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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I would like to express my thanks for the confidence you have placed in me in electing me to a second consecutive two year term as your president.

It seems that spring is conference season. It is a time when we can come together and learn new ideas, get our batteries recharged, mingle with friends, discover new publications, and create new paths to our networking system.

I would like to encourage all of you as members of our group to step out of your comfort zone and to take on new and exciting challenges such as getting involved with the work of hosting one of these seminars. We as members of the Lethbridge Branch of A.G.S. will find opportunities to grow and serve as we prepare to host GenFair 2008 this coming April 12th. This is a one day activity in which we will get to show off our finest and hear from among the best people in the area of genealogy. I encourage all of us as local members of the Society to become involved. For you out of town members this is an opportunity to do more than circle the date of Saturday, April 12, 2008 on your calendar but make plans and come and join us. Remember that on April 12th all roads in Alberta will be leading to Lethbridge so everyone can attend **GenFair 2008**.

KEN YOUNG, President



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 at our A.G.S. Library or phone (403) 328-9564 or send an e-mail to lethags@theboss.net

As your editor I want to give first each member of the executive and then each member of our A.G.S. Branch the challenge to submit one article for the newsletter this year. Some have already accepted that challenge in the past and done so. The more personal and closer to home the articles are, the better our newsletter will be.

Susan Haga, Newsletter Editor

LETHBRIDGE FAMILY HISTORY CENTER HOURS

Monday—9 a.m.—5 p.m., Tues-Thurs—9 a.m. — 9 p.m.
Friday—(closed), Saturday—9 a.m.-1 p.m.

We are closed all statutory holidays including the Saturday of that weekend. Our hours will remain as listed till the end of June when we will revert to our summer hour schedule. Contact the Lethbridge Family History Center at 328-0206 for any inquiries that you might have.

HISTORY BOOKS FOR SALE AT A.G.S.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Bridging the Years – Carmangay	\$50.00
Coaldale-Gem of the West 1900-1983	\$87.00
Coyote Flats Volume II	\$45.00
Drybelt Pioneers—Sundial	\$36.00
Fort Macleod—Our Colorful Past 1874-1924 Volume I	\$50.00
Homestead Country – Wrentham	\$50.00
Raymond Roundup—1902-1967	\$50.00
Skiff, In the Prairie Wind	\$35.00
Wagons to Wings – Warner	\$85.00

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

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PROV/STATE: _____
COUNTRY: _____

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Family History Library Film 2074226-1922 BCVR.
Marriage Registration (Name, place of birth, residence, event, date, place of event, reference #)

SELK Velma—Sterling-New Dayton –marr. Richard Boswell 14 January 1922—Nelson—22-09-253939

SEARLE John Irving—Utah—Lethbridge—married Minnie Victoria FUNK--1 April 1922—Vernon, B.C. 22-09250718

OTT Lawrence, Silas—Lethbridge—Lardeau—marr. Mary JOSEPH—18 April 1922—Nelson, B.C.--22-09-253981

THOMPSON James—Andover, S.D.—Coutts, AB—marr Edna Lorraine BALL-7 July 1922-Wilmer, B.C.--22-09-253073

CAROLAN Thomas—Okotoks—Olcali Lake—marr. Isabella PINCHBECK—26 February 1922—unknown, B.C.—22-09-251797

LINK Norman Archibald R.—Lethbridge—Mirror Lake, B.C.—married Mavis Yvonne KANE—20 September 1922—Kaslo, B.C.—22-09-252922

DOUTT Ethel May—Coahurst—Trail—married William F. Truswell—11 March 1922—Trail, B.C.—22-09-253067

WELLS George—Lethbridge—Kitimot, B.C.—marr. Mary Ann JEFFERSON—20 September 1922—Holberg—22-09-254204

DOUBT Reta Fannie—Cowley, AB—Trail—married Adolphus Arthur MANDOE—26 December 1922—Rossland, B.C.—22-09-253045

RINGROSE Thomas Alfred—London—Claresholm—married Minnie Dera HEATHCOTE—24 October 1922—Cranbrook—22-09-252843

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Family History Library Film 2074317-1924 B.C.V.R. Marriage Registration. (Name, place of birth, residence, event, date, place of event, reference #)

BOYD Martha Maria Patricia—Frank, AB—Cumberland, B.C.—marr. Jack Ellwood HARRIS—11 October 1924—Cedar—24-09-277116

CLARKE Christopher—Toronto—Lethbridge—marr. Elizabeth Maud CLARK—4 April 1924—Victoria—24-09-269265

MENCEL Bertha—Frank, AB—Vancouver—married John MCINTOSH—3 July 1924—Vancouver, B.C.—24-09-272639

CAMERON Donald—Okotoks—Fraser Mills, B.C.—married Bernadette Dora MADORE—9 February 1924—Millarville, AB—24-09-275701

HOUGHTELIN (nee MCINTYRE) Lucy—Minnesota—Vulcan, AB—married Edwin NORUM—19 January 1924—New Westminster—24-09-276945

KELLY Alfred Wesley—Brehin, Ontario—High River, AB—married Alice Mary DOWNING—17 July 1924—Vancouver—24-09-274360

LINDQUIST Gordon Adolph—Cardston—Gordon Head—married Esther HOLLIDAY—15 May 1924—Victoria—24-09-269395

VIBERT Walter Cyril—Lethbridge—Burlingame, CA—married Dorothy Stuart ROBERTSON—14 June 1924—Oak Bay—24-09-268176

NEVEUX Dolores Marguerite—Lethbridge—Vancouver—married Stanley BLANCHARD—18 August 1924—Vancouver—24-09-270740

MACEACHERN Gordon Duncan—Lethbridge—Vancouver—married Jean Catherine WESTWOOD—21 August 1924—Vancouver—24-09-272648

BROWNLEE Jean McLean—Macleod—Meyronne, SK—married Kenneth Milton BISHOP—26 December 1924—Vancouver—24-09-270800

LONDON Robert Franklin—Pincher Creek—Savona, B.C.—married Wilma Bernice JOHNSON—21 February 1924—Vancouver—24-09-271402

FORBES William Thomas—Gleichen—Vancouver—married Nora Evelyn TRUSTY—28 April 1924—Vancouver—24-09-271083

BOLDERSON George Harris—Lethbridge—Albion, B.C.—married Dora WILLIAMS—11 July 1924—New Westminster—24-09-276800

CAMPBELL Andrew—Lethbridge—Extension, B.C.—married Eleanor WILSON—30 June 1924—Ladysmith,—24-09-277069 (Submitted--Ken Young)

STRAYS SUBMISSIONS

(Gordon Torrie—BGOGS Vol. 36 #1—Feb. 2006)

MELOSHE Francis “Frank” P. born at Gleneig Twp., Grey Co. died-at age 88, 26 Jan. 2003, Ottawa, Ontario, Source: Toronto Star, 29 Jan 2003, Death notice.

