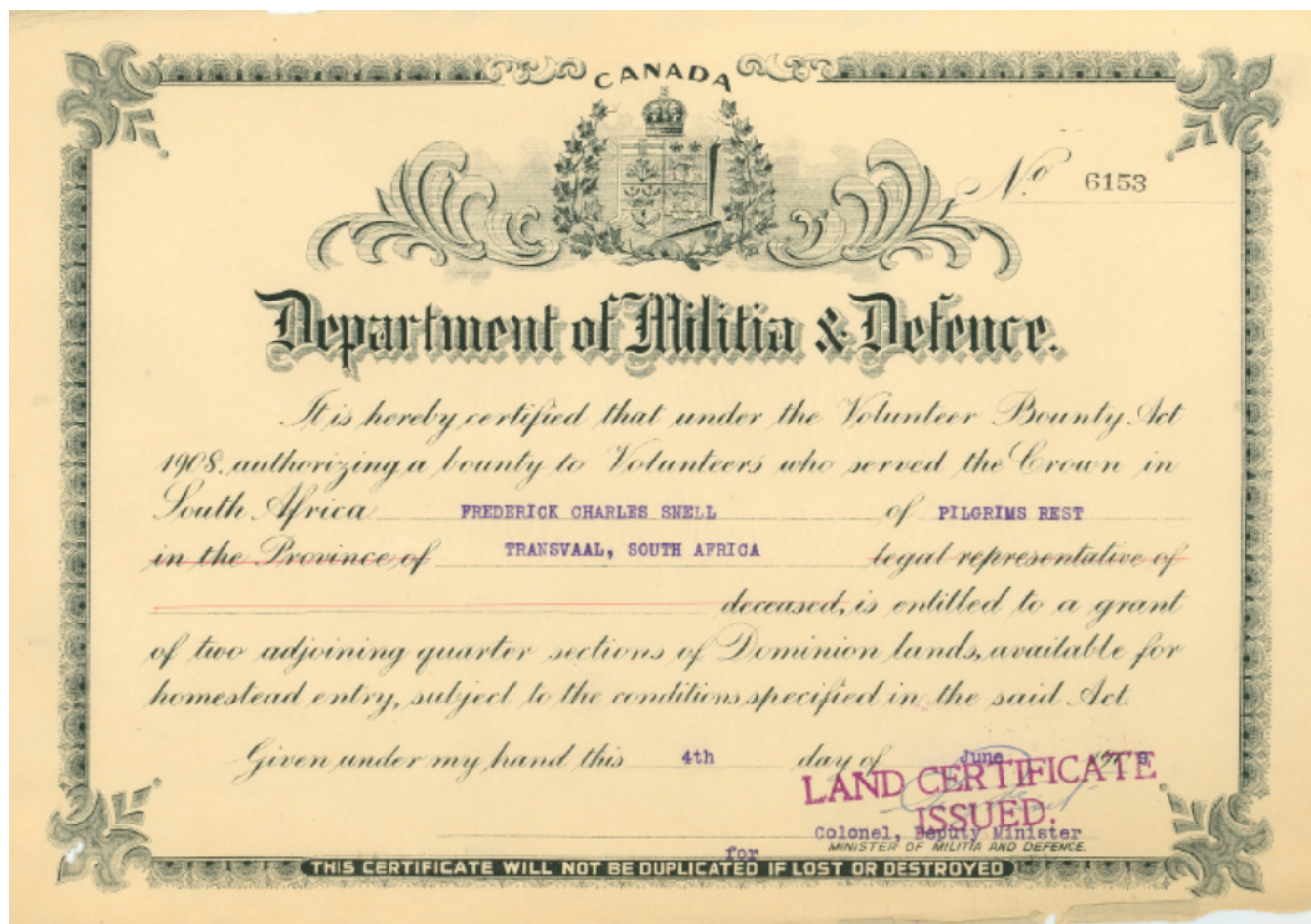


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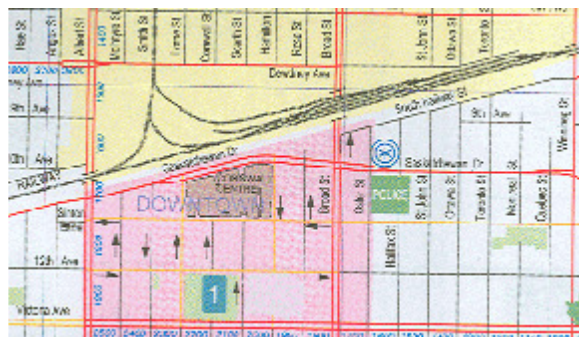
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# Editor's Notes

**BY: LINDA DUNSMORE- PORTER**

Executive Director



I hope you all had a great summer, discovering new genealogy gems and meeting relatives and friends.

We have a collection of excellent articles for this issue of the *Bulletin* and we wish to thank everyone who contributed. If you have some interesting anecdotes, stories or genealogy discoveries we would be happy to publish your work.

We have added another new section to the *Bulletin* called “Somewhere in Saskatchewan” contributed by Beverley Gutenberg. This will be a regular feature in following issues.

Please be sure to check the SGS News section for some exciting new indexing projects that are underway. As well SGS has a couple of volunteer opportunities that you may be interested in undertaking. SGS is also introducing a new service that will help you to safeguard your documents and photos.

We hope you enjoy the next few months organizing all the new discoveries you have made during the summer.

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# Fontaine Family Fame Tarnished by Shame

BY: KEITH W. DAVEY

## Claims of Fame

About 20 years ago I commenced a systematic research of my family's history. At that time I was told or I read somewhere not to expect discovering famous deceased relatives. Nor should I expect to establish a line of ancestors much beyond 200 years.

My mother, who was always interested in our family's history, died in her 100<sup>th</sup> year leaving many written stories about events told to her or personally experienced by her. She made six notable claims regarding our family's ancestors that although unproven, she considered facts. Two on her side and one on my father's side are claims of fame. For decades my brother Bruce and I considered them just rumours, passed on by each generation. However, recently we have had to change our thinking. Bruce and I have proven four of her six claims to be true. (We have yet to start work on the other two) One is in the famous category. To our surprise, another of her lesser notable claims regarding my father's side actually turned out to be in the famous category too. Unbeknown to her it pertains to a father and his son, each prominent in their days. Enough material has been gathered on them for more SGS *Bulletin* stories. But they will have to wait.

The claim I will briefly deal with now is this: "A distant ancestor of mine left France to live in England. He was known as La Fontaine in France but went by the name Fontaine in England."

My great-grandmother, Emma Fontaine (1852-1940) married William Davey at Newport, Wales. In the fall of 2010 I learned through the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS), here in Regina, that Emma was the firstborn of John Fontaine, an Ironfounder (1809-1889). He was born at Carmarthen, Wales. His marriage certificate states that his father was "James Fontaine, a Master Butcher." While looking for more online Fontaine information, a link appeared to the book, *The Journal of John Fontaine, an Irish Huguenot Son in Spain and Virginia, 1710-1719*. A brief summary of this 190-page book includes his later Fontaine genealogy. It reveals that by the late 1700s some of his descendants lived near Carmarthen, Wales. I thought: "It would be great if I'm related to these Fontaines!"

Since I was unable to find more information on James, the Butcher, I put him aside and began researching Emma Fontaine's 13 siblings. A sister, Anne, married Fred Heap which union eventually turned out to be the key that opened the door to proving my relationship with this famous Fontaine family.

One evening in the winter of 2011 I did a variety of website searches using the name, "Fontaine." A site on John Fontaine, the above mentioned adventurer, (1693-1767) reveals that his father, James Fontaine (1658-1728) was a French Huguenot who fled to England in 1685 to escape persecution in France. In 1722 he wrote his autobiography. A descendant, Ann Maury, translated it into English in 1838 and it became the 267-page book, *A Tale of the Huguenots: or, Memoirs of a French Refugee Family*. Another site, administered by the Fontaine/Maury Society, advertises books and papers about the Fontaine and Maury families. One booklet caught my attention, *The Descendants of James Heap, 1740-2001*. Its description, written by the editor, Roland Heap, reads in part: "...This booklet has a

particular focus on the descendants of Fred Heap, fifth generation from James Heap, and his wife Anne Elizabeth Fontaine, the youngest daughter of John Fontaine and descendants of Jacques (or James) Fontaine...”

Of course I immediately knew I had to contact this Roland Heap. But the notice gives Roland’s address as simply, “Toowoong Bay, New South Wales, Australia.” So I went online again, found the Wyong Shire website and emailed the council asking for assistance in contacting Roland. Within a few days we were corresponding. Having confirmed we were indeed related, Roland provided me with an array of new information on the Fontaine family. He also provided me with the email address of another distant cousin, Alec Fontaine, living in England. He too is very much into Fontaine genealogy. Since both cousins’ research agrees, I feel it’s not necessary for me to redo all their work. Though my own research has not advanced beyond James Fontaine, the Butcher, I have proven my connection to Roland and Alec. So I am convinced of my relationship with this famous family.

But what about my mother’s claim regarding our ancestor’s use of the name, “La Fontaine” in France? James, in his above mentioned memoirs, addressed to his children, says:

“... I should mention that our name was originally De la Fontaine, and not Fontaine. My father, from motives of humility was the first to cut off the De la, an indication of nobility; my older brothers wished to resume it, but he would not consent, having a large family and little property; for you must know that in France no one of noble family can engage in trade or the mechanic arts without forfeiting his claim to nobility.

The father of my great-grandfather, who was a nobleman, could not bear the thought of bringing up his children without employment, according to the usual custom, and therefore placed his son in the King’s service.

It is with this John De la Fontaine that I commence these annals, he being the first of whom I have any accurate knowledge.

He was born in the province of Maine, about the year 1500, ...”

Today’s distant cousins, Roland Heap, Alec Fontaine, and myself, along with my brother Bruce are descendants of John Fontaine, the Adventurer, fourth son of James (or Jacques) Fontaine, the Refugee. After serving three years in Spain as a teenage soldier in the British army John Fontaine traveled to the English colonies in America to find and buy land where members of his family could settle. Despite a perilous sea voyage he arrived in Virginia on 26 May, 1715 and remained there for four years. During those years he made three important trips of exploration to the western frontier of Virginia looking for possible plantation sites. His best known journey was with Governor Spotswood over the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Shenandoah Valley. Near the end of his stay he undertook a six-week return journey to New York. After completing his mission and making preparations for his brothers, James, Peter, and Francis, who followed, John returned to England in June 1719. (His sister, Mary Ann, and her husband, Matthew Maury, also settled in America before he left) Young Fontaine – by then in his early twenties - kept a careful record of what he did and saw and thought. His record of experiences has been published in the previously mentioned *Journal of John Fontaine*, distributed by the University Press of Virginia, 1972. Interestingly, of the three children of James Fontaine, the Refugee, who did not immigrate to America, John is the only one who is known to have had children.



