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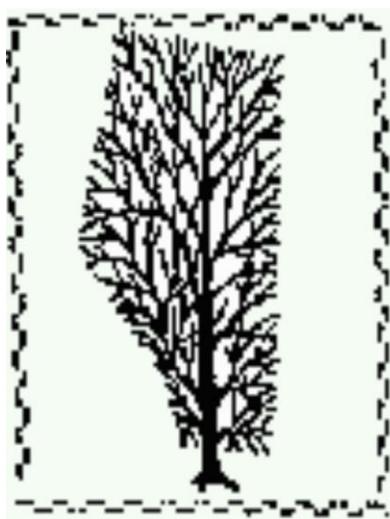


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Editor's Corner



If you want to submit articles, genealogy humor, interesting web sites or have any queries you want us to print feel free to contact us. You can send your submissions to our library email at lenthags@theboss.net or phone (403) 328-9564 for some research help--Susan Haga, Newsletter Editor.

Lethbridge A.G.S. Branch Hours

Library Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1:30–4:30 p.m. Meetings are all virtual for the time being (3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.) Visitors Welcome! Our library will be closed July and August and December but can be open on request. See our web site at:

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

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President's Message

As another calendar year draws to a close, I would like to thank members of Lethbridge Branch AGS for making this a successful year despite the ongoing challenges of covid and our search for a new home.

Three long time members have recently stepped back from some of their branch duties after many years of devoted service.

Thank you to Eleanor McMurchy, for taking the lead in keeping the library shelves filled and organized, for answering numerous research queries thereby raising considerable revenue for the branch and for guidance offered in the Monday Legacy Group. Eleanor continues to collect obituaries and maintain contact with the Lethbridge Cemetery Office.

Thank you to Pat Barry for being treasurer for many years and for negotiating the rent with the province during this year. Pat and Carol Barry received a 25year membership award this year. Pat is continuing as membership chair.

Thank you to Doug McLeod for being webmaster, tech support person, and casino contact person, and doing many other things that needed doing. Doug continues to collect volunteer hours and act as webmaster.

I also wish to thank:

Barry Simmonds (VP), Julie Miller (Secretary), and Kieran Biggins (Treasurer), my valued fellow members of the executive team.

Velda Sjovold for arranging interesting speakers, a spring picnic, and a field trip to the military museum as well as a field trip to the Crownsnest Pass that had to be deferred to next year.

Win Evans, Laureen Tetzloff and Alma Berridge for arranging the international dinner which was much appreciated after a gap of two years. Win for branch publicity and staffing the Resource Centre with volunteers.

Bev Tufts, Alma & Charlie Berridge, Louella Cronkhite and Eleanor McMurchy who continue to collect obituaries and burial information.

Len Ross for time he's put in being our Branch Archivist

Susan Haga for producing three issues each year of our newsletter Yesterday's Footprints since August of 2005.

Wendy Warren for being part of the Relatively Speaking editorial team

Everyone who has done shifts in the Resource Centre, contributed ideas for a possible new branch home and participated in meetings in person or virtually.

I wish all of you the best festive season and Happy 2023!
--Marilyn Astle, Branch President

Monthly Meetings

On September 15th at 7:00 p.m. we held our monthly Zoom meeting with Mike Paterson from First Choice Paterson Photography in Lethbridge. Mike has been doing photo restoration for over 36 years. He came to help us with storing our valuables and restoring or photographs

Our International Dinner was held on, October 21st at 5 p.m. The dinner was superb Friday as always and George ush was our presenter and the title of his presentation was "RCMP 150 Years of Service". He is always extremely interesting to listen to. He mentioned a documentary about the initial journey thru the prairies from July thru October 1874 called The Northwest Mounted Police: The Great March see it at video below <https://youtu.be/IVREGUESDIS>.

On Wednesday November 16th at 1:30 p.m. we all met at the Lethbridge Military Museum for a Field Trip located 337 Stubb Ross Road (at the Lethbridge Airport in the Vimy Ridge Armory).

No monthly meeting will be held in December then on Thursday, January 19th 2023 our presenter who will be Sheryl Olson who will speak to us about her self-published nearly from its desire from Stevenson, Montana. It's about the imagined life of her great-great grandmother who immigrated from Sweden to the US in 1853.

