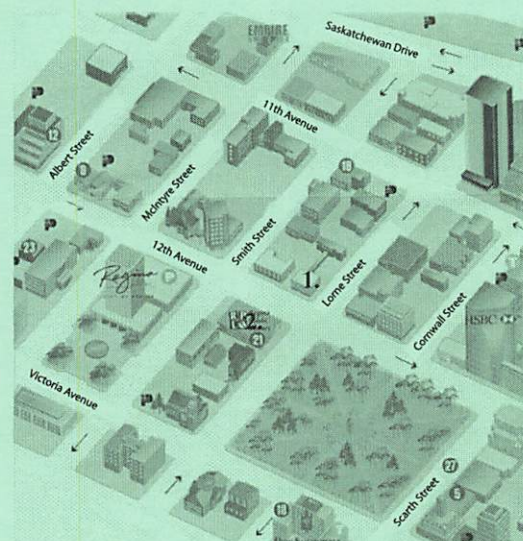
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President's Letter

BY: JANIS BOHLKEN

SGS President



Well, I would like to start by congratulating the Pipestone Branch for hosting a superb conference. There were over 100 attendees, the accommodations were great, speakers were knowledgeable and interesting, there were a number of display vendors, and the food was wonderful. Great job Pipestone Branch!!

SGS kicked off the "SGS Moving the Library and Research Room" fund-raising at the Pipestone Seminar by selling leaves for our SGS family tree. The cost was \$2.00 per leaf per family name being researched. The leaves are also available at the SGS Library and Research Room. Also there is a "Moving the Library" page on our web site along with a donation form. It is estimated that it will cost \$25,000.00 to move the library, including start up costs such as moving telephone and computer lines, etc. Our goal is to find a ground floor building (that will hold our collection) in a good location in Regina, hopefully with parking. We plan to be moved by December 2008. This means that you will be hearing a lot about fund-raising requests as we try to meet our goals. All help is appreciated, whether it is a donation or ideas for fund-raising events, or help with writing sponsorship letters. Please help us reach our goal.

The next seminar will be hosted by the SGS and held in Regina. The theme is technology and how we can use it. The dates are April 27 and 28 (Friday night and Saturday). It is a short seminar since the last one would only be six months ago. Mark your calendars and I hope to see everyone there.

If you haven't had a chance, check out the SGS web site. It is being revamped and there is new information on it all the time. There is now a new section requesting volunteers. Please take a minute and have a look at this site. SGS is always looking for volunteers for numerous tasks from becoming a board members, a project coordinator, to indexing, to proofing, to correcting, to scanning, to creating/sustaining databases or webpages, or to working in the Library and Research Room. If you

have a few minutes to spare, please consider volunteering for the SGS. Age is not a deterrent for our tasks. Volunteers can range from teen-agers to people in their nineties. It is only with the hard work and dedication of our volunteers that SGS is where it is today. Thank you to all the volunteers that we have presently and will have in the future. We can't survive without you!

Also, thank you to our staff - Linda, Celeste and Lisa for all their hard work and dedication this past year.

On that note, I hope everyone will enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Eventful 2007.

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Editor's Notes

BY: LINDA DUNSMORE-PORTER

Executive Director



First I would like to commend the SGS Pipestone Branch on a first rate seminar held in October. It was well attended and jam-packed with great presentations and socializing opportunities. Well done.

Again congratulations to the three branches that celebrated their 25th Anniversary this year: Swift Current Branch, Pangman Branch, and Prince Albert Branch.

We are introducing a new feature in the *Bulletin* this month called 'From the SGS *Bulletin* Archives.' Our first selection is "That's Crofter Land," an article written by Robert Pittendrigh and published some thirty-three years ago. The article was brought to my attention by one of the Crofter's descendants, and I found the story of this little known settlement fascinating.

The article stirred my interest, particularly because of the relocation of the Crofter families to the Wapella area. Many of the names were very familiar. You see—our family farm was approximately 20 miles straight south of Wapella. So, as I often do when my interest is 'stirred', I headed into our Library and Research Room to see what I could find about the

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To the Last Man – George Lawrence Price (1893 -1918)

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"Every position will be held to the last man" Sir Douglas Haig – Special Order of the day, April 11, 1918.



On the Saskatchewan First World War Memorial by the Saskatchewan Legislative Building are the names of 5,348 young men and women from Saskatchewan who were killed in the First World War. Amongst those names is Private G. L. Price, who has the distinction of being the last soldier to be killed in that war.

George Lawrence Price did not originate from Saskatchewan, but from Kentville¹ or possibly Port Williams,² both of which are in Kings County, Nova Scotia. He was the son of James E. Price and Annie R. Stephens born on December 15, 1893. In the 1901 Census, he is shown as having three sisters, Katie, Bertha and Ella and one younger brother, Edward.³

By 1915, he had moved to the Moose Jaw area,⁴ having come west attracted by the low rail fares offered by the CPR to attract labourers for the harvests.⁵ He worked on a farm close to where the Potash Works is situated today.⁶ He at one time worked as a switchman

for the CPR⁸ and the 1917 Henderson's directory for Moose Jaw gives an entry for a Price, J - switchman CPR, residing at 430 Manitoba E. In a newspaper article of January 1917, he is described as "up to a short time ago, an employee of the CPR," so it would seem he had left the CPR by then.⁷ He was also by this time living at the rooming house of James and Jane McKenna, which the same article locates at 241 River Street West.^{7, 8} This is almost certainly an error as again the 1917 Henderson's directory does not list such an address, although there is a 241 River Street East. Further evidence is provided by the 1916 edition of the Henderson's directory for Moose Jaw, where James McKenna is shown at 241 River Street East, although by the time the 1917 directory appeared, James McKenna was listed as on active service and a Mike Rhonda was shown under 241 River Street East.

It was at the rooming house that George Price was arrested on 11:20 am on Monday, January 14, 1917, and charged with stealing a quantity of goods from his landlady. The goods included dishes, bed linen, a silk muffler and "a brilliant stick pin." Together their value was \$25. Mrs. McKenna had complained to the police that Price had stolen these household effects.⁷ The next day, George Price pleaded guilty before the Magistrate H.S. Lemon. In mitigation, he read out a letter in court, in which he stated that he did not intend to steal the items, but in Mrs. McKenna's absence in hospital, from which he did not expect her to return, he had taken them into his own room. He also offered to join the 210th Battalion if the court would let him off.⁸ However, he was sentenced to one month's hard labour, which he served in Regina and later at Stony Beach Prison Farm.⁴ He was discharged from prison on February 15, 1917.⁹

Under the Military Service Act, 1917, he was required to register for military service. He enlisted on October 15, 1917, at the Moose Jaw Armoury.⁶ His medical history sheet says that he is 5 feet 7½ inches tall, weighs 134 lbs. and has brown hair and brown eyes. He gave his occupation as "Farm Labourer"¹, so

he may have returned to farming in the summer and harvest of 1917.

George Price's military career is described in some detail in an article on the 28th (Northwest) Battalion website. He enlisted in the 210th Infantry Battalion (Frontiersmen) and later was enrolled with the 1st Saskatchewan Depot Battalion on December 4, 1917. Subsequently, he was transferred to the 15th Canadian Reserve Battalion on February 6, 1918 and then transferred to the 28th Canadian Infantry Battalion on May 1, 1918.¹¹

Private Price completed basic training in Regina and was posted overseas. He embarked from St. Johns on January 21, 1918 on the S.S. Scotian, arriving in Liverpool on February 6, 1918. On February 8 he was in Bramshott, Hampshire. He arrived in Etaples, France, on May 2, 1918, and arrived at his unit on June 1, 1918. On September 8, 1918 George Price was gassed and sent to the First Canadian Casualty Station for treatment and later to the 26th General Hospital at Etaples. He returned to his unit on September 26, 1918.¹¹

There are different versions of how he died. Canadian troops had taken the town of Mons in Belgium and the fighting line was very close to where the initial engagements had taken place between British and German forces in 1914.

On November 11, the objectives of the 28th Battalion were the village of Havre and the Canal du Centre, four and a half miles northeast of Mons. "B" Company was in the lead through the village and the advance to the canal, followed by "A" Company.¹⁰ Private Price of "A" Company and three others crossed the small canal and entered the village of Ville-sur-Haine to search houses from which a German machine gun had been firing. Checking two houses and finding no German soldiers, Price stepped back into the street and a single shot rang out, hitting Price in the chest. He slumped into a fellow soldier's arms and died at 10:58 am, just two minutes before the ceasefire.¹¹

A slightly different description is given by a veteran of the 28th Battalion, Harold Wilson: "At eleven am we got to this little village. As we approached it, German machine guns opened up and we got into a ditch. I was in "B" Company. Another company came up a parallel road. The roads converged. I think it was a Corporal (*sic*) Price who

didn't get down and walked across the road. He was the last Canadian killed in action in World War One."¹²



Another version of his death is contained in an account by Georges Licope, former Curator of the Mons Museum, who was a boy of 18 at the time. He says that George Price was killed at Ville-sur-Haine at the very moment at which, laden with flowers, he was thanking the inhabitants who were acclaiming him.¹³

The official record states that Private G.L. Price, regimental number 256265, of "A" Company, 28th Battalion, died on November 11, 1918, and that "Killed in Action" was the cause of death. "Pte. Price was killed by (*sic*) enemy sniper near the Canal at three minutes to eleven. He was shot through the right breast and died shortly after being hit although every attention possible was given him."¹

At 11:00 am on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the armistice took effect and the guns fell silent on the Western Front. George Price would have been 25 years old the following month. The armistice would be followed up by the Versailles Peace Treaty, which was signed the following year. Although the 28th Battalion had received the ceasefire order for 11:00 am at 9:00 am,¹⁰ as a front line soldier, George Price may not have known that the war was about to end.⁵ However, Harold Wilson of "B" Company did: "We did not know anything about the armistice until about

ten thirty am. We captured a German dispatch rider on horseback, who had their dispatches explaining the armistice.”¹²

Although a CBC program on the subject in 2003 mentioned a girl friend of George Price, Hazel McDonald⁴ from Stony Beach,¹⁰ under a Will signed by George Price on December 4, 1917, all his effects were to be sent to his mother, Annie Price.¹ Later, the two medals which George Price was awarded, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal were sent to her. Her address was then Greenwich, Kings County, Nova Scotia.¹

George Price is buried at the St. Symphorien Military Cemetery (Plot 4, Row C, Grave 4) just east of Mons.¹⁴ His original memorial stone, which was formerly in the Mons Museum, gives his correct regimental number, but describes him as Private J.L. Price.⁶ George Price was honoured fifty years later on November 11, 1968, by a memorial plaque placed by his surviving comrades on the wall of one of the houses.¹⁰ The houses were later demolished and the plaque now is on a stand close to the site.⁶

Ironically, St. Symphorien Cemetery also contains the body of the first British soldier to be killed in the First World War, Private John Parr, who met his death on August 21, 1914.¹⁴ Across a small piece of grass in a cemetery in Belgium the two headstones are demarcation points defining the beginning and the end of the involvement in Europe of the British Empire in the Great War. Between those two deaths, 947,023 British and Empire soldiers were killed and 2,121,906 were wounded. George Price was just the last unfortunate of so many of a lost generation. Virtually every family was affected in some way by this terrible conflict. The genealogical impact of the First World War is with us today.