**James (or Jacques) Fontaine 1658–1728**  
**The French Huguenot refugee**



**John Fontaine with his journal that**  
**documents his adventures between 1710**  
**and 1719**

### **Fame Tarnished by Shame: A Sad Story**

The following story partly explains why I could not find more information on James Fontaine, the Butcher. It was written by Alec Fontaine of Bury, Lancashire, England, a descendant of Ernest, son of John Fontaine, the Ironfounder. Alec has given me permission to publish his story in the *SGS Bulletin* with minor alterations. It was also published in the spring 2011 edition of The Fontaine/Maury Society Newsletter under the title, *A Sad Story from the English/Welsh Fontaines*. His story reads:

After his return from America in 1719 and a year-long stay with his parents in Dublin, Ireland John Fontaine, the Adventurer, entered into business ventures in England. By 1748 he had embraced the life of a gentleman farmer living with his family in southern Wales, near Carmarthen. In 1752 he purchased another seven farms and his home, Cwm Castell. Upon his death in 1767, he bequeathed some of the farmland, namely Penyrheol, to William, one of his sons (1742-1794). James Fontaine (1783-1834) was the youngest child of William and his first wife, Margaret Howells. Margaret died soon after giving birth to James, perhaps from childbirth complications. William then remarried.

James' life followed a very different course to that of the rest of his family. He married Phoebe Williams of Carmarthen on 28 October 1810. The year before, Phoebe had already given birth, illegitimately, to their first child, John, the Ironfounder. They had four more children: William, Thomas, James (junior), and Margaret. James became a butcher in Carmarthen and sadly, in 1818 he was arraigned in Haverfordwest for passing forged banknotes to buy a pig. His partner in crime was a fellow butcher, Stephen Williams, perhaps a near relation through James' wife, Phoebe. They both received 14-year sentences of deportation to be served in the convict colonies of Australia near Botany Bay. At the same

assize two other unfortunates received sentences of death for stealing cheese, ham, and six shillings from an office. So perhaps James and Stephen got off lightly.

James and Stephen traveled to Australia as No. 63 and 62 of 116 transportees aboard "The Shipley," arriving in November 1818. James was sent to work for a Mr. John Dight. In his fifth year of working for and living with John Dight, in February 1823, James wrote to his eldest brother, John, who worked at "Mr. Oliver's Tin Manufactory" on City Road, London. In the letter he asks John if he could try to get his sentence mitigated to seven years. He was clearly very keen on returning home and also expressed the opinion that "on no account whatsoever would he want his wife and children in Australia because the generality of people were very wicked." In April 1823 a petition for his release and repatriation after he had served seven years was raised by his wife, Phoebe, the Mayor and other stalwarts of Carmarthen, and also included a very favourable letter from his employer, Mr. John Dight. So at this point we have a picture of a quiet, well-behaved man longing to go home and expecting some amelioration of his sentence.

Unfortunately the petition was refused. The effect on James can be guessed. By March 1824 his employer's records show that he had been admitted to a lunatic asylum. In June 1827 he was released on licence in the locality of Parramatta (Sydney), but this was cancelled after just four months for bad behaviour. He was granted his freedom in 1832, having served his full sentence, some of the later years being spent in the Liverpool Asylum near Sydney. As a free man he was employed in Sydney by a Mr. Langdon who owned a slaughterhouse on George Street. Mr. Langdon offered, "in consideration of good conduct," to pay his passage home but James chose to stay in Australia. In June 1834, while working for Mr. Langdon, and clearly mentally unstable, he committed suicide, "in a fit of melancholy." A report of the coroner's inquest in the *Sydney Herald* newspaper describes James as "remarkably sober" and said "his manner had always been mild and inoffensive."

This sad tale, and much accompanying written evidence, came to light mainly because of the brilliant research efforts of Mrs. Margaret Price of Llantrisant, Wales. She is descended from Margaret (senior), the fifth child of James, born shortly after he was deported. As far as we know this story was never recorded elsewhere but must have been known to some English/Welsh Fontaines during the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. We think it probable that because of the highly respectable reputation of the Fontaine name in southern Wales, James was conveniently written out of the family's history and forgotten. His wife Phoebe lived on until 1843 and is buried at Carmarthen. Their eldest son John, the Ironfounder, was said to have never mentioned his father and was himself a highly respectable citizen, an autodidact, and a pillar of the Newport community. He started the Newport Iron Foundry in about 1845.

Should you desire further information detailing James' sad story, please access Margaret Price's online archive where the original documents can be viewed. Margaret's website is <http://tinyurl.com/6j8f5lu>

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# A True Story of Pioneer Days

**BY: MRS. ISABEL ASHE**

This story was written by Mrs. Isabel Ashe (Isabel Winter). She grew up in the Blenheim District south of Birtle, Manitoba. She married Isaac Ashe, November 10, 1897 in Birtle. They later moved to Saskatchewan where she lived the rest of her life with her husband on a mixed farm in the Qu'Appelle River Valley near Tantallon, Saskatchewan. Isaac and Isabel adopted Norris in 1908. Norris and his wife Kathleen Kelly adopted two sons, Donald and Lawrence and fostered 11 children from 1957-1974.

Isabel wrote this interesting story about 1887. It appeared on page 18 of the *Western Producer* in November 1929. Permission to print this has been granted by Isabel's grandson, Lawrence Ashe. Lawrence lives on the homestead of Isaac and Isabel and is the third generation living on this farm.

It was in the late eighties, 1887 to be exact. The season was autumn in the Province of Manitoba. My two sisters and I had decided to spend the day in the Birdtail Valley picking cranberries which grew there plentifully. It was about four miles away. It was a beautiful day and we were all in great spirits and expected to thoroughly enjoy our trip.

I was only twelve years old at the time and one sister three years older and the other was twenty-one years of age, to our minds a great age, of course, she took charge of everything. We prepared the lunch and harnessed the pony (scorning our brother's help) into the buckboard. We thought it quite a promotion to have a buckboard to drive in for previously the only sort of vehicle we had as a two wheeled Red River Cart and if you have never ridden in one you could not possibly appreciate it properly. It was made all of wood and the groaning and squeaking it made when on the road was far from musical. There were no springs on it, just a sort of shallow box with shafts resting right on the wooden axle and two huge wooden wheels reaching up high, one on either side of the body and the whole of it was painted red.

I remember once when a small child, my younger brother and I were in one of them which was standing near the house with a big ox between the shafts. We were waiting for our elder brother who had gone into the house for something or other, he had left us there thinking the ox would be only too glad to stand and rest, but the ox was of a different mind and before we knew what was happening, off we went. They are never driven with reins but only by the whip and voice. I suppose our childish voices were not nearly authoritative enough and we had no experience of the right language used on such occasions so our oft repeated whoa's were of no avail. All we could do was hold on and sit tight, at least as tight as we could.

There was a ravine nearby with a number of stones at the bottom and down it he went and into the bush on the slope on the other side where he had no choice but to stop and stand until my brother came running up, much out of breath and considerably frightened. But we were none the worse for it except to feel rather shaken up. I have a lively remembrance of that ride as it was the quickest and roughest I have ever taken or ever hope to take.

Well, to return to my story, as I said we were quite proud to drive in a buckboard though the pony was not what one would call speedy and needed quire a lot of the stick to make him break into a trot. It at any time when we were on a journey with him and happened to pass a neighbour he would stop dead, evidently thinking it was only neighbourly to stop and exchange greetings. So we always made the best of it and pretended it was our own wish to do so but even so it needed so much persuasion to make him continue his journey. We would often catch a suppressed smile on our neighbour's face as if he saw through the farce quite easily. Well! Off we started with our lunch basket packed behind the seat and I was disposed of beside it, in honour of being the youngest I suppose, while the others took the seat in front.

We were quite a long time getting there but we did not mind for as I said it was a lovely day and the country was in its autumn dress. The leaves were all colours, ranging from deep crimson to golden and there was that pleasant freshness in the air that we get in autumn and yet it was quite warm. The golden rod and sunflowers and wild bergamot were at their best so we let the old pony have his way pretty well.

It was about nine o'clock when we reached the edge of the valley and down it was just a bush trail full of stumps, so we let old Jock go as slowly as he liked, which he was quite contented to do. He was a sure-footed little animal and he took us safely down the half mile of trail before we came to the creek. By the time we had taken the pony out of the harness and tethered him on a nice grassy slope just near the water, where he could indulge in its coolness whenever he felt so inclined, and had brought out our lunch things it was ten o'clock. We said that if we eat a good lunch now and pick berries until about five we can eat the rest before we leave for home, as we intended to leave early, as the autumn days, lovely as they were, were short.

So after repacking what was over my eldest sister took a big pail from the buckboard in which to pick and my sister Nan and I took a small pail each and off we started on business intent. The berries were more plentiful on the other side of the creek so we took off our boots and stockings, holding them in our hands while we waded across. The water was pretty cold and the stones hurt our feet but we tried not to mind that and were soon across with our shoes and stockings on again.

We picked busily for two or three hours when Molly said "I'll go back where our camp is with the berries and put them into the box we brought, and then I'll come back again and we can go further afield and fill our pails full before we have to start for home". So she went off leaving Nan and I there in the bush to wait for her. We were a little nervous but soon got interested in watching a robin which was busy trying to get his dinner and keeping a wary eye on us. But we kept so still that he came to the conclusion that we were quite harmless and got so bold he came quite near to us. The time passed so quickly that we were quite surprised when Molly appeared. She said that she had nearly lost her way she had got so turned around in the bush she hardly knew her directions. However, she had got there all right, but said, "We'll have to be very careful not to lose our way but to take notice of our surroundings". However that was more easily said than done for when one is picking from first on bush and then another and going here and there in a place one has never been in before it is easy to miss one's way.

So when we had all the pails filled and were feeling pretty tired and hungry and thought it time to return to our camp, lo and behold we knew not which way to go. The sun was getting quite low and there was a chill creeping into the air and the bush was beginning to look rather gloomy, but we tried to put a brave face on and agreed to strike out right across and keep in the same direction and surely we would

come to some place we would recognise. So off we set.

The berry pails began to feel quite heavy. We had run a stick under the handle of the big pail and two of us carried it between us and the other took charge of the two smaller pails. But it was not easy going, the bush was thick and I began to feel quite frightened. Of course every story I had ever heard about bears being seen there came into my mind and I tore through each bush imagining the bear at my heels for it soon began to get dark. After going what seemed to me quite a long way we were delighted to come to the creek, and though we did not recognize the place we thought we must be near the camp and would soon find it once we were across. Off our shoes and stockings came again and through we went. On the other side things still seemed strange but we kept on hoping we would soon get a sight of our camp. But no, we only seemed to get deeper into the bush and then to our surprise we came to another creek.

I'll never forget the strange frightened feeling it gave me in the half dark at seeing that harmless water rippling so unconcernedly along when we thought that we had left it far behind. I began to think I must be in a nightmare. However, there seemed nothing for it but to wade across again. I seemed to me we would have to go on everlastingly and coming to fresh creeks every little while. Well, after crossing we went straight on up the hill all covered with bush and now to make things worse the wolves started to howl. Molly brought us all to a stop by saying, "Hush! What is that?" and we all stopped to listen, and we heard coming from some distance off a series of sharp barks ending in a long mournful howl. Then in another direction came another, then a third until there seemed a dozen at least. Then would come sharp barks again and snarls as if they were all fighting over something until they made a real chorus. At least to our relief they stopped as suddenly as they had begun and except for a few barks here and there all was still. Then those died away into silence.