She's using all available written records, oral histories, and a bit of DNA, she traced the life of her ancestor from 1853 until 1914. She recently connected with long-lost relatives in Saskatchewan which kindled the connection to this group.

Lethbridge Family History Centre

The Lethbridge Family History Centre is closed and reopens January 3rd. The hours will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9:30-4:30 p.m. Located at 1912 – 10th Avenue South.

Google Searches and Images

Google Search is a search engine provided by Google. Handling more than 3.5 billion searches per day, it has a 92% share of the global search engine market. Its also the most-visited website in the world. Its available in 149 languages. It was launched 25 years ago.

Why is Google the best search engine?

It's believed that Google's success came from its desire and ability to provide higher-quality results for each user. Understanding search intent and finding the most accurate and relevant websites that match each query have allowed Google to stand out from the competition.

Google Search is the most popular search engine today because it searches the internet and brings back results from the "surface web" which include the following:

Family Trees, Images, Digitized Books, Digitized Newspapers, Documents, Audio and Video, Reference Works such as dictionaries and encyclopedias, Questions and answers (my fav) posed by people worldwide, social history and etc.

Google also has tools integrated including search by voice rather than typing and also language translation and a calculator.

You can narrow your results by using search operators. These are special characters and commands sometimes called "advance operators" or search parameters that extend the capabilities of regular text searches. Search operators can be very useful.

For further help please see Google's excellent Google Search Help Center (just Google it!) this will give you step-by-step instructions on everything.

Also Check out the website below for Make Sense Of found at <https://www.makeuseof.com> the Best Google Search Cheat Sheet: Tips, Operators, and Commands. (Compiled by Susan Haga, Editor)

Irish Virtual Research Library and Archive

<https://digital.ucd.ie>

The Irish Virtual Research Library and Archive (IVRLA) is a digitisation project launched in UCD (University College Dublin--in Belfield, Dublin, Ireland--founded in 1854.) It's a Public Research University and a member institution of the National University of Ireland. It's Ireland's largest university.

The project was conceived as a means to increase and facilitate access to UCD's cultural heritage repositories through the adoption of digitisation technologies.

On June 30, 1922 the Four Courts in Dublin and the neighboring Public Record Office of Ireland (PRO) were consumed by fire, with the destruction of over 800 years' worth of documents relating to Irish history and genealogy.

On June 27 Beyond 2022, launched the Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland, a digital repository of Ireland's public records stretching back to 1174. The portal allows visitors to text-search and retrieve some 150,000 records and more than 6,000 maps, or browse visualizations that offer dynamic view of datasets. These so called "replacement" materials were mined from the archives of 70 global partners, including the British Library, the National Archives at Kew, University of Notre Dame, and the Morgan Library and museum.

To provide what it terms "next generation access," with Virtual reality in play: platform offers a virtual visit of a digitally recreated PROI building, complete with aerial and ground views. Using navigational arrows, visitors can inspect its exterior and tour its interior in 3D, while reading up on the building's history. A Treasury View further presents users a graphic and interactive way to explore select records. (See <https://beyond2022.ie>)

1890 Census & Its Substitutes

A January 1921 fire at the US Department of Commerce building destroyed the majority of 1890 Census schedules. Had it not been for Washington, DC's brave firefighters, the damage to millions of census records from other decades stored nearby could have been catastrophic. Most of the 1890 census' population schedules were badly damaged by a fire in January 1921. Over 6,160 persons are included in the surviving

fragments of the general population census schedules for 10 states and the District of Columbia reproduced in National Archives Microfilm Publication M407, Eleventh Census of the United States, 1890 (3 rolls).

Roll 1 includes only Perryville Beat No 11 and Severe Beat No.8, Perry Co., Alabama.

Roll 2 includes only Q, R, S, 13th, 14th, 15th, Corcoran, and Riggs Streets, and Johnson Avenue in the District of Columbia.