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Missing for 100 Years

BY TAMMY VALLEE

On behalf of the City of Saskatoon Police

June 29, 2006 bought a lot of excitement to the Sutherland area of Saskatoon. Crews were in the process of removing the gas bar from the Macs' Store at 708 Central Avenue when they uncovered the remains of a human body in a well. The Saskatoon City police were called to investigate. They have released the following information:

The remains are those of a female. Approximately between 25-35 years of age. She was Caucasian, approximately 5ft and 1 inch tall and had active periodontal (gum) disease. There is no apparent cause of death, although this incident is being investigated as a Homicide. The elapsed time of death is considered to be about 100 years based on examination of clothing and glass bottles. Clothing suggests pre 1920 for a range and circa 1910 more specifically. The glassware indicates a time period from 1920 – 1924 in a general way but this is still being investigated. The individual can not be identified at this time. A Mitochondrial DNA sample was obtained from the remains. A gold chain located with the remains has been identified as an 18 karat gold, cable link design and likely had a pendent of some type attached to it at one time. Most likely from Europe or somewhere that has a European influence like Montreal. The chain most likely did not originate in Western Canada.

Jeff O'Brien, the archivist for the City of Saskatoon Archives, has provided some history on the site to the police.

The Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) branch line between Regina and Edmonton reached Saskatoon in 1907. The CPR chose an area on the east bank of the river, three miles from the city, to build its station and rail yards. Once the rail facilities were in place, various merchants and other entrepreneurs descended on the new community. By the spring of 1909, Sutherland had a population of 102, with more than half the residents being connected to the CPR. Jeff believes that the

Shore Hotel was built in 1912 on the site where the human remains were located. It was on Lot 1, Block 2, Plan G122, which is the lot paralleling Central Avenue south of 108th Street. There were 4 long narrow lots, 35 ft. wide, fronting on what was then 8th Street and running 140 ft. south. As far as the he can tell nothing was built on that site prior to that time. The plan for G122 appears to have been drawn up and registered in 1911 and does not appear on the tax rolls until 1912. Sutherland had water supply issues until November 1914 when the pipe from Saskatoon was connected. People had water trucked in, often melted snow for washing and laundry and bought drinking water "by the jar." The water question was a big issue in the 1912 Town Council debates.

Jeff advises that it appears that the Shore Hotel was sold for taxes as indicated on the 1920 Sutherland tax roll. The Henderson directories show the Shore Hotel as closed until 1925. The Shore Hotel stood empty from approximately 1919 to 1927. In 1927, part of the property on which the Shore Hotel was situated was sold. The south 48 ft. of lots 1 – 4 were sold. In 1930 the rest of lots 1 and 2 were sold for the purpose of building a gas station.

As genealogists we are the most likely to know who is missing from our family tree. If you believe you have any connection or information on this woman contact the Sgt. Russ Friesen # 356 with Major Crimes Section of the Saskatoon City Police, phone 306-975-8300.

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Cover Picture

John & Frieda (nee Huber) Jeworski along with their children Gerald and Jean. John was born in Bucovina, Austria in 1908 to Karl and Molly (nee Gellner) Jeworski and Frieda was born in Serath, Saskatchewan in 1922 to Martin F. and Elizabeth (nee Armbruster) Huber. The cover picture was taken in 1945 and is Lisa Warren's grand-parents along with their oldest children who happen to be 3 year old twins.

News & Notes

BY: ALICE ACHTER AND RAE CHAMBERLAIN

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Tribute for Ryan Taylor

BY LAURA M. HANOWSKI AND MARGE THOMAS

Ryan Taylor, an esteemed and popular genealogist, died on September 25, 2006. Ryan was well known to members of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS). Many SGS members searching in the Waterloo Wellington Counties would first encounter Ryan through his book *Family Research in Waterloo Wellington Counties*. Others will remember Ryan from his editorials and reviews in the Ontario Genealogical Society journal *Families*. Ryan was also the founding editor of the newsletter published by the Canadian Federation of Genealogical and Family History Societies.

In 1999, Ryan was a popular guest speaker at the annual SGS seminar which was held at Moose Jaw. Those in attendance still remember how he illustrated his presentations with personal anecdotes from his own genealogical adventures. These examples helped everyone to remember the points he taught us. This knowledge often saved us research time and challenged us to search further for those elusive ancestors.

Since that time we have been able to continue to learn by reading Ryan's columns at

<http://www.cangenealogy.com/taylor>. Other members of SGS have taken Ryan's classes through the National Institute for Genealogical Studies online education program.

For the past twelve years Ryan was a genealogical librarian at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. At the time of his death he had completed the final episode as one of the panelists on *Ancestors in the Attic*, a Canadian History Television presentation. <http://www.history.ca/microsites/AncestorsintheAttic/video.aspx>

The Ryan Taylor Scholarship Fund has been established through the University of Toronto to provide annual scholarships. Should you wish to make a donation, please make your cheque payable to: University of Toronto with the reference on the cheque to indicate "The Ryan Taylor Scholarship Fund." Donations should be mailed to the National Institute for Genealogical Studies, Attention: Louise St. Denis, 30 Wellington Street East, Suite 2002, Toronto, ON M5E 1S3. A tax receipt will be issued.

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You all need to be aware of the problems at the United Church Archives. For financial reasons several Conferences are leaving the Archives and, so it seems, do not plan to create a replacement. I have heard that material may be returned to the individual churches. You, as a Branch or as an individual, may wish to write to The Rev. Dr. James H. Sinclair about this.

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Surname Index:

Lloydminster Times Vital Statistics 1905-1945

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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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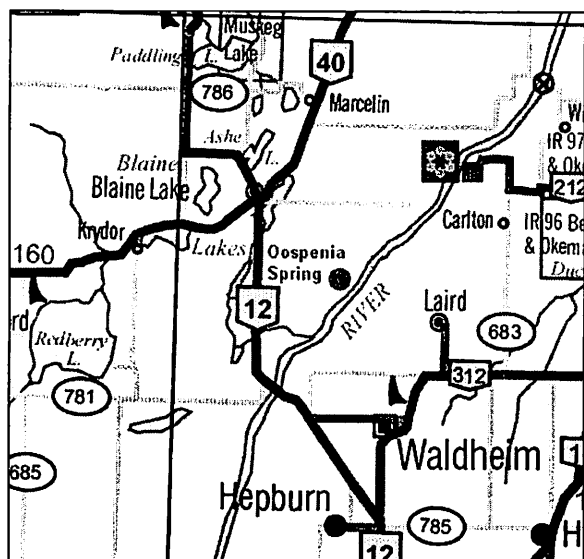
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Oospenia Spring Commemorates Doukhobor Pioneers

BY JONATHAN J. KALMAKOFF

A spring near Blaine Lake, Saskatchewan has been officially named to commemorate the Doukhobor settlers of the area. Oospenia Spring, the name proposed by Doukhobor researcher and writer Jonathan J. Kalmakoff, was recently approved by the Saskatchewan Geographic Names Board.

Oospenia Spring is located on the NW 1/4 of 31-43-5-W3 on the scenic west bank of the North Saskatchewan River, eighteen kilometres south-east of Blaine Lake. It issues from the top of the river bank to form a small, crystal clear pool. The pool overflows down the bank to the flats, and from the flats, into the river. Flowing year-round, it is an excellent source of clean, cool, fresh and abundant water.



“Place names define our landscape and help record our history,” said Kalmakoff, a leading authority on Doukhobor geographic names. “In this regard, the naming of the spring provides official recognition of the Doukhobors of Oospenia who made a significant contribution to the history and development of the area in which it

is located.”

The village of Oospenia was established near the spring in 1899 by Doukhobors from Kars, Russia who fled to Canada to escape persecution for their pacifist beliefs. For five years, the Russian-speaking settlers lived in dug-outs on the river bank before constructing a log village on level ground nearby. Following the motto of ‘Toil and Peaceful Life,’ they lived, prayed and worked together, transforming the prairie wilderness into productive farmland. By 1913, Oospenia was abandoned as villagers relocated to individual homesteads or to communal settlements in British Columbia.

“The Doukhobors of Oospenia had a direct and meaningful association with the spring,” said Kalmakoff. “Indeed, the spring was the primary reason they chose the location for their village site. Throughout the history of their settlement, the Oospenia Doukhobors utilized the spring as a drinking water source and as a water source for their livestock and farming operations. In many ways, it helped define the village settlement.”

The official name comes after two and a half years of consultations by Kalmakoff to gather feedback on the suitability and acceptance of the name from persons familiar with the area. The response was overwhelmingly positive. The owner of the land on which the spring is located, Brenda Cheveldayoff, submitted a letter of support. The Blaine Lake Doukhobor Society also endorsed the naming project. As well, the Rural Municipality of Blaine Lake No. 434 passed a resolution in favour of the name.

The consultations were followed by a formal proposal to the Saskatchewan Geographic Names Board, the Provincial body responsible for place

names. The Board reviewed and investigated the name proposal in consultation with government departments and agencies. In determining the suitability of the name, the Board was guided by the Geographic Naming Policies, a stringent set of principles governing the naming of geographic features. Its decision – which was firmly in favour of the name Oospenia Spring – was then recommended to the Minister Responsible for the Board, the Hon. Eric Cline, Q.C., who approved the decision.

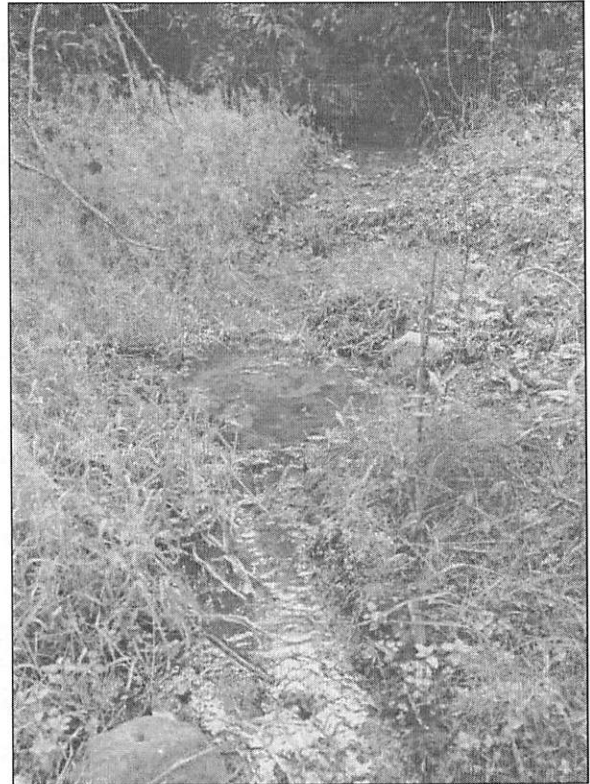
Now that the name is official, the Saskatchewan Geographic Names Board will supply the information to government ministries and agencies, cartographers, publishers and other persons engaged in the preparation of maps and publications intended for official and public use.

