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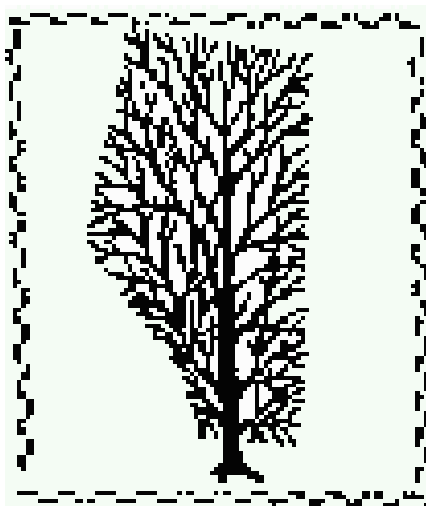


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Editor's Corner



If you want to submit articles, genealogy humor, interesting websites or have any queries you want us to print feel free to contact us. 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

Lethbridge A.G.S. Branch Hours

Library Hours: Tues., Wed. & Friday 1:30–4:30 p.m. Meetings are 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. September through June. Visitors Welcome! Our library will be closed July and August and December but can be open on request.

See our website at:

<http://lethbridgeags.theboss.net/Exec.htm>

Address: 1:28; 909 – 3rd Avenue North.

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President's Message

First I want to say a big thank you to all the volunteers. Without your help, the library would not be open as much as it is—research would not be done—BMD indexes would not be compiled—etc. At the present rate the volunteers will have contributed over 2500 hours by the end of the year.

A reminder that membership renewals are due. If you downloaded the form from the AGS website, be sure it is marked as a renewal. When you fill it out, please check it and ensure that the right boxes are checked (the branch/branches you wish to belong to) and if you make a donation, make sure you indicate which branch you want it to go to.

Our annual International Dinner was held November 26th at the Sierra of Courtyard Terrace. This was a chance for us to get together and enjoy some fine food from different nationalities and talk about our genealogy.

The meetings in the coming year (2010) are as follows:

January 21, at 7:00 p.m.--A round table discussion of successes and brick walls.

February 18, at 7:00 p.m.--Our Annual General Meeting

The A.G.S. GenFair and AGM will be held in Medicine Hat, April 23 and 24, 2009. I hope that many of you will attend.

I will at this time wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. President, Doug McLeod

In our last newsletter we introduced our new executive President, Doug McLeod, Vice President, Susan Haga, Pat Barry, Treasurer, and Secretary, Phyllis Burnett. Pat Barry was away and we missed receiving a short biography on him.



Patrick John Barry

Pat was born March 18, 1942 in Rossland, British Columbia. He is the son of John Albert Barry, Egmont Bay, Prince Edward Island, and Kathleen Annie Barry, Bath, Somerset, England.

Pat is the middle child of 3 children. His brother George Albert (deceased) at infancy. His sister Mary Bernadette Shaw of Winnipeg, Manitoba came to Lethbridge on March 1946 on the old C.P.R. Kettle Valley Line.

Pat was educated in the Separate School System (5) different schools in Lethbridge from old Convent to the New St. Francis Boys' School in 1960. He attended Gonzaga University and studied Accounting. In June 1963 he joined the Lethbridge Herald and retired in December 1999 after 35 ½ years. Pat spent 30 years in the Circulation Department of the Lethbridge Herald and for about 20-25 years was the Assistant Circulation Manager. He spent the last 5 ½ years in the Accounting Department. For the last 10 years he has worked in the Automotive Industry working for Carline/Switzer Automobile and then Silver Automotive.

Pat married Carol Ann Otley in St. Bridgets Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 18, 1964. They celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary July 18, 2009. They adopted two children; Richard Andrew Barry of Calgary and Elaine Marie Lawrence of Coalhurst. Elaine and Brock have 3 children; Ashley, Austin and Kaitlyn. Pat and Carol have one great grandchild Beckham, son of Ashley.

Pat has been interested and involved with genealogy for over 20 years. He has served as Treasurer of AGS Lethbridge District Branch for about 7 years. He has also served as President of AGS and Property and Inventory Chairperson. He has served in other organization associations as volunteer as follows:

- A. St. Patricks & Assumption Churches in lay person positions many years.
- B. Past President and many other positions of St. Patricks Credit Union (Forerunner of First Choice Savings & Credit Union.)
- C. Served number of positions in B.P.O.E. Elks No. 34 Lethbridge.
- D. Past Exalted Ruler of B.P.O.E. Elks No. 268 in Picture Butte.
- E. Treasurer of Senior Men's Soccer League for eight years.
- F. Treasurer for the Lethbridge Soccer Association for 17 ½ years.
- G. Vice President for the Lethbridge Soccer Centre for 4 years.
- H. Chief Ranger (President) Independent Order of Forresters and many other positions.
- I. Life Member of the Lethbridge Soccer Association.
- J. Associate Member of Canadian Soccer Association Alumni.
- K. Award of Merit Alberta Soccer Association.
- L. Member Royal Canadian Legion Branch 4.
- M. Member Knights of Columbus Council #5726.