Roll 3 includes:

- Columbus, Muscogee Co., Georgia
- Mound Twp., McDonough Co., Illinois
- Rockford, Wright Co., Minnesota
- Jersey City, Hudson Co., New Jersey
- Eastchester, Westchester Co., New York
- Brookhaven Twp., Suffolk Co., New York
- Twp. No. 2, Cleveland Co., North Carolina
- South Point Twp. and River Bend Twp., Gaston Co., North Carolina
- Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio
- Wayne Twp., Clinton Co., Ohio
- Jefferson Twp., Union Co., South Dakota
- Justice Pct. No. 6, Mountain Peak and Ovilla Pct., Ellis Co., Texas
- Pct. No. 5, Hood Co., Texas
- Kaufman, Kaufman Co., Texas
- Pct. No. 6, and Justice Pct. No. 7, Rusk Co., TX
- Trinity Town and Pct. No.2, Trinity Co., Texas

These schedules are indexed by the National Archives Microfilm Publication M496, Index to the Eleventh Census of the United States, 1890 (2 rolls). Roll 1 contains surnames A through J and Roll 2 contains surnames K through Z. The index is arranged by surname and then by first name.

These records have been digitized by FamilySearch.org, and can be searched on its website for free. <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/18777095>

1890 Census Substitutes

Ancestry.com has compiled a records collection for the 1890 Census Substitutes, which is a set of hundreds of databases containing records from 1885 to 1895. While not as comprehensive as a national census, it covers a lot of locations in that time period and is a good place to start. However, if you don't have access to ancestry.com you can still find many of these records online for free. The main elements of this collection are the 1890 Veteran's Schedule, State Census records, the US

Census of 1895 and City Directories. The 1890 Veteran's Schedule's data was collected at the same time as the 1890 U.S. Census but recorded separately for a different purpose. Unfortunately, the Veteran's Schedule from the states of Alabama thru part of Kentucky alphabetically were also destroyed by fire. But the other states still exist.

The schedules show the veteran's name, where residing in 1890, rank, company, regiment or vessel, date of enlistment, date of discharge, and any disability incurred. And though the intent was to list Union veterans who served with the Confederacy were included as well. (Compiled by Susan Haga, Editor—some information taken from www.familysearch.org)

Documenting Your Family History

We all love doing our genealogical research looking for the next clue to help us to fill in the gaps in our family tree after all that is our main goal right? But if we want to create a family tree that has real value now as well as in the future, documenting our sources is not optional. Its also not as complicated as you might think.

So Why Cite Your Sources

As we discover new details when we do our research on our ancestors, these details come from a source such as a document, a book, a newspaper, or a census record. These sources are responsible for providing the information we are adding to our family tree and its important that we record it when we add these new facts in. Try using a research guide to document your sources recording the information for example what you found in your source or even what you didn't find in your source. Then when you come back to it you can see right where you left off.

Why Cite Your Sources

Recording a source is called citing and there are many ways to do this. As we find new information about someone in our research our first thought is to add it to our family tree and to quickly continue on with our research. It may be tempting to not bother to stop and record where the information actually came from. Sometimes we may assume that we will remember, or that others will be able to discover this record as we did but if we neglect this important part of our research it will lead to a family tree that has little or no long-term value. Many of us have run across hundreds of unsourced trees on ancestry.com, myheritage.com or on findmypast.com as well. When that happens to me in my research I just skip over those trees

and go on to looking for a tree where a researcher has provided more accurate data. All facts are suspect if they aren't sourced accurately. As there's no way of knowing if the person who added it really had checked out if that detail was correct or not. Perhaps they may just have thought it was. This kind of rationale can take you off in a whole different direction than you want to be going in.

I met someone years ago who informed me that she had been researching her English grandmother that she'd been researching for over 15 years and she had even hired a genealogical researcher over in England to continue on with her research only to learn that she had been researching the wrong woman! There were two women with the same name from the same village in England and she had gotten off on the wrong foot wasting years of her own research and money that she had paid to this genealogical researcher.

So, try to find some important identifying information like who their sibling might have been to make sure there is something unique about your grandmother that sets her apart from another woman with the same name in the same locality. So, its important to be responsible in your research. If you are going to invest time in research it is worthwhile to invest some additional time in creating a tree that people who follow after you will be able to trust and reference in the future. (Compiled by Susan Haga, Editor)

Different Tips to Tackling Your Research

Tips for Finding Female Ancestors

1. Thoroughly search for marriage records. Marriage records will often be the only documents that will state a woman's maiden name explicitly.
2. Get to know the men in her family.
3. Check Census records because it may show someone listed in the record that at first glance you may tend to overlook.
4. Find an obituary and evaluate the information contained in that obituary.
5. Look closer at male dominated records. Also, often elderly men went to live with their daughters. They also tended to migrate with their in-laws so to follow their families.