For Kalmakoff, the naming of Oospenia Spring was a personal project. His great-great-grandparents, Grigory and Maria Ivin, were among the original group of Doukhobors who founded the village of Oospenia and used the spring in their daily life.

“Oospenia Spring is not just a name on a map or sign,” said Kalmakoff. “It signifies that the contribution of the Doukhobors of Oospenia was substantial to the area and will assure the continued remembrance of them and their deeds

by generations that follow.”

For additional information or inquiries about Oospenia Spring, email Jonathan J. Kalmakoff at jon.kalmakoff@accesscomm.ca or visit the Doukhobor Genealogy Website at www.doukhobor.org.



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*Best Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year
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- Goldbelt Gazette (Creighton), 1996.
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- Meadow Lake Northwestern Sun, 1986, 1987.
- Meridian Booster (Lloydminster), May-Aug. 1976, Sept.-Dec. 1976.
- Nokomis Times, 1978.
- Nor'Wester (Saskatoon), Dec. 13, 1962-Jan. 1963.
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SGS NEWS

FROM THE OFFICE ...

BY LINDA DUNSMORE-PORTER

Executive Director

SGS launched the new *Tracing Your Aboriginal Ancestors in the Prairie Provinces: A Guide to the Records and How to Use Them*, edited by Laura M. Hanowski, at the fall Seminar in Moosomin. See page viii. We also launched the 3rd edition of *Tracing Your Saskatchewan Ancestors: A Guide to the Records and How to Use Them*. The 3rd edition includes fifteen additional pages of resource information. Both books are available through SGS. The *Births, Deaths, Marriages from the Regina Leader 1914-1916* is at the printers and will be available by mid-December.

SGS continues to work on the online Cemetery database. Our volunteer is working diligently to get it ready. We have uploaded the new front page for the Saskatchewan Cemetery and Burial Index. You can continue to access our cemetery index through this page. Several Branches have indicated an interest in being the contact for inquiries. If your Branch is interested in being the contact for the cemeteries you have recorded, please contact Lisa or me.

Scanning the obituary files continues, and data entry has begun on the "A" surnames. If there is anyone who would like to help with the scanning at the Library and Research Room, or would like to do data entry, please let me know.

Saskatchewan Health's Vital Statistics has advised that the death index for pre-1916 is expected to be online by the end of December 2006, or early January 2007. They will continue to upload the death index in five-year blocks until it is completed. They also advise that the 1907 births should be added to the online index shortly after the New Year.

Seminar 2007 will focus on genealogy and technology. We have a great line-up of presenters, and lots of great information on technology and how it can help make our genealogical and family history research easier and more fun. Look for more information on the presenters and the workshops on our web site www.saskgenealogy.com.

Our June 2008 issue of the *Bulletin* will feature a 'wedding spread.' If you have pictures and stories of your ancestors you would like included in the issue, please forward them to us by March 31, 2007.

Also, if you have a photo you would like featured on the front cover of the *Bulletin* please forward a scanned copy to us at 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 photo.

If you are contributing an article for the *Bulletin* and wish to include photos, please scan each as a jpeg at 300 dpi and e-mail the photos and article to us. For alternative ways of sending your article and photos 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 x for opportunities.

Saskatchewan Heritage Award 2007

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

The following information is required for nominating a candidate:

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

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

- **Deadline date March 15, 2007**
- Award will be presented at the Seminar/AGM in Regina on April 28, 2007.

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Pangman Branch Chartered Members



The following chartered members attended the 25th Anniversary for Pangman Branch. Left to right: Keith Kessler, Edith Bernard, Heather Fellner, Clara White, Irish Johnson, Kay Kessler, Marie Svedahl.

Swift Current Branch Original Founders



The following original founders are: Alice Achter, Anne Knowlton and Kae Waters.

Techno Expo

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Annual Seminar & Annual General Meeting

April 27 and 28, 2007

Ramada Hotel & Convention Centre, 1818 Victoria Avenue – Regina, Saskatchewan

Friday, 27 April

6:30 – 7:30 pm Registration/ Display Visitation

7:30 – 9:00 pm **Geno-Bytes** – Clint Krismer

Saturday, 28 April

7:30 – 8:15 am Final Registration

8:15 am Welcomes

8:30 – 10:50 am Workshop Series 1

Rotate through 3 workshops; each is 40 minutes long;
10 minutes between

8:30 – 9:10 am

Group A **Organizing, Planning and Sharing
Using Software**
– Geoff Rasmussen

Group B **Digital Photos/Images, Photo
Restoration and Touch-up**
– Preston Parker

Group C **Ancestral Quest**
– Robert Pittendrigh

9:20 – 10:00 am

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Group B **Ancestral Quest**
– Robert Pittendrigh

Group C **Organizing, Planning and Sharing
Using Software**
– Geoff Rasmussen

10:10 – 10:50 am

Group A **Ancestral Quest**
– Robert Pittendrigh

Group B **Organizing, Planning and Sharing
Using Software**
– Geoff Rasmussen

Group C **Digital Photos/Images, Scanning,
Photo Restoration and Touch-up**
– Preston Parker

11:00 am – 12 noon ALL – MAIN ROOM
Housekeeping and Organizing Your Computer
– Clint Krismer

12:00 – 12:30 pm Lunch

12:30 – 12:50 pm Vendor Visitation

12:50 – 1:35 pm Annual General Meeting

1:45 – 4:10 PM Workshop Series 2

Rotate through 3 workshops; each is 40 minutes long;
10 minutes between

1:45 – 2:25 pm

Group A **Preserving Today's Modern Media**
– Preston Parker

Group B **Family Tree Maker**
– John Chamberlain

Group C **Which Toys Do I Need?**
– Chris Krismer

2:35 – 3:15 PM

Group A **Which Toys Do I Need?**
– Chris Krismer

Group B **Preserving Today's Modern Media**
– Preston Parker

Group C **Family Tree Maker**
– John Chamberlain

3:25 – 4:10 pm

Group A **Family Tree Maker**
– John Chamberlain

Group B **Which Toys Do I Need?**
– Chris Krismer

Group C **Preserving Today's Modern Media**
– Preston Parker

4:15 – 5:15 pm ALL – MAIN ROOM
**Latest in Internet Genealogical Technology:
Message Boards, Mailing Lists, Blogs, RSS and
Podcasts**
– Geoff Rasmussen

5:15 pm Farewells



Speakers/Workshops

Clint Krismer is Saskatchewan's first professional web developer and has worked with the World Wide Web since its inception in 1993. He has more than 17 years of experience with computers, networking, and computer telecommunications. He is currently the Director of Information Technology with the First Nations University of Canada. He also operates a private consulting and software development company, helping both individuals and businesses expand and grow using the Internet.

- **Geno-Bytes** – an informative and fun look at the technologies available to help genealogists and family history researchers.
- **Housekeeping and Organizing Your Computer** – virus protection, email best practices, computer filing systems and general hints to keep your computer running smoothly.

Preston Parker has been working with photographs and images for over twenty years and has learned a few tricks and techniques with regards to restoring damaged photos, correcting colour, and manipulating photos.

- **Digital Photos, Photo Restoration and Touch-up** – restoring damaged photos, colour correction, removing people from photos, (and why it may not be a good idea); as well as the various types of software that are used to get the job done.
- **Preservation Today's Modern Media** - preserving today's modern media is something that everybody should be concerned with; will your treasured family photos be here 100 years from now. This session will discuss various preservation techniques as well as different media options, file naming techniques, embedded meta data, (what it is and why should I care?), as well as a host of other questions you should be asking yourself.

John Chamberlain began his family research in 1995. His main areas of interest are New Brunswick and England although his research now includes many states in the U.S. John has been using Family Tree Maker for over 10 years.

- **Family Tree Maker** – an introduction and review of the software features.

Geoffrey D. Rasmussen is a family history graduate from Brigham Young University, has served as director and vice-president of the Utah Genealogical Association. He has authored numerous books, articles and videos on genealogy technology. Geoff develops the Legacy Family Tree software program. He met and proposed to his wife in a Family History Ceneter.

- **Organizing, Planning and Sharing Using Software** – an introduction and review of the software features.
- **Latest In Internet Genealogical Technology** (see program) – will discuss the traditional forms of genealogical communication such as queries, mailing lists, and message boards, as well as the emerging technologies of blogs, RSS feeds, and podcasts. You will also, learn the uses and 'netiquette' of electronic communication when using email, mailing lists, and message boards.

Robert (Bob) Pittendrigh is a charter member of the SGS. Bob was chairperson of a computer interest group that helped individuals become familiar with computers and genealogical programs. He has written several articles for the SGS **Bulletin**, and Regina Branch's **Now and Then**. He has edited and published family newsletters and histories. Bob is conversant with PAF and Ancestral Quest genealogy software program.

- **Ancestral Quest** – an introduction and review of the software features.

Christina (Chris) Krismer Saskatchewan born and raised, she is a member of SGS as well as the Germans from Russia Heritage Society (GRHS), University of Bismarck, ND. Chris writes the Computer Column for the SGS Bulletin and continues to follow the trends associated with computers and genealogy including the Internet. Preservation of pictures and documents is another interest for her and some of the articles include related information.

- **Which Toys do I Need?** – An overview of the most useful electronic 'toys' to help the genealogical and family history researcher.

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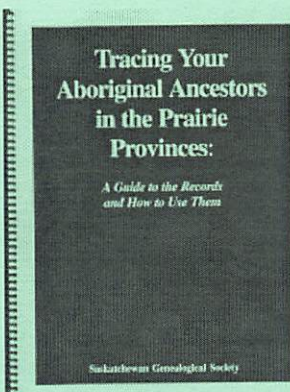
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Tracing Your Aboriginal Ancestors



SGS Launches *Tracing Your Aboriginal Ancestors in the Prairie Provinces: A Guide to the Records and How to Use Them*, edited by Laura Hanowski.

Tracing Your Aboriginal Ancestors has been a labour of love for Laura Hanowski, editor of the book. The book came about as a result

of Laura's many years of work with people who discovered they had Aboriginal ancestry. Seeking out and using resources to help these people was a challenge. However, as Laura is quick to point out, she did not do this on her own. She learned about many Métis sources from Geoff Burtonshaw who, at the age of 91, is still volunteering at the Glenbow Archives each Wednesday morning. At the same time Dorothy and Lew Lockhard shared their knowledge and experiences tracing Métis as well as First Nations people. In 2004 SGS received a grant from SaskCulture so Laura could travel to Alberta and Manitoba to visit archives, libraries, and societies with special collections for researching Aboriginal ancestry. At the St. Boniface Society in Winnipeg Laura met Les Braconnier who answered her many questions about Métis culture and research. For the past two years Laura has been part of the Métis National Council National Research Team. This association gave her the opportunity to learn much about Métis and First Nation research. It was also a great benefit to SGS as the Métis National Council made a substantial donation to the Saskatchewan Homestead Project and another donation to help with the publication of this book.