YOUNG Douglas Albert Alexander born 3 June 1925 Tobermory, Bruce Co. died-age 77, 27 Jan. 2003 Cambridge, Ontario, Source: Toronto Star, 29 Jan. 2003, Death notice

MCGILLIVRAY Murray Alexander born 10 April 1918 at Bruce Twp. West of Paisley, Bruce Co. died at age 84, on 8 Feb. 2003, Newmarket, Ontario, Source: Toronto Star; 10 Feb. 2003; Death notice.

WEBER George Kinsie residing at Chesley, Bruce Co. died at age 73, 6 Jan. 2003, at Basra, Iraq. Source: Globe and Mail, 12 Feb. 2003; Obituary, page R7.

BOWES James Cosby born at Markdale, Grey Co. died at age 94, 26 Mar. 2003, at Toronto, Ontario; Source: Toronto Star; 29 Mar 2003 Death notice.

KYLE Jim born at Owen Sound, Grey Co. died at age 70, 6 April 2003 at Orangeville, Ontario, Source: Toronto Star, 7 April 2003, Death notice.

FARRELL (nee MARTIN), Mary Catherine born at Markdale, Grey Co. died at age 84, 11 April 2003, at Flagler, Florida, U.S., Source: Toronto Star, 14 April 2003, Death notice.

THE VAN GOGH FAMILY TREE

After much careful research it has been discovered that the artist Vincent Van Gogh had many relatives.

Among them were:

His obnoxious brother	Please Gogh
The brother who ate prunes	Gotta Gogh
The brother who worked at a convenience store	Stop n Gogh
The grandfather from Yugoslavia	U Gogh
His dizzy aunt	Verti Gogh
The cousin from Illinois	Chica Gogh
His magician uncle	Wherediddy Gogh
His Mexican cousin	Amee Gogh
The constipated uncle	Can't Gogh
The nephew who drove a stage-coach	Wellsfar Gogh
The ballroom dancing aunt	Tan Gogh
The bird lover uncle	Flamin Gogh
His nephew psychoanalyst	E Gogh
The fruit loving cousin	Man Gogh
An aunt who taught positive thinking	Way to Gogh
The little nephew	Poe Gogh
A sister who loved disco	Go Gogh
And his niece who travels the country in a van	Winniebay Gogh

(Submitted by Ken Young)

FAMILY HISTORY IN OGEMA, SASKATCHEWAN

I need to introduce myself as a new member of the Lethbridge Genealogy Society. I am, Marie Stewart, born in a small town in Saskatchewan, married and living in Ogema Saskatchewan. We have raised three children in Ogema and now all have branched out in different directions. All not living too far from home. Ogema is 80 miles south west of the capital city Regina. We locate ourselves as half way between Weyburn and Assinboia on the Red Coat Trail (Highway 13).

I have been involved in genealogy for some 30 years. History has always been something I love, or maybe it is the need to know? In 1995 with all the children gone from home, I decided to get involved in the local museum here in Ogema. In February 1995 I became the Secretary Treasurer of the Deep South Pioneer Museum. A position I still hold today. Working with the totally volunteer run museum has had some very interesting moments. We are an Agriculture museum with some 100 running antique tractors. Among all this is also some 28 buildings housing various displays of pioneer life in Saskatchewan. Most of the buildings came from the Town of Ogema and the surrounding area in the RM of Key West.

In 2004, it was decided we needed to have a place for all the pictures and written material that had been donated to the museum. A group of eight women interested in history as well went to work to get the building organized for a grand opening for Pioneer Day 2005, which was also Saskatchewan's big 100th birthday. We had a grand opening, which has been very well received by those that have toured the museum. The purpose of the history building is to document the family histories, picture history and to archive all the documents that have come into the museum since it's beginnings in 1977. We had asked for copies of family histories from people that had at one time or another lived in and around Ogema. Several are now in the museum, along with pictures from the whole area. The history building has proved to be worth its weight when you have visitors come all the way from England and Ireland to look for information on family that lived in the area.

If you know of anyone that has come from the RM of Key West or the town of Ogema, let them know about our history building. We would love to hear from you and to add your story to our collection. Please feel free to call me or e-mail me at any time. Marie Stewart (306) 459-2431 or gm.stewart@sasktel.net. If you are ever traveling the Red Coat Trail stop in and visit us, we have a great story to tell.

A genealogist wears many hats. As we all know it starts out with one family and soon it mushrooms. I started with my mother's side of the family and I was soon into more families than I care to count. Some of the families I am researching come from all over the world and I have made some great friends and found family in nearly every country I have looked in. It all

makes for great learning about the world that we live in. I am researching several families that started in Ontario and moved to Alberta in the early 1900's. I will try to explain what I have so far, any suggestions or help is greatly appreciated.

Samuel and Francis Rogers family came from Grey County Ontario to the Strathcona area.

John and Sarah Milligan came from Grey County Ontario to the Nanton area.

George and Eliza Dobie came from Grey county Ontario to the Lethbridge area.

Arthur and Sarah McLatchie came from Grey County Ontario to the Calgary area. Their daughter Lola was a pioneer in pathology in Calgary.

August and Jessie Schultz came from North Dakota to the Entwistle area. They moved back to the United States some years later.

John and Beulah Daeley came from North Dakota. They lived in Edmonton for awhile then in the Rocky Mountain house area as well as the Kitscoty area.

