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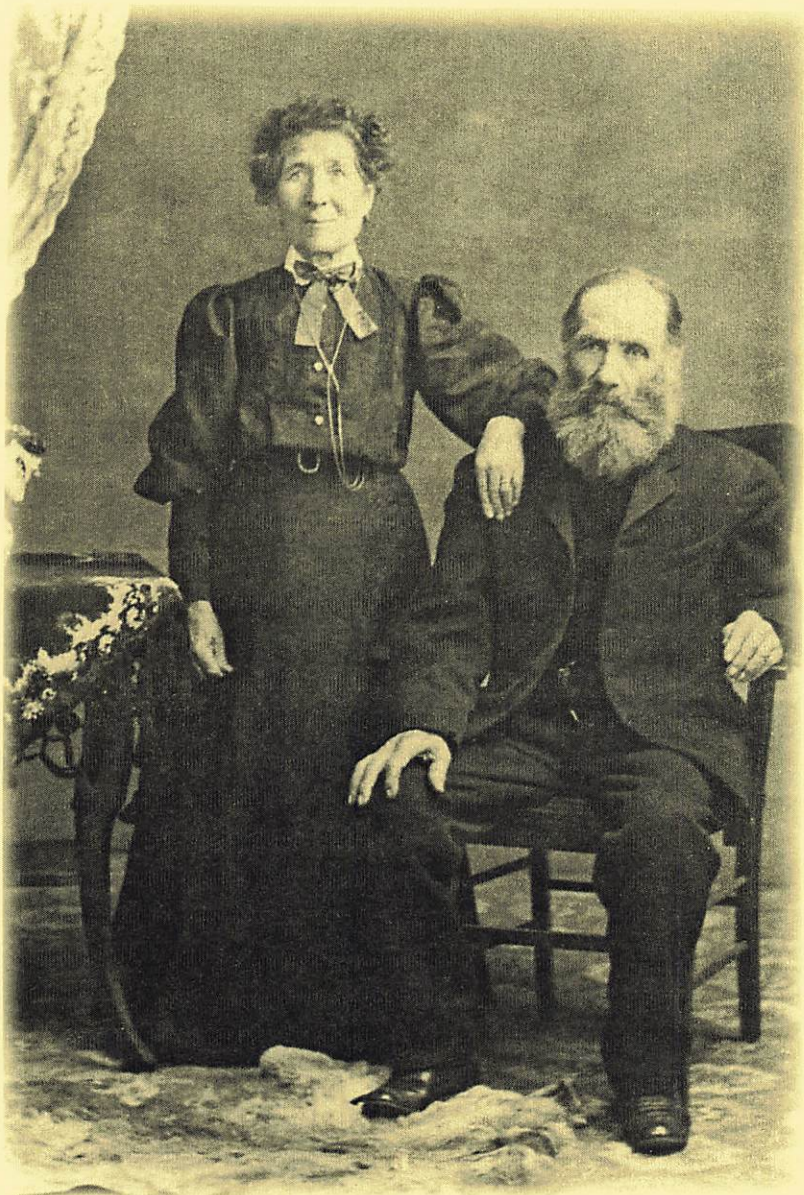
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President's Letter

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Communication is an area that the Board is trying to improve upon. The web site is in the process of being updated and changed so that we can grow in the future. As well the Board, invites all members to share their thoughts with us by using our e-mail address. Please take a few minutes to check out the revised website and if you have time send the Board an e-mail and tell us what you think; all ideas and comments are welcome.

The "Techno Expo" Seminar will be held April 27th and 28th and there will be something of interest for everyone. It will be held at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Centre in Regina. The format will give everyone a chance to attend all the topics and to take home more knowledge about the different areas of technology that genealogy is getting into. It looks to be an enjoyable event.

I hope everyone will take the time to attend some, if not all, the events that SGS has planned for 2007. Enjoy the year, good luck in your search for your relatives including your missing links.

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Editor's Notes

BY: LINDA DUNSMORE-PORTER
Executive Director



Welcome to the first issue of 2007. We hope that we have provided interesting and useful information to help you along in your family research.

When I sat down to review the contributions to this issue of the *Bulletin* I was again amazed by the variety of articles. One of the elements that became quite clear was the resourcefulness of individuals who uncover those resources that are not immediately obvious, as well as the persistence and dedication of individuals and groups who work to obtain access to these resources. In my own experience it has been those 'not so obvious or available' resources that have most often given me the best hints and direction toward the information I need to continue my research.

Perhaps you have discovered a unique and unusual genealogy source that you would like to share. We continue to look for articles on topics of genealogical interest, as well as articles about your family research and their geographical origins. If you have a research story or family story you would like to share you can forward your article via mail, e-mail, or fax. Our contact information is located on the inside cover of the *Bulletin*. The quality of your *Bulletin* depends on the article contributions made by our members, as well as non-members.

We have recently received a wonderful donation of cemetery indexes for Northumberland County and Prince Edward County in Ontario from the Seventh Town Historical Society. These indexes are listed on Page i. They have been catalogued and are available to be borrowed.

We look forward to seeing you at our Seminar, April 27 and 28 in Regina. It is all about technology—software, gadgets, and internet use.

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Emigration From Satulmare, Bukovina To Saskatchewan

Excerpted from Christian Armbrüster, *Deutsch-Satulmare: Geschichte eines buchenländischen Pfälzlerdorfes*, trans. by Sophie A. Welisch (Karlsruhe/Baden: By the author, 1962), pp. 53-61.

Emigration. It was not merely in 1889 the Germans began emigrating from Satulmare; rather immigration as well as emigration stemming from multiple causes were characteristic of the times. The main reasons were the struggle and the hope of establishing a better existence somewhere other than in the homeland. In many ways aspirations for improving their standard of living were indeed realized but sometimes a misunderstanding of the living conditions in their homeland seemed to put life in the foreign country in a rosy perspective. Moreover, these expectations were fueled by exaggerated accounts of acquaintances and relatives who had already emigrated and above all by deceptions of unscrupulous travel agents.

It is not unreasonable to conclude that unfavorable circumstances such as non-profitability of their properties and a concern for the future livelihood of their numerous progeny led many farmers and craftsmen to sell their worldly possessions at an apparently acceptable price and with the remainder of their money to seek their fortune in a far-off place. It was usually the healthiest and the strongest, driven by energy and intelligence, who were lost to their homeland and its economy.

In due course the Austrian government took legal measures against the excesses of the scrupulous foreign agents, making it difficult for them and at the same time protecting the emigrant from exploitation. Under these regulations—diligently enforced by Mayor Ludwig Neher—there were cases affecting men between the ages

of 17-25 who chose emigration in order to avoid their military duty. Thus many young men immigrated overseas in order to avoid the draft, thereby averting Austrian and later Romanian chicanery toward recruits. They were sometimes followed by single women wanting to fulfill marriage promises made in their homeland as also by ne'er-do-wells, who through emigration overseas became ambitious and frugal citizens and thereby gained prosperity and respect.

Long is the list of those who left Satulmare for overseas and found a new homeland, preferably in Canada. Their emigration is part of the history of Satulmare, and it would be regrettable if their experiences were not shared by our descendants.

I turned for this to our Satulmare compatriot Karl Mang, keeper of post-horses in Edenwald, Saskatchewan, Canada with the request that he describe the historic events relating to the emigration from Satulmare to Canada in 1889.

In November 1959, one year before his death, 84-year-old cousin Karl wrote a report, which was later sent to me by his son, Professor Lorenz Mang, in the form of an historic legacy of his father.

In this report our compatriot Karl Mang proved to be an excellent source of information, immigrating when he was fourteen years old and already confirmed, *i.e.*, at an age when he was fully aware of the immigration experiences of his parents, siblings and other families. After a long period of seventy years Karl Mang was still able to put these events into historic perspective including not only the departure from the beloved homeland, the long voyage, arrival in Canada and settlement, but also to describe the great importance of folk values, of church life as a

community institution and disseminator of the faith of our fathers and as a spiritual reinforcer of customs, mother tongue, and honest sentient convictions.

And here is the excerpted report of our cousin Karl:

"I was born on March 23, 1876 in Satulmare, colonial house No. 74, the second youngest son of Franz, son of Philipp Mang and Regina Sauer. I had five [sic] brothers and three sisters named Jakob, Johann, Georg, Philipp, Franziska, Ludwika and Theresia. Our parents' home with its garden plot finally became the property of Josef Manz and Jakob Lanz, Jr. Across the street M. Tannenzapf had a restaurant.

According to the stories of my parents I know that there was an exodus to the Dobruja in which several families from Satulmare also participated, among them my Uncle Philipp Butz. Within a short time they had built fine German villages which, however, sustained plunder and arson during the Russo-Turkish War of 1877/78, totally impoverishing the settlers so that they abandoned the area and did not return. Most of them immigrated to America. This also included my Uncle Philipp Butz (his wife was my father's oldest sister), who had been advised by the English consul in Constansa, Romania, to immigrate to Canada, where he could get free land of 160 acres (70 hectares), available to all men of eighteen years without their need to perform military service.

After Uncle Philip Butz had established himself, he wrote to his relatives in Satulmare and Sereth, telling them of the conditions they could expect to find in the new homeland. In the meantime the economic plight of many Satulmare villagers did not lessen and the shortage of land persisted. In the foreground stood the large families and their concern for creating an economic basis for their children.

Under the circumstances a satisfactory way should and must be found, yet the question 'how'

always arose.

In 1889 my Uncle Philipp Mang resolved the indecision facing many families.

One day he decided to immigrate to Canada and started to sell his possessions. The families of Peter Galenczowski, Johann Reichel and Martin Sauer joined him as did Wilhelm Kornelson from Neu-Itzkany a while later. They all left their homeland in 1889.

After about one year, my father, upon much reflection, also opted for immigration to Canada and sold colonial farmstead with house number 74. He was joined by the families of Konrad Brodt, Johann Kohlruss and Franz Müller, bringing the total to twenty-one people who on September 14, 1889 embarked upon the long voyage across the pond. Taking farewell of their native homeland proved to be no easy task. The knowledge that they would never see it again was for me, a 14-year-old boy, not less painful than for the adults.

After traveling for four weeks we arrived safely on October 12 in Balgonie, a railroad station of the Canadian Pacific Line. Disappointment loomed large when instead of a compact community we could see far and near only the railroad station with an apartment for the station attendant and a grocery store. Through the aid of a German-speaking railroad employee my father met Martin Karst from St. Onufry, Bukovina, three miles to the north, and his neighbor, Paul Karsmarski, from Radautz. With their help we proceeded several miles northward by horse-drawn wagon to Uncle Philipp Mang.

What we found there were only a few houses on the endless Canadian prairie, a land that in earlier times was the home of Indian tribes which the government was making available to white settlers. The white settlers were free to assume ownership of the farms with the right to lease or sell them. Many settlers from the province of Ontario transferred their farms to our people.

The disappointment due in part to the pervasive loneliness was so great during the first period that the immigrants, especially my father, would gladly have returned home if they had had the financial means to do so. Only with difficulty did they adjust to an unalterable fate and apply themselves to creating a new existence through hard work and effort. In that most of the immigrants had only limited funds, they could not construct sturdy houses but only so-called "huts" of poplar wood, which usually stood on a small hill sunken at least one-half into the earth with roofs of prairie grass and sod roofs. The essential farm buildings were similarly constructed.