Seven Presidents—Picture taken at the A.G.S. Christmas International Dinner—November 26, 2009

Muriel Jolliffe 1931-2009

We were saddened to hear of the death of Muriel Jolliffe. Born in London, England in 1931 and raised in Portsmouth. Muriel passed away at the age of 78 in Lethbridge on November 28, 2009. She was the loving wife of the late Ray Jolliffe and is survived by her two children Carol (Miles) Godlonton and Michael (Kelly Legris) Jolliffe, her sister Wendy Carson and her two grandchildren, Amanda (David) Hyde and Ryan Godlonton.

Muriel Jolliffe became a member of the Lethbridge Branch (AGS) in 1994. She took over indexing of the vital events (mostly obituaries) from the Lethbridge Herald in 1995, continuing until March 2009. Once Ray retired he assisted Muriel. This was definitely a partnership. Anyone who has seen these binders will agree that they are 'works of art'.

Lethbridge Family History Center Hours

Fall/Winter Hours: Monday 9:00-5:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday 9:00-9:00 p.m., Fridays (closed), Saturday 9:00-1:00 p.m. The Family History Center will be closed Dec. 13 for Christmas break and will reopen Jan. 3, 2010.

Local Historian Posting Past Yearbooks

If your high school memories are fading faster than the pages of your old school yearbooks, you might want to look up Bruce Haig.

Haig, a local historian and author of a multitude of books chronicling local events and people from years gone by, is making more recent history available on his website.

Drawing from his father's time on the schoolboard and his years of teaching, Haig has gathered yearbooks from a variety of schools dating back to the mid-1940s and has posted the pages on www.ourheritage.net.

"Lots of people have lost their yearbooks over the past 30-40 years; I've been collecting the yearbooks over the years. So I've been scanning them in for everyone to see. It's not that difficult," says Haig.

The project started when Haig, who has offered information on historical events and his own books for sale since 1995, decided it was time to clean out his basement of a variety of keepsakes.

Over the past month or so, he's posted 60-odd yearbooks from Lethbridge Collegiate Institute, Sir Winston Churchill, Hamilton Junior High School, Wilson Junior High, Lethbridge Junior High and even Galt and St. Michael's nursing schools. He also has reunion books from LCI and St. Joseph's High school.

"Instead of throwing them out, I thought I'd share them with everybody," he says. "Lots of people are interested in seeing these sorts of things from the past."

Haig will gladly accept donations of yearbooks from anyone willing to part with them and while Lethbridge is of special interest, he'll add yearbooks from across southwestern Alberta to his website.

Unfortunately, the books cannot be returned to the donor. Haig has to tear apart the yearbooks as individual pages have to be put in a double-sided scanner, 10 pages at a time on both sides. "That's the catch," he says.

While he acknowledges many people like to hold onto such memories, there are others who may be moving, cleaning out their home or just do not care about the past that he hopes may donate yearbooks.

The pages are posted to his website and categorized under school and the year. Visitors can click on each individual page for an expanded view, all free of charge.

Haig especially likes the reunion books. "They cover the people who come back for reunions. I like seeing how people have changed over the years."

Those interested in donating yearbooks can contact Haig at the Historical Research Centre, 1115 8th Avenue S., Lethbridge, AB, T1J 1P7 or

hrc@ourheritage.net. (Richard Emery, Jan. 21, 2009—pg. A3, Lethbridge Herald)

Place Names of Alberta The Land, People and Their Stories

A new multimedia website explores the history of naming in Alberta and provides a range of information about names of communities, geographical features, and special areas. The website allows users to discover the origins and meanings behind place names by situating them in their political, social, economic, and cultural context. The dynamic Alberta Geographical Place Names Database allows you to search about 12,000 entries. Visit website:

www.albersource.ca/Placenames/>Place

Names of Alberta: the Land, the People and Their Stories. (Submitted by Eleanor McMurchy)

Genealogy Tidbits

When searching Ancestry.ca for relatives whose surnames start with Mc or Mac or similar prefixes – Van, etc., try leaving a space between the prefix and the main name, example – Mc (space) murchy may yield more hits. With so many sites using voluntary or offshore transcribers indexing is done on what people see written not necessarily logic.

http://www.genealogyintime.com/GenealogyResources/new_genealogy_records.html.