Andrew and Sarah McClelland came from Renfrew County Ontario to Saskatchewan, then moved to the Kitscoty area.

I am also researching several other families. The Whyte family from Renfrew County Ontario and Scotland. The Ley family from Wisconsin and North Dakota. The Schultz family from North and South Dakota and Germany. The McConachy from Bruce County Ontario and Scotland. The Whittaker family from York County Ontario and England. The McClelland family from Renfrew County Ontario. The Watkins family from Wales. The Stewart family from Saskatchewan and Scotland. The Verboom family from Saskatchewan, Alberta and Holland. The Colet family from Manitoba and Belgium. The Rowbotham family from Saskatchewan and England. The Daley family from Grey County Ontario and Ireland.

As they say work gets in the way of family history. Happy hunting, and if you need help in Saskatchewan let me know.

Marie Stewart
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FAMILY TIES ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

On September 25, 2005 I received a phone call from Phyllis Burnett to inform me that the Lethbridge Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society had received an e-mail looking for me. This was the beginning of many pages of correspondence between me, living in Alberta, and my second cousin, living in Dorset, England. We have formed a wonderful long distance friendship and we are collaborating and sharing our research for the Stockwell family. Following is the original e-mail of how it all began.

From: Kathleen

Date: Sat. 24 Sep 2005

Hello, my great grand-father was Robert Nathaniel Stockwell from Huntingdonshire. He was born in 1853.

My grandfather, Lewis Lennard Stockwell was born in Kensington in 1879. He had a half brother also called Lewis Stockwell born in 1882 in Leeds. He emigrated to Canada to place called Lethbridge. I am hoping that one of your members, Norma Bosman, who I believe from my research, could be related to the Stockwell family. Would you please be good enough to inform her of this e-mail and I look forward to hearing if she could indeed be a distant relative of mine. Many thanks, Kathleen Bryant nee Stockwell.

Six months have passed and Kathleen and I have exchanged letters, photos, certificates and family stories. Kathleen's father, who is 93 years old, remembers as a child parcels arriving for his family from an uncle living in Canada. I was aware that my Grandfather had sent parcels to the families in England and that my mother had corresponded with a cousin in England. With the excitement of becoming acquainted across the miles it seemed appropriate that the English and Canadian Stockwell descendants reenact history with a gift exchange for Christmas 2005.

While looking through a photo album which belonged to my mother, I found a page titled "The Folks in London". I scanned the photos and emailed the images to Kathleen. Kathleen was overcome with joy as the photos were of her father and his sister and brother and her grandmother. She had never seen these photos before. Kathleen printed the photos and showed them to her father, he recognized himself and his family. He kept asking, "Where did you get these photos?" It was a very thrilling moment for their family.

Kathleen found an inventory dated 1723 for a pub and brew house which was operated by Samuel Stockwell. It is a fascinating document and took quite some time for Kathleen to decipher the old script and learn what all the old terms meant. Kathleen has generously shared the document and the translation with me.

I have been pondering for many years the fact that my great great grandfather was born in Hinton St. George, Somerset in 1819 and in the 1841 census he was an apprentice tailor in Huntingdonshire. My question, how did George Richards Stockwell go from Somerset to Huntingdonshire? There were no other Stockwells in Huntingdonshire. Kathleen discovered Samuel Stockwell and family in the 1851 census living in St. Albans, Hertfordshire, which is the neighboring county to Huntingdonshire. Upon further research we learned Samuel's first wife, Charlotte, died in St. Albans in 1845. Samuel and Charlotte had several children christened in St. Albans beginning in 1822 and Samuel died in 1855 in St. Albans. It seems the whole family moved from Somerset to Hertfordshire shortly after the birth of George, which indicates that he would be an apprentice tailor in Huntingdonshire—the same trade as his father, Samuel.

Thank you to the Lethbridge Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society for enabling Kathleen and I to meet and re-establish our family ties across the Atlantic. (Submitted by Norma Bosman)

FINGER TIP FACTS ON EARLY LETHBRIDGE

(by Avice Frayne Anderson—Lethbridge Herald)

Money

People who had property in the town of Lethbridge in 1898 paid a property tax. A news item of December 29, 1898 listed the names and the amount of taxes due. Under \$10.00 were not listed. The highest taxes were \$24.60 for property owned by W.D. Barclay, Sarah Cavanah and R.E. Sherlock McNabb was to pay \$22.50, while the Roman Catholic Mission was billed \$19.00.

Wages in 1900 reflect the economy of the time. A store clerk or bookkeeper was highly paid at \$60.00 a month. In the trades, a carpenter could expect to be paid 25 cents an hour, a bricklayer 50 cents, while a laborer would get 15 cents to 20 cents an hour, a man and team could figure on \$2.50 per day. Coal miners were paid 50 cents a ton.

The 1901 Census of Canada asked the yearly income. Some figures given were \$920 and \$825. This was for Lethbridge.

In response to these income figures, new food prices for 1901:

- Potatoes \$1 to \$2 per 100 lb. sack
- Sugar \$6.50 per 100 lb. sack
- Flour \$2.65 per sack
- Ham 16 cents a pound
- Beef 7 cents to 15 cents a pound
- Mutton 8 cents – 15 cents per pound
- Fresh pork 15 cents per pound
- Butter 30 cents to 35 cents per pound
- Eggs – summer 20 cents a dozen
- Eggs – winter 50 cents a dozen
- Coal delivered cost \$6.00 for 2 tons
or \$3.50 for one ton

The first dairy farms supplying milk, cream and butter were Duff's at the south, McKenzie's north, and Walwork's east. October 14, 1913 notice – The price of milk is going up. The new price will be 10 quarts for \$1.00. The price had been 12 quarts for \$1.00.

In 1913 a new national holiday was declared Thanksgiving Day would be October 12.

October 19, 1913—the Lethbridge Hotel advertised a special dinner for Thanksgiving Day. The price was 50 cents The menu spring lamb, prime rib, young turkey or ham, accompanied by oysters on the half shell, consomme royale, vegetables and a selection of desserts from English plum pudding with brandy sauce to pistachio jelly.

