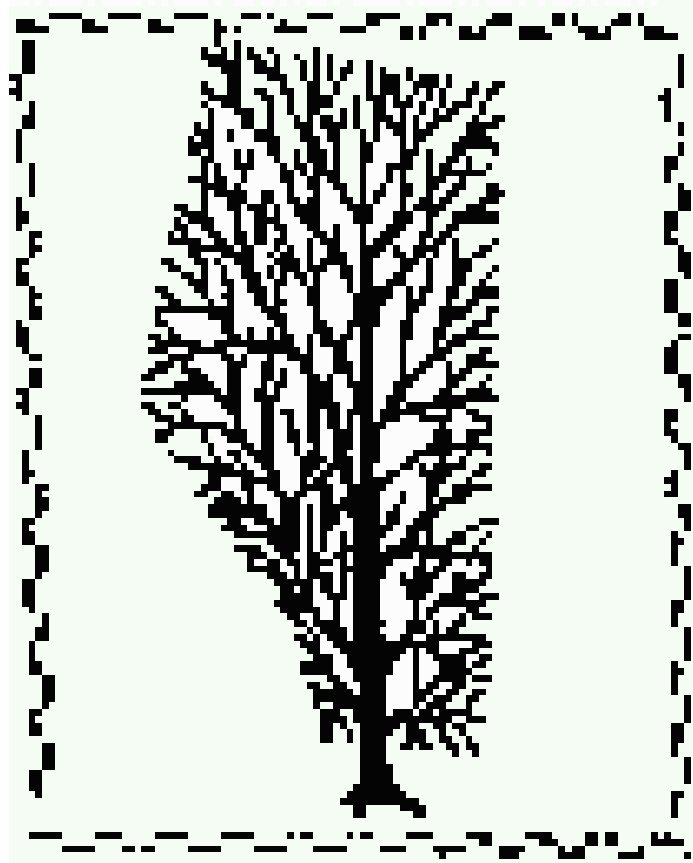


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Third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (except June, July, August & December)
at our Library Room 1:28, 909 – 3rd Ave. North, Lethbridge, AB.

Notice: Membership dues are due January 2006.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This has been an exciting year for the Lethbridge and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society. A new executive was elected in February and we were off. This fall we had a welcome back from summer barbeque at the home of Ila and Stewart Skeith out in New Dayton. October found us at the Lethbridge Public Library visiting the various sections of the library that house their genealogical collection. November we had an international dinner hosted by Winn Evans and her husband Mike Tomaszewski followed by members talking about what they had done to further their genealogy. All events were well attended.

The Alberta Genealogical Society is run by people like you who give of their time and interest to further genealogy. Many people are indebted to others who have gathered, recorded and published information from local places so that others in far off and remote locations can find their family. Thank you all for making the Lethbridge and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society what it is today.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

This is our last issue for the year. Our next issue will come out before spring of 2006. First I would like to thank all the submitters of articles, websites, and genealogy humor and for anyone presently reading this as you are all contributors to the success of this newsletter.

I would like to extend an invitation for anyone who would like to submit articles, new websites you may have come across or topics of articles you would like to see presented in our newsletter. If you have any queries you would like to submit feel free to do so. You can send your submissions to contact our AGS office at 403-328-9564 or send an e-mail to lethags@theboss.net.

Thank you!

Susan Haga, Newsletter Editor



Pictou County Research

Nearly fifty years ago, when I started researching my ancestors my grandfather was close to eighty years old. Luckily he lived to be ninety-four years old because he gave me the information I needed to begin research and I could question him on the information I found.

Both my paternal grandparents were born in Pictou County, Nova Scotia and Grandpa told me many things about Pictou County. Unfortunately I never knew my grandmother and have made very little progress on her lines.

Some years ago I started a newsletter for my grandfather's family and published it for about ten years until I ran out of information about the family. My children seemed quite interested in the newsletter and were very surprised to find out I had never been to Pictou County. For my 65th birthday my children got together and gave me air fare to travel to Pictou County and find out about the places I had been writing.

Early in May of this year we made our visit to Pictou—big mistake. Everything there was closed for the season and wouldn't open for the season until after Victoria Day. We arrived in Pictou on a Tuesday about noon. The first thing I wanted to check out was the Pictou Heritage Society. Of course, during the winter season it only opened on Monday and Tuesday. I had previously received information from the center by e-mail. Their site is <http://www.rootsweb.com/nspcghs/> and it includes a data base of their holdings. In the short time I was there. I didn't find anything that I hadn't previously received by e-mail. I had hoped to make some progress on my grandmother's line, but no luck.