UK and Canada: Ancestry.ca has added more than 100,000 British and Canadian prisoner of war records of soldiers held by Germany in World War II. In addition, the UK Army Roll of Honour has also been added, which includes 170,000 records of all British Army personnel killed in action during World War II. Access is by subscription (Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter)

Check out <http://cemetery.canadagenweb.org/> there are lots of Canadian Cemetery indexes coming online for free – you might get lucky and find family and the cemetery may also be photographed.

CanadaGenWeb – Gateway to Free Canadian Genealogy
www.canadagenweb.org/

FamilySearch – Record Search – Pilot Site
<http://pilotfamilysearch.org/recordsearch#start>
Here's a site to check back often! New records are continually being added, some are indexes only, and others include actual records from all over the world. (Submitted by Eleanor McMurchy)

Where to Look for More Recent Genealogical Records

It is almost 100 years since the last census taken in Canada was released excluding the 1916 Census for Western Canada. Obtaining BMD registration in Alberta can set you back \$42.00 each and only if you meet their requirements as next of kin.

Here are some suggestions to consider when looking for those elusive ancestors! Although I mainly cite cemetery and obituaries, please don't forget to check the classified sections as well as the social news in newspapers for births and marriages (this note applies mainly to small town papers). Several genealogical groups are transcribing/indexing older papers and will make copies for a small fee as well; it pays to "surf the net" for these opportunities.

This is only sample of what's out there, use your GOOGLE SEARCH ENGINE to check for more. Records are being added on a daily basis.

Canada

CanadaGenWeb Cemetery Project

<http://cemetery.canadagenweb.org/>

CanadaGenWeb's Cemetery Project is part of the CanadaGenWeb Project which is a volunteer-run "non-profit" project to find and make genealogical records freely available. To learn more about CanadaGenWeb please visit our main website.

CanadaGenWeb's Cemetery Project was established in 2003 and debuted on the internet in 2004. Our goal was to find and list all known Canadian cemeteries. As we've grown we've added information to help genealogists find out more about each cemetery.

This database is one that has been built by contributions from visitors. We grow as you submit information and we'll continue to grow with your support.

We currently offer:

- A list of over 16,000 known cemeteries located in Canada (with your help we can add more!)
- The location of these cemeteries and the history of as many as possible.
- Links to online transcripts, indexes & photographs offered throughout CanadaGenWeb & elsewhere as known.
- Links to where you can purchase transcripts & indexes not offered online.
- Offers of lookups & links to lookups offered elsewhere as known.

The goals of this project are:

- To locate every cemetery in Canada (street address; Township; Lot & Concession; GPS)
- To provide information about every cemetery (date of first interment; whether closed, private or still accepting interments; etc.)
- To provide locations of cemetery transcripts, indexes and photos (links to those online; purchase information for those offline).
- To make the project as searchable as possible. Cemeteries will be searchable by name of cemetery; each province and territory will have a surname index; Indexes for transcripts are welcome to be added to the search as well.

Please Note: This project is classified as "in progress" –we do not yet have information on every Canadian cemetery, but with your help this can be accomplished. If you know of a cemetery not yet listed here please submit the information to the appropriate province/territory. Thanks!

Canadian Internet Sites

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/8/16/r16-211-e.html> Canadian and Canadian-related Newspaper Sites – Indexes. Over 200 newspapers – anywhere from 7 days to several years of obituaries, death notices, etc. links to online access.

Obituary Daily Times

<http://obits.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/obit.cgi>

Canada–Canadian Cemetery Records

<http://www.interment.net/can/>

Ancestors at Rest

<http://www.ancestorsatrest.com/>

Over 400 million records online for USA and Canada

I Dream of Genealogy

<http://www.idreamof.com/cemetery.html>

This site covers USA, Canada, England/UK and Ireland

Find a Grave – Millions of Cemetery Records and Memorials Online

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gs&> This site includes some photographs and covers Canada and USA.

Funeral Homes

Many funeral homes now list obituaries online on their web pages, some are archived.

British Columbia

BC Archives

http://www.bcarchives.bc.ca/BC_Our_Collections/BC_Vital_Rrd_Collect.aspx

BCCFA – British Columbia Cemetery Finding Aid <http://www.islandnet.com/bccfa/> 344,000 entries for 364 cemeteries

Edmonton Public Library

<http://www.epl.ca/EPLMaster.cfm?id=BRITISHCOLUM009>

British Columbia vital statistics from newspapers, 1858-1872

Kalmias funeral records, index 1888-1974

Name index of the births, marriages, deaths in the Nanaimo Free Press, April 1874 to December 1899

Surname index to Nanaimo Cemetery 1876-1926

Selected Web Sites

British Columbia Cemeteries

British Columbia Cemetery Finding Aid

Victoria Daily Times Obits, 1901-1939

Victoria, B.C. Ross Bay Cemetery

City of Prince George Cemetery

http://www.city.pg.bc.ca/rec_culture/cemetery/search/

Abbotsford Genealogical Society Cemetery Records

<http://www.abbygs.ca/cemeteries.htm>

Alberta

Lethbridge Branch of A.G.S.