These houses were provisional structures, replaced in later years by sturdy wattle daubing or brick with shingled roofs, some of which are still habitable today.

With our settlement Edenwold and vicinity soon became a strong point of attraction for Satulmare villagers anxious to immigrate. Two years after our arrival the following families followed: Peter Frombach, Karl Johann Jäckle, Jakob Schmidt, Johann Schmidt, Karl Schmidt, Christian Silzer, Jakob Silzer, Christian Zurowski, Ferdinand Zurowski, Rudolf Zurowski.

Several years later: Karl Armbrüster, Johann Bundus, Jakob Hoffmann, Martin Hoffman, Johann Flamann, Ludwika Flamann, Heinrich Frombach, Johann Galenczowski, Ludwig Galenczowski, Wilhelm Galenczowski, Franz and Ludwig Gattinger, Josef Göttel, Ludwig Görtel, Adam and Wilhelm Halbgewachs, Adam Hoffmann, Hermann Jäckle, Jakob and Johann Jäckle, Lorenz Jäckle, Johann Kattler and his daughter, Karl Kattler, Johann Keller-Knieholz, brothers Koch-Schuster, Karl Kohlruss, Adam and Karl Lanz, Franz Lanz, Johann Lanz, Johann Mang, Johann Meisel, Emma Probst née Wolf, Franz Probst, Andreas Rumpel, Franz Sauer, Jakob Sauer, Johann Sauer, Johann Schmidt (son of Peter), Johann Schmidt (son of Kaspar), Ludwig Schmidt, Stefan and Martin Schmidt, Berta Selzer, Karl Selzer, Jakob Selzer, Christian Silzer, Hermine Silzer, Jakob Silzer, Konrad

Silzer, Ludwika and Karoline Silzer, Johann Staudt, Philipp Staudt, Friedrich Wagner, Ferdinand Walter, Ludwig Walter, Franz Weber, Karl Weber, Christian Wild, Franz Wild, Karl Wild, Heinrich Wirth, Johann Wirth (2), Margarete Wirth, Eduard Wolf, Heinrich Wolf, Johann Wolf, Martin Wolf, Peter Wolf, Richard Wolf, Sigmund Wolf, Anton and Emil Zurowski, Leon Zurowski,. This list should not be considered complete.

After my brother Philipp comments on economic conditions in Canada, I wish to add a few family-related facts.

My father died in 1911 and my mother in 1913; both were interred in Edenwold, Saskatchewan.

Since January 14, 1897 I have been married to Regina Schmidt, daughter of Jakob Schmidt. We have three sons and two daughters named Heinrich Philipp (born December 11, 1897), dentist, elected official and farmer; Hulda Else, born January 20, 1900, teacher in Edenwold; Lorenz Harald, born January 19, 1913, college professor (Luther College); Oswald Karl Clarence, born June 12, 1920, engineer director in Regina; Silvia Lelia Loretta, born June 12, 1920, postal clerk, married to Hack. On January 14, 1957 we celebrated our sixtieth wedding anniversary and were honored by our children, relatives and acquaintances."

Philipp Mang from Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, who in 1959 visited Germany, will now continue to elaborate on the report of his brother, Karl Mang. And this is our cousin Philipp's tale:

"I was the youngest son of Franz Mang and was born on November 23, 1881 in Satulmare, house number 74. At the time of the emigration in 1890, I was already nine years old and have retained many details regarding our emigration from our old Satulmare homeland and immigration to Canada. Gladly do I give the author of the book about our Satulmare homeland the following account:

The aim and purpose of the emigration was the attempt to improve our social and economic status in Canada. As fate would have it, years of hard work, ambition and endurance bore fruit. The Canadian government afforded the settlers a favorable opportunity to colonize and cultivate the land. Based on their customs, way of life, material goods and capabilities the immigrants were to adapt themselves to and become members of the Canadian community and fulfill the responsibilities of Canadian citizens in a reasonable time after their immigration without thereby altering the basic character of the Canadian population. For the settlers this meant accommodation but not assimilation. The latter only transpired with our children. With the abundance of arable land, everyone eligible for settlement received 160 acres. In this manner there arose the so-called "single-farm system," i.e., a farmstead encircled by its own fields, which precluded the development of a village community.

Running a farm necessitated a systematic and above all a persistent work ethic. Given the prevailing Canadian climate, the frost-free planting and growing season is limited to an average of 100 days per year. For this reason wheat is the crop of choice, grown primarily for export and rendering the grower more of a wheat manufacturer than a farmer. This explains why the settler had to adapt to the mentality and the work tempo of the Canadians, which was significantly different from that in the old homeland and which only afforded the opportunity for prosperity to those farmers who remained on the moral and professional high ground.

Canada became more significant as a country of immigration the more it became known that the settlers' transportation costs could be paid off in installments taken out of their wages during the first year.

Not all Satulmare immigrants became farmers in Canada; some worked as laborers in agriculture and industry. For the most part those in the latter

group had immigrated to Canada in later years and preferred to settle in the cities where after a few years of frugality they could acquire their own home and provide for the higher education or vocational training of their children.

In conclusion, some information about the family: I was married to Helene, daughter of Christian Sauer from Terescheny and his wife Magdalena Göllner from Tereblestie. We had the following children: Olga (married to Krüchel), teacher; Adeline, married to Schmidt; Hermann; Hildegard, college education, married to the large landowner Siegfried Molder; Ernhard, technical salesman, married; Berthold, farmer, married; Irma, college education, married to Karl Zurowski."

Other Emigration: As civil servants and retirees, salesmen and craftsmen, a considerable number of people from Satulmare and vicinity have relocated [to Canada] since the turn of the century, some in neighboring localities, others in further-lying districts. Most of them still own the fields of their original settlement, which they either cultivate themselves or lease to local inhabitants, usually to relatives. As a result they are considered residents of the locality while the others were "written off." The following list [of Canadian immigrants from Bukovina and their relatives from other parts of the Austrian Empire] makes no claim to completion:

Altdorf, Leib and Jossel, liquor retailers, Radautz.

Armbrüster, Christian, civil servant, Hadikfalva
Bär, Jankel, liquor retailer, Andrasfalva.

Brodt, Jakob, finance civil servant, Radautz,

Flamann, Karl, military officer, Radautz

Gertel, Johann, finance civil servant, Radautz,

Gertel, Ferdinand, constable, Frassin

Gertel, Peter, finance civil servant, Strojesti,

Gräb, Friedrich, military officer, Czernowitz

Hamann, Adam, constable, Sarajevo/ Bosnia

Jäckle, Ferdinand, tailor, Hadikfalva

Kattler, Franz, village civil servant, Czernowitz,

Kattler, Friedrich, tax civil servant, Radautz

Kattler, Jakob, mill constructor, Suczawitza

Kattler , Johann, miller, Jaslowetz/Arbora	Reif , Jakob, salesman, Czernowitz
Kattler , Karl, liquor retailer, Hadikfalva	Reif , Karl, salesman, Radautz
Köhler , Mahilde, postal worker, Czernowitz	Regenstreif , Moses and Jakob, Radautz
Kohlruss , Karl, accountant, Vienna	Selzer , Friedrich, farmer, Cotnar/Jassy
Kopp , Johann, constable, Radautz	Silzer , Jakob, farmer, AltFratautz
Lanz , Ferdinand, postal worker, Czernowitz	Silzer , Johann, blacksmith, Stancesti/Botosani
Lanz , Peter, no trade, Old Kingdom of Romania	Schmidt , Albert, miller, Negostina/near Sereth
Mang , Adolf, miller, Suczawa	Schmidt , Johann, shoemaker, Radautz.
Mang , Franz, miller, Bacau/Moldavia	Schmidt , Johann, miller, Radautz,
Mang , Johann, farmer, Radautz	Walter , Hans, bank employee, Czernowitz
Massier , Hans, butcher, Oberwikow	Weber , Ludwig, magistrate, Suczawa
Massier , Adam, farmer, Andrasfalva	Weber , Johann, stud farm employee, Radautz
Mohr , Jakob, tailor, Hadikfalva	Wolf , Anton, liquor retailer, Bacau/Moldavia
Mayer , Emil, priest in the Sudetenland	Wolf , Jakob, stud farm employee, Styria/ Austria
Mayer , Eduard, first lieutenant, Stockerau/near Vienna	Zurowski , Emil, miller, Bucharest/Romania
Mayer , Rudolf, postal worker, Unterwikow	Zurowski , Hermann, miller, Neufratautz
Neher , Johann, district judge, Radautz	Zurowski , Ludwig, finance civil servant, Radautz
Probst , Johann, farmer, Bance	

Cover Picture

Per and Ingeborg Rask immigrated to Canada in 1903 and settled in the vicinity of Percival, Saskatchewan. Per Rask was born March 31, 1836, Follinge, Jamtland, Sweden. Ingeborg Andersdotter was born October 22, 1834, also in Follinge, Jamtland, Sweden. It is believed they had a family of seven children. Per and Ingeborg Rask are buried in the Percival, Saskatchewan area.

Photo provided by Tammy Guldbransen, SGS member from Quesnel, BC. (While visiting a cousin of her father's in Kingston, Ontario, Tammy was delighted to receive a copy of this photo of her great-great-grandparents.)

News & Notes

BY: ALICE ACHTER AND RAE CHAMBERLAIN

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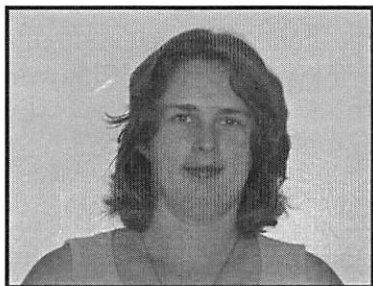
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Pioneer Questionnaires

Part One

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Located at the Saskatchewan Archives Board in Saskatoon is a small collection of files called Pioneer Questionnaires. During the 1950s the staff at the Saskatchewan Archives Board (SAB) sent out questionnaires to people who were pioneers in Saskatchewan. The questionnaires were intended to gather the experiences of early settlers. In total eleven questionnaires were created and mailed out. Just over 1,400 people took the time to answer one or more of them; some completed all eleven. Files containing over 3,600 returns were created. The SAB has a database that lists the people in alphabetical order, location and file numbers.

There is a section in Saskatoon's card index for Pioneer Questionnaires. The call number for this series of files is S-X2. These files are available for inter-office loan to SAB Regina. The SAB web page gives this description of the files:

"In the early 1950s, the SAB circulated questionnaires to Saskatchewan pioneers on a number of facets of pioneer life including farming, diet, schools, churches, recreation and housing. The several thousand replies, which were received, are held in the Saskatoon office. They include some family information."¹

My knowledge of these files came with the discovery of a certificate from the Saskatchewan Archives Board made out to my great-grandfather, Harry Williams, for his donation to the Archives. It did not say what he had given them and on my next trip into the Saskatoon office I questioned the staff about how I could find out what it was. It didn't take long to learn he had returned five of the ten questionnaires. Since I had been researching this family for a few years I already knew most of the information that I found written down by Harry. Yet this made for an interesting read and a nice addition to my collection.

I believe the most useful questionnaire is "General" (the second one in the set of ten) and I will share the information supplied by my great-grandfather to give a better understanding of what might be found.

