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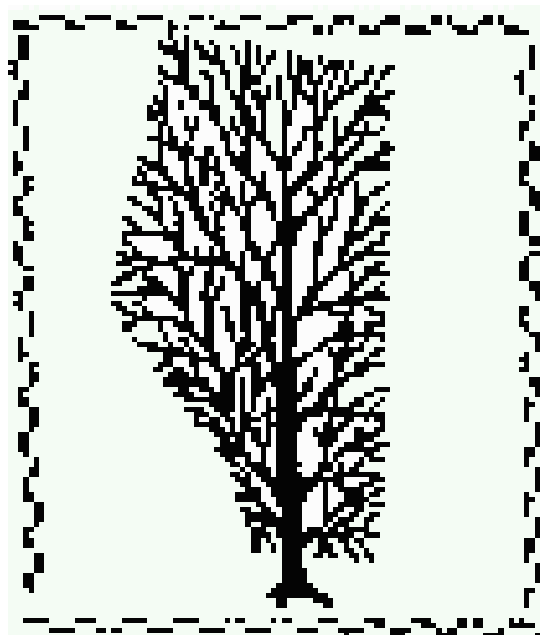


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Currently Service Alberta is consulting Albertans on proposed amendments to the Funeral Services Act, Cemeteries Act and their respective regulations. You might ask how these Acts and Regulations affect me. If you currently have deceased relatives here in Alberta or in the future these proposed amendments could affect you. Check the Service Alberta website www.servicealberta.ca/consumer/ca_fsa_review.cfm

Another way to become involved is to ask your current member of the Legislative Assembly to learn what their political view is on the Acts and Regulations. They probably will not have a view on the issue, but ask you for your opinion before they reply and then parrot back your beliefs, but if several people ask they will contact party headquarters and get the party position.

You could also write or telephone other political parties to see what their stand is. Still another way is to contact Mark Seville, Project Leader at Commerce Place, 10155 – 102 St., Edmonton, AB T5J 4L4 for current updates and ask him to send along minutes from the meetings. We sure hope that you have circled 12 April 2008 on your calendar and are making plans to attend GenFair 2008 here in Lethbridge. AGS Seminar is great but GenFair gives the smaller branches a chance to show AGS to our neck of the province. It promises to be a great day and it will be even better with your attendance. We are always looking for something to show or sell please let me know. Make it a great Christmas and a wonderful New Year. **Ken Young, President, Lethbridge Branch AGS**

EDITOR'S CORNER



If you want to submit any articles, genealogy humor, interesting websites or have any queries you want us to print feel free to contact us. Please let us know of any articles you would like to see on any topics. You can drop off your submissions to our library or phone (403) 328-9564 or send an e-mail to lethags@theboss.net **Susan Haga, Newsletter Editor**

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Library Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 1:30–4:30 p.m. We hold meetings the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. September through November. Visitors are welcome!

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Membership Dues

In order to be a member, dues are required by A.G.S. Branch: \$10.00

Alberta Genealogical Society: \$30.00

Seniors 65 and older receive a \$5.00 discount!

International Dinner Thursday, November 29th at 6:00 p.m. at Winn Evan's. Contact numbers: (403) 328-9564 or (403) 328-8656.

A Visit to the Taber Museum Irrigation Impact

For our October AGS meeting we had the opportunity of holding it at the Taber Museum Irrigation Impact. There were about 16 people in attendance on October 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Tonya Sprague, Cemetery co-coordinator for the Town of Taber spoke on the Taber Cemetery. She is in the process of integrating four sets of records on their cemetery. The earliest burial was in 1905 and the cemetery came under the town in 1907. There are approximately 4800 graves with 49 unknown sites with missing records. Section A-C and part D are older families; each square has 6 plots and 8 graves in each. The town of Taber has plot maps available

for each lot to help with your search. Tonya advised the group that Taber cemetery records were going online in 2008 for interments 25 years or older as determined by law.

Our next speaker was Karen Ingram, Museum Co-coordinator, who gave us an overview of the records their museum/archives had available. They have coal mine employee records from 1907 for Canada West, and Majestic and Leland mines. A number of local history books, including "From Tank to Taber Today" and "1905-2005 Taber" an overview of town of Taber and its businesses, etc. Karen has been extracting all the births, marriages and deaths from the Taber Times. She indicated she had a good working relationship with the Taber Times who have supplied all the papers on microfilm. The museum has a microfiche reader available but copies must be made at the Family History Center.

Ellen Conrad gave a talk on publishing one's own family history book and the trials and tribulations associated with the process. She was a member of the group who produced "Choice, Land and People LDS 1904-2004" a history of the LDS Church in Taber.

Taber Family History Center Director, Lila Johnson, spoke on their library and collection. She advised their hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10 a.m-4 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 7-9 p.m., the Center can be accessed by the back door on the northeast side of the Church Library. You may contact the Center by phoning (403) 223-3233. The library has a collection of local histories and cemetery records.

The meeting finished with a tour of the museum and archive collection and lunch.