December 23, 1913 – Pat Burns Store advertised turkeys 24 cents per pound. Fresh Japanese oranges 65 cents a box.

March 13, 1909 – For sale: a farm containing 355 acres, more or less situated on the Belly River five miles west of Lethbridge. 25 acres broken, 6 acres in fall wheat, four-roomed house, sheds, all fenced. \$6,000 or \$18 an acre.

FRENCH-CANADIANS CAN NOW TRACE ANCESTORS ONLINE

(The Lethbridge Herald—Thurs., March 15, 2007)

Montreal (CP)—French Canadians from across North America will be able to use the internet to trace their family roots back to the towns and parishes where their ancestors settled hundreds of years ago.

A deal between family history website Ancestry.ca and the Universite de Montreal will see a giant archive of French Canadian family histories indexed and made available on the internet.

In the past, family history was for people who liked to go to the library and scan through microfilm," says Mike Ward, a spokesman for Ancestry.ca, the Canadian off-shoot of Utah based Ancestry.com.

Now at the click of a mouse, you can find those stories about where you came from and what your family was doing a hundred years." Ward said.

However, until recently little information about French Canadian families was available online. Ancestry.ca aims to plug that gap by putting the Drouin Collection on its website.

Created in the 1930's by Quebec entrepreneur Gabriel Drouin, the collection contains nearly 12 million records from 1621 to the 1940's tracking French Canadians from Quebec, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and various New England states.

"I doubt there is anywhere in the world where you have such a coverage of an entire population for such an extended amount of time," said Bertrand Desjardins, a senior researcher in the Universite de Montreal's demography department.

Demand for genealogical information has increased in recent years as more and more archives get digitized and become available on the Internet.

By providing images of primary documents along with an easy-to-use interface, Ancestry.ca's index of the Drouin Collection is sure to appeal to both professional genealogists and amateurs alike.

But Desjardins said greater accessibility to the collection holds a particular appeal to certain families.

"Genealogy has always been particularly popular in French Canada," he said in a phone interview. "In the Canadian context, where you are always a minority, there is maybe a normal wish to link into one's past."

MARRIAGES OF ST. PATRICK'S MONTREAL

(Sheila in Ontario—sent to Lethbridge AGS)

I am in the process of transcribing the marriages of St. Patrick's, Montreal. I came across this marriage, and thought I could pass it along to your group.

St. Patrick's Montreal

M35, May 21, 1907

Edward Vernon Thompson, a baptized Protestant, of Dog Pound, Alberta, a rancher, son of age of dec. William Thompson and Alice (looks like) Broughton.

TO: Henrietta Margaret (looks like) de or dr Trafford, recently of Kensington, London, England, daughter of dec. William de Trafford and of dec. Mary (looks like)

David Wit: Arthur J. Staunton, (qualified as a priest), Louis Francis Kenny, Susanna David (aunt of bride) and Monica Mary de Trafford, sister of the bride.

TASTEFUL FAMILY HISTORY

(Wendy A Boughner Whipple)

Go and grab your recipe box. Thumb through it. See anything of genealogical value in there?

Recipe boxes can be a gold mine of information, especially if you're looking at your mother's or grandmother's collection of recipes. Recipes are often written not only on lined index cards, but also on deposit slips, scratch pads, envelopes, even bills. Deposit slips will give information about where a family lived, and may provide another place to research that you may not have even known about. Bills and envelopes will be dated and the bills will give you interesting information about the price of things in a given time. Bills also, will tell you where and when your family lived, and may even give clues about lifestyle—did the family shop at Woolworths or Marshall-Fields (or some other high end store)? Sometimes there are letters tucked inside with recipes someone requested. Those letters often contain all kinds of information, and offer a snapshot of the lives involved.

In my paternal grandmother's box, there are recipes from friends of my grandmother from when they lived in Illinois (my grandparents retired to Mississippi), and one written on a notepad bore the logo and address of the car dealership at which my grandfather worked.

There are recipes written in my grandmother's hand and in the hand of her younger daughter, when she was a child. Those handwriting samples could be useful in determining the author of other documents.

The recipes themselves may share an ethnic culture that has since been absorbed by a more generic "American" identity. Things that some might take for granted to a genealogist may be an expression of their family's cultural heritage. Recipes also offer clues into the lives and lifestyles of different generations. There may be recipes that helped sustain the family through the difficult times of the Depression. There will almost certainly be gelatin recipes that were ubiquitous for a generation of homemakers.

If you aren't fortunate enough to possess an ancestor's collection, you can ask other family members if they, or know who might, have those treasured recipes. If you can persuade someone to let you borrow the collection, scan all the contents into your computer (no less than 300 dpi) and take a photograph of the box itself. Take notes about what you find, and document everything, even if it seems obvious to you. If you don't know who "Rosie" was, ask a family member. It might turn out to be another relative, or close family friend. Just because you know who she was doesn't mean your descendants will unless you document it.

Here is an example of the sort of things that contains clues in a recipe box.

This recipe for Mustard Pickles was included in a letter. It is dated "Thursday, September 5, 1935", it is written with a fountain pen. In addition to the recipe, the author talks about a trip taken to Bagnell Dam (in Missouri), that Harry (the author's husband?) is going to the doctor, and may be admitted to a veteran's hospital: "Jefferson B." (probably Jefferson Barracks, in St. Louis). She goes on to invite Julia and "all" down for a picnic in the yard. Knowing that Harry was a veteran could be an important clue for someone researching this family.

If you borrow recipes either to scan or to hand-copy, you should also make a record of what you're borrowing, its physical description as well as a description of the contents. You are essentially researching, and should cite your sources. On the CDs that contain the scans of my Grandma Boughner's recipes, there are two documents, an index and notes. The index contains a list of all the recipes and the names of the image. With every image, I give the name of the recipe, whether it is handwritten, a newspaper clipping, or from packaging. The notes contain information about who has possession of the recipes, when they were scanned, etc.