We would like to recognize the contributions of those who helped with *Tracing Your Saskatchewan Ancestors*. Much of this material was updated and used in the current book. Those who took the Aboriginal Research class continue to send along new research sites and tips. This is important as many new databases that connect to images will be coming online shortly.

Last, but most important of all, we would like to say a special thank you to Lisa Warren, Executive Assistant at SGS, who formatted the book. This was a monumental task which involved much juggling to achieve the attractive end product.



Lisa Warren
SGS Executive Assistant

Tracing Your Aboriginal Ancestors in the Prairie Provinces contains detailed explanations about each record group showing when and why they were created, where you will find them today and how and why you would want to access them. In addition to the records found in centres throughout Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan there are chapters or sections devoted to federal records such as census, military, and immigration, as well as the historic records created by the Department of Interior and the Department of Indian Affairs. You will learn what the records are, the time frame they cover, where they are located and what areas of research they cover. While emphasis is placed on how to use these records in the Prairie Provinces, the book also explains how to access them from other parts of North America and the world. This book is comprehensive and unique in its content.

Thanks once again to Laura and her team, thank you to Lisa for her diligence, patience, and forbearance, thank you to SaskCulture for their support, and thank you to the Métis National Council for their encouragement and sponsorship.

We send our best wishes to Ken Aitken and family as Ken is facing a new health challenge. Our thoughts are with you.

Charles Wallace Gregson

Recipient of the SGS Heritage Award 2006

Biography by Rosalie Jarvis
Edited by Linda Dunsmore-Porter



On 11 February 1919 CHARLES WALLACE GREGSON, a Saskatchewan Pioneer, was born in Paynton, Saskatchewan, to Charles Gregson and Alice Phillips who immigrated to Canada in 1903 and 1906 respectively.

Wallace spent his childhood on the farm. He began school at five years old and was so adept at learning he skipped Grade 7. Wallace enjoyed the outdoors and his favourite childhood activity was to ride his bicycle around the farm. He explored every nook possible. He thoroughly enjoyed traveling around the countryside seeing all he could, learning all he could. Wallace was also a member of the Boy Scouts of Saskatchewan in the 1930s. He is proud of his association with this organization so many years ago.

In 1940, Wallace began his own farming operation; his life-time occupation; he remembers his "long days spent on the tractor."

Wallace married Joan Barrett in 1948. The couple resided on the farm. They raised two sons, and have seven grandchildren. Wallace also enjoys his two great-grandchildren. Family is of utmost importance to Wallace.

Wallace and Joan moved to North Battleford in 1987. "Abbott Avenue" became a very important address.

Wallace's interest in family history and genealogy began when Joan was searching her English ancestry. He began to ponder about his own roots. Wallace has stated, "I did not even know the names of my grandparents. My parents never talked about their families."

This inquisitive couple pursued their respective ancestors across the miles in England. Wallace has traced the "Gregson Family Tree" back to 1639 in Longton, Lancashire, England. Preserving his family's history became an integral aspect of his life. He researched books, libraries, and record offices. He had memberships with the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society and several historical societies in England. He still belongs to the SGS and to the North Moels Historical Society in England. With Joan, he traveled to England to meet family members and contacts who assisted them in their research. When computers were introduced, Wallace honed his computer skills to find information via the internet, and purchased numerous software research aids and program to assist in British research. Wallace's ability to adapt to new technology was an achievement which today still enables him to "log on" and view new family history sites or e-mail a relative in England, or contact family historians in Canada or England.

Wallace, a charter member of the Battlefords Branch of the SGS, was an active member under Ken Aitken's presidency when the Branch received official recognition 22 October 1983. During the foundation years of the Branch, Wallace and Joan volunteered in many ways. They willingly shared their knowledge and expertise of English sources with members. They gave their time freely for members' interests and Branch projects. Often, members went to the Gregson home—on Abbott Avenue, to obtain British information from Wallace's computer web sites. (Wallace was the only member with a computer at the time.)

Wallace contributed to provincial and local projects to advance SGS's vision and goals. He transcribed newspaper obituaries for the Obituary Program and numerous cemetery records for the Cemetery Program. He diligently recorded the Saskatchewan history book: "Bresaylor, Between the Rivers" for the SGS History Book project.

The "Gregsons" were the "core" of the Battlefords Branch. When the Branch decided to support the SGS by hosting the 1987 Provincial Seminar, the preparation and planning was done "around the Gregson's kitchen table." For several years, Wallace and Joan hosted the annual Branch Christmas parties.

However, life constantly changes. Sadly Joan passed away 26 July, 1994. Branch members remember her fondly as a special friend.

Spring, summer, and fall, Wallace continues to "work the land" with his son on the family farm at Paynton. On 20 May 2004, when the Battlefords Branch celebrated its 20th Anniversary, Wallace took

time off from spring seeding to celebrate with us. Branch member, Fred Walker, presented Wallace with a "Charter Member" certificate.

Despite the distance to travel to Branch meetings, Wallace continues to be an active member. Preserving family history through his interesting stories, facts, historical certificates, and artifacts he brings "heritage alive" for members!!

An individual with remarkable qualities, amazing accomplishments and a true spirit of adventure!

In the past, Wallace gave of this time, talents and energy, for the betterment of the SGS. He continues to do so in the present. He is indeed worthy of the Heritage Award!

We would like to thank Wallace for his support and hard work over the past years, and to congratulate him on receipt of the 2006 Heritage Award.

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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.

Memories 1969 School Year Book for Kincaid area has been indexed, however, we are unable to find a copy. If you have a copy, would you be willing to proofread or loan the book.

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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- The Saskatoon Mirror (Saskatoon), Dec. 2, 1987 - 1990 (incomplete).
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Great Britain: England and Wales

- Oxfordshire Parish Registers and Bishop's Transcripts, Seventh Edition by Colin Harris.

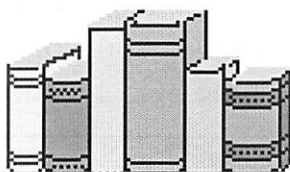
Great Britain: Scotland

- Bartholomew Royal Scotland Map by Willis Pickard and Fred Vaughan. Donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh.

Family History

- Anna Marie Baer - Cook - Lindstrom. Donated by Alice Achter.
- BYE Family CD: Bye-Slekta; Sigdal Sparebank; Various Information and Pictures. Compact Disc (CD). REFERENCE ONLY. Donated by Barr Godkin.
- Descendants of Jean Pitre (1636-1693) and his spouse Marie Pesselet (1641-1707) who farmed in Acadia, now Port Royal, Canada by Edwin R. Pitre. Donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh.

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Book Reviews

BY CELESTE RIDER

Librarian

Births, Deaths, Marriages from *The Independent*, Biggar, Saskatchewan 1931 to 1940. Biggar, Saskatchewan: Biggar Branch Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, 2006. Soft cover. 77 pages. \$20.00 plus postage and handling - \$6.75 in SK, AB, & MB; \$8.50 in ON; \$9.75 in NB, NL, NS, NT, NU, PE, QC, & YT; each additional book at 50¢; United States and overseas will bill postage.

This is the third book published by Biggar Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society in the series of Births, Deaths, and Marriages being extracted from the Biggar newspaper, *The Independent*. It covers the period from 1931 to 1940. The first book in the series was published in 1997. It covered the period from 1913 to 1920 and is still available for \$12.00 plus postage as outlined above. The second book was published in 2005 and covered the period from 1921 to 1930 is also still available for \$16.00. See the March issue of the SGS *Bulletin* for a review of this book.

It is important, as in any publication – and especially an index – to READ THE INTRODUCTION to find helpful information regarding what is and is not included in the index, i.e., the introduction in this publication outlines the issues of the newspaper that are not included in the index.

The information extracted includes the name, the event (i.e., wedding anniversary, birth, death, and marriage), the date of the event, information regarding the event, and the date and page number of the newspaper. It also cross-references maiden names to married names, which is very helpful when searching for the elusive females in our families.

Once again, Biggar Branch has produced a valuable resource for family historians. Keep up the great work, Biggar!

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Prince Edward Island Newsletters

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society has been exchanging journals with Prince Edward Island Genealogical Society since 1982. PEI sent a letter stating that they will no longer be exchanging journal with SGS and a yearly subscription would be required.

In order to keep the PEI collection going, SGS is asking for one or more individuals to sponsor the subscription on an annual basis. Contact the SGS for further details.

Saskatchewan Newspapers, the Prince Albert Herald and Assiniboia Times Indexes

BY HAROLD EDWARD 'TED' SHEARD

Head Microfilm/Newspapers, Saskatchewan Archives Board

Following graduation from Rockglen High School in 1961 I came to work in Regina. In 1964, after a few years at odd jobs, I wrote the Civil Service Examination and was hired to work as a file clerk in the Legislative Library. At that juncture, the Legislative Library and the Saskatchewan Archives Board shared both office staff and storage facilities in the Legislative Building. Although some of the storage areas were rather dark and not properly illuminated, I loved the setting. I particularly appreciated the boss, Allan Turner, who was the Provincial Archivist and also acting Legislative Librarian. Although my salary was paid from the Legislative Library funding, my job included the microfilming of weekly newspapers for which the Legislative Library had a subscription. The filming was a program of the Saskatchewan Archives Board. Thus began my association with the newspaper heritage of Saskatchewan. The Archives moved to the new University of Regina Library building in 1968 and I was asked to transfer with the archives staff. The university campus provided the ideal opportunity to enroll in university classes so I began an on/off period with the Archives during the period 1968 – 1970. I was re-hired full time with the Archives in February 1970 to continue working and assisting with the acquisition of newspapers for the Saskatchewan Archives Board. The continuing demand on the newspaper collection was very rewarding. I was more or less left alone to operate the filming area. There were some periods of inactivity when filming on hand was done and I sought work to keep busy. That was at a time when the Archives was much smaller and less well known. There is no problem finding things to do at the moment.

Focus

The initial extraction of names from the *Prince Albert Herald* began as a 'keep busy' project in the early 1970s. At that time the Saskatchewan Archives Board was situated on the Regina University campus and the original volumes of the *Herald* were readily available. Microfilming was being done on the volumes. They occupied shelf space in the filming area for an extended period of time. This provided an ideal time to do something with the volumes which would benefit both staff and patrons of the Saskatchewan Archives. As a significant number of our inquiries were of a genealogical nature, an emphasis was placed on genealogical information. The listing was never intended to provide complete details surrounding deaths, births and marriages. The object was to provide the starting point for staff and researchers. In 1984 the Regina office of the Saskatchewan Archives Board moved to their current location on Hillsdale Street. Over the next few years they outgrew the space so storage of original newspapers, which were now readily available on microfilm, was seriously looked at. Original newspapers were eventually moved off site. As well, the new location separated the filming area from the reference area. The routine extraction of names came to an abrupt halt about 1985. Names which were previously listed were entered as a word document and made available only to the reference staff. It should be noted that the extraction of names was never considered an official project of the Saskatchewan Archives Board. It was done solely on my initiative as a 'fill in time' measure. I considered it an extension of my job as Head of the Newspaper/Microfilm area.