(By Eleanor McMurchy)

HISTORY BOOKS FOR SALE AT A.G.S.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
The Bend—West Lethbridge	\$35.00
Drybelt Pioneers--Sundial	\$36.00
Fort Macleod--Our Colorful Past 1874-1924 Volume I	\$50.00
Heritage of High Country —Del Bonita	\$40.00
Raymond Roundup—1902-1967	\$50.00
Sons of Winds and Soil —Nobleford, Monarch & Kipp	\$35.00
White Caps and Red Roses —Galt Nurses (signed copy)	\$95.00
100 Years Between the River —Glenwood, Hartley & Standoff	\$35.00

(Plus shipping charges based on weight of the book.)

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Southern Alberta Connections

Over the past forty years of living in Lethbridge I have found that Southern Albertans are all related. Until my sister moved to Stirling several years ago I prided myself on having no relatives in Southern Alberta (okay in-laws don't count), but that all changed when I started my latest project a couple of years ago.

My second great grandfather, Peter Shewfelt, settled in Ontario in 1796, married a few years later and then had twelve children. I am trying to document all the descendents of this family. Many of his descendents also raised large families so it is a huge project – one that I will probably be still working on the day that I die. Some of his descendents stayed in Ontario, some went to Michigan and other US states, some went to Manitoba and BC and one or two ended up in Calgary or Edmonton. As far as I knew none had come to Southern Alberta.

Peter's second daughter, Catherine, born about 1803 married Peter Ryckman. This couple had eleven children. One of their granddaughters, Margaret Jane Ryckman, married George Wyman. A book called, "Reflections of Our Ryckman Past" by Sharon Marshall contains information about the descendents of Catherine Ryckman and George Wyman. What a surprise to find from that book that two of the Wyman sons had settled in Iron Springs! Albert William (Bert) Wyman came from Manitoulin

Island in 1905 as a single man. His older brother, Thomas Henry Wyman and his wife and two children came from Manitoulin Island a year later.

Here was my chance to make use of all the Southern Alberta resources that I have learned about over the years. A book called "Coyote Flats Historical Review 1905 – 1965 Vol. 1" is a local history including Iron Springs. A link to a digitalized copy is on our branch website. Volume 2 is in the branch library. I was able to use the wonderful indexed obituary books in the branch library. For older obits I had to go to the Lethbridge Public Library. Using the book "Lethbridge News 1901-1906 & Lethbridge Herald 1905-1918" I was able to find several marriages. Other sources were church records from the United Church and, of course, the 1906 and 1911 census records (indexes and original copies) found at the automated genealogy website <http://www.automatedgenealogy.com>.

My Southern Alberta connections include families such as Wyman, Dalgliesh, Noble, Handley, Coffey, Oliver, Lowery, and Alexander. Now I am just like the other Southern Albertans! (By *Anne Baines*)

CLARESHOLM LOCAL PRESS (May 15, 1931 pg 2) **Census Questions**

These are the questions that will be asked about each person by a Dominion Government census-taker some time during the opening week of June.

1. Your name and where you live.
2. Whether your home is owned or rented.
3. The estimated value of your home, if owned' or the monthly rental, if rented.
4. How many rooms are in your home, and is it of stone, or brick, or wood?
5. Is there a radio set in your home?
6. Your relationship to the family (whether the head of family, wife, son, daughter, or uncle)
7. What is your sex?
8. Are you single, or married, widowed, or divorced?
9. What was your age at your last birthday?
10. Where were you born?
11. Where was your father born?
12. Where was your mother born?
13. In what year did you migrate to Canada? (For foreign-born persons).
14. In what year were you naturalized? (For foreign-born persons).
15. What is your nationality?
16. What is your racial origin; from what overseas country did your family originate?
17. Are you able to speak English or French?
18. What is your mother tongue? (For foreign born persons).
19. Of what religious denominations are you a

member or adherent?

20. Are you able to read and write?
21. How many months at school since Sept. 1, 1930? (For persons of school age).\
22. If you are a gainful worker what is your occupation?
23. In what industry are you employed?
24. Are you an employer, an employee, or are you working on your own account?

If you are an employee, you will be asked if you were at work on Monday, June 1, 1931. If you answer "No," you will be asked whether it was because of: a) No job; b) Sickness; c) Accident; d) On holidays; e) Strike or lock-out; f) Plant closer; g) other reason. You will also be asked whether you have been out of work for any cause in the last 12 months. If you answer "Yes," you will be asked: How many weeks have you been out of work, and of these how many were due to: a) No job; b) Illness; c) Accident; d) Strike or lock-out; e) Temporary lay-off; f) Other reason.

Finding Death Records Online

A record of death is one of the three vital records that genealogists seek to document the life of an ancestor. The other two legs to the stool are normal documenting birth and marriage. Teachers of genealogy explain that good research practice is to begin researching the latest event in a person's life, which is death. Fortunately, deaths are recorded in several places, many of which can be assessed online.