Harry W. Williams, Box 65, Macrorie, Saskatchewan; date: 10/12/1952. Harry was born in Hampstead, NW London, England. His father was James Williams, a gardener. Harry came to Saskatchewan permanently in April 1905. He had come early "to look things over." In 1904 he had lived in Wheatland, Manitoba. He was 20 years old when he came to Canada. Harry had come west because of ill health and for adventure. His brother Jim or James John Williams had come to Canada the previous year. Harry traveled by himself to Canada, sailing on the S.S. Scallian (the Allen Steamship Line) from Liverpool. When he arrived in Canada he headed for Brandon, Manitoba, then on to Wheatlands, Manitoba, and finally taking up land west of the Saskatchewan River on T24-R28-W3. He also lived in Scott, Saskatchewan. He married Violet L. Rundle in November 1913. His brother Jim came to Canada in 1903 by the Anchor Line from Liverpool. He spent fourteen days on the ocean. Jim settled in Petteproce, Manitoba before going to Assiniboia [District] with Harry in 1905. The nearest

post office was Hanley, 80 miles away (a four-day trip), then Delisle, Outlook and finally Macrorie. His children were: Olga Johnston of Victoria, her husband Walter Johnston RCA, AA., Dorothy (Mrs. Art) Evoy, of Edmonton, Harry C. Williams and Edmund J. Williams of Macrorie, who were farmers, and he had five grandchildren all under ten.

Although eleven questionnaires were produced some have very little information of a genealogical interest, but help provide some insight into the lives of the early settlers. The content of each questionnaire returned depended on the person who filled them out. The general information that appeared was the address of the person, location where they resided, and the year of which they are talking about in the questionnaires.

Over the years different articles were published in the Saskatchewan Archives Board's *Saskatchewan History* magazine using the questionnaires as the sources for the articles. The articles give insight into the pioneer experience as a whole instead of concentrating on only a few experiences. I have been able to locate nine articles ranging from three pages to eighteen pages. They are:

Eager, Evelyn. "Our Pioneers Say" 1953. Vol. 6, No. 1, p. 1.
Heidt, Elizabeth. "Folklore in Saskatchewan" 1954. Vol. 7, No. 1, p. 18.
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Taggart, Kathleen M. "The First Shelter of Early Pioneers" 1958. Vol. 11, No. 3, p. 81.
Tulloch, Catherine. "Pioneer Reading" 1959. Vol. 12, No. 3, p. 97.
Macdonald, Christine. "Pioneer Church Life in Saskatchewan" 1960. Vol. 13, No. 1, p. 1.
Greene, David L. "Early Pioneer Sports in Saskatchewan" 1961. Vol. 14, No. 3, p. 110.
Morgan, E.C. "Pioneer Recreation and Social Life" 1965. Vol. 18, No. 2, p. 41.

The questionnaires compiled by the SAB are titled Diet, General, Schools, Churches, Recreation and Social Life, Farming Experience, Folklore, Pioneer Health, Pioneer House, Local Government, and Christmas. A description of each questionnaire and an extraction of questions, that may prove to be the most useful for genealogical research, are given below.

1. **Diet** looks at the four food groups, preserving, food items available in stores, baking, water supply, soaps, fuels, methods of cooking & types of utensils, and wrappings & containers. At the start it asked for the person's birth place, followed by the introductory questions.
 1. What year did you start housekeeping in Western Canada?
 2. Where did you set up housekeeping?
 3. Where had you been living before that?
 4. For how many people did you prepare meals?
 5. How far away was it to your nearest store?

366 questionnaires were returned for this section.

2. **General** contains the most genealogical information. The questions are as follows:
 1. Full name, address and date.
 2. Where were you born?
 3. Father's name & occupation?

4. When did you come to Saskatchewan (give month & year)?
5. Other places you lived before coming to Saskatchewan, giving dates wherever possible?
6. How old were you when you first came to Western Canada?
7. What were your reasons for coming West?
8. How did you hear about the West?
9. What did your family and relatives think of your decision to come to Western Canada?
10. Did you travel by yourself or with a party?
11. What means of transportation did you use?
12. What incidents of the journey West do you remember?
13. Where did you first stay when you arrived in Saskatchewan?
14. Where did you settle or take up land?
15. Mention other places where you have lived since coming to Saskatchewan.
16. How did you earn a living before coming to Western Canada? How after you came?
17. How often did you write to relatives or friends in your old home?
18. If you got married, give the name of your husband or wife along with the date and place of marriage.
19. Did anyone else come to Saskatchewan because of your recommending it as a place to settle?
20. If other members of your family came West tell when they came and where they settled?
21. If you have children or grandchildren, please give their names, where they live and occupations.

There are other questions in regards to place names, first in the districts, people moving away, travel, particular memories that stand out, and first car. 939 questionnaires were returned for this section.

3. Schools questionnaires asks for yes or no answers and dates for the first five statements:

1. You went to school in Saskatchewan.
2. Your children attended school.
3. You taught school.
4. You were a school trustee, other (ratepayer or resident, school inspector, etc.).
5. Was school held in your district before a school building was erected?
6. When was the school in your district built?
7. Is this first school building still in use?
8. What was the name and number of the school district?
9. How long did teachers usually stay at your school?

There are many other questions that are asked to help provide a good insight into the aspects of pioneer schools. There were 320 questionnaires returned for this section.

4. Churches contain some questions of genealogical importance; it also looks at the activities and clergy of the church.

1. To what religious services did you go when you first settled in the district?
2. Where did your neighbours go to church?
3. How long was it after the first settlers came to your area before services of church worship were organized?
4. By who were religious services held in your community before a regular church became established?
5. If you had a church building, give the date it was built.
6. How many families were in the congregation?

7. Is this first building still in use?
8. Tell what other churches were built in your community, either before your church was built or any time since.
9. Was your church established as a home mission?
10. If the families did not have church of their own denomination in the community, did they usually go to some other church or not attend at all?
11. How far did some people have to travel to church service?
12. What nationalities were represented in the congregation and approximately in what proportion?
13. Is the first membership roll of your church still in the community?

308 questionnaires were returned for this section.

5. Recreation and Social Life asked questions regarding neighbourly visiting and parties, organizations and meetings, children's games, picnics and sports, reading, musical entertainment, and hobbies & special interests. Under the section on reading there are only two questions that may be beneficial:

1. What newspaper or magazines did you subscribe to when you first came to the West?
2. Describe later changes in your subscriptions, telling why you stopped certain subscriptions and added others?

293 questionnaires were returned for this section.

6. Farming Experiences is a very useful questionnaire.

1. What lead you to the particular district in which you settled?
2. Through whom was information about it obtained?
3. What was the extent of this information and what alternatives did you consider?
4. What was your previous experience in farming?
5. If none, under what circumstances did you learn?
6. Did you homestead? If so give the description of the land (town, range, distance from railway).
7. When, where and how did you file your homestead entry?
8. How much information did you have about the land when you filed your entry?
9. Did you obtain a pre-emption?
10. What other land did you purchase?
11. Was any of it Hudson Bay Company, C.P.R. land or school land?
12. What was the purchase price per acre?
13. What was the largest amount you possessed at one time (give date)?
14. Did you retain the homestead? If you moved, tell where and for what reasons.
15. How did you finance your original purchase of land?
16. How long was it before you had completely paid for your land?
17. What were your first buildings (give dates)?
18. What material was used and where was it obtained?
19. What type of farming did you engage in, originally or later (Grains, livestock, mixed, etc.)?
20. How many acres did you break in the first year? Second? Third?
21. What kinds or breeds of livestock did you raise (Give dates at which you started each, if discontinued, when?)?
22. In what year was the first grain elevator constructed in your district? By what company?

23. Who do you consider to have been the outstanding pioneer farmers of your district? Give some reasons for your choice, such as the earliest, most successful, most helpful to newcomers, contributing most to the public life and development of the community.

This questionnaire contains many more questions about the farming experience; 216 questionnaires were returned for this section.

7. **Folklore** covers the topics of the land, climate, celestial bodies, supernatural beings, human beings, animals, supporting oneself after settlement, family or group gathering in the pioneer community, life cycles in the pioneer community, death, and good and bad luck. The questions of interest are:
1. Where did you live before coming to Saskatchewan (from what year to what year)?
 2. Where did your parents live before that (from what year to what year)?
 3. Father's occupation before coming to Saskatchewan?
 4. Father's hobbies or talents?
 5. Mother's hobbies or talents?
 6. By whom were children baptized or christened?
 7. Were children generally named "after someone" and if so, was the someone a friend - a person prominent in the world - a relative (living or dead)?
 8. At what ages were children baptized or christened?
 9. How much time elapsed between death and burial?
 10. In the absence of a representative of the church, who conducted the burial service?

286 questionnaires were returned for this section.

8. **Pioneer Health** covers doctor, dental & hospital services, home remedies, and public health problems.
1. Were children born at home or did the mother go to hospital?
 2. If the mother remained at home, was there a doctor, midwife, nurse, or another woman who assisted and which was preferred?

275 questionnaires were returned for this section.

9. **Pioneer Housing** covers all the aspects of a pioneer home. In part 1 the questions are:
1. What year was this house built?
 2. During what years did you live in it?
 3. How long did you think you might live in it when you built it?
 4. What was the location (township, range, and post office)?
 5. How many people lived in the house when it was first built?

The permanent home is part 2 and the questions are:

1. Give the location (township, range, and post office), of the house (or houses) described in this part of the questionnaire, and the years you lived in it (or them).
2. If you lived in other houses besides those you intend to describe in this questionnaire, give their location, and the years you lived in each.

277 questionnaires were returned for this section.

10. Local Government questionnaire covers Statute Labour Districts & Local Improvements before 1908, Nine-Township Local Improvement Districts (LID) & Rural Municipalities after 1908, villages, towns and cities. The only question to give any genealogical information relates to asking which Rural Municipality the person lived in.

1. During what years did you live in a township LID (give name and number)?

254 questionnaires were returned for this section.

11. Christmas was created by using a select number of individuals in 1954 to gather information for a radio program. The focus of the radio program was to tell the real story of a prairie Christmas during the pioneer days. The questions asked related to Christmas decorations, food, guests, gifts, cards or letters, weather, community or social celebrations, and the difference between the Christmas of the pioneer days and the present. There were only 87 people who returned this questionnaire.

Here is a look at how many people (approximate number) filed from 1 to 10 (Christmas is included but not listed below) of the 3,300 questionnaires.

There were 15 people who returned all 10: M. Amanda Aikenhead, Lewis Anderson, Jessie E. Cameron, Ida Desnoyers, Martin Duesterbeck, Frederick William Humphrey, John Laidlaw, Norman McDonald, Lilian Miles, Mrytle G. Moorhouse, Arthur Riley, Kate Belle Stirling, James Davidon Tulloch, Arthur James Wheeler, and Robert Webster Widdess.

31 people returned 9

29 people returned 8

25 people returned 7

50 people returned 6

85 people returned 5

122 people returned 4

105 people returned 3

142 people returned 2

804 people returned 1

My hope had been to be able to list the names and first location given by the people who participated in the Pioneer Questionnaire. To my disappointment I could not condense all the information into a reasonable amount. The index with 1,064 different surnames and 740 place names will be included in Part Two.

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The Internet – Boon or Bane?

