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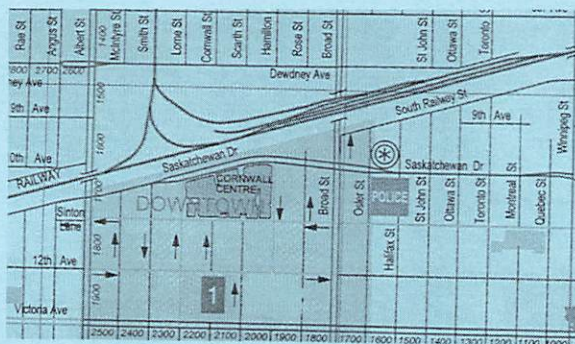
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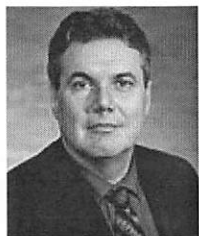
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Letter

BY: LINDY KASPERSKI



Your SGS Board of Directors have had a very busy Fall, meeting on September 6th and December 6th. Prior to the latter meeting was Agribition week in Regina. Along with the Saskatchewan Archives Board, SGS maintained a display booth. Many thanks to SGS staff and volunteers who took time to answer questions and distribute material during Agribition.

Going into the latter meeting there was still one vacancy on the Board of Directors. Assuming this position has not been filled in the meantime, while the *Bulletin* was being printed, anyone interested in being nominated is invited to contact me.

The 2009 Conference planning committee met again in September. Congratulations to committee Chair Verna Thompson and our Executive Director for all their hard work in finalizing the Conference program that is included in this issue of the *Bulletin*. This promises to be a great conference, so please make plans to attend and register early. SGS welcomes your involvement in the celebration of our 40th anniversary on April 23 to 26 in Regina.

The Fundraising Committee was scheduled to present an action plan to the Board in December for a special initiative to help update our online resources and databases and other special 40th anniversary initiatives. Watch for more news on this in the weeks ahead.

At this time I wish to take this opportunity to extend Season's Greetings to everyone and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

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Editor's Notes

BY: LINDA DUNSMORE- PORTER
Executive Director



As the year quickly comes to an end, I hope that everyone had a productive year and have many new names and stories to add to your family history.

I consider my year successful. Just recently I made contact with close relatives in England. After years of wondering and looking and sleuthing, I checked one more spot. That spot was the website 192.com...if you are looking for living relatives in England, this is a great spot to check. Knowing the names and approximate ages I was able to check the telephone directory in the area I was looking, as well as an electoral index. I was given five choices...the first individual I contacted was a success. I have now been corresponding with these folks for a few weeks and filling in the blanks in our history. We have also exchanged photos and it is quite amazing the resemblances.

The SGS 40th Anniversary Showcase will be held April 23 - 26, 2009. The outline of the Conference and registration form can be found on pages v-viii. Also check out "From the Office..." on page iii for information on SGS programs and projects.

It has been a very busy, but extremely satisfying year at the SGS and we are looking forward to great things in 2009. Celeste, Lisa and I wish you the best for the upcoming holiday season, and a wonderful and productive 2009.

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The Willoughby Family in the Province of Saskatchewan 1908-2008

BY: MARGARET E. ALDRIDGE

Through the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) Seminar held at The Nottawasaga Inn several years ago, a small but dedicated group of individuals formed a one-name study group.

We had individually been posting surnames on the wall-of-fame for many years and had rarely a glimmer of connecting our families to other families. Occasionally a similar surname was posted but usually a name so common that the likelihood of a distant family member was too remote. So at that fateful seminar to find not one, two, three or four, but five individuals all searching the WILLOUGHBY name was ecstatic. We quickly arranged a meeting in one of the rooms and have become fast friends, trying to meet at the OGS seminars whenever we can. [We actually managed to locate a sixth individual who had been trying to find us at the seminar and filled her in on our plans.]

Through an exchange of emails we swapped information on our lines and found that we had similar stories in our collective family lore. English and then Irish, Cromwell, land owners in Ireland, and immigration to Canada in the early 1800s. But what to do with all this information; and how to organize ourselves into a useful group to share an obvious wealth of information became the challenge at hand.

We established an email group and I took on the task of entering and merging data into a collective database. The individuals at the top of each line were assigned a family number and all lines were entered into the same database for collective searching and sorting. Not an easy task. We collectively took on other tasks, searching local archives in remote areas not accessible by other family members, extracting WILLOUGHBY names from other sources such as vital statistics and census records, becoming the eyes and ears for all WILLOUGHBY information. Through searching the internet we invited anyone interested in the WILLOUGHBY surname to join our group and submit information to be sifted and added to an ezine-newsletter that we established. While it publishes irregularly, it helped to cut down on the number of emails that were flying around amongst members and allowed each person to focus on collecting information in their area. We now have members throughout Canada, USA, England and Australia. Each issue focuses on one WILLOUGHBY family and it seemed appropriate at this time to share what has become known about WILLOUGHBYs that settled in the Province of Saskatchewan.

The WILLOUGHBY family has had a long and distinguished past and a brief overview of the major lines will help identify this particular family. The WILLOUGHBY name came to be found amongst the English minor royals throughout 1100 through to the 1500s. The family inter-married with many of the major lines in England, acquired land, had a few explorers (a rather sad story or two), a naturalist and then started to disperse into the new world. They were predominantly Royalists as a certain William WILLOUGHBY married a cousin of Catherine of Aragon, once upon a time, and obtained land through this relationship. Even a ship was named for the family, but these are all potential stories for another day.

Three major lines of interest to North America left England, Francis WILLOUGHBY (1615-1671) for Massachusetts, Joseph WILLOUGHBY (1690-1751) for Connecticut and Francis WILLOUGHBY (1571 – 1658) for Dublin, Ireland. Francis, Nicholas, Thomas, William and Robert, throw in a few Henrys, Johns and James and the same names repeat over and over, it has taken quite some time to patiently sort out each line. The first Francis's family (Family 11) spread throughout the USA but as the War of Independence approached family members left to relocate in the new country to the north; remaining loyal to the crown. It is this line that eventually settled in North Gwillimbury, Ontario. Joseph WILLOUGHBY's family thrived but they too remained loyal to the crown and some members moved to Eastern Canada and to Nova Scotia to avoid confrontation. The

second Francis's family remained in Ireland about 175 years and then dispersed to Canada and Australia. There are other immigration paths, but these are the three dominant lines of interest to Western Canada.

Family 11 can now be traced from the current timeframe directly back through to the 1100s. You will see many surnames familiar to York County, Ontario in the descendants of this line as the family established itself in North Gwillimbury and then into Michigan as lines reasserted themselves back to the USA after hostilities receded. Many remained in Canada and it is likely that descendants from this line may have journeyed west.

Joseph WILLOUGHBY, the Eastern Canadian line, eventually lends some descendants to the Western Provinces.

Meantime, things had become uncomfortable in Ireland and the WILLOUGHBY family members started to disperse to the new world, both Canada and Australia. Francis had managed to educate his son Charles at Oxford, and family members pleaded for financial assistance from family members who remained in England, but finally decided that Ireland was not the place they wanted to be and left. Ontario was the final destination for many of these families and a considerable number took up residency in Eastern Ontario, including the Ottawa area and West Gwillimbury in Simcoe County. It is interesting to note that after a separation of a couple of hundred years the two family lines embraced each other and reconnected. The surname WILLOUGHBY is rarely found in Ireland today.

The database has grown to over 18,000 individuals in approximately 200 family lines. It is our hope that through continued availability of new sources that we may one day link all family lines to the main thread which is Family 11 mentioned above.

Family 11 for those who are wondering:

JOSIAH WILLOUGHBY (FAMILY²⁴ 11) (JOSEPH²³ WILLOUGHBY, JOHN²², JOHN²¹, NEHEMIAH²⁰, FRANCIS¹⁹, (COLONEL)WILLIAM¹⁸, CHRISTOPHER¹⁷, CHRISTOPHER¹⁶, (SIR)THOMAS¹⁵, (SIR)CHRISTOPHER¹⁴, (SIR)ROBERT¹³, (SIR)THOMAS¹², (SIR)WILLIAM¹¹, (SIR)ROBERT¹⁰, (SIR)JOHN⁹, (SIR)JOHN⁸, (SIR)ROBERT BARON WILLOUGHBY⁷ DE ERESBY, (SIR)WILLIAM⁶ DE WILLOUGHBY, ROBERT⁵, WILLIAM⁴, RALPH WILLOUGHBY/RALPH³ BUGGE?, DE WILLOUGHBY², DE WILLOUGHBY

The interesting thing about a one-name study and such a large family is that members can be found in many locales. Amongst the places they immigrated to are the following names: Carnduff, Glen Ewen, Hildrop, Moose Jaw, Raymore, Regina, Rouleau, Rosthern, Saskatoon, Shellbrook, Storthoaks, Tisdale, Wilkie and Wynyard.

Below are fragments of lines that continued migrating west as the land in Ontario became depleted. Although I may have additional information on these families in the database, with the timelines much shorter for Saskatchewan I will just list some known family lines that were born in Ontario but have descendants in the West along with their family number. These families would be amongst the early pioneer families circa 1900 of Saskatchewan. This was not the final location for many families but another stop along the way as they continued to Alberta, British Columbia and beyond. As WILLOUGHBYs married into many families, there are other surnames associated with this family; these are only some known direct WILLOUGHBY lines. Please contact me for additional information.

- George Edmund WILLOUGHBY (Family 111), George Edmund WILLOUGHBY II, Captain, Thomas *Henry WILLOUGHBY, Samuel Thomas WILLOUGHBY, Lester Stuart WILLOUGHBY married Eva McKay
- Andrew (Andy) WILLOUGHBY/Willaby (Family 63/90), Amelia (Cassie) WILLOUGHBY married D. McKinnon
- Hugh WILLOUGHBY (Family 05), Nicholas WILLOUGHBY, William WILLOUGHBY, Madeleine Rachel WILLOUGHBY married Herbert Gadd

- Nicholas WILLOUGHBY (Family 03), Henry WILLOUGHBY, John WILLOUGHBY, John *Henery (Harry) WILLOUGHBY and family – three children born in Manitoba, three in Saskatchewan – Huldah Margaret, Henry Oliver and Mary Edith WILLOUGHBY
- Jeremiah WILLOUGHBY (Family 103), Hans William WILLOUGHBY, Alfred Talbot WILLOUGHBY, Edward Godfrey WILLOUGHBY, Walter Douglas WILLOUGHBY, Laurier Godfrey Ernest WILLOUGHBY married Gertrude Stene
- Ann Jane WILLOUGHBY (Family 30), Elizabeth Margaret Sparling, Cora or Eva Carson married Haig
- Christopher WILLOUGHBY (Family 22/37), Barbara Ellen (Nellie) WILLOUGHBY married Stanley Frederick Hammond
- Joseph WILLOUGHBY (Family 25), Samuel WILLOUGHBY, Augustus WILLOUGHBY, Elizabeth Starr WILLOUGHBY, Joanna (Annie?) Fellows, Francis Sutherland Shannon, Richard Cutts Shannon
- John WILLOUGHBY (Family 14), Alice Eva WILLOUGHBY married Edward Patterson

My own personal interest in this name is my great-grandmother, Edna Maude Margery Eugenia WILLOUGHBY born 25 November 1872, at Bondhead, West Gwillimbury. This particular line has descendants in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

For those who would like more information on the WILLOUGHBY family, please contact me at jamaldrige@rogers.com or Margaret E. Aldridge, 44 Queens College Drive, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1P7, Canada..

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BY: ALICE ACHTER, RAE CHAMBERLAIN AND LUCETTE NOISEUX

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By Sandra MacLean Clunies, CG

Something wrong with that picture? Oh, yes—Google Maps will report that the land distance between my home and Prince Albert is 2077.87 miles and 33+ hours of driving time. My genie colleagues John Wylie and Debbie Parker Wayne were also on the program, and they were home in Texas. Paul Blake was another speaker, and he was home in England.

The coordinator in Canada for our experiment, Nancy Carswell, who is employed at a school that uses online presentations, received permission to use the school's membership at Elluminate Live!, which is one of a growing number of companies specializing in aids for online education.

Several weeks prior to the conference date, we were given preliminary training in one of the

password-protected reserved “virtual classrooms” at the site, where our presentations were uploaded temporarily and safely protected from any access by strangers who might be skulking or spying on us in cyberspace.

The only equipment we needed besides our computers and a high-speed Internet link was a headset and microphone. Nancy demonstrated how we could use our mouse as a pointer, a highlighter, or a drawing tool on a “whiteboard” accessory available during the presentations. Slides were advanced with a mouse click on an arrow on the screen. During the training sessions, we used also exchanged text messages via a “chat room” as well as speaking directly to one another.

Of course, we all forgot most of the lessons, and so as the conference date approached, Nancy wisely contacted us again days prior to the event to refresh our memories. It was only then, two days prior to the event, that I learned—or remembered—that this online technology does not currently support any *PowerPoint* transitions or animations.

Arggggggh! One of the joys of *PowerPoint* to me is the ability to layer slides with transitions and/or animations to keep the information flowing in a dynamic and visually interesting way. So I had to quickly





reconstruct my two lectures, using *PowerPoint*'s "add a duplicate slide" feature to separate out the multi-layered slides into single slides. Thus, a forty-slide talk quickly became more than one hundred "flat" slides. But I finished in time.

We were asked to open our presentations with a slide showing our own photograph, to enable the audience to at least "see" who was addressing them. I briefly considered introducing myself with some glamorous public domain image I might download that could serve as a vicarious visage—but discarded the fantasy when I realized my real image is online already anyhow.

