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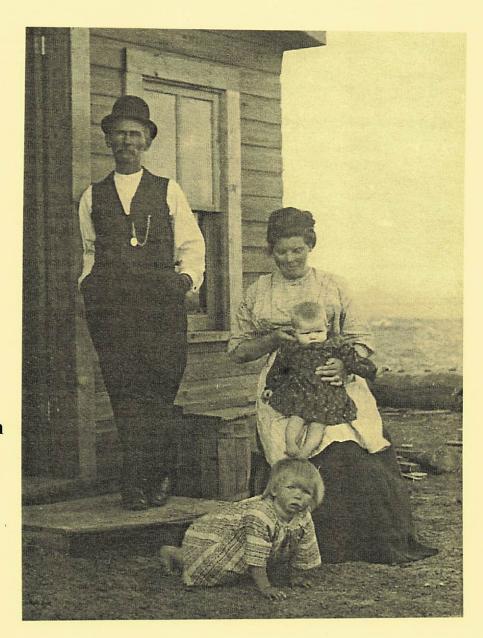
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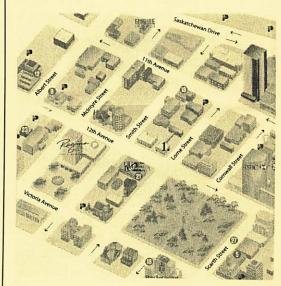
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President's Letter

BY: JANIS BOHLKEN SGS President

Well, summer is almost over, where has the time gone? Are you ready to get back into the swing of things for the fall? I hope everyone had a great summer, enjoying the weather as well as visiting with friends and relatives.

At the June meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board decided to start a Fundraising and Promotion Committee to help raise funds for the Library move and to promote the 40th Anniversary of SGS in 2009. Lindy Kasperski is the chair of the committee. If you have ideas and suggestions please let him know. The committee is looking for additional members to help with this important task. Anyone interested in this area can contact Lindy Kasperski at (306)545-9715 or Linda Dunsmore-Porter at (306)780-9207.

We are also still looking for volunteers for several tasks. There are three coordinator positions: Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI), Burial Index and Obituary Index. There are tasks for indexing, data input, scanning, proofreading as well as working in the Library and Research Room. If you are able to spare some time, please volunteer for one of these tasks. It is only with the help of our volunteers that these tasks can be completed and research resources can be made available.

The Moving Fund has risen to almost \$3,500.00. Our goal is to raise \$25,000.00 to be able to move all our resources. We are looking for space that will meet the requirements of our library as well as accessibility by all our members, the public and future members. Our goal is to be moved for SGS's 40th Anniversary in 2009. There is a donation form available on SGS's web site or from the Library and Research Room. A few locations have been viewed, however, for various reasons they have not met our criteria. You never know, the right place just might pop up any day now which is why we need to get working on the Fundraising Committee.

Have you checked out the website lately? The library catalogue section now includes the following sections: Instructional/General, Family Histories, Canada, Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba,

New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Yukon, Military and Royal Canadian Mounted Police, United Empire Loyalists; Jewish, Ireland, Australia, Zichydorf and part of Great Britain. Keep watching for updates and changes to the website, you never know what might show up next!!

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Editor's Notes

BY: LINDA DUNSMORE-PORTER

Executive Director

September! The children are back to school. People are home from holidays and back to work.

Harvest is in the bins. Organizations and service clubs are gearing up to begin their new season. All the SGS Branches are planning their first meetings following summer. I love September...when we are all back together and the activities start gearing up. Don't get me wrong, I do love summers, but for me September always gives me a feeling of renewal.

I spent the summer organizing. I raided the Library and Research Room and found all the resources about organizing and preserving documents and artifacts and got down to business. I bought all the acid-free materials I needed - binders, plastic sleeves, backboards, paper to make picture corners, pencils and pens, and tape. I then spent many hours sorting, organizing, labeling, and preserving old pictures, documents, and resource materials. I'm not done yet, but have made a fantastic start. Now I can easily see what I have and what I need; no more searching through boxes looking for a specific photo, and unorganized files and piles of paper looking for that specific chart. It's been a good summer!

I have now returned the borrowed books to the Library and Research Room. If anyone else is interested in getting their old photos and documents, etc. organized and into a preservation state, I highly recommend you borrow the books – *Organizing the Mountains of Paper* by Louise St. Denis, *Protect Your Precious Documents* also by Louise St. Denis, and *Preserving the Precious* by Deirdre M. Paulsen and Jeanne S. English. Check our online Library Catalogue for content descriptions.

I hope you all had a great summer and look forward to an exciting new "season".

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The 1891 Census of Canada: the Missing Link

BY: MARIAN J. POWELL
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Census returns are one of the most useful and accessible government records available to genealogists, providing location at a certain point in time for ancestors, names and ages of family members, and other personal information depending on the census questions. Recent years have seen enormous growth in indexed and digital access to census records, including for Canadian Censuses. This article will look at the 1891 Census of Canada in general and the North-West Territories in particular.

The third Census of Canada was taken April 6, 1891 and included British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, the North-West Territories, (including modern-day Saskatchewan and Alberta) and the Unorganized Territories (much of the modern-day North West Territories). It should be noted that it took some months before the census taking was actually completed.

This census is particularly important to prairie researchers. This was the first census to send enumerators through the entire area of the four provisional districts of Alberta, Assiniboia East and West, and Saskatchewan. The recorded increase in population in the provisional districts was nearly 60%, which reflected the earliest influx of homesteaders for the first time in the census. It was also the first time that the census asked for the place of birth of father and mother. This question was not retained in the 1901 census. Unfortunately, unlike previous censuses, 1891 did not include a column to identify Métis or Native people. Those living on reserves in the District of Alberta and Assiniboia were not enumerated, but a recent paper by two University of Guelph academics suggests that in the District of Saskatchewan there is evidence that treaty Indians were included in the regular enumeration process. It is interesting to note that population figures for the area for the Unorganized Territories published after the census were annotated as having been wholly estimated.

The 1891 Census was released after the passage of *The Privacy Act* in 1983, exactly 92 years after its compilation, in accordance with the Act. Library and Archives Canada (then Public Archives of Canada) microfilmed the census volumes and distributed them to archives across the country. Many libraries and genealogical societies also acquired sets of microfilm, usually for the local area. Microfilm for all microfilmed censuses continues to be available from Library and Archives Canada on interlibrary loan.

Almost immediately groups and individuals began working on indexing projects. The evidence of this activity is visible in a plethora of printed volumes. Library and Archives Canada lists more than two hundred 1891 Census publications in its AMICUS online catalogue. In Saskatchewan, the Regina Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society had compiled and published a series of every-name indexes to the 1891 Census between 1988 and 1998 which are generally acknowledged to be a model of such indexes. The substantial editorial content in these volumes provides important context to the census returns. Under the capable and diligent editorship of Eileen Condon, the following volumes appeared: Assiniboia West (1988), Assiniboia East (1990), District of Saskatchewan (1992), District of Alberta (1998).

Why, then, is the 1891 Census the missing link? Indexing of the 1891 census began before the wide-spread use of the Internet. The census results released after 1891 have all benefited from the enthusiasm for computer indexes and the increased availability of the Internet. Even the 1881 Census of Canada became an early Internet product freely available on the web. Today the 1891 census is still firmly attached to print.

Print Indexes

Most of the indexing of the 1891 census was created by volunteers working with local genealogical societies, or individuals working in a particular area. The result has been fragmented and incomplete access to the 1891 Census of Canada. The area covered by an index may be as small as a village, town, township or county. There is no guarantee that whole districts or sub-districts are indexed. Standards vary. These printed indexes are dispersed across the country in local collections and societies and are often difficult to identify. Some geographical areas have no indexing available at all. For example, a quick survey of the websites of the 32 branches of the Ontario Genealogical Society identified publications of local 1891 census indexes for sale by fifteen branches.

Internet

Technology has impacted the census research field immeasurably. Researchers can now call on the Internet to search by name or to view digital images for many Canadian censuses.

Table: Census of Canada Indexes or Digital Images Available on the Internet

1851	The Generations Network, Inc. Commercial service - requires a subscription. http://www.ancestry.ca/
1871	Federal Census of 1871 (Ontario Index). Heads of Households. Library and Archives Canada - free http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/020108_e.html
1881	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints – free. http://www.familysearch.org/
1891	Census Districts 197 - Southern Alberta, and 199 - Assiniboia West ONLY. Alberta Family Histories Society - free http://www.afhs.ab.ca/data/census/1891/
	Some Manitoba census districts. The Generations Network, Inc. Commercial Service - requires a subscription. http://www.ancestry.ca/
	Prince Edward Island. Joint project of the Public Archives and Record Office and the Prince Edward Island Genealogical Society – free http://www.edu.pe.ca/paro/census/build.asp
1901	Digitized images accessible by census sub-district. Library and Archives Canada - free http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/020122_e.html
	The Generations Network, Inc. Commercial service - requires a subscription. http://www.ancestry.ca/
	Districts 202 - 206, Alberta and Saskatchewan. Edmonton Branch Alberta Genealogical Society – free. http://agsedm.edmonton.ab.ca/1901census/
	Automated Genealogy.com – a volunteer transcription and search facility with linking to LAC digital images - free http://automatedgenealogy.com/census/index.html

1906	Census of the North West Provinces.
	Digitized images accessible by census sub-district. Library and Archives Canada – free http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/020153_e.html
	The Generations Network, Inc. Commercial service - requires a subscription. http://www.ancestry.ca/
	Automated Genealogy.com a volunteer transcription and search facility with linking to LAC digital images - free http://automatedgenealogy.com/census/index.html
1911	Digitized images accessible by census sub-district. Library and Archives Canada - free http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/1911/index-e.html
	The Generations Network, Inc. Commercial Service - requires a subscription. http://www.ancestry.ca/
	Automated Genealogy.com. a volunteer transcription and search facility with linking to LAC digital images – free http://automatedgenealogy.com/census11/Test4.jsp

Whither Access to the 1891 Census?

As the table above demonstrates, anyone researching on the Internet over several census periods will come to a road block with 1891. Even those researching with print will have a task to identify relevant printed indexes. It has been useful to investigate what other projects are in the works for this census. In general the focus is on the Internet.

It is anticipated that some time in the future Library and Archives Canada will add the census images for the 1891 Census to their website. The microfilm for that census is good and the images are clear. A selection of projects in progress across Canada is illustrative of present directions. A current project on Automated Genealogy.com is the Nova Scotia 1891 census for some districts. The Ontario Genealogical Society has been working on an ambitious project for many years called the *OGSPI: Ontario Genealogical Society Provincial Index*. It is a hypertext library established in1997 as a volunteer project to index an unlimited range of genealogical information on Ontario families. Many branches of the OGS are contributing their 1891 census information to the project and it is searchable on the website http://ogs.on.ca/ogspi/.

In Saskatchewan, the Regina Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society continues to work on the fifth volume of the 1891 census series covering the Unorganized Territories, now co-ordinated by Marian Powell. The current volume will add to the established data elements of the index, by including the Relationship to Head of Household and attachment to Census Family. At its completion, it will be published in print form to complete the series. Given the focus of researchers and information providers on the Internet, consideration will need to be given to online publication of the series at some future date.

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All volumes are available for sale from the Regina Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society.

Do You Know Me?