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When research into my mother's family began over 60 years ago, not even the 1851 census of England was in the public domain. When you went to the county record office to look at parish registers, you were handed the actual register books, some over 400 years old. Local Register Offices maintained indexes of births, marriages and deaths that could be examined free of charge.

In 1947/48 along came the transistor, in 1951 the first commercial computer (Univac), in 1958 the integrated circuit (the "chip"), in 1969 the original internet, and in 1981 the first genuine home computer (the IBM PC). The revolution was well under way. The "World-Wide Web" (which gives us the address prefix "www") was launched in 1992, but, when I started my own research in 1996, the IGI and the 1881 census were still on microfiche, contact between family historians was made through various lists of surname interests, and the usual method of exchange of information was by post using paper charts (or, if you were computer-literate, using floppy disks).

In the late 1990s came the explosion of searchable digitised information, both on the internet and on CD-ROMs, and this explosion has continued into the present century. Family historians now can and do exchange large amounts of information in the form of files attached to e-mail messages, and individuals "put up" genealogical information on their personal web-sites.

There is no doubt that the internet has proved to be a boon to family historians. It is now possible to find in a single afternoon what might have taken years just 10 years ago. Just as one example, I would never have found my grandmother in the 1891 census without the on-line searchable index.

However, at the same time, the internet has proved to be the cause of considerable distress to those researchers who discover that information on their own family (information that may name living

relatives) has been put up onto a web-site. The information is almost always put up without authorisation, and is frequently put up by someone unknown to the researcher concerned.

How has the information come to be in the hands of someone you have never heard of? This is quite simple. Researcher A contacts Researcher B after seeing a mutual surname interest, say Smith. Satisfied as to each other's genuine interest, and after providing assurances on confidentiality, they exchange computer files; Researcher B adds Researcher A's file into his own. Then Researcher C makes contact with Researcher B over another mutual surname interest, say Brown. They exchange files, and now Researcher C, unknown to Researcher A, has the latter's file on the name Smith. And so the chain continues on to Researcher X, with each subsequent exchange providing more and more information, most of it with no connection to Researcher X's family whatsoever. Finally, Researcher X breaches his assurance of confidentiality, if he ever made one, and puts up the whole file onto a web-site. Sometime later Researcher A visits the web-site and wonders where it all went wrong.

If you are a victim of this situation, what can you do? In most cases, where a contact e-mail address is given, it is possible to have the offending information removed by the simple expedient of contacting the web-site owner. My own experience is that web-site owners will do this very promptly, although a little persuasion may be required. However, you may not discover the offending information before some distress has been caused. After all, how often do you do a "Google" search on your own name? Where no contact e-mail address is given on a web-site, it may prove impossible to have the offending information removed. So, to guard against the latter situation, what can you do to prevent it occurring?

The first thing to do is to reorganize your computer files. Disassemble your family tree files into the main lines of the family, as many as you wish to suit the results of your research, and create two new files for each line – one ("public domain") containing the details pre-1901, and the other ("private domain")

containing the details post-1901.

I have adopted the year 1901 as the cut-off between the public and private domains, because the 1901 census is the most recent public domain information that shows people in family groups. Of course there is a great deal of public domain information after 1901 – birth, marriage and death registrations, wills, parish records, monumental inscriptions, service records, and many more – but diligent research is required to piece this information together. Very few people will bother with diligent research into a family line other than their own.

Having done this, how do you now exchange information with a new contact? For the purposes of this discussion I will assume that the contact is made by e-mail, but the same principles apply for other sorts of contacts, written or oral.

I have adopted a four-stage approach.

1. Establish the *bona fides* of your contact. Your contact should:

- send the message to you only, and not to a list of recipients;
- address you by name and not simply by, say, “Hi” or “Hello”;
- clearly state from where they obtained your name and address;
- name the person on their family tree who they think may also be on yours; and
- state their relationship to this person.

Anyone who does not meet all of these conditions should be politely told that you cannot help them. My experience is that you can discard many contacts at this first step.

2. If your contact passes the *bona fides* test, ask for an outline of what research they have undertaken so far, and for an assurance that any information that you may pass to them will not be passed on to any third party or published in any way without your consent, and give the same assurance in return. You will find that many of the contacts who reach step 2 have not done very much research at all. A genuine researcher should be able to get back well into the 19th century

before approaching anyone else. You have done it, at no inconsiderable expense, so why should they not do the same? Application of steps 1 and 2 will eliminate most of the “internet freeloaders” as my cousin calls them, and will separate the wheat from the chaff.

3. If your contact passes this second test you are in a position to exchange information. But, provide only the public domain information relevant to your common surname interest. Regrettably, some people will take your information and send nothing in return, but you have minimised your losses.

4. Under no circumstances provide information in the form of a computer file that can be merged into someone else’s. Do not send Gedcom or proprietary family history programme files. The best way of sending the information is to install Acrobat Professional software, and you can then create a printout of your public domain file and send the printout as a .pdf file. If you cannot create .pdf files, send a print-out by snail-mail.

As you become more confident of the integrity of your various cousins, you may wish to exchange information from the private domain. If you do, you should not name any living person without their express permission, nor should your information enable the identification of any living person.

Like so many other human inventions, the internet can be and is of enormous benefit, but, sadly, is misused and abused at the same time. Family historians need to take the appropriate steps to ensure that the boon does not become the bane.

Noel Clark (5225) has been a member of the ESFH since August 1997, and is its Australian representative. He is also a member of the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies where he is the convenor of the Essex Special Interest Group. He has written a number of articles for both organizations. He has twice been the victim of unauthorised information being put up on the internet, but in both cases was successful in having the offending material removed.

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SGS Library



If you would like to borrow any of the following books, please contact Celeste Rider, SGS Librarian. (e-mail address: sgslibrary@accesscomm.ca). Please include the complete title and other identifying information in your request. Books will be mailed to those members who reside in Canada.

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

Genealogy/Instructional

- Protect your Precious Documents by Louise St Denis.
- Organizing the Mountains of Paper... by Louise St Denis.

Canada

- Researching Canadian Wills & Estates..., 2nd Edition by Ronnie MacCarl.
- Researching Canadian Uncommon Sources... by Michelle Labrosse-Purcell, B.Sc., MLIS.

Aboriginal

- Native Studies 10 Bibliography. Donated by Linda Neely.

Canada: Alberta

- Finding your Ancestors in Alberta... by Arlene Borgstede.

Canada: Manitoba

- Finding your Ancestors in Manitoba... by Laura Hanowski.

Canada: Ontario - Northumberland County

- Cemeteries of Northumberland County: Brighton Township (Greenwood Cemetery, Hilton Cemetery, Wooler Cemetery). Donated by Seventh Town Historical Society.
- Cemeteries of Northumberland County: Cramahe Township (Carr Cemetery, Castleton Cemetery, Christian Church Cemetery, Colborne Cemetery, Red Cloud Cemetery, Salem Cemetery, Shiloh Cemetery, Trinity

Anglican Church Cemetery, Waite Cemetery, Walker's Cemetery). Donated by Seventh Town Historical Society.

- Cemeteries of Northumberland County: Haldimand Township (Lakeport Cemetery, Russ Cemetery). Donated by Seventh Town Historical Society.
- Cemeteries of Northumberland County: Murray Township (Volume 1) (Carrying Place Cemetery, Carrying Place Annex Cemetery, Gunter-Maybee Cemetery, McColl's Cemetery, Mount Carmel Cemetery, Mount Evergreen Cemetery). Donated by Seventh Town Historical Society.
- Cemeteries of Northumberland County: Murray Township (Volume 2) (Mount Zion Cemetery, Old St. Peter in Chains Roman Catholic Churchyard and Mount Calvary Roman Catholic Cemetery, Scott Abandoned Cemetery). Donated by Seventh Town Historical Society.
- Cemeteries of Northumberland County: Murray Township (Volume 3) (St. George Anglican Church Cemetery - Trenton, Stockdale Cemetery, Wessels' Cemetery). Donated by Seventh Town Historical Society.
- Cemeteries of Northumberland County: Seymour Township (Burnbrae Cemetery, Centre Cemetery, Clark's Cemetery, Dunk Burial Vault, English Line Cemetery, Govan/Givan Cemetery, Hoard Family Cemetery, Hoards' United Church Cemetery, Keller Family Cemetery, Polmont Cemetery, Stanwood Cemetery, West's Cemetery, Zion Cemetery,

Zion Old Cemetery). Donated by Seventh Town Historical Society.

Canada: Ontario - Prince Edward County

- Cemeteries of Prince Edward County: Ameliasburg Township (Albury Cemetery, Brooks/Delong Cemetery, Consecon Cemetery, Dempsey/Cunningham Cemetery - Old Pioneer, Grove Cemetery, Herrington Cemetery, Lawrence Cemetery, Moon Family Cemetery, Post-Babcock Cemetery, Salem Cemetery, Simonds Cemetery, Wallbridge Cemetery, Way Family Cemetery). Donated by Seventh Town Historical Society.
- Cemeteries of Prince Edward County: Athol Township - Cherry Valley Cemetery. Donated by Seventh Town Historical Society.
- Cemeteries of Prince Edward County: Hallowell Township (Glenwood Cemetery). Donated by Seventh Town Historical Society.
- Cemeteries of Prince Edward County: Hallowell Township (Bowerman Hill [Cronk] Cemetery, Hicksite Cemetery, Mount Olivet Roman Catholic Cemetery, White Chapel Cemetery [The Old Chapel/Conger Cemetery]). Donated by Seventh Town Historical Society.
- Cemeteries of Prince Edward County: Hillier Township (Bowerman's [McFaul's] Cemetery, Burrs Cemetery, Old Burr's Cemetery, Cameron Cemetery, Chadsey Cemetery, Christ Church Cemetery, Pleasant Bay/Pierson/Pierson's Cemetery, Locie Burying Ground/Walker's Camp, St. Francis of Rome Cemetery, Weeks Family Plot, Village of Wellington Cemetery). Donated by Seventh Town Historical Society.
- Cemeteries of Prince Edward County: North Marysburgh Township (Allens' Mills Cemetery, Connor Farm Cemetery, Cressy Cemetery, The Dingman/Lumley Cemetery, Keller's Hill Cemetery, Minaker Abandoned Cemetery, Prinyer Cemetery, Rose Cemetery, St. John's Anglican Church Cemetery - was called Waupoos Cemetery, Storms Cemetery, Ross (Wright, Carson) Cemetery, Storms (Slater) Cemetery, Turner Hill (Sheedy) Cemetery, Waupoos Cemetery/Waupoos Island). Donated by Seventh Town Historical Society.
- Cemeteries of Prince Edward County: South Marysburgh Township (Black River Bridge Memorial Cemetery (Black Creek Church and

Cemetery), Clapp Cemetery, Dingman Cemetery (formerly Milford Cemetery), Milford Cemetery, Hughes (Stirling Grimmon) Cemetery, Stirling Grimmon farm cemetery, Mack Farm Cemetery (Mack Cemetery), McDonnell Farm, South Bay Cemetery, Old Cemetery (Old Alex McDonnell farm). Donated by Seventh Town Historical Society.

- Cemeteries of Prince Edward County: Sophiasburgh Township (Big Island Cemetery 1809-1927, Roblin Cemetery). Donated by Seventh Town Historical Society.