Of course they were only prairie wolves and were really harmless but we'd not been in the country long enough to take them at their true value and though people said they were harmless we had heard tales of their attacking people where there were several wolves together and were very hungry. Whether it was true or not it seemed then to us that it very easily might be so. They certainly sounded savage enough for anything.

By this time we were feeling rather desperate, at last we got to the top of the hill. It was quite dark now and the air was chilly. Across the Birdtail we could see a light here and there and Molly said, "Why we must be on the wrong side, that light must be Mrs. H---- house and that one Mrs. B----. They being neighbours that we knew and had visited. We decided we had to cross again so we all kept as near together as we could for company and through the bush we tore again. I say tore advisably because our dresses and stockings were ripped and torn. If they got caught on anything we would not stop to loosen it but just tore it free.

So we came to the creek again. I was beginning to get quite used to them by now, I think we crossed two or it might have been any number. We just took what came. At last we reached the top of the hill again quite exhausted. It was very dark, just the stars were shining. At any other time we could not but have admired it. The sky a dark blue like a great vault studded with Myriad stars. But we were too worried and frightened to admire anything just then. A mile or so away we saw a number of lights which puzzled us, it looked like a small town only rather more scattered. At last we came to the conclusion it was the Indian Reserve and we must be on the wrong side of the valley after all.

This was dreadful, we were so tired and hungry and though the Indians were really perfectly trustworthy we had never quite got over our fear of them especially since the Indian Rebellion. Though the Indians in this reserve were Sioux and had never joined in it, still an Indian was an Indian and we did not feel very safe, but we thought we'd brave it out and go to one of the houses and at least get something to eat, and perhaps one would show us the way home. But when we got nearer our hearts failed us, especially as there was a dog at most of the houses, we could hear them barking. So we thought the best thing we could do would be to get into some shelter and stay the night and find our way in daylight.

So we got to some shrub near and put our pails on the ground, (for we were determined not to part from our berries which has cost us so dear) and we crouched together and tried to go to sleep. But after two or three hours and it must have been midnight we were feeling so cramped and cold, we agreed that we would try some house. There was a building a few hundred yards away and we thought we would try it. It was so dark we could only see it was a building of some sort and there seemed no dogs about. So we took courage and walked boldly up. We could find no door and in the dark it appeared to be an empty house. So we carefully walked around it until we saw a small opening in the wall about two feet square and a few feet from the ground. Everything was pitch dark inside but we decided to try it. So we helped Nan up, Molly had to be the last so as to help us up to the opening. Well! In Nan went and to our consternation she dropped and disappeared with a cry.

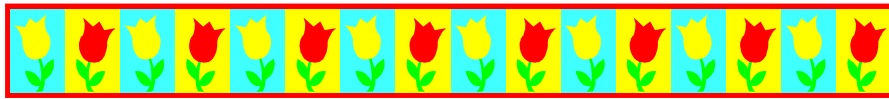
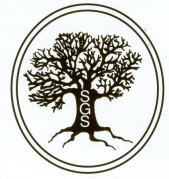
We did not know what had happened to her but the only way to find out was to follow her. So we soon got in and called to her to know what had happened. To our relief she called from somewhere below us, "there is an open cellar here and I have fallen down it". We helped her up again and she was none the worse, only considerably frightened. We were very careful after that and felt round the walls and when we got to a corner, we sat down huddled together for warmth and tried to go to sleep. It was better there than outside, not nearly so cold but none of us had much sleep, only broken snatches.

Just at the first streak of dawn we were awaked by a loud noise. The first thing we thought of was the Indians were trying to get in and perhaps they were drunk and would be angry to find us there. I thought I heard one stumbling about inside and believed he must have got in while we were asleep. At last we summoned up enough courage to get up and feel our way to the opening but when we looked out we could see nothing. It was much lighter outside. This time I was the first to get through the window and as soon as I reached the ground I ventured round the corner of the building. The others being close behind me. When I reached the corner I suddenly came upon a large cow about a yard from me, she looked to me so fierce and ghostly in the half light with a number of other cattle standing behind her that I let out a yell and retreated in hot haste. My yell frightened the others so they thought surely their time had come but when I gasped out that there were some cattle there, they were greatly relieved and rather indignant with me for being so frightened and frightening them when there were only cows. They said, "Whatever made you scream so?" I felt rather silly and the only excuse being that my nerves had been so worked up that I think anything would have frightened me.

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# SGS NEWS



## From the Office ...

**BY: LINDA DUNSMORE-PORTER**

Executive Director

### Indexing Projects:

SGS and FamilySearch.org have entered into an agreement to index the Saskatchewan Probate Records. FamilySearch has completed the set-up of the indexing project and will be contacting the volunteers with instruction on how to proceed. If you are interested in participating in this project please contact SGS for information and instructions.

SGS and the United Church Archives have entered into an agreement to index the Burial, Baptism and Marriage records up to 1926. We are looking for volunteers who are willing and able to go to the Saskatchewan Archives in Saskatoon to index these records. The Co-ordinator of the project is Bev Gutenberg. She can be contacted at [beverleygutenberg@sasktel.net](mailto:beverleygutenberg@sasktel.net). Volunteers will be required to attend an orientation session as well as undertake the confidentiality agreement with the Archives.

SGS and the National Institute of Genealogical Studies have entered into an agreement to promote and share education resources. This agreement will allow members of the SGS to access courses of the NIGS at a reduced cost. There will also be opportunities to receive courses for free. More information will be forthcoming.

The SGS is looking for a Genealogist in Residence, a volunteer position, which will provide visitors to the Society with expert research guidance and also provide presentations on various genealogy topics. Please see the position description on page iii.

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### **New Hours Effective September 6, 2011 – May 20, 2012**

We will be open Monday through Saturday

Monday and Tuesday	10:00 am – 4:30 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Thursday and Friday	10:00 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday	10:00 am – 4:30 pm

**Effective September 6, 2011 – May 20, 2012** – Online databases remote service will be available on Wednesday from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm and on Saturday from 10:00 am – 4:30 pm.

***Sessions must be booked 24 hours in advanced*** either by phone to (306)780-9207 or by e-mail to [saskgenealogy@sasktel.net](mailto:saskgenealogy@sasktel.net). Please cc to [sgslibrary@sasktel.net](mailto:sgslibrary@sasktel.net).

## **Library Closures**

September 5 - Labour Day

October 10 - Thanksgiving Day

November 11 - Remembrance Day

December 23 – January 3, 2012 - Christmas/New Year

## **SGS Introduces New Service:**

### **SGS SCANNING SERVICE – A Safeguard Against Loss**

If you've been watching the Weather Network and following the news you know the hazards of flooding, tornados and hurricanes. These weather "events" can be devastating to families. The loss of property including family genealogical documents and photos can be a devastating consequence.

So what have you done to ensure that your family genealogical documents, photos and other important papers are secure from wind, water, fire and other losses?

The SGS is offering a new service to help you ensure you have secure copies of your genealogical papers and photos. The SGS will provide a scanning service to anyone who is interested in digitizing their material. An individual can use our self-serve scanning service at the Library and Research Room or SGS will scan the documents and photos for him.

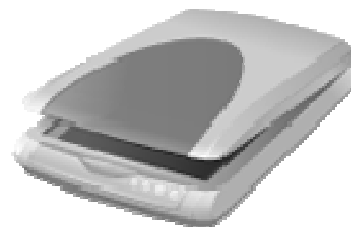
The following describes the programs service and fees:

#### **Self-serve Scanning - \$10.00 per hour**

- Self-serve scanning is at the SGS Library and Research Room in Regina using professional grade scanners; by appointment.
- Individual must provide their own device to save the files, eg. External hard-drive, thumb drive, or CD/DVD.

#### **SGS Scanning Service - .15¢ per image.**

- Individual will provide the materials to the SGS Library and Research Room, as well as the device to save the files; professional grade scanners will be used. A Volunteer will be assigned to scan the material.



If the individual wishes to save their files to the "Cloud", SGS staff will assist them in uploading to "Dropbox" which is a reputable online storage site. If you wish the SGS will maintain a copy of the scanned material in the Library and Research Room. These materials can be designated Restricted (not available to the public) or Non-Restricted (available to the public).

For more information please contact Linda Dunsmore-Porter at [ed.sgs@sasktel.net](mailto:ed.sgs@sasktel.net) or 780-9207.

## **Certified Saskatchewan Record Searcher Course**

This course is now offered by E-course. Information on the course is available on our website at <http://www.saskgenealogy.ca/saskrecordsearcher.html>

### **Certified Saskatchewan Instructors Course**

Offered in Regina and is a two part course. Part 1 is Saturday, May 5, 2012 and Part 2 is October 20, 2012. Information on this course will be available on our website soon at

<http://www.saskgenealogy.ca/certsaskinstructor.html>

### **Certified Aboriginal Researcher Course**

This course is now offered by E-course. Information on the course is available on our website at

<http://www.saskgenealogy.ca/aboriginalresearchcourse.html>

### **In Memorium**

Robert Gay, husband of Evelyn – July 18, 2011, Regina SK

### **The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Introduces *Genealogist in Residence* Position**

The SGS is now taking application for their volunteer Genealogist in Residence position with a focus on Saskatchewan research. The individual must demonstrate the following knowledge and experience.

The deadline for application is October 15, 2011.

The applicant will:

- publish an article for each issue of the *Bulletin* during his/her term;
- be available by appointment on Wednesday nights and/or Saturdays to help people with their genealogical questions;
- have done extensive research in Saskatchewan and should have a high degree of familiarity and experience working with Saskatchewan records;
- will be a Saskatchewan Certified Record Searcher, Researcher, Aboriginal Researcher and/or Instructor or will be in the process of obtaining certification;
- have published work within the last five years;
- provide a resume describing their genealogical work;
- promote the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society;
- help and guide others in their genealogical work;
- be up to date on current genealogical standards, trends, and techniques.

Please forward your application to:

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Saskatchewan Genealogical Society  
PO Box 1894  
Regina SK S4P 3E1  
E-mail: [ed.sgs@sasktel.net](mailto:ed.sgs@sasktel.net)

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## **The National Archives of Scotland Website:**

Closure of search room at West Register House

<http://www.nas.gov.uk/about/110202.asp>

National Archives of Scotland and General Register Office for Scotland become National Records of Scotland <http://www.nas.gov.uk/about/110331.asp>

ScotlandsPlaces website <http://www.nas.gov.uk/about/091028.asp>

Church court records online <http://www.nas.gov.uk/about/101101.asp>

New arrangements for access to maps and plans (updated 27 April 2011)

<http://www.nas.gov.uk/guides/plans.asp>

### **Saskatchewan Archives Evening Hours Pilot Project: New Reading Room Hours Effective September 15, 2011**

Starting on Thursday, September 15, 2011, Saskatchewan Archives will begin a pilot project to offer evening hours once a week at our reading room locations in both Regina and Saskatoon. The reading rooms will be open from 2 pm to 8 pm every Thursday; retrieval services will be offered from 2 pm to 4:30 pm, and again from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Retrieval request slips may also be completed and submitted by researchers in advance of a research visit.