Alice, (Faye Goldring's mother)



Me, aged 10 1962 (Morning Star)

GOLDRING

Information sought about my mother FAYE GOLDRING (Summer Sun) Born 1935 (in Regina or Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada) or any surviving relatives, especially her son (my half-brother). FEATHER GOLDRING born approximately 1957. FAYE was CHEROKEE INDIAN FULL BLOOD of the DEER CLAN I believe. Last known living in North Carolina in 1962 (Snowbird Community, Robbinsville, USA). Died aged 27 in 1962 in USA. E-mail Sue Banks at Purplestar535@yahoo.co.uk

News & Notes

BY: ALICE ACHTER AND RAE CHAMBERLAIN

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Dixon Brothers of Maple Creek, District of Assiniboia West

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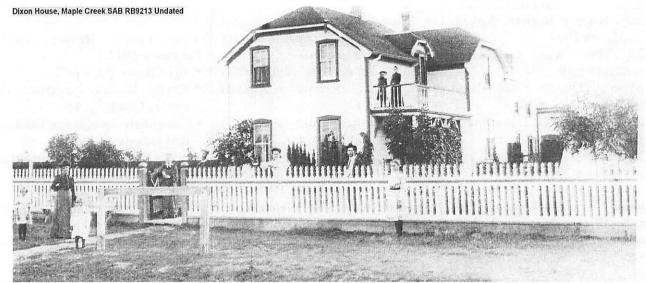
This article will continue in future issues of the Bulletin.

Maple Creek, Saskatchewan in 2007 is a town of about 2,200 people in the southwest corner of Saskatchewan. It is now, as it always has been, the centre of a busy ranching and farming community. In 1883 it was briefly the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway as construction progressed across Canada.

John C. Dixon and Isaac D. Dixon were born in Peterborough, Ontario and owned a general merchandise store in Oshawa, Ontario. In 1883 they heard reports of the business opportunities in "the new West" and decided to expand their operations to the growing town of Calgary. Sources differ on how it came about that they ended up in Maple Creek rather than Calgary. It seems the Dixons did not realize the railway ended at Maple Creek, not yet built all the way to Calgary. When they arrived at the end of the rail with a carload of merchandise they decided they liked the area and would set up their business temporarily until they could move on to their original goal of Calgary. Fortunately for Maple Creek, the

brothers never did move on. They settled with their families in Maple Creek, operated the largest mercantile business in the area along with one of the largest ranches in the Saskatchewan southwest and served in several official capacities. John Dixon served as Maple Creek's first mayor when the town was incorporated in 1903. They were community leaders in every aspect of the development of what is now Saskatchewan.

The first Dixon's Store in 1883 was a tent set up in the centre of what would eventually be Pacific Avenue in Maple Creek. They upgraded to a log building shortly after and in 1896 built a three-storey stone building that would house Dixon Bros. General Merchants until it was torn down in 1960. John and Isaac Dixon both took homestead properties immediately west of the town and eventually established the Sand Hills Ranch. In 1920 when the Ranch was put up for sale it held grazing leases for over 20,000 acres and held title to another 3,600 acres in the area around Many Island Lake and Bitter Lake, northwest of the town of Maple Creek.



The Dixon home in Maple Creek, Saskatchewan. Known as "the Maples", it was built in 1896. The families of John & Isaac Dixon lived together here after their first house, built in 1884, burned down in 1894.

The families of John and Isaac joined them in 1884 and both families lived in a large house that was known as 'the Maples'. Joseph and William Dixon would eventually join their brothers in Maple Creek but it is John and Isaac's ventures that created the records this article will focus on.

The Saskatchewan Archives Board holds the Dixon Brothers Papers (R-31 Dixon Brothers Papers, finding aid GR55). The papers were presented to the Archives by A. L. Dixon in 1956. The papers cover the period from the 1890s to 1922. A smaller holding is found in the Glenbow Archives & Museum in Calgary (Dixon Brothers Fonds, call numbers M 1462, NA 2311). Library and Archives Canada also has a collection of files relating to the Dixons of Maple Creek. These are found in RG 15, the records of the Department of the Interior. The John Archer Library at the University of Regina also has some items on microfilm from the Parliamentary Sessional Papers that have reference to John Dixon.

The SAB collection holds account books, store and ranch correspondence, papers regarding estates, appointments of government positions, homesteads, land titles registrations, livestock branding, scrip files and social organizations. My examination of these papers resulted in the following index of surnames of people who had some sort of dealings with the Dixon Bros enterprises.

File R-31 II-67 is the largest file. It is the orders placed by customers to the Dixon Bros. store during the period about 1903-1906. These orders from customers are written on various pieces of paper. Some are on postcards, envelope backs, children's school note books or hotel stationery. Many have comments on the weather, state of the ranch affairs/economy or the state of the cattle herd.

They were likely received by mail or delivered by someone such as a neighbour who had travelled to town for some reason. The orders include things like cans of tobacco, mouth organ, boots, muskrat traps and brandy.

An example of an order came from a woman and requested wallpaper. She had attached a sample and asked Dixon to match it. Some orders had a sample of dress material attached with a request to send something that matched it or would be appropriate for a young lady.

Some orders are a general description rather than a specific order. For example – "some stuff for blistering horses, I think it is a red ointment." or "give Maggie about 6 yards of something pretty to make a frock for her and Lil."

Many items were requested to be shipped by stage or mail, or sent with a neighbour. Many had promises to pay when they were in town which might be several months away. Some apparently had accounts set up and had previously deposited cash and the orders instructed Dixon to deduct it from the amount.

There are a few notes requesting a return due to the item being unsatisfactory because of the wrong size or not needed. There was not found any request to return goods because of shoddy or inadequate goods. Rarely is there found a complaint and the intention to never buy from Dixon again.

Dr. W. Tanner sending an order from the Ranch in 1904 included an apology for sending the order on the Sabbath.

During 1905 some of the notes mention voting for Mr. Dixon in the upcoming election.

The surnames found in this file are as follows:

Surname	Given Name	Location	Year	Comments
Aribe	James	Cummings Station	1906	
Ashton	Harry	Crane Lake	1905	
Baldwin	Mr. & Mrs.	Skibbereen	1904	
Bassett	Mrs.	Medicine Hat	1904	
Batter	Antoine	Antelope	1904	
Beattie	J.	Gull Lake	1904	
Bebee	John	Tompkins	1907	Morgan Ranch

Bessette	Moise	Forres	1906	
Bilbrough	G. W.	Swift Current	1905	
Bill	J. J.	Maple Creek	1904	
Bingham	D. H.	Cardston	1907	
Brinton	Jno.	Eastend	1904	c/o Enright & Strong
	d and Ranche Co.	Crane Lake	1904	
Ltd.				
Cazier	Orson	Lethbridge	1908	Cazier Bros Construction
Cazier	Orson	Cardston	1908	
Chaston	K. A.	Skull Creek	1904	H H Ranche
Clarke	J. C. H.	Skull Creek	1904	
Clarke	J. C. H.	Skull Creek	1905	
Coulter	Geo. H.	Crane Lake	1904	
Coulter	W. L.	Eastend	1906	c/o Enright & Strong
Coulter	G. W.	Crane Lake	1905	
Craig	F. W.	Gull Lake	1904	
Dalgliesh	M. E. Mrs. Robert	Gull Lake	1904	
Davis	Mrs.	Maple Creek	1904	
Diepson	John	Piapot	1904	
Duncan	Mr.	Skull Creek	1904	
Dunn	J. M.	Lethbridge	1906	
Enright	J. E.	Eastend	1904	Z-X Ranch
Eyre	Reginald W.	Vancouver	1918	Owned farm at Cardwell
Finch	R. R.	South Fork	1904	
Finch	R.	Eastend	1904	
Finch	R.R.	Eastend	1904	
Fleming	A. Mrs.	Maple Creek	1904	
Flintoff	Sara L.	Maple Creek	1904	The Barracks
Gaff	Alla Miss	Battle Creek	1904	
Gaff	D. L.	Battle Creek	1907	J. Gaff & Son
Gaff	Alla	Battle Creek	1905	
Gaff	Myra Miss	Battle Creek	1906	
Gallienne	W. E.	Eastend	1904	Z-X Ranche
Garlett	W.	Antelope	1904	
Garrison	Mr.	Maple Creek	1904	
Geraghty	Mrs.	Seward	1904	Section House
Gilchrist	Jas.	Crane Lake	1904	
Gilchrist	Neil	Carmichael	1904	
Glennie	Chas. E.	Crane Lake	1905	
Godlonton	Frank S.	Maple Creek	1904	Deceased circa Sept 1907
Goodwyn	Harold	Crane Lake	1916	
Grant	F. J.	Walsh	1906	Sarnia Ranch
Hall	Н. Н.	Kincorth	1904	
Hassett	Addie B.	Wapashoe	1918	
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Heffer	A.	Tompkins	1904	
Henderson	R.O.	Maple Creek	1904	
Henderson	R. O.	Maple Creek	1904	
Hensell	R. L.	Cardell	1918	
Herriott	Mr.	Maple Creek	1904	
Higgs	F. F.	Calgary	1905	Calgary Furniture Store
Hill	Frank	Skull Creek		Not dated circa 1903-04
Hurot	Geo. B	Tompkins	1904	
Huxley	E. J.	Eastend	1904	Springvale Ranch
Jackson	Mr.	Crane Lake	1904	
Johnson	Thos.	Skibbereen	1904	
Jones	W. S.	Hay Creek	1904	
Keene	F. B.	Cummings Station	1904	CPR station
Keene	F. B.	Cummings Station	1904	
Keetley	W. J.	Forres	1904	
Kerr	Wm.	Maple Creek	1905	
Larime	J. A.	Gull Lake	1904	
Lewis	Clinton L.	Eastend	1906	
Lewis	Clint	Eastend	1903	
Litchfield	E. J.	Eastend	1904	
Lloyd	A.	Carmichael	1905	
Lokier	Thos. J.	Medicine Hat	1904	
Love	Charly	Sand Hills	1904	
MacKinnon	Angus Mrs.	Battle Creek	1904	
Mann	J.	Skull Creek	1904	
Matthews	J. J.	Maple Creek	1904	
McCarthy	Charlie	Skibbereen	1904	
McClernen	Neil	Eastend	1908	c/o Enright & Strong
McDonald	Geo	Eastend	1904	Z-X Ranche
McDonald	Bert	Cardston	1907	
McKillop	D.	Piapot	1904	Piapot Tank (CPR)
McKinnon	Allen Mrs.	Battle Creek	1905	
McPhail	Donald	Piapot	1904	Piapot Tank (CPR)
McPhee	Robert O.	Gull Lake	1904	
Meneley	A. A.	Maple Creek	1905	
Mickleboroug	gh George	Regina	1904	
Mitchell	Sam	Irvine	1904	Alberta
Moorat	F. J.	Eastend	1904	
Moore	Wm.	Carmichael	1904	
Moore	Mrs.	Hay Creek	1904	
Moore	Wm.	Carmichael	1904	
Morgan	A. G.	Crane Lake	1904	
Morgan	A. G.	Tompkins	1908	
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Murphy	G. B.	Sand Hills	1904	
Nelson	P. J.	Skull Creek	1904	
Nesbitt	Jno.	Walsh	1904	Alberta
Page	Roscoe	Colley	1906	
Parsonage	Mr.	Battle Creek	1905	
Pollock	D. H.	South Fork	1905	
Reed	?	Carmichael	1904	
Renaud	Joe	Eastend	1904	
Reno	Joe	Eastend	1904	
Roade	D. M.	Irvine	1904	Alberta
Rose	B. E.	Eastend	1904	
Ross	R. J.	Seward	1904	
Rutley	J. S.	Antelope	1906	
Scott	Andrew	Crane Lake	1904	
Shagren	Ed.	Golden Prairie	1907	
Shoretard	Mr.	Hay Creek	1904	
Slater	H. N.	Gull Lake	1904	
Smith	Jack	Cummings Station	1906	"Happy Jack"
Smith	Richard	Donnelly	1905	Minnesota
Springett	A. R.	Crane Lake	1906	Manager of the "76"
Stephenson	Thos	Walsh	1904	Alberta
Tanner	W. Dr.	DB Ranche	1904	
Thompson	Mat	Dunmore Junction	1904	
Thompson	L.	Cardston	1907	
Warnock	Jas. Mrs.	Cypress	1904	
Warnock	James	Fish Creek	1904	
Watson	W.	Forres	1904	
Watson	Patrick	Forres	1904	
Weldon	Robert	Jones Coulee	1904	Eastend
Whybrow	E. H.	Skull Creek	1904	
Willet	Mr.	Carmichael	1904	
Wilson	J. J.	Graburn	1904	
Wilson & Weir		Balgonie	1904	

The Dixon Brothers, John and Isaac, have provided genealogists with evidence of residence during a time period that often is not covered by other record groups such as census or vital event registrations. There are a total of 92 files in the Dixon Papers at SAB. I have indexed the ones that have the most surnames, but other files in the collection should also be consulted by anyone who may find these papers of interest to their family research.