- Civil Registration
- Newspaper Obituaries & Death Notices
- Cemetery Records
- Funeral Homes
- Church Records
- Wills and Probate Documents
- SSDI (Social Security Death Index)
- FamilySearch.org
- USGenweb and GenWebUKI
- Ancestry.com
- Cyndi's List-Death Record Categories:
 - Biographies
 - Births & Baptisms
 - Cemeteries & Funeral Homes
 - Census- Sites Worldwide
 - Family Bibles
 - Land Records, Deeds, Homesteads, Etc.
 - Marriages
 - Military Resources Worldwide
 - Newspapers
 - Obituaries
 - Primary Sources Ships, Pass. Lists & Immigration

In searching on the Internet to document that ancestor's death date and place you might give one last consideration to the websites posting epitaphs online. This category is an example of how diverse the Internet is becoming with regards to the posting of genealogical records. (*Donna P. Phillips—Family Chronicle-June/06*)

STRAYS

A stray is a person who is born in one place and dies in another place. The event is recorded in cemetery records or found in obituary section of local newspapers.

B/R—Birthplace and Residence
BCVR--BC Vital Records
FHL Film—Salt Lake Family History Library Microfilm

DEATHS

- Walter Douglas Sinclair—B/R—Cayley, AB—Burnaby—Died: 5 Feb. 1977 at New Westminster—BCVR—1977 D Reg 77-09-002790—FHL Film #2050828
- John William Aldridge—B/R—Cardston—Kimberley—Died: 16 Jan. 1977 at Kimberley—BCVR—1977-D Reg 77-09-002033—FHL Film #2050828
- Evelyn Elizabeth Dahlin (Marsh)—B/R—Claresholm—Castlegar—Died: 24 Jan. 1977 at Castlegar—BCVR—1977 D Reg 77-09-002177—FHL Film #2050828
- Amey MacKenzie (Pickering)—B/R—Taber--Armstrong—Died: 24 Jan. 1977 at Armstrong—BCVR—1977 D Reg 77-09-001890—FHL Film #2050828
- Francis Archibald Ferguson—B/R—Stavelly, AB—Delta—Died: 1 Jan. 1977 at Richmond—BCVR—1977 D Reg 77-09-001014--FHL Film #2050828
- Malcolm Henry McKenzie—B/R—Macleod—Vancouver—Died: 24 Jan 1977 at Vancouver—BCVR—1977 D Reg 77-09-002002—FHL Film #2050828
- Inez May Sims—B/R—Vulcan—Cranbrook—Died: 6 Jan 1977 at Vancouver—BCVR—1977 D Reg 77-09-001056—FHL Film #2050828
- Dorothy Jean Patterson (McFarland)—B/R—Blairmore, AB—Vancouver—Died: 11 Feb 1977 at Vancouver—BCVR—1977 D Reg 77-09-002678—FHL Film #2050828
- Elmer Earl Stephens—B/R—Carmangay—Langford—Died: 5 Feb 1977 at Victoria—BCVR—1977 D Reg 77-09-002271—FHL Film #2050828
- Effie Eleanor Hendry (Trowhill)—B/R—Lethbridge—Langley—Died: 3 Feb 1977 at Vancouver—BCVR—1977 D Reg 77-09-002678—FHL Film #2050828

- Albert Shipman Barkley—B/R—Lethbridge—Vancouver—Died: 1 Feb 1977 at Vancouver—BCVR—1977 D Reg 77-09-002279--Film #2050828
- James Richard Hollowink—B/R—Coleman—Radium—Died: 26 Jan 1977 at Elkford—BCVR—1977 D Reg 77-09-002505—FHL Film #2050828
- John Arthur Underwood—B/R—Lethbridge—North Vancouver—Died: 7 Feb 1977 at North Vancouver—BCVR—1977 D Reg 77-09-002469—FHL Film #2050828
- James Campbell Aird—B/R—Millarville—Victoria—Died: 9 Feb 1977 at Victoria—BCVR—1977 D Reg 77-09-002556—FHL Film #2050828

Globe and Mail Death Notices

- John Alpine Dougan—B/R—Lethbridge, AB—D.O.B.: 7 April 1921—Died: 18 Oct 2006 at Victoria, B.C.—Full Ref.: Globe and Mail, 28 Oct 2006 Death notice.
- Donald Arthur Grant—B/R—Granum, AB—Death at age 58, Died: 27 Oct 2006 at Hamilton, Ontario—Full Ref.: Globe and Mail—28 Oct 2006, Death notice.
- Iva Pearl Marsden (nee Clements)—B/R—Lethbridge, AB—D.O.B.: 14 April 1913—Died: 31 July 2006 at Burlington, Ontario—Full Ref.: Globe and Mail, 2 August 2006—Death notice.
(*All Strays submitted by Ken Young*)

STRAYS

B/R—Birthplace and Residence
BCVR-BC Vital Records
FHL Film—Salt Lake Family History Library Microfilm

MARRIAGES

- Alfred Maxwell Alsgard—B/R—Granum-Powell River— Marr: Annie Sophia Wick on 29 June 1929 in Vancouver, BCVR—1929 M Reg 29—09-350700—FHL Film 2074553.
- Alan Roland Mcanally—B/R--Pincher Creek—Victoria—Marr: Iris Olga Burton on 14 December 1929 at Oak Bay—BCVR—1929 M Reg 29-09-348237—FHL Film 2074553.
- Kathleen Allan Colpman—B/R—Lethbridge—Victoria—Marr.: John Stewart Proctor—17 April 1929 in Victoria—BCVR—1929 M Reg 29-09-349563—FHL 2074553
- Isabell Dorothy Gosling—B/R—Pincher Creek—Murrayville—Marr.: William Albert Long on 24 Oct. 1929 in Victoria—BCVR—1929 M Reg 29-09-348224—FHL Film #2074553.
- Sylvia Helen Kennington—B/R—Lethbridge—Cowichan Station—Marr: Dyce Nicol Crosbie Victor on Oct. 7, 1929 at Cowichan Station—BCVR—1929 M. Reg 29-09-348106-Film #2074553