AGS Cemetery CD-ROM

A copy is available at our library, as well as hard copies of AGS Cemetery Transcripts on file.

AFHS Cemetery CD-ROMs

Covers Calgary and other local area cemeteries, indexed, a goodly number are photographed – available at our library.

Obituaries from Lethbridge Herald

Copies of actual obits, some births and marriages. See our website for more information – better still drop into the library and see for yourself.

Bruce Haig's – Links to Local History

http://www.ourheritage.net/index_page_stuff/Local_History_Links/local_history_index.html Obituary index from Lethbridge Herald 1885-1959 and 1970-1984

Edmonton Public Library

<http://www.epl.ca/EPLObituaries.cfm>

Search our index to locate the date on which an

obituary was published in the Edmonton Journal. Note that our index coverage is from January 1959 to December, 1982.

City of Edmonton Cemetery Services – more than 25 years

http://www.edmonton.ca/for_residents/resident_services_programs/cemetery-services.aspx

Lamont County Cemeteries

<http://www.countylamont.ab.ca/visitor/CemList/CEMLISTFORWEB.htm>

Hillside Cemetery – Medicine Hat

http://www.medicinehat.ca/City%20Government/Departments/Parks%20and%20Outdoor%20Recreation/Hillside%20Cemetery/map.aspx?category=Medicine_Hat

Saskatchewan

Births – 100 years Deaths – 70 years Saskatchewan vital Statistics

https://www.isc.ca/VitalStatistics/Genology/vsgs_srch.aspx

Saskatchewan Cemeteries Project

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cansacem/> There are 3,357 cemeteries and burial sites in Saskatchewan, 708 cemeteries are transcribed or photographed and indexed on this site as of Nov. 15, 2009

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society

<http://www.saskgenealogy.com/general/CemeteryWebpage.htm> Actual cemetery information is available at the SGS Library. Visit their genealogical research page for our research policy.

Saskatchewan GenWeb Project

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cansk/Saskatchewan/BMD,newspapers,cemeteries,etc>

Manitoba

Births--100 years—Marriages—80 years—Deaths—70 years

Manitoba Vital Statistics

<http://vitalstats.gov.mb.ca/Query.php>

Manitoba GenWeb Project

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~canmb/>

Cemetery Records

City of Brandon

<http://gis.brandon.ca/arcgis/flex/CemeterySearch.html>

City of Winnipeg – Brookside, St. Vital and Transcona <http://www.winnipeg.ca/ppd/cemeteries.stm>

Ontario

Northern Ontario Canada Gravemaker Gallery

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~murrayp/> This wonderful site is fully searchable and includes photographs of headstones which were indexed and cross referenced with woman's maiden name. This is a work in project by volunteers and now has expanded to other parts of Canada.

Pontiac County Grave Markers

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/scott.naylor/Graves/NewIndex/GraveMarker1.HTM>

Ontario Birth, Marriage, and Deaths

Births 1869-1909, Marriages 1857-1924 and Deaths 1869-1934 Available online at Ancestry <http://search.ancestry.ca/search/> or the Family History Center Library on microfilm

Cemetery Records—several online at Ancestry.ca

Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid

<http://www.islandnet.com/ocfa/> Indexed and searchable – Cemetery transcripts can be purchased through OGS Branches, AGS has copies of some cemeteries for members to borrow. If you are a member of SGS their catalogue also includes several cemetery transcripts.

Ontario Vital Statistics Project

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~onvsr/>

Quebec

Chateaugay Protestant Cemetery – Inscription Name List

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~qcchatea/cemeteries/chatprot/chatprot.htm>

Ormstown Union Cemetery – Inscription Name List

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~qcchatea/cemeteries/ormunion/ormunion.htm>

Valleyfield Protestant Cemetery – Inscription Name List

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/qcchatea/beau_cemeteries/valleyfield_prot/namelist.htm

Quebec Vital & Church Records, Drouin Collection

This collection includes over 15 million records over three centuries, searchable through Ancestry.ca.

Similarly what can be found at these sites can be found in other provinces, USA States and other

countries. I am aware of at least three states—Florida, California and Washington that have some of their vital records online for free, some with actual copies and as current as 2008, as well as at Ancestry.com Happy surfing! (Submitted by Eleanor McMurchy)

PRDH: Tracing French Canadian Roots

Anyone trying to trace their French Canadian roots should definitely check out the University of Montreal's genealogy website known as PRDH (Research Program in Historical Demography).