Canada: Saskatchewan

- Stovel's Modern Map of Saskatchewan (1914). **REFERENCE ONLY.** Donated by Tim Novak.
- Journey to Yesteryear, Reminiscences of Bateman District, 1907-1967 edited by Irene Lightbody. Donated by Nellie Barber.
- A Salute to Saskatchewan's Pioneers 1905-1965. Anonymous donation.

Europe

- Discovering Our Roots: From East Europe to the New World (Conference Syllabus, EEGS/FEEFHS International Conference).

Europe: Banat

- Donauschwabische Familienkundliche Forschungsblätter (Communications of the study group of Danube Swabian Family Researchers) translated by Glenn Schwartz. 2005. Donated by Glenn Schwartz.
- Remember to Tell the Children, Book One: The Pioneers by Henry A. Fischer. Donated by Ray Borshowa.

Europe: Norway

- The Sigdalslag 2005 compiled and edited by Lee Rokke. Donated by Garth Ulrich.

Great Britain

- Finding Out About Your Family History by Kathy Chater and Simon Fowler. Review copy donated by the Federation of Family History Societies.

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SGS News

From the Office ...

BY LINDA DUNSMORE-PORTER

Executive Director

Seminar 2007 focuses on genealogy and technology. We have a great line-up of presenters, and lots of information on technology and how it can help you organize and make research easier and more fun. You can find a registration form in our December 2006 issue, on our website, www.saskgenealogy.com, or you can call the SGS office to register. We look forward to seeing you there.

SGS and Saskatchewan History and Folklore are teaming up to offer a Kid's Camp this summer. Watch our website for details, or contact the SGS office.

Many people have been asking when the Vital Statistics Death Index will be online. I am in regular contact with Vital Statistics and have been assured they are working hard to get this index online for us. They have completed the index up to and including 1916 and the IT division is working to get it online. The remainder of the Index will be uploaded in 10-year increments. It is anticipated that the complete index will be online by the end of 2007. They appreciate your patience as they work through the IT process.

Our June 2007 issue of the *Bulletin* will feature a 'wedding spread.' If you have photos and stories of your ancestors you would like to feature in the issue, please forward them to us by April 30, 2007. Photos should be scanned as a jpg at 300 dpi and e-mailed to SGS at sgs@accesscomm.ca. If you are unable to e-mail us a copy, 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 photo.

We continue to look for photos to feature in and on the cover of future issues of the *Bulletin*. If you would like to share your family photo, please scan and e-mail the photo to us, along with a description/story. For alternative ways to send your article and photo please call Linda or Lisa.

We continue to look for volunteers. We need help with the following:

Co-ordinators

- Saskatchewan Residence Index
- Burial Index
- Obituary Index

Data Input

- Cemetery Index
- Burial Index
- Obituary Index
- Library Cataloguing

Scan

- Obituary Index

Proofreaders

- Proofread index materials

Indexing

- Index items for SRI

For more information please contact the SGS office at 780-9207.

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Genealogy Summer Camp 2007

Date: Tuesday, July 3 to Thursday, July 5, 2007

Registration Fee: \$55.00 / person

Text book: *Tracing Your Saskatchewan Ancestors: A Guide to the Records and How to Use Them ...* \$23.40 (10% off of original price)

The Summer Camp is a hands-on experience for adults who are beginner researchers or those who started on their own but are not sure how to continue. It is an opportunity to learn how to research and organize all those bits and pieces of information as well as learning about some basic sources.

Brochure: Contact SGS office (306)780-9207, e-mail: sgs@accesscomm.ca, or web site: www.saskgenealogy.com.

SGS Library and Research Room

Library Closures

April 6 & 9, 2007 - Good Friday & Easter Monday

May 21, 2007 - Victoria Day

July 2, 2007 - Canada Day

August 6, 2007 - Saskatchewan Day

September 3, 2007 - Labour Day

October 8, 2007 - Thanksgiving

November 10, 2007 - Remembrance Day

Dec. 24, 2007 – Jan. 1, 2008 – Christmas/New Years

Winter Hours

Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm
(Effective September 16, 2006 – March 31, 2007)

Summer Hours

Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm
(Effective April 2, 2007 – October 26, 2007)
Last Monday opened is October 22

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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 a 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 April 1, 2007**
- Award will be presented at the Seminar/AGM in Regina on April 28, 2007.

For more information contact the SGS office.

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Kids Camp 2007

Date: Monday, July 9 to Friday, July 13, 2007

Further details will be available in the June Bulletin and on our web site www.saskgenealogy.com.

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Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) Annual Report

The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society's Annual Report, including the financial statement for the fiscal year 2006, will be available at the Annual General Meeting, April 28, 2007. If you are unable to attend the AGM and wish a copy, please contact the SGS office to arrange for a copy to be mailed, sent electronically, or picked up at the office.

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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.

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Planned Giving

Have you considered supporting SGS through planned giving and leaving a legacy to the genealogy community? A planned gift is one that is arranged now and given at a future time.

There are many options for planned giving.

- cash
- securities
- life insurance
- real property (books, papers and documents of historical significance)
- bequests
- annuities

If you have already provided for the SGS through planned giving, please let us know. Or, if you are interested in planned giving, please contact SGS at 1-306-780-9207 or e-mail: imdpsgs@accesscomm.ca

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25th Anniversary

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society
congratulates the following three
branches.

- Central Butte
- Grasslands
- Grenfell

Seminar 2007 – Techno Expo

April 27 and 28, 2007
Ramada Hotel and Convention Centre
Regina SK

Brochure and registration form: December 2006 Bulletin, SGS office or on our web site
<http://www.saskgenealogy.com>

Early Bird Registration: Has been extended to March 15, 2007 (postmarked on or before March 15, 2007).

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Notice of Annual General Meeting April 28, 2007

Ramada Hotel & Convention Centre
1818 Victoria Avenue
Regina, SK

12:50 pm—1:35 pm

- Welcome
- Presentation of Education Certificates/Awards
- Audited Statement
- Appointment of Auditor
- Nominations/Elections
- Discussion Period

(...SGS Library Additions continued from page ii)

- Nelson's Navy 1793-1815 by Keith Gregson. Review copy donated by the Federation of Family History Societies.
- The Crimean War 1854-56 by Phil Tomaselli. Review copy donated by the Federation of Family History Societies.
- The Zulu War 1854-56 by Phil Tomaselli. Review copy donated by the Federation of Family History Societies.
- The Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902 by Phil Tomaselli. Review copy donated by the Federation of Family History Societies.
- The Second World War 1939-1945 by Phil Tomaselli. Review copy donated by the Federation of Family History Societies.

Great Britain: England - Yorkshire

- Basic Facts about . . . Family History Research in Yorkshire, Second edition by Pauline M. Litton. Review copy donated by the Federation of Family History Societies.

Great Britain: Scotland

- The Scottish Genealogist: Index to Volumes XLV-LVII (1998 - 2005) compiled by D. Richard Torrance.
- Ships from SCOTLAND to North America 1830-1860 by David Dobson. Donated by Evelyn Gay.

Family History

- Descendants of Robert Adair and Mary Jane Secord Bell compiled by Gerry Adair and Pat Adair. Donated by Gerry and Pat Adair.
- Emigrant by Guenter A. Berner. Donated by Guenter A. Berner.
- Genealogy of Johann Gerbrandt (1808-1881) compiled by Etta S. Schmitt. Donated by Don Bartel.

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Book Reviews

BY CELESTE RIDER

Librarian

Publications received from the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS Publications Ltd., Units 15-16, Chesham Industrial Centre, Oram Street, Bury, BL9 6EN, England. Telephone: 0161 797 3843. Fax: 0161 797 3846. Email: manager@ffhs.co.uk.)

1. **Basic Facts About Family History Research in Yorkshire** by Pauline Litton. (FFHS, 2006). 16pp. (A5) Book – Ref: FED-4029. Price £2.50 plus postage.
A detailed explanation of where to find records in what was the largest county in England. Family History research within the county can be very complicated as more than one Record Office is likely to be involved in research into the records of a single parish.
2. **Finding out about your Family History in Yorkshire** by Kathy Chater and Simon Fowler. (FFHS, 2006). 32pp. (A5) Book – Ref: FED-2110. Price £2.99 plus postage.
We all have ancestors. As millions of people are discovering, finding out about them can be very satisfying. But it can be difficult to know where to start. This book is brief and to the point when starting your family history. Although it does not tell you how to do your research it gives good leads as to what records are available and makes the point that

anything found on the Internet must be checked against the original sources. The book is well illustrated with photographs and documents and contains many useful addresses and web sites to assist you in your researches.

3. Military History Sources for Family Historians Series of Books:

- a. **The Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902** by Phil Tomaselli. (FFHS 2006). 48 pp. (A5) Book – Ref: FED-9122. Price £4.95 plus postage.

The Boer War was the biggest war engaged in by British forces between Waterloo and the First World War. Troops from Britain and the Empire were sent to South Africa and tens of thousands of young men joined volunteer units to serve Queen and Country. This book suggests ways of researching the soldiers and sailors who saw action during this war.

- b. **The Crimean War 1854-56** by Phil Tomaselli. (FFHS 2006). 48 pp. (A5) Book – Ref: FED-9121. Price £4.95 plus postage.

The Crimean War is remembered for the heroism of Florence Nightingale and the Light Brigade and the incompetence of the British high command. If your ancestor shivered outside Sebastopol or fought in the battles of Alma and Inkerman or with the navy in the Baltic and Black Sea, then this booklet will help you find out more.

- c. **The Second World War 1939-45** by Phil Tomaselli. (FFHS 2006). 48 pp. (A5) Book – Ref: FED-2112. Price £4.95 plus postage.

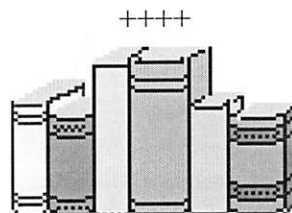
The Second World War was long, complex and brutal. People living between 1939 and 1945 played a part in these great events. Researching ancestors who took part in the Second World War can be challenging because individual service records are not yet available. However, there is much else that is available. The book looks at the major sources for tracing men and women who served in the armed forces and merchant marine.

- d. **The Zulu War 1879** by Phil Tomaselli. (FFHS 2006). 48 pp. (A5) Book – Ref: FED-9120. Price £4.95 plus postage.

The Zulu War is the best known of all Britain's colonial campaigns, largely because of the heroism of a small unit of British troops at Rorke's Drift. If your ancestor was there, or serving in South Africa at the time, this book will help you find out more.

- e. **Nelson's Navy 1793-1815** by Keith Gregson. (FFHS 2006). 32 pp. (A5) Book – Ref: FED-2111. Price £3.95 plus postage.

Britain's 'Wooden Wall' kept the country free from invasion from the French for 20 years from 1793. Each ship was manned by hundreds of seamen: the Royal Navy was the biggest employer of the period. We think of the big set piece battles, such as the Nile, St. Vincent and above all Trafalgar, but for the most part ships were engaged in blockading the French coast or in actions against individual enemy vessels. Did you have an ancestor in Nelson's Navy? If you did, then this book will point you in the right direction.



From the SGS *Bulletin* Archives

The following article was first published in Saskatchewan Genealogical Society *Bulletin* Volume 4, Number. 2, Spring 1973. Part one to this articles was published in Volume 37, Number 4, December 2006 *Bulletin*.