Ignore Surnames—sometimes if you look for the given name it will bring success when the surname is illegible, oddly spelt, entered or indexed incorrectly. At times married daughters or remarried widows can be found with this method.

Focus On Unique Identifiers

Often names are common especially in the past. So, focus then on unique identifiers for example occupation, religion, middle name, wife's name, birthplace or home location, witnesses. Compare their signature to others with the same name.

Learn Common Nicknames. Short forms or interchangeable names (For example Molly, Polly, Nancy, Fanny etc.)

Siblings Can Have the Same Name (For example Maria as a first name, Hans, Joseph etc.) In my family all the oldest females second name was Maude until me (yeah!)

Surnames Can Follow the Female Name

This is unusual but does happen. There are two main reasons for this. 1. A child whose birth is illegitimate. 2. In rare cases when the woman has inheritable property and there are no male heirs. There are usually legal papers to document the change in a case like this.

One Name Studies

If a surname is rare check with the Guild of One Name Studies <https://one-name.org>. Sometimes you may find that there's already a whole group of people already tracing families with your surname.

Think of Other Possible Surname Variations By making up a collection of possible surnames.

Don't Trust Family Lore

--Do not trust family lore—Not all family lore is correct—so keep an open mind. Do the research step by step. That way you will know your history is built on fact. When it comes to family stories, there is a guideline to truth lying within them. If we take 80% of the family stories we hear, really only 20% of the information will actually be true.

Understand Why People Might Lie

Usually, information given directly by our ancestors are considered primary sources but it is helpful to understand why people might lie.

Young men lied in order to be old enough for military service. Older men lied in order to avoid

military service. Women lied if they eloped without parental consent. Men lied if they were a lot older than the very young woman they were marrying.

Also be wary of women's ages particularly on census records as from a ten-year period to next census they may have only aged 5-7 years!

Widen Search Area Where You Are Researching

It might seem unlikely that our ancestors went to church 20 miles away but often the minister covered a large area and the records ended up in a church we wouldn't expect. So be thorough.

Be Repetitive, Ask Again, Search Again

Try again later on, especially after you've learned more about the family. Maybe you missed it the first time or you'll recognize the neighbors or lodger as extended family members.

Learn to Evaluate Evidence in Your Family Tree!

We often think of our family names as being unique to our particular family. That is generally not true. Same names can be found throughout many countries, provinces, states, towns, and etc. Whereas spelling variations must be acknowledged, having the same name does not constitute family relationships. Fixed surnames began to happen around 900AD. People could choose whatever name they wanted. Often people took on names of their occupations but that doesn't mean that all bakers were related even in the same village. (Compiled by Susan Haga, Editor)

Free Genealogy Websites

FamilySearch: Largest collection of free family history, family tree, and genealogy records in the world. Checkout familysearch wiki.

WikiTree: Enormous collaborative family tree.

Fulton History: Historical Newspapers from US and Canada

Google News Archive: Millions of archived newspaper pages

US National Archives: Official US National Archives site, many free genealogy databases/resources.

Automated Genealogy: Indexes of the Canadian Census, starting in 1852 (the census planned for 1851 was not carried out until 1852) in New

Brunswick Index is also available. It is important to note that many parts of the 1851/1852 Census were lost or destroyed and are therefore missing from the indices. Also included here are the 1852 Census of Canada East (Quebec) and the 1852 Census of Canada West (Ontario) as well as later Canadian Censuses. This site also contains Soldiers of the First World War.

FreeBMD: Civil Registration Index of Births, Marriages & Deaths for England and Wales.

USGenWeb Project: Massive Free Genealogy Resource Directory by US State and County.

WorldGenProject: Genealogy resources by country and region.

Cyndi's List: Highly respected directory of free genealogy resources and databases online.

Library and Archives Canada: Official Archives of Canada, census records and more.

FreeReg: Baptism, marriage and burial records from parish registers of the UK.

Dead Fred: Genealogy Photo Archive.

Chronicling America: Giant database of archived US newspapers from the Library of Congress.

Immigrant Ancestors Project: Emigration registers for locating birthplaces of immigrants in their native countries.

Daughters of the American Revolution: Military records and more.

FreeCen: Transcribed census records from the UK

Access Genealogy: Vast family history directories and more, good Native American resources.