Isaac Dixon died in Maple Creek 27 February 1918 and John Dixon died in Maple Creek 3 January

1922. The ranch was sold in 1920-21 to various parties. The general store continued to be managed by the Dixon family until 1959 when it was closed forever. The building was torn down in 1960.

There are several publications written about the family and the part they played in developing the province of Saskatchewan. The Dixon Papers held by the Saskatchewan Archives Board might hold the key that breaks down the wall for genealogists researching early Saskatchewan families.

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Cover Picture

The Wallace Heuser Homestead (NE6-27-18 W3rd) at Penkill (near Totnes, SK).

Pictured is "Lizzie" Heuser with her daughters--Evangeline, at her feet, and Frances, on her lap. Beside her is her father-in-law, Alex Heuser, who was visiting from Francis, SK. The picture was likely taken by her husband, "Wally" Heuser, an amateur photographer.

Wallace Heuser was born in Ontario and came west in 1898 to the Francis District where his uncle, Ben Holden, had settled. In December of '89 he filed for his own homestead. In 1905 his father (Alex Heuser), mother and several of his younger siblings moved from Collingwood, Ontario to Francis and took up farming. That same year (1905) Elizabeth Allwell left Belfast, Ireland to be a domestic in Manitoba. Later, "Wally" met her in Winnipeg where they were married in November 1909. "Wally" sold his Francis homestead to his father and headed northwest to a new homestead at Penkill where he and his bride settled in the spring of 1910. Evangeline was born in 1911, followed by Frances in 1912, and Gordon Alexander in 1913 (who unfortunately died in a flu epidemic in 1914). The family was completed by another son, Gordon Wallace, who was born in 1916.

-Contributed by Leverne Baxter, Christopher Lake, SK

Carnoustie by Muirdrum 7 June 1839

Robert Pittendrigh forwarded this letter which was written by a Presbyterian Minister to a girl's father asking for her hand in marriage. This was the proper way to do it in 1839 in Scotland.

Dear Sir.

Yesterday afternoon I received with great pleasure a note from Miss Bentley and from its terms I feel myself at liberty to address you on a subject which deeply concerns the welfare of both.

You are by this time aware of the very high opinion which I entertain of your Daughter - an opinion formed when I had first the happiness of meeting her and confirmed as well by those who have been longer acquainted with her as by what I had lately an opportunity of observing. So entirely indeed am I persuaded of her excellence, and of her fitness to be in all respects a suitable partner in life to a Minister of the Gospel, that it is my utmost wish to be permitted to offer her my hand and that the offer may be accepted. The proposal is a very serious one, but as so far as I am concerned I make it with the utmost confidence. It is not till after the most prayerful consideration that I have moved in the matter, and I cannot but look upon it as a signal and kind interposition of Providence that I should so unexpectedly (and as one might be apt to say accidentally) have again met with her on whom my heart was set, and about whom my thoughts have been so long busied.

It is natural to think that you should wish to have a perfect knowledge of an individual who aspires at a union with one in whose temporal and eternal well being you are so deeply interested. This knowledge you will, I trust, procure from other quarters. I may merely state that I lived many years in Glasgow under the roof of my Father, Dr. Dymock of the High School, a much loved and invaluable Parent whom I lost last year. For the last four years of my residence in Glasgow I held the office of Assistant Librarian in the University, to which I was elected out of many Applicants, when a Student in Divinity, by a great majority of the votes of the Senatus Academicus. This appointment I resigned at Mr. Begg's request, and went with him as Porochial Missionary to Gilmerton in the parish of Liberton, and after having resided there about a year and half I was elected Assistant Minister in the Old Church of Arboath, Nov.1836. Two years after, the people of this place, forgoing their right of hearing Candidates, voluntarily offered me my present situation, which I have held for little more than six months. Besides all the members of the Presbytery, I am well acquainted with many of the Clergymen and Professors both in Edinburgh and Glasgow, to whom, if it would afford you any satisfaction, I shall be most happy to refer you.

I may regret that the emoluments of my present situation are not greater; but if I did, it would not be on my own account but for the sake of one whose comfort it would ever be my desire to promote. Though moderate however, I conceive they are adequate to the maintenance for a respectable household.

Having been so lately away from my duties in this place I am sorry I cannot as I greatly wish, wait upon you in Aberdeen for some time. But at as early a period as possible I shall, with your concurrence, do myself the honour of visiting you, when the matters of which I write may be more fully considered.

Meanwhile I earnestly only hope you have no objections that I should correspond with your Daughter and let me solemnly assure you that it is my sincere desire and prayer that in all our future intercourse, whither personally or by letter, we may be enabled to think and act not only with a view to our happiness here, but still more to our happiness here after.

May I request the favour of a answer at your earliest convenience.

With kind Regards to Mrs. and Miss Bentley, I am,
Dear Sir,
Yours Respectfully,
Thomas Dymock.

Ward Records

BY: TAMMY L. VALLEE



One of the hardest brick walls that can face some genealogists is adoption. Saskatchewan adoption records are held by Post Adoption Services, under the Department of Community Resources formerly known as Social Services. In Saskatchewan post adoption records start in 1922 with the passing of the Adoption Act. Different types of searches can be performed, non-identifying information, search and contact for the purpose of a reunion, mutual (passive) registration for contact, and request for health information necessary for medical diagnosis and treatment of a serious condition. On January 29, 2007 the Government of Saskatchewan announced that in the spring of 2007 the fees ranging from \$17.50 to \$132.50 for a search would be dropped. No official date has been set for this.

Post adoption records are not the only records in the care of Post Adoption Services. Another set of records called Ward Records exists. These records consist of records prior to 1922 adoption files. The earliest records are from about 1909 and covering people who were placed into homes before 1922 and people place as permanent wards in foster homes after 1922. A permanent ward is a child who was

placed in a foster home until they reached the legal age of an adult but were not adopted by the family they lived with. The information in a file varies by case but the person handling the welfare of a child would have tried to find as much information as possible about the parents and family and the circumstances leading to the child coming into care. Other information may be found such as inspection reports of the home life of the child or information from cases that appeared in front of the court.

To request a search of these files the surname of the child and parents, along with the mother's maiden name is needed, also with variants for a surname if known. These records are not open to the public to search and can only be done by the person themselves as next of kin. There is a waiting list of about two years for searches with the exception of those 65 years of age (or older) or persons in need of medical treatment. Those applying as next of kin need to enclose the death certificate of the person to prove that the person has passed and a photocopy of their own identification to prove who they are. The more information you are able to give would be beneficial to the person performing the search. For more information on the Post-Adoption Saskatchewan or to request the forms needed for a search, contact:

Post Adoption Registry 1920 Broad Street Regina SK S4P 3V6 (306)787-3654 or 1-800-667-7539 http://www.dcre.gov.sk.ca/services/famyouth/Adoption/ado6.html

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Obituary of Pauline KIJANOWSKI. Saskatoon Star Phoenix, 01 April 1974, page D1, column 3. Saskatchewan Archives Board file R1.768. (Copy in the SGS Obituary Files)

"KIJANOWSKI – Pauline (Lotocka), February 3, 1905, died February 3, 1985. Beloved wife of Louis. Loving mother of Katherine (Kay) Lehkey of Windsor, Ontario. Dear sister of Dmytro Lotocki, Mykola Lotocki, Mrs. Peter Duma (Olga) all of the Ukraine. Predeceased by Maria Holowacz (1978) and Tekla Towstucha (1980). Rested at The Windsor Chapel Funeral Home, 1700 Tecumseh Rd. E., Windsor. Funeral was held February 6, 1985 at Sts. Vladimir & Olga Ukrainian Catholic Church. Interment Windsor Memorial Gardens."

Although this obituary was published in a Saskatchewan newspaper, there doesn't appear to be an obvious link to Saskatchewan.

Press Release Biggar Branch SGS Updates Biggar Cemetery Recording

BY: RAE W. CHAMBERLAIN

Biggar Cemetery is one of 3,375 cemeteries the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society has located in the province and one of 2,312 cemeteries for which the Society has information. SGS members and friends from throughout the province have recorded and submitted Saskatchewan cemetery information to the provincial organization. Collecting and preserving cemetery information has been a program of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society for the past 37 years.

The Biggar Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society has completed updating the recording of Biggar Cemetery. For over the past year and a half or so they have worked on the project. The group first tackled the recording and produced a printout back in 1985.

A copy of the detailed listing was recently presented to the Biggar Museum & Gallery and the Town of Biggar. An electronic file will be forwarded to the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, Regina where the data will be added to the Saskatchewan Residents' Index.

Producing a printout of the data for the Biggar Museum & Gallery and the Town of Biggar was made possible with the support of the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program.

A directory and a plot map of the Biggar Cemetery have also been produced and published as a book titled *Biggar Cemetery Directory with Plot Map*. The map identifies the plots with a tombstone, plots without a tombstone and the graves marked by the Legion with a Red Maple Leaf to show the grave is of "One Who Served This Country."

The Biggar Branch has donated copies of the book to the Biggar Museum & Gallery, Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Library in Regina and Library and Archives Canada in Ottawa. Copies of the directory are on sale and may be purchased at the Biggar Museum & Gallery gift shop.

The Biggar Branch SGS would like to remind everyone when burying ashes in a family-owned plot to please notify the Town of Biggar of the burial. Tombstones are appearing at the cemetery on various plots and the town has no record ashes are buried in the plot. The Town needs your cooperation to maintain an accurate record of burials in Biggar Cemetery.



Rae Chamberlain, President of Biggar Branch of SGS and Michaela McBee, Executive Director of the Biggar Museum & Gallery

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. SGS is presently reviewing the Periodicals Exchange Program with a view to discontinuing exchanges with some organizations due to lack of use by members or limited genealogical value of some of these publications.

Genealogy/Instructional

- Genealogical Research Directory, National & International 2007 (Final Edition) by Keith A. Johnson, am & Malcolm R. Sainty, am.
- QuickSheet, Citing Online Historical Sources, Evidence! Style* by Elizabeth Shown Mills. Donated by Christina Krismer.

Canada: British Columbia

Barkerville, Supplement of the Cariboo Observer, June 16, 1976. Newspaper. Donated by Yvonne Doepker. REFERENCE ONLY.