Family History

My employment with the Archives focused solely on microfilm during the period of the 1980 and 1990s. During the mid 1990s, I was assigned certain days to assist in the reference area. At that point, I became aware that the interest in the daily newspapers was not only toward genealogical inquiries but to the area of family history. During this time, I also began finding spare moments to once again extract names from the *Prince Albert Herald*. I began including more names than previously considered.

Genealogy

Births: The recording of births has proven to be very inconsistent. During the period 1965 – 1966, a listing of births at both Prince Albert hospitals was included almost daily. Quite frequently, the sex, date of birth and parent's names were recorded, but the name of the child was not noted. During the period beginning December 30 and January of the following year, a retrospective of New Year babies was often featured. Occasional births were noted only in the form of a baby shower being held for the mother.

Deaths: Several references relating to the deaths of the same individual were entered. The first generally came in the form of a "pioneer passes" article. It was followed by a "proper obituary." A third item frequently appeared in the form of a funeral note. While all three contained similar information, they often included additional information not available at the time of the other entries. They also included correction of names, correct dates of birth and location of internment. It is important to check all three of these references. The **Estate Notice to Creditors** was also included in later extractions as it often included primary and secondary, as well as common or "nick" names. It generally included the occupation and current address of the deceased and the name of the executor or executrix. Legal requirements were that it be made public in several months. Only the first appearance of the estate notice to creditors was entered. **The Card of Thanks**

which was initially ignored was included in later extractions as it contained the name of hospitals, doctors and clergy who attended the deceased. It generally contained the primary name of the widow or widower, but this could have been glossed over. Many obituary notices simply noted "he leaves to mourn his widow and siblings." **Death Memorials** were included as they provide a starting point for research. Most memorials appear on the date of death and provide us with the actual death date and the name of the widow or descendents. A year end feature of memorials was occasionally featured by *The Herald*. **Fatalities** occurring within the province were included if they pertained to Saskatchewan residents. Fatalities of non-residents were excluded.

Marriages: Most marriage write-ups begin with the **Engagement Notice**. This was included as it provides the name of the parents of the bride and groom and the date and location of the prospective wedding. The engagement notice generally appeared several months in advance of the wedding and appeared several weeks in a row. Only the first entry was recorded. **Bridal showers** were included as they provide the name of the mother of the bride and in many instances the names of the bride's sisters, aunts and grandmothers. Many marriages contained no proper write-up as they were held outside the province or in a location other than Prince Albert and surrounding area. **Marriage anniversaries** were included as they very frequently contained the original date and location of the marriage.

Changes of Name: These were entered under both previous and current name. It should be noted that an index to the changes of names has been published: *Changes of Name: The Saskatchewan Gazette 1917 – 1950*. The book is available through most libraries or through Interlibrary Loan.

Special Events: Many special events such as retirements and feature articles and family reunions were included as they provide a source of family continuity.

Political Events: John G. Diefenbaker, the pride of Prince Albert, was not generally included as he is indexed thoroughly through other sources. Local politics and politicians were inconsistently noted.

Day to Day Events: News items appearing on the social pages regarding the comings and goings of many individuals were not generally referenced. Some departures from Prince Albert were noted with retirement articles.

Sports Events: These were not generally included. Feature articles which noted continuous winning of some sports personalities were inconsistently included. Most sports clubs and organizations do maintain a clippings file. My feeling was that the inclusion of sports could not be properly done without referencing all the names of team players. This would have been a rather daunting task. I am trusting a sense of local pride to index sports events.

As memory serves me, names from the period December 1964 – 1965 and 1967 – 1969 were extracted prior to 1984. A portion of 1965 and the years 1970 – 1973 were extracted post 1994. The year 1966 is currently being extracted.

Prince Albert Daily Herald – indexed to date:
Miscellaneous Issues:

- October 20, 1910 – births, deaths & marriages
- August 14, 1913 – births, deaths & marriages
- September 01, 1914 – births, deaths & marriages
- January 02 – 08, 1916 – births, deaths & marriages
- November 1943 – August 1944 – deaths & casualties only
- December 16, 1964 – 1965 – births, deaths, marriages and some miscellaneous
- January – July 10, 1966 – this period is indexed for births, deaths, marriages and miscellaneous. Should be available by end of December 2006.

Note: The period 1968 – 1973 has been forwarded to the J. M. Cuelenaere Library in Prince Albert both in print form and as a Word document. It will be made available through their web site <http://www.jmcpl.ca/>.

The period December 1964 – 1967 will also be forwarded to them when it is complete.

The Assiniboia Times Index

The Assiniboia Times began publication in November of 1912, however, due to a fire in the newspaper office, many of the early issues of this newspaper have been lost. The Saskatchewan Archives Board has miscellaneous issues from 1918 up to 1942, but after that date the collection is complete.

To date I have indexed obituaries covering the years from 1919 – 1942 and obituaries, marriages and articles of personal interest for the years from 1943 – 1948. The 08 May and 12 June 1929 issues of the *Assiniboia Reporter* are also included in the index. Paper copies of these indexes may be found in the Reading Room at the Regina Office of the Saskatchewan Archives Board.

I had been working on this project several years ago when, about three years ago, I discovered that Celeste Rider, also born and raised in the south central part of Saskatchewan and presently the Librarian for the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, was also working on an index for *The Assiniboia Times*. We decided to work together to produce a more detailed index that would include additional genealogical information extracted from the newspapers.

The project has now grown to include much more information than I had originally indexed. Thus, the indexes are now including births, baptisms, deaths (includes death memorial and card of thanks re. a death), marriages and engagements, wedding anniversaries, birthdays, adoptions, education (lists of children attending a specific school – such as reports of standings in the early papers, list of graduates, lists of reunion

attendees, post-secondary graduates, etc.), members of the armed services (World War I and II), special mention (biographical articles, special events), moves (any mention of a person or family moving into or out of a community), estate notices, court appearances/legal proceedings, changes of name and retirements. We are anticipating that we will be able to begin publishing the indexes sometime in 2007. For more information you may contact Celeste Rider (rider.family@sasktel.net).

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Further Reading

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12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS GENEALOGY STYLE

On the Twelfth Day of Christmas,

My true love gave to me...

Twelve census searches,

Eleven printer ribbons,

Ten e-mail contacts,

Nine headstone rubbings,

Eight birth and death dates,

Seven town clerks sighing,

Six second cousins,

Five coats of arms,

Four Gedcom files,

Three old wills,

Two CD-Roms,

and a branch in my family tree.

Author unknown.

New Web Site for Genealogists

BY DIXIE AND DAVE OBEE

Interlink has launched <http://www.cangenealogy.com/>, a link site with a difference. We are limiting the links to the ones that we feel will have the greatest value to researchers -- and unlike other link sites, we are putting the most important ones at the top.

The theory behind CanGenealogy is that you shouldn't have to waste a lot of time sifting through thousands of links to find what you are looking for. We provide a digest.

We don't list every site of interest to family historians working in Canada. Our goal is to help you get to the key websites as quickly as possible. There are other sites that have thousands of genealogical links -- and yes, we have links to them. If CanGenealogy doesn't help you, with luck we will guide you to sites that do.

To offer lasting value, this site needs to be current, and we are certainly open to suggestions and updates.

CanGenealogy also features the return of Hugh Armstrong's Genealogy Site, one of the most valuable websites for Canadian genealogists ever.

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(Editor's Notes continued from page 110)

Crofters migration to Wapella and about the Wapella area. I found several books, signed them out, and carried them home for my evening 'read'. As Bob had pointed out in his article, there was little or no mention of the Crofter settlement north of Regina.

However, in my searching I came across a fascinating little book. It wasn't about the Crofters or the Scottish settlement, but about the Jewish community at Wapella. A group of Jewish settlers came to the Wapella area in the early 1880s and established a community that existed for approximately 75 years. Sadly, as is the way of many communities, such as the Crofter community north of Regina, it gradually faded as the original settlers died, and their children moved elsewhere. It's a great little book, called *Wapella Farm Settlement (The First Successful Jewish Farm Settlement in Canada)*, by Cyril Edel

Loenoff. Members may borrow the book from our Library and Research Room.

This month the *Bulletin* also features an article about another small community that has dispersed over the years. Check Jonathan Kalmakoff's article on the Doukhobor Settlement of Oospenia Spring on page 125.

Well, 2006 is quickly coming to a close. We will again celebrate the Holiday Season with an Open House, December 16, at the SGS Library and Research Room. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Lisa, Celeste, and I wish you all the happiest of Holiday Seasons and the very best for 2007.

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From the SGS *Bulletin* Archives

The following article was first published in Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Bulletin Volume 4, Number. 2, Spring 1973.

That's Crofter Land!

*Some notes on a now forgotten Scottish settlement that
Existed from the years 1885 to 1894 sixteen miles north of Regina. Collected by
Robert L. Pittendrigh*

Countless words have been written about communities that came into being in Saskatchewan that were successful and eventually very prosperous. There are many local histories that have been created in the last few years about these areas that flourished and left their mark on the history of this province. What about the communities that were created by people who were no less hopeful of success, but were met with drought, misfortune, disease, and finally discouragement. Their communities existed for a short few years [and] then their members left to settle in other areas. These people were certainly no less courageous.