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*

The following is a list of the lands within the area of the Grampian Hills School District, and the names of the people who applied for homesteads or pre-emption. This information is taken from the township Registers of the Lands Branch of the Government of Saskatchewan, Register Vol. 1, Range 19, W2. These registers can only be searched in person, and the department will not enter into any correspondence on their contents. [Index can now be searched online.] The registers are used for keeping account of the ownership or use that is being put to each parcel of land in the province. The application number has been included in the event that some one may need to search the original applications for homestead in the Provincial Archives in Saskatoon [or Regina].

Section	Date of Appl.	Appl. No.	Name of Applicant
2, NE ¼ Homestead	19 May 1886	8975	Malcolm McFadyen, dead Pat. To Mary McFadyen 8 Feb. 1906
2, NW ¼ Homestead	19 May 1885	8530	James Moore Patent 14 Aug 1899
2, SE ¼ Pre-emption Home.	09 May 1886 16 Oct. 1900	8976	Malcolm McFadyen Cancelled Edward Sedgwick, Pat. 08 Feb 1904
4, NE ¼ Pre.	04 July 1883	4896	David Gore Cancelled
4, NW ¼ Pre.	04 July 1883	4989	William J. Gore Cancelled
4, SE ¼ Home	04 July 1883	4895	David Gore
4, SW ¼ Home	04 July 1883	4897	William J. Gore Pat. 31 Dec. 1897
6, NE ¼ Home	30 July 1891	12123	David Gore, Pat. 19 Feb 1906 To Margaret Gore
6, NW ¼ Pre. Sale	29 May 1883 05 July 1889	4159	Farquhar McLennan Cancelled Roderick R. McLennan
6, SW ¼ Home. Sale	29 May 1883 05 July 1889	4158	Farquhar McLennan Cancelled Roderick R. McLennan
10, NE ¼ Home. Home.	07 March 1884 27 June 1885	6220 8373	William Brice, Cancelled Alex McDougall, Pat. 10 April 1902
10, NW ¼ Pre. Home. Home.	07 March 1884 02 June 1885 04 May 1886	6221 8374 8918	William Brice Ewan Cameron Hugh McLean

Home.	30 July 1903		Thomas Rowe, Pat. 04 May 1908
10, SE ¼	02 June 1885	8372	Donald McFadyen
Home.			Pat. 1905 to Norman MacKenzie
10, SW ¼	14 Sep 1883	5460	Duncan McEwan
Home.			
Home.	27 June 1885	8371	Donald McFadyen Jr.
Lien to Canada North West Land Co. for \$500.00			Pat. To D. McFadyen Jr. Nov. 1899
12, NW ¼	04 Aug 1890	11652	Hugh Weightman
Home.			
12, NE ¼	19 Mar 1886	8524	Donald B. McFadyen
Home.			Pat. 30 Dec 1897
12, SE ¼	19 Mar 1886	8825	Donald B. McFadyen
Pre.			Cancelled
Home.	30 June 1886		Geo. W. Weightman, Pat. 08 Aug 1913
12, SW ¼	26 Oct 1887	9573	Neil McFadyen
Home.			Pat. 09 Mar 1895
Lien to Canada North West Land Co. for \$200.00			
14, NE ¼	09 Apr 1886	8874	Neil McFadyen
Pre.			Cancelled
			Pat. To J. H. Conlon 25 Feb. 1910
14, NW ¼	09 Apr 1886	8873	Neil McFadyen
Home.	Lien for		Cancelled
	\$600.00		
29/1/1891 Neil McFadyen dead, widow performing duties.			
Pat. 20 Mar 1924 to Lady Emily Elizabeth Steele Gordon Cathcart.			
14, SW ¼	17 June 1885	8344	Angus Campbell
Home.			Pat. 05 Aug. 1899
16, SE ¼	10 Sep 1883	5423	Sydney I. Brice
Home.			Pat. 1900
16, SW ¼	01/06/1904		James McDougall
Home.			Pat. 04 Dec 1907
18, NE ¼	25 July 1883	5188	William Greig
Pre.			Cancelled
	07 Dec 1899		Walter O'Brien, Pat. 1903
18, NW ¼	25 July 1883	5187	William Greig
Home.			Pat. 30 Dec 1897
18, SE ¼	25 July 1883	5186	Thomas Greig
Pre.			Pat. 22 Nov 1906
18, SW ¼	25 July 1883	5185	Thomas Greig
Home.			Pat. 04 Aug 1899
22, NE ¼	13 July 1886	9136	Donald McLeod
Lien to Canada North West Land Co. for \$600.00			
Home.			Pat. 15 Aug 1903
22, NW ¼	13 July 1886	9133	Alexander McKinnon
Home.			
Lien to Canada North West Land Co. for \$600.00			Pat. 31 Dec 1897
22, SW ¼	13 July 1886	9134	Norman Campbell
Home.			
Lien to Canada North West Land Co. for \$600.00			

24, NE ¼ Home. Lien to Canada North West Land Co. for \$287.00	27 Nov 1886	9311	Neil McCaskill Cancelled
24, NW ¼ Home.	04 May 1886	8917	James McKinlay Cancelled
24, SE ¼ Home. Lien to Canada North West Land Co. for \$600.00	13 July 1886	9135	John McCaskill
24, SW ¼ Home. Lien to Canada North West Land Co. for \$500.00	24 Oct 1885	8660	Ewan Cameron Pat. 05 Aug 1899
32, NE ¼ Pre.	12 June 1884	6982	James Dobie Sr. Cancelled
32, NW ¼ Home.	04 May 1892	12752	James Lindsay Ewing Pat. 24 Mar 1906
34, NE ¼	16 June 1883 15 July 1887	4611 9490	William Dunfield Donald McFadyen
34, NW ¼ Pre. Home.	16 June 1883 23 Oct 1888	4612 9920	William Dunfield Alexander McLean, Pat. 30 Dec 1897
34, SW ¼ Lien to Canada North West Land Co. for \$210.00	14 June 1887	9453	Donald Campbell
36, NE ¼ Home. Lien to Canada North West Land co. for \$600.00	12 July 1886	9130	Neil Shaw Pat. 21 Dec 1897 and 13 Aug. 1903
36, NW ¼ Home. Lien to Canada North West Land Co. for \$600.00	12 July 1886	9132	Bannantyne McLeod

There is information missing on several sections. The information in the township registers is not complete. They only seem to record the lands opened for homestead and the pre-emption for homestead.

In the year 1880 sections 11 and 29 were set aside for schools. An agreement with the Hudson Bay Co. gave them section 8 and ¾ of section 26 in every township and all of section 26 in each township with a number divisible by the number 5. Half of the remaining sections went to the C.P.R. and were available for purchase. The rest of the township, about sixteen sections, was open for homestead on government terms.

The religious denomination of this settlement was Presbyterian. Unfortunately, there seems to be none of the records of any of the churches in this area for that time in either the Archives of the United Church in St. Andrew's College in Saskatoon, or are there any in the Archives of the United Church in Toronto. The only records are the Mission Reports of the Presbyterian Church in the Saskatchewan Archives in Regina. We find in the mission report for the Presbytery of Regina in 1889, that Archibald Matheson had 4 points, one of which was Jumping Creek. They had a new building (could that have been the new Grampian Hills School?) and was in an area of "Crofters". Archibald Matheson was ordained in 1889, 10 July, and was placed in charge of Rose Plain, according to the United Church Archives in Toronto. But the mission report of 1892 mentions Rose Plain as having come into being that year. Jumping Creek was not mentioned again.

This is a copy of a letter received by Miss Barker in Regina dated 16 Jan 1967:

Dear Miss Barker:

I received your letter a while ago asking about the Scotch families that left from Tregarva north of Regina. I was one year old, but I know the families that came to Wapella. I am sending you their names. And the names of the ones that are buried in that cemetery. The reason the Scotch families moved to Wapella was they were dried out for three years no crop on the little bit of land that had been broken up with oxen. They had to haul wood to Regina with a team of oxen, and sell the load for \$2.50 a load to get flour, tea, sugar, and any little thing they needed. In the summer they had to take the few cattle they had three miles to water them in the valley. In the winter they melted snow for them.

My father Angus Campbell drove from Regina to Wapella. Mother and the family came by train.

There was some other families besides the Scotch settled there. You said the crofters could only speak Gaelic, but the most of them could talk good English.

*Yours
Alex A. Campbell*

In the year 1894 there was an exodus of settlers from this area to the Wapella district, which had already been settled in 1884 by a group of people from the Western Isles of Scotland under the patronage of Lady Cathcart. Lady Cathcart is believed to have been the only true philanthropist in all the history of the settlement of western Canada.⁹ Among the families moving was the following:

Angus Campbell family – he married a daughter of Neil MacFadyen, who was a sister of L.J. McFadyen. (L.J. was for “Little Jack” to distinguish him from another mentioned on the brass plate in the cemetery. Jack MacFadyen). They were from South Uist.

Norman Campbell family – from the Isle of Tiree. No relation to the above family.

Dan Campbell family – Dan was the son of the above Norman Campbell. From Tiree. Had a Son Alexander who died at Wapella.

Alex McDougal family – was from Benbecula, South Uist. Alex was the son of Norman McDougal, a carpenter who did not immigrate. Alexander McDougal’s wife was Christina McCaskell, the daughter of John and Mary McCaskell, who were natives of the Isle of Harris. The McDougals went from this settlement to Fort Qu’Appelle where they farmed for about two years, then moving on to High View post office area south of Moosomin. They left a baby Flora buried in the Crosters cemetery as well as the above mentioned John McCaskell.¹⁰

Angus McDougal family – His wife was Sarah McCaskell, a sister to the previous mentioned Mrs. Alex McDougal, and a daughter of John and Mary McCaskell.

Mr. And Mrs. Hugh Cameron – had no family.

Neil McFadyen family – His wife was Effie McLean. He was from Tiree. They were grandparents to Alex A. Cameron who contributed much to the information for this article.

Donald McFadyen family – a brother to the above Neil. Both Neil and Donald were left buried in the cemetery. Donald is said to have had a small but most successful shoe making and selling business which he sold to come to Canada. His descendants say that because of his failure in Canada, he died of a broken heart.

D.B. McFadyen family – from Tiree.

Donald McFadyen family – from Tiree and related to the other McFadyens.

John McLeod – from the Isle of Lewis. He married Maggie McCaskell, the daughter of John and Mary McCaskell. They went to Belmont, Manitoba.

Neil McCaskell – went to the Wapella area. He was married to Annie Campbell from Red Jacket in Saskatchewan. They had a large family. Were probably married before they went to Wapella. Neil was a son of John and Mary.

Alexander ‘Sandy’ McLean – was from Tiree. He was a brother of Alex A. Cameron’s mother’s mother.

Farquhar McCrae – was married to a McFadyen girl.

Ewan Cameron – moved to High View post office area near the Moose Mountains.

Donald McLeod – went to Brockside in Saskatchewan. A McLeod girl was said to have gone to see her father while he was binding. She startled the oxen, and before her father could get them stopped, one leg was cut off below the knee of the little girl. She did marry and lived to a ripe old age.