- Violet Lily Louisa Flack—B/R—Lethbridge—Kelowna—Marr: Henry George Coles on 19 Jan. 1929 in Vancouver—BCVR 1929 M Reg 29-09-350988—FHL Film #2074553
- Margaret Richard MacKenzie—B/R—Stirling—Victoria—Marr: Enoch Raybone on 30 Dec. 1929 in Victoria—BCVR-1929 M Reg—29-09-349595—FHL Film #2074553
- George Janak—B/R—Coleman—Victoria—Marr: Edna Mary Yakiko McNeill--on 7 September 1929 in Victoria—BCVR—1929 M Reg 29-09-349480—FHL Film #2074553
- Martha Alice Smith—B/R—Nanton—New Westminster—Marr: Norman Masson Hall on 14 Sept. 1929 in Vancouver—BCVR—1929 M Reg 29-09-351633—FHL Film # 2074553
- Frank Graham Sanderson—B/R/--Peterborough, Ontario—Macleod, AB—Marr: Grace Mary Byam on 30 Dec. 1929 in Vancouver—BCVR—1929 M Reg 29-09-354917—FHL Film #2074553
- Keith St. John Norris—B/R—London, England—High River, AB—Marr: Alice Marjorie Young on 19 Sept. 1929 in Vancouver—BCVR—1929 M Reg—29-09353354—FHL Film #2074553
- Grafton Frederic Smith—B/R—Nanton—Abbotsford—Marr: Verna May Keller on 8 Dec. 1929 in Vancouver—BCVR—1929 M Reg 29-09-354926—FHL Film #207451

1852 New Year's Resolution Solve Genealogical Mysteries

It is New Year's Eve 1852 and Henry Hydenwell sits at his desk by candlelight. He dips his quill pen in ink and begins to write his New Year's resolutions.

1. No man is truly well-educated unless he learns to spell his name at least three different ways within the same document. I resolve to give the appearance of being extremely well-educated in the coming year.
2. I resolve to see to it that all of my children will have the same names that my ancestors have used for six generations in a row.
3. My age is no one's business but my own. I hereby resolve to never list the same age or birth year twice on any document.
4. I resolve to have each of my children baptized in a different church—either in a different faith or in a different parish. Every third child will not be baptized at all or will be baptized by an itinerant minister who keeps no records.
5. I resolve to move to a new town, new county, or new state at least once every ten years—just before those pesky enumerators come around asking silly questions.
6. I will make every attempt to reside in

counties and towns where no vital records are maintained or where the courthouse burns down every few years.

7. I resolve to join an obscure religious cult that does not believe in record keeping or in participating in military service.
8. When the tax collector comes to my door, I'll loan him my pen, which has been dipped in rapidly fading blue ink.
9. I resolve that if my beloved wife Mary should die, I will marry another Mary.
10. I resolve not to make a will. Who needs to spend money on a lawyer.

Of course, birth and death dates in genealogy are important to have. While backtracking one family group, I came upon a death date entry indicating only that the man's demise was "None too soon." (*Author Unknown—AGS Submission*)

10 Tips For Experienced Genealogists

Genealogists who have spent more than a few years researching their ancestry have probably found their search becoming more difficult. Have you exhausted all of the normal resources used to locate individuals? Have you run out of ideas for locating more information? Hopefully the following tips will jump start your research and keep you going for sometime.

1. Review what you have already compiled.
2. Create an overview for the census records pertaining to the individual and get copies of all census records.
3. Create a time-line for your ancestor and family, putting your family in a time and place.
4. Make a list of the records you have for a specific family or individual.
5. Do complete transcriptions of all hand-written records.
6. Review your database to see if all your facts have complete source citations.
7. Check historical and genealogical societies in the geographic areas where your ancestors lived.
8. Look for volunteer opportunities at local records repositories.
9. Attend conferences and lectures.
10. Read, read, read!

Share and exchange knowledge with others. When you use a research facility seek out and talk to the staff and volunteers. What records might they suggest for your search? What new items have been added to their collection? The people who use the records every day are the most knowledgeable about specific record types. Utilize information to further your own research.

By taking a look at all of the research you have done, evaluating it with a more educated eye, and listing what you have in dated order can show you where you have holes or conflicting information. By looking at everything with a new approach you can jump start your research and further your knowledge of your ancestors. Happy hunting! (*Marcia Yannizze Melnyk-Family Chronicle-Oct/05*)

What Is Needed To Be Successful in Genealogical and Family History Research?

- Knowledge of history—a knowledge of the events that transpired on the local, state and national levels and their effects on the lives and records of our ancestors.
- Knowledge of sources—time period, contents and availability.
- Knowledge of reference tools—guides to historical knowledge or sources of information.
- Knowledge of the research process—also called methodology or research strategy.