As of September 15, 2011, the hours of operation of the Saskatchewan Archives reading rooms in Regina and Saskatoon will be:

Monday, 10 am to 4 pm, no retrievals from 12-1 pm or after 3:45 pm

Tuesday, 10 am to 4 pm, no retrievals from 12-1 pm or after 3:45 pm

Wednesday, 10 am to 4 pm, no retrievals from 12-1 pm or after 3:45 pm

Thursday, 2 pm to 8 pm, no retrievals from 4:30-5:30 pm or after 7:30 pm

Friday, 10 am to 4 pm, no retrievals from 12-1 pm or after 3:45 pm

This pilot project will run for at least two months, at which time the hours will be reviewed. Questions regarding this pilot project may be directed to Nadine Charabin, Manager, Reference Services, at [ncharabin@archives.gov.sk.ca](mailto:ncharabin@archives.gov.sk.ca), or at 306-933-5832.

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## NEWS RELEASE

**The Victoria Genealogical Society announces the launch of “*Genealogy in the Classroom*”, a new internet based resource for students and teachers.**

The **Victoria Genealogical Society** is proud to announce the launch of a new internet based resource for students and teachers called ***Genealogy in the Classroom***. “Our goal was to develop a fun and engaging way of introducing school aged students to the world of genealogy” says Melanie Arscott, President of the Victoria Genealogical Society, “and *Genealogy in the Classroom* certainly provides that opportunity and more.”

Over the past year a team of dedicated volunteers from the Victoria Genealogical Society (VGS) has been working to develop an internet based resource that meets that goal. Their solution was *Genealogy in the Classroom* which is now available on-line at the VGS website [www.victoriags.org](http://www.victoriags.org). Just click on the *Genealogy in the Classroom* button in the Quick Links section of the home page and you will be directed to the VGS „school house“ page where you can enter any one of eight different school areas.

Most of the members on the development team have teaching backgrounds so it should come as no surprise that the VGS school house’s **Classroom** contains several very effective and engaging student activities. Also, **Teacher’s Corner** contains practical lesson guides and other resources for teachers as well as teaching alternatives that allow children from a variety of family circumstances to participate. All the student activities, Teacher Notes, forms and charts provided can be viewed on-line or downloaded and printed for use at school, at home, and anywhere family trees grow.

There are more fun activities in the **Family History Club** along with some projects for those that want to learn about *the bigger picture*. Visit the **Library** to read some articles about genealogy research. Or go to the **Computer Lab** to watch videos about genealogy. If it’s games you want then check out the **Playground**. Throughout the website links to a few favorite resources developed by other organizations have also been incorporated. It’s easy to use and there are no fees, registration hassles or passwords to remember. All these features and more make *Genealogy in the Classroom* a great way to learn about genealogy not only for students and teachers but also for parents and families, youth clubs and anyone else interested in family history.

The Victoria Genealogical Society is a non profit, volunteer run organization located in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. For more information about *Genealogy in the Classroom* visit the website at [www.victoriags.org](http://www.victoriags.org) or email Merv Scott, Project Director at [projects@victoriags.org](mailto:projects@victoriags.org).

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### **Lancashire, Vol.23, No.2, May 2011.**

- Where Do I Begin Tracing My Irish Family History? - p.3
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### **The Norfolk Ancestor - Norfolk FHS, Vol.8, Part 2, June 2011.**

- Norfolk Marriage Index Progress Report - p.79

### **Oxfordshire Family Historian, Vol.25, No.1, April 2011.**

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- Clandestine Marriages - What Are They You May Ask? - p.16

### **Progenitor - Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory Inc., Vol.31, No.2, June 2011.**

- Walter Thomas Alexander - A Life in English Asylums - p.35

### **Queensland Family Historian, Vol.32, No.2, May 2011.**

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### **West Middlesex FHS, Vol.29, No.2, June 2011.**

- Mid 19<sup>th</sup> Century Harlington From Public Records - p.6

### **Western Ancestor - Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc., Vol.11, No.10, June 2011.**

- Broadmires ... A Tale of Victorian Morality - p.375

### **Wiltshire Family History Society, No.121, April 2011.**

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# Announcements

## **17<sup>th</sup> Annual BIFHSGO Family History Conference**

British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa conference is 16-18 September 2011 at Library and Archives Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa. Online registration form available at [www.bighsgo.ca](http://www.bighsgo.ca). Celebrating Your Anglo-Celtic Roots! Featuring England and Wales, London and the Home Counties. Something for everyone. For information [www.bighsgo.ca](http://www.bighsgo.ca), [conference@bifhsgo.ca](mailto:conference@bifhsgo.ca) or call (613) 234-2520.

## **Manitoba Genealogical Society (MGS) Seminar**

*It's All Relative* is hosted by the South East and Winnipeg branch and takes place in Winnipeg, Manitoba at Silver Heights United Church on 30 September and 1 October 2011. Keynote presenter is Dave Obee. Visit MGS website at [www.mbgenealogy.com](http://www.mbgenealogy.com) for more information about the seminar and other weekend events

## **Genealogy Fair**

Organized by: The Saint John Branch of The New Brunswick Genealogical Society Inc. in St. John, NB on 1 October 2011. Details: <http://nbgssj.ca/MainPage.asp>.

## **The Central New York Genealogical Society 50th Anniversary Conference**

14-15 October 2011 in Syracuse, New York. Speaker: Barry Ewell. Details <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nycnygs>.

## **Wisconsin State Genealogical Society 2011 Fall Conference**

On 15 October 2011 in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. Theme: Beyond the Basics. Featured speaker: James Hanse. Details: <http://www.wsgs.org>.

## **Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International 13th Genealogical/Cultural Conference**

26-29 October 2011 in St. Louis, Missouri. Speakers: genealogical, cultural and historical topics. Details: <http://www.cgsi.org/news/conferences-and-symposiums>.

## **National Genealogical Society (NGS) 2012 Family History Conference**

9-12 May 2012 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Details: [http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference\\_info](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info).

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# SGS Library



If you would like to borrow any of the following books, please contact Megan Ashcroft, SGS Librarian. (e-mail address: [sgslibrary@sasktel.net](mailto:sgslibrary@sasktel.net)). Please include the complete title and other identifying information in your request. Books will be mailed to those members who reside in Canada.

Remember, SGS also has a variety of periodicals from many areas of research. If you would like to be put on a regular circulation list for any periodical we have, please contact Megan. See the *News and Notes* section of the Bulletin for the titles of periodicals we receive. SGS is reviewing the Periodicals Exchange Program with a view to discontinuing exchanges with some organizations due to lack of use by members or the limited genealogical value of some of these publications.

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## Genealogy/Instructional

- Concise Encyclopaedia of Heraldry. By Guy Cadogan Rothery. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie. Soft 359pp
- How to Read Old Documents. By E.E. Thoys. Christchurch. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- The Oxford Companion to Local and Family History. By David Hey. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Tracing Your Family Tree. By Stella Colwell. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie
- Studying Family and Community History 19th and 20th Centuries Volume 4: Sources and Methods: A Handbook. By Michael Drake and Ruth Finnegan (eds.). Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- The C.E.F. Roll of Honour: Members and Former Members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force Who Died as a Result of Service in the Great War 1914-1919. By Edward H. Wigney. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Dating Old Photographs 2nd Ed. By Robert Pols. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Reading Old Handwriting. By Eve McLaughlin. Donated by the estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Beyond The Basics: Explore New Dimensions of Your Genealogy! Symposium. 2011. Saskatoon Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society.

## Canada

- Park Prisoners: The Untold Story of Western Canada's National Parks, 1915-1946 1999. By Bill Waiser. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Concise Gazetteer of Canada. Published by Natural Resources Canada. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Canadians in the Royal Air Force 1978. By Les Allison. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Book of Remembrance. Published by Minister of Supply and Services Canada. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Moon of Wintertime: Missionaries and the Indians of Canada in Encounters Since 1543. By John Webster Grant. Donated by Evelyn Gay.

## Canada: British Columbia

- Finding Your Ancestors in British Columbia. By David M. Jackson. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.

## Canada: Newfoundland and Labrador

- Researching Your Family History in Newfoundland and Labrador. By Patrick Walsh (eds). Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.



### **Canada: Quebec**

- Links to Your Canadian Past: Tome 2 Quebec. By Peter J. Gagn. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.

### **Canada: Saskatchewan**

- Atlas of Saskatchewan. By University of Saskatchewan. 2000. CD-Rom Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie
- The Encyclopaedia of Saskatchewan: A Living Legacy. Published by the Canadian Plains Research Center. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Regina Cemetery Walking Tour: Tour 2. By Patricia (Lupton) Grover. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Regina Cemetery Walking Tour: Tour 1. By Erik Anderson and Dustin Todd-Healy. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Celebrating 50 Years: Holy Cross Parish History 1959-2009. By Jane Beyke Kryzanowski (eds).

### **Europe: Germans from Russia**

- The Sark Abyss of Exile: A Story of Survival. By Ida Bender. Donated by the Estate of Tony Stengler.
- Thunder on the Steppe. By Timothy J & Rosalinda Klobberdanz. Donated by the Estate of Tony Stengler.
- The Tragedy of the Soviet Germans (A Story of Survival). By John Philipps. Donated by the Estate of Tony Stengler.
- Return to Berry Meadow and other Stories of Our People. By Richard Scheuerman (ed). Donated by the Estate of Tony Stengler.
- Troubles and Triumphs 1914-1924, Excerpts From the Diary of Peter J. Dyck Ladekopp, Molotschna Colony, Ukraine. By John P. Dyck. Donated by Tony Stengler. "
- Fateful Danube Journey: A True Account of an Emigration to Russia 1816-1817. By Friedrich Fiechtner. Donated by Tony Stengler

### **Europe: Russia**

- Atlas of Russian History 1972. By Martin Gilbert. Donated by Tony Stengler.

### **Great Britain**

- Vital Records Index: British Isles. By The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Donated by the estate of Dr. Brian Brodie
- First World War: Army, Army Officer and Navy War Death. Published by S&N Genealogy. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie
- Discovering British Military Badges and Buttons. By R.J. Wilkinson-Latham. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Making Use of the Census 3rd Ed. By Susan Lumas. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- The Royal Line of Succession. By Patrick W. Montague-Smith. Donated by Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Discovering Famous Graves. By Lynn F. Pearson. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- The A-Z Guide to Tracing Ancestors in Britain. By F.C. Markwell & Pauline Saul. Donated by the estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- British Military Medals: A Guide for the Collector and Family Historian. By Peter Duckers. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Tracing your Ancestors in the Public Records Office. By Amanda Bevan and Andrea Duncan. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Army Records for Family Historians. By Simon Fowler and William Spencer. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Army Service Records of the First World War. By Simon Fowler, William Spencer and Stuart Tamblin. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Badges of Office: An Illustrated Guide to the Helmets and Badges of the British Police 1829 to 1989. By M.B. Taylor and V.L. Wilkinson. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- British Regiments 1914-181998. By Brig E. A. James. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.