(Family Chronicle—Sept-Oct/ 2005 pg 62)

Your tombstone stands among the rest,
Neglected and alone,
The name and date are chiseled out
On polished marble stone
It reaches out to all who care
It is too late to mourn.
You did not know that I exist
You died and I was born.
Yet each of us are cells of you
In flesh, in blood, in bone.
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse
Entirely not our own
Dear Ancestor, the place you filled
One hundred years ago
Spreads out among the ones you left
Who would have loved you so.
I wonder if you lived and loved,
I wonder if you knew
That someday I would find this spot,
And come to visit you.
(Past Finder—Drayton Valley Branch, AGS)
Author unknown

A PRAYER FOR GENEALOGISTS

Lord, help me dig into the past
And sift the sands of time
That I might find the roots that made
This family tree of mine.
Lord, help me trace the ancient roads
On which my fathers trod
And led them through so many lands
To find our present sod.

Lord, help me find an ancient book
Or dusty manuscript
That's safely hidden now away
In some forgotten crypt.
Lord, let it bridge the gap that haunts
My soul when I can't find
The missing link between some name
That ends the same as mine.
(Past Finder, Drayton Valley Branch, AGS
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TABER BREEZES

September 19, 1907—Notice

Notice is hereby given that tenders for furnishing the necessary material and building a school house and necessary outhouse on Block 36 of Cousins subdivision, south of the CPR tracks. Taber will be received by S. J. Layton until 7:00 o'clock on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1907. Plan and specification of the proposed house can be seen at his residence, corner of Russell Ave. and Fourth St. North.

The right to reject any & all bids is reserved by owner. J.R. Shearer of Lethbridge arrived last evening and will be in R. P. Wallace's Law Office. His many friends will welcome him back to town.

Mr. Hobson Jr. is clerking in R. P. Wallace's Law Office.

An addition of 50 ft. is soon to be built to the west end of the station to be used as a freight shed.

If you want good dressmaking and millinery to be done try Robbins & Baker. B Street N. of Truswell's Store.

Mr. Robbins has accepted a position as bookkeeper in Mayor Truswell's store.

E.R. Wildman has started building Dr. Lange and Leech's new drugstore.

In the past children have been permitted to enter school for the first time any time the parents saw fit. This has caused considerable time difficulty for the teacher in grading their schools in the primary classes. To in a measure reduce this trouble, The Trustees have decided that children of school age may enter school for the first time up to September 25, 1907. After this date it is proposed to fix town dates in each year when children may enter. The dates one for the fall term from the opening of the school after vacation for the first week, the second date the first week in November.

September 19 —Ad for Lots in Johnson Addition

A Johnston-Agent

"Near the big coalmine of Canada West and Coal and Coke Company and close to the pipeline." "Now is your opportunity, you will never buy again as cheap."

Taber Drugstore—South of Track

Drugs, Toilet Preparations, School Supplies

Two good carpenters wanted immediately to work on opera house. Apply to John W. Shirts.

The dominion government has issued an order in council fixing the last Thursday in October as Thanksgiving Day. The last Thursday is October 31st.

John Hodgins of Lucan, Ontario arrived here Thursday and bought out the Barbershop in the Taber Hotel and also the shop run by D.B. Donahue. He took charge this week.

Oct. 10, 1907

The Pound bylaw came in effect on Monday.

The new Reliance Hotel will be opened on Oct. 16th.

MacDonald & Robinson have the contract for the new school south of the track.

Last Saturday morning the eastbound train was held up for seven hours on account of the St. Mary's bridge being on fire.

The Enterprise Lumber Company will meet all prices on Lumber. See us before you buy. Now is the time to buy cheap. Ina Borton, Manager.

Miss C.A. Cooksley, who was one of the leading milliners in Toronto, for 15 years, will occupy the building next to the Blue Front Store as soon as it is ready for occupancy.

Miss C.A. Cooksley was at the Royal Hotel on Tuesday displaying a fine line of millinery goods.

The Quadrille Club will give a dance and supper at Cousins Hall on Halloween, Oct. 31st. Music by the Loomis Orchestra will start at 9:00 o'clock sharp. Tickets to dance and supper, \$1.50. Ladies free. Everyone cordially invited.

The Taber Young Peoples Literary Association will hold their first mtg. on Friday evening, Oct. 18th at 8:00 o'clock in Knox Church and not tomorrow evening as announced. A good program is being provided and all young people interested are invited to attend.

Controversy about Sunday Business!!

The Medicine Hat News says: The Taber Town Council has decided that the hotel bars must be closed on Sundays and yet this is supposed to be a free country.

Messrs. Depew and Veale have the contract for the new school at the Canada West Mine. E.A. Cunningham of the Rogers-Cunningham Lumber Co., Lethbridge, was in town Tuesday.

The north wall of the new open house collapsed again yesterday. No doubt the strong wind was the cause.

Two chinamen-Hong Sick and Hong Soo, have leased the restaurant lately occupied by Sherburne & Russell.

Mrs. Sale will open a short order restaurant and lunch counter next to the Taber Hotel, in the office formerly occupied by Sutton and Donovan.

The north wall of the new Open House, which fell down some time ago, has been replaced, and the building is being completed with all possible speed.

The third date of the first week in January, and the fourth date of the first week in April. We understand this plan has been recommended by Mr. Brown, the Public School Inspector. (Nov & Dec papers not found)

*Thos. Irvine—General Merchant
Groceries and Dry Goods
Minot, Alberta*

Hemmer—The Real Estate Dealer

Feb. 6, 1908

A collecting agency has started business in town under the management of J.S. Wynne. The office is in the building on Hough street opposite the Taber Bakery. The town council will meet in the hall in the new Fire Hall on Monday night. This will be the first meeting of the council in this hall.

H. Sickle wishes to inform his patrons that he has moved his barbershop to the new store building of Mr. E.S. Bowden on B street. He wishes to announce also that he is also prepared to do shampooing for ladies in these comfortable quarters.

Last Saturday, a man by the name of M.L. Kirsch partook too freely of the flowing bowl and was found lying in a helpless condition on the sidewalk. He was taken into custody and confined to the cells in the new town hall and had to contribute \$5 to the town coffers before he was released. He has the distinction of being the first inmate of these cells in the new town hall.