(*Lethbridge A.G.S. member submission*)

Using Credit Cards Online

I had to chuckle recently. a potential Plus Edition subscriber sent me an e-mail message asking if he could call me on the telephone to give me his credit card information for a subscription to the Plus Edition newsletter. I replied “Certainly” and I sent along my phone numbers. However, I also asked “Why won’t you use the online signup form? He replied, “I don’t want to enter my credit card information on the web. I am afraid it will get stolen.”

Maybe it is time to give an introductory course in credit card safety.

I think I am qualified as I spent three years managing the customer service department of a company whose sole offering was providing credit card services to online merchants. I spent hours every day helping our customers install credit card processing software on their web servers and also educating the same merchants on the details of online credit card processing.

Apparently my recent e-mail correspondent did not understand or perhaps didn’t even know about SSL encryption, which is required for use on online credit card transactions. He apparently did not know that his credit card information would be encrypted on his computer before being sent across the Internet. He would be using the same security technology that banks, stock brokerages, the Federal Reserve System, and others use to move billions of dollars every day. Use of SSL technology and credit cards is even safer than using cash or written checks.

Next, did my would-be subscriber guess what happened when he called me and gave me the credit card numbers? He probably didn’t realize that I would open a web browser and make an encrypted connection to the newsletter’s web site and enter the information online for him (Gasp!) Yes, his credit card information would move across the Internet, using the same security technology that he already had on his own computer.

Next, I suspect he doesn’t understand what happened last week when he used his credit card at a gas station or at a restaurant, a convenience store, the barbershop, or the florist. Each of those companies gathered his personal information, including his credit card number. Perhaps they swiped his credit card automatically using a small device attached to the cash register. What happened next? You guessed it! The restaurant’s or store’s computer immediately sent the credit card information across the same Internet that you and I use. His credit card information was sent to a credit card clearinghouse, using the same security technology that we all have installed in our web browsers.

Large businesses, such as major department stores, usually have their own private networks that do not use the general-purpose Internet. Almost all smaller merchants, including restaurants, gas stations, convenience stores, barber shops, florists, muffler shops, dry cleaning services and others use the same Internet that you and I use every day. They use the same security technology that is in all web browsers to safely send credit card information across the Internet.

If you have already used your credit card several times in person at various restaurants, stores, gas stations, or other merchants, your credit card information has already traveled across the Internet multiple times, even if you do not own a computer! Such transactions are safe, secure, and are trusted by security experts everywhere.

The myth that “credit cards are not safe for use on the web” continues to linger, despite the education efforts of credit card companies everywhere. Its’ time to stamp out this fictitious “urban legend.”

For more information, look at: VISA’s security statement online at <http://tinyurl.com/ygpocm> MasterCard’s security statement at their website www.mastercard.com/us/personal/en/securityandbasics/peaceofmind.html

All the major credit card companies guarantee that you will never lose a penny incase of online or offline fraud or theft. That’s right they GUARANTEE your credit card safety. Next, your credit card information has already moved across the Internet multiple times, even if you do not own a computer.

Let's compare this to sending a check in the mail. Unlike credit cards, most checks are not protected from fraud or unauthorized use. If the check you send gets stolen in the mail and deposited into some crook's bank account, you lose the money! Next, ask anyone at the post office about stolen checks. The truth is that hundreds of checks get stolen from mailboxes every day.

If you are worried about the safety of paying bills, make sure that you always pay bills with a credit card or via a "pay your bills online" system, never with a paper check. Again, credit cards are protected from fraud and unauthorized use while paper checks usually are not. It makes no difference whether you use a credit card in person or online, the end result is the same: your credit card information will always be transferred online to the credit card companies in a safe and secure manner that is protected from thieves and rip-off artists. The credit card companies guarantee your transaction is safe from thieves and rip-off artists. Now can we kill this myth about the online use of credit cards. (*Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter—Jan/07*)

Tracing Ancestors Becomes Easier *Ship passenger lists go online.*

Toronto (CP) Finding your ancestors became a little easier with the launch of a website that allows you to search through passenger lists for vessels leaving British ports between 1890-1960. The site ancestorsonboard.com was developed by findmypast.com and the National Archives of England, Wales and the United Kingdom. The lists cover ports in England, Wales, Scotland, and all Irish ports before partition in 1921 and all Northern Ireland ports after partition.

It allows users to search for relatives who left for Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, South Africa and the United States, for ports such as Halifax, Montreal, Boston and New York, said Elaine Collins, commercial director of findmypast.com.

The records cover immigrants and emigrants as well as businessmen, diplomats and tourists, including actor-writer Noel Coward, magician Harry Houdini and comedian Charlie Chaplin.

"There are some amazing Canadian stories of finding lots of home children. The reasons for traveling have really struck our researchers in house," said Collins.

It's also possible to trace relatives who came to Canada from Germany, Italy, Russia and other European countries after traveling to the United Kingdom to take advantage of cheaper ship journeys. But users will need to know a lot about a relative before commencing a search of the BT27 passenger lists. BT refers to the British Board of Trade which

regulated the ports between 1786 and 1970. The number 27 is the shelf number or series number at the National Archives.