Not being able to see the audience was a real barrier for me, as I am both energized and educated on the spot by a live audience. When I see people with eyes glazed over, I know to speak up, back up, and try again! When I toss some humor into the presentation, I crave the simple satisfaction of seeing smiles or hearing laughter. Alas, being 2077.87 miles apart, this was not possible with the limitations of the microphone set up.

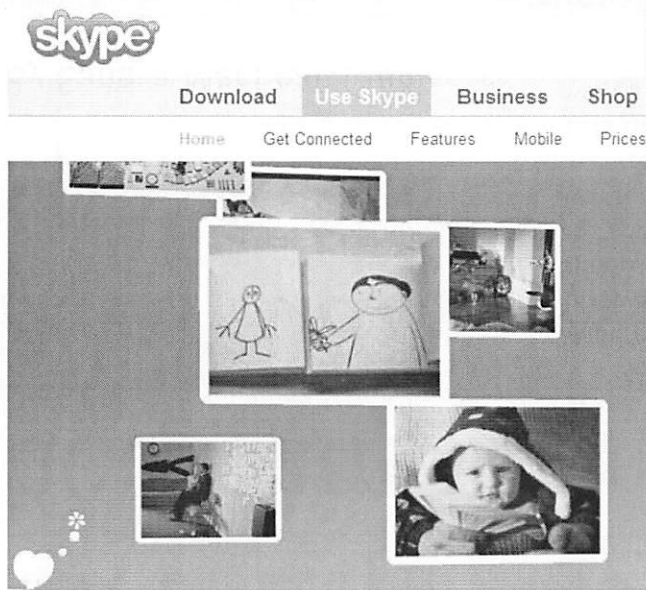
A few times, I asked the audience to hold up their hands in response to a light-hearted question, and the facilitator switched on her mic briefly to give me the answer and I could hear real people laughing for a millisecond before it went silent again. But for the majority of the time over a two-hour period, giving two lectures, my only live audience was my cat, who is not what we might call a responsive listener!

Nancy Carswell summarized the big experiment from her vantage point in Canada with a piece called "Liberating Genealogy Seminars from the Tyranny of Geography." This was a first time for her society, and as such, was deemed a success. But there were technical details and dilemmas that suggest future refinement in the process.

Some initial lemons turned into lemonade. When Paul Blake's microphone would not link to his computer, he had access to another computer from which he quickly dialed into Skype and initiated a telephone connection that linked to the conference sound system. As Nancy reported, "This solution was better than getting his mic working. Skype audio was much better quality and had less lag time. Even better, because there was no need to turn off the facilitator's mic (left on, the presenters would hear an echo of themselves), and Blake could hear laughter and applause. This made possible more interaction between presenter and participants..."

Sounds like adding the free internet telephone service of Skype to the formula is a winner for a next production. Most professional presenters speaking from a home office will have a laptop in addition to a desktop, so this could be a part of future virtual conferences.

Now, for some evaluations from my fellow speakers. Paul Blake writes "although this was the first time I had lectured 'online,' it was nowhere near as daunting as I had guessed it might be. ...I was glad I had prepared a more formal presentation as this would not be the environment for being too relaxed, there being no real possibility for waiting for reaction



or entering into debate. I am normally very happy to take questions and comments during my presentations, but that would not work.

"I will certainly be amending my CV (resumé) to indicate that I am happy to give online lectures.

Hopefully, this will not prevent me being invited to speak at further North American conferences in person. I am the chair of a committee for a major genealogy conference that is to take place in Nottingham, England at the end of August 2009. In the light of my very positive experience, we are now seriously considering having a number of virtual lectures which will, of course, have significant cost benefits and allow us to enhance other areas of the conference programme...."

John Wylie experienced more technical difficulties. He had to stop and restart his presentation and experienced many delays before the kinks were worked out in the connections. So he isn't ready to repeat the activity in the immediate future, but knows that further developments and improvements will make a difference down the digital road. "When I am next invited to distance speak, I'll likely be more skeptical and ask for examples where the technology worked well before I commit."

Debbie Parker Wayne had prepared her slides in the preferred "flat" style, so did not have to make any last-minute adjustments. She enjoyed the experience and would welcome an opportunity to sail into cyberspace again.

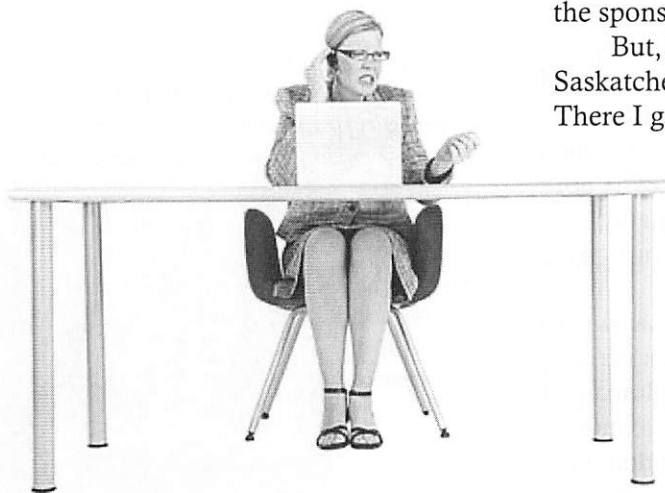
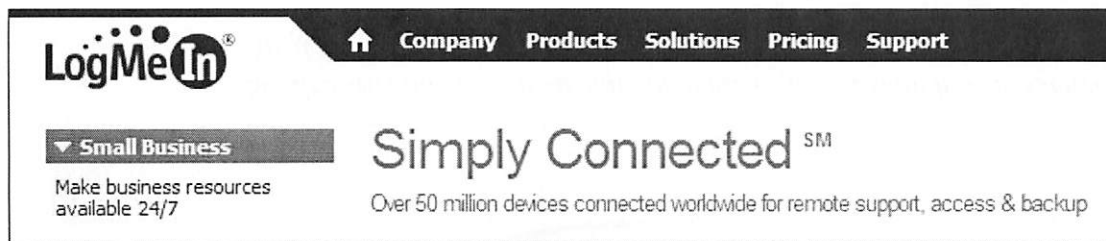
Would I do it again? Sure, with what I learned about the possibilities and pitfalls, I would be better prepared next time. And I would be more aware of and attentive to the appropriate questions to ask of the sponsoring society concerning the technology and equipment used at each end of the line.

But, like Paul, I also love the occasional travel gig, too! My experience making a virtual visit to Saskatchewan doesn't quite compare with an awesome week onsite in British Columbia in April 2006. There I gave nine lectures to three genealogical groups in beautiful Victoria, snowy scenic Courtenay, and waterfront Campbell River, traveling by jet, small planes, trains, and car on a 6,000+ miles round trip—meeting dozens of new genie friends.

However, jaunts like that require considerable stamina and post-journey recovery time, whereas my afternoon as a virtual speaker was relatively easy and enjoyable.

Other adventures online

The Roots Users Group (RUG) of Arlington, Virginia, conducted a long-distance program this past spring when member Dick Cleaveland logged in from his summer home in Delaware to address the group gathered in Arlington. He used a different technology, which he described in Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter of 24 Nov 2007.





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Cleaveland also used Skype for the audio link, and a free program called LogMeIn to connect the computers. Webcams were used briefly to let the speaker and audience see one another, but as it was incompatible with the remote computer operation, it did not extend to the full presentation. Dick had complete remote control of the computer at the Virginia meeting room. In addition to conducting Internet searches, and demonstrations of software capabilities, he was able to call up a podcast interview to add to the information.

Save the gas!

Smaller online meetings are becoming very popular, as well as practical, among genealogy groups. Boards and committees can meet online with Skype connections, or by telephone with other conferencing technologies. Dick Cleaveland's RUG executive committee meets with the conferencing capabilities of Skype. The FGS/NGS Records Preservation and Access Committee meets monthly by phone with members scattered across many time zones, using another conferencing system graciously provided by FamilySearch.

Virtual reality

If you are invited to become a virtual speaker, or want to consider adding this capability to the next seminar or conference you organize for others, check out the costs vs. benefits. Make certain you have ample training and feel *fairly* competent and confident before turning on that microphone to address an invisible audience. **DG**

Sandra was one of the virtual speakers at the Saskatchewan Genealogical Conference in Prince Albert on April 18 - 20, 2008. This article was previously printed in Digital Genealogist, Sept/Oct 2008.

Autobiography of Philip John ANDREWS¹

I can boast of no great lineal descent and probably shall end my days as they began in the humbler walks of life. I was born [March 8th 1884] at Plymouth the metropolis of the county of Devon, England in which I may be considered one of nature's favorites as this particular district is one of the most lovely of nature's bowers, standing as it does at the confluence of six rivers with the majestic grandeur of Dartmoor looming up behind and a majestic semi-enclosed sea expanse in front. Plymouth is rich in historical associations, Drake, Frobisher, Raleigh, Hawkins bring names to conjure with. Probably surrounded with such beauty and such historical romances as the above names suggest, my nature should be poetical, but all nature's arts & gallants mighty deeds never fired my breast with poetical genius.

I come of a stock whose whole interests have for generations been bound up with "those who go down to the sea in ships" my own father having served His Majesty and now at present enjoys honorable retirement after a strenuous sea career. Curiously however he would never allow me to cast my eyes seaward, so I have had to be contented to remain a prosaic landsman and thus to lose half the romance of life.

I must confess my early years were lived much on a level with the exception that once at the instigation of a boy companion I rashly plundered a greenhouse filled my blouse and trousers with grapes but was caught in the act and thereby hangs a tale. My early education I received at various Church Schools and in the year 1895 I was confirmed at St. Peter's Church, Plymouth. When about eleven years of age I succeeded in passing the entrance examination for the Plymouth Higher Grade School and later took a course at the Plymouth Science & Arts School, this with a few years at Evening School constituted all the education I have received up to the present. This was partly perhaps my own fault and yet I never regretted losing this because by this time my religious consciousness was fully awake and being a new convert my enthusiasm for its propagation knew no bounds, even education lost its charms in the striving to rescue men from degradation and vice. At an early age I entered a office and about a year later was apprenticed to the building trade in which I passed eight uneventful years of my life. I was now about twenty two years of age and actively interested in the work of my own parish of Charles Plymouth being intimately connected with one of its missions and occasionally did some lay speaking. About this time Canada was being boomed, I resolved to try my luck with the rest and for this purpose I entered the Homeopathic Hospital to undergo a slight operation so as to be fit bodily. This proved a turning point in my life, the godly tone in that place of suffering so moved me that when convalescent I immediately offered myself to work in the Church Army. Acceptance followed in due course I being sent on one of their Mission Vans in Hampshire and there I spent a considerable time itinerating villages. My next move was to the county of Suffolk and here on the Norwich IV Van I engaged in the same work among a different class of people. I was later ordered to London to undergo a special course of training and while there lived as all Londoners live a strenuous life. At night in Hyde Park close to where Tyburn gallant once stood I and my fellows nightly faced all grades of mankind and often the skeptically minded gave us a bad time. The enthusiasm of London was contagious and when later I was sent to Ipswich to labor under the Rev. W.J.L. Sheppard at St. Peters my zeal often proved greater than my discretion. Later I was moved to Bristol and was given charge of a mission district of 3,400 souls with the sole charge of a Church accommodating 350 together with 2 halls used for Sunday School work etc. I entered upon such an important sphere of work with fear and trembling but God graciously blessed my efforts my Friday Men's Class alone having a membership of 100 of the roughest class of men. The work was tremendously hard there being on the average twenty meetings a week this

made time take wings and soon three happy years slipped away. Every street and alley and every soul is a cherished memory and someday I hope to see them all again. In February 1910 however another turning point came in my life. A great missionary meeting was announced to be addressed in the Colston Hall by Archdeacon Lloyd, I went, and on the strength of what I heard offered myself for work in the N.W. of Canada. The Colonial and Continental Church Society accepted me and so today I find myself in this great land. I miss my dearly loved work in Bristol and the warm hearts there, but here, it seems to me Christ's men are wanted most to help mould the character of this new nation on these western plains. We all stand on the threshold of great things, gigantic problems have to be faced, latitude of freedom directed into true freedom, and that righteousness established which alone exalteth a nation, thus, I who first had designs of worldly prosperity earlier in life in coming to Canada am now sent with a higher ideal and a greater purpose. What will the future be?

More information about Philip John ANDREWS:

There are six entries in the Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI) database that could give more information about the life of Philip John ANDREWS. The search included the names Philip / Phillip / Phillip John ANDREWS. Based on the results of this search, there was one entry that seemed to be for the person I was looking for. The source for this particular SRI entry is the *University of Saskatchewan Election Register, 1952*. This book is in the SGS Library and Research Room. It was donated to us by Lynda Newson in 2001. It explains that "The Election Register of Members of Convocation is prepared and maintained by the office of The University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association. ... [and] lists, after the name of the member, the degree and the year in which it was conferred, which made the graduate eligible to be a Member of Convocation. ..."

Phillip John Andrews is listed as follows, in "Section A, Members of Convocation," on page 4 of the *University of Saskatchewan Election Register, 1952*.

"Andrews, Phillip John (Rev.), 11 Chechester Rd.,
Craydon, Surrey, England B.A. '16"²

¹ In April, 1911, each of the 43 students in a History I class at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon was given an assignment to write their autobiographies. This is a transcription of the original handwritten copy that may be seen in the SGS Library and Research Room.

² – *University of Saskatchewan Election Register 1952*. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan: Thue University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association, 1952.