Canada: Ontario

- Index to Births & Stillbirths (1910). MS 931, Reels 22 & 23. Microfilm. REFERENCE ONLY.
- Index to Deaths (1935). MS 937, Reel 23. Microfilm. REFERENCE ONLY.
- Index to Marriages (1925). MS 934, Reel 23. Microfilm. REFERENCE ONLY.
- Index to the Ontario Genealogical Society's *Families*, Volume II 1998-2006 Selected Subjects compiled by Roger W. Reid, U.E. Review copy donated by The Ontario Genealogical Society.
- Index to the Upper Canada Land Books, February 1787 to February 1841 edited by Susan Smart. Compact Disc (CD). REFERENCE ONLY. Review copy donated by The Ontario Genealogical Society.
- Solving Cemetery Problems: How to Deal with Vandalism, Abandoned Cemeteries, and Registration and Heritage Designation by Diane Clendenan and Marjorie Stuart. Review copy donated by The Ontario Genealogical Society.
- The Beginner's Guide to Ontario Genealogy by Fraser Dunford. Review copy donated by The Ontario Genealogical Society.
- Townships of the Province of Ontario Canada, A Complete Index of the Townships in all the Counties and Districts compiled by Muriel Gartner and Frederick Prong. Review copy donated by The Ontario Genealogical Society.

Canada: Ontario - Grenville County

- Five Cardinal Cemeteries, Edwardsburgh Twp., Grenville County (St. Paul's Anglican, Riverside United Church, Presbyterian, Riverside Presbyterian, Sacred Heart Old and New Section). Donated by Hazel Berger.
- Three Kemptville Cemeteries (Holy Cross, Kemptville Public, St. James Anglican) Oxford-on-the Rideau Township, Grenville County. Donated by Hazel Berger.
- Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register, Grenville County, 1836-1901, a transcription. Donated by Hazel Berger.

Canada: Ontario - Norfolk County

- Charlotteville Marriages 1876-1914 written and transcribed by Winnie Walker, Helen Rombough, Bill Terry, Grace Jewitt, Donna Gable, Hilda Brown, Ruth Blayney, David Avery, Jim Nicholls, John Cardiff. Donated by Lorna Mackenzie.
- McCall-Fairchild Cemetery, Charlotteville Township, Norfolk County, Ontario recorded and edited by William R. Yeager. Donated by Lorna Mackenzie.
- Presbyterian Church Records, Simcoe 1849-1906: St. Andrew's Church & St. Paul's Church transcribed and edited by William R. Yeager. Donated by Lorna Mackenzie.
- Woodhouse Township 1812 Census, Norfolk County Pioneers edited by William Yeager. Donated by Lorna Mackenzie.

Canada: Saskatchewan

- Balgonie: Celebrating the History of a Saskatchewan Town by Gerald Huber. Donated by Judy Hoffart.
- Biggar Cemetery Directory with Plot Map edited by Rae W. Chamberlain. Review copy donated by Biggar Branch.
- Fulfillment of a Challenge, A History of the Battlefords Credit Union 1952-1987 by Judith H. Cameron. Donated by Yvonne Doepker.
- Henderson Directory, 1996 North Battleford City Directory. REFERENCE ONLY. Donated by Yvonne Doepker.
- Henderson Directory, 1997 North Battleford City Directory. REFERENCE ONLY. Donated by Yvonne Doepker.

Europe: Banat

• From the Banat to North Dakota, A History of the German-Hungarian Pioneers in Western North Dakota by David Dreyer and Josette S. Hatter. Donated by the Zichydorf Village Association.

United States: Iowa

 Humboldt County Iowa Cemeteries, Union Cemetery, Livermore, IA. Compiled by Humboldt County Genealogical Society. Donated by Laura Coates.

Family History

- Kozsán/Molnár Family Heritage by Andrea Kozan Phan. Donated by George Rosenau.
- Richard Bailey of Chesterfield and Tazewell Counties, Virginia, and his Descendants, Volume II by Mary Ellen Howe. REFERENCE ONLY. Donated by Mary Ellen Howe.
- The Edmonds Family by Jean Scott. Donated by Jean Scott.
- The Scott Family by Jean Scott. Donated by Jean Scott.

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SGS News

From the Office ...

BY LINDA DUNSMORE-PORTER

Executive Director

We continue to look for volunteers to help us with the Obituary and Burial Indexes. At the present time we have technical experts looking at the databases and determining the most appropriate method to upload them to our website. There are approximately 300,000 individuals listed in the Burial Index. As the Cemetery files are updated, new entries will be added. The Obituary Index will not be available for some time as we have approximately 750,000 entries, and the obituary itself needs to be scanned and sent to individuals to enter the data. If anyone wishes to help out please contact Linda or Lisa at (306) 780-9207.

In October 2007 SGS will be forwarding its Global Funding application to SaskCulture for Saskatchewan Lotteries Funding for the next two years. SaskCulture reviewed all Provincial Cultural Organizations' programs this past year, and we will know the results at the Gathering this fall. The results of the review may affect our funding share.

We continue to look for photos to feature in the *Bulletin* as well as on the cover of future issues. If you would like to share your family photo, please scan and e-mail the photo to us, along with a description/article. For alternative ways to send your photo and article, please contact Linda or Lisa at (306) 780-9207.

Seminar 2008

Seminar 2008 will be hosted by the SGS Prince Albert Branch, April 18 – 20th, 2008 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Details will be available shortly and the Seminar Brochure & Registration Form will be published in the December issue of the *Bulletin*.

You may contact SGS at (306) 780-9207 or email sgs@accesscomm.ca. Watch the SGS web site at http://www.saskgenealogy.com for Seminar information and Brochure & Registration Form.

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: lmdp.sgs@accesscomm.ca.

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Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Hours

Summer:

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

Winter:

Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm (*Effective October 30, 2007*)
First Saturday opened is November 3, 2007.

SGS Library and Research Room Closures

October 8, 2007 - Thanksgiving November 10, 2007 - Remembrance Day Dec. 22, 2007 - Jan. 1, 2008 - Christmas/New Year

We Wish Lisa Warren, Executive Assistant, a Speedy Recovery



Lisa was involved in a pedestrian/vehicle accident recently in which she sustained severe bruising, scrapes and trauma. She will be convalescing at home over the next few weeks. We hope you will join the SGS staff in wishing her well.

If you wish to send a message to Lisa, you may send it to SGS and it will be forwarded to her.

During the next number of weeks, we would ask for patience as we deal with the absence of an integral staff member. Your requests will be dealt with as quickly as possible.

Certified Saskatchewan Instructors Course

SGS will be offering the Certified Saskatchewan Instructors Course in the Spring of 2008.

Prerequisite: Must hold a Saskatchewan Record Searcher Certificate.

Purpose:

- To prepare one to teach adults beginning genealogy from a Saskatchewan perspective.
- To develop instructors who are able to promote scholarship and ethical research methods relevant to the study of genealogy and family history.

Information on the course can be found on our web site at

http://www.saskgenealogy.com/aboutsgs/sgs cert instructor.htm.

If you are interested in taking the course or have questions, please contact our office at (306) 780-9207 or e-mail:

sgs@accesscomm.ca

(A minimum of 3 registrants required)

Fall 2007 Workshops

Location: 1870 Lorne Street, Regina

Instructors: TBA

Fee: \$10.00 each or

pick any 3 for \$25.00

Sept. 27 Let's Get Started – Beginner

Class

Oct. 4 Discover What You Won't Find

on the Internet – SGS Library and Research Room Tour

Oct. 11 Legacy – Becoming Familiar With the Program/Forming a

User Group

Oct. 18 Aboriginal Research
Oct. 25 Explore the Internet

Nov. 1 Discover the Prairie History Room, Regina Public Library

Nov. 8 Organizing all that Paper

Nov. 15 Family Tree Maker – An

In-depth Look

Nov. 22 "Don't' Let Your Family Treasures End Up in the Dump!"

Nov. 29 Research Analyses and Documentation

If you are interested in taking part in a workshop or if you have questions, please contact our office at (306) 780-9207 or e-mail: sgs@accesscomm.ca

A minimum of 6 registrants is required.

Please register in advance.

2008 Membership

Membership to Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) is on a calendar year from January to December. No prorating. Membership benefits/services are being reviewed for 2009, so SGS is only accepting payment for one (1) year.

(IF YOU ARE RENEWING your membership, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope).

ALL BRANCH MEMBERSHIP FEES TO BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE BRANCH

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Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI) Coordinator Job Description

The SRI is a program of the SGS and is subject to responsibilities and reporting procedures as outlined below. Estimated time spent on this program is 5-10 hours per month.

Core responsibility

- Is responsible for the efficient delivery of the SRI project.

Qualifications

- An SGS member in good standing who supports the SGS's aims and goals and is willing to promote them.

Supervisor

- SGS Executive Director.

Method of Reporting

Written report to be inserted in SGS's Annual Report.

Lateral Relationship

- Maintain a good working relationship with SGS members, staff and Branches.

- Maintain a good working relationship with people interested in documenting

and preserving our heritage.

Standard of Performance

Work harmoniously in a team environment with staff, SGS members, branches,

board members and the public.

Duties and Responsibilities

Coordinate the work of the various sector coordinators.

- Ensure that the instruction manuals are correct and up to date.

- Assign code numbers to source documents.

- Keep and distribute as required records of:

a) Work in progress.

b) Volunteers.

c) Location of source documents.

- Be available to any SRI volunteer who may need assistance.

- Promote Saskatchewan Lotteries.

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

Co-ordinators

- Burial Index
- Obituary Index

Data Input

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

Scanning

- Scan obituaries for Obituary Index

Proofreaders

- Proofread indexed materials

Indexing

- Index items for SRI

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

Book Reviews

Biggar Cemetery Directory with Plot Map edited by Rae W. Chamberlain. Biggar, Saskatchewan: Biggar Branch Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, 2007. ISBN – 13: 978-1-895859-13-3. Order from the Biggar Branch, P.O. Box 1103, Biggar SK S0K 0M0. Price: \$12.00 each plus postage and handling (\$6.75 – SK, AB & MB; \$8.50 – BC, ON; \$10.00 – NB, NL, BS, NT, NU, PE, QC, YT; each additional book at \$2.00; United States and overseas will bill postage).

Congratulations to Biggar Branch on the completion of another large project. The members of the branch have rechecked information they compiled in 1985 and updated the cemetery list of burials to 2006 in this book. It provides the researcher with the list of names of those buried in Biggar Cemetery, the location of the grave and plot maps on which to locate the grave in the cemetery.

The following books may be ordered from The Ontario Genealogical Society, Suite 102, 40 Orchard View Boulevard, Toronto, ON M4R 1B9. Phone (416) 489-0734, fax (416) 489-9803, e-mail provoffice@ogs.on.ca, web site www.ogs.on.ca for information regarding tax, shipping and handling.

Solving Cemetery Problems: How to Deal with Vandalism, Abandoned Cemeteries, and Registration and Heritage Designation by Diane Clendenan and Marjorie Stuart. Toronto, Ontario: The Ontario Genealogical Society, 2007. ISBN 978-0-7779-3408-6. Price: \$9.95.

This book focuses its attention on the preservation of Ontario's cemetery heritage. The issues addressed, such as vandalism, abandoned cemeteries, and registration and heritage designation of cemeteries, are issues that people everywhere across Canada have to deal with. This book provides many helpful suggestions. When considering the material in the book, we in Saskatchewan and the rest of Canada need to keep in mind that each province has its own Cemeteries Act and they may differ from the laws in Ontario.

The Beginner's Guide to Ontario Genealogy by Fraser Dunford. Toronto, Ontario: The Ontario Genealogical Society, 2007. ISBN 978-0-7779-3412-8. Price: \$9.95.