The documents are indexed by port of departure and by date of departure, but not by name. It's almost impossible to find someone unless you already know when they traveled and from which port, according to a release. The lists comprise more than 30 million passengers.

The project came about after "we asked ourselves what is the next big data set of national and international significance" that family historians might like to consult, said Collins.

We've got the complete registration records of births, marriages and deaths. We got the census records...military records," she said. With this new data set, people can now also "explore those elements of the family that moved overseas."

It's all aimed at meeting "increasingly, this desire to fill in most of the gaps," said Collins. "It's now fairly quick to get the bare bones of your family tree together."

The National Archives also wanted to preserve the data by digitizing it because it was sitting in dusty boxes at its headquarters in Kew completely unindexed apart from the years of departure.

The passenger lists will be released piecemeal on the website over the next several months, with the first lot detailing the years 1890 to 1899. (*Lethbridge Herald Jan 28, 2007*)

Learning About Our Ancestor's Ships

The Ships List <http://www.theshipslist.com>

This site is absolutely chock full of information, transcripts of original documents, illustrations and databases. There are ship's passenger lists, immigration reports, shipwreck stories, descriptions of more than 1,500 individual ships, lists of ships in commercial fleets and descriptions of each fleet's history, diaries and journals describing voyages, and more than 100 images of individual ships.

For those of you whose ancestors arrived at a Canadian port, you'll also be interested in a CD-rom offered by the folks behind the Ships List website. The CD includes a database of passenger ships arriving at Canadian ports from 1865-99. For each of more than 6,900 ship arrivals, you can learn the name of the ship, the dates and ports of departure and arrival, the shipping line and the microfilm reel on which the manifest can be found.

Great Ocean Liners <http://www.greatoceanliners.net>

This site has basic facts, extensive histories and photographs of 116 ships built from 1838-1969. While there are fewer ships profiled here than

elsewhere, the descriptions and histories are far more comprehensive, and each ship is placed in context with other ships that preceded it by the same shipping line, type or builder.

Immigrant Ships

www.fortunecity.com/littleitaly/amalfi/13/ships.htm

This site offers descriptions and histories for more than a thousand ships. The kind of information you may find here includes the name of the ship (and any changes over time), when and where she was built, her owners and masters, her rigging, tonnage, dimensions and details of the routes she traveled.

Register of Ships

www.fortunecity.com/littleitaly/amalfi/13/ships.htm

Gilbert Provost has transcribed (with assistance from Pauline Joicey) registration details for thousands of passenger ships listed in the Lloyd's Register of British Foreign Shipping from 1764 to 2003 (less than a third of the entries are from the 20th century). The Lloyd's Register is one of the most comprehensive sources of information about British ships, and is also excellent (but not comprehensive for non-British ships starting in late 1800's).

Palmer List of Merchant Vessels

www.geocities.com/mppraetorius/

On Michael Palmer's site you'll find descriptions of more than 400 vessels, both sail and steam, mostly from the 19th century. A nice feature of this site is the source information, which is provided for every ship description.

Kinships

www.kinshipsprints.com

Kinships are a wonderful website for attractive color postcard images of old ships mostly from the period 1890 to 1930. There are more than 300 images currently available online. There are also a few images of ports of arrival, advertising material from passenger ship lines, as well as attractive maps and images of royalty of various European nations.

Great Ships

www.greatships.net/shipslist.html

This site offers a nice collection of information, postcards and ephemera about hundreds of steamships, listed by fleet. In some cases, there may be several images of the same ship. Source references are provided for each description.

Maritime Timetable Images

www.timetableimages.com/maritime/

Timetables and sailing lists can also make an interesting addition to your collection of family history memorabilia, and help illustrate your account of your ancestor's ocean voyage. This site provides images of brochures, and timetables.

BOOKS—AN INDEX TO SHIPS IN BOOKS

www.shipindex.org

This website provides a searchable index to information about 85,000 ships mentioned in more than 70 publications. Just type in the name of the ship and you'll get a list of publications, with the page numbers on which the ship is mentioned. You can then ask your local library to order the book or magazine through inter-library loan.

Ships of Our Ancestors, by Michael J. Anuta, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1999

This very helpful publication contains photographs and basic identifying information (shipping line and a date of construction) for nearly 900 passenger vessels that operated from the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s. You can find a list of all the ships whose pictures appear in this publication online at <http://germanroots.hom.att.net/ships.html>

Great Passenger Ships of World by Arnold Kludas

There are six volumes of this publication, with Volume One covering 1858-1912; Volume Two: 1913-1923; Volume Three: 1924-1935; Volume Four: 1936-1950; Volume Five: 1951-1976 and Volume Six: 1977-1986. A seventh book, called Great Passenger Ships of the World Today, updates earlier volumes with information current as of 1991. Each volume includes approximately 200 ships.

Passenger Liners of the World Since 1893, revised 1979, by Nicholas T. Cairis

This publication includes 210 steam and motor vessels over 10,000 tons. For each ship, there is a black and white photograph and historical and biographical information.