This French Canadian academic website www.genealogie.umontreal.ca/en/leprdh.htm has painstakingly reconstructed the entire population of Quebec in the 1600s and 1700s from old parish records. To quote the website:

The project relies basically on exhaustive gathering of data from the parish registers of old Quebec. By systematic attribution of baptism, marriage, and burial certificates to the respective individuals—a “family reconstitution” made on the basis of names and family ties—people are identified and their biographies established.

The file for each individual gives the date and place of births, marriage(s), and deaths, as well as family and conjugal ties with other individuals.

This basic information is complemented by various socio-demographic characteristics drawn from documents: socio-professional status and occupation, ability to sign his or her name, place of residence, and, for immigrants, place of origin.

The PRDH site makes it relatively easy to trace both male and female lines all the way back to France since French custom was to record the maiden name of women on records even after marriage.

The amount of genealogy information on this website is simply astonishing. It is free to search the site but there is a charge to see complete records. Since this is an academic site, money raised from public genealogy inquiries goes towards advancing and improving the genealogy research. (Genealogy in Time Newsletter—November 2009 submitted by Eleanor McMurchy)

New Brunswick Birth, Marriage and Death Indexes Online

If you have got family in New Brunswick, you are going to appreciate the new birth, marriage and death indexes online discovered by Marion Fleming. See following website at:

<http://archives.gnb.ca/APPS/GovRecs/VISSE/?culture+en-CA>

Births

141A1b Index-Late Reg of Births 1810-1914 90092
141A1c Index to Late Reg of Births: County Series -
1869-1901 2294
141A2/2 Index to Co. Birth Reg's 1800-1913 79650
141A5 Index to Prov. Reg of Births 1898-1914 79979

Marriages

141B7 Index to NB Marriages 1847-1958 230097

Deaths

141C1 Index to Co. Death Reg's 1885-1921 40456
141C4 Prov. Returns of Deaths 1815-1919 84197
141C5 Index to Death Certificates 1920-1959 198214

Getting a Copy

A copy can be acquired by sending a full mailing address, a full reference of the file, \$8.00 per record up to 10 pages (\$1.00 for each additional page per record). Note: this is a bargain compared to other provinces (Alberta charges \$40.00)

Viewing the Complete Record

The microfilm number is included in the index, along with the reference codes. The films can be viewed at the Provincial Archives in Fredericton, or at a library participating in the inter-library or inter-archives microfilm loan program. Films can also be purchased from the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick.

Canadian Census Records from 1851-1916

Sites for Canadian Census Records 1851-1916
1851-1916 www.Ancestry.ca

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/022-911-e.html Collections Canada - Canadian Genealogy Center—free

1881, 1891, 1901, 1906 (AB, SK, MB), 1911
(searchable –actual images)

1871 Ontario index only

1851 Canada East (QB), Canada West (ON), New Brunswick and Nova Scotia you need to know district, subdistrict – search associated images.

<http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/#r=0.p=allCollections> (free)

Searchable but no images:

1851 Canada
1861 QB, ON, NB, NS, PEI
1871 Canada
1891 Canada
1881 Canada

Familysearch.org
www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp?PAGE=census/search_census.asp

Automated Genealogy
<http://automatedgenealogy.com/>
Transcribed with links to actual image (free).
1901 Canada
1906 AB, SK, MB
1911 Canada
1852 Canada
1851 New Brunswick

viHistory (Vancouver Island History) (free)
www.vihistory.ca/content/census/census.php

1871 Victoria Municipal
1881, 1891, 1901 Vancouver Island

Some Ontario County Census Indexes are online as well – do a Google search to see what's available (free). (Submitted by Eleanor McMurphy)

Canadian Naturalization Database Online

New Version of the Canadian Naturalization 1915-1932 Database Ottawa, July 22, 2009 – Library and Archives Canada (LAC) has announced the release of a new version of the Canadian Naturalization 1911-1932 online database. It now includes the names of 206,731 individuals who applied for and received status as naturalized Canadians from 1915 to 1932. This database is one of the few Canadian genealogical resources specifically designed to benefit those researchers with roots outside of the British Commonwealth. References located in the database can be used to request copies of the actual naturalization records, which are held by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

The database is available at:
www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/naturalization-1915-1932/index-e.html

Library and Archives Canada gratefully acknowledges the contribution of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Montreal <http://jgs-montreal.org> and its volunteers, without which this project would not have been possible.

Additionally, we acknowledge the support of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Ottawa www.jgso.org in the original digitization of the images. The contributions of many LAC staff were instrumental in the success of this project, and their efforts are much appreciated. For more information, please contact us at webservice@lac-bac-gc.ca.