The Pictou Harbor could be seen right out the window of our hotel room. My great great grandparents arrived in Canada via this harbor in 1831. Some of the buildings in Pictou that were there when they arrived are still there and resemble buildings from Sutherlandshire, Scotland which might have made them feel at home.

We made the rounds of graveyards for a couple of days. I had previously obtained copies of tombstone inscriptions for most of the cemeteries we visited. Some of these cemeteries were difficult to find, but we visited the Tourist Information Center and borrowed an excellent map, but did copy part of the map. We did find a few gravestones of interest in cemeteries. I didn't have transcriptions for. Bailey Cemetery is way up a hill with only a trail that gets within one hundred and fifty yard of the cemetery. My great great grandparents were buried there in 1840 and 1844. My great grandfather was also buried there in the late 1890's.

In my imagination I see a horse drawing a wagon or sled carrying a home made coffin up the steep trail. Hopefully, one hundred and sixty years ago the road went right to the cemetery. It is hard to imagine carrying a coffin through the bush to the cemetery especially in November, December and January when my ancestors died. Grandpa told me that the snow was often deep enough to cover the fences.

The Hector Center was still closed for the season while we were there, but we lucked out on the week-end because there was a tour of real estate people learning about properties available in the Pictou area and they opened the center for them. We just followed them in and I was able to buy a book called, "After the Hector The Scottish Pioneers of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton 1773-1852" by Lucille H. Campey. The interesting part of the book to me is a list of ships which arrived in Nova Scotia during various years. As I know my family came in 1831 I have been able to narrow down to a few the ships they might have sailed on. Unfortunately there are no passenger lists for these ships.

We were able to spend a couple of days in Halifax before our departure. We spent an enjoyable afternoon with a third cousin once removed that I had corresponded with a few years ago.

On the last day of our vacation we visited the Nova Scotia Archives. There I made a big break through and should have spent more

time in the Archives. Years before I had hired a researcher to go through the church records that I thought my family would be in. However, at the archives there are several card catalogues. One of them was an index of church records. When I looked under Mount Thorn the card indicated that there were many Mount Thorn residents in the Gairloch parish records. It turns out that the early Gairloch parish covered the whole western part of Pictou County.

The following marriages were in Gairloch Film #11374

10 January 1838—Alexander Murray to Jane Ross both of River John

5 April 1838 – Alexander Campbell to Katherine Fraser both of West River

31 January 1839– John Davies of Mt Thorn to Elizabeth Munro of Eight Mile Brook

7 Feb 1839 – Thomas Fraser of West River to Janet McQuarrie of Upper Settlement

8 August 1839 – William Fraser to Mrs. Sarah Davies both of Mount Thorn

9 April 1840 – Alexander MacPherson to Elizabeth Murray both of Mt Thorn

13 Jan 1842—William Murray of West Branch River John to Catherine Ross in Mill Brook

14 February 1839 – parents Alexander Campbell and Catherine Fraser of West River – child John

1 May 1840 – parents William Davies and Janet McLeod of Mount Thorn – called Edward William

19 March 1842 – parents John Davies & Betsy Munro of Mount Thorn – child Sarah

3 April 1842 – parents Thomas Fraser and Janet MacQuarrie of West River – Child Janet

Unfortunately the marriage records didn't have the parent's names. This film could only be used in the archives and no copies could be made. The URL for the Nova Scotia Archives is: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsarm/>

Sources for Pictou Research

Birth & Death registration 1864 – 1877 Available through the Family History Library or the Nova Scotia Archives
Marriage Registrations – 1864-1917 Available through the Family History Library or the Nova Scotia Archives

The Nova Scotia Archives has recently acquired the marriages up to 1929 and the deaths from 1908 – 1954. At present they are not open to the public (public access under development) and it costs \$20.00 to have them look one up. Onsite and online access to all Vital Statistics indexes and records is planned for April 2006. Index to the Pictou Advocate 1895-1940 Available through the Family History Library, The Pictou Heritage Society, The Nova Scotia Archives (Copies can be ordered from the Nova Scotia Archives). There are also land records and probate records.

STAVELY SCHOOL REPORT FOR MARCH, 1914

SENIOR ROOM

Names of pupils in order of merit, with percentage.

Grade IX—Minnie Smith 82, Olga Heggen 73, Kathleen Hopkins 64.