Lloyd's Register of Shipping

This annual listing of vessels (starting in 1764) gives technical specifications of each vessel, date and place of construction, names of owners, masters and up to the 1850s, details of voyages made. For the early period (up to 1890), the register included only vessels registered in Britain and a few other foreign vessels. However, after 1890, all British vessels and all foreign vessels heavier than 100 tons were included.

Research Services Passenger Ship History Service

<http://freespace.virgin.net/donald.hazeldine/history.htm>

Don Hazeldine's fee-based service will provide photographs and historical information about well over a thousand ships. A list of ships for which he has collected information in the past is available on his site, but he will research other ships when asked.

The Peabody Essex Museum

www.pem.org

East India Square

Salem, MA 01970-3783

Phone: 978-745-9500, 866-745-1876

The Phillips Library at the Peabody Essex Museum has a huge collection of maritime history, including logbooks, merchant account books, shipbuilders' records, shipping registers, paintings and photographs (for both sailing ships and steamers). Check with them for details of image availability and prices.

Steamship Historical Society of America Collections at Baltimore University

www.sshsa.net/Library.htm

SSHA Collections

UB Langsdale Library

1420 Maryland Ave.

Baltimore, MD 21201-5779

This library has more than 350,000 photographs and engravings of steam and motor vessels.

Mystic Seaport—Museum of America and the Sea

www.mysticseaport.org

75 Greenmanville Avenue

PO Box 6000

Mystic, CT 06355-0990

Tel: 860-572-5383

This museum has one of the largest maritime photographic collections in North America, as well as an extensive collection of ship's plans and marine art.

Ships You Can Visit

International Register of Historical Ships, Third Edition, by Norman J. Brouwer, 1999

What if you could actually see your ancestor's ship in person? Well a few lucky people might have this chance, as there were more than 2,000 historic ships being preserved in museums around the world as of 1999. This publication will tell you if your ancestor's ship is one of them, where it now resides, and details such as when and where it was built, how it was used, its physical description, owners, current condition and alterations and notes about its history and significance.

There are also photographs of more than 1,200 of the ships.

Finally, for information and tips on researching your ancestor's immigration experience, you may want to visit the online Guide to Immigration and Ship's Passenger Lists at

<http://home.att.net/~arnielang/shipguide.html>

(Janice Nickerson—*Family Chronicle*-Oct/06)

England Domesday Book Posted Online

London (AP) –The Middle Ages met the Internet age Friday when the Domesday Book, a survey of England conducted almost 1,000 years ago, went online.

The book, a record of the people and lands ruled by William the Conqueror, is the oldest record held by Britain's National Archives and one of the country's most valuable documents. Now anyone with an Internet connection can – for a fee – download copies of handwritten records that provide a picture of life in the 11th century.

"It is important that people of all ages should be able to read and use this national treasure," said Adrian Ailes, a Domesday expert at the National Archives, which has placed millions of historical documents, from First World War records to 1960's public information films, on the Net.

The Domesday Book was compiled on the orders of William I, who became England's king when he defeated the Saxon king, Harold, at the Battle of Hastings in 1066. In 1085, he ordered a survey to determine the taxable value of his kingdom.

Officials fanned out across England to assess who owned the land and what was on it. The result is a detailed record that lists more than 13,000 places. Farmland, woodland, meadows, pastures, mills and fisheries are enumerated; estimates give of the number of freemen, indentured peasants and slaves on each estate.

Many place names listed in the book are still recognizable, although the places themselves have been transformed. Holborn, now a central business district of London, was Holeburne, home to peasants and a vineyard. Islington, now a busy commercial and residential area of north London, was a rural settlement of Iseldone.

Kensington, now one of London's wealthiest areas, had "meadow for two ploughs, pasture for the livestock...woodland for 200 pigs and three arpents (acres) of vineyard."

"I think people warm to the Domesday Book and its specific contents because it contains 13,418 place names," said Ailes. "Everyone is related in some way to this piece of history; it is very tangible."

The site allows surfers to search by place or a person's name. Summaries of the records are free, but the pages themselves, along with a translation from the original Latin, cost \$3.50 pounds/\$7.50 Can each. The National Archives warned that people hoping to trace their ancestors might be out of luck. Because only landowners are listed by name, the majority of 11th century Britons remain anonymous.

The book's name is thought to come from Doomsday, the Biblical day of judgment, a reference to its authority.

It depicts a highly structured feudal society, in which the royal family and a handful of barons owned 40 percent of the land. Most people were either freemen; semi-free peasants called sokemen; indentured peasants known as villans or cottages; or slaves. At www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/domesday/ (London (AP) Sat. Aug. 5, 2006, p. A7)

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1a. **Two UK Newspapers Now Available Online**

The “Guardian,” a famous UK newspaper, and the “Observer,” the world’s first Sunday newspaper, are going digital.

So far, issues of the “Guardian” from 1821-1975 and the “Observer” from 1900-1975 are available. In early 2008, both of the newspapers will be online in their entirety (from 1821 for the former and 1791 for the latter). Both newspapers are searchable. Searching is free, but you must buy a timed access pass to view entire articles.