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From a Headstone

Alice (nee ROSE) LONSDALE

Mount Hope Cemetery, Assiniboia, Saskatchewan

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In the spring, many genealogists turn their attention to cemetery recording. This is what I was doing one weekend in March, 2008. As I made my way through the Mount Hope Cemetery in Assiniboia transcribing the information on the headstones and taking digital photos of some of them, I came upon the headstone of Alice LONSDALE (nee ROSE). For some reason this headstone caught my attention. It is just a very ordinary, unassuming granite headstone but I took a photo of it anyway. Usually I only take photos of headstones that are very intricate, are unusual, or have a lot of information. I couldn't get this particular gravesite off my mind and as time went by, I began to wonder about the person buried here. Particularly haunting and sad to me was the inscription "In Silence We Remember" etched into the marble face of the stone below the dates of her birth and death. I began to ask myself, "Who was Alice LONSDALE?" Who was left to remember her "in silence?"

And what about all the other Women Pioneers of Saskatchewan? When our generation is gone, will there be anyone that will remember them? That is why I wanted to start this project now. In some cases, we've already lost at least a generation or two who would have had much clearer memories of these women. I want to preserve the memories and make information available to future generations about the pioneer women who worked right alongside the men and helped to build this province.

This desire prompted me to develop a proposal for a book which I presented to Linda Dunsmore-Porter, Executive Director for the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society. At the same time, we were brainstorming ideas for projects to

help us to celebrate the Society's 40th Anniversary in 2009. This project seemed to fit the bill and was approved as the official project to commemorate our anniversary.

After developing a brochure, we started publicizing the project through our own members, our web site and the media. It has been promoted in local newspapers such as the Biggar newspaper (*The Independent*), the municipal newspaper (*Rural Councillor*), Darlene Polachic wrote a very nice article for the *Saskatoon Sun* and even added a story regarding her own grandmother. One of our Saskatoon members, Tammy Vallee, posted information to the Can-Saskatchewan Mailing List on RootsWeb.com alerting people potentially from all over the world to the project. Gordon Watts in British Columbia is a well-known advocate of genealogical projects and promoted this project in his online newsletter, *Gordon Watts Reports*. Just recently I was invited to be on CBC's BlueSky radio program which gave me an opportunity to invite people to send me the stories of the women pioneers in their families.

What we are looking for are stories or short biographies of 2000 words or less telling about the lives of women pioneers in the area now known as Saskatchewan during the timeframe from anywhere between the 1800s up to 1950. You are also encouraged to include a photo or two (scanned images – 300 dpi tif files or copies of photos – do not send us your original photos). Our guidelines for submission of articles are on our web site at www.saskgenealogy.com or see page vii of the September 2008 issue of the *SGS Bulletin*.

Now – to get back to Alice LONSDALE, the lady whose headstone I had photographed in Mount Hope Cemetery in Assiniboia, the only clues I had as to who this lady was were the words and dates inscribed on the headstone and the place of her burial.



I knew, from the inscription on the headstone, **she was born in 1882 and she died in 1957.** Her **birth name was ROSE.** She **married** a man with the **LONSDALE** family name. She left someone behind as inferred from the inscription, "In Silence We Remember." I might even go so far as to think she may have liked to garden – a reasonable inference I think due to the flowers etched into her headstone.

But, who was Alice LONSDALE?

Using some of the resources available to me in the Library and Research Room at the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, I was able to find out a little more about Alice.

Alice Rose was born in England in November, 1882 to Mr. and Mrs. John ROSE. She had four brothers, George, Ernest, Joe and James.

In 1906, she married Thomas W. Lonsdale (b. 15 Dec. 1877 at Lancaster, England).

Their first daughter, Annie was born 20 December 1907 at Ewood Bridge, Lancashire, England.

Alice's father, John ROSE and her brother, Ernest W. ROSE immigrated to Canada about 1909 and settled in the Assiniboia area of

Saskatchewan. Her brother George also came to Canada with Frank Hindle, ... to the Kandiyohi district.

In June of 1910, Alice came with her husband, Thomas, and daughter, Annie, to Canada.

Their first home was at Rocanville, Saskatchewan where they worked for Mr. and Mrs. Percy Loomes after which Thomas obtained a job as a sectionman with the CPR, a job he worked at until at least 1913. Their second daughter, Edith, was born at Rocanville with the assistance of a Mrs. Winnfield, a local midwife. A son, Eric, was also born in 1916 at Rocanville. It must have been frustrating for Alice to come all the way from England to Canada and yet be so far from where her family (father, etc.) who had settled at Assiniboia.

However, in 1915 Alice's father became ill and it became necessary for Alice, Thomas and family to move to her parent's farm to help look after it for them.

Alice's brother, James, had been called to war. He was killed in action in France in 1918.

Then in 1920, they moved again; this time to the home of Ludvig Nordgulen. While living there, Alice's husband died accidentally on 19 November 1920. Alice and her family continued to live at the home of Ludvig. She kept house for him as she could not afford to live on her own and support a family on her widow's pension of only \$25.00/month.

Also in late 1920 or early 1921, Alice's brother George, who had gone to Vancouver to work for his brother Ernest, planned to return to help Alice after the death of her husband. He disappeared and was never heard of again.

About 1921, Alice and family moved again, possibly back to her parent's house. She earned money by doing work for others such as helping people at threshing time. She was also the local attendance officer for the school and cleaned it twice a year. One event that brought joy to the family was when a neighbour, John Carswell, took them in a sleigh, about 14 miles to

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- Early Loyalist Saint John, The Origin of New Brunswick Politics 1783-1786 by D.G. Bell. 1983. Donated by Celeste Rider.

Canada: Prince Edward Island

- Exiles and Islanders: The Irish Settlers of Prince Edward Island by Brendan O'Grady. 2004. Donated by Max Coates.

Canada: Saskatchewan

- Children Shall be First, Child Welfare Saskatchewan 1944-64 by Mildred E. Battel. 1980. Donated by Eleanor Peterson.

- The Digger, April 1974 "Easter Time" (Regina Simpsons-Sears) edited by Bob Jolly. Donated by Darlene Clifford.
- Front Page, A News History of Canada and the prairie west from the pages of the Regina Leader-Post. Donated by Lisa Warren.
- Knights of Columbus in Saskatchewan 1907-1982, A History of Achievement (Columbianism in Saskatchewan) by Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Historical Commission/ Regina, Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Historical Commission. 1982. Donated by Celeste Rider.
- Lumsden, the Hills of Home compiled by the Lumsden Homecoming '71 Book Committee. 2007 edition (reproduced from original book published in 1971). Donated by W. Verne Turner.
- Lutheran Church Records in Neudorf (notes, clippings and correspondence collected by Susan Hahn). Donated.
- Mortlach High School Yearbooks 1980-1990. Donated by Moose Jaw Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society.
- On the Hill, Saskatchewan Technical Institute, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan 1975-1976 edited by Janet Clark and Cheryl Smith. Donated by Darlene Clifford in memory of L. Ross Clifford.
- Premier '86, Gladmar Regional High School Yearbook edited by Trina Larson. Donated by Darlene Clifford.
- 67/68 Directory of Members of the University of Saskatchewan, Student's Union Regina (Telephone Directory). Donated by Darlene Clifford.
- Regina District Telephone Directories: 1962, 1963, 1967, 1968, 1969, and 1972. Donated by Glenn Schwartz.
- Regina's War Dead by Douglas Mullen. 2008. Donated by Doug Mullen, Prairie Group President, Air Force Association of Canada.
- The Royal Canadian Legion, Saskatchewan Command 2008 Military Service Recognition Book. Donated by The Royal Canadian Legion, Saskatchewan Command.
- Saskatchewan Executive and Legislative Directory Supplement 1964 - 1977 compiled and published by The Saskatchewan Archives Board, Regina and Saskatoon. 1978. Donated.
- Scrapbook of Southern Saskatchewan Funeral Cards, Burial Permits, & Clipping by Grace Porter. (copy of original). Donated by Grace Porter.

Europe: Banat

- Banaters in Austrian Military Records, Banat Family History Series, Volume VI by David Dreyer. May 2003. Donated by David Dreyer.
- Children of the Danube by Henry A. Fischer. 2004. Donated by the Zichydorf Village Association.
- Elisenheim-Josefsdorf Family Register 1872-1899. Banat Family History Series, Volume IV by David Dreyer. March 2008. Donated by David Dreyer.
- History of the Village of Zichydorf by Johann Achtzener, translated by Elisabeth Grob-Hugel. Donated by Elisabeth Grob-Hugel.
- Ortssippenbuch, Deutsch Elemir im Banat 1805 bis 1945 (Family Book for village of Deutsch Elemir) by Franz Germann and Josef Fridrich. 2000. Donated by David Dreyer.
- Remember to Tell the Children, A Trilogy Book Two: Strangers and Sojourners by Henry A. Fischer. 2007. Donated by the Zichydorf Village Association.
- Schriften über Stefan Jäger (2) / Writings on Stefan Jäger (2) by Maria Schulz, Emanuela Macovei, and Sorin Fortiu. 2005. Donated by Zichydorf Village Association.
- Settlements in Hungary By Lorrainers & Alsations by Dr L Hecht. [Published as 'Les Colonies Lorraines et Alsaciennes en Hongrie' par le Dr L. Hecht Professeur à la Faculté de Médecine de Nancy in: Mémoires de L'Académie de Stanislas 1878, CXXIX Année, 4^e Série, Tome XL. Nancy [France], Imprimerie Berger-Le Vraut et Cie, Rue Jean-Lamour, 11. 1879. pp219-268.] Donated by the Zichydorf Village Association.

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SGS News

From the Office ...

BY: LINDA DUNSMORE-PORTER

Executive Director

SGS 2009 memberships will be transformed into Value-Added Memberships. Please see pages 146 and 147 for details regarding the membership. We will continue to look for, and negotiate benefits to add to this membership. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the SGS office.

We are preparing for a new project, the Rural Municipalities Historical Documents project. We have been invited by a number of RM to preserve their historical documents. This will require teams of volunteers to go the participating RM offices and record, digitize, scan, and photocopy these documents. At this point the project is being coordinated by the Executive Director. However, we are looking for a coordinator to take on this project. If you would like to volunteer for the coordinator position or volunteer to go to the RM offices to record their documents, please let the Executive Director know.

We continue to index the obituaries; however, we need volunteers to enter the data. We presently have five individuals entering data, but we need many more. In order to have a significant amount of data to upload to our website in January we will need a lot of help. If you have Excel or Access on your computer and would like to help, please let Lisa or Linda know.

The Burial index is ready to upload. Our technical volunteer is preparing the search page. We will be uploading approximately 315,000 names. We will soon have a total of 500,000 burials recorded and the remainder will be uploaded as quickly as possible. If anyone would like to volunteer to enter data for this project, please call Linda. People are beginning to take photos of cemetery headstones and adding them to our Cemetery files. The next stage of this project will be to upload the images onto the website. Those cemeteries already done will be added as soon as possible.

When SGS has completed all databases it is estimated that we will have over four millions names uploaded to our website. These are exciting times!

We continue to look for coordinators for the SRI, Obituary Project and the new Rural Municipality Historical Documents Project.

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HELP WANTED

Office Assistant

SGS is now accepting application for the position of a part-time (20hrs/week) office assistant.

Duties include: Assist Executive Assistant with membership, mail and clerical duties; office coordinator for SGS scanning and data entry projects, including coordinating with volunteers and volunteer coordinators, and assist in the SGS Library and Research Room as required; also other duties as required.

Deadline for application: *January 15, 2009*

Salary: to be negotiated

SGS Library and Research Room Closures

December 24, 2008 - January 2, 2009 - Christmas

February 16, 2009 - Family Day

April 10 & 13, 2009 - Good Friday/Easter

May 18, 2009 - Victoria Day

July 1, 2009 - Canada Day

August 3, 2009 - Saskatchewan Day

September 7, 2009 - Labour Day

October 12, 2009 - Thanksgiving

November 11, 2009 - Remembrance Day

Saturday's Opened are:

December 20

January 17

February 21

March 21

WORKSHOPS

Digging for Your Roots Series

If you have always wanted to discover your family roots but were unsure where to start, then this six-part genealogical program series is aimed at you. Co-sponsored by the Prairie History Room of Regina Public Library and the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, this series will teach participants the basics of family history research, including how to gather information, where to locate records, how to interpret the results and discover what resources are available online. The series will also introduce the participants to these institutions' print and microfilm collections, online resources and related services.

Participants do not have to sign up for all six courses **BUT** beginner genealogists are required to take both the *Introduction to Family History* and *Introduction to Genealogical Records*. Due to limited space, participants **MUST** pre-register.

To register for the classes, contact the Prairie History Room in person, by phone (777-6011) or email (maychan@reginalibrary.ca). For more information about these sessions, please contact either the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (phone: 780-9207) or the Prairie History Room (phone: 777-6011).

Introduction to Family History

Large Public Meeting Room, Central Library

Saturday, January 17, 2009 – 10 am to 12:00 pm

Are you interested in tracing the origins of your family but are not sure where to begin? Intended for beginner genealogists who have minimum or no genealogical research experience, this hands-on workshop will examine how to gather family information, how to fill out valuable and time-saving forms such as pedigree charts, family group sheets and research logs, and how to develop your research strategies. Space is limited so participants must pre-register.

Introduction to Genealogical Records

Large Public Meeting Room, Central Library

Saturday, January 31, 2009 – 10 am to 12:30 pm

What does BMD stand for? What should I look for when examining a census record? What resources are out there, what might be found in a resource, and where do I find them? How do I find my grandfather's military or immigration file? Intended for beginner genealogists who have previously taken the Introduction to Family History class or intermediate genealogists who would like a refresher course, this hands-on workshop will examine what types of genealogical records are available and how they can be utilized in your research. After the session, participants will be given a brief orientation to the Prairie History Room's collection. Space is limited so participants must pre-register.