British Library, India Office: Records on British and European people in India pre-1950.

Guild of One-Name Studies: Extensive Surname research website. Family historians generally research their ancestors as far back as possible, collecting names and information on everyone related to them. A one-name study is rather different. It concentrates on those with a single surname, even if they are not related.

Genealogy Trails: Transcribed Genealogical records from across the United States.

Nativeweb Genealogy: List of Native American genealogy resources and searchable databases.

Viximus: Member submitted biographical information.

Wiewaswie: For researching ancestors from the Netherlands.

UK National Archives: Official National Archives of the UK, family history resources.

The National Archives of Ireland: Official National Archives of Ireland.

GENUKI: Reference Library of genealogical resources for the UK and Ireland.

German Genealogy Server: German ancestry research (many sections in German).

Preserve the Pensions: War of 1812 pension records access.

Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System: Civil War records from the National Park Service.

Italian Genealogical Group: Italian American genealogical resources and databases.

Internet Archive: A large amount of information useful to genealogists but you'll need to do some digging.

Open Library: A good place to find family history books, search for surnames or locations.

GenDisasters: for researching disasters and other events your ancestors may have been involved in.

Patriot and Grave Index: Revolutionary war graves registry and patriot index from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Illinois Digital Newspaper Collection: Vast number of archived US newspapers.

Seventh-day Adventist Obituary Database: Hundreds of thousands of obituary entries.

Scandinavians Resources for Family Historians: Sweden www.guides.slsa.sa.gov.au

Genealogical Society of Hispanic America <https://www.gshaa.org> (Some information from www.familyhistorydaily.com)

Generate More Interest in Family History

Who doesn't want to generate more interest in family history research amongst their family members. So how do we go about doing this?

First, we usually contact different family members to see if we can share our family history with them by sending them letters or exchanging our research, our family stories, documents and photos. They may seem willing at first asking us what we'd like to know. We might get the odd reply or two but it never seems to go beyond that.

Sometimes you may share some of your research and then you seem to wait forever to get anything back from them. Of course, with the internet it has speeded things up somewhat. I often have had more success when my family has become excited about what I've been doing and then getting more involved in their own.

Years ago, my family got involved in doing a genealogy newsletter that I first received as I was attending college. I was thrilled because it arrived and at the time that I was taking a genealogy course and I was quite enthused by this newsletter.

Then later once upon returning home, I started doing the newsletter myself. We sent this newsletter to family near and far away by snail mail at the time. We mailed it to distant relatives such as aunts, uncles, cousins and etc. There was one of my mother's first cousins who gave me a response and we started corresponding with each other from then on and once the internet came about, we communicated a lot more frequently and he helped me with my Swedish line. This younger cousin was really a genealogist enthusiast and could type 140 words per minute! We are still in close contact today.

I've also connected with other distant family members through ancestry.com who have contacted me there and through familysearch.org as well.

There was one special young man who wasn't even related to me who contacted me through familysearch.org about ten years ago emailing me that he had been going through a box of numerous death certificates that he had found in his father's ecclesiastical office at the Bonnydoon LDS Church in Edmonton. He went on to say that he had found a death certificate of my sister Rosalie who had died when I was a baby and when she was only 2 ½ years old. I was in shock to say the least.

Apparently, he had been going through all these death certificates that he had found in this box in his father's office that were somehow related to people who had once been members of this LDS Church in Bonnydoon in Edmonton some time

ago. He then he spent the time finding their grave on find-a-grave and linked up their death certificates. Then he searched for their relatives on familysearch.org. This is what he had done for me and then he checked with me to make sure that I was related to Rosalie and I certainly was as she was my older sister.

I was completely thrilled by this but I was even more thrilled to learn that this young man was only 15 years of age at the time that he started doing this. We corresponded for sometime by email and later by phone. An AGS Family History Conference was being scheduled about month later and we both agreed that we should meet at it, which we did as he was still living in Edmonton. (Written By Susan Haga, Editor)

Genealogy Musings

It has been said that a man dies three times in his life. He dies the moment he stops breathing, he dies again when he is buried. He dies for the last time when no one speaks of him again

A man visiting a graveyard saw a tombstone that read: "Here lies John Kelly, a lawyer and an honest man." "Well how about that! He exclaimed, "They've got three people buried in one grave" (Halton-Peel Newsletter, Nov. 1997 From Reader's Digest, June 1996.)