As suggested by the title, this book is aimed at helping beginning genealogists with their Ontario research. The author focuses on resources found in Ontario and directs you to where they are located and/or how the researcher may access them.

Beginning with basic how-to's, he reinforces the following necessities: always begin with yourself and work your way back in time, cite the sources of your information, use caution when using Internet resources, and join your local genealogical society or a society in the locality of your research. This is invaluable advice that any genealogist or family historian should pay careful heed to. Then he goes on to cover a bit of the history of Ontario pointing to the fact that there have been many jurisdictional boundary changes and name changes over the years since the 1700s. When researching in Ontario one must know the location. This book talks about the usefulness of maps in doing research in Ontario. Then he goes on to provide basic information about how to find census records, religious records, civil registration records, municipal records. land records, newspapers, immigration/emigration records, and wills. At the end of this 32 page book, there is brief information regarding some useful URLs, Archives of Ontario Research Guides, and the Library and Archives has included a comprehensive Canada. He Bibliography as well as a Glossary of common terms the beginner may encounter in doing research in Ontario records.

Index to the Ontario Genealogical Society's Families, Volume II 1998-2006: Selected Subjects compiled by Roger W. Reid, U.E. Toronto, Ontario: The Ontario Genealogical Society, 2007. ISBN 978-0-7779-2153-1. Price: \$13.95.

This is the second volume of Roger Reid's index to the Ontario Genealogical Society's periodical, Families. It covers the years 1998 to 2006. The first volume covered 1962 to 1997. Articles, including book reviews, are organized by subject making it easy to search for items published on a particular topic.

Index to the Upper Canada Land Books, February 1787 to February 1841 (CD-ROM) edited by Susan Smart. Toronto, Ontario: The Ontario Genealogical Society, 2007. ISBN 978-0-7779-2154-8. Price: \$29.00.

The Ontario Genealogical Society has produced this CD based on the information published in the series of 9 volumes also entitled Index to the Upper Canada Land Books. It is searchable and will run on Mac and Windows platforms. The CD index, covering the time period from February 1787 to February 1841, contains 87,795 names and provides a consolidated index to the records of all petitioners who came before the Executive Council of the Land Board of Upper Canada, including all the surnames found within the petitions. It also provides further details such as the petitioner's residence, occupation and/or the location of the land grant.

By using the Index you will learn some of the history of the land granting process during this time period. It may lead you to some of your family names and some personal information about them. All petitioner names are included as well as other surnames that were found in the text of the minutes. Variations of surnames are also included and indexed separately. The given names are included in full. Some examples of personal information that may appear in this index are: a personal title, an occupation, and/or an age if it was included in the minutes. Where the minutes noted that the individual was a United Empire Loyalist or a son or daughter of a United Empire Loyalist, this is indicated by UE, SUE, or DUE. Also, if there was a note that the person was deceased, this is also included in the personal information. The petitioner's residence at the time is given and in some cases the birthplace of the petitioner is provided if it was given in the original records. The location of the land grant and the date that the petition was presented to the Land Board is shown as well.

The Upper Canada land books are coded with the letters from A to U. There is one Lower Canada Land Book coded QB (Quebec Book). A letter in the Book column of this index tells you the letter of the Land Book where the particular entry you are interested in appears. Then the Petition Number is given, except for the Quebec Book which does not have any petition numbers. The section entitled "What To Do After Searching the Index" will provide specific instructions on how to obtain copies of the land petitions by following the petition number to microfilm records. There is also a special section of this Guide regarding the Ouebec Book records.

Townships of the Province of Ontario Canada, A Complete Index of the Townships in all the Counties and Districts compiled by Muriel Gartner and Frederick Prong. Toronto, Ontario: The Ontario Genealogical Soc., 2007. ISBN 978-0-7779-3411-1. Price: \$12.95.

For those of us whose research takes us to Ontario it is imperative to know the township in which birth, marriage, death and land registrations took place in order to locate records. Over the years the boundaries of the Ontario districts and counties as well as the townships within these jurisdictions have changed drastically. The researcher should also refer to an article that appeared in a recent issue of *Families*, Vol. 45 (November 2006) entitled "The Districts and Counties of Southern Ontario, 1777-1979, Two Centuries of Evolution" written by Eric Jonasson, for a chronology of these changes.

This book was originally published by the Nipissing Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society. It has been updated in this publication to include not only the names of historical townships but also those that have recently been formed. It is current up to December 2006.

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"Volunteerism is the willingness of people to work on behalf of others without the expectation of pay or other tangible gain. Volunteers may have special training But the vast majority work on an impromptu basis, recognising a need and filling it, It may be done for altruistic reasons, for example charity, as a hobby, community service or vocation, or for the purpose of gaining experience. ..."

— en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Volunteerism, 20 August 2007

SGS needs your help. Please consider becoming an SGS volunteer (see page vi for more information).

Pioneer Questionnaires

Part Two - Continued

BY: TAMMY L. VALLEE



There are 1064 different surnames and 740 different place names extracted from the Pioneer Questionnaires gathered by the Saskatchewan Archives Board in the 1950's. The index is in alphabetical order starting with surnames, then place names. Part 1 was printed in the *Bulletin*, Volume 38, Number 1, March 2007 and the first part to Part 2 was printed in the *Bulletin*, Volume 38, Number 2, June 2007.

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Sherwood	Street	Turner	Wilkins
Shillington	Strickert	Turnquist	Williams
Shirley	Striker	Tyndall	Williamson
Sibbald	Stringer	Upton	Williscroft

Willson Assiniboia Brokenshell Cote Wilmot Atlas **Brombury** Coteau Wilson Auto Road **Brooksby** Cotham Winder Avonlea Bruno Cotton Wood Winter Aylesbury Buchanan Courval Winteringham **Balcarres** Burr Covington Wirtz Baldwinton Burrows Craik Witney Balgonie Byemoor, Alberta Crane Lake Witt Baljennie Byrne Craven Wodtke Ballinora Cabri Creelman Wolther Banelaw Calder Crescent Lake Wood Bangor Candiac Cressman Woods **Barnes Crossing** Cando Creston Woodward Bateman **Cannington Manor** Crichton Wray **Battle Creek** Canora Wren Battleford Carievale Crooked River

Crooked Lake District Wright Beacon Hill Carlea Cumberland Wrightson **Beatty** Carlton Cupar Wyman Beaubier Carlyle Curzon Young Beauchamp Carmichael Cut Knife Zacharias Beaufield Carnagh Cutknife

Zeller Belle Plaine Carnduff Cymeric Ziegler Ben Honzie Caron Dafoe Zondervan Bethune Carrot River Dahinda Bettleford Cavalier Dalton Place Names Cavalier Beverley Dana

Aberdeen Bickleigh Central Butte Dana Abernathy **Bienfait** Cevlon Davidson Adanac Big Stick Lake Chamberlain Davin Admiral **Biggar** Chambery Deanton Alameda Birch Hills Delisle Chaplin Alford Birsav Delmas Chickney Alhambra Blackwood Churchbridge Demaine Allan Bladworth Clair Derrick Alsask Blaine Lake Clare Dewar Lake

Amelia
Amulet
Annaheim
Antler

Blaine Lake
Bleakmore
Bleakmore
Blucher
Blucher
Boldenhurst
Cloverley
Cloverley
Dewar Lake
Dinsmore
Dong Hide Creek
Dollard

Borden Donavon Colgate Arborfield **Boscurvis** Colleston Donovan Arcola Bradwell **Collins** Dorintosh Ardill **Bratton** Colonsay Dowd Hill Arelee Briarlea Condie Drake

Arpsville School **Briercrest** Condie Drinkwater District 3442 Brightholm Conquest Dubuc Arran **Broadview** Consul Duff Artland **Brock** Corning Dummer Ashley **Broderick** Coronach Dunblane Asquith

Jilsonburg Hague Flett's Spring Dundurn Halbrite Juniata Foam Lake Dunleath Kamsack Foote Halcyonia Dupuis P.O. Keeler Hamar Forest Hall P.O. Dysart Hamona Keithville Forgan Eagle Creek Kelfield Hampstead **Forget** Eagle Hills Kelliher Hanley Fort Pelly Earl Grey Kelliher Harris Fort Qu'Appelle Earleswood Kelstern Fort Walsh Hartsburg Earlswood Kelvington Hawarden Eastend Forward Kelvinhurst Hawarden Four Corners Easterlea Hawkeye Kenaston Fox Valley Eastview Kennedy Hayward Edam Foxleigh Keppel Hazel Dell Edenbridge Francis French (near Clavet) Hazelcliffe Kerrobert Edenwold Frenchman Creek Hazelwood Keystown Edgeley Khedive Frobisher Hazenmore Edzell Headlands Kilronan **Frys** Eigenheim Kincaid Hearne Elardee **Fusilier** Hednesford Kincorth Elbow Gainsborough Gap View Henribourg Kindersley **Elfros** Ellisboro Gerald Henrietta Kingsland Girvin Herbert Kinistino Elm Springs **Elstow** Glen Adelaide Herschel Kisbey Glen Bain Heward Kronau Emmaville Kutawa Englefeld Glen Ewen **Hewitt Landing** Glen Ewen Kyle Enniscorthy High Hill **Ermine** Glenside **High Tor Kyleville** Estevan Glentworth Highgate Lac Vert Glenwell Lacordaire Eston Hillburn Glidden Hinchcliffe Ladstock Ethelton Golden Prairie Lafleche Evesham Hitchcock Lajord Expanse Gooding Hodgeville Evre Gorefield Hoffer Lake Ignace Gorlitz Fairland Holbeck Lake Johnston Lake Lenore Govan Holbein Fairy Hill Fenwood Graham Hill Hopfield Lamand Fertile Valley Grandora Horse Butte Lampman Horse Lake Landis Fielding Gravelbourg File Hills Gravesborough Hubbard Lang Langbank **Fillmore** Gray Humboldt Huronville Findlater Greenbrier Langenburg Gregherd Hyas Langham Fishing Lake Fiske Grenfell Inchkeith Lanigan **Fitzmaurice** Grismerville Indian Head Laporte Flaxcombe Lashburn Guernsey Invermay Fleming Gull Lake Ituna Last Mountain Fletewode Hafford Laxdal P.O. Jansen

Leacross Marieton Neewin Paswegin Lebret Marsden Neewin Paynton Leeville Marshall Neidpath Peacock Leigh Marysburg Neilburg **Peebles** Leitchville Matador Netherhill Pellv Lemburg Maymont Neuwin Penkill Lemsford Mazenod Neville Pennant Leney **McCarter** New Hope Pense Lenora Lake McDonald Hills New Osgoode Penzance Leofeld **McGuire** New Stockholm Percv Leross McMorran Nipawin Perdue Leroy McTaggart **Nokomis** Perove Lestock Meadow Bank Nolin District (N.B.) Pheasant Forks Lewvan Meadow Lake Nora Phippen Liberty Meedsville Norbury Piapot Limerick Meeting Lake Normanton Pierceland Lintlaw Melaval Norquay Pike Lake Lipton Melfort Plato North Battleford Livelong Mellmore North Makwa Pleasant Valley Llewllyn Mendham North Portal Plenty Lloydminster Meota Notre Dame Plunkett Lockwood Meskanaw Notre Dame **Pontrilas** D'Auvergne Lone Rock Meteor Poplar Grove Nut Lake Lone Star Meyronne Portreeve Nut Mountain Longlaketon Midale Prairie Rose (Jansen) Nutana Loreburn Middle Lake Preeceville Oakshela Lorlie Milden Prelate Odessa Lornhill Mildred Prince Ogema Lucky Lake Milestone Prince Albert Ohlen Lumsden Mistawasis Prongua Old Wives Luseland Moffat Prud'homme Oliver MacDowall Mont Nebo Punnichy Oliver MacKinnon Montgomery Qu'Appelle Onion Lake Macklin Montmartre Qu'Appelle Valley Orangeville S.D. #88 Macoun Moose Jaw **Ouill Lake** Ormiston Macrorie Moose Mountain **Quill Plains** Osage Maidstone Moose Range **Ouinton** Osler Mair Moosomin Rabbit Lake Outlook Mandal Morse Racing Lake Ovenstown Manitou Lake Mortlach Radisson Oxbow Mankota Mount Green Radville Paddockwood Manna Mount Nebo Ralph Palmer Manor Muenster Rama Pambrun Mantario Mullingar Ratcliffe Parkin Maple Bush Mutrie Rathmullen **Parklands** Maple Creek Naicam Ratner Pascal Marcelin Naseby Ravenscrag Pasqua Hills Margo Nashlyn Raymore