I hope that these few notes will be of use to someone doing genealogical research on any of the families that were members of the “Crofters” settlement. Perhaps some of the sources I have used can be consulted again. Of course the memories of old timers, the best source of any family historian will be gone. I am sorry to learn of the death of Alex A. Cameron. Other sources that can be searched as a matter of course will be the vital statistics for Scotland which began in 1855. Previous to this there are in the Register House in Edinburgh the Parochial Registers of births and marriages for Tiree 1775-1854; for Harris births 1823-1854, marriages 1838-1849, deaths 1830-1846; for South Uist there is only a record of marriages for the years 1839-1845. These are all in the Shire of Inverness.

I hope that these notes may also stir a note of interest in some one who will be willing to do more research into the history of this almost forgotten settlement. The census of Canada for 1891 should be of interest also. Is it too much to hope for to someday see a proper marker honouring these folk placed near the cemetery? One of the “Historical Point of Interest” type that we so often see on our provincial highways would do very nicely!

Editorial Note: A cairn has recently been placed at the Crofter cemetery.



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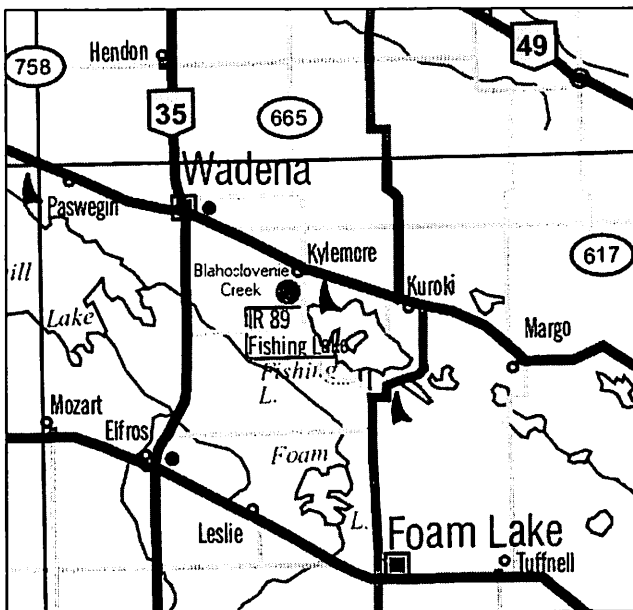
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Blahoslovenie Creek Commemorates Kylemore Doukhobors

BY JONATHAN J. KALMAKOFF

A creek near Kylemore, Saskatchewan has been officially named to commemorate the Doukhobor settlers of the area. Blahoslovenie Creek, the name proposed by Doukhobor researcher and writer Jonathan J. Kalmakoff, was recently approved by the Saskatchewan Geographic Names Board.

Blahoslovenie Creek is a small, seasonal stream which originates one kilometre west of Kylemore and winds south-eastward along an eight kilometre course before draining into Fishing Lake. Several marshes, wetlands and smaller streams feed the creek. Rain, snowmelt and groundwater contribute to its flow. Eighteen square kilometres of farmland - approximately eighteen hundred hectares - drain into the creek.



The name Blahoslovenie is the Russian term for 'blessing'. "The name reflects the fertility and abundance of the land surrounding the creek," said Kalmakoff, a leading authority on Doukhobor geographic names. "It also embodies the spiritual and cultural heritage of the

Doukhobor pioneers who settled and developed the creek's watershed."

In 1917-1918, Doukhobors belonging to the Christian Community of Universal Brotherhood (CCUB) purchased over four thousand five hundred hectares of land in the Kylemore area. There, under the motto of 'Toil and Peaceful Life', they cleared the forest, broke the land and established fourteen communal villages as well as a central store, warehouse, elevator, prayer home, blacksmith shop, granaries and barns. The communal farming enterprise at Kylemore lasted approximately twenty years. Following the collapse of the CCUB in 1937-1939, the land was sold and many of the Doukhobors relocated to British Columbia. Those who remained in the area - approximately ten families - became independent farmers. Many of their descendants still farm the original CCUB landholdings.

"The Doukhobors at Kylemore had a close association with the creek," said Kalmakoff. "The creek flowed through the heart of the communal settlement. The Doukhobors lived and farmed along its banks and used its waters for domestic and agricultural purposes as well as recreational activities. Many of the Doukhobor pioneers were buried, fittingly, near the source of the creek."

The official name comes after three years of consultations by Kalmakoff to gather feedback on the suitability and acceptance of the name from persons familiar with the area. The positive response was tremendous. Local Doukhobor residents supported the naming project. The Rural Municipality of Sasman No. 336 passed a resolution in favour of the name. As well, the Fishing Lake First Nation No. 89 passed a resolution endorsing the name.

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Lloydminster Times Vital Statistics 1905-1945

The following surname index was prepared by Celeste Rider. It is an index to the book recently published by Border Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, *Lloydminster Times Vital Statistics 1905-1945* that was compiled by Janet Newman. The index has been printed in the *Bulletin*, Volume 37, No. 2, June 2006, page 55, Volume 37, No. 3, September 2006, page 92 and Volume 37, No. 4, December 2006, page 121.

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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Wedding Photos and Stories

The June SGS *Bulletin* will feature ancestral wedding photos and family stories. If you wish to contribute to this issue, please forward your photo and accompanying story to sgs@accesscomm.ca

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Patience, Perseverance and the Power of Cooperation Pay Off

BY GLENN SCHWARTZ

The Zichydorf Village Association recently acquired digital images of all the pages of the church books from the founding of the village in 1787 until recent times. This may not sound like a big deal to those who research in the more conventional areas, but, for us, it was a major triumph.

Zichydorf was founded in 1787 as part of the effort of Joseph II, Emperor of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, to populate the Banat area of Southeastern Europe. This was a fertile farming area that had been controlled by the Ottoman Empire for about 150 years until they were driven out in 1717. During that time, it became depopulated and overgrown. On regaining control, the Empire sought to repopulate the area to make it productive and to create a barrier to further Turkish aggression. The founding of Zichydorf came near the end of this campaign.

Zichydorf was founded by mostly German and some French settlers from farther north in the Banat. They had originated from various areas in and around today's Germany, including Alsace-Lorraine and Schwabia. Villages tended to be mostly of one ethnic group, with other ethnic groups in other nearby villages. There were German, Hungarian, Serbian, and Romanian villages nearby.

The village retained its German character until the Hungarian Revolution of 1867, in which Hungary achieved greater autonomy within the Austro-Hungarian Empire. From that time, the Hungarian influence became greater, although the German character remained strong. After World War I, the Empire was broken up and the part of the Banat containing Zichydorf became part of Yugoslavia. Still, the village remained primarily German.

After World War II, the German population was dispossessed of its property and rounded up into internment and work camps in retribution for harsh treatment of the Slavic population by the Nazis during the War. In the years that followed, most of the survivors were able to move to Germany or elsewhere in the world and resume their lives.

When we formed the ZVA in 1996, rumour had it that many churches, cemeteries, and records were destroyed or lost during and after the War. We soon learned from other researchers that the Zichydorf church records from the founding of the village until about 1850 had been microfilmed during the War and were available from the Mormon Family History Library. Unfortunately, that still left a gap during which most of the North American pioneering generation was born. If we could not find the records of these ancestors, we could not connect to the microfilmed records.

In 2000 we became aware of a researcher, Laszlo Rudolf, who was familiar with the records and one of our members obtained copies of some church records from an archive through the research company Family Tree Ltd. We learned that the pre-1895 records were available at an archive in Bela Crkva, about 80 km east of Belgrade, and the records since then were in the care of a Roman Catholic priest in a successor church. Although the German Catholic population of Zichydorf was gone and the church was seldom used, there were Hungarian Catholics in the area and the parish priest was in possession of the old records and had, in fact, been keeping them up to date. Although there were few events to record, there was a current record of them.

With this new information, we banded together and hired Laszlo to research for us at a reduced group rate on two occasions. Unfortunately, getting copies was difficult. The archives did not have a suitable large format copier. To copy records from the priest, he had to take the church books to another town with a suitable copier. In late 2001, Laszlo photocopied the entire births and marriages collection in the hands of the priest and sent us hard copies in January, 2002. He also copied the death registers in May, 2002, which he delivered to us at the SGS Seminar in July of that year. We also made a backup copy of the whole collection.

While we were very happy to have these copies, they were quite unwieldy, as two separate 11 x 17 copies made up the two facing pages from the church books. This introduced the potential problem of pages being separated and mixed up. In addition, they were accessible only at the SGS library due to their size and awkwardness.

Meanwhile, Laszlo had been in discussions with the head archivist in Bela Crkva. She recognized the value of digitally recording the church books to save them from wear and tear as some of the books were already in poor shape. However, she had no capability to record the books herself. She was prepared to let Laszlo copy the books with a digital camera, provided that he gave the archives a copy. With this news, we polled our membership and quickly received enthusiastic approval to purchase a digital camera for Laszlo, which we presented to him when he attended the 2002 SGS convention in Regina. We estimated our costs and advertised to our members that they could subscribe for a copy of the records for \$30. As time went by we attracted over 60 subscribers.

We were on cloud nine with anticipation until we received some bad news late in 2002. Another

archivist had allowed someone to digitally photograph some records and had been severely reprimanded by the bureaucracy. Everything was on hold while the matter was discussed and our archivist had closed the door on Laszlo. However, he was able to photograph the records in the hands of the priest which we received in October of 2003.

Finally, the archives bureaucracy determined that they would set up a formal program to digitally copy records at all of their archives. The catch was that everything was completely out of our control. There was no telling when the program would begin or where our records would sit on the priority list. Fortunately, Laszlo's relationship with the Bela Crkva archivist came through again and she promised that the Zichydzor records would be first on her list.

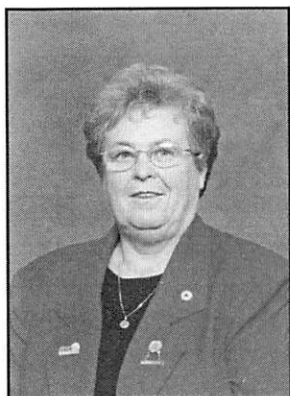
At long last, just before Christmas, 2004, we received 20 CDs, each with dozens of JPEG files of single book pages. Now the problem was distribution. Including the previous 6 CDs from Laszlo we now had 26 CDs. Mailing these more than 60 times would cost far more than we had budgeted. We tried electronic distribution through the Internet, but ran into technical difficulties. Then, one of our technically inclined members, Laura Grzyb, concluded that she could combine many JPEG files into a much smaller PDF file with no noticeable loss in quality. We were able to pack all our pictures onto three CDs and soon the subscribers were raving about not only having the data at all, but about its high quality as well.

It was a long road. Sometimes it seemed that we would never reach a successful conclusion. It took us four years and well over \$2,000 for the camera, copies, CDs, and shipping, but we finally got there. Eventually, patience, perseverance, and the power of cooperation paid off.

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Computer Column

BY CHRISTINA KRISMER



"Ancestors In the Attic" was advertised for viewing on TV last fall. Again after Christmas I heard more. I've now seen three episodes. Here in Saskatchewan (Regina area in particular), the program is being presented on the History Channel, Wednesday evening at 10:00 pm. The same

program is repeated again on Saturday evening at 8:30 pm. The program is presented by Readers' Digest Canada. The last program I saw was episode 13. There are fifteen episodes. For the most part they take two or three cases and try to answer the queries for them. Where they go to get answers I believe to be helpful. There are parts of the program I do not like but you as the viewer may not react as I have. I will leave it for you to decide what you think. What I do find interesting and helpful is the reference to their website www.history.ca. Here they have a brief outline of each of the episodes and then another link for you to read more about how they solved the query. Also, more information about their sources is provided at this site.