Visit the “Guardian” website for more information:
<http://archive.guardian.co.uk/Default/Skins/DigitalArchive/Client.asp?Skin=DigitalArchive&enter=true&AW=1194298449025&AppName=2>

1b **New Maps Online--National Library of Scotland**

The National Library of Scotland recently added more than 100 maps to its online collection—one of the ten largest library map collections in the world.

Visit the website to see the available maps:

<http://www.nls.uk/maps/index.html> (By *Eleanor McMurchy*)

Modern Living - A Threat To Future Genealogy?

Marriage certificates are a mine of information for researchers – so how will genealogists of the future cope, given the number of unmarried couples who have children?

At the same time, less and less children are baptized (in Britain, at least), virtually eliminating another key source.

And to cap it all, more and more people are being cremated, reducing the chances that future family historians will be able to find vital clues on headstones.

Then we read in New Scientist about a Canadian woman who has donated eggs so that her daughter, who has Turner’s syndrome, can have babies. If she did, she’d be giving birth to her own sibling – a challenge, we suspect, for any family tree program! Breaking down brick walls of the 18th and 19th centuries is difficult enough, but it seems that genealogists researching the 21st century will find it even tougher. (Submitted by *Marion Fleming—found in Over 50,000,000 ancestors! June 2007 Newsletter*)

So you think you have your family genealogy sorted out? What if one of these families was in your tree? Oh, to have DNA fingerprinting technology available in 1912.

A Mix-Up In Babies

Eaton, Ohio, July 14. Nine times the problem which established the wisdom of Solomon, the parentage of an infant, confronted the city marshal here to-day. Nine Russian mothers, workers in the beet fields, left the infants in the baby booth before they assumed the duties of the day. A practical joker changed the clothing of the youngsters, and when the women returned in the evening not one knew her own child. An appeal was made to the city marshal. He was at a loss to identify the children, but will make redistribution tomorrow. (*Hamilton Spectator 15 July 1912.*) (*Found in Traces & Tracks—Wellington Co. Branch, OGS—Vol. 5--#3—Summer 2005*)

Reunited, 61 years After Adoption

[//news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/jersey/4236095.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/jersey/4236095.stm)

Richard Collinson, who is a sports journalist at BBC Radio Jersey, was adopted during World War II when he was six months old.

Encouraged by the BBC series Who Do You Think You Are? Richard spoke to his 85-year old biological mother for the first time on Thurs., February 3, 2005. He discovered he has got two brothers and a sister. He said: “My daughter Ilsa was going through our genealogy from the adoption certificate.

“We had been motivated by the Who do You Think You Are? Programmes and she found that my family had come over to London from France in the 1700’s.

“More searches on the internet revealed that my real mother had two sisters, one of whom had died two years ago.

“I spoke to the nursing home and they said that they remembered her sister coming to see her from Scotland.”

After scouring telephone books, Mr. Collinson struck lucky with the name and number of his mother who now lives on an island off the west coast of Scotland.

After consulting the adoption authorities, he called her and was reunited with her on February 10, 2005. He said “It is like winning the lottery. Everyone has been really positive and that has made it great!” (*BBC News—UK Version*)

**Lethbridge & District Branch
Alberta Genealogical Society**

GenFair 2008

12 April 2008

Rm. 250 Sports and Wellness Centre
University of Lethbridge
Lethbridge, Alberta

**Registration Fee: \$28 per person before April 1st (lunch included) or \$35 at the door
Banquet at the Galt Museum \$35**

Keynote Speaker

Paul F. Smart

Paul F. Smart is employed by the Family and Church History Department in Salt Lake City as the Outreach Manager. As part of this assignment he has instructed at Brigham Young University for several years. He previously supervised the British area in the Family History Library for twenty-three years, managed the Family Record Extraction program for two years, and oversaw the Accreditation program for five years. He has participated in numerous seminars around the world and has led several family history research tours to Great Britain. He is a member of several family history research organizations, having completed a term as President of the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History. He has a Masters Degree in History from Brigham Young University and has been recognized internationally as a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists (London, England). He is an Accredited Genealogist through the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists.

He will conduct three sessions at intermediate to advanced level research in England, Ireland and Scotland.

Paul will be our after dinner speaker on the subject "What is coming down the Pipes" (what we can expect to see from the Salt Lake Family History Library).

Featured Speaker

Mary Tollestrup

Mary was raised in Magrath and attended Brigham Young University. She became involved in genealogy in the 1970's and has been a Family History consultant for many years. Mary has been on staff at the Lethbridge Family History Center for over 10 years and currently teaches computer and internet classes.

Mary has authored many Books of Remembrances and Family History books. Her most recent books are "Basic Internet and Using the Internet as a Research Tool" and "Top Genealogy Websites."

In March of 1997 she launched the Lethbridge Family History Center website and in May of 2001 the name changed to Mary's Genealogy Treasures. The award winning website has grown to over 20,000 links and 1100 pages.

Mary's Genealogy Treasures found at <http://www.telusplanet.net/public/mtoll/>

Newsletter Award

The award for the best AGS newsletter published in 2007 will be presented at the banquet.

Extra Attraction

There will be an after hours stroll and guided tour of a Lethbridge Cemetery. Don't forget your coat and flashlight. Admission \$5.00 to be paid at the gate of the Cemetery.