Just such a community existed from 1885 to 1894 in an area some sixteen miles north of Regina, [Saskatchewan]. It would have been completely forgotten if it were not for a lonely little cemetery with its graves marked by fieldstones. No formal inscribed stones are there. Some of the old timers remember seeing wooden crosses peering up through the snow as they passed by in the winter.¹ Some graves even had wooden fences around them. Prairie fires in 1892, 1910, and 1936 did a thorough job of obliterating these markers. Now it is almost impossible to determine the number of graves in the cemetery. The area was fences in the 1930s by descendants of some of the folk buried there. At least three generations of berry pickers and hunters have come upon this graveyard, glanced at the fence and the graves marked by fieldstones, tried to decipher the two brass plates bolted to the top of a high iron post, come to their own conclusions, or perhaps continued on still puzzled.² One would think that the brass plates covered the names was a list of the buried. No! The names so carefully inscribed by means of a punch are the names of the people who contributed to the fencing of the cemetery in 1944. The top-most plate contains this information:

1885-1894

Graves of Scottish Pioneers

Deed paid by L.J. McFadyen

A.D. McFadyen

Sept 8 1944

The lower plate:

Donaters to fencing

John McLeod	Belmont	Man
L.J. McFadyen	Wapella	Sask
L.M. McFadyen	Wapella	Sask
Mrs. R. Neil McFadyen	Wapella	Sask
Mrs. Angus Campbell	Wapella	Sask
Mrs. Don McLeod	Brockside	Sask

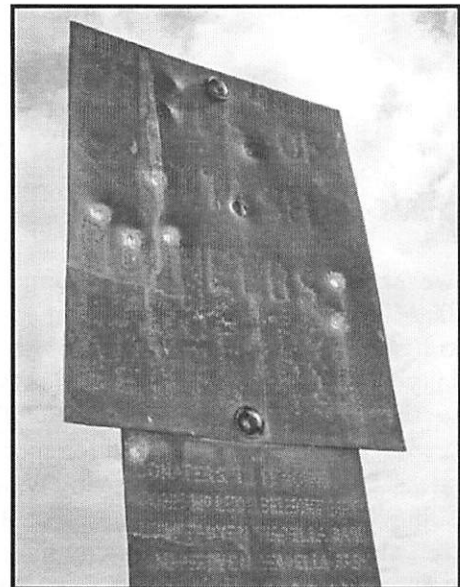


Photo Courtesy of Glenda (McPhadden) Franklin

The cemetery can be found by driving sixteen miles north of Regina from Ninth Avenue North on number six highway, two miles east, and a half mile north. It is located on the north west corner of the south west quarter of section fifteen, township twenty, range nineteen, west of the second meridian, in the municipality of Lumsden number 189. The title for one acre of land containing the cemetery is held by Lumsden municipality.

A mention of this cemetery and the Crofter settlement at one of the early meeting of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society brought enquiries about these people who had come from the western islands of Scotland to settle in a dry and strange place, during a native uprising. On making enquiries, I was astounded to learn that there was no record of the burials in the cemetery, no record of the location of the graves, and little information was available about the settlement itself. I was born and lived for the first ten years of my life on the eastern side of the one-time community, and I do remember people mentioning land being referred to as "That's Crofter Land." My father tells of hearing that the first spring the Crofters were busy at their seeding, the Indians had told them that there was fish in the river in the valley. The Scottish folk left their seeding, gathered up their fish nets and went to the valley where they caught great quantities of fish, much to the amusement and astonishment of the Indians.

Mr. Alex Campbell of Wapella, an old timer and a descendant of these Crofters was most helpful in providing a list of burials as his father Angus Campbell remembered. The following is that list with other information added. Unless otherwise stated, the following is Mr. Campbell's information. No dates were available for most.

- (1) Mr. & Mrs. Dan Campbell's baby – thought to be named Hannah.
- (2) Neil McFadyen about 55 years old was a sailor and believed to have died of a liver ailment, brought on by a fall from a mast. The above mentioned Alex Campbell's grandfather. Died before 1891.
- (3) Donald McFadyen, brother to the above Neil. Born 1827, died 18 March 1895 of a "broken heart."³

- (4) Mrs. Maggie Rochie, died in childbirth, daughter of Donald McFadyen. Her husband was from Manitoba where he returned with the child – a girl.
- (5) Mr. John McCascal died at the age of 54, about 1888. He was from the Isle of Harris. Grave was marked by a small white wooden cross. His wife went to Fort Qu'Appelle then to High View near the Moose Mountains. She died at Kennedy. Their daughter Christina MacCaskill married Alex McDougal.⁴
- (6) Mrs. McDougal, "up in years."
- (7) Flora (?) McDougal died about 1891 of croup at age 1½. Daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Alex McDougal and granddaughter of the above Mrs. McCascal. This child's grave is marked with a rather conical shaped reddish fieldstone.⁵
- (8) Mary Flora McFadyen, a young woman, unmarried, of pneumonia. A sister of Mrs. Maggie Rochie.
- (9) Hugh Weightman died Dec. 1912, aged 72. Born in Trois Rivières, Quebec. Went to New Market, Ontario at the age of 14 years where he eventually took a homestead. He said that he had to cut through two miles of hard wood first to get to his homestead. He later worked at Orillia, Ontario for the Tudhope Anderson Co. where he learned the blacksmith trade. He married his second wife at Freeport, Michigan, and then he started west. He worked for the Hudson Bay as a blacksmith near Dauphin, Manitoba, and on returning to Fort Garry was captured by Riel, where he was locked up for the winter. His treatment with other prisoners left many bitter memories. [He was] a devout Seventh Day Adventist, dearly loved by all his neighbours. The family was remembered long after for being so kind and so poor.
- (10) Hugh Weightman had a small son who died before 1894. His name was forgotten.
- (11) Also an unnamed infant daughter
- (12) Also a grandson, who was the son of a daughter. The child was said to have met his end when he fell off the front of a load of hay into the kicking

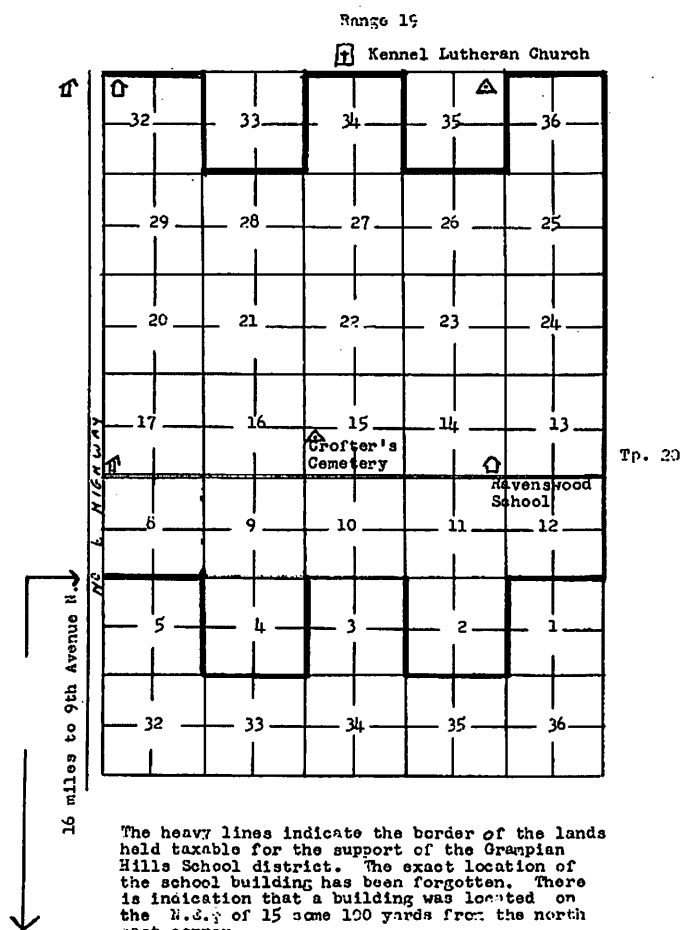
feet of the horses pulling the hay load. Mr. Weightman was said to have been the last person buried there.⁶

No community is complete without a school, and to these Scottish folk it was most important. We find in the Saskatchewan Gazette, 26 May 1888, that Grampian Hills School District, number 123⁷ was organized. It was the thirteenth organized in the North West Territories, and was located north east of Tregarva, township 20, range 19, west of the second meridian. The first meeting was held at the home of Angus Campbell with David Gore, James Moore, and Donald McLeod present, on Friday 27 April 1888. A total of twenty five sections of land were taxable for school purposes. They were – 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 34, and 36, all in township 20, range 19, west of the second meridian. The exact location of the school building has been forgotten, but it would seem that it may have been on the north east ¼ of section 15. From the file on the Grampian Hills School now in the Provincial Archives in Regina, we find that a debenture was issued for \$500.00 on 04 Sep 1888 at 8% for ten years and was held by the North of Scotland Canadian Mortgage Co. Ltd. and was redeemable on 01 Jan 1899. The school ceased operation in July 1894 owing to all the settlers or the majority having left the district. Mr. Hugh Weightman, Esq., Regina, was asked by the Department of Education of the N.W.T. on the 19 Oct 1898, to make a statement of assets, that is buildings, contents, and the state of repair.⁸ According to the files of the Grampian Hills School District, it was “disorganized” on the 24 Nov 1902. Before this happened, Mr. G.I. Marsh, land, loan, and insurance and general agent in Regina, notified the Government of the N.W.T. that he had sold the school house to I. O’Brien for \$50.00.

The Reports of Board of Education, North West Territories from 1886 to 1891 for Grampian Hills School gives some interesting information. The summer term of 1888, gives no mention of a teacher but states that the school erected on 05 May 1888 would open soon. The secretary was Jas. Moore, with trustees D. Gore, D. McLeod, and Jas. Moore. We learn from the report for the term ending on the 31 Oct 1888 that the teacher was D. McPherson with a 3rd class certificate. He held classes for 55 days with 17 pupils registered. The school inspector gave a “fair” report. The next year the same teacher held classes for 93 days, with 27 pupils enrolled. Again only a “fair”

report, at the end of the term 31 Mar 1889. In the report of June 1889, we learn that the teacher received a salary of \$30.00 per month. Pupils registered had dropped to 22. By the September report it had dropped to 13. There were still 13 pupils attending on 30 June 1891.

In the same report of 30 June 1891, we find that the assessable property value was \$23,992.00, at the rate of 7 mills. The total taxes collected that year were \$108.00. The school taxes had to be collected by the school secretary in person in those days.



In an inspection report of 12 May 1891, we find these negative remarks:

“The difficulty I experienced in making myself understood renders me unable to be positive in my opinions. The impression I have is unfavourable. The teacher was not present at 9 o’clock. It was nearly 10 when he got the scholars gathered up. They seemed to be ignorant of everything but a little reading. General tone – poor.”

It would seem that the inspector had a great deal of difficulty with the rich Scottish accent. We know that this community spoke Gaelic as did their descendants in the Wapella area until recently. These Wapella people adamantly declare that this group of people also spoke good English. Mr. Norman Catley (1885-1971) who was born in the valley near Craven of very English parents told me that he remembered as a very young boy seeing two of the ladies from this Scottish settlement coming to see his mother. As she was from the London area of Britain, she had trouble understanding them. But he said that this barrier was soon crossed over a cup of tea and some scones.

Bibliography

1. According to Miss Barker, Willows Court, 2169 McIntyre St., Regina, 1969. She lived in the Qu'Appelle as a child and could remember passing by this cemetery in the winter and seeing the markers above the snow.
2. I contacted the wife of an old timer that had farmed the S.W. ¼ 15 during the 1920s and 1930s and she was quite positive that "there's no Scotchmen buried there, they're all [First Nations]."
3. According to Miss Mary McFadyen, 18 Granville Apts., Regina and Mrs. William Boardman, Wapella, Saskatchewan, 1969.
4. According to Mr. Donald N. McDougal, 1942 Angus Street, Regina, Sask., 1973
5. According to Mr. Donald N. McDougal, 1942 Angus Street, Regina, Sask., 1973.
6. According to Mr. Fred Hubick (1892-1971) who could remember as a young man being at the funeral of Mr. Weightman. The information on Mr. Weightman was supplied by his youngest son, Mr. Oliver Weightman, Kisbey, Sask., in 1970. Mr. Hubick was quite positive about the grandson of Mr. Weightman being buried there, but Oliver Weightman said that he could remember nothing about it.
7. This number was later assigned to another school.
8. The files of the Government of the North West Territories were stripped when their storage space was becoming limited. Carbon copies of official government letters were retained and most of the hand written replies were discarded.