Mr. George Clampett has opened business in our town as auctioneer and valuator.

Advertisements

As advertised—Shoy Lee Restaurant--meals served all hours. Confectionery-Fruit & Bakery. Come & see us.

Try the new lunchroom opposite the C.P.R. station.

Once taken, never forsaken-our coffee.

Sales Lunch Room.

When you feel tired. You are hungry. Sales (Lunch Room) can fix that.

We threw the key in the well and can't lock the door.

Always open. Sales Lunch Room.

J. Truswel's Central Store

Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Blankets, Comforters, White or Colored Quilts, Sheetings, Ready made sheets, pillowcases, flannelettes, flannels.

Also first-class groceries and vegetables.

Notes & Comments

A movement is on foot to have a skating rink here this winter. The promotion of the scheme should receive encouragement from all.

April 2, 1908

Mr. C. E. Moe, who has been manager of the Eastern Township's Box here has given up his position and will enter into another line of business in Taber. Mr. C.H. Niles of Sherbrook, Quebec, arrived here Sunday, and will take charge of this branch.

Mr. Charles Marose and family of Hereford, N.D. arrived Tuesday evening and will settle upon a farm a little over two miles west of the town.

All will regret that P.N. Bourdages restaurant keeper, has met with disaster during these close financial times, and that his equipment and stock will be offered for sale by Bailiff, D.W. Burns on Saturday, April 11th at 2:00 p.m. to satisfy claim against him for rent. (Lot 21, Block 18 (or 13).

Mr. G. Marsel of the Taber Drug Store is opening a branch in Grassy Lake and will soon be ready for business there.

C. Leonard, who has been with the Rogers Cunningham Co. at Lethbridge has resigned his position as manager of the Reliance Trading Co. Mr. McDonald having resigned.

April 8, 1908

Two cans of seed grains arrived this week. The government still have 430 bushels of No. 2 import 2 seed oats and 19 bushels of seed wheat for sale. Parties wanting either oats or wheat may get some from Mr. S.B. Mitchell, station agents. The oats are 70 cents a bushel and the wheat 1.18 bushel.

A writ has been issued against the Reliance Coal Mining Company of Taber by thirty-two employees under the provision of The Mechanics Lien Act, claiming wages to the amount of \$1,637. In the event of their receiving judgement and the money not being paid they ask the usual remedy, that the interests of the company in the land, comprising the mining property, together with all buildings, machinery plant, etc. be sold to satisfy their claims.

April 9, 1908

L. Pat a prisoner in the cells. If you want to make certain of finding him there make sure the prisoner is a corpse.

April 16, 1908

New Jewelry Store

B.W. Wright has opened up a Jewelry store two doors east of the Palace Hotel where he will carry a full line of watches, clocks and jewelry.

Wright Brothers have five stores.

R.A. Wright Lethbridge, A.M. Wright—Medicine Hat, B.W. Wright—Taber—T.W. Wright—Prince Alberta and C.C. Wright—Fernie, B.C.

Don't miss the entertainment in McMillars hall on Tuesday evening, April 21st.

The stock and effects of P.N. Bourdages came under Auctioneer Clampett's hammer Saturday and were bought by Mr. Groves. Mr. Groves is now busy having the restaurant cleaned and fitted up in first class shape and he will run on up to fix restaurant.

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1a LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TO DIGITIZE GENEALOGY BOOKS

The Library of Congress just announced that it has received 2 million from the Alfred P. Sloan foundation to digitize thousands of books. Among those to be digitized are "U.S. genealogy and regimental histories. The former includes many useful county, state, and

regional histories, while the latter include histories, memoirs, diaries and other collections from the Civil War period. <http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2007/07-020.html>

1b CALL FOR INDEXERS—INDIANA MARRIAGE INDEX, 1790-1957. The Indiana Genealogical Society and Genealogical Society of Utah are working together to index the marriage records for every county in Indiana, beginning with the earliest surviving records and going up to 1957. GSU staff are working to digitize the LDS microfilm that already exists for several Indiana counties, as well as microfilming the original marriage books for all other counties.

When the Indiana Marriage Indexing Project is completed, it will be placed online as a searchable database that is free to the public. Entries in the marriage index will link to a digitized version of the actual marriage records (including marriage applications, when available).

Indexers work from home, at their own pace, via an Internet connection. To sign up to help with the Indiana Marriage Indexing Project, or to see some screenshots from the indexing software, visit <http://www.indgensoc.org/indexing.html>

(Submitted by Eleanor McMurchy)

Family Tree Magazine—Feb 1, 2007

UTAH's FREE ONLINE DEATH INDEX is now linked to archives, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' FamilySearch Website (<http://www.familysearch.org>) & Genlcl Soc. of Utah. The index covers more than 250,000 certificates issued from 1905-1954; state archives spokesperson Glen Fairclough says those from 1955-1956 will follow later this year.

Searching is a bit cumbersome. Go to <http://historyresearch.utah.gov/indexes/index.html> and type a name--last, given, middle—into the search field. Results come in menu form, listing the name you typed along with names occurring alphabetically before and after it in the database. (If the name you typed isn't there, the menu will show where it should be.) Search on variations, since Soundex isn't an option.

Because this search covers the death index as well as other state archives databases, you'll see corporate names in the results menu, and some matches lead to records other than death certificates.

Select a name in your results menu to see transcribed information and a thumbnail image of the certificate. Click to enlarge it. You also can order copies from this page. Several of our test search results were missing the images; Fairclough said administrators are ironing out such glitches. (Submitted by Eleanor McMurchy)

(Note: Anyone can volunteer to help index the digitized records that the LDS church is working on that will eventually go online and be free to use. Go to <http://www.familysearchindexing.org>

Presently the LDS Church is looking for people new to family history to test out the new familysearch website.

CURSE OF THE COMMON SURNAME

(John M. Hoenig-Family Chronicle May/June 2006)

I am fortunate that most of my surnames of interest are rather uncommon. According to www.placename.com the name Peller is the 19,008th most common name in America. In other words, its uncommon! However, I found that many of the Peller males were named Max, Moses or Morris, names which are often used interchangeably. So like most everyone else, I've had to develop strategies to deal with dozens of people with the same name.