- Beginning Genealogy Part 3: English & Welsh Census Returns 1841-1891. By Arthur Dark. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
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- Beginning Genealogy Part 5: Parish Registers. By Arthur Dark. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Beginning Genealogy Part 10: Writing and Presentation. By Arthur Dark. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Beginning Genealogy Part 11: Searching in London. By Arthur Dark. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Census Copies and Indexes in the Library of the Society of Genealogists. By Else Church Hill. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- A List of Parishes in Boyd's Marriage Index. Published by Society of Genealogists. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- The Censuses 1841-1891: Uses and Interpretation. By Eve McLaughlin. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Marriage, Census, and Other Indexes for Family Historians. By Jeremy Gibson and Elizabeth Hampson. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Parish Register Copies in the Library of the Society of Genealogists. Published by the Society of Genealogists. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- The British Army: Its History, Tradition and Records. By Iain Swinnerton. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.

#### **Great Britain: England and Wales**

- The Family Tree Detective: Tracing Your Ancestors in England and Wales. By Colin D. Rogers. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Using Register Offices for English & Welsh Certificates. By Dr. Penelope Christensen. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Guide to the National and Provincial Directories of England and Wales. By Jane E. Norton. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.

#### **Great Britain: England - Cornwall**

- Cornish Pioneers in South Africa: Gold and Diamonds, Copper and Blood. By Richard D. Dawe. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.

#### **Great Britain: England -Kent**

- Prerogative Court of Canterbury: Wills and Other Probate Records 1997. By Miriam Scott. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.

#### **Great Britain: England - London**

- The London 1861 Census. Published by S&N British Data Archives Ltd. 23 Disc Set. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Atlas & Guide of London: Circa 1908. CD-Rom. Published by J&A Catlyn. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- The A to Z of Victorian London. By Ralph Hyde. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
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- 1851 Census Index Series: Whitechapel Vol 9, Par 1 Surnames A-F. Published by The East of London Family History Society. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
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- Genealogical Research in Victorian London. By Cliff Webb. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.

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- A Genealogical Gazetteer of Mid-Victorian London. By Cliff Webb. Donated by the estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- My Ancestors were Londoners. By Cliff Webb. Donated by the estate of Dr. Brian Brodie

#### **Great Britain: England - Norfolk**

- Registration Districts of Norfolk in 1836 with maps & list of parishes. By Donovan J Murrells. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.

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- Tracing your Scottish Ancestry. By Kathleen B. Cory. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.

#### **United States: North Dakota**

- Prairie Mosaic: An Ethnic Atlas of Rural North Dakota. By William C. Sherman. Donated by the Estate of Tony Stengler.

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- The Joseph Alvin Raymond Story (1880-1958). Composed by Della Sanders: Donated by the Estate of Tony Stengler.
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#### **Military**

- World War One Source Book. By Philip J. Haythornthwaite. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- "For Valour": Saskatchewan Victoria Cross Recipients. By the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Royal Air Force Fighter Command Losses of the Second World War: Volume 1 Operational Losses: Aircraft and Crews 1939-1941. By Norman L R Franks. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Royal Air Force Fighter Command Losses of the Second World War: Volume 2 Operational Losses: Aircraft and Crews 1942-1943. By Norman L R Franks. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Royal Air Force Fighter Command Losses of the Second World War: Volume 3 Operational Losses: Aircraft and Crew (incorporating Air Defence Great Britain and 2nd TAF). By Norman L R Franks. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- Military Photographs & How to Date Them. By Neil Storey. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.
- For All We Have and Are: Regina and the Experience of the Great War. By James M Pitsula. Donated by the Estate of Dr. Brian Brodie.

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# Book Releases

**Across the Oceans: Emigration from Cumberland and Westmorland before 1914** by Margaret E. Shepherd. Bookcase, 2011. 220 pages including index, 18 maps and 22 illustrations. Send order to Bookcase, 19 Castle Street Carlisle, Cumbria UK CA3 8SY. E-mail: [bookcasecarlisle@aol.com](mailto:bookcasecarlisle@aol.com). Cost £15 plus postage and packing. Postage is £2 in the UK and £5 overseas. Payment by sterling cheque or by credit card.

For centuries Cumbrian migrants left all that they knew and travelled to a new life. The censuses help to trace migrants within Britain but emigrants are effectively invisible. By contacting relatives of pre-1914 emigrants Dr. Shepherd collected information about more than 4,000 named individuals most of whom went to North America, Australia, New Zealand and Southern Africa.

Themes of chain migration, clusters from home communities and in overseas destinations, returning emigrants, repeat emigration, reasons for leaving and occupations are explored together with various classes of sojourners including convicted Cumbrians.

Analysis of the data has produced important results and *Across the Oceans* adds to the literature on regional emigration. But equally, by including accounts of the emigrants' experiences the book is of interest to readers who have a Cumbrian connection whether at home or overseas.

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New this Fall from the University of Nebraska Press: *What They Saved: Pieces of a Jewish Past*. Hardcover, 2011, 248 pp, 25 illustrations. \$24.95. Contact Acacia Gentrup Publicist at (402) 472-5938 or e-mail [agentrup2@unl.edu](mailto:agentrup2@unl.edu)

"Miller (*Bequest and Betrayal: Memories of a Parent's Death*) writes thoughtfully about her efforts to piece together a family's story of dislocation, success, and broken links, and of how, in the process, Miller reconnected with Jewish history and traditions."—*Publishers Weekly*

After her father's death, Nancy K. Miller discovered a minuscule family archive: a handful of photographs, an unexplained land deed, a postcard from Argentina, unidentified locks of hair. These items had been passed down again and again, but what did they mean? Miller follows their traces from one distant relative to another, across the country, and across an ocean. Her story, unlike the many family memoirs focused on the Holocaust, takes us back earlier in history to the world of pogroms and mass emigrations at the turn of the twentieth century.

Searching for roots as a middle-aged orphan and an assimilated Jewish New Yorker, Miller finds herself asking unexpected questions: Why do I know so little about my family? How can I understand myself when I don't know my past? The answers lead her to a carpenter in the Ukraine, a stationery peddler on the Lower East Side, and a gangster hanger-on in the Bronx. As a third-generation descendant of Eastern European Jews, Miller learns that the hidden lives of her ancestors reveal as much about the present as they do about the past. In the end, an odyssey to uncover the origins of her lost family becomes a memoir of renewal.

"*What They Saved* is that rare memoir that manages to be intellectually stimulating and entertaining, heartbreaking and full of tender humor. Miller's intimate family chronicle illuminates dark historical events to make a compelling story even more memorable."—Lara Vapnyar, author of *There Are Jews in My House*

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# Did You Know ...

**BY: CELESTE RIDER**, Certified Saskatchewan Researcher and  
Member of the College of Certified Saskatchewan Genealogists

The Genealogical Society of Utah has been microfilming and digitizing records in Saskatchewan for some time now. They have microfilmed homestead records, surrogate court records, divorce records, some church records and other miscellaneous records. However, what is quite exciting now is that they are presently working on digitizing the homestead files. Their web site (<http://www.familysearch.org>) is becoming a goldmine of Saskatchewan records.

At present, homestead files #1634639 to 1716517 have been digitized and are available for searching. The date range given is 1908, however, upon viewing the files, the dates span a number of years so do not let this deter you from searching these files.

I compared a microfilmed copy of a homestead file to the digitized images to see if they contained the same material and was pleasantly surprised to find that the digitized images contain all of the images in a homestead file as compared to the limited images on most microfilmed homestead files. For example, the following table compares the microfilm versus the online digitized images for homestead file # 1716073.

<b>Microfilm R8.995 - Saskatchewan Homestead Records 1715762-1716568; File # 1716073</b>	<b>Digitized Images of Homestead Files on <a href="http://www.familysearch.org">http://www.familysearch.org</a>. File # 1716073</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cover sheet – Wm W. Stokes, Regina, 13/11, NW 14 – 27 – 15 W3 (1 page)</li> <li>2. Sworn Statement of William Patton Clark (2 pages)</li> <li>3. Sworn Statement of Witnesses: Jacob Holler &amp; David Holler (2 pages)</li> <li>4. Application for Entry of Wm P. Clark (1 page)</li> <li>5. Application for Entry of Wm W. Stokes (1 page)</li> </ol> <p>(Total of 7 pages)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Front of homestead file folder – file # 1716073 in the top left corner of the folder (1 page)</li> <li>2. Cover sheet – Wm W. Stokes, Regina, 13/11, NW 14 – 27 – 15 W3 (1 page)</li> <li>3. Application for Entry of Wm W. Stokes (1 page)</li> <li>4. Affidavit in support of an Application for entry for a Homestead, Pre-emption, or a Purchased Homestead for W. Stokes. (1 page)</li> <li>5. Letter regarding cancellation of homestead entry of W.W. Stokes. (1 page)</li> <li>6. Application for Entry of Wm P. Clark (1 page)</li> <li>7. Affidavit in support of an Application for entry for a Homestead, Pre-emption, or a Purchased Homestead for Wm P. Clark. (1 page)</li> <li>8. Sworn Statement of Witness: Jacob Holler (1 page)</li> <li>9. Sworn Statement of William Patton Clark (2 pages)</li> <li>10. Sworn Statement of Witness: David Holler (1 page)</li> <li>11. Letter regarding Notice of Patent issued to William Patton Clark.(1 page)</li> <li>12. Cancellation of See Grain, Fodder &amp; Relief Indebtedness of W.P. Clark. (1 page)</li> </ol> <p>(Total of 13 pages)</p>

The homestead files digitized to date may be accessed by logging onto the FHL web site and clicking on "Online Records Access." Then "Browse by Location" and select "Canada, US & Mexico". This will take you to a screen titled "Historical Records Collections" on which you scroll down to "Saskatchewan Provincial Records." You may click on this or on "Browse Images" to see the list of available digitized resources available. At this time (08 August 2011) you may browse through 146,747 images from Homestead Records although, according to the description of the Saskatchewan Provincial Records page there are plans to include "Various documents housed in the Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan, including homesteads, voter lists, pioneer questionnaires, biographies, military and municipal records, teacher registries, township registers, and Henderson Directories. This collection is being published as images become available." If you click on "learn more" below the page description it will take you to a page with further information and a sample of a homestead file. There is a link on this page "View Images in this Collection" that will take you to the list of available homestead files.

Happy Hunting,

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RE: Did You Know ...