Memory of an accident in a Uniontown, P.A. Cemetery: Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake Stepped on the gas instead of the brake.

Oops! Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York:
Born: 1903-1942
Looked up the elevator shaft to is
The car was on its way down, it was!

On Margaret Daniels grave at Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia
She always said her feet were killing her
But nobody believed her.

In a Georgia cemetery
"I told you I was sick!"

Tis not the dead alone that lie
In the graveyards still and drear
Too often do the tombstones tell
What isn't true, I fear. (From the Cleveland Leader as quoted in the Stayner Sun Jan. 6 1898).

In a London, England cemetery:
Ann MANN
Here lies Ann MANN

Who lived an old maid
But died and old Mann
December 1 1767

There s fine line between packrat and a serious
family historian.

“Get your facts first, then you can distort them as
you please.” Mark Twain

Like branches on a tree, we grow in different
directions yet our roots remain as one.

There is no king who has not had a slave among
his ancestors, and no slave who has not had a king
among his. – Helen Keller

Every book is a quotation; and every house is a
quotation out of all forests, and mines, and stone
quarries; and every man is a quotation from all his
ancestors—Ralph Waldo Emerson

If you don't know history, you don't know
anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part
of a tree—Michael Crichton

We inherit from our ancestors' gifts so often taken
for granted. Each of us contains within this
inheritance of sou. We are links between the ages,
containing past and present expectations, sacred
memories and future promise—Edward Sellner

We need to haunt the house of history and listen
anew to the ancestors' wisdom-Maya Angelou

To forget one's ancestors is t be a brook without a
source, a tree without a root—Chinese Proverb

To forget one's ancestor is to be a brook without a
source, a tree without a root.” Chinese Proverb.

Genealogist: The only people who are excited to
read obituaries.

The Elusive Ancestor

I went searching for an ancestor.
I cannot find him still.
He moved around from place to place
and did not leave a will.
He married where the courthouse burned.
He mended all his fences.
He avoided any man.
Who came to take the census.
He always kept his baggage packed.
This man, who had no fame.

And every twenty years or so.
The rascal changed his name.
His parents came from Europe.
They should be on a list
Of passengers to the USA
But some how they got missed.
And no one else in this world is searching for
this man
So, I play geneasolitaire to find him if I can.
I'm told he's buried in a plot.
With tombstone he was blessed; but the
weather took engraving, and some vandals
took the rest.
He died before the county clerks decided to
keep records.
No family Bible has emerged in spite of all
my efforts.
To top it off this ancestor, who caused me
many groans,
Just to give me one more pain, betrothed a
girl named Jones. (By Helene Weaver—OGS
11504 BGOGS Volume 31 #2 May 2001)

Writing Your Personal & Family Histories

My interest in family history began with
starting to write my own personal history with the
help of my leaders in school and in church. My
mother wrote the first 6 years of my life and at age
11 years I continued writing and updating
information from my journals and diaries I had
kept as a child and through the years. By the time
I left for College I had accumulated a lot of the
written word on my life and continued to keep a
daily journal afterwards.

When I started doing actual research which I
started later on with my family and ancestral lines
I was excited in what I was able to learn about
their lives from census records, civil registration,
parish records and local history books, directories
as well as occupational records which gave me an
understanding of their day-to-day life.

We owe our ancestors our very existence from
parents to grand parents to great grandparents and
so on. We often know their names but nothing
really of their lives, unless passed down to us from
our families. We need to learn about the things
that shaped their lives. Getting to know them
helps us to get to know ourselves even better.

We all have a story! Some lives may seem
more eventful than others but every life is worth
learning about. Many years ago, I interviewed my
maternal grandmother even though that was a
hard thing for her to talk about because she wasn't
sure that she had that much to tell. I can assure

you there was. We all have good days not so happy days and our story is full of all of our day-to-day struggles.

I gave her a 15- page interview questionnaire for her to look at for about a week and then I went back to go over her answers with her. After I spent about a few days with her interviewing her I learned a lot. Her life was a definitely a difficult one raising her nine children. I learned a lot from her history. Prior to my grandmother's passing, she asked me to deliver the biography at her funeral. A very difficult task to take on. Afterwards several of her children came up to me and asked how I knew all that information because they were a lot older than me and they didn't know half the information that I had given in her biography.