Wallace Swift Current Slager Raynaud Wallard **Tantallon** Readlyn Smiley Wallwort Tate Red Deer Hill Smithburg **Tessier** Wapella Smithville Redvers Tetlock Warman Snowden Reford Waseca The Flats Regina Sonningdale Theodore Watertown Rein Southey Thunderchild's Watrous Spalding Rereshill Reserve Watson Speers Revenue Tichfield Wauchope Spinney Hill Riceton Tisdale Wawota Rich Prairie Spooner Togo Webb Richmound Spring Valley **Tompkins** Welby Springside Ridgedale Totzke Weldon Ridpath Springwater Touchwood Welwyn Riverhurst Spruce Home Touchwood Hills Robinhood Spy Hill West Plains Tramping Lake Robsart Squaw Valley West Shore Traynor Westhope Rocanville St. Antoine Tregarva Westmoor Rockhaven St. Boswells Tribune Rockhaven St. Brieux Weyburn Trov Rose Plain St. Dennis White Bear **Tuberose** White Bear Lake Rose Valley St. Front **Tullis** Whitewood St. Gregor Roseray Turner St. Hubert's Mission Rosetown Wiggens Turtleford St. Louis Wiggins Rosthern Tweedyside Rouleau St. Mary's Colony Wilbert **Tyner** Ruddell St. Peters' Colony Wilcox Tyvan Wild Rose Rudy St. Philips Unity Wilkie Ryerson St. Walburg Uno Saloador Stalwart Willow Bunch Valor Stanley Settlement Saltcoats Willow Ridge Valparaiso Star City Willowbrook Sandwith Vandura Sandy Lake Mission Stenen Windthorst Vanguard Saskatchewan Stockholm Wiseton Landing Vanscoy Stoughton Wishart Saskatoon Vantage Strasbourg Wiwa Hill Sceptre Vawn Strongfield Wolf Creek Scots Town Venn Struan Wolseley Scott Verigin Sturgis Woodrow Semans Vibank district Success Wynot Senate Viceroy Summerberry Wynot Senlac Vidora **Sumner District** Wynot Shaunavon Viscount Sunny Isle Yellow Grass Sheho Vossen Sunnyview Yorkton Shellbrook Wadena Superb Young Silton Wakaw Surbiton Zealandia Sintaluta Waldeck Sutherland Zehner Skull Creek Waldville Zelma Swarthmore

Beginnings

BY: ELEANORE DEMPSTER



Members of the Vollhoffer family gathered at the Butterton homestead of Michael Vollhoffer about 1912. The structure in the background is a combination two-room house and barn, made of mud and wood.

From left to right:

Back Row: John Huber (son of Simon Huber and Martha Vollhoffer); Rudolph Ollinger (brother-in-law of Michael Vollhoffer); Anton Oschefski (son of Felix Oszczevski and Katherine Vollhoffer); Frank Kurtz (second husband of Katherine Vollhoffer); Martin Zral (brother-in-law of Rudolph Vollhoffer); Simon Huber Jr. (son of Simon Huber and Martha Vollhoffer); Rudolph Vollhoffer and his brother Michael Vollhoffer; Philip Huber (son of Simon Huber and Martha Vollhoffer); Frank Huber (son of Simon Huber and Martha Vollhoffer); Frank Huber (son of Simon Huber and Martha Vollhoffer); Karl Flaman (friend) Widdle Row: Adolf Vollhoffer (son of Michael Vollhoffer and Anna Ollinger); Pauline Ollinger (wife of Rudolph Ollinger); Anna Ollinger holding baby Olga Vollhoffer (wife and daughter of Michael Vollhoffer); Katherine Vollhoffer holding daughter Martha Kurtz (sister of Michael and Rudolph Vollhoffer); Rosalia Niznik (sister-in-law of Rudolph Vollhoffer); Karl Zral (son of Martin Zral and Rosalia Niznik); Jake Huber (relationship unknown) and wife Anna; Martha Vollhoffer (sister of Michael and Rudolph Vollhoffer); Eleonora Niznik holding baby Emily Vollhoffer (wife and daughter of Rudolph Vollhoffer); Molly Senger holding baby Minnie Huber (wife and daughter of Simon Huber Jr.); Annie Ollinger (relationship unknown); Adelaide Huber holding baby William Huber (wife and son of Frank Huber); Theresia Watzlavek (mother of Michael, Rudolf, Martha, and Katherine Vollhoffer)

Boys sitting on bench: Frank Vollhoffer (son of Rudolph Vollhoffer and Eleonora Niznik); Joe Vollhoffer (son of Michael Vollhoffer and Anna Ollinger); Rudolph Vollhoffer (son of Michael Vollhoffer and Anna Ollinger); Oscar Ollinger (relationship unknown); John Vollhoffer (son of Rudolph Vollhoffer and Eleonora Niznik)

Children sitting on ground: Theresia Vollhoffer (daughter of Michael Vollhoffer and Anna Ollinger); Rosie Vollhoffer (daughter of Michael Vollhoffer and Anna Ollinger); Annie Huber (daughter of Simon Huber and Martha Vollhoffer); Anton Ollinger (relationship unknown); Minnie Vollhoffer (daughter of Michael Vollhoffer and Anna Ollinger); Jacob Vollhoffer (son of Rudolph Vollhoffer and Eleonora Niznik); Fred Huber (son of Simon Huber and Martha Vollhoffer); Richie Huber (son of Simon Huber Jr. and Molly Senger); Frank Ollinger (relationship unknown)

In August 1903, the S.S. Adria left Hamburg, Germany, carrying among its passengers two brothers, Michael and Rudolf Vollhoffer, from Alt Fratautz, Bukovina, Austria. Michael was 31, Rudolf 24, and they were on their way to Balgonie, Assiniboia, Northwest Territory, Canada to start a new life. They had \$100. between them, and were the first of their family to leave Bukovina. Travelling with them were Michael's wife, Anna Ollinger, and their three children, Adolf, Theresia, and Adamina. Like thousands of other Europeans at that time, they had left their homeland and all that was familiar to them, yielding to the enticing promise of land and opportunity, in the hope of making a better life for themselves in a new country.

The brothers were born in Alt Fratautz, iv had both served in the Austrian army, and were both trained shoemakers. They were not farmers, but had the resolve and work ethic to learn and do whatever was necessary to settle well. They went first to Balgonie, where Michael quickly set up a shoe and harness shop. He stayed in Balgonie until 1909, when he and his family, now increased to six children, the stayed on their homestead at SE Sec 6, Twp 25, Range 19, W2 in the Butterton district, north of Earl Grey.

Rudolf worked with his brother for a year while exploring the area for suitable homestead land. In July 1904, he was granted entry to NE Sec 32, Twp 22, R20, W2 near Earl Grey. A year later, in June 1905, he and his bride, Eleonora Niznik, also from Alt Fratautz and Balgonie, moved into a one-room sod house on the homestead and began their life together. Michael and Rudolf continued to work at their trade while developing their homesteads and, in 1908, Rudolf opened a harness and shoe repair shop, called R. Vollhoffer Saddlery, in nearby Southey.

In March 1904, Maria and Martha Vollhoffer, their mother, Theresia Watzlavek, and their husbands and children, boarded the S.S. Arcadia in Hamburg and started their journey to join their brothers in Balgonie. In 1910, two years after her husband died in Bukovina, sister Katherine and her five children joined the family, who were then living in and near Southey.

Maria, her husband Adam Righetti, and their eleven children stayed in Balgonie until 1912, when they relocated to NE Sec 31, Twp 6, Range 5, W3, northeast of Glentworth. Martha and her husband, Simon Huber, and their family of ten children homesteaded next to her brother Michael, on NW 6, Twp 25, Range 19, W2. On New Year's Day 1911, Katherine Vollhoffer Oszczevski married Frank Kurtz in Southey. Two daughters were later born to them, and the blended family increased to fifteen children. They farmed near Southey on SW Sec 10, Twp 23, Range 18 W2. Viii

Prairie living for these immigrants was a constant struggle for survival. One can only imagine how they managed to endure the daily hardships of life on an isolated prairie farm in the early 1900s. They were unaccustomed to farm life; they were tradespeople and labourers familiar with life in small towns, where residents formed supportive communities. Financial poverty and hard work were not new to them, but deprivation of community was. It is understandable why families and friends settled close to one another and gathered together at every opportunity to nurture and maintain their understanding of family and community; to share their successes, failures, troubles and joys. The gatherings helped the people endure and survive the harsh realities of their lives.

The wonderful photograph that inspired this article was taken at one of those gatherings. Of the five Vollhoffer siblings who came to Canada between 1903 and 1910, only Maria and her family are missing. Their homestead near Glentworth, Saskatchewan, was 200 miles away.

Despite their hardships, the Vollhoffer family benefited from the opportunities offered them in Canada. During the 104 years and six generations since their arrival, the family grew to over 1,000 direct descendants of the original five sibling immigrants. Many still live in Saskatchewan; others reside throughout the western provinces and Ontario, and in several USA states.

When life in Saskatchewan began for them in 1903, six people formed the nucleus of the Vollhoffer family. In 1904 their number increased to twenty-eight. Now, in 2007, the extended Canadian family generated by those few Bukovinian emigrants totals more than 2,200. The eight founding families that linked with Vollhoffer to form the basis of today's family are: Righetti, Huber, Ollinger, Oszczevski, Kurtz, Niznik, Hanel, and Schultz. Later generations include the family names of Armstrong, Bender, Coghill, Domes, Engels, Feser, Galenzowski, Hegglin, Ireton, Johnson, Knoblauch, Leier, Missikewitz, Norleen, Pakula, Resch, Sutter, Thomas, Ursaki, Vanderguard, Wagner, Young, and Zurowski. There are 586 others. Perhaps your name is one of them.

Photo identification in 2000 by Jacob Vollhoffer, Ted Zurowski, Erna Vollhoffer Olson, Donna Ponsford

Ship's passenger list, E. Dempster

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The Moose Jaw Provincial Normal School Rugby Team, 1928-1929 consisted of S. Hrytzak, H. Bolton, A. Irwin, C. Dymond, G. May, W. Black, S. Coulter, R. Borrowman, B. Balzer, A. Schroeder, M. Woods, W. Klatzky, S. Scott, E. Shanko, C. Jones, H. Derbyshire, C. Foote, J. Carr and H. Moffat. A photograph of each of these players appears on page 24 of the 1928-1929 Normal School yearbook. There are also individual photos of these players according to the room they were in. Helmer Bolton - Room A. Armon Irwin, Wallace Black, Roy Borrowman, William Klatzky, Garnet May, Edward Shanko and Mervyn Woods - Room B. Calvin Foote, Sylvester (or Stephen) Hrytzak and Carman Jones - Room C. Stanley Coulter, Bernhard Balzer, Herbert Derbyshire, James Carr and Carman Dymond - Room D. Howard Moffat - Room E. Allen Schroeder and Stuart Scott - Room F. ¹

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iv Baptism records, E. Dempster

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Place Names of Early Doukhobor Settlements in Saskatchewan, 1899-1907

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The map of Canada is a rich tapestry of place names. These names reflect the diverse history and heritage of the nation. They embody stories about the people and places to which they are attached and give us valuable insights into history and provide clues about the country's cultural and social development. In this regard, a study of the origin and meaning of the early Doukhobor village names in Saskatchewan reveals the astonishing diversity and depth of the Doukhobor contribution to Canada's historic cultural geography.