Grade VIII—Douglas Marshall 77, Clinton Crumley 67, Harelock Smith 65, Alaila Ostrum 63, Della Sanford 62, Blanche Reynold 59, Charles Dulla 52.

Grades V and VI—Mary Hagen 86, Alma Desler 76, Isabel Fleming 75, Lilly Murray 75, Celia Davis 74, Leah Smith 73, Iwa Haven 68, Violet Simonson 67, Roger Marshall 67, Vivian Haven 64, Maria Ditto 64, Frank Wallace 59, Evelyn Carbine 58, Irene Weiss 57, Edith Sanford 57, Ethel Oliver 57, Meda Oliver 35.

JUNIOR ROOM

Grade IV—Dorothy Devis 80, Edward Malebow 80, Neta Carbine 72, Beatrice Murray 64, Silas Reynolds 64, Ernest Desler 61, Errall Ostrum 60, Joe Brown 26, Roland Huston 52, Cameron Wallace 50.

Grade III—Albert Heggen 80, Ross Marshall 74, Walter Weiss 70, Willie Rea 69, Alberta Brown 67, Henry Oliver 60, Gerard Davis 57.

Grade II—George Hopkins 86, Ross Gates 71, Fred Hopkins 89,

1C—Verna Burkeholder 98, Crira Ditto 90, Sam Doong 87, Alfred Rea 67, Herbie Cressman 86, Archie Marshall 65, Verne Desler 62, Mary McQuaig 55, Francis Davis 53, Harry Hopkins 47.

1A—Evyleen Hustan 78, Walter Heggen 66, Stanley Huston 58.

(Printed April 15, 1914 pg. 5 Claresholm Local Press)

CLARESHOLM LOCAL PRESS

(Thursday, January 7, 1960 pg 6)

AROUND TOWN

Coming from Hinton to spend the holidays with relatives and friends were Mr. and Mrs. Herb Schram and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schram.

Douglas Nelson, Burstall, Saskatchewan, was a holiday visitor with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Nowlin, Nelson, B.C. spent the New Year week-end here.

Raymond Hart left Sunday for Edmonton to attend the UFS leadership course as delegate from Claresholm, Granum.

Miss Pat Strange, Calgary, spent the New Years holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strange.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Molnar, Lethbridge spent the New Year's week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Graydos.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Nowlin and family, Calgary were New Years visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nowlin.

Beverley Anderson spent the holidays at her home in Edmonton, returning Sunday. Beverley attends school here while staying with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. A. Morris.

Guests of Dr. and Mrs. G.D. Clark during the holidays were Mrs. Clark's mother and sister Mrs. A. McKenzie and Wendy, Edmonton, and her grandmother Mrs. S. Fendy, Calgary.

Joe Molnar and Chester Gaydos visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Molnar in Lethbridge during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Barrett returned Sunday night from Edmonton where they spent New Years.

Miss Frances Mitchell who is taking a beauty operator's course in Calgary, spent New Year's at her home here.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Strangways were Mrs. Sternways' brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. I.H. Haworth, Montreal. After the holidays the visitors went on to the coast stopping again on their return.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Morley Hodgson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fairburn motored to Edmonton yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lorna Hodgson, who died suddenly Monday. The late Mrs. Hodgson was the daughter of the late C.R. Morrison, former news and managing editor of the Edmonton Journal.

Holiday guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. S.J. Cornish were Mrs. Cornish's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Easterbrook, Edmonton, who were here at Christmas and Dr. Cornish's brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cornish and three children, Carstairs, who were here for a couple of days at New Years's.

Hospital Births from Claresholm Local Press Thursday, January 7, 1960 page 6

BUTLER—Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Butler, Claresholm, a son, December 30

CHIPMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Mark Chipman, Claresholm, a daughter, January 1.

AGS (Lethbridge Branch) has copies of the following local histories available for \$25.00 each.

100 Years Between the Rivers
A History of Glenwood, Hartley, & Standoff (Glenwood Histrc Soc. (1984)
(1 copy)

Fort Macleod—Our Colourful Past
The Fort Macleod History Book
Committee (1977) (2 copies)

Leavings by Trail – Granum by Rail
Granum History Committee (1979)
(1 copy)

Heritage of the High Country
A History of Del Bonita and Surrounding Districts (Del Bonita Histrc Soc. (1981)
(1 copy)

White Caps and Red Roses
A History of the Galt School of Nursing
Lethbridge, Alberta 1910 – 1979
Leah Poleman (1979) (1 copy)

Pinepound Reflections
A Spring Coulee and District
Spring Coulee and District Committee

**NEW IN THE LIBRARY
(NOT FOR SALE)**

Wheat Heart of the West
A History of Barons & District
Second Edition

(Donated by Kay Greer in memory of her parents Bill and Alice (Simpson) Melvin.)