Through that experience I learned a lot about her family. I then decided to interview my mother in the same way by giving my mother a similar questionnaire which she filled out on her own and we discussed different areas of her life as well as her siblings. I learned a lot about her siblings my aunts and uncles as well. It's a great way to learn about close members of our families.

After that point I started focusing on the history of my other grandparents with my paternal grandmother and a lot of her information came from a very detailed biography at her funeral that the minister had given me at the conclusion of the service. I also just wrote up the history of my grandfather's history summarizing information from local history books, and family histories and research that I had done.

Then in 1986 I did an 80 page fully footnoted and documented oral history on my maternal great grandparents by interviewing every one of their children who lived in Calgary at that time. It was a very enlightening experience for me. I then made photocopies for everyone of my grandmother's siblings for a Christmas present that year.

My great grandparents immigrated from Parker, Fremont, Idaho to Staveley, Alberta and then onto Claresholm, Alberta. I included historical maps and pictures of their homestead. My great grandmother was a Women's President (for the women's society in the Church there) for years in Claresholm.

Family trees are one of the most sought after, things when a family is trying to connect to their roots. They are now prevalent on the internet as public trees and private trees on Ancestry.com, and Myheritage.com. They can be accessed by

people all around the world and need to be as accurate as possible. They range from simply one or two generations to thousands of ancestors through many generations. The information found on trees can range from bare bones and to being complete with documentation, photos, videos and stories.

These trees can be great or they can be misleading by making connections to people who are not related in any way. All kinds of claims can be made ranging from the absurd to amazing things to prove who our ancestors are.

We need to remember that we are ancestors as well. Our histories are important to leave for our descendants. All ancestor stories can help the future of their descendants.

What Sources Can Help You in Writing Histories?

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| --Home Sources | --Journals/Diaries |
| --Local History Books | --Scrapbooks |
| --Book of Remembrances | --Photo Albums |
| --Old Newspapers | --Letters and Cards |
| --Church Records | --Directories |
| --Census Records | --Court Records |
| --Timelines | --Address Books |
| --Land Records | --Historical Facts |

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Maritime Genealogical Websites

Nova Scotia Archives

<https://archives.novascotia.ca>

It includes Nova Scotia Births, Marriages and Deaths, Church Records, Cemetery Records, Probate Records, Land Records, Township Records, Census and Poll Tax Records, Passenger Lists, Provincial & City Directories, Newspapers, Maps, Settlement Patterns /Cultural Diversity, many other records etc.

Halifax Regional Municipality

<https://www.halifax.ca>

Local municipal records are a relatively untapped source for family history research. See town and county records as well.

Library and Archives, Canada

Genealogy Page will list Canadian Genealogical web sources, databases and other web sites all throughout Canada including a Nova Scotia section. <https://library-archives.canada.ca>

Halifax Public Libraries, Local and Family History. It is the largest public library system in Nova Scotia. <https://halifaxpubliclibraries.ca>

The Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia – promote the study of genealogy and family history in Nova Scotia to collect and preserve genealogical material.

Nova Scotia Online Genealogy Records

<https://www.familysearch.org>

Extensive links for online genealogy records for Nova Scotia can be found here including birth, marriage and death records and etc.

McAlpine's Nova Scotia Directories

<https://archives.novascotia.ca>

McAlpine's Nova Scotia Directory 1907-1908 Was published in Halifax by the McAlpine Publishing Company during 1908. It was part of an ongoing intermittent series of provincial directories, gazetteers and business compendiums produced by the McAlpine firm and others like it, beginning in the 1860's and continuing right up to the First World War. In this website see a list of surviving provincial directories available at Nova Scotia Archives.

Canada, Nova Scotia Vital Records, 1763-1957

<https://www.familysearch.org>

Index created by the Nova Scotia Archives. Contains registered births 1864-1877 with some birth entries as early as 1810, delayed births 1836-1907, marriage bonds began in parts on Nova Scotia from 1763-1864 for a few for later years to 1871. Marriage licenses began in 1849. Marriage records from 1864-1908 are indexed by county.

Pier 21— <https://www.pier21.ca>

The East Coast's Main point of entry for immigrants. Pier 21 holds a variety of local history and genealogical materials.