If you have a question related to genealogical research, a roadblock you've encountered in your research, or a question about SGS or its programs and projects, please ask and we will try to provide an answer. If you are wondering about something, then there's a chance that there are others who are also wondering about the same thing. Questions may be mailed to

"Did you know ..."  
Saskatchewan Genealogical Society  
PO Box  
Regina SK S4P 3E1

or email your question(s) to [sgsresearch@sasktel.net](mailto:sgsresearch@sasktel.net) with "Did you know" in the subject line.

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# Zichydorf Village Association

BY: GLENN SCHWARTZ, President, ZVA



## ZVA WEB SITE

Unfortunately, our web site host has gone out of the business for the third time in our short history. We moved the site to GoDaddy.com in the spring, but the move should have been virtually seamless to users. There are a few of issues however. One is that when you navigate to a page, including the home page, the window will sometimes go blank and not complete the loading of the page. I have found that clicking on the page reload button adjacent to where the page URL is displayed will quickly and completely reload the page. We will try to resolve this issue in the near future. The second issue is that some links have been broken. Please let me know of any that you find so that we can repair them.

## CADASTRE RECORDS

We have recently obtained the Cadastre Records for Zichydorf municipality and several neighbouring municipalities. Cadastre records are land records that describe in detail each piece of property and its owner. In this case, there are also very detailed maps. Although there really is not any genealogical information, these records provide one more insight into the lives led by our ancestors. We have not yet decided exactly how we will distribute these records, but we will make an announcement soon in our own newsletter to members.

## NEW IN THE LIBRARY

*Remember To Tell the Children: Emigrants and Exiles* is the third book in a trilogy of historical fiction by Henry A. Fischer. Well, actually, the third book got a little longer than planned and ended up being a two volume set, extending the series to four books. The first book, *The Pioneers*, dealt with the first three generations of Henry's family as they carved out a new life in a new land. For these generations, the Homeland was still back in Germany. The second book, *Strangers and Sojourners*, covered the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, during which the Donauschwaben developed their own identity in their new Homeland. Their language, religion, and traditions bound them together, but separated them from the other cultures with which they were intermingled. They remained outsiders and were seen as foreigners who resisted any attempt at assimilation. This book concludes the story with the family's departure to North America. Henry's ancestors were Lutherans living in Hungary, but their circumstances were very comparable to the Roman Catholics living in Banat.

We have also acquired the *Familienbuch der katholischen Pfarrgemeinde Deutsch Zerne im Banat* CD. Soon after the completion of their book, the authors uncovered additional information (primarily the church books after 1918) and created this supplementary CD of families in Deutsch Zerne compiled from church records. It includes births 1808-1949, marriages 1808-1944, and deaths 1808-1951 (except that deaths 1880-1895 are missing). This CD also contains information for the village of Tomsdorf-Hettin which was part of this parish. The author's preface, historical background and tables of abbreviations are all translated into English.

We have also ordered two additional CDs that should be in the library by the time you read this. One is the *Familienbuch Lenauheim 1767-1835/1835/1849*. While this work is available online, we thought it would be prudent to have our own copy in case anything ever happens to the online version. The other is *Familienbuch Deutsch Etschka, Sigmundfeld, Rudolfsgrad*.

#### NEW ON THE WEB SITE

These are ZVA member-only pages.

A translated 1932 letter from Peter Kleckner describing the immigration to Canada of the Bolen family and how this led to continued immigration from Zichydorf. Click on Canada in the main menu, then First Settlement in Canada.

The Canadian Dept. of Immigration paid the German newspaper DER NORDWESTERN to report on the German colonies in Canada. The copies of these special edition newspapers were sent to Europe to encourage settlers to immigrate to Canada. This 1902 article describes the conditions at Zitchydorf Colony, near Regina. Click on Canada, then Zitchydorf Colony.

Skorenowitz/Szekelykeve was one of the later Banat villages, founded about 1869 by people from older villages, including Zichydorf, Ürményháza, and Setschan. It is located about 25 km SE of Panschowa and 55 km south of Zichydorf. Church records for the residents are found at the nearby town of Brestowitz until they built their own church about 1892. ZVA member Shirley Gibbard has compiled this list of German family names, taken from census records for Szekelykeve in 1875 and 1882, which included land owners and tenant farmers. Some of these people came from Zichydorf. Click on Banat, then Genealogy, then Skorenowitz/Szekelykeve.

#### ERNSTHAUSEN RECORDS

Several of our members trace some of their ancestors through Ernsthausen. They probably know that Amy Nichols recently coordinated a project to obtain church records for this village. Ernsthausen is too far away to be of direct interest to ZVA, but we volunteered to help in some way. As this project has evolved, we have worked out an arrangement to act as custodian of these records. We have the following photographed records: births 1881-1894, 1895-1916, 1926-1945; marriages 1895-1916; and deaths 1895-1916. We also have the extracted births, marriages, and deaths for 1828-1867 that were extracted for Amy's project. To purchase any of this material, contact ZVA. If you want to discuss this project with Amy, contact her at [absn15@gmail.com](mailto:absn15@gmail.com).

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# Computer Column

We have an opening for a columnist for the Computer Column. If you are interested in taking over this column, please contact Linda Dunsmore-Porter at [ed.sgs@sasktel.net](mailto:ed.sgs@sasktel.net) or 780-9207 for further information.



The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society would like announce the retirement of Christina Krismer as columnist for the Bulletin's Computer Column. SGS wishes to sincerely thank Chris for her contribution to the Computer Column for the past number of years. Chris has provided all of us with valuable technical guidance and expertise, and introduced us to many useful websites and computer programs with her in-depth reviews. We appreciate your contribution Chris and wish you all the best.

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# Cemetery Program

**BY: LINDA NEELY**  
SGS Cemetery Coordinator



The cemetery files are bulging with the recordings of headstone inscriptions and the copies of registers. But, did you know we also have a couple of binders of pictures taken by cemetery recorders? We don't have much room but some of the pictures you see in this column have come from those binders.

Some recorders have taken pictures of headstones as they record. We are happy to have these as well, but only in electronic format. We don't have storage room for hard copies but do have a box of CD's that researchers can look through when they are in the library.

The recording season is in full swing as I write this. I know some of the Branches have been out and I thank you for your efforts. Not easy in this wet, rainy spring to be recording cemeteries, but we persist!

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(... A True Story of Pioneer Days continued from page 66)

The cattle had been knocking the building with their horns which had made the noise that had frightened us. It soon got lighter and we thought we would set out and try to find our way home, so we collected our cranberry pails and walked to the edge of the valley. We could see across it and there on the other side was an empty house, one that we knew quite well, in fact it was one we passed in coming, so we thought the best thing was to strike right across to it as straight as we could and surely we would get there all right. So we crossed again. We had become quite used to crossing creeks now and were quite ready to cross any number if they should be on our way. We caught sight of a fox scurrying along trying to get out of sight.

We were feeling pretty well used up by the time we reached the empty house and to our delight found it was the one we were familiar with. We went inside to see if we could find anything there to eat but there was only some brown sugar in a sugar basin which we ate greedily and made ourselves terribly thirsty and there was nothing to drink. We knew our way quite well to our camp from there as there was a path right down to the creek. So we started down and oh!, what a glad sight it was to us to come at last to it. It looked as if we had only left it an hour or so before and there was our pony still safely tethered and having the time of his life for there was still plenty of grass all round him. He looked rather surprised to see us as if he wondered where we had been all this time.

The first thing we did was to go to the creek and get a good drink of the lovely cold water, then we pulled out the lunch basket and 'dug right in' as my brothers used to say. There was not much left when we had finished with it and we felt considerably more cheerful. It was about twenty-four hours since we had eaten and we had gone through quite a strenuous time, and oh we did feel tired and sleepy. We harnessed the pony and put the much travelled cranberries into the buckboard and off we went our troubles over at last.

They had been terribly anxious at home and the boys had gone out to look for us in fact we met them on our way home, and greatly relieve they were to see us. Well! We resolved we would never go to the Birdtail bush again without one of our brothers to be with us and we kept it.

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# The Becker Clan in the Fight for Freedom

**BY: EUGENE A. CORNELIUS, MD, PhD. Co-author MARIE BECKER STOLAR**

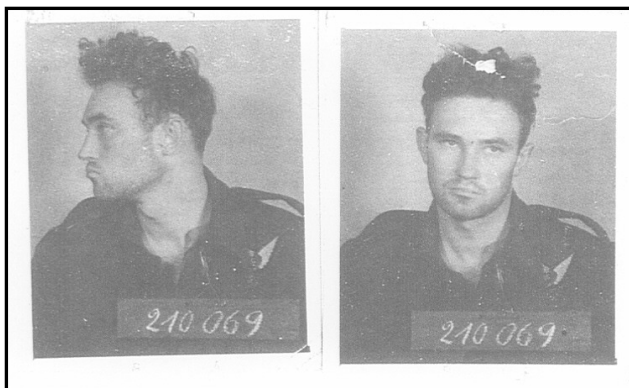
*Eugene is the son of Amalia Becker.*

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## **Calvin Becker Cornelius: World War II continued.**

On 16 June Calvin's crew was posted as missing. On 17 June, Calvin's father was informed by telegram from Ottawa. On 19 June, Calvin's Squadron Commander, in a letter to Calvin's parents ended with "...the heroic sacrifice your son has made so far from his home in the cause of freedom and in the service of his country."

On 18 July, a night letter from the International Red Cross Committee (IRCC), Geneva, informed Ottawa that a Berlin, Germany cable informed them, that on 15 June, Calvin and his pilot were captured. (Berlin, Germany, informed the Red Cross in Geneva of Allied airmen shot down. Berlin wanted them to get Allied food parcels.)



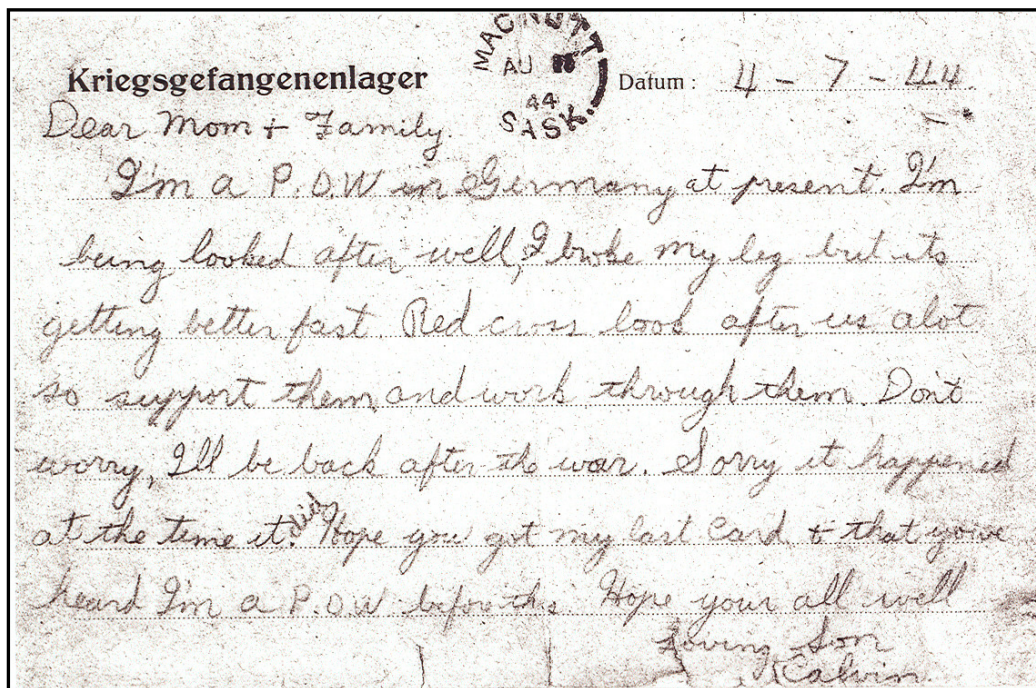
On 19 October, IRCC reported that Calvin had become POW No. 53308 in Stalag 9C, Obermassfeld (near Leipzig), as of 14 July 1944.