The Saskatchewan Doukhobor village names from this period can be classified into eight basic categories based on their mechanism of origin: commemorative, commendatory, connotative, transfer, descriptive, incident, possessive and language transfer names.

Many of the village names arose from the desire to preserve a memory or do honour to someone or something and are said to be "commemorative". Some paid homage to revered Doukhobor leaders: Kapustino (Savely Kapustin), Kalmakovka (Kalmykov dynasty) and Verigino (Peter "Lordly" Verigin). Others memorialized the names of village founders, elders and historic figures: Nikolayevka (Nikolai), Alexeyevka (Alexei), Kirilovka (Kirill), Semenovka (Semyon), Rodionovka (Rodion), Efremovka (Efrem). Many celebrated saint's days and other religious festivals observed by the Doukhobors: Mikhailovka (Michaelmas), Pavlovo (St. Paul's day), Pokrovka (Intercession), Uspenie (Assumption), Vosnesenie (Ascension), Petrovka (St. Peter's day), Troitskoe (Trinity) and Voskrisenie (Resurrection day). Still others extolled religious virtues, values and ideals cherished by the Doukhobors: Vera, Verovka (faith), Blagodarnoe (thanksgiving), Smirenie (humility), Nadezhda (hope), Sovetnoe (counsel), Terpenie (patience), Truzhdenie (industry), Pozirayevka (vigilance), Ubezhdenie (conviction) and Trudolyubovo (love of work).

A number of the village names can be classified as "commendatory" in that they ascribed some pleasant, appealing or providential quality to a particular place or location: Bogomdannoe (God-given), Lyubomirnoe (lovely and peaceful), Khlebodarnoe (gifted with grain), Tikhomirnoe (quite and peaceful), Slavnoe (nice, splendid), Blagosklonnoe (benevolent, favourable), Osvobozhdenie (deliverance) and Uteshenie (consolation). Names of this type were intended to praise or recommend a place or location; they did not actually describe the place physically.

A related category of village names are those which ascribed some quality or characteristic to the people of a place - rather than to the place itself. Such names are said to be "connotative". Some carried a positive or complimentary connotation about the people of a village: Vernoe (faithful), Lyubovnoe (loving) or Khristianovka (Christian). Others carried a negative or pejorative connotation about the people of a village: Nedokhvatnoe (insufficient), Prokuratovo (deceitful) or Razbegalovka (running off in all directions). Still others described the spiritual and emotional state of the villagers: Stradayevka (suffering), Vossianie (spiritually shining forth), Poterpevshie (having suffered/endured) or Otradnoe (joyful).

Many of the village names were "transfer names", names which were borrowed and reused from one location to another. The Doukhobors used this method of naming extensively in Saskatchewan, borrowing names from their former villages in the Caucasus which, in turn, had been borrowed from the Molochnaya. Most were reused repeatedly in different locations: Spasskoe/Spasovka (5 times), Goreloe/Gorelovka (4 times), Troitskoe (4 times), Pokrovka (4 times), Kirilovka (4 times), Terpenie (3 times), Bogdanovka (3 times), Tambovka (2 times),

Slavianka (2 times) and Rodionovka (2 times). Through transference, the Doukhobors in Saskatchewan preserved and perpetuated cherished, symbolic place names which had been firmly etched in the Doukhobor consciousness for generations.

Several village names were "descriptive" in that they identified and distinguished a place by noting some characteristic that separated it from other places. Some directly described the place: *Khutor* (farmstead). Others described the surrounding topography: *Vozvyshenie* (elevation, rise).

A special class of names described places in relative terms. Many described relative age: Novoe (new), Novo-Petrovo (New Petrovo), Staro-Goreloe (Old Goreloe), Staro-Bogdanovka (Old Bogdanovka), etc. Some described relative size: Bolshaya Gorelovka (Large Gorelovka), Malaya Gorelovka (Small Gorelovka). Others described relative location: Verkhnaya Kirilovka (Upper Kirilovka), Serednaya Kirilovka (Middle Kirilovka) and Nizhnaya Kirilovka (Lower Kirilovka). Still others described relative origin: Petrovo Orlovsky (Petrovo of the Orlovka Doukhobors) and Terpenie Karskoi (Terpenie of the Kars Doukhobors).

A few village names were "incident" names which referred to unusual incidents and historical events that occurred at that place. For example, *Besednoe* (conversational) was so named because the villagers frequently engaged in lively, spirited discussions. *Perekhodnoe* (transitional) was so named because the villagers had made a spiritual and spatial transition to a more communal-based lifestyle.

Several village names indicated the presence of a large, prominent family at that place and are said to be "possessive" names: *Usachevka* (place of the Usachev family) and *Holubovo* (place of the Holubov family). Names of this type were not used by the Doukhobors to indicate ownership, but rather occupation.

Finally, several village names were Russian translations of existing English place names. Through the process of "linguistic transfer" these names were transferred from the original language, English, into the receiving language, Russian: *Gromovoe* (thunder – from nearby Thunder Hill), *Kamenka* (stony – from nearby Stony Creek) and *Lebedevo* (swan – from nearby Swan River). Occasionally, non-Russian words were Russianized in form and spelling to produce village names: *Vurtsovo* (Wurtz's Farm).

Based on the above, it can be concluded that the early Doukhobor village names in Saskatchewan were intended to do considerably more than merely "distinguish one place from another". They were deliberately and systematically named in order to reinforce group values, religious belief and philosophy and a common world-view. They were also intended to establish a *Dukhoboria* in Canada, a veritable "Land of the Doukhobors" within which everything – including place names – had its own distinctly Doukhobor place, meaning and purpose.

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Frederic and Emma (nee JOHNSON) KIRKHAM Family in Saskatchewan (from a file dated September 1969, by Lucy E. Rooke)

Frederic KIRKHAM was born in 1847 at Nantwich, Cheshire. He married Emma JOHNSON in 1872. She was born in England in 1850, daughter of John and Frances JOHNSON. They immigrated to Canada in 1888 with their children: Rupert Denis, Frederic, John Alexander, Mary, Henry Oliver, Sydney Rowland, Emily Mary and Samuel. They settled in the Saltcoats area of Saskatchewan. There they had two more children: Lucy Eleanor and William. Frederic and Emma's homestead was located at 30-24-01 W2ndM. He was a farmer and stock breeder until 1920 when he and his wife retired to the town of Saltcoats where they lived until 1939, the year they both passed away. They are buried in Saltcoats

More information about this family can be found in the family history section of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Library and Research Room.

Cemetery. Several of their children also took up homesteads, married, and lived in the Saltcoats area.

Beginning Genealogy & Family History Research

A Sampling of the Resources You Will Find in the SGS Library and Research Room

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Are you new to genealogy or have you already begun to collect information but are unsure about what to do with it all? If you can answer yes to this question, then the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) Library and Research Room will be able to help you.

Doing genealogy or family history research involves searching for clues to your ancestry and the story of your ancestor's lives. To do this you will be looking for information created in the past, beginning with yourself and sources in your own home and then by talking to relatives and inquiring about documents they may have such as photographs, letters, birth, baptismal and marriage certificates, military records, land records and so on. But, before embarking on this journey into the past, it is very important to understand a few of the basics of doing genealogical research. You can get

this information by attending workshops and seminars, and by reading books and articles published in periodicals. There are many resources in the SGS Library and Research Room that can help you to get started or to get on the right track to doing your genealogical research.

The following books are available to members and non-members. If you are a member of the SGS and you live in Canada, you may borrow these books. We will mail them to you if you do not reside in Regina or are unable to visit the library in person. A return label is provided with each parcel so you can return the books to the Library at no cost to you, although we do appreciate donations to help support this program.

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Most of the periodicals and newsletters in the SGS Library and Research room also contain articles of interest to the beginning, intermediate and advanced researcher. Borrow a copy for the area you are interested in.

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Mountain, Ontario (Nick and Helma Mika. Places in Ontario, Their Name Origins and History, Part II, F-M.) "The village of Mountain a few miles to the south of Hallville owes its existence to the Canadian Pacific Railway. The railway station became the nucleus of a settlement in the late 19th century. A grist mill and a sawmill, as well as elevators, were erected. Albert Brinston opened a planning mill. L. Richardson built the CPR hotel, and a temperance house was built by A.J. Stewart." For information regarding other Ontario places and people instrumental in building the communities, contact the SGS Library and Research Room.

Lower Canada Land Petitions Database Now Online

The following announcement was written by Library and Archives Canada:

Library and Archives Canada is pleased to announce the release of a new database for Lower Canada Land Petitions. When New France became a British colony in 1763, the land system changed. New lands were now granted as part of townships instead of seigneuries. Many early settlers, both military and civilian, submitted petitions to the Governor to obtain Crown land.

The Lower Canada Land Petitions database contains petitions for grants or leases of land and other administrative records. This research tool provides access to more than 95,000 references to individuals who lived in present-day Quebec between 1764 and 1841. Some references include digitized images of the records. To consult it, visit the Canadian Genealogy Centre website, www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogy, and click on Databases.

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Alberta Genealogical Society (AGS) and Edmonton Branch Libraries Must Move!

On June 29 2007, we received notice from the City of Edmonton, our landlord, that we are required to vacate our premises in the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre in Edmonton by September 30, 2007.

There is an urgent need for structural repair to the building. Investigation has shown that floors and the roof have load-bearing deficiencies, particularly for snow load on the roof. This is a safety issue and all tenants on the perimeter of the building will be moving out. The City of Edmonton Archives is not affected by this problem. Repairs to the site will take 12 to 24 months.

We are working hard to find alternate quarters, so please keep checking our website for further news regarding location and meeting schedules - http://abgensoc.ca/.

The library will be open regular hours until 3:00 pm August 18, 2007.

All items must be returned on or before 3:00 pm August 18

Our new location, when found, and re-opening will be posted on our website when known.

Computer Column

BY: CHRISTINA KRISMER



This has been a hot, windy, and unusual summer with morning thunderstorms. As I sit here in my airconditioned office I cannot help but ponder the hot summers our settlers struggled through especially during the Dirty 30s. Our daughter, out on her small ranch, works in this heat and it doesn't seem to bother her

too much. In fact when she gets here to visit she is putting on a sweater as she is cold – at 77 degrees in the house. I guess it is a matter of acclimatization. How times have changed for some of us!

Microsoft has introduced Vista, an upgraded operating system for Windows. If you are in the market for a new computer or are planning to upgrade your present computer you may find that some of your present programs will not function as well or at all with Vista. To meet this change many of the program developers have updated their software. Sometime this fall Legacy will be introducing Legacy7. If you are continuing with your computer as it is you will not have to upgrade your Legacy program unless you wish to have the newest version. This of course is for those of you using Windows as your operating systems and does not involve Macs, Linux or other OS computers. Because a new version is coming out does not mean you need to upgrade from your present version. If you are just purchasing Legacy then you will of course want the newest version. We should be able to give you some of the new features of version 7 in the next issue.