The Linder Sourcebook: Origins,
Distribution and Immigrants by Harold
Linder, Anthem, AZ (Donated)

Railways in Southern Alberta by R.F.P.
Bowman, Southern Alberta's Roamin'
Empire by Ken Liddell

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TRY SOMETHING NEW

I had been searching for the marriage of my great great grandparents, John Wilson and Sarah Heaton with no success. I became discouraged and decided to try something else. Sarah along with her parents and siblings had arrived in 1850 in St. Louis, Missouri, having left Thornhill, Yorkshire, England. I noted that several of her siblings had been married in St. Louis. There is a film of indexed marriages of St. Louis which I had looked at. It did not show a listing for John Wilson and Sarah Heaton. I decided however to look at the documentation of her sister Martha and her spouse Joseph Lightowler. Martha and Joseph's marriage was listed on the indexed film. I ordered Film # 528176 Volume 8 to locate the actual marriage record of Martha and Joseph. As I was slowly glancing further down the page suddenly at the very bottom of the page I found the marriage certificate of John Wilson, a native of Minersville, PA and Sarah Heaton a native of Thornhill, Yorkshire, England. There it was! It had been missed when the index had been compiled. If your research seems to be going nowhere, try a new approach. Sometimes wonderful things will happen as it did for me. (Linda Harker)

GUELPH MAKES GROUCH

One of the best known faces in Hollywood movies from 1918 to 1947 was that of the comic Ned Sparks. He played in dozens of movies over a thirty year span, specializing in a gravelly voiced, cigar-chomping, and grouch of a sidekick. He introduced and specialized in the dead-pan comic line.

Ned Sparks' real name was Edward A. Sparkman . He was born in Guelph, Ontario 19 November 1883, and lived there until the age of seven, when his family moved on to St.Thomas. Here is his Hollywood biography summing up a distinguished career:

“One of the most imitated comic actors in Hollywood history, stone-faced Ned Sparks began his career as a boy singer during the 1898 Klondike gold rush. After “gold fever” subsided, Sparks knocked around in tent

theatricals, medicine shows, and carnivals, then tried his luck in New York. By the mid teens, Sparks was firmly established as one of Broadway's premiere comedy actors. He was one of the leaders of the 1918 actor's strike, which led to the formation of Actors Equity, and shortly afterward made his first film appearance. Sparks' most rewarding film work came during the talkie era, when his sourpuss countenance and inimitable nasal bray was seen and heard in picture after picture. So well-established was Sparks as a doomsayer that he allegedly was heavily insured by Lloyds of London against the possibility of his ever being photographed with a smile on his face. Ned Sparks retired from films in 1947, at which point he apparently cut off virtually all contact with his friends and associates; when he died ten years later, only seven people attended his funeral.” Thanks to Hal Erickson, All Movie Guide.

He died in Victorville, California on 3 April 1957, and is buried there. (Article taken from Traces & Tracks, Newsletter of Wellington County Branch OGS—Vol. 2, Number 1, Winter 2002—D.T. Lahey, Editor)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Have you ever gone to the Family History Center looking for your elusive ancestor whom you know was born in Canada and married in Canada but you just never found him/her? A place you might try on microfiche is “CANADA PROVINCE UNKNOWN”. Yes, there are tens, hundreds, perhaps thousands or more names filed alphabetically where the province was not clearly identified. Some localities are easy to place while others might require some research on your part. If it is the correct name and the dates are about the same as you suspect, perhaps with further investigation you may find that this is your ancestor. For example, it wouldn't be hard to place Montreal, Kingston, St. Foye or Brockville, or an entry such as Norfolk, Simcoe.

Another interesting item in the library catalogue under “Locality Canada-Emigration & Immigration” is the “St.

Albans' Border Crossing Index". This is an index of "Form 528" which people entering the United States from Canada used from January 1895 through June 30 1954. The Sound Index (Soundex) is from 1895-1924. Among other things this index covered alien crossing the border on trains. It is the question asked on the cards that have genealogical value.