On 28 December 1944, Calvin was promoted to Pilot Officer, effective 13 June 1944.

On 2 March 1945, IRCC reported that Calvin was a POW in Stalag Luft 7, Kreuzberg (Silesia), as of 25 October 1944.

**Calvin Becker Cornelius, RCAF,  
German POW No. 210069**

In his first letter home, dated 4 July 1944, Calvin wrote "Dear Mom & Family. I'm a POW in Germany at present. I'm being looked after well, I broke my leg but it's getting better fast. Red Cross look after us a lot so support them and work through them...Loving son, Calvin." In his second letter 25-7-44, he informs his folks "...cast is still on. X-rays show it's alright... send Gillette razor blades and eats..." When the Zorra School children learned Calvin was a POW, they made up Red Cross parcels for him.



**Calvin Becker Cornelius, RCAF.** Letter to his parents from Calvin, POW, 4 July, 1944.

(Postwar, in the late 1940's, Marie Becker, daughter of August Becker of Yorkton, and her fiancé, an ex-RCAF POW, visited her grandfather Adolf Becker in his home in Langenburg. The ex-airman was astounded to see, on the piano, a photograph of someone from his past. It was that of a fellow POW who had had a painful leg injury. On a forced march between camps, he had carried him. (If you couldn't march, you were shot). The Good Samaritan's reward was a rare treat – a candy bar. The disabled man was Calvin.)

(John Callington, President, Canadian POW Association, an ex-POW, told me recently that POWs were fed twice daily – potatoes, soup of turnip and sugar beet tops, with a morsel of meat. Red Cross parcels helped. Prison guards were old men, not abusive unless POW's attempted escape.)

On 30-11-44, Calvin wrote "...getting cold and a skating rink is in the making...Short on grub and Red X parcels..." On Christmas Eve, he wrote "Went to carol singing and short bible readings...We're having a small pudding of scraps, apple sauce (a fellow got the dried apple from home), fried potatoes, fried spam and bully beef...Don't worry, I'm okay. Love to all. Cal."

His last letter from the mainland, 7-5-45, stated "...Expect to fly to England soon. The Russians liberated our camp April 22. Me and a small group broke out May 4 and finally got to the American lines and to this depot." He had been a prisoner in Stalag IIIA, Luckenwalde, 26 miles south of Berlin. (On 25 April, US and Soviet forces had met at Torgau on the Elbe River, 40 miles further south. Cal's shortest distance to the Elbe and US forces was 26 miles, southwest.)

Kriegsgefangenenlager Datum: Christmas Eve 1944

Dear Mom + Dad.

Well my 2<sup>nd</sup> time away from home, I wonder where I'll spend the next, I went to carol sing and a short bible reading, very good. I now have about 500 in back pay. But I'm hoping for my Com. as my application was in a few wks before we got it. We're having a small pudding of scraps, apple sauce (I <sup>drank</sup> got the apple from home) Fried potatoes, Fried spam + Bully Beef. regard I'll be content to think of what your having. Don't worry Mom. Love to all  
 Cal.

**Calvin Becker Cornelius, RCAF.** Letter to his parents from Calvin, POW, Christmas 1944.

In the accompanying photos, we see Calvin as a POW, dirty, disheveled, and dispirited, but not emaciated; and, post-war, now at peace, handsome in his Pilot Officer's uniform, earned so painfully and perilously.

On 13 May 1945, London informed Ottawa that 32 RCAF officers, Calvin among them, had arrived safely in England three days earlier.

On 12 May, Calvin filed this report on the plane bailout and fate of the crew: "I definitely know that all got out" and "I have seen all my crew now except the navigator and bomb aimer, who I am told walked home." (They evaded capture.)

On 8 July, Calvin returned to Canada. On his discharge physical, 21 September, he reports that the 14 June bailout caused fractures of his right ankle and neck, and a dislocated sternum. The ankle fracture had been set the next day by a German MD. He had worn the cast for three months, then had walked with a crutch one month more. (Obviously, he had had neck pain, and immediate neck x-rays had indicated the fracture was minor. This early care was excellent.) In the POW camp he had been seen by an Allied MD (Dr. Leake). On 21 September, x-rays revealed a healed fracture on the inner side of the ankle, with a damaged joint surface (a common outcome). Neck x-rays were normal. (For a darkness bailout, Calvin was very fortunate; he had been heavier, he could have been paralyzed or ruptured his thoracic aorta.)

On discharge, Calvin was awarded membership in the Caterpillar Club, restricted to survivors of bailouts in air combat. The sponsors were the parachute makers.

In my opinion, Calvin's stable personality was a major factor in his survival.

After Discharge, Calvin had various jobs in Langenburg, Saskatchewan, and in 1951 he became a civilian pilot. He then flew sportsmen to the north country out of Fort Frances, Ontario. In 1960 he became a bush pilot for Foothills Aviation, Calgary, in the Northwest Territories. On 16 June 1961, he took off on a flight from Fort Wrigley, 740 miles northwest of Edmonton, on the Mackenzie River, to Bell Heather Lake, 104 miles southwest, to an oil exploration camp, in virgin forest and mountain. He never arrived, having followed an unnamed river up to a box canyon above the timber line. Under low cloud cover, it was just slightly too narrow for a U-turn, and he was killed in the crash. It was 11 days before the crash site was detected by air survey. He was survived by his



wife, Ruth, and two sons, 6 and 12.

### **Carl Dressler: World War II**

Carl Ewald Dressler was born February 29, 1916 (a Leap Year baby), the son of Jacob Dressler and Johanna Becker, at the family farm in Beresina on NE 4-23-31 W1. The midwife at the delivery was Grandma Margaret Becker, widow of George Becker (immigrants from Austria 1889). Johanna Becker was a younger sister of Adolf Becker, a Langenburg businessman, and an older sister of my mother, Amalia. Carl attended Dressler School and Beresina Lutheran Church. Carl was a middle member of the Dressler family of six boys and seven girls raised to adulthood. It was a devout and musical family, lovingly described in beautiful detail by his sister Adele and her daughter-in-law Jeanette Haberstock in *A Godly Heritage*.

As a young man, Carl worked on the family farm and also tended to his 10 hives of bees. Of all the servicemen in the Becker clan, he is one of the two still living, but at 89, his memory of his Army days is fading. He enlisted in the Army in Regina in 1943, where he underwent basic training; then he received six months of advance training in Chilliwack, British Columbia.

He went overseas in 1943 and underwent further training at various camps in England. With his farm background of doing things, his service choice became the Corps of Royal Canadian Engineers, First Field Park Company, Second Canadian Division.

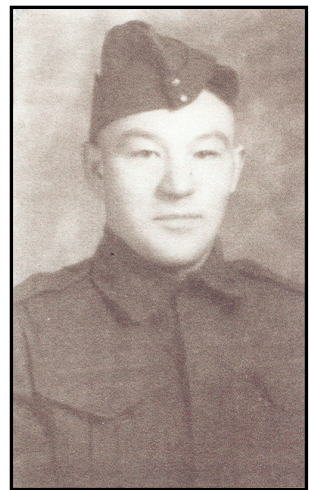
He went to France in early July, 1944, landing in the D-Day area of Normandy. As an engineer, he was involved in building roads and bridges, equipment repair, etc. The Second Canadian Division was part of the Anglo-Canadian forces on the left or eastern portion of the invasion armada. As the liberated area enlarged, their purpose was to tie down enemy forces, while the US forces to the west pushed south, then eastward. At that point all the Allied Armies moved eastward across the north of France in the same order.

The Second Canadian Division was active in the taking of the French Channel ports of Dieppe and Dunkirk, by land, then in the Low Countries, clearing the east side of the Scheldt River estuary north of Antwerp. This was a major deed, since Antwerp was a vitally needed supply port as the Allied Armies advanced toward Germany. On 8 February 1945, his division became involved in fighting as fierce as Normandy, southeast of Nijmegen, while clearing the last of the enemy from west of the Rhine. He clearly remembers battling through the Hochwald (tall forest) and the small strip beyond it, to reach the west bank (March 10). Pontoon bridges were thrown over the water, destroyed by the enemy, then rebuilt. Once across the river, the Second Canadian Division turned north to the sea, liberating eastern Holland and northwest coastal Germany.

Carl's son, David, relates that Carl was once ordered out on patrol, but feeling sick, a buddy took his place. The Jeep struck a mine and all those in it were killed.

In Amsterdam, Carl met Hendricka Vanregteren, who became his wife. He was useful to his unit, in translating from German, and now from Dutch.

Carl returned to Regina in the spring of 1945, but it was August before his wife got clearance, and arrived in Regina. With veteran's assistance, he bought a farm near Jedburgh, 30 miles west of Yorkton. It was not fertile, so he followed his brother Jack to London, Ontario, in the early 1950's. He worked as an orderly at the Veteran's Hospital for many years. They had three children, Charle, Muriel, and David. Hendricka has since died, and in 1989, he married Isabelle Gamble. They now live a peaceful, retirement life.



**Carl Dressler,**  
Army

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# Film Rescue is Here to Help Genealogists

Have you found old, expired, or vintage undeveloped camera film or home movie film reels in Grandma's closet or Mom and Dad's sock drawer? You don't know what is on it, who to contact, or think it's for the garbage. Wait! Don't throw it out! We can help!

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For developing old and expired film, Greg Miller, Film Rescue International's co-founder and in-house technical expert, has spent years meticulously developing the proper chemical formulas for each brand and type of camera film. Dealing with the vintage film, depending on its age and how it was stored over the years, poses a challenge that Greg likes to confront head on. His database consists of more than 400 different brands (ie Kodak, Fuji, Agfa, and many more from all over the world) and types (ie Kodak disk film, Kodak Ektachrome, and Kodak Gold). The proper combination is essential in assuring the best chances for the film to produce an image. Greg is continuously researching different methods and procedures and is eager to incorporate the most up-to-date technology to give the best possible result. Here is an example of one of the pictures he has developed.