Other new items are Elizabeth Shown Mills latest works on citations.

- A QuickSheet: Citing Online Historical Resources Evidence! Style. First Revised Edition. \$5.95 US
- 2. Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace. \$49.95

Although they are available from other sources I was made aware of them through the Legacy newsletter. Log onto www.legacyfamilytree.com - visit their online store and you should see an ad for the

book on the left side column. Like her other books I believe these are a must for anyone doing research. With information now available on the Internet, correct sourcing will be necessary if anyone is to find the websites referenced.

Internet websites you may wish to consider for your research follow:

- 1. www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogy/indexe.html If you are researching Canadian ancestors here is a good place to start. Some databases you may want to see are: Canadian Censuses, Passenger Lists and Immigration records, Divorce in Canada (1841-1968), Western Land Grants, Naturalization and others. More are being added.
- 2. Looking for Canadian Directories, Who Was Where? Go to www.collectionscanada.ca/canadiandirectories/index-e.html.
- Visit Castle Garden at: www.castlegarden.org for passenger lists.
- AncestorsonBoard is another site for passenger lists. This may cost you a fee. It can be found at: www.ancestorsonboard.com.
- The FHL website is being updated and many more items are available for searching. www.familysearch.org. Do a search not only for names but use the library tab for a topic, location or title search.
- Vital Statistics Saskatchewan now has available for you to search births 100 years ago or and deaths pre 1917 (will have those up to 70 years ago). Website is http://vsgs.health.gov.sk.ca/ vsgs srch.aspx
- 7. Looking for historical directories for England and Wales visit: www.historicaldirectories.org.
- For the latest information visit Dick Eastman at http://blog.eogn.com. There is some free information and you may also subscribe to his Plus Newsletter.
- For European information you may to check out www.geneanet.org. A search can be done by family name and/or location.
- 10. Jewish or not, a great website to visit is www.jewishgen.org.
- 11. If you have not been to the Footnote website yet, do so. It is becoming an increasingly valuable tool. It has partnered with the National Archives

and Records Administration (NARA). Many hard to find documents are becoming available. Membership is free and entitles you to search all titles and view any free title. For \$7.95US a month or \$59.95US annually you can have an all-access membership. This will give you access to all images on Footnote, save, share, download and print images, upload your own images and create your own member pages. For more information about Footnote, I would suggest you check the April/May 2007 issue of Internet Genealogy for the first article "Are You Ready to Unlock Your Genealogy?" The September 2007 issue of Internet Genealogy has a second article "FootNote¹". Both articles are very informative, worth reading. Website for Footnote http://www.footnote.com.

My September 2007 issue of *Internet Genealogy* arrived today and for those of you who attended the Saskatchewan Seminar and SGS Annual Meeting in April, you will really enjoy this. For those of you not there allow me to add just a bit. I did a presentation on "Toys" at the seminar. The article "Top Ten Toys for Genealogists" fits in perfectly with what I covered and has more information. The author Bill Puller "proves that the genealogist with the most toys wins." Here is his list of toys: Apple iPod, MacBook Laptop; USB drives, GPS receiver, digital picture frame, video converter, external hard drive and portable scanner.

Since Apple switched to the Intel chipset, you can now purchase a computer that runs both Microsoft Windows and MacOS X. You no longer have to make a choice. Microsoft Windows ran office and other Windows-based software thought of as business applications, while Mac OS X was considered a platform for design and graphics applications. With the MacBook laptop you can now buy one system that runs both operating systems, at the same time. More details are available at http://www.apple.com.

Many of you may be as interested as I am about the ability of converting older video camera tapes myself. The newer cameras have built in ability to connect to your computer so that isn't an issue. It is those older videos that we want to convert to today's technology. Just like we update our digital picture files from a 3½ floppy to a CD or DVD we can convert our VHS videos to CD or DVD. Windows XP users can check out the Dazzle Video Creator Platinum. For more information visit http://www.pinnaclesys.com.

Mac users can check out the Canopus ADVC110. More information is available at http://canopus.com.

The portable scanner discussed was the Docupen RC800. It is battery operated, does full-color scanning, can store hundreds of pages of text and photos. You can even extend the RC800's 8MB capacity by inserting a MicroSD storage card. If you are interested in the portable scanner you can learn more at http://www.planon.com.

In closing I will make a brief comment about picture formats. JPEG stands for Joint Photographic Experts Group. It is a basic industry standard. This really means that I can be using Adobe Photoshop and send pictures to someone who is using PaintShop, PhotoImpact or other imaging software and they can open the file. Be aware that the JPEG file is compressed every time it is saved after changes have been made, so the image quality is lowered. The best way to preserve your digital images is to save them as a JPEG, as the file can easily be transferred from one program to another and will likely remain a popular format for quite a while. However it is suggested that you also save the image as a TIFF so that there is no compression. If you are planning on retouching or cropping a picture than save it as a TIFF, do your work and when you are finished you can save it as a JPEG. TIFF files are considerably bigger then JPEG and so take up more space on your hard drive or CD. Most importantly, give a copy of the CD or DVD to a family member out there as a backup. Don't forget to identify the subjects, date the images and label the CD. Indicating yourself as the source or keeper of the original may also be a good idea.

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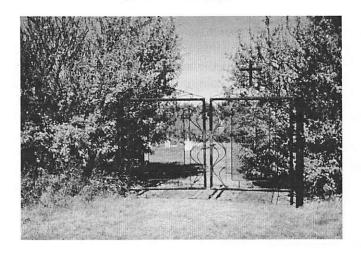
Kartenmeister – web site at http://www.kartenmeister.com/preview/databaseuwe.asp. (14 August 2007) Check this web site if you are looking for a place in Europe. This "... comprehensive database ... contains 73,351 locations with over 30,559 name changes once, and 5,500 thrice. All locations are EAST of the Oder and Neisse rivers and are based on the borders of the eastern provinces in Spring 1918. Included in this database are the following provinces: Eastprussia, including Memel, Westprussia, Brandenburg, Posen, Pomerania, and Silesia..."

Cemetery Program

BY: LINDA NEELY SGS Cemetery Coordinator

I know several SGS Branches and members have been out over the summer recording cemeteries. Thank you so much for your hard work.

We often get pictures from the people who submit the recording information and have a collection of three binders full of cemetery pictures. Here are a couple of them:



126.016 Our Lady of Good Help Cemetery (Mutrie)



274.07 St. Mary's Uspanska Cemetery (Canora)

The following RM maps are needed:

Lone Tree R.M. #18 Hazelwood R.M. #94 Montmartre R.M. #126 Elcapo R.M. #154 Riverside R.M. #168 McKillop R.M. #220 Arm River R.M. #252 Wood Creek R.M. #281 Keys R.M. #303 Big Quill R.M. #308 Glenside R.M. #377

Bjorkdale R.M. #426 Prince Albert R.M. #461

Brock R.M. #64 Chester R.M. #125 Abernethy R.M. #186 Touchwood R.M. #248 Wreford R.M. #280 Perdue R.M. #346 Round Valley R.M. #410 Battle River R.M. #438

Prior to purchasing RM maps, please contact SGS office at (306)780-9207 or sgs@accesscomm.ca.

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Announcements

Fife Family History Fair

Parcel o' Rogues commemorating 300 years of the Union of the Parliaments takes place on 22 September 2007 at Rothes Halls, Kingdom Centre, Glenrothes, Fife. Further information available at www.rotheshalls.org.uk.

Manitoba Genealogical Society (MGS) Seminar

MGS Seminar is 19-21 October 2007 at the Viscount Gort Hotel in Winnipeg. The Seminar is being organized by the Southeast and Winnipeg Branch. Keynote speaker is Rick Roberts from Global Genealogy; as well as other presenters such as Elizabeth Briggs. Program, registration and information are available at http://www.mbgenealogy.com/mgs_seminar_2007.html.

Alberta Genealogical Society GenFair 2008

GenFair 2008 takes place on 12 April 2008 in Lethbridge Alberta. Keynote speaker is Paul F. Smart, Family History Library in Salt Lake City and featured speaker is Mary Tollestrup. Further details to come. Information available at http://abgensoc.ca/events.html.

2008 NGS Conference in the States & Family History Fair takes place 14-17 May 2008 in Kansas City, Missouri. Details to be announced.

Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) Seminar 2008 takes place 30 May - June 1, 2008 at Fanshaw College, London.

Federation of East European Family History Societies (FEEFHS) International Conference takes place 1-3 August 2008 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Details to be announced.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Brian W. Hutchison Genealogical Scholarship
The Brian W. Hutchison Genealogical Scholarship is
to be awarded annually to a Canadian resident to study
the field of genealogy and family history in a
recognized educational or accreditation program.
Deadline for application: 31 December 2007
Scholarship will be awarded in Spring of 2008. For
information write to Alberta Family Histories Society,
Attention: Scholarship Committee, 712 16th Avenue
NW, Calgary AB T2M 0J8 or web site:
http://www.afhs.ab.ca/scholarship/.

Queries

Looking for information on two Saskatchewan one-room schools — Pauline School north of Esk and Illinois School north of Jansen. My grandma (Gertie Rode) and some of her siblings attended these schools in the 1920s. Saskatchewan Archives has very little information and no photos. There is a little information in the *Prairie Rose Memories* history book, but I was wondering if anyone has any information or pictures that they would share? Al Meyer, PO Box 560, Clairmont AB TOH 0W0 or e-mail: armeyer@telusplanet.net.

Semans Cemetery - I am looking for someone who will take photographs of my great-grandparents' and great-uncles' graves, who are or may be buried at the Semans Cemetery. I am looking for the following:

- 1) John Nottingham Murray, born May 31, 1851, died Jan. 5, 1925, buried at the Semans Cemetery
- 2) Jane Murray (Kirkland), born Mar 12, 1849, died July 16, 1912, buried at the Semans Cemetery
- 3) James Alexander Murray, born July 18, 1877
- 4) Archibald John Murray, born July 8, 1879, died Dec 9, 1948, buried at the Semans Cemetery (?)
- 5) Daisy Alberta Murray (Milner), born May 17, 1893, died February 26, 1976, buried at the Semans Cemetery Note: Obituary says she was buried in the family plot!
- 6) William Robert Murray, born July 26, 1891

If you can do these, let me know how much it will cost. I do not have grave locations. Tom Brown, Victoria BC - e-mail: thomasbl@telus.net.

Notices



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NEW:

Ukrainian Genealogy: A Beginner's Guide by John D. Pihach ... \$30.00 plus postage/handling.

See web site for a complete list of items sold.

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Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Calendars Various Years Available

These calendars are especially useful for Saskatchewan researchers as they show the location of every town, village and hamlet with a Saskatchewan Wheat Pool elevator in the year the calendar was produced.

They are indexed and also have a township and meridian grid

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

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

Submissions can be mailed or e-mailed. Send to: SGS, c/o Bulletin, PO Box 1894, Regina SK S4P 3E1, E-mail: sgs@accesscomm.ca.



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SGS Branches: Contacts & Meetings

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

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SGS Board Meeting for 2007:

September 22 and 23

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Basic Search of Saskatchewan Records

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

Other Indexes:

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

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

Saskatchewan Obituary Search

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

For <u>obituaries not in the collection</u>, 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)

<u>General Search</u> - \$4 per surname - all entries for a particular surname. Includes up to 4 pages of printouts, quote for entries beyond this number. <u>Particular Search</u> - \$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
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 \$5 per name (3 year search)
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