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40th Anniversary Showcase

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Annual General Meeting & Conference

April 23 – 26, 2009

Ramada Hotel and Convention Centre- 1818 Victoria Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan

PROGRAM AND EVENTS

The Internet has radically altered our ability to overcome the obstacles of time and distance in genealogical research. At this seminar we have arranged for some **VIRTUAL** speakers. They will deliver a PowerPoint presentation live using a microphone for their commentary. There will be a facilitator on site. The facilitator will be able to relay your questions and comments to the speaker in real time

Thursday, 23 April

7:00 pm Marketplace set up
7:00 - 10:00 pm Registration

Friday, 24 April

7:30 - 8:45 am Registration

9:00 - 9:20 am Official Opening –
Welcome – Lieutenant Governor Dr. Gordon L.
Barnhart, Deputy Premier Ken Krawetz, Mayor Pat
Fiacco

9:30 - 11:45 am Expert Sessions on:

- **Scandinavian Research** - D'Arcy Hande
- **Irish/Scottish Research** - Pat Ryan
- **Preserving Photos and other Archival Material** - Joe LeClair
- **Chinese Research** - May Chan
- **African-American Migration to Saskatchewan** - Carol Lafayette-Boyd
- **Eastern European Research** - Lindy Kasperski
- **Census** - Marion Powell
- **Computer Toys** - Chris Krismer
- **The Society for German Genealogy in Eastern Europe (SEEGG)** - John Marsch

12:00 - 1:45 pm Lunch
Guest Speaker: Ronn Wallace, Registrar of Vital
Statistics, Information Services Corporation - **Changes
to the management of vital records in Saskatchewan**

2:00 - 3:00 pm Plenary Session
The Errors of Our Ways - Dave Obee

3:00 - 3:30 pm Break

3:30 - 4:30 pm

- A. **Privacy Law and Genealogists** - Gary Dickson
- B. **Using the Internet to Trace Your French Canadian Ancestors** - Louise St. Denis
- C. **Researching Female Ancestors** - Dave Obee

4:30 - 7:00 pm Break - Dinner on your own

Marketplace open till 5:00 pm

7:00 pm **Genealogy Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow**

- Reception / Cash Bar
- Saskatchewan Genealogical Society & SGS Regina Branch book launch
- Keynote address by Dr. Ian Wilson, Librarian and Archivist, Canada
- Entertainment

Saturday, 25 April

Breakfast on your own

8:30 - 9:30 am Plenary Session
Genealogical Mapping - Geoff Rasmussen

9:30 - 9:45 am Break

9:45 - 10:45 pm

- D. **Genealogy Searches on Google** - Dick Eastman (*Virtual*)
- E. **I Found It Once, Why Can't I Find it Again?** - Louise St. Denis
- F. **Family History Resources at the Welsh National Archives** - Dr. Bill Jones (*Virtual*)

10:45 - 11:00 am Break

11:00 - 12:00

- G. **Tracing Aboriginal Ancestors** - Laura Hanowski
- H. **What Ailed Them** - Dr. Ann Grahame
- I. **The Internet - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly**
- Dick Eastman (*Virtual*)

12:15 - 2:00 pm Lunch

The Saskatchewan Archives in the 21st Century -
Dr. Lenore Toth, Acting Provincial Archivist,
Saskatchewan

2:00 - 2:15 pm Break

2:15 - 3:15 pm Plenary Session

Hello Out There - Various Traditions and Beliefs -
Louise St. Denis

3:15 - 3:30 pm Break / Marketplace

3:30 - 4:15 pm Plenary Session

More Than Just Dates and Names - Dave Obee

Marketplace open till 5:00 pm

6:00 pm **Celebrating Ourselves**

- Banquet with entertainment
- Awards presentations
- Entertainment - Polish dancers, Scottish Country dancers, John Arcand & Ken Mitchell

Sunday, 26 April

The Future is Now

8:00 am Breakfast buffet and Annual Meeting

9:00 - 10:00 am Plenary Session

Distance Education for Genealogists - Louise St. Denis

10:00 - 10:15 am Break

10:15 - 11:15

J. **Using Genealogical Sources to Trace Relatives to the Present Day** - Laura Hanowski

K. **Writing Your Family History** - Dave Obee

11:30 - 12:30 Plenary Session

Blogging - Geoff Rasmussen

12:30 - 1:00 pm Wrap-up

SPEAKERS/WORKSHOPS

(See full biographies on www.saskgenealogy.com)

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Ian Wilson - has been involved with the Canadian archival and library communities for over 30 years. He has worked diligently to make archives accessible and interesting to a wide range of audiences. He has helped safeguard the integrity of archival records while at the same time encouraging the public to use them. He has published extensively on history, archives, heritage and information management. In 2004, Mr. Ian E. Wilson was appointed Librarian and Archivist of Canada. In his former position as National Archivist of Canada, appointed July 1999, he and National Librarian, Roch Carrier, developed and led the process to create a new knowledge institution for Canada in the 21st century.

Louis St. Denis - is the founding president of the Société franco-ontarienne d'histoire et de généalogie - Toronto Branch, Past-president of its' provincial organization, treasurer of the Association of Professional Genealogists-Ontario Chapter, a member of several genealogical organizations both in Canada and in the United States, as well as the French genealogical representative for the Ontario Heritage Alliance, a group with

representatives from provincial organizations concerned with the preservation of our heritage

For two years Louise lead an in-classroom program at the University of Toronto, Continuing Education in Genealogical Research. In 1999, Louise established a partnership with the University of Toronto, Faculty of Information Studies, Professional Learning Centre to offer the only comprehensive Certificate program in Genealogical Studies offered entirely online. Louise has been instrumental in the development of not only the course development for this program but also the software used to deliver this type of education completely online. Louise is the Managing Director of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies

B **Using the Internet to Trace Your French Canadian Ancestors**

E **I Found It Once, Why Can't I Find it Again?**

Plenary Session:

- **Hello Out There - Various Traditions and Beliefs**

- **Distance Education for Genealogists**

Dick Eastman - For some 30+ years, Dick Eastman has been honing his vision of the future to improve our picture of the past. With growing curiosity about his roots and an early interest in ham radio awakened his penchant for all things electronic, and he was ready for computers almost before they were ready for him. This odd combination of interests came together, and by the early 1970's, Dick was already using a mainframe computer to enter his family data on punch cards.

In the mid-1980s, Dick actually went knocking on the door of a rising online star called CompuServe to propose a genealogy forum: a move by which he built a community of family historians over the next 14 years

For the last 12-plus years, Dick has pursued his mission through an online periodical he writes every day, simply called "Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter." He loves to share technology "finds" that can help both new and seasoned genealogists, as well as dethroning the scams and shams that can lead the unwary astray.

D Genealogy Searches on Google (how to extract the most genealogy information possible from everyone's favourite search engine).

I The Internet - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly (How to avoid pitfalls on the information super highway).

Dave Obee was born in British Columbia where his roots go back to the arrival of his great-great-grandfather from Manitoba in 1890. He has been researching the various lines of his family 1978, when he took a night course through Camosun College in Victoria, British Columbia. In the process, he has visited 17 countries in Europe, carrying out genealogical research in most of them. The editorial page editor of the Victoria Times Colonist, he is the author of several publications and runs CanGenealogy, a link site that is selective and sorted for ease of use. He also runs Volhynia.com, a website dedicated to the past and future of the region in the northwest corner of Ukraine. He is one of the owners of Interlink Bookshop and Genealogical Services of Victoria, B.C. which runs the Genealogy Unlimited website, selling books and maps from Canada, the British Isles and Europe.

Plenary Session: **The Errors of Our Ways**

C Researching Female Ancestors

Plenary Session: **More Than Just Dates and Names**

K Writing Your Family History

Geoff Rasmussen of Surprise, Arizona, is the father of 3 young budding genealogists, ages 8, 6, and 3. He has served as vice-president of the Utah Genealogical Association and taught for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. He is a member of the Continuing Education faculty at Brigham Young University in the Family History Department where he graduated with a degree in Family History and Genealogy. He is the author of numerous books, videos, and articles on genealogy technology. He develops the Legacy Family Tree genealogy software program. He met and proposed to his wife in a Family History Center.

Plenary Session:

- **Genealogical Mapping**
- **Blogging**

Dr. Bill Jones is Senior Lecturer in History at Cardiff University, Cardiff, Wales. His teaching interests include modern Welsh and British history. He is a specialist on 19th and early 20th century

Welsh emigration and Welsh communities outside Wales. He has published widely on these topics. He currently supervises PhD and MPhil theses on various aspects of modern Welsh history, including topics relating to Welsh emigration and the Welsh overseas in the modern period. His other research specialization is the industrial, social and cultural history of modern Wales, especially the South Wales Coalfield.

F Family History Resources at the Welsh National Archives (Virtual)

Gary Dickson, Q.C. was appointed Saskatchewan's first full-time Information and Privacy Commissioner effective November 1, 2003. Born in Alberta, He is a graduate of the University of Alberta. He practiced law in Calgary and was elected as the M.L.A. for Calgary Buffalo in a 1992 by-election and was re-elected in 1993 and 1997. He has spoken and written extensively on access, privacy and health information issues including stints as a columnist for the *Calgary Herald* and as human rights columnist for *LawNow*. He was a sessional lecturer on human rights for the University of Calgary and received both the Alberta Human Rights Award from the Human Rights and Citizenship Commission and the Civil Liberties Award from the Alberta Civil Liberties Association.

A Privacy Law and Genealogists

Dr. Ann Grahame is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin. She practiced medicine in England and Scotland before emigrating to Canada in 1977; she spent two years in rural practice in Midale, SK. before moving to Regina in 1979 where she had a dermatology practice until retiring in 2003. She has an abiding interest in medical history and while at university won the Biological Association's junior prize for a paper, *Medicine in Shakespeare*.

H What Ailed Them

Laura M. Hanowski (Regina, SK) - during the years that Laura served as librarian for the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society she learned about many genealogical resources by helping people search for their ancestors. This knowledge was passed on through classes that were taught to beginning and more advanced researchers. She worked with the graduates of the first researcher classes to produce the books *Tracing Your Saskatchewan Ancestors* and *Tracing Your Aboriginal Ancestors in the Prairie Provinces*. Since retiring Laura has continued to conduct the Aboriginal searches for SGS and presented workshops on Aboriginal research for the local library and at the *Archives and You* Conference in 2008.

L Tracing Aboriginal Ancestors

J Using Genealogical Sources to Trace Relatives to the Present Day

The Ask the Expert session will be an informal session which will give attendees the opportunity to meet face-to-face with experts in various fields of research. Tables will be scattered throughout the foyer allowing people to move from one station to the other to ask their questions - sometimes it will be one on one with the experts, at times there will be two or more people listening and asking questions. All of the experts have spent considerable time working in their particular fields and will bring a deep understanding and knowledge of their particular area.

Registration Form

(One form per registrant; please copy as needed.)

Surname _____
Given Name _____
Street / PO Box _____
City _____
Province / State _____
Postal / Zip Code _____
Home Phone _____
E-mail _____
Fax _____

NOTE:

Registration fee includes a copy of the Syllabus as well as Saturday breakfast, lunch and refreshments and Sunday breakfast. Also includes one free course through National Institute of Genealogical Studies (Value \$89) – coupon will be enclosed in package.

Early Bird Registration: \$85.00 \$ _____
(postmarked on or before March 15, 2009)

Regular Registration: \$100.00 \$ _____
(postmarked after March 15, 2009)

Extra Syllabus: _____ @ \$10.00 each \$ _____
(A bound copy of printed materials submitted by speakers will be included with registration. Extra copies will be available at a cost of \$10.00 but should be ordered with registration, as copies will be in limited supply at the Seminar.)

Friday Lunch	\$10.00	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch	\$10.00	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet	\$20.00	\$ _____
Sunday Breakfast	\$10.00	\$ _____

Additional Banquet tickets _____ @ \$20.00 \$ _____
(Additional tickets may be requested and paid for, but we cannot guarantee additional space. In the event that no space is available the fee paid for additional banquet tickets will be refunded at registration.)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

PLEASE NOTE: All SGS events are smoke free and scent free.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Refunds will be granted for requests received in writing. Requests postmarked no later than March 28, 2009 will be refunded in full and any received after that will be charged a 15% administrative fee.

Select Your Workshops

Friday April 24, 2009

3:30 - 4:30 pm A) _____ B) _____ C) _____

Saturday April 25, 2009

9:45 - 11:45 am D) _____ E) _____ F) _____

11:00 - 12:00 pm G) _____ H) _____ I) _____

Sunday April 26, 2009

10:15 - 11:15 am J) _____ K) _____

It is important that you rank your preferences. Use the session letter A, B, C etc. If your first choice no longer has room you will be assigned to your second choice or third if necessary.

Accommodations

Accommodations are not included in your registration. It is your responsibility to make your own arrangements.

Ramada Hotel & Convention Centre - 1818 Victoria Ave.

www.ramada.ca 1-800-667-6500

Regina Inn - 1975 Broad Street

www.reginainn.com 1-800-667-8162

Wingate By Wyndham Regina - 1700 Broad Street

www.wingatebywyndhamregina.com 1-877-613-7666

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites - 1907 11th Ave.

www.hiexpress.com/reginask 1-877-660-8550

Quality Hotel - Regina - 1717 Victoria Ave.

www.aualityregina.com 1-888-569-1717

Hotel Saskatchewan-Radisson Plaza - 2125 Victoria Ave.

www.hotelsask.com 1-800-333-3333

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SGS Membership Renewal

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

RENEWALS - please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. PLEASE PAY ALL BRANCH MEMBERSHIP FEES DIRECTLY TO THE BRANCH

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Would you like your research interests & e-mail address on our SGS Members List on our web site? Yes ____ No ____
If so, please provide family name(s) & geographical area(s). (www.saskgenealogy.com/researchtools/Members_List.htm)

Geographical area(s) you are researching: _____

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____ 25 & Under
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____ 46-54
____ 55-64
____ 65+

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Discovering the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Library and Research Room
Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, 110-1514 11th Avenue
Saturday, February 21, 2009 – 10 am to 12 pm

Did you know that the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) has 20 branches spread over the province and has one of the largest lending libraries of local history books? Did you also know that they maintain a number of other key databases, including the obituary index and SRI index that can further help you research your Saskatchewan ancestry? Join us as we explore the collections and services of one of the premiere genealogical research facilities in the province. Space is limited so participants must pre-register.