Ancestors in the Attic – Season IV Premieres January 7, 2010

Fans of the popular Gemini-nominated (Best Documentary Series) *Ancestors in the Attic* will be delighted to learn that the series returns for its fourth season on January 7, 2010 on History Television (in Canada) at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.. The program will air each Thursday at those times. This promises to be the best season yet as the sleuths at *Ancestors in the Attic* help Canadians find lost relatives and discover the truth behind their unsolved family mysteries.

The bewildering part of this story is that the series has not been renewed for the fifth season...yet. History Television is waiting to see what the ratings look like in 2010. We encourage you to mark your calendar, check out the show, and let History Channel know that this is the kind of television programming that you want to see.

As mentioned, *Ancestors in the Attic* has not been commissioned for a fifth season. If you enjoy the show and would like to see more, this upcoming season is the one to watch and to tell your friends and family about.

It is also time to start filling History Television's inbox with messages of support for the continuation of *Ancestors in the Attic* for a fifth season. To send an e-mail to History Television (Canada) then scroll to the bottom of the resulting page where there is an e-mail form.

Episode AA4040 – January 7, 2010 @ 6pm/9pm
The Chinese Connection

Episode AA4041–Jan. 7 2010 @ 6:30pm/9:30pm
The Legend of Cyril Gardner

Episode AA4042 – Jan. 14, 2010 @ 6pm/9pm
Al Lambert – Escape From Behind Enemy Lines

Episode AA4043 – Jan. 14, 2010 @6:30pm/9:30pm
Clem & Angus

Episode AA4044–Jan. 21, 2010 @ 6pm/9pm
Journey to Orton

Episode AA4045 – Jan. 21, 2010 @
6:30pm/9:30pm
Seder's Saga

Episode AA4046 – Jan. 28, 2010 @6pm/9pm
Slavery Roots

Episode AA4047 – Jan. 28, 2010
Russian Daughter

Episode AA4048 – Feb. 4, 2010 @ 6pm/9pm
The Secret

Episode AA4049 – Feb. 4, 2010 6:30pm/9:30pm
Black Market Baby? (By: Rick Roberts,
GlobalGenealogy.com--November 25, 2009)

New U.S. Television Series: Find My Family on ABC

From the producer of “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” comes the highly anticipated “Find My Family,” a program with one simple mission—to bring families back together. With the help of a dedicated team of researchers, hosts Tim Green and Lisa Joyner guide people searching for lost loved ones through emotional journeys that will change their lives forever. The heartwarming new series started Monday, Nov. 23 (9:30-10:00 p.m. ET). Full-hour editions of the show will air Mondays from 9:00-10:00 p.m., ET.

Each episode of the television series is a one-hour, self-contained show full of moving moments and tears of joy, when mothers, fathers, daughters and sons who lost touch for decades are reunited. The show will begin with the emotional back stories of two different families in search of lost relatives. With minimal information, the “Find My Family” team will begin the difficult and frustrating process of sifting through archives and tracking down records until they uncover the missing links. Then Lisa Joyner will reach out to the newly-found family members and let them know that someone from their biological family has been looking for them. Tim Green will narrate each story as it unfolds and meet with the people who originated the search. The in-person reunions will take place at the “Family Tree.” A follow-up with each family will conclude each episode.

Find My Family is produced by RelativityReal and RDF USA. You can read more at <http://abc.go.com/shows/find-my-family>. (Posted by Dick Eastman December 2, 2009).

More Than 1.8 Million Native American Records Released on Footnote.com

Original records dating back to early 1700s become available on the Internet for the first time—Footnote.com announced the release of their interactive collection of historical records: the Native American collection.. Working together with the National Archives and Allen County Library, Footnote.com has created a unique collection that will help people discover new details about Native American history.

The Footnote Interactive Native American Collection features original historical documents including:

Ratified Indian Treaties—dating back to 1722
Indian Census Rolls – featuring personal information including age, place of residence and degree of Indian blood

The Guion Miller Roll – perhaps the most important source of Cherokee genealogical research.

Dawes Packets – containing original applications for tribal enrollments and other documents relating to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Footnote's Native American microsite creates an interactive environment where members can search, annotate and add comments to the original documents. Additionally, visitors can view pages for many of the Native American tribes that include historical events on a timeline and map, a photo gallery, stories and comments added by the community.

“Much like putting a puzzle together, Footnote.com brings pieces together in the form of historical documents to create a more vibrant picture of the events and people of the past,” says Justin Schroepfer, Marketing Director at Footnote.com. “Together with the online community we are discovering a side of history that you cannot find in text books.”

Footnote.com also provides a free service where visitors can create their own web pages for their Native American family. “Native Americans have a rich oral history,” explains Russ Wilding, CEO of Footnote.com. “We hope that the online community will use Footnote Pages to preserve these stories, which will help ensure that they do not become lost to future generations.”