The solution to this problem is something you won't want to hear: use the Extra Principle. You have to work extra hard, pay extra attention to details, be extra organized and be extra clever. Fortunately, there is a general strategy for determining concrete ways for this advice to be implemented.

Uncommon Aspects

The basic idea is to focus on the uncommon aspects of the common. Here are three simple examples. Suppose John Smith married Mary and had four children: Robert, David, Susan and Abigail. I'd search for Abigail Smith rather than Smith or John Smith. Suppose further, we know that John Smith married Mary Jingleheimersmith. I would focus on studying the Jingleheimersmiths because that name is so uncommon that most Jingleheimersmiths are probably related. You might find members of the Smith family boarding with the Jingleheimersmiths, or living in close proximity, in federal censuses; Smiths might be mentioned in probate papers of member of the Jingleheimersmith family. As a third example, suppose that John Smith was a dentist. That's a reasonably uncommon profession. An efficient way to wade through all the John Smiths looking for the dentist is to contact the archivists of the American Dental Association and have them look through their records.

Look for Family Clusters

You may find Smiths in almost every cemetery you investigate. However, your Smiths may be localized. To put it another way, unrelated Smiths may be rather uncommon in the cemetery where your Smiths are located. Therefore when you locate a cemetery with a grave of a known Smith relative, be sure to look at all the Smith graves in the cemetery. Similarly, look for possible relatives in the censuses in the neighborhoods where you know your Smith relative lived. Relatives often joined the same church and social clubs, so searching a particular church's records is likely to turn up several relatives, if it turns up any at all.

Relatives often went into the same profession. In the 18th and 19th centuries, many of my wife's relatives were roofers in Belgium.

So, if you search city directories and find many Smiths, follow up first on the ones listed as having the same profession as known Smith relatives. Also, follow up on names that might follow cultural naming practices.

Efficient Searching

With common surnames, the most efficient research technique is to focus on personal sources and heirlooms. Two minutes of conversation can save you hours of research in the archives. Your great Aunt Tillie might tell you there were Smith relatives who lived in a big house on a hill on the east side of town. Looking at a map will tell you what streets were on the east side and a topographic map may identify the hill area. Then, when you search the census for Smiths you can focus on the right part of town. The clue about a house (rather than an apartment) may also be helpful. Photos often have names, dates and locations that can be helpful. Instead of finding Smiths and then determining if they're relatives, you can find the names of known relatives and then search for them in the records.

It is generally a good idea to start with computerized databases before going to paper and microfilm records. The reason is simply that computerized searching is much faster than manual searching. Here is where attention to detail and organization can pay off big time. You want to categorize all the Smiths you find as being known relatives, unrelated Smiths, or persons of unknown status.

Furthermore, you want to compile profiles of all Smiths, but especially those known or suspected to be relatives. Then when you find a record, you have a means of determining quickly if it's of interest

SURNAME SITE DIRECTORIES

ABCgenealogy: Surnames

<http://www.abcgenealogy.com>

Linkpendium

<http://linkpendium.com>

Surname Registry

Ancestry Community* (subscription required)

<http://www.ancestry.com/community>

GenForum

<http://www.genforum.com>

RootsWeb's Surname Helper

<http://www.Surhelp.rootsweb.com/srchall.html>

Cyndi's List: Surnames, Family Association's Section

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

Everything to do with Surnames

Behind the Name

<http://www.surnames.behindthename.com>

Glossary of Last Name Meanings and Origins

http://www.genealogy.about.com/library/surnames/b1_meanings.htm

List of Most Common Surnames

http://www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_most_common_surnames

What's In A Name?

http://www.rogerdarlington.co.uk/use_of_names.html

Wikipedia:FamilyName

http://www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Family_name

BEING OF SOUND MIND AND BODY

(Beverly Smith Vorpahl)

Wills, even though they might have been written centuries ago, can provide much meaningful information to help you become better acquainted with your ancestor. Regardless of when you last looked at a grandparent's will, dig it out after you've read this article and give it another go. You might find new information. Our forebear's last record holds an abundance of genealogical information—some you might not have thought of before.

Here is what to look for: The business portion of the document will reveal their economic status. Subtleties in the text will help you better understand the era they lived in, which in turn, provided the mores and customs that guided their lives. (Wills are excellent material for those writing family narratives.) Maybe the most exciting find will be the children listed. The deceased's personality will eke out through their directives, letting you get a feel for what he or she would have been like as a younger stronger person. You might well gain insight into what the man or woman was like as a living person, and some of it might not be so great. You might also feel awe in what you are reading, because it is your ancestor's last wishes, their last words, spoken from the heart.

Wills, however, can also be a lot of fun. By nature, I admit to being a bit nosy. I find that inventories are the most interesting part of a will. They are so personal.

Josiah H. Smith's will of 1850 states at the top of the list, under the section for "Articles for the widow and minor children...", that there was one cow, one cream cup, one sugar bowl, six teacups and saucers, six knives and forks for the family's use and not to be sold. Isn't that a strange listing? A cow followed immediately by a creamer and sugar bowl?

It took four hand-written pages to list the Smith's belongings, both personal and business-related for the farmer who died when he was 50 years old. It was everything except for the smallest amount needed by his widow; Ruhama, and family to survive, which included the above cow and its cream.

Widow Grace Wadsworth of Plymouth County died on 13 January 1687, after writing that she was "in dayly expectation of my dissolution by reasons of old age & the many infirmities usually attending."

After the funeral, Widow Wadsworth's son, Joseph was probably anxious to read his mother's will—until he discovered that dear old mom had left him a Dutch kettle. What might have been worse is that she bequeathed wearing apparel (hers) to his wife. Joseph's wife might have dreamed for more than a pot and her mother-in-law's clothes.

Of course listing the deceased's entire household items is not there for our enjoyment, but you can certainly learn something from scrutinizing the items (and be entertained, as well).

Court appointed appraisers evaluated the deceased's

personal property to determine its monetary value. Often they were either friends or family members. Executors of a will were often the widow and a son. When I found Charles W. Smith's probated inventory, I discovered his father-in-law's name as an executor—another great-great-grandfather.