Getting Started with Ancestry Library Edition Database
Computer Lab, Central Library
Saturday, March 14, 2009 – 10 am to 12 pm

Ancestry Library Edition database (similar to Ancestry.com) offers the world's largest online collection of genealogical records, especially for Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States. Come and learn how to use this incredible research tool at this free hands-on workshop. Space is limited so participants must pre-register for the workshop. Beginner, intermediate and advanced researchers are welcome. Participants must also have basic computer skills.

Getting Started with Online Genealogical Resources
Computer Lab, Central Library
Saturday, March 21, 2009 - 10 am to 12 pm

Confused, overwhelmed and frustrated by the millions of genealogy websites on the internet today? Unsure about whether or not you should buy a subscription to the website or not? Come to this free hands-on workshop that examines some of the best and free genealogy websites currently available to researchers including Canadian Genealogy Centre, FamilySearch.org and many more. Space is limited so participants must pre-register for the workshop. Beginner, intermediate and advanced researchers are welcome. Participants must also have basic computer skills.

Research Analysis and Organization
Large Public Meeting Room, Central Library
Saturday, April 4, 2009 – 10 am to 12 pm

Have you managed to track down the various immigration, census, vital and church records for your ancestors? Not sure what to do next? Come and learn how to put all of your research together as participants will successfully learn how to analyze the records they have found, and how to organize and develop a research plan to facilitate further research. Beginner, intermediate and advanced researchers are welcome. Space is limited so participants must pre-register for the workshop.

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Europe: Ukraine - Galicia and Bukovina

- Bukovinai Székely Családok, Józseffalva by Rudolf László. 2008. Donated by Rudolf László.

Great Britain: England - Warwickshire

- Harborne "Once upon a time" by Tom Presterne. 1913. Donated by Janet McLean. This book is signed by the author, Tho. Priest and was given as a gift to his sister, Adah Knowler in 1913 and includes an obituary clipping for Thomas Priest (Presterne).

Great Britain: Ireland

- Directory of Parish Registers Indexed in Ireland, 2nd Edition. 1994. Donated by Max Coates.
- Handbook on Irish Genealogy: How to trace your ancestors and relatives in Ireland, 6th Edition revised and edited by Donal F. Begley. 1984. Donated by Max Coates.
- Irish Records: Sources for Family and Local History by James G. Ryan, Ph.D. 1988. Donated by Max Coates.
- Old Monaghan (Revised, enlarged and indexed) by Theo McMahon. 2002. Donated by Max Coates.

Great Britain: Scotland

- The Cemetery of Peterculter recorded by Bill and Eileen McHardy. 2006. Special Purchase funds donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh.
- East Preston Street Burial Ground (East Preston Street Cemetery, Edinburgh monumental inscriptions) compiled and edited by Betty Iggo and Angus Mitchell. 2008.
- The Kirkyard of Marnoch, Part 2 compiled by Sheila M. Spiers. 2006. Special Purchase funds donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh.
- The Kirkyard of Newhills, 2nd Edition compiled by Sheila M. Spiers. 2006. Special Purchase funds donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh.
- North East Roots: A Guide to Sources by H. Lesley Diack. 2008. Special Purchase funds donated by Robert L. Pittendrigh.

Family History

- Frederick Lewis/Mary Ann Greer by Stanley Errol Hockett. Donated by Stanley Hockett.
- H (Höhn Family) by Susan Hahn. 1982. (copy of original) Donated.
- Hockett Family Research: Stanley Charles Hockett - Frederick Albert Hockett - Arthur Will Hockett and Dr. Barnardo's Home, Ilford, Essex, England - Frederick Albert Hockett - Arthur Will Hockett 1916 - 1925 by Stanley Errol Hockett. Donated by Stanley Hockett.

Saskatchewan Pioneer Certificate Files

Pioneer Name(s)	Applicant	Certificate
Cheesman, William & Annie Reta Marion (Prince)	Oschefski, Lori	0014
Wojcieszko (Woychesko), Dmytro	Prymak, Stephen	0013
Krieger, Samuel	Krieger, Wesley	0012
Blythe, James	Blythe, Eldon Eugene	0003
Dimitroff, Vazil (Wasil)	Dimitroff, Bruce Alan	0004
Detert, William	Rumohr, Donna (Detert)	0005
Coates, Charles Wesley	Coates, Chantelle Kara	0006
Inch, James Allison	Clement, James Frank	0010
Inch, James Allison	Clement, Claire Alison	0009
Inch, James Allison	Ayers, Charlotte F. (Inch)	0008
Salewski, John	Salewski, David	0007
Rumohr, David Wilmot	Rumohr, Kevin B.	0011
Marshall, George John	Adair, Elizabeth Jean	
Marshall, George John	Adair, Gerald William	
Marshall, George John	Herle, Marjorie Joyce (Marshall)	
Othen, George James	Adair, Patricia Ann	

**Exciting New SGS Publication
to be published in commemoration of our 40th Anniversary in 2009**

“Women Pioneers of Saskatchewan”

- Who:** Saskatchewan women – for many of the men who pioneered in Saskatchewan, there was a woman working alongside him. We want you to tell the stories of these women.
- Why:** To produce a record of the women who also played a huge role in the settlement and growth of Saskatchewan.
- When:** Within the timeframe of the 1800s to 1950
- Where:** Within the boundaries of what is now known as Saskatchewan – rural or urban
- What:** Submit electronic (preferable), typed or neatly written write-ups of about 2,000 words or less on each of the women pioneers in your family who meet the above criteria. You are encouraged to also include a maximum of two pictures for each write-up. Only photos accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope will be returned. We would prefer that you send scanned copies of photos. Do not send originals.

Anyone may contribute to this publication. You do not have to be a member of the SGS.

Thank you for your interest in this exciting new publication. I am looking forward to receiving your submissions. If you have any questions, please contact me at sgslibrary@sasktel.net.

Submissions may be sent in hard copy or electronic format (preferable) to: Celeste Rider, SGS Librarian, Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, PO Box 1894, Regina, SK S4P 3E1, sgslibrary@sasktel.net. Electronic submissions should be sent in Word format only.

Submissions must be received by January 30, 2009.

***Merry Christmas &
Happy New Years!***

***SGS Board
and Staff***



Assiniboia on December 24, to see Santa come on the train.

Daughter, Annie, married Ludvig Nordgulen in March 1932. They gave Alice grandchildren, Lloyd born in 1939 and Roy born in 1941.

In 1934, Alice's son Eric went to Regina. There he married Emily Carswell, daughter of Edward and Mabel Carswell, formerly of the Kandiyohi district.

Eric joined the army, and while he was in the services Emily passed away in 1940. As a result his mother, Alice Lonsdale, moved to Assiniboia with their two sons, her grandchildren, to care for them.

Daughter, Edith married Halvor Halvorson on 22 June 1937. They moved to the Zenith district in 1943, then to Assiniboia in the fall of

1947. They gave Alice four grandchildren, Ronald, Kenneth, Dale and Carol.

Alice died in November, 1957.

A lady named Pat who lives in North Battleford phoned into the CBC BlueSky program saying she knew Alice and that she was known in the community as "Grandmother Lonsdale" and was "somewhat of an icon in the community" and that she would have been happy to be the catalyst for this project to remember the pioneer women of Saskatchewan.

If you have any information or know of someone that would be able to add to this history of Alice Lonsdale, please contact me at the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society.

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Saskatchewan Vital Statistics Moved

Vital Statistics has joined Information Services Corporation (ISC) to serve you better.

Effective October 14, 2008, their new office address is

Vital Statistics

Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan

1301 1st Avenue

Regina SK S4R 8H2

Telephone: 306-798-0641

Toll Free: 1-866-275-4721

Fax: 306-787-2288

Web site address is www.isc.ca/vitalstats.

This transfer will leverage ISC's significant registry and conversion expertise to modernize the records management system, improve record security and provide customers with enhanced access to the Vital Statistics registry services.

Their goal is to make this a seamless transition, with the process remaining as easy for their customers as possible. ISC is working closely with customers and Vital Statistics employees who have expertise in this area to ensure the current and future needs of the registry are met.

If you have any questions related to the transfer, please contact our Customer Support Team at ask@isc.ca or toll free at 1-866-275-4721.



**Saskatchewan
Ministry of Health
Vital Statistics**



Writing from a Timeline

BY: BEVERLEY GUTENBERG



Like many family history researchers I have a yearning to write a book to share with all my family but I have found that using the programs included in the popular Genealogy software is confusing to many of my kin. They don't understand the generations, the numbers and wonder why the children are not included with their parents when the parents are first mentioned. I chanced upon a solution to this dilemma when I decided to create a timeline for a family no one knew much about.

The timeline was created from official records such as birth, marriage and death registrations, the census records and other sources such as directories and local histories. I used history books that told of the events at the time in question and drew it together in a narrative. In doing the timeline I started with the first date and wrote in point form what event had occurred at that date. Following is an example of my timeline:

13 May 1839 - Jane Elizabeth McKee is born in Ireland to Samuel McKee (from Elizabeth Hunter's death registration).

1863 - immigrated to Canada (1871 census).

1 September 1864 - first child, a daughter, Mary Ann, is born (Letter from Mary Ann's grandson).

1866 - son, Samuel, is born (1871 census).

17 April 1867 - second son, Thomas, is born (British Columbia death registration).

18 March 1869 - third son, John is born (1901 census).

27 June 1871- fourth son, George, is born in Wilfrid, Brock Township, Ontario County. Elizabeth is referred to as Eliza and there was no midwife or doctor. His father whose occupation is listed as farmer with Weaver put in the residence above Wilfrid, Brock, registers his birth on 27 July 1871. (Ontario birth registration)

I knew for example that the birth, marriage and death registrations began in Ontario in 1867 but it took a few years before the practice of registering this information became popular. The first-born children's birth dates were from indirect or secondary sources such as death registrations or the census records. When I wrote the narrative I used more complete citations. I decided to write the narrative centring on the matriarch of the family, using a feminine point of view. The story I created was easy to read.

Jane Elizabeth McKee, Wife of William John Hunter

Jane Elizabeth McKee was an Irish lassie. It may be from her or it may have been a combination of her genes and those of her Irish husband, William John Hunter, that produced the trade-mark red hair of future generations of Hunters. Another similarity between the present day Hunters and those of early Ontario is their propensity of calling their children by their second name. Both Jane Elizabeth and William John must have preferred to go by their second names, Elizabeth and John. Elizabeth is also referred to as Eliza in the 1871 Census and that of later censuses.

Not much is known about Elizabeth's early life except that she was born in Ireland on the 13 May 1839¹ to Samuel McKee² and his wife. She married another Irishman, William John Hunter³, possibly in the United States

and together they started a new life in what was then known as Canada West in the small community of Wilfrid. Wilfrid originally was given the name Prospect but by the time John and Eliza arrived there it was already known as Wilfrid. The name change occurred because there was another community named Prospect and people in the community did not want to have their mail delivered to the wrong place. The Conner & Coltson's Directory of the County of Ontario for 1869-70 describes Wilfrid as a village in the township of Brock, 36 miles north of Whitby. The population of Wilfrid was about 75. John is listed among the businessmen in the community as a weaver. The Lovell's Dominion Directory 1871 describes Wilfrid as a small village in the Township of Brock, County of Ontario. The distance from Newmarket (a station of the Northern Railroad) is 30 miles (fare \$1.50), from Whitby (the County town) is 38 miles and from Toronto 60 miles. Mail is tri-weekly. Population of Wilfrid was 110. Included in the residents of Wilfrid was John Hunter, weaver. The church at the time was the New Connection Methodist Church. In the space of two years the town has grown from 75 people to 110.

All that is known about this early part of Elizabeth's life is both William and Jane Elizabeth immigrated to Canada in 1863. Canada was a colony of Britain at the time and welcomed many Irish countrymen to its shores, particularly if they were Protestant; the British hoping to counteract the position of the French and Roman Catholic residents. Upper and Lower Canada had become Canada East (Quebec) and Canada West (Ontario) and was four years away from becoming the Dominion of Canada. There has not been a clue about why the Hunters immigrated but the United States was in the throes of a Civil War when they came to Canada; perhaps they were fleeing the war and wanted to return to British rule.

Religion appeared to have played a big part in the lives of the Hunter family as it did in the lives of most Canadians. The church was an integral part of the early settlers' lives. It provided more than a religious component to their lives; churches were social centres of the communities. John gave his religion and that of the children as New Connection Methodist on the 1871 Census, Elizabeth said she was Utilitarian. In the 1881 Census both Elizabeth and William reported they were Presbyterian, but by 1891 both had become Methodist and remained so for the rest of their lives. Elizabeth was one of the 13 members of the Ladies Aid group of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. In 1963, as a part of the celebration for the Wilfrid United Church, the following short biographical sketch was written about her:

Mrs John Hunter: (Marjorie Taylor)

John Hunter came from England and settled in this area, in the home now owned by Mrs. Melvin Meek. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter had 2 daughters and 2 sons and no doubt there were more in the family. They operated a weaving shop and did lovely work. Mrs Meek and Mrs. Orvan Chambers have rugs made by these people. One of the daughters, Mary Ann, married a West.⁴

When churches were few and far between and transportation was slow, and if a family lived in a community near a church of a different faith they often went to that church. The Unification of the Methodist and Presbyterian Church did not occur until 1925.