Some of them are:

- Family name
- Given name
- Place of birth
- Age
- Last permanent residence
- Name and residence of nearest relative in country where alien came from
- Destination, name & complete address of relative or friend to join with
- Money shown

There are many more questions on the card but the information contained is only as good as the person filling out the form made it to be. The question I have been pondering is, how helpful am I, when filling out forms that I think are asking for useless information.

(Written by Ken Young for Bruce & Grey Branch, OGS, Vol. 27, #1 Feb. 1997)

ONLINE GUIDE FOR ABORIGINAL GENEALOGY

Library and Archives Canada has a guide titled Researching Your Aboriginal Ancestry at Library & Archives Canada that is found at www.genealogie.gc.ca/02/020501a_e.html The guide is designed for those who wish to undertake genealogical research on their Aboriginal ancestors at Library & Archives Canada.

The production of this guide by the Canadian Genealogy Centre is part of collaboration between the Library and Archives Canada and Aboriginal researchers. The Centre also intends to work with Aboriginal communities and other partners on a second part of the guide, which would provide even more information on the sources available to researchers throughout Canada.

According to Richard Collins, who wrote the guide and is one of the Aboriginal genealogy specialists at Library and Archives Canada, "the best part of this tool is that it allows everyone to acquire proper methodology to do effective genealogical research while avoiding numerous pitfalls."

The wealth and diversity of Canada's Aboriginal cultures bring a unique quality to the lives of many Canadians. More and more people are finding pride in seeking out their Aboriginal roots as they turn to Library and Archives Canada for help in their research.

To access Researching Your Aboriginal Ancestry at Library and Archives Canada, you can go to the Canadian Genealogy Centre Website at ww.genealogy.gc.ca, click on "How To" then click on "Guides." (Article taken from Alberta Native News, April 2004)

LDS TO PUT MICROFILM IN VALUTS ON INTERNET (Huge Effort Planned to Index Family History Data)

Ever wonder what's inside those secured vaults, owned by the LDS Church, and positioned high inside the granite walls of Little Cottonwood Canyon?

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is working toward allowing anyone with Internet access to learn more than they've ever known before about the information contained on 2 million-plus rolls of microfilm housed there. Currently, the church is compiling searchable indexes to that information and will eventually make it available for free through an automated database on the Internet.

The Church excavated the vaults containing those records on property it purchased in the 1960's, providing a safe repository during the height of the Cold War for birth, marriage, death and census information it considers essential for the salvation of mankind after death. Now church leaders seek to make the information more readily available to world.

(Carrie A. Moore-Deseret Morning News Summer 2005)

Lethbridge Family History Center 2006 Winter Classes

Thurs. Jan. 12, 7:00 pm
Getting Started (not overwhelmed) in
Genealogy--Ken Young

Sat. Jan. 21—9:30 a.m.
Best Genealogy Websites—By Mary
Tollestrup

Thurs. Jan. 26—7:00 p.m.
Basic PAF—How to Computerize your
Genealogy –Howard Tagg
(Limited to 7 people—Please bring
information and a floppy disk).

Sat Jan 28—9:30 a.m.—Repeat of Basic
PAF

Sat. Feb. 4—9:30 a.m. Researching in
Newspapers (a valuable source of
information) Ken Young

Thurs. Feb. 9—7 p.m. How Using “PAF
Insight” enhances the PAF program
Peter van Schaik

Thurs. Feb 16—7 p.m. Overcoming
“Brick Walls” – Val Duncan

Tues Feb 21—7 p.m. Ontario Research
(including online) Anne Baines and
Ken Young

Please pre-register at the Family History
Center in person or phone 328-0206.
Register early Computer classes fill up
quickly.

GENEALOGY TIDBITS

THE COMPUTER SWALLOWED GRANNY

The computer swallowed grandma.
Yes, honestly it's true.
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.

Yesterday's Footprints

It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Google
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative
Not a thing was found 'online'.

So, if inside your Inbox
My grandma you should see,
Please 'copy', 'scan' and 'paste' her
And send her back to me!

(By Valerie Waite)

WITH REGARDS TO GENEALOGY HUMOR

The only thing I know for sure is that I
come from a long line of dead people.

Can a first cousin, once removed, return?

Every family tree has some sap in it.

Friends come and go, but relatives tend to
accumulate.

Genealogists never die, they just lose
their roots.

Genealogy: Where you confuse the dead
and irritate the living.

I think my family tree is a few branches
short of full bloom.

Life is lived forwards, but understood
backwards.

My ancestors are hiding in a witness
protection program.