Provincial Archives of New Brunswick

<https://archives.gnb.ca>

They include the following information:
Brenan's Funeral Home Records, St John
Fredericton Burial Permit History 1902-1903, 1908-1911, 1915-1919
Death Registration of Soldiers 1941-1947
St John Burial Permits, 1889-1919
County Council Marriage Records 1789-1887
Marriage Bonds, 1810-1932
Vital Statistics from Government Records

Cemeteries

CFB Gagetown Cemeteries
New Brunswick Cemeteries

Directories

Hutchinson 1865-1868

Lovell 1871

Newfoundland and Labrador Archives and Libraries <https://www.familysearch.org/wiki>

It includes numerous record types such as biographies, compiled genealogies, cemetery, obituaries, church records, civil registration, census records, court records, directories, emigration/immigration, land and property records, military records, naturalization and citizenship, newspapers, probate, and etc.

Government Public Archives of PEI

<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca>

It includes baptisms (including the former PEI Baptismal Index 1777-1923.)

Marriage registration 1920-1936

Marriage Licenses 1827-1919

(Includes digitized originals 1827-1888)

Deaths pre-1906, Deaths Registration 1906-1968

Archival Collections

Petitions (formerly the PEI Petition Index 1780-1915 includes digitized originals.

Supreme Court Case Files 1770-1959

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STAVELY SCHOOL REPORT--MARCH 1914

Senior Room

Names of pupils in order of merit, with percentage.

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

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

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

Junior Room

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

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

Grade II—George Hopkins 86, Ross Gates 71, Fred Hopkins 9.

1C—Verna Burkeholder 98, Cira Ditto 90, Sam Doong 87, Alfred Rea 67, Herbie Cressman 86, Archie Marshall 65, Verne 53, Harry Hopkins 47.

1A—Evyleen Hustan 78, Walter Heggen 66, Stanley Huston 58. (Printed April 15, 1914 page 5—Claresholm Local Press)

Family History Conferences 2023 Rootstech—By FamilySearch

Will Be Virtual and In-Person
March 2-4 2023
Salt Lake City, Utah

The world's largest family history gathering, is back in 2023 with an in-person event in Salt Lake City to complement its massive online conference. Mark your calendars to join millions of virtual and in-person attendees for inspiring keynote address, instructive classes, innovative technologies, and most of all, the ability to connect people to their family-- continue to connect past, present and future.

Will RootsTech 2023 Be Free?

The virtual experience will remain free and open to everyone all over the world. It will welcome speakers from all over the world covering a host of genealogy-related subjects.

The in-person event will have a cost (to be determined) associated with registration and will feature exclusive classes with enhanced features like live Q&A's or in-depth workshops and case studies.

In addition, the in-person event will have unique connection experiences and of course, the energetic expo hall, which is a favorite of past RootsTech attendees.

NGS Family History Conference

The upcoming NGS Family History Conference 2023, Virginia: The Deep Roots of a Nation, will be held in Richmond, Virginia May 31st to June 3rd 2023, and On-Demand July thru December 2023. Attendees will have an opportunity to choose from new lectures for family history researchers at all levels by the premier genealogical speakers. Learn more about the next NGS Family History Conference at www.conference.ngsgenealogy.org

The National Genealogical Society Family History Conference is a premier annual event for family historians, professional genealogists, hobbyists and history buffs. There are special events planned for organizations and societies and libraries, archives and museums. The conference typically takes place in a different US city each year in the month of May with a new theme a new program of lecture sessions and workshops.

FEEHS Family History Conference 2023

The conference dates for 2023 will be the first week of August beginning on July 31st. Workshops will be held July 31st and August 1st and the regular classes will be held August 2-4.

The FEEHS Board is working on a hybrid conference model combining the in-person experience with advantages of online delivery.

The format will be Hybrid with some content only available in Salt Lake City, Utah. Some content will be live, virtual, and some content play on Demand. We will offer workshops and regular classes. We hope to have about the same amount, of classes as offered during 2022 Conference.

Last year the FEEHS 2022 conference was held the last week of July with more than 100 attendees who listened to almost 70 classes and more than 30 attendees who participated in the workshops.

AGS 50th Anniversary Conference 2023

Date: Saturday, September 23, 2023 at the Chateau Louis Conference/Convention Centre. For more details check out our AGS Provincial website. www.abgenealogy.ca