Visit http://www.footnote.com/native_americans to see how Native American history has become an interactive experience. (Posted by Dick Eastman on Nov 19, 2009)

Where Did Immigrants Arrive in New York?

Before August 1855 – Wharfs of Manhattan
August 1, 1855 – April 18, 1890: Castle Garden
April 19, 1890 – December 31, 1891: Barge Office
January 1, 1892 – June 13, 1897: Ellis Island
June 14, 1897 – December 16, 1900: Barge Office
December 17, 1900 – 1924 Ellis Island

Seeking Michigan--Death Records Available

The following announcement was written by the Michigan History Foundation, owners of the “Seeking Michigan” website.

The Michigan death records collection at Seeking Michigan, covering the years 1897 to 1920, is now largely complete. With the records added recently, there are now more than 960,000 certificates available for free at this site, meaning that the project is now 99% complete.

So what years and counties are now here at Seeking Michigan? This digital project is based on the Library's collection of microfilmed Michigan death records from 1897 – 1920. Of the 302 rolls of

microfilm, only one has not yet been added to the site, this roll includes records from 1919 for Lenawee, Livingston, Luce, Mackinac, Macomb, Manistee, Marquette, Mason, Mecosta and Menominee Counties. Outside of these records there are a few additional problematic records that will be added in the near future. Again, this death records collection is now 99% complete.

The list below details what records are currently available; [incomplete] means that 1919 Lenawee County is not yet fully loaded, not that the whole run of counties listed is incomplete.

1897 – 1918

Alcona – Wexford

1919

Alcona – Lenawee [incomplete]

Midland – Wexford

1920

Alcona – Wexford

To summarize the years 1897–1918 and 1920 are now complete for the entire state. 1919 is also complete, except for the 10 counties listed above. Detroit and Wayne County are complete for the entire run of 1897 – 1920 to link directly to the death records collection on Seeking Michigan.

There are other collections online at Seeking Michigan but the death records are a very significant development for Michigan researchers. <http://seekingmichigan.org/discover-collection?collection=p129401coll7> (As reported in Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter)

Here's a site that has “All the top Genealogy news” <http://genealogy.alltop.com/> (Submitted by Eleanor McMurchy)

US Civil War Roll of Honor 1861-1865

One of the largest and most complete Rolls of Honor for the US Civil War has been released by Familyrelatives.com. It is the first time that all 27 volumes have been made available online.

Familyrelatives.com continues with more data additions this month with over 276,000 Roll of Honor records for those soldiers who died in the defence of the Union during the American Civil War.

The “Names of the Soldiers Who Died in the Defence of the American Union – interred in the National Cemeteries” were recorded by the Quartermaster General's Office in 1866. In each case the original place of interment, the soldiers' name, rank, company, regiment, date of death, section of cemetery and the number of the grave are all detailed. In some instances the creed is provided

together with a list simply referred to as “Unknowns”. Additional volumes refer to soldiers who died in prison pens – termed “Names of the Soldiers Who Died in the Defence of the American Union – Suffered martyrdom in the Prison Pens throughout the south”. Again the soldiers name, rank, company, regiment, date and cause of death are provided.

The Roll reminds us that the Civil War was a bitter conflict and one of the bloodiest and costliest in terms of the toll it took on both sides with an estimated 620,000 military deaths, two thirds of whom died by disease as well as an undetermined number of civilian casualties.

The Union Army consisted of a large number of immigrants including many ethnic groups. A million soldiers were native born Americans of British ancestry, half a million were of German ancestry. 210,000 African Americans of who half were freed men living in the north the remainder were slaves or had escaped slavery. A similar number were of Irish descent. Canadian, English, French, Dutch, Scandinavian as well as Italian, Jewish, Mexican, Polish, Native Americans and other nationalities numbering 2.2 million fought for the Union.

The legacy of the war meant the ending of slavery, restoring the Union and the role of federal government. The many social and political issues following the war shaped the reconstruction era which lasted many years. It was the defining event that shaped the future of the United States as we know it today. The collection includes the Final Disposition, four additional volumes listing the original places of burial from which some of the bodies of Deceased Union Soldiers and Prisoners of War have been removed and the various National Cemeteries in which they were finally interred.

The collection together with 650 million historic records is available to search online to all members and visitors by way of an annual subscription of only US \$50.00 at www.familyrelatives.com (Published online by Familyrelatives.com)

British Library 19th Century British Newspapers

This project was completed in fall 2007, and 2 million pages of digitised newsprint from complete runs of 19th century local, regional and national British newspapers are now free to search. A further 1 million pages will be added in fall 2009.

There are millions of articles from 49 London, national and regional newspaper (1800-1900) titles.

Until now, researchers wanting to consult these newspapers have had to travel to the British Library to research this collection at Colindale, London, and search by turning pages or viewing microfilm.