John was a weaver who 'worked on his own account', custom weaving in his own home in Wilfrid probably for people within the community of Wilfrid. It is more likely the townsfolk came to him for their cloth needs. Much of the clothing individuals wore was homemade. Elizabeth assisted him in this livelihood. The raw product they used was yarn and they made cloth and flannel. In the 1871 Census of the 1871, Schedule 6, Return of Industrial Establishment, William stated he owned \$40 worth of fixed capital and earned \$400 in a year for eight months work. He spent \$500 for 1000 pounds of yarn which he wove into 2000 yards of cloth for which he estimated he earned \$1000. Other independent weavers made between \$150 a year and \$10 per month. Not one of the censuses reports Elizabeth as working in the business although the 1871, Schedule 6 says that a man and a woman both work at the weaving. The schedule doesn't name those who worked but those were the days when women's work was not entirely recognized. The family most likely had a garden, milk and beef cattle in addition to pigs and chickens to supplement their income and provide food for the table.

Elizabeth was 25 when she gave birth to her first child, Mary Ann, on the first of September 1864⁵, three years before Confederation. A son arrived in 1866 and was named after Elizabeth's father, Samuel. A second son, Thomas, was born on 17 April 1867. Elizabeth now had her duties as a mother as well as a weaver to occupy her time, an active two-going-on-three year old, a one-year old and a new baby must have kept her very busy in the days before automatic washers and paternal participation in child rearing.

On 18 March 1869 when baby Thomas was nearly two, John was born. John was one of the three men in Wilfrid who researched the history of the Wilfrid United Church for its 50th Anniversary Celebrations on November 7th and 8th, 1938. John never married and would remain with his parents until their death. More than two years passed before another child, a son, was born to the Hunter household. George made his appearance on 27 June 1871⁶. George was to move to British Columbia as a young man and gradually acquire several hardware and paint stores in the growing city of Vancouver during its boom period. Two years later William or Willie was born on 12 July 1873. The Hunter family now consisted of six children: 11-year-old Mary Ann is no doubt receiving a great deal of practical experience helping her mother care for her five brothers. The birth of a sister, Elizabeth Jane, on 15 November 1875⁷, must have been a happy time for Mary Ann, someone to share the workload. Two more brothers would arrive before the Hunter family was complete. James was born 10 May 1878⁸ and Henry, also known as Harry, was born 23 July 1880⁹. Elizabeth's family was complete. At the age of 41 she had nine children ranging in age from a newborn to a 16 year old.

When the census taker came around in April of 1881, Elizabeth was 42, included in her household were John, 41, and the children Mary Ann, 17, Samuel, 15, Thomas, 13, John, 11, George, 9, William, 7, Elizabeth J. 5, James, 3, and Henry, 9 months. Both Elizabeth and John said they were Presbyterian this time around. Both Samuel and Thomas are employed as labourers and Mary Ann is at home helping her mother while John, George and Willie are at school.

Between 1888 and 1889 Thomas and Samuel left Wilfrid, Ontario and went west to Vancouver, British Columbia. The first CPR transcontinental passenger train had arrived in Port Moody on 4 July 1886. Vancouver, then called Granville, a community of 400, was chosen as a terminus by William Van Horne, general manager of the CPR, in 1884 but the tracks had not reached that far. The journey took 5 days and 19 hours. It was a minute late. The first transcontinental passenger train from Montreal arrived at the terminus on 23 May 1887. There is no doubt that the journey from Wilfrid to Vancouver by Samuel and Thomas was taken by train. They arrived in a community that had been destroyed by fire in 1886 and one which had embarked on a tremendous growth spurt which continues to this day. It is small wonder that the two of them became involved in the building trade. Thomas may have done carpenter work to begin with eventually forming his own contracting company. Samuel was described as a carpenter, contractor or builder. It is highly likely they worked together in the building trade. There were 13,000 people in Vancouver in 1891, it had grown by over 12,600 bodies in six years.

Elizabeth and John both claimed they were Methodists when asked that question by the enumerator, William McMaster, on 7 April 1891. With Samuel and Thomas gone the remaining Hunters were John, 21, George, 20, and Willie, 17 are all employed as labourers, Mary Ann, 27, has no occupation listed but she remains in the Hunter home presumably helping her mother. The younger Hunters, Elizabeth, 15, James, 12, and Henry, 10, are all going to school.

The 1890's are a busy time for Elizabeth. Her eldest daughter, Mary Ann, age 27, married Charles Rundle West, age 31, on 10 February 1892¹⁰ in Wilfrid. They live in the next county, Victoria, close to Elizabeth and John.

Then on 8 September 1892 Thomas, aged 25, married Jane Maria Simpson¹¹, affectionately known as Janie or Jenny, in Vancouver. Janie is the 28 year old daughter of Theodore Simpson and Isabella Day formerly of New Market, Ontario. Both were single and Thomas gave his occupation as contractor. The young couple makes their home with Janie's widowed father, a retired baker, at 1106 Melville Street in Vancouver. Samuel is a witness at his brother's wedding. One can only suppose that a telegram from Thomas informed his parents of this happy

occasion.

On 5 July 1893 Elizabeth's oldest son, Samuel then 27, married Victoria Amanda Paton in Vancouver, British Columbia¹². Victoria is 21 years old. She is the daughter of Adam Paton and Lucretia Jane Smith and was born in Sherbrooke, Quebec. Perhaps a letter announced the news of this marriage to the folks back home in Wilfrid.

May of 1894 was a very exciting time for Eliza, she became a grandmother, for the first time, and the second time, and the third time all in the space of 20 days. First on the scene was a grandson, Charles Theodore Hunter, who was born to Thomas and Janie in Vancouver on 11 May¹³. Five days later, on 16 May, little Frances Helen Vera Hunter¹⁴ makes her debut, also in Vancouver, a daughter of Samuel and Victoria. One can only imagine the telegraph wires buzzing with this good news. Then on the 31st, the last day of the month, Elizabeth's first born daughter, Mary Ann, gives birth to her first born a daughter, Mary Elizabeth West¹⁵, Elizabeth's first namesake. It is very likely that Elizabeth assisted her daughter in the childbirth. Elizabeth's place in history is assured with three new grandchildren!

The next year a black edged telegram is delivered bringing sorrow to Elizabeth and John. Samuel, their oldest son has succumbed to typhoid fever on 2 July 1895¹⁶ in Vancouver after an illness of three weeks. He leaves a young wife and a 13 month old baby daughter. Samuel was just 29. There was no time to say goodbye. How difficult it must have been for Elizabeth to be so far away at a time like that.

The next few years seem to fly by, Mary Ann and husband, Charles Rundle West have three more children in rapid succession. On 15 June 1896¹⁷, a son, John Rundle West is born; on 6 March 1898¹⁸, a namesake for his grandpa, another son, George Charles Harvey West is born; and on 21 August 1900, a third son, Albert Henry Hunter West¹⁹. Little Albert is named after his mom's youngest brother.

The 4th Census of Canada 1901 finds Elizabeth, 61 and William, 60, still plying their trade as weavers. John, 32 and Elizabeth, 25 remain in the family home. George, Willie, James and Henry have all joined their brothers 'out west'.

Mary Ann and Charles West have yet another son, Wilfrid Lorne Englebert West, on 24 January 1903. Mary Ann has named this son after her girlhood home, Wilfrid.

On 4 June 1904, son, George, 33, marries Margaret Isobel Eldridge, 35, at 908 Thurlow Street, Vancouver, BC. Margaret was born in St. Armand, Quebec. George and Margaret remain childless.

On the 1 November 1907 Mary Ann and Charles have their last child, a daughter, Annie Viola²⁰. Mary Ann has used both her names in naming her daughters.

1910 brings two more weddings for the Hunter clan, 31 May 1910, son, Henry, and Caroline Riggins²¹ of Montreal, Quebec were married at 235 Hass Street in Vancouver and on 30 June 1910 James marries Annie May Taylor in Vancouver. He is 32 and she is 26.

The day after James' wedding, on the 1st of July 1910 Elizabeth's husband, William John Hunter, spouse of 47 years²² at the age of 70 in the village of Wilfrid of arterial sclerosis and heart disease. The attending doctor is W. J. Boynton of Pefferlaw, Ontario. William John has been ill since May 1st.

On 26 January 1911, another granddaughter and namesake, Laura Elizabeth Hunter²³ was born at home, 562 7th Avenue East, Vancouver to James and Annie May and on 2 May 1914 Elizabeth's tenth and last grandchild, James Russell²⁴, is born at 55 - 655 Hornby Street, Vancouver to son, James and his wife, Annie May.

13 May 1917 Elizabeth dies in Wilfrid, Ontario at the age of 80 years of Bronchitis, one week duration²⁵, Wilfrid, Ontario, buried Cedarvale, Brock Twp., widow. Father: Samuel McKee. Mother: (blank). Dr. W. J.

Boynton is the attending physician and the informant is John Hunter of Wilfrid. She is buried in Cannington's Cedarvale Cemetery. She left to mourn her passing, two daughters, five sons, six grandsons and four granddaughters. Her husband, John, and a son, Samuel, have predeceased her.

- ¹ 1901 4th Census of Canada, Province of Ontario, 97 North Ontario District, Polling Subdivision 6, Township of Brock, page 3, Microfilm T6486. (Page 1)
- ² Email from Janis Kirby (Ontario Listserv): Death Registration of Elizabeth Hunter of Brock Twp., Ontario County. Elizabeth Hunter age 80 years died May 13, 1917, born Ireland, living in Wilfrid, Ontario, buried Cedarvale, Brock Twp., widow. Father: Samuel McKee. Mother: (blank). Died of Bronchitis 1 week. Dr. W. J. Boynton. Informant: John Hunter of Wilfrid.
- ³ 1901 4th Census of Canada, Province of Ontario, 97 North Ontario District, Polling Subdivision 6, Township of Brock, page 3, Microfilm T6486. (Page 1)
- ⁴ Email from Ralph Park: <rpark@quicklinks.on.ca> Ralph's family is from Wilfrid and he lives in Cannington, Durham County, Ontario. The quote is part of a pamphlet Ralph retyped regarding the United Church in Wilfrid.
- ⁵ Family Unit Sheet filed out by George Albert West grandson of Mary Ann Hunter West, son of Albert Henry Hunter West and Stella Blatchford, Box 351 Oakwood, Ontario, KOM 2MO. Received 17 September 1998. Letter and family unit sheets in Mary Ann Hunter file.
- ⁶ George Hunter Registration of Birth, Province of Ontario #018203, MS 929 Reel 5. Photocopy in George Hunter file. Birth registered on 27 July 1871.
- ⁷ Elizabeth Jane Hunter Registration of Birth, Province of Ontario #014297, MS 929 Reel 20. Photocopy in Elizabeth Jane Hunter file. Birth was registered on 10 December 1875.
- ⁸ James Hunter Registration of Birth, Province of Ontario #022248, MS 929 Reel 34. Photocopy in James Hunter I file. Birth registered on 27 June 1878.
- ⁹ Henry Hunter Registration of Birth, Province of Ontario #023818. Photocopy in the Henry Hunter file. Birth was registered 1 September 1880
- ¹⁰ Family Unit Sheet filed out by George Albert West grandson of Mary Ann Hunter West, son of Albert Henry Hunter West and Stella Blatchford, Box 351 Oakwood, Ontario, KOM 2MO. Received 17 September 1998. Letter and family unit sheets in Mary Ann Hunter file.
- ¹¹ Thomas Hunter and Jannie Simpson Registration of Marriage, Province of British Columbia #15059. BC Archives Reel # B11372 Registration #1892-09-044059. Photocopy in Thomas Hunter file.
- ¹² Samuel Hunter and Vera Amanda Paton - Registration of Marriage #15068, Province of British Columbia, BC Archives Reel # B11372 Registration #1898-09-044068. Photocopy in the Samuel Hunter file.
- ¹³ Charles Theodore Hunter Registration of Birth, Province of Ontario, BC Archives Reel # Registration #94-08-116239. Photocopy in Thomas Hunter File.
- ¹⁴ Francis Helen Vera Hunter Registration of Birth, Province of British Columbia, BC Archives # Registration # 94-09-116238. Photocopy in the Samuel Hunter file.
- ¹⁵ Family Unit Sheet filed out by George Albert West grandson of Mary Ann Hunter West, son of Albert Henry Hunter West and Stella Blatchford, Box 351 Oakwood, Ontario, KOM 2MO. Received 17 September 1998. Letter and family unit sheets in Mary Ann Hunter file.
- ¹⁶ Samuel Hunter Registration of Death, Province of British Columbia BC Archives Reel #B 13092 Registration #1895-09-113604. Photocopy in the Samuel Hunter file.
- ¹⁷ Family Unit Sheet filed out by George Albert West grandson of Mary Ann Hunter West, son of Albert Henry Hunter West and Stella Blatchford, Box 351 Oakwood, Ontario, KOM 2MO. Received 17 September 1998. Letter and family unit sheets in Mary Ann Hunter file.
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- ²¹ Ibid
²² Ibid
²³ Laura Elizabeth Hunter Registration of Birth, Province of British Columbia, uncertified copy received from Bill Smith, Maple Ridge, 1999. Registration dated 21 February 1911. Copy in the Laura Hunter file.
²⁴ James Russell Hunter Birth registration, Province of British Columbia, District Registration No. 2814 Registration dated 5 October 1921. At the time of the Registration (1921) Annie May lived at 420 Clark Drive but James is at 655 Hornby Street, Vancouver, BC. Copy in the Russell Hunter file.
²⁵ Email from Janis Kirby (Ontario Listserv): Death Registration of Elizabeth Hunter of Brock Twp., Ontario County. Elizabeth Hunter age 80 years died May 13, 1917, born Ireland.