Wills are a great place to find a list of all the ancestor's children. A parent, however, might have given one or more children their portion of the estate years before, and if so, that child's name might not appear on the document. Most often, however, the will writer includes each "beloved" son or daughter and identifies married daughters with their married last names. If the will writer's child is predeceased, then their portion of the will might go to their children, whose names might also be included. If you are lucky, you can find a couple of generations in a single will.

"Infants" mentioned might be young people who will not inherit their portion until they reach their majority. Children "*of tender age probably less than 14 years old.*"

Even if your forebear did not leave a will, some courts provide a probate process of identifying the family along with detailed inventory. Dying without leaving a will is to die intestate. If that happens the property goes to surviving relatives, with an administrator or administratrix representing the estate.

The will might also convey such direction as to how to dispose of the body, particulars about the funeral and burial instructions.

However, it should be noted that wills were often read after the funeral, so these instructions were not always followed as they were not known at the time of funeral. Look at your ancestor's will to see if it has been signed with a signature or an "X". If the will writer could write, make an enlargement of the signature and tuck it into your notebook.

If the will begins with, "In the Name of God, Amen...", you know your ancestor was not a Quaker since they did not approve of taking oaths.

INTERESTING WEBSITES

The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (International) <http://www.ahsgr.org>

Friends Historical Collection

http://www.guilford.edu/about-guilford/services_and_administration/library/fhc/index.html

If you are researching Quakers in the Southeast, the Friends Historical Collection, located at Guilford College, is the Center for study of Quaker history in the S.E. with particular emphasis on North Carolina.

Accessible Archives <http://www.accessible.com>

Looking for a great collection of obscure 18th and 19th century newspapers that are valuable to genealogists. For free access, check your local library or historical society to see if they have access (or if you subscribe to the Godfrey Memorial Library, otherwise there is a fee. This website was started in 1990.

(Family Chronicle March/April 2007)

Project Gutenberg

http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page

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Loyalist Databases <http://www.ancestry.com>

Ancestry has several databases covering Loyalists in the Revolutionary War. Click on the search tab and then on the card catalog. Type Loyalist in the keyword search box and click the search button. You'll get a list of databases with the word "loyalist" or "loyalists" in the database title or description. Some of the Loyalist title or description. Some of the Loyalist databases are classified under Canada, so they're not included in the U.S. membership.

<http://www.grl.com>

Poland online -1500 A.D. to 1870 A.D.

& Hungary – 1300 A.D. to 1870 A.D.

Maps from 1500 – 1922 for all countries

Canada – 15 mil ancestors – 1600 – 1900 A.D.

200 countries – via instant links to Genealogy websites in Canada, USA and around the world.

Swedish Genealogy Online

<http://www.genline.com>

Over 16 million images of original church book pages from 1600-1895.

Records include: Birth, Marriage & Death
Household Census
Moves within Sweden & Emigration

Historic MapWorks

<http://www.historicmapworks.com>

(Now covering Maryland to Maine – with millions of family names on thousands of antique maps.

Guide for Authors

<http://www.gatewaypress.com>

Publish Your Manuscript

Time and Date

<http://timeanddate.com/calendar/>

Complete Sun and Moon Data for One Day

http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS_OneDay.html

Family History Seminars

Ontario Genealogical Society Seminar 2007

June 1 – 3 2007

Seminar 2007 will be held at Algonquin College, 1385 Woodroffe Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario in the West end of Ottawa, five minutes south of Highway 417. For further information go to <http://www.ogsseminar.org>

E-mail: conference@ogsottawa.on.ca

Telephone: (613) 820-4488 (Secretary)

Mail OGS Seminar 2007, P.O. Box 96, Greely, ON K4P 1N4

Payment: Cheques and money orders should be made payable to OGS Seminar 2007. U.S. Visa and MasterCard payments are processed in Canadian dollars. US \$ cheques and money orders are accepted at par.

New England Historic Genealogical Society

English Family History Research Tour in London

September 9-16, 2007

Join the New England Historic Genealogical Society for a special week of English family history research and study at the Society of Genealogists in London. To register for the tour and to reserve a spot call Amanda Batey at (617) 226-1226. See website <http://www.sog.or.uk/> Lodging at the Holiday Inn Bloomsbury, London. The program offers guided research at the Society of Genealogists, a day at the National Archives at Kew, all breakfasts and two group dinners, and a visit to an historic house museum.

Lectures include the following:

Orientation at the Society of Genealogists

Bridging the Atlantic

Researching in England Before 1700, Part I

Researching in England Before 1700, Part 2

English Church Records

What Did Your English Ancestors Do?

Researching in 18th and 19th Century England

Payment in full by personal or cashier's check made payable to NEHGS is required for registration. Please mail the form and check to Education/Tours, NEHGS, 101 Newbury St., Boston MA 02116-3007. The last date to register is July 1, 2007, if space is available. (See website above. The Lethbridge Family History Center has a copy of the registration form and class schedule.

“Standards for Sound Genealogical Research

Recommended by the National Genealogical Society “

- Record the source for each item of information they collect.
- Test every hypothesis or theory against credible evidence, and reject those that are not supported by evidence.
- Seek original records, or reproduced images of them when there is reasonable assurance they have not been altered, as the basis for their research conclusions.
- Use compilations, communications and published works, whether paper or electronic, primarily for their value as guides to locating original records.
- State something as a fact only when it is supported by convincing evidence, and identify the evidence when communicating the fact to others.
- Limit with words like 'probable' or 'possible' any statement that is based on any less than convincing evidence, and site the reasons for concluding that it is probable or possible.
- Avoid misleading other researchers by either intentionally or carelessly distributing or publishing inaccurate information.
- State carefully and honestly the results of their own research, and acknowledge all use of other researchers' work.
- Recognize the collegial nature of genealogical research by making their work available to others through publication, or by placing copies in appropriate libraries or repositories, and by welcoming critical comment.
- Consider with open minds new evidence or the comments of others on their work and the conclusions they have reached.
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