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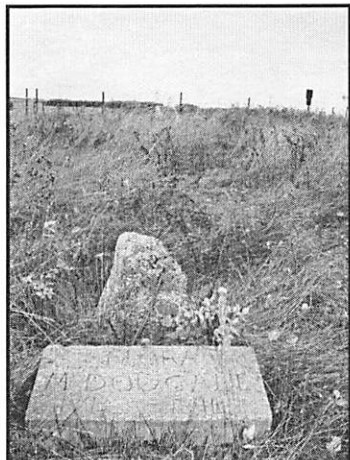
THE CROFTER'S CEMETERY
October 4, 2006

Located on NW corner of SW quarter Section 15, Township 20, Range 15, west of the 2nd meridian in the RM of Lumsden #189, Saskatchewan

In 1885, several families from the western Isles of Scotland came to "That's Crofter Land." Their cemetery is located sixteen miles north of Regina, Saskatchewan, two miles east on the Russell Hill Road, then one half mile north.

There were five McFadyen families, some from the Isle of Tiree, others from Ontario, the McCaskill's from the Isle of Harris, the Campbell's from Isle of Uist and Isle of Harris and the McDougall's from Benbecula, South Uist. Hugh Weightman and family lived in eastern Canada, the United States, then Dauphin, Manitoba before settling in Saskatchewan. All these families buried their loved ones in this cemetery.

The little cemetery stands on a hill with a bluff of trees on the north side. Prairie grass covers many of the fieldstone grave markers. A wire fence surrounds the cemetery.

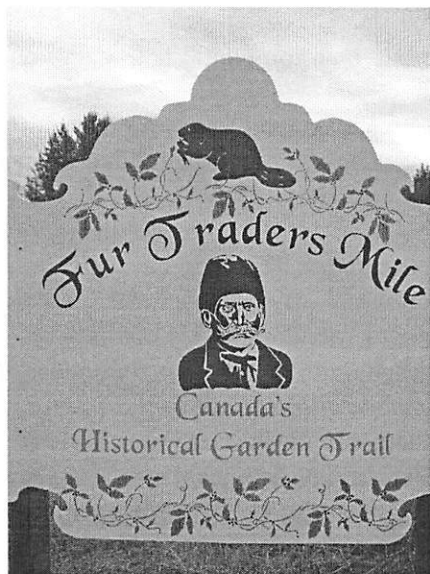


Only one grave has a marker, that of a little girl, Flora McDougall, with her name and dates 1893-1894 carved on the stone. The engraved stone may have been placed there long after the child died, [perhaps] in 1973; it is written [that] Flora's grave is marked with a rather conical shaped reddish fieldstone. There is a wooden log near by the McDougall stone, possibly marking a family plot, as Flora's grandmother McDougall is buried there, as well as her grandfather McCaskill.

Source: Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Bulletin Spring 1973
McFadyen researchers & Glenda (McPhadden) Franklin

Remember Me . . . The Fur Traders Mile

A Collection of Family Histories From Descendants of The Fur Trade



Seeking family histories from descendants of the fur trade with links to the Honourable Hudson's Bay, Northwest and the XYZ Companies for inclusion in a book being written titled, 'Remember Me . . . The Fur Traders' Mile'. Inspired by family roots, intrigue and mysteries, this book will encase our ancestors' stories as told to their descendants as well as the author's own story, of how one single event in Canada's history could have changed the life of a young girl and so many others . . . forever . . .

It takes us back to a time when stories of a missing grandfather piqued her interest, challenged her thoughts and generated a lifetime of mystery, remembrances of family stories telling of life lived in Canada's northern wilds, Indian uprisings, the fur trade, Northwest Rebellions, the Battle of Batoche, mixed Scottish, French and Metis ancestry fueled a burning desire to know what had become of him. Where did he go, why did he leave, where is he now? Someone must know something . . . but who?

While driving down the highways of BC, AB and Saskatchewan, criss-crossing the land, seeking answers to questions from the past, searching in places that were once vibrant communities and finding only remnants of the past . . . in places that are now little more than ghost towns, walking the streets they once walked, reading documents they once read, following lead after lead . . . and in the process finding verification of those family memories in Canada's vast archives and connections to others with similar stories to share of their family's involvement in the fur trade. If you are one of those folks and would like your story included in this intriguing book to be published next summer, I would be very interested in hearing from you. There is no cost to participate. Contact me (Betty Deck) at: bdeck@pris.ca or 250-788-9854

The Fur Traders Mile is a heritage garden trail located in Chetwynd, BC and includes a five-acre perennial garden site featuring flowers, trees and shrubs obtained through trading seeds with gardeners around the world, many with connections to the fur trade. Along the trail are plaques sponsored by descendants of the fur trade who wish to give recognition to the role their ancestor played in this intriguing time period.

Trails along the Fur Traders Mile include:

Robert Campbell Trail – Chief Factor, Campbell of the Yukon, Head of the Northern Department – Discovered the Upper Yukon River and explored the MacKenzie River Basin circa: 1830-1878 From: Glenlyon, Perthshire Scotland

Andrew Flett Trail – Assistant Factor, Orphir - Scotland circa: 1862

William McGillivray/Kolosky Trail – Chief Factor Northwest and Hudson Bay Companies – Lord of the Northwest, Chief Superintendent Northwest Company and Shareholder – HBC Company circa: 1784-1824

Peter Flett Garson Trail – Interpreter Head Steersman – Hudson Bay Company

For more information on the trails check out my web site at: <http://www.teagardensbb.com>

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Computer Column

BY: CHRISTINA KRISMER



My recent change of computers has reminded me of other disasters. Disasters can be caused by various conditions such as fires, floods, hurricanes, lightning strikes. The first concern of course is the safety of the family. Once their safety has been established the next thoughts are about your home and belongings.

Insurance claims allow you to replace material things such as clothing and furniture but what about those irreplaceable items such as photos, important papers, heirlooms, memorabilia and computer files?

Do you have a disaster plan? If you had five minutes to evacuate your house what would you take with you? What have you done to protect the data you have collected? It may cost more to replace it than some of your household items. A plan must be in place. Here are some basic plans to put into effect:

- If you have a computer back up data on a regular basis – once a week or once a month depending on usage. Make at least two copies. Store one copy off-site.
- Take pictures of your heirlooms. Write a brief history about each. You may not be able to save the heirloom but you will have a picture.
- Take pictures of house outside, inside, every wall, every room. You will not be able to remember what you had. In some cases the pictures will prove the value of an item i.e. the loss of an old antique clock.
- Antiques should be appraised.
- Make copies of your documents (genealogical and others). This includes all your important documents and records, such as birth certificates, driver's license, marriage records, bank accounts, passports, bank address and phone number, insurance policy, insurance company agent phone number. For your personal documents you may want to make two copies one for storage off-site and the other in a

ready-to-go tote bag that you would take with you in case of a disaster.

- Photocopy family photos and send duplicates to a relative. You may also scan them and have them on disc.
 - You may wish to have some photos duplicated by a professional photographer. This may be costly.
 - Place all copies at an off-site location, such as a safety-deposit box or friend/relative's home.
 - Scan all your genealogical documents and store the digital images on a disc. Make two copies. Store one off-site with a relative or close friend.
 - Don't forget to date all your copies.
 - As a genealogist you may have a book collection. Have you taken an inventory and saved it on disc? You may also take pictures of your books. Be sure to be able to read the titles.
 - Update your information regularly.
 - Upgrade your storage options as technology improves.
 - You may keep the information in a notebook.
- What have you done to protect your information?

Disaster planning and preparation does not happen overnight. It takes time and effort but once it is in place it is not difficult to update.

Disasters do not always happen to other people. Years ago we had a house fire. I did not have a computer then. We did have pictures and memorabilia. The house wasn't totally destroyed. We did lose some valuable pictures, photos and some memorabilia. For some things I had taken photos, for other things I did not. Fortunately we did not lose the major portion of our photo albums but there was smoke damage.

You cannot prevent disasters but you can minimize your losses.

Upgrade – is it time?

Newer computers, updated software and new reporting features are all part of the hype to encourage you to upgrade, but do you really need to do so?

Here is a checklist you can use to determine if and when you need to upgrade:

1. Are you able to do what you want with your current version?
2. If you have upgraded before, are you using the new features that came with your upgrade?
3. Did you have a learning curve with the upgrade?
4. Are the features for the new upgrade a significant improvement over your present version?
5. Does the vendor still support your product?
6. Has the new version been around long enough to iron out the bugs that usually come with a new version?
7. Are there software and hardware compatibility issues?

Remember the old adage 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it.' If your present software is doing what you want there may still be some very valid reasons to update. Genealogy is such a time consuming hobby you don't want to lose all those years of work because support would be unavailable if your computer crashed. In such a case you likely need to upgrade while you can still transfer your data from your old program.

If after going through the check list you still are not sure, here is a last factor to consider – rather than an updated program would a third party utility program do what you want. A number of these utilities can do things a genealogy program cannot do. However an upgrade might incorporate the features you are looking for. Cost is a factor. You want value for your money. If the utility can give you the improvements without causing conflicts with your software or your hardware that might be the route to take. The decision is yours.

Internet

For those of you who have not heard Saskatchewan Archives has another website that may be of interest to you. Log onto:

www.sasksettlement.com for a glimpse of the site.

More passenger lists have been made available on LAC **www.collectionscanada.ca** Ancestry.com also have more postings of passenger lists. During the month of November you had free access to these new listings. Unfortunately by the time you read this that option will no longer be available.

Visit **www.rootsmagic.com** for an update on some of their new programs. One that may be of interest is their Family Atlas program – creation of maps. You can get more information by going to **http://www.FamilyAtlas.com**

If you are looking for information or explanations on a topic and you don't have a dictionary in your home a trip to Wikipedia is in order. **www.wikipedia.com** or use Google to find their web site.

For those of you who have loads of pictures and you want to create scrapbooks for your families you have several options – there are Scrapbooking programs which help you create the pages. You then print them out. The limitation of course is the pages have to be 8 1/2 x 11.

Heritage Makers has a program where you can create the whole book, layout, theme, journaling and all. Email them the file and they in turn will send you a professionally bound book. The book can be about Johnny's school years or Sue's wedding or a whole family book. Costs start at about \$40.00. There are templates to use as guides in the creation of the pages.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many readers I met at the SGS Seminar in Moosomin October 27- 29. It was refreshing to hear that the column is read and of value. May I encourage you to send a note letting us know if there are any areas of interest where we could give more coverage. If you have some information that you think might be of interest to others, send it along. We would love to hear from you. Tips and hints are always welcome.