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Value Added - Discount on membership in OGS

The OGS and the SGS have concluded an agreement to give their Members a \$5.00 discount on the membership fee for the other Society. Individuals must pay full fees for their category in one Society in order to get the discount in the other. The memberships offered for the discount are Individual and Student in OGS, and Regular and Senior in SGS.

To obtain the discount: get a letter or e-mail from your home Society, and send it with a paper application and a cheque for the fee less \$5 to the other Society.

To get the letter or e-mail: OGS Members should phone (416) 489-0734 or e-mail membership@ogs.on.ca. SGS Members should phone (306) 780-9207 or e-mail ed.sgs@sasktel.net.

For information on the Societies, and the paper application forms, go to www.ogs.on.ca and www.saskgenealogy.com. The two Societies are discussing other means of co-operation.

Post-1930 Homestead Records

Linda Putz, Chief Archivist, Records Processing Unit and Descriptive Standards Officer of the Saskatchewan Archives Board advised recently on the progress of the indexing of the remaining homestead records.

"To date a total of 30,901 entries have been made from information in the records. Working our way east to west, descriptions have been completed for records up to range 9-W3. There are twenty-one ranges to go and approximately 3/4 of the work on physically foldering and rehousing the records has taken place. As we head into the autumn we hope to dedicate more time to the project as we realize how anticipated the availability of this important resource is to your members and other researchers. We are also preparing additional background information on the government agencies responsible for the creation of these records as well as resource notes on what is typically found in the post-1930 record. This will be made available on the website at the conclusion of the Project."

Value-Added Membership

SGS Value-Added Membership begins January 2009

Beginning with the 2009 Membership Year the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society is offering a Value-Added Membership in place of its General Membership. We believe that the Value-Added Membership will bring a new and exciting way to access the resources of the SGS. The following databases will be placed on our website to assist researchers:

Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI) – an index of 2.8 million names of former and present residents within Saskatchewan. The names have been extracted from local history books and other Saskatchewan resources such as Henderson directories, cemetery files, census records, school year books, etc. The SRI contains name, location and source information; a valuable tool for the researcher.

Burial Index – an index of burial information for approximately 500,000 individuals buried in Saskatchewan.

Obituary Index – an index of obituary information for approximately 750,000 individuals.

Cummins Maps – Cummins Maps contain the name and location of individuals living in Saskatchewan during the 1920s. Maps have been digitized for easy viewing.

Change of Name Index – is an index of individuals who changed their names and are listed in the Saskatchewan Gazette from 1917 to 1950.

RCMP Obituary Index – is an index of names as well as the source for the obituary. The obituaries are available at the SGS.

NW Rebellion War Claims Index – provides the names of those who requested compensation as a result of the 1885 NW Rebellion. Each name is linked to the entry regarding the request.

Rural Municipalities Historical Documents Index – this is a new index that will give access to historical documents held by municipalities, such as tax assessment roles.

SGS Indexes	Value-Added Membership Benefits
SRI - name and location	SRI - name, location, source information
Burial Index - name, age and location	Burial Index - name, spouse, parents, location, cemetery name, Rural Municipality, headstone information and photo when available.
Obituary Index - name and location	Obituary Index - name, spouse's name, parents' names, age, date of birth, date of death, date of burial, location, other family, children. (Image will be available online in the near future.)
Cummins Maps - index of maps	Cummins Maps (digitized) - index of maps, map image.
Saskatchewan Change of Name Index	Saskatchewan Change of Name Index
RCMP Obituary Index - name	RCMP Obituary Index - name, regiment number, rank, volume number.
NW Rebellion War Claims Index - name	NW Rebellion War Claims Index – name and link to document.
	SGS Bulletin Archives – image
Rural Municipality Historical Documents Index - name and location	Rural Municipality Historical Documents Index - all available data
	Access to databases in the SGS Library and Resource Room - Ancestry.com, Godfrey Memorial Library, FindMyPast, World Vital Records.
	.As a member of SGS you will be entitled to a \$5.00 discount for membership in the Ontario Genealogical Society
	Receive the SGS quarterly Bulletin
	Voting member

There will be other resources available as they are prepared and negotiated. We will keep you informed.

Family History Retreat

BY: THELMA CALDWELL, Central Butte Branch

Central Butte Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society recently held a Family History Retreat at the Mainstay Inn in Palliser Park. Attendants traveled from Cochrane, Alberta, Moosomin, Rocanville, Moose Jaw, Outlook, Macrorie, Dinsmore, Hodgeville, Chaplin, Central Butte and Riverhurst.

Presentations covered topics such as:

- Beginner Genealogy - by Thelma Caldwell
- English Research Part 1 and 2, Research in Sweden – by Rae Chamberlain
- Organizing Your Research, Citing Sources, Genealogy Programs and the Internet – by Christina Krismer
- Dating Old Photographs – by Tim Novak
- Restoring Photographs- by VH Productions



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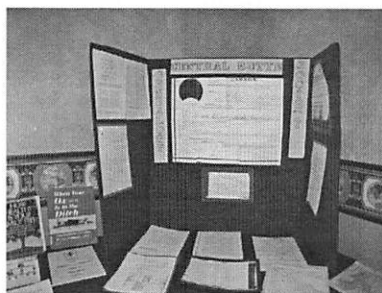
Everyone commented on the great amount of information they received and, of course, the wonderful meals provided by the Mainstay Inn.

Donations from local businesses were used as prizes for a Bucket Raffle and Silent Auction. The group ended the weekend with a Tour of the F.T. Hill Museum in Riverhurst.



Carol Andrews, Rae Chamberlain
and Joanne Berg

The members of the Central Butte Genealogical Society greatly appreciated the number of people who attended, both locally and those who traveled a great distance. The response was so good that talk is already in the works to host another such event in the future.



Display at the retreat

In Memory of

- John Elliott – June 4, 2008, Lethbridge, AB
- Jacqueline Gnesner – June 6, 2008, Regina, SK
- Alice Pielt – September 3, 2008, Eston, SK
- Marjorie Hawes – September 11, 2008, Biggar, SK
(long time member of SGS and Biggar Branch)
- Beryl Suetta – October 26, 2008, High River, AB
(formerly of Regina and was a long time member)

Divorcing Your Ancestors in Canada

BY: TAMMY LYNN TIPLER-PRIOLO, BASc, PLCGS © 26 January 2008

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To have and to hold from this day forward seems so easy to say standing in front of the minister while gazing into each others eyes and yet when one wishes a divorce the process can take months and even years. In Ontario, it was not until the 1930s that this provincial government was allowed to process divorces. Before that time, couples in Ontario who wished a divorce had to petition the Canadian Parliament and a bill had to be passed for the divorce to be granted. The first Parliamentary Divorce in Canada occurred in 1841. In 1968, Parliamentary divorce ceased to exist when the power to grant a divorce was passed down to the provincial Supreme Courts.

Anyone suspecting that their ancestors divorced from 1841-1968 can check the following database <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/008/022008-100.01-e.php> to see if they can find the couple in question. Do not be surprised if you cannot find who you are looking for, as some couples would just separate and dispense with the divorce, just as my great great-grandparents did back in the 1880s. Some details you may gain by obtaining a petition for divorce would include the name of the couple, date and place of marriage, reason for wanting the divorce and the residence in which the couple was living when the divorce was requested. That is a great deal of information, which could help lead one to other historical records pertaining to the families of one's ancestors.

After 1968, you would want to look for divorce papers in the province where the divorce was granted. However, different provinces had different legislation regarding divorce thus the Archives of Alberta has divorce records ranging from 1918-1975. The British Columbia Archives divorce records are available up to 1949. The Manitoba Archives has these records available to 1978, while the New Brunswick Archives has such records from 1796-1987. The Nova Scotia Archives divorce papers range from 1759-1960, while Prince Edward Island Archives contains divorce records from 1835-1976. Interestingly, Saskatchewan has their divorce papers available through the Family History Library on microfilm from 1920-1950, check in their card catalogue at www.familysearch.org. More details on provincial divorce papers can be found at the Library and Archives of Canada website <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/022/022-906.008-e.html>, where some of the facts of this article were found.

Committing to one another through a marriage ceremony can be a quick and easy process, however, as I tell my daughter all the time, be careful who you marry for once that bond is created it will be a part of the family tree forever, whether you like it or not. The worst-case scenario for a genealogist occurs when there is no paper trail for the ancestors you are seeking; separation, living together or bridge weddings (promising to be man and wife while holding hands over water, often occurring in Scotland many years ago) come to mind. Divorce is not an easy process, however, to the family historian divorce papers could be the only lead in the hunt for one's ancestors. You cannot divorce your ancestors, but if you suspect divorce in the past, perhaps you will be able to find divorce papers to confirm your suspicions. Here's to keeping it in the family.

Happy Hunting!! "MAY ALL YOUR GENEALOGICAL DREAMS COME TRUE"

Note: The Ancestor Investigator is also the Ancestor Whisperer.

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An Act to Amend the Statistics Act (S-18)

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Background: An Act to Amend the Statistics Act, Chapter 31 (Bill S-18) was given Royal Assent 29 June 2005. It finally allowed access to census records produced between 1910 and 1925. Public access is now given to the records 92 years after the census was taken, so the 1911 census data was released quickly, and the 1921 information will be available in 2013.

However, Bill S-18 also required that for future census, individuals needed to provide their consent to allow their personal data to be released in the future, by checking "YES" to the release question on the census form. Unless the "YES" answer was selected, the selection was considered a "NO" response. No response was also interpreted as a "NO" selection. People living in some hospitals, nursing homes or who were incarcerated had their forms filled out by enumerators working with facility representatives. These people never saw the forms and were counted a "NO". There was little advance publicity, and what little mainstream media coverage there was played up the privacy aspect, virtually ignoring the impact on future historical and genealogical studies. Fewer than 56% of census respondents checked "YES" on their forms. About 32% selected "NO" and over 12% gave no response. The exact impact of the institutional enumeration is unknown.

S-18 stipulates that a Committee of the House of Senate be formed to report to Parliament no later than two years prior to the third affected census (2016) to recommend any changes to the administration of the amended Statistics Act. But there is nothing in the act that precludes an earlier committee, nor is there any

reason they could not revisit the whole "informed consent" rule. On the other hand, nothing says they can't just confirm the status quo, and in a climate of public apathy, that would be the most likely result.

What Can You Do? Write your Member of Parliament, urging action before the 2011 census. Use your own words using the outline above. A posted letter would be the most effective. Mail posted to the House of Commons is postage-free. Talk to the candidates coming to your door during the next federal election campaign, or print out some copies of this sheet to hand to them. Ask them to tell you what they are prepared to do.

Postage-free mail may be sent to your member of parliament at:

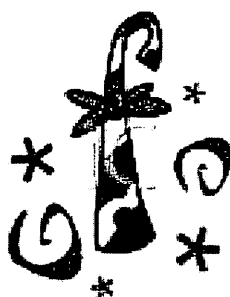
House of Commons
Parliament Buildings
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

Your Member of Parliament's **email address** may be found at: <http://www2.parl.gc.ca/Parlinfo/Lists/Members.aspx>

For more on this, see **Bob Crawford's** front-page article in the August *Newsleaf*, or check out **Gordon Watts' blog** at: <http://www.globalgenealogy.com/globalgazette/gazgw/gazgw-0102.htm>

The text of Bill S-18 is available at: <http://www2.parl.gc.ca/senatebills/BillsGovernment.aspx?Language=E&Mode=1&Parl=38&Ses=1#S18>

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Computer Column

BY: CHRISTINA KRISMER

Where is genealogy software going? If FTM and Legacy7 are any indicators, source citations will be following standards set by Elizabeth Shown Mills. Citations of sources are vital if we are going to provide solid evidence of the conclusions we arrive at when researching.

When sources are first analyzed, they should be classified as original, secondary or derivatives. It is these derivatives that I think cause the most problem.

With identification of a source done correctly the possibility of bringing in mistakes should be lowered. Wouldn't it be easier for genealogists if every time a document image was downloaded from an online database, the source is automatically cited?

When analyzing our data we are trying to get as close as possible to the truth. This is where the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS) comes into play (We are moving in the direction of having such a standard). This standard is useful to every genealogist. There are five elements of the GPS:

- Doing a reasonably exhaustive search in reliable sources
- Complete and accurate citations of our sources
- Analyzing relationship of collected information
- Resolving conflicting evidence
- Writing a coherent soundly reasoned conclusion

Classifying of our sources, information and evidence validates identity, the relationship, life events and biographical details that can't be proven without it.

Here is an interesting thought for you to ponder. It has been suggested that perhaps in our "progressive" activities we have forgotten and are missing the importance of the Family Group Sheet (FGS). Using the FGS to determine what information you have and what information you need is a much more effective way to plan your research. You can see at a glance what is there and what is missing. To do lists on your computer still requires you to go back to the family and/or individual information sheet or page.

Many of our libraries are coming to the assistance of genealogists. Sure it may be planned to bring in more library patrons but the end result is researchers also benefit. I am referring to library decisions to link some of their computers to Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, World Vital Records, Godfrey Memorial Library, etc.

For Saskatchewan reader's information the SGS library at present has a subscription to the Godfrey Memorial Library. They are expecting to have more in the New Year.

The Regina Public Library subscribes to Ancestry.com library edition and Heritage Quest. You can also go on line there or at home to Library and Archives Canada - Genealogy Centre, as well as Family Search.org.

Library And Archives Canada as well as Family Search.org can be accessed at home at no cost. Ancestry costs you money and Heritage Quest is available only to libraries. Check with your library to find out if they have access to any of these and how you may use them. You may have to book a time on the library computers and there may be a time limit.

Using the sites at the library may give you an idea as to whether or not, where possible, you want to subscribe as an individual, considering the cost factors involved. For library use you must have a library card.