Users can choose to limit their searches to specific newspapers or search through the entire collection.

This collection is all fully text searchable with keywords in context visible in the results list.

Use this website to:

Search and find results by newspaper, title, and article type.

Find people, property, legal notices, and advertisements.

Print, e-mail, download, and save articles and page images.

Explore bonus content: biographies, publication histories, timelines and more.

Although this is a free search, you pay for articles you find. (See their website at: <http://newspapers.bl.uk/blcs/>)

Irish 1911 Census: All Thirty-two Counties are Now Online

All counties have been added to the National Archives of Ireland’s free 1911 census website. The 1901 and 1911 censuses are the only surviving full censuses of Ireland open to the public. Both censuses cover the entire island of Ireland. The 1911 census was taken on 2 April 1911.

Ireland’s census records are unusual in that the original household manuscript returns survive. These are the forms filled out and signed by the head of each household on census night. Most other countries only have enumerators’ books, where family details were transcribed by the person charged with collecting the census information. In Irish records, you can see your ancestor’s handwriting, assuming that he or she was the head of the household at the time.

By end-September, the National Archives of Ireland expects to be re-developing the site to include full transcription of all of the data on the household forms for 1911, including religion, occupation, relationship to head of family, literacy status, marital status, county or country of origin, Irish language proficiency, specified illnesses, and child survival information.

1901 Census material, with all data transcribed, will be launched between late 2009 and early 2010.

You will find the National Archives of Ireland’s 1911 census website at <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie>.

Belgian Red Star Line Museum Looking for Emigrant Photographs, & Memorabilia

Between 1873 and 1934 the legendary shipping company Red Star Line transported more than two million passengers. Poor European emigrants in search of the American Dream, but

also affluent passengers travelling for business or pleasure left for New York. They departed from the city of Antwerp (Belgium), where the port warehouses of the Red Star Line were situated.

To this day those Red Star Line warehouses are preserved. For many passengers they represented the last stop on the European mainland. It was there that, just before their departure, the emigrants travelling in third class underwent a medical examination and were disinfected, while clerks scrutinized their documents.

The Red Star Line buildings are protected monuments. They are part of the communal memory of innumerable new Americans. They had long been standing empty and were pleading for a new purpose. In the spring of 2012 the new Red Star Line Museum People on the Move will open its doors at this historic location. It will be a place of remembrance, experience, debate and research into international mobility, both past and present. The story of Red Star Line and its passengers will be brought to life once more.

Do you have any old Red Star Line items such as postcards, luggage, diaries or photos? Are there travel stories or objects preserved in the family archive? Maybe you too can contribute to the new museum collection. Send an e-mail to redstarline@stad.antwerpen.be or call (+32)3 206 03 50. Perhaps your family item will find its way into the future museum. (Posted by Genealogy Blogger—November 15, 2009)

Interesting Websites

The Recent is an indexed set of articles taken from the Edmonton and Calgary newspapers from 1903 through 1940.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com~abwcobit>

Researching in Wales

Cyndi's List

<http://www.cyndislist.com/wales.htm>

GENUKI

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/wal/>

Catholic Church in England and Wales

http://home.att.net/Local_Catholic/Catholic-England-Wales.htm Can select Diocese, Catholic history, Catholic biographies and etc.

<http://www.cefnennar.com> OGRE project—Wales, UK This project involves photographing all headstones prior to 1930 in every graveyard in South Wales. This site also provides parish registers and records of births, deaths and marriages and the 1873 Returns of Owners of Land 1873 for Wales, Ireland and Scotland.

<http://familysearch.org/> Choose Family History Library Catalog under the Library tab at the top of the screen. Then choose Place search and type in Wales (can also type in town, county or province.) Then click on any of the links from Archives and Libraries through to Voting Registers.

Interlink Genealogy Books

“Parish Registers: A History and Guide”

By Stuart A. Raymond. Parish registers are the earliest comprehensive records of baptisms, marriages and burials in England and Wales, dating from 1538. The aim of this book is to outline their history, to assess the value of the evidence they provide, and to explain how to use them \$12.00

“The Census 1801-1911: A Guide for the Internet Era”

By Stuart A. Raymond: The Census is a vital source of information for all social and economic historians interested in the Victorian period. The goal of this book is to provide basic information about the census for both family and local historians: how and when it was compiled, what information it provides, where it can be consulted and how to use it. \$12.00

“A New Map in the Series ...1:200,000 Scale Bilingual Maps”

This series of modern 1:200,000 scale road maps is a great resource for finding villages to former German areas now in Poland, Russia or the Czech Republic. This map shows communities in two languages – German and Polish. Indexed. \$17.95

For further information check out

<https://www.islandnet.com/~daveobee/secure/ccform.html>

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