Interesting Websites

Virtual Mitchell Library-Images of Glasgow
Free Text-Areas-Streets-Subjects
<http://www.mitchelllibrary.org/vm>

Maps of Scotland – 1560 – 1928
Ponts Maps of Scotland – c.1583 – c.1596
Military Maps of Scotland (18th Century)
<http://www.nls.uk/digitallibrary/map/>

Free Translation Website
<http://www.e-transcriptum.net/eng/>

Passenger List Indexing Project, Nanaimo FHS
the Nanaimo Family History Society has been indexing the passenger lists to Canada and have included the indexes on their website. The “index now covers Quebec Ports for the periods 2 Jul 1908 to 2 Oct 1908, 25 Jul 1909 to 26 Apr 1910 and 17 Sep 1910 to 13 Oct 1910.”
<http://members.shaw.ca/nanaimo.fhs/#The Index>

A recent site at Library and Archives Canada, they have digitalized some Cdn Directories, principally Ontario & Halifax area. This is the launch of phase two of the Cdn Directories site (a project funded by the Dept of Canadian Heritage through its Canadian Culture Online initiative). The addition of 80 new directories to our growing database brings a total of 95 searchable directories to the site.
www.collectionscanada.ca/canadiandirectories

Peal Street Software is giving you free access to several databases in its Family Tree Legends Records Collection. Those include:

Kentucky Deaths (1911-1992)
www.familytreelegends.com/records/cadeaths

California Deaths (1940-1997)
familytreelegends.com/records/caldeaths

Texas Births (1926-1995)
www.familytreelegends.com/records/txbirths

Graphical Locator for 17 Western States
Puzzled how to pinpoint the location of a township and range description you found on a deed or land patent?
www.exg.montana.edu/gl/trs-data.html

The Graphical Locator will plot them for you if the land is in Arkansas, Arizona, California, Kansas, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington or Wyoming. Results include links to topographic maps and aerial photographs on TerraServer <http://www.terra-server.com>

The Wisconsin GenWeb (WIGenWeb) Tombstone Photograph Project now has more than 56,000 photos online. It includes 56 of the state's 72 counties with more than 600 cemeteries represented.
<http://www.rootsweb.com/-usgenweb/wi/cemetery/>

England. Norfolk Baptism Project. Transcription project to place online complete records for baptisms in Norfolk from 1813-1880.
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~tinstaaf/>

Halifax Death Registers by Lois K. Yorke, Manager, Public Services Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management
Death Registers for the City of Halifax, N.S., 1890-1908, are now on the N.S. Archives and Records Management website, at:
www.gov.ns.ca/nsarm/vitalstats/death/halifax

If you are searching for German army World War I records try
http://www.volksbund.de/graebersuche/content_suche.asp

About German veterans. This was discovered by Jeanette Heath in the US by using Rootsweb's Prussia Message Board & she received a reply posted from a Marion.

England. Newspapers. Richard Heaton has completed another update, reaching 54,400 names. This includes miscellaneous issues from the Salisbury and Winchester Journal (1757-1813), London Gazette (1707-1728) and other regional papers (1756-1829). Click on Local Newspaper Index (excluding Windsor & Eton Express) and scroll down to surname alpha search.
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~duttillieul/index.html>

The Lethbridge & District Branch is one of 11 branches (Brooks, Drayton Valley, Camrose, Edmonton, Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Red Deer, and Peace River & Wetaskiwin) of the Alberta Genealogical Society; AGS has over 1000 members across the province

Our Branch was formed in May 1977. Our newsletter 'Yesterday's Footprints' started in 1983.

The main focus of this library is the collection of genealogical resources and information available in the Lethbridge area. Some of the more important projects we have undertaken are:

- Obituaries from Macleod Gazette 1900-1978: of residents, former residents or relatives of residents of the town of Fort Macleod, Alberta.
- Compilation of the Christensen – Salmon Funeral Records from 1932-1980's. These are on our computer as well as a paper file.
- Index of St. Augustine's Church Records (Baptisms, marriages and burials).
- The recording of area cemeteries is an on-going project. This is a province-wide effort of the AGS branches. The cemeteries are on microfiche as well as published book form and CD ROM.
- Collection of the obituaries (some births and marriages) taken from the Lethbridge Herald 1960-1969 and 1985 on.

Equipment available at the library includes:

- Photocopier
- Microfiche and microfilm readers
- Computer with CD-ROM and genealogy programs
- Access to the Internet
- Laser printer

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