The 2007 SGS Seminar will be held in Regina on April 27 & 28, 2007. It is being combined with the AGM. The emphasis will be on technology – Geno-Bytes is the topic for the Friday evening presentation. Workshops on Saturday are being set up to allow everyone to attend each one. You will be busy. The time is fast approaching. Look for the outline of the seminar in this bulletin.

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Cemetery Program

BY: LINDA NEELY

SGS Cemetery Coordinator

Many *Bulletin* readers will be familiar with the walking tours of the Regina Cemetery where one can meander between the rows and get a bit of Regina's history by reading a short biography of the people buried there. A story in the *Globe and Mail* of 27 September 2006 caught my eye. In Brooklyn, NY they have a cemetery tour that is a little different.

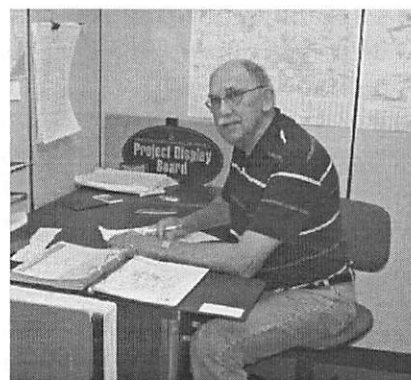
This tour takes place in the Green-Wood cemetery around Halloween and in the words of the tour director is "driven by stories- by murders, by spirits, by tragedies, all of that." There are thousands of stories in this cemetery, which has over 600,000 interments dating back to 1838. The tour attracts as many as 200 people who come out to hear the story of the likes of Laura Keane who was onstage at the Ford Theatre when Lincoln was shot and an fellow named Bill (the butcher) Poole who was the inspiration for the *Gangs of New York* movie.

I've often thought, as I was out cemetery recording that it would be so interesting if we had the time to stop and hear the stories about the people whose names we are preserving for history. There are, of course, family historians out there in the world who are doing just precisely that – finding the stories and preserving them. The work we do as cemetery recorders contributes enormously to those stories.

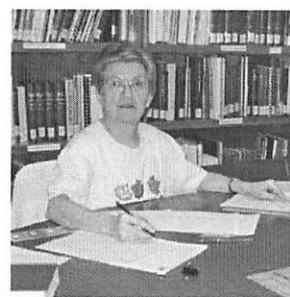
Our files expanded over the summer and fall as the results of the summer's recordings coming in. Thank you to all those helped in any way with collecting more cemetery records.

We have also acquired a few more RM maps so our list has gotten shorter, but we still need maps for the following RMs: 18, 94, 103, 125, 126, 131, 154, 161, 168, 186, 252, 280, 303, 308, 346, 377, 426, 438.

I would like to introduce you to the two volunteers who keep our cemetery files in shape.



Norm Stetner



Pauline Boesser

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SGS Bulletin Board

LIBRARY CLOSURES

Dec. 23, 2006 – Jan. 2, 2007 - Christmas/New Years
February 17, 2007 – Family Day
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October 8, 2007 - Thanksgiving
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Dec. 24, 2007 – Jan. 1, 2008 – Christmas/New Years

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Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm
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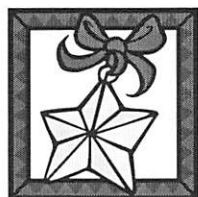
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- ❖ Book Sale
- ❖ Browse the Library
- ❖ Stay and Visit (maybe even do a little research)



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Query

SHERRY: The following information is compiled from the Military records of Francis **Sherry**. Francis **Sherry** was born 1795 in Armagh, Armagh Co., Ireland. He joined the 26th Regiment of Foot (I understand that it was also called the Cameronians) on June 17, 1813 in Armagh at the age of 18. He served as a Private with the Regiment in Gibraltar and the East Indies before 1828 and contracted Fever and Cholera in 1831. Being found unfit for duty, he was then discharged. He retired to Ballymena, Co. Antrim and at some point moved to Coleraine, Co. Londonderry, where he died on January 24, 1864 (I have the death record). Specifically, I am looking for the family of Francis **Sherry**. His son John **Sherry** was born in 1846 in Ireland. John married Christian **Low(e)** on September 10, 1870 in Bolton, Lancashire, England and John died on June 18, 1930 in Gr. Lever, Lancashire. John and Christian had 3 children, that I know of, John, Jane and Frances Mary. Beverley Sherry Beverleys@shaw.ca

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Announcements

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 Shamrock and the Maple Leaf: Irish-Canadian Documentary Heritage at Library and Archives Canada

Library and Archives Canada announced the launch of *The Shamrock and the Maple Leaf: Irish-Canadian Documentary Heritage at Library and Archives Canada* in December, 2005. This Web exhibition is a result of an ongoing collaboration between Library and Archives Canada and the National Archives of Ireland and is funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage through its Canadian Culture Online initiative.

The Shamrock and the Maple Leaf is an exhibition of Irish-Canadian Documentary heritage. It features photographs, art, archival documents and musical recordings, together with thematic essays written by experts in Irish-Canadian studies from across Canada and Ireland (i.e., Elizabeth Grove-White, William J. Smyth, Peter M. Toner, Cecil Houston, K.J. James, David A. Wilson and Michele Holmgren).

A part of this collaboration is to have the Irish Census records for 1901 and 1911 digitized, indexed and placed online for free access by Irish descendants. The Irish Government is largely financing this multi-year digitization project.

For more information visit <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/ireland/>.

Passenger Lists (1865-1922) Digitized

You can now search actual digitized images of the passenger lists showing arrivals of passengers in Canada from 1865 to 1922. These may be seen on line at the Library and Archives of Canada web site <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/passenger/001045-130-e.html>.

For search tips visit the Library and Archives of Canada web page at the address listed above or go to *Dave Obee's Family History Page* at <http://www.daveobee.com/columns/06passenger.htm>.

1967 Lockwood, Saskatchewan History Book

"*The Story of Lockwood Community*" is now online on the Town of Nokomis web site. http://geocities.com/nokomis_website/lockwood_history.html.

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 required to help with proofing 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.

Canadian Passenger Lists

The Nanaimo Family History Society is doing a superb job of indexing Canadian passenger lists, and recently posted an update on its web site. Go to <http://members.shaw.ca/nanaimo.fhs/> and you will find an index of more than 280,000 arrivals at Quebec from July 1908 to October 1910.

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We like to publish a variety of information in each issue, but we must receive a variety of articles in order to do this.

- 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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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

MOOSE JAW BRANCH: Box 154, Briercrest, SK S0H 0K0. Meetings: 4th Tues. (except July, August & December) 7:00 pm at Moose Jaw Public Library (Herb Taylor Room). Contact: Marge Cleave #(306)799-2004. E-mail: grcleave@sasktel.net

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

PIPESTONE BRANCH: Box 331, Maryfield, SK S0G 3K0. Meetings: 3rd Wed (except July, August & December) 7:30 pm at Moosomin Public Library. Contact: Gerald Adair #(306)646-4952. E-mail: gerry.pat@sasktel.net

PRINCE ALBERT BRANCH: PO Box 9, Prince Albert, SK S6V 5R4. Meetings: 2nd Tues. (except July & August) 7:30 pm at Optimist Bldg under Grandstand in Exhibition Grounds (Lion's Club Room). Contact: James Wilm #(306)764-3632. E-mail: jameswilm@yahoo.ca

QUILL PLAINS BRANCH: Box 68, Kelvington, SK S0A 1W0. Meetings: 1st Wed.(except August & September) 7:30 pm at Kelvington Public Library. Contact: Dianne Gradin #(306)327-5379. E-mail: gdgradin@sasktel.net

REGINA BRANCH: 2818 Sinton Avenue, Regina, SK S4S 1K3. Meetings: 4th Tues. (except June, July & August) 7:30 pm at Knox Metropolitan Church. Contact: Robert Ewart #(306)584-2582. E-mail: bluebird@sasktel.net

SASKATOON BRANCH: Box # 32004, #3 - 402 Ludlow Street, Saskatoon, SK S7S 1M7. Meetings: 3rd Fri. (except July & August) 6:30 pm at St. Francis School, 2141 MacPherson 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: mcdreher@sasktel.net.

SWIFT CURRENT BRANCH: 321 North Railway Street E., Swift Current, SK S9H 1C6. Meetings: 4th Mon. (except June, July, August & December) 7:30 pm at the above address (basement). Contact: Beverly Hagen #(306)297-3122. E-mail: kbhagen@sasktel.net or Bob Jensen at jensen@sasktel.net

WEST CENTRAL BRANCH: Box 472, Eston, SK S0L 1A0. Meetings: 3rd Tues. (April to June & Sept to Nov) 9:30 am at Wheatland Regional Library. Contact: Gail Milton #(306)962-3382. E-mail: Eileen Martsch at emartsch@sasktel.net

WEYBURN BRANCH: 626 Moffet Drive, Weyburn, SK S4H 2M7. Meetings: 3rd Tues. (except July & August) 7:00 pm at Weyburn Public Library - Meeting Room. Contact: Blanche Fleming #(306)842-2593. E-mail: bl.fleming@sasktel.net or Lorna Bossenberry #(306)842-6217. E-mail: bossenberry@sasktel.net

YORKTON BRANCH: 55 Dogwood Crescent, Yorkton, SK S3N 2M6. Meetings: 2nd Tues. (except July & August) 7:00 pm at Yorkton Public Library. Contact: Marjorie Cross #(306)783-3035. E-mail: martcross@sasktel.net

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Now I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas – Joyeux Noel – Froehliche Weihnachten – Nollaig Shona Dhuit – Gledileg Jul – Gledileg Jol - Hyvaa joulua – Mitho Makosi Kesikansi - Kala Christouyenna! - Kellemes Karacsonyi unnepeket - Merry Keshmish - God Jul Og Godt Nytt Aar – Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia – Feliz

Natal - Nollaig Chridheil agus Bliadhna Mhath Ur – God Jul and (Och) Ett Gott Nytt Ar – Srozhdestvom Kristovym - Feliz Navidad!

Were you able to recognize any of the different languages?

Best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year!! ++++

SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY RESEARCH POLICIES

No Refund for entries not found.

All Research Policies Are Subject to Change Should Costs Increase.

A self-addressed stamped envelope OR return postage must be provided with all research requests.

Non-Canadian residents - fees are payable in US funds only or contact us for fees applicable to your country.

Researches - some are not detailed in full and some are not listed below. For a complete list, see our web site <http://www.saskgenealogy.com> or contact us for a brochure. Researches paid by cheque will not be processed until cheque has cleared through the bank. Basic searches can take up to 4 to 6 weeks from this time. Researches paid by cash or money order will be processed and started immediately.

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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