Their searches take you to all parts of the world and have introduced some sources you may not have been aware of. Visit their website and see for yourself.

By the time you read this column the series will be completed here. You may look to see if it will be repeated.

It seems everyone is getting on the digital camera wagon. This is not a bad thing. What I find interesting is we are taking lots of pictures. In the past we developed our films and then stored the pictures in a shoebox or wherever. Today we are storing our pictures on our computer or on a CD. The problem now is do you know what pictures you have. Are they sorted? Can you find them readily? Chances are you are having problems finding the picture you want or perhaps knowing what pictures you actually have. Just like the pictures in the shoebox, the pictures on your

computer must be sorted and labelled. Software programs are being made available to help you in this task. Albums can be created. One of these software programs may be helpful but not absolutely necessary. My suggestion to you is to sort and label them as soon as they are taken off your memory card. Create folders in a picture directory on your computer. Label them in a fashion easily understood (e.g. name of individual, family, date and/or perhaps occasion). If this is confusing you may want to use one of the software programs designed to help you do this.

The pictures on your computer may include all those scanned pictures as well as scanned documents.

Digital pictures are nice because you can see all your pictures before they are developed and remove any that are useless. When you are taking pictures you can check to see if it is a good picture before your subject leaves or moves. But, do you know what you have or where they are stored? Can you find them easily?

Preserving Memories

A short note on preserving digital pictures is again in order. Not only must we consider the medium we use to store our picture files – the CD and its life, we need to consider the ink and paper we use to print our pictures.

The short and long of it is to help increase the life of the pictures we print, it is best to use the best paper and ink made by the company for the machine. Use reliable brand names. Make sure the maker specifies the ink is good enough to be called archival. Printer ink can vary in longevity between 100 years to less than one year.

As with other pictures consider storing your pictures in low humidity, low temperature and low light environment.

Remember to back up the files on quality media. When the CDs start to show their age, transfer the files to the next generation of reliable storage technology.

The 2007 Seminar (note it is a Friday evening and all day Saturday event) is scheduled for April 27 – 28, 2007. The theme is Technology and Genealogy. Software programs, add-ons, using the Internet, computer housekeeping, organization, and gadgets are all topics to be covered. The SGS AGM will also be a part of the agenda. Look to seeing you there.

For Mac users: Reunion version 9 has now been released. For more information and pricing visit: <http://www.leisterpro.com>.

Rootsweb Review has made the following announcement: "ProGenealogists, Inc. and Genealogy Today announced the launch of "Family Roots Radio," a weekly Internet radio show devoted to genealogy and family history. This hour-long radio show will begin airing each Thursday at 1 p.m. Pacific time (4 pm Eastern), beginning February 8, 2007 on Modavox's VoiceAmerica Channel, the nation's leading Internet radio provider."

"Family Roots Radio" will be broadcast on the popular VoiceAmerica Channel, accessible by anyone having an Internet connection with audio capabilities. The addition of an interactive website and downloadable archives of past shows will provide many more listener options than available via traditional radio broadcasts. To listen to the show live, log-on to the VoiceAmerica Channel at <http://www.voice.voiceamerica.com>. Kory will take calls toll free at 1-866-472-5788. All past shows will be archived and available in MP3 format for podcast download. <http://www.voice.voiceamerica.com>.

I logged on, "tuned in" and found the introduction and beginning interesting. A feature that I look forward to is the ability to listen to the archived programs if and when I miss logging on at the actual time of the broadcast. For more information visit: <http://www.familyrootsradio.com>.

Another website that may prove to be of interest to some is Family Tree Registry at: www.FamilyTreeRegistry.org. The Family Tree Registry does not contain any family trees. It is not a database of family trees but rather a database of information *about* family trees. Thus it affords privacy for those who wish privacy.

The underlying principle of the site is to balance privacy and usefulness by:

- Requiring only the minimum of information about a family tree necessary for others to determine if it is of interest
- Allow additional information that could help others so long as this information does identify individuals on the tree
- Require that the location of the tree be specified, if it is publicly available
- Allow the submitter to be contacted without the submitter's email address being revealed, unless the submitter doesn't wish to be contacted at all.

To register a tree, you need only to provide a title and either specify an online location, publication or repository where it can be found, or indicate that it is available privately. An email address does not have to be given or you can choose to hide it and interested parties fill out a form on the website. Visit the site for more information or read the article titled "Family Tree Registry" by Logan Kleinwaks in the January 2007 issue of *Internet Genealogy*.

What was it like doing genealogy without a computer? Here are some of the things the computer allows you to do:

1. Instead of all those little pieces of paper with notes (even if they are organized by topic or person) piled on your desk or table, you now can have all the information in a file on your computer, easy to read, easy to sort and easy to find. Basically everything at your finger tips.
2. New information can be added and inserted into the correct spot. Bad information can be deleted and erased. The individuals you have found who don't connect just yet can be stored and kept on file. They can then be linked in when you find the connection.
3. You can contact people more readily, gather information and send information within a matter of minutes sometimes. Replies can be sent back as quickly as you receive the information or question.
4. Understanding the printed word is much easier than trying to read most handwriting.
5. Making copies for others is much simpler as well.
6. Sources can be attached to the information (they won't fall off).
7. Pictures can be associated with families. You may include comments about the pictures along with identifying individuals on the pictures.
8. Others? ++++

Cemetery Program

BY LINDA NEELY

SGS Cemetery Coordinator

It's always interesting to see how different cemeteries in different parts of the world are operated. The Olney Burial Ground caught my attention recently. It presents itself as a natural burial ground where there are no headstones, no grass is mowed or watered and the ecology of the area is gradually being returned to its natural state. The Olney Burial Ground is located between Milton Keynes, Bedford & Northampton in Buckinghamshire, England.

According to the website www.olneygreenburialground.co.uk for the Olney Burial Ground, the interment area has been used in the past as rural grazing land. Now the native grass is being allowed to return but this will change in the future. As interments take place, a tree is planted to mark the grave instead of a headstone. All coffins or shrouds are made of biodegradable material and decomposition is encouraged by using graves that are more shallow than the ones we are used to seeing in modern cemeteries. In time the whole burial ground will be mostly trees and natural meadow flowers, with only small markers on the trees or just the cemetery register to note where the people are buried.

The description of what they expect their burial ground to look like in the future sounds similar to a large number of Saskatchewan cemeteries we have today. Only we usually refer

to them as 'abandoned' or 'overgrown'!

We had a good year in 2006 with new cemetery locations being reported and several more were recorded. Our volunteers also worked hard at entering the names and dates into the Saskatchewan Residents' Index (SRI). We have now located 3,370 cemeteries in Saskatchewan. Of these we have collected the records for 2,314 and over 1,300 have been indexed in SRI. Good work, all! And a huge thank you!

The following RM maps are needed: 18, 64, 94, 125, 126, 131, 154, 168, 186, 248, 252, 280, 303, 308, 346, 377, 426, 438.



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EVANS: Robert William born Ottawa, Ontario, died 1943 Prelate, Saskatchewan. Children: Elsie married Elec **Marr**, Mildred married Leonard **Horton**, Dorothy married Melvin **Loseth**. Any information appreciated by a distant cousin. Mary E. Wallace, 1511 Nebo Road, RR 2, Mount Hope, ON L0R 1W0; e-mail: switzerdolmage@aol.com.

ROBERTSON: My husband's great grandmother was a lady named Elizabeth **Robertson** (AKA Lizzie). Born in Scotland July 1871. We lost track of her circa 1914 when she moved from Windthorst, Saskatchewan to Regina with a friend. Story is that she married a gentleman who farmed north of Regina named Ollie **Olson** (not sure of spelling). Apparently she died some years later of cancer, possibly in Weyburn (one date given was June 19, 1948).

We'd like to know what happened to her, when she died, where she was buried, etc. She had two children who never saw her after about 1914. They were age 20 years and 13. Bonny Daku, e-mail: bonny.d@sasktel.net.

TURNER: Seeking descendants/information for three siblings from Montreal who settled in Regina; **Turner**, George Hartwell (1884 - 1941), CP Rail engineer, married Violet **Hammond** (1895 - 1992), one child Marion **Kellas** (1916 - 2005). **Turner**, William Randolph (1888-1918/19), photographer, married Flossie **Bailey**, children Isobel, Patsy. **Turner**, Violet (1883 - 1932), married Cecil **Egg** (1879 - 1931), musician, children Hartwell, Margaret. Susan Kellas, 21744 117th Avenue, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 2J5 email: gskellas@shaw.ca.

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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 its deliberations, the Board was guided by the Geographic Naming Policies, a rigorous set of principles governing the naming of geographic features. Its decision - which was solidly in favour of the name Blahoslovenie Creek - 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.

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Announcements

Abbotsford Genealogical Society

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Rediscover Virginia, National Genealogical Society Conference in the States and Family History Fair 2007 takes place 16-19 May 2007 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, Richmond, Virginia. For details or to register go to www.ngsgenealogy.org.

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1-3 June 2007 in Ottawa, Canada at the Algonquin College. For details or a brochure, contact OGS Seminar 2007, Box 96, Greely ON K4P 1N4, e-mail: conference @ogsottawa.on.ca; website: www.ogsseminar.org/.

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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/>.

FEEFHS 13th Annual Conference

Access Your Ancestors: One On One Will Get It Done takes place 12 – 14 July 2007 at Salt Lake City Family History Library and Plaza Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah. Free research consultations, lectures, cultural presentations and banquet. Register: FEEFHS Conference, PO Box 510898, Salt Lake City, UT 84151-0898. Visit <http://www.feefhs.org> for details.

MISCELLANEOUS

The National Archives News (Great Britain) February 2007 - Search Ancient Petitions online

Is there a medieval knight or merchant in your family tree? Search the Ancient Petitions database to find out. You can search by petitioner name, place, occupation and subject - and there's no charge for downloading. Search now at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/petitions.asp

Dictionary of Canadian Biography

Have you ever heard of the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*? This may be one of the best kept Canadian secrets. It is a joint project by the University of Toronto and Laval University which began in 1959, funded by a permanent endowment from the James Nicholson estate. It is published in both English and French by University of Toronto Press, Ramsay Cook, Editor. Volume one covering the years 1000-1700 was published in 1966. Volume XVI, currently in preparation, deals with the 1930s. The data base has been accessible online and searchable alphabetically since 2003. Unlike the few lines you might find in the usual Encyclopaedia, some of these bios are voluminous in length. To access just Google *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*.

New Database Going Online

Library and Archives Canada is adding a new online database. The following excerpt is from the LI-RA-MA webpage: "The Likacheff-Ragosine-Mathers collection (LI-RA-MA) contains documents created between 1898 and 1922 by the consular offices of the Russian Empire in Canada. The series of passports and identity papers is comprised of about 11,400 files on Jewish, Ukrainian and Finish immigrants who came to Canada from the Russian Empire. The series includes passport applications and questionnaires containing general information. Nearly half the database is now available online, with the rest to be added shortly."

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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: Robert Jensen #(306)773-0280. E-mail: 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: 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

SGS Board Meeting for 2007 are:

- March 10
- June 9 and 10
- September 22 and 23

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 - \$10 per name per location
- 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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