What can be found at these sites:

1. Heritage Quest basically has 6 databases and is American focused. It has the US Census 1790-1930. The census images appear to be sharper than in other sites. Also on this site you have the Freedman's Bank Records - 1865-1874; PERSI; Revolutionary War Pension & Bounty-land warrants; full text of 25,000 local and family histories from UMI Collection; U.S. Serial set - search memorials, petitions, etc of the U.S. Congress.

2. Ancestry at www.ancestry.com or www.ancestry.ca. Ancestry.ca is Canadian mainly. Ancestry is a site that you can use free to some extent. You may get a list or index but no information. To get the information you must subscribe. Often there are free two week trial periods. To get the free two weeks, however, you need to give a credit card number. At the end, if you do not advise them, they will charge you the subscription rate of one year, I believe it is. You need to advise them just before the two weeks are up that you wish to cancel. This same rule applies if you subscribe for a month or year – you must advise them if you wish to cancel or it renews automatically.

It is the largest and most popular database on the Internet. They provide digital access to U.S., U.K. and Canadian census returns, vital statistics, military records, ships' passenger lists, directories, parish records, family trees, maps and more. A good alternative is to find a library that subscribes to the library version of Ancestry. The library version does not provide access to historical newspaper collections, obituary collections and the PERSI (Periodical Source Index).

3. Godfrey Memorial Library at www.godfrey.org. It is another subscription database. At present you can access it at SGS library and research room in Regina, however, you may also subscribe to it online. Visit the site for a view of what they have to offer – mostly American.
4. FEFHHS - Federation of East European Family History Societies at: www.feefhs.org. This is a free site and you can search for Eastern European information.
5. GRHS - Germans from Russia Historical Society at www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/grhc/ is another free site with information about Germans from Russia ancestry.
6. World Vital Records at www.worldvitalrecords.com. Founded in 2006, by Paul Allen and several key members of the original ancestry.com team, World Vital Records, Inc. provides affordable genealogy databases and family history networking tools to a worldwide

audience. The cost for a US subscription at present is about \$50 or \$150 for unlimited access.

7. Ellis Island at www.ellisland.org/search/passSearch.asp for passenger lists of those who came through New York at Ellis Island about 1892 to 1954.

A word of caution – passenger lists are usually the last place for me to search as you usually need to know the date, port and ship they came on.

8. Obituaries in the Regina Leader Post at www.saskobits.com. Obituaries in the Leader Post since September 2000 can be searched and printed.
9. Obituaries and memoriam from the Saskatoon Star Phoenix can also be searched – however only those published within the last 30 days are available for online viewing. Address is: www.legacy.com/can-saskatoon/Obituaries.asp.
10. A website brought to my attention is That's My Family at www.thatsmyfamily.info. There are no charges and you can search in French and English. This database is linked to Canadian federal, provincial or territorial archive centers and libraries, or by other partners. It is managed by Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ) and is managed by Library and Archives Canada (LAC). You can search one database (ex-Federal sources) or you can search as you want by checking all those of interest (meaning two or three at once – Federal and provincial). You will get an overview of what is available as well as a rating as to how good a match you got. For names entered you get the exact as well as variant names.

I would also suggest that you read the November 2008 edition of *Internet Genealogy*. There are a number of articles you may find of interest – Russian Resources, Finding Your Canadian Ancestors

Online, Maps, Ellis Island Revisited, Finding Court House records on line, using GENI to create online websites and more.

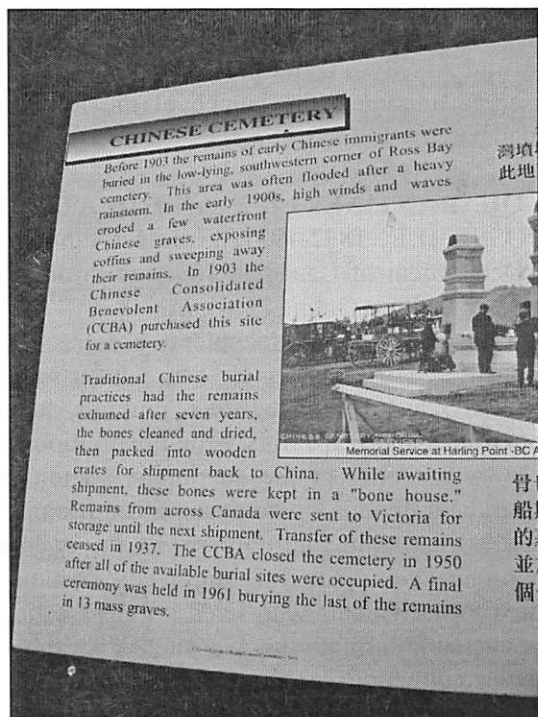
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Cemetery Program

BY: LINDA NEELY

SGS Cemetery Coordinator

Genealogists are great cemetery aficionados and like other genealogists in a new city I went looking for the cemeteries in Victoria, BC. You may know of it or even visited but if not, the Chinese Cemetery there is a treat. A small collection of worn, and largely unreadable stones on the shore of Juan de Fuca Strait look out over the water to the homeland so far away.



The cemetery was originally only a temporary resting place for Chinese immigrants before being taken back to China for permanent burial. For genealogists looking for Chinese ancestors it's helpful to know that people were brought here from all over Canada as the first stop on their journey home. In traditional practice the remains were buried here in Victoria for seven years, then exhumed, cleaned and shipped to China. Many storms and floods of the original cemetery caused coffins and their remains to be swept away to sea before they could be shipped.

The last transfer of remains took place in 1937 and the cemetery has not been used since 1950 as all the sites are occupied. So these last few burials sit here on this quiet shore surrounded by the homes of a very wealthy neighbourhood. The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association and the city of Victoria maintain the grounds.



Closer to home Saskatchewan genealogists have had a successful summer of recording and we are seeing the results show up in the cemetery files at the library. A big thank you to all who worked so hard this summer.

Some last words of note:

"Everybody has got to die, but I always believed an exception would be made in my case. Now what?" William Saroyan (1908-1981) (in a telephone remark to a reporter a few hours before his death).

The following RM maps are needed (*not HOME maps*):

Tecumseh RM#65
Abernethy RM #186
Touchwood RM #248
Keys RM #303

Riverside RM #168
McKillop RM #220
Arm River RM #252
Bjorkdale RM #426

Prior to purchasing RM maps, please contact SGS office at (306) 780-9207 or e-mail saskgenealogy@sasktel.net to make sure it hasn't already been donated by someone.

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Announcements

Alberta Genealogical Society Seminar

Will take place at the Chateau Louis Hotel in Edmonton, Alberta on April 18 & 19, 2009. Information will be posted when available <http://abgensoc.ca/events.html>.

Ontario Genealogical Society 2009 Conference

Hosted by Halton-Peel branch on May 29-31, 2009 at the Sheridan College, Oakville, Ontario. Theme: *From the Printed Page to the Digital Age*. Information will be posted when available <http://www.ogs.on.ca/conference/index.html>.

Mark Your Calendar!

Roots Heritage 2010 the international conference on family history to be held in Montreal June 2010.

MISCELLANEOUS

Request for pictures from the Bukovina Settlement at Edenwold

Oren Windholz, the editor of the Bukovina Society of the Americas newsletter, places an article each month in the Ellis, Kansas newspaper to increase awareness about Bukovina history. To date it has been mainly about the Bukovina settlement in Kansas. Now he would like to expand the coverage to other areas and plans to include Canada. If anyone has any old pictures regarding the settlement at Edenwold and surrounding areas he would appreciate a digital scan. Any pictures that aren't used in the newspaper article would be placed in the Bukovina Society of the Americas archives in Ellis. Contact Oren Windholz at owindholz@ruraltel.net. Bukovina Society of the Americas <http://www.bukovinasociety.org/>

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 2008. Scholarship will be awarded in Spring of 2009. For information write to Alberta Family Histories Society, Attention: Scholarship Committee, 712 16 Avenue NW, Calgary AB T2M 0J8 or web site: <http://www.afhs.ab.ca/scholarship/>.

Attention: All Genealogy Groups

Are you aware of a great historical Roman Catholic cemetery located in Pembroke, Ontario, Canada? It is with great interest and hope that the knowledge and existence of this Roman Catholic cemetery (approximately 1847-1889) be known to all interested genealogists. I have spent many years researching this cemetery and its untold story. The more people that know of this cemetery the more others will be able to trace some of their ancestors to this site. There are also aboriginal people buried at this cemetery. Over 900 burials in total and not one sign that the site ever existed, until now. Bernie Buechman, member of UOVGG.

Library and Archives Canada (LAC)

Is pleased to announce the launch of the following online databases:

IN QUARANTINE: LIFE AND DEATH ON GROSSE ÎLE, 1832-1937, a project funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage through its Canadian Culture Online Program.

Featuring a variety of documents preserved and digitized by LAC, such as lists of births and deaths at sea, hospital registers, journals, letters, photographs and maps, this virtual exhibition tells the story not only of the quarantine station, but also of the individuals who experienced life on the island. Immigrants at Grosse Île, a database containing thousands of digitized documents related to individuals who lived on Grosse Île, is now available through this website. Visit the site at: www.collectionscanada.ca/grosse-ile.

IMMIGRANTS TO CANADA - contains Canadian immigration records held at LAC, many of which relate to immigrants from the British Isles arriving in Quebec and Ontario; also included are references to settlers in other provinces. Through this new database, researchers can access references to lists of immigrants and other types of records created before 1865, such as declarations of aliens and names of some Irish orphans. Visit the database at: www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/immigrants-canada/index-e.html.

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We must always remember that the Internet is a tool and we use it to get to the source of the information. It is not the source. When finding something on line it is a good idea to record the URL and website name. Because servers change and addresses change there is no guarantee that you will be able to go back to that site a year from now or even six months from now so gather as much information as you can to ensure you know where the data came from. Not all databases are created equal, so you may wish to check several of them as well.

For our Saskatchewan readers SGS is having their Open House Saturday, 17 January, 2009. SGS and Regina Public Library are working together on a

series of programs in the New Year. The first workshop will be 17 January 2009. The intent is to provide information and have as much hands on experience as possible. Some of the topics to be covered are: An Introduction to Genealogy; Introduction to Records; Working with Ancestry, Heritage Quest, Library and Archives Canada (LAC), Family Search and other Internet Resources; and Planning, Analyzing & Evaluating Information.

See pages iv and x and the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society or Regina Public Library websites for further information.

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BORDER BRANCH: RR 5, Lloydminster, AB T9V 3A1. Meetings: 4th Mon. (except June, July & December) 7:00 pm at Lloydminster Public Library (Ken Burke Meeting Room, lower level). Contact: Lynne Smith # (780)875-8698. E-mail: vl_smith@telusplanet.net

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Cover Photo

Who are they?

The cover photo was found behind another picture in 1999 at Regina, SK. Written on the back of the photograph is "Mrs. Rutledge, 25 Smith Block;" the Smith Block was located at 1755 Street, Regina, SK. In 1959 there is a Henderson's Directory listing for RUTLEDGE, Marjorie, bookkeeper, Isumi, Arnott & Sugiyama; r. 1433 Athol Street.

The photographer was Robert Turnbull of 3 Baxter's Place, Edinburgh. He was in this location from 1911 to 1921. There was a Robert Turnbull who had a studio at 620 Eglinton Street, Glasgow from 1903 to 1904. Was this the same photographer? The garments of the subjects would suggest 1911 to 1921.

Do you know these people? Are they yours? Contact SGS and we will be pleased to forward the photo to you.

SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY RESEARCH POLICIES

No Refund for entries not found.

All Research Policies Are Subject to Change Should Costs Increase.

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

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

Basic Search of Saskatchewan Records

\$39 CDN / \$39 US / £22 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:

\$10 per surname plus 50¢ per page for prints.

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

Saskatchewan Obituary Search

Particular Search - \$3 per obituary, plus a self-addressed stamped envelope. General Search - \$5 per surname, plus .30¢ per page for photocopying, plus a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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

Saskatchewan Cemetery Search

\$4 per name, plus a self-addressed stamped envelope if the name of the cemetery is given. \$6 per surname if the name of the cemetery is given. \$15 per name if all cemeteries in a Rural Municipality need to be checked.

SGS Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI)

General Search - \$5 per surname - all entries for a particular surname. Includes up to 5 pages of printouts, quote for entries beyond this number. Particular Search - \$4 for one name. Includes up to 3 pages of printouts. Look-ups and copying as a result of the SRI Search - \$2 per source plus .30¢ per page for copies plus a SASE.

Saskatchewan Homestead Search

\$17 – Provide the name of the homesteader and the legal land description.

\$19 – 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 - \$12 per person. For a marriage record both parties are considered as one.

- England & Wales 1837-1894; 1900; 1901; 1912-1914
- Ontario Births 1869-1910; Marriages 1869-1925; Deaths 1869-1935

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 - \$55 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 .30¢ per page for copies
- National Burial Index - \$10 per name per location
- Pre-1869 Marriage Records for Ontario - \$10 per couple per district
- Repertoires for RC Parishes of Quebec 1700-1765 - \$25 per hour; minimum charge \$12 per ½ hour
- New Brunswick Newspapers – Vital Statistics (1784-1881) - \$7 per name (3 year search)
- Householders Index for Griffith Valuations in Ireland 1845-1867 - \$25 per hour; minimum charge \$12 per ½ hour
- **Germans to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports, Volumes 1-67** - \$12 per person or family searched per year. *Ask for brochure.*
- International Genealogical Index (IGI) - \$10 per name, per location. ie. John Smith, England, Kent Co.
- **Analysis & Research Plan** - \$50 per family of origin. Provide a professional analysis of the information given and will develop a search plan for further research.

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