*"This is from a Triple Print 620 roll film taken in the late 60s. I really love this picture...it reminds me of a movie poster or an album cover. It's one powerful snapshot. Though it has a good deal of pin holing it's definitely a wall worthy photo. Thanks to our client for letting us show this...he wishes to remain anonymous." –Greg Miller*

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*Keep up the good work. Sincerely, Matt in Olympica, WA"*

December 2010: *"To Whom it May Concern:*

*Recently I sent my family videos from 1977-1989 to Film Rescue for conversion from Super 8 movies film to blu-ray, dvd and hard drive.*

*The purpose of this e-mail is to commend your employee, Cory, for the personalized and professional approach as he transferred the video. On more than one occasion I spoke directly with Cory. What pleasantly surprised me is that initiated a couple of the calls to ensure he knew what we wanted and to discuss the films themselves. Cory also convinced me to consider placing all of the videos on an external hard drive for future media format conversions / upgrades. After talking to him about this last option I approved this option.*

*As most people who are "trusting" a 'virtual' company with their family pictures, videos, etc I was extremely apprehensive about letting these treasures out of my possession. This is even more worrisome when doing this over the web and via snail mail. The personalized attention that Cory provided speaks very highly of the quality of employee you have working for your company.*

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The staff members at Film Rescue International take pride in putting "custom" in their customer care when dealing with each unique situation. There is no case that is the same and each is handled differently depending on the amount, age, and type of camera and home movie film.

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# Somewhere in Saskatchewan

**BY: BEVERLEY GUTENBERG**

Every once in a while you find a community that has become a 'Mecca' for genealogists without really trying. This weekend I went to visit a friend in Harris, Saskatchewan. Peggy was a couple of grades behind me in school but as former residents of Laird, Saskatchewan there is a bond that is quite strong. Peggy married a man from Harris and after being married about 10 years they returned to his hometown to live. Peggy adopted it as her own. Twenty-eight years ago they bought, moved it into town and gradually remodeled one of those Eaton's Catalogue Houses. It stands at the end of Main Street. Their home was one that was featured in the presentation given at a regular meeting of SBSGS. I went to see the house but saw much much more. It is a neat little community of about 191 citizens. The town has its own resident artist who painted murals all over town. The murals were of local people and Peggy introduced them all to me. Her son-in-law was on the mural on the side of the museum. The town has been recognized in recent years by the revitalization of the tale of the 10 day Ruby Rush in 1914. The following information is from the Virtual Saskatchewan site, [http://www.virtualsk.com/current\\_issue/ruby\\_rush.html](http://www.virtualsk.com/current_issue/ruby_rush.html).

Alex McCarthy had a bit of mining experience under his belt - the details are hazy since the story went unspoken until a few years ago. McCarthy told his working chums he was sure the big rock contained rubies. He used a pick to break off a chunk and sped 20 miles back to town to visit the Gordon boys.

The seven Gordon boys of Harris were a presence beyond their number, which would not be noteworthy at the turn of the century if it weren't for the fact they had no sisters and one of them had to be a seventh son. Be that as it may, the Gordon boys were adroit at commerce -- they farmed and operated hotels in Harris and a nearby community. They also ran the Harris bar and managed the local poker table, situated in a small black building out back.

"Harris was a pretty wild little town back then," recalls former resident Ivy Page, now 90. "And the Gordons, well, they were a pretty big part of it."

In addition to their business savvy, several of the brothers worked in the mines in the United States before the family moved to Canada. McCarthy sought their ranging expertise.

"We'll look after it," he was told when he showed them a piece of the rock. And with that, the Gordon boys scurried off to Saskatoon to stake their claim.

"Quartz discovered at Valley Centre, 20 miles northwest of Harris, contains diamonds, rubies and gold", reported the region's daily newspaper.

The Ruby Rush was on. Within three days, 2,000 to 3,000 "prospectors" descended upon the tiny town, some no doubt motivated by the famous tales of instant wealth that grew out of the Klondike Gold Rush 16 years earlier. Accompanying these men of chance was the predictable assortment of scalawags, n'er-do-wells and painted ladies.

While the Gordons were the prime beneficiaries of the influx, other town residents heard opportunity knock and they answered the door. Supply and demand raised the price of eggs to a dollar apiece at the local grocery stores. Russ Fielding, local butcher and owner of one of three automobiles in the town, charged \$2 a head for the 20-mile ride out to the claim site, and \$5 return fare. A heated argument ensued when Fielding tried to double the fee for portly blacksmith Sam Burnett.

In addition to the overflow business they enjoyed when prospectors flowed into the hotel and bar, the Gordon boys capitalized on the simply curious by pitching a tent over the "ruby rock" and charging all comers 10 cents a peek. Meanwhile, the man they hired to guard their prize, a fellow who came to be known as "Alkali Pete", spent his nights collecting neighboring stakes and his days re-selling claims at highest bid.

Harris, during the ruby rush, had many of the trappings and colorful characters of a Skagway or Dawson Creek during the Klondike Rush. What it didn't have was gold, rubies or diamonds. The last prospector clip-clopped out of town, empty handed like all the rest, 10 days after the Gordon boys staked their claim.

For years afterwards, The Ruby Rush was a forbidden subject among residents of Harris, current population about 250. They were embarrassed by the incident and worried about rubbing salt into old wounds -- descendants of the main players still live in the area.

The community theatre production of *Call of the Land* and its sequel toured all over the province a few years ago. It was written by a couple of local residents and was an overwhelming success.

The museum was a real surprise. The history of Harris is chronicled there but more than that. Some enterprising soul collected the wedding photos of most of the community's couples and they are in large books for all to see. Some of the people involved have done short pedigree charts of their families and some of the families have 4 generations of wedding pictures. The museum also has a section with four or five wedding dresses on manikins. On a table in front of the display is the picture of the day the wedding outfit was first worn. In the back room we found the local artist at work painting a wilderness mural to enhance the animals that the museum received for the Museum of Natural History in Regina. There are a couple of deer, a bear, two reindeer, a baby bison, a white wolf and a huge moose. One is able to get close up and personal with these stuffed animals. The size of the moose filled me with awe. The artist was the one who had painted the murals throughout the town. She was working busily on completing the mural. She said she is able to get about 2 square feet done a day. She had sketched the whole mural and was filling it with colour. She was on a deadline because she was moving an old church into town and starting a studio there. She intends to teach classes as well as do her own painting there. I believe the town got a grant to pay for her work. Outside the museum was the old water tower -- it had been moved into the museum site from a spot across the highway. The interior of the water tower was a recreation of the history of the railroad in Harris.

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# Autobiography of W. Chipping

## My Life's Story

*Saskatchewan Genealogical Society has a book that contains autobiographies that were written for a History I Class at the University of Saskatchewan in 1911. Here is one of the autobiographies.*

April 5<sup>th</sup> 1911

At St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England, on November the twenty second 1884, I came into the world like an ordinary mortal.

My parents were of the best and though far from rich, they gave me of their best.

Outside of my own home the first thing I remember noticing was the massive Norman tower of St. Albans Cathedral. Indeed to this Cathedral, to the historic nature of the city and neighbourhood, I attribute some of the most enjoyable moments of my life.

The rudiments of education I obtained at the Schools in connection with the Cathedral (although my Sunday School teaching was given at the Baptist Church). At the age of thirteen I was glad to leave school, but very soon found some bitterness underlying the gladness, when I found my dreams of freedom came to nought in a printer's workshop. It was too late to go back to school, in fact my pride would not let me, so I had to make the best of it. My best was very poor for after trying printing and tailoring, I entered the Post Office as a Telegraph Messenger in September 1898, with the idea of passing my time profitably until I was sixteen years of age when I was to be apprenticed to a carpenter. This intuition was not carried out and in the Post Office I remained for six years, doing the work of a Letter Carrier the greater part of the time.

During this time a change took place in my life which led me in September 1904 to enter a mission organization to be trained, and work as an Evangelist. Five and a half happy years were spent in this work in several parts of England – two were spent among Jews in East London – two winters holding caravan missions in Worcestershire.

The feeling that work among poor people needed a specialist, and the somewhat cramped position of a layman in the Church of England, led me to desire the more full work of an ordained man. With this end in view I commenced the study of Latin and Greek. A constant desire to cross the ocean, and the belief that a strong body had been given me for a purpose, caused me to seek a means of using my powers and gratifying my desires. After some period of doubt I came to the conclusion that there was work for me in Western Canada; accordingly after application to and acceptance by the Colonial and Continental Church Society I sailed for Canada on the sixth of May, 1910.

It is not necessary to speak of the common experience of one coming from such a country as England to this new land, except to say that it took but little time to slip into the loose ways of the West. After spending the summer in mission work, September 1910 found me commencing a course of study at Emmanuel College and Saskatchewan University at Saskatoon, in which study the writing of the above has a part.

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## Basic Search of Saskatchewan Records

\$50 per person/couple. The SGS will do a basic search of Saskatchewan sources. We require a given name and surname AND if possible, a Saskatchewan location. Sources searched: Homestead index & file / Obituary index / Cemetery index & file / Local histories / Newspaper index / SRI / Census Index (1891, 1901, 1906, 1911, 1916) / Family Histories (SGS Library Catalogue).

## Saskatchewan Obituary Search

Specific Search - \$5 per individual. General Search - \$10 per surname.

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## Saskatchewan Cemetery Search

\$5 per name if the name of the cemetery is given. \$10 per surname if the name of the cemetery is given. \$20 per name if all cemeteries in a Rural Municipality need to be checked.

## SGS Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI)

General Search - \$10 per surname - all entries for a particular surname. Includes up to 5 pages of printouts, quote for entries beyond this number.

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## Index to Births, Marriages & Deaths

3 year search - \$15 per person. For a marriage record both parties are considered as one. Your report will include the information from the index as well as information about how to obtain the original record.

- England & Wales 1837-1894; 1900; 1901; 1912-1914
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## Saskatchewan Homestead Search

\$17 - Provide the name of the homesteader and the legal land description. \$19 - Provide the name of the homesteader and a community name or general area/location in Saskatchewan where the homestead could have been.

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## Other Indexes:

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- Index to 1881, 1891 & 1901 Census for Assiniboia East, Assiniboia West & the District of Saskatchewan. 1906, 1911 & 1916 for Province of Saskatchewan.
- Index to 1870 Census of Manitoba - location required
- Index to 1871 Census of Ontario - must specify county
- Wesleyan Methodist Baptismal Register Master Index 1829 to 1910
- Index to Upper & Lower Canada Land Records 1737-1867
- Index to Ontario Land Records (**Original Landowners only**)
- Index to 1881 Census Index England & Wales, Isle of Man, Guernsey, Jersey & Royal Navy (Fee is per surname per county)
- Index to Old Parochial Registers (OPR) of Scotland for Aberdeen, Angus, Glasgow, Inverness, Kincardine, Orkney, Sutherland, Renfrew, Ross & Cromarty, Kirkcubright. (Fee is per surname per county)
- Index to BC Vital Statistics: Births 1872-1901; Marriages 1872-1926; Deaths 1872-1981
- Aberdeenshire Index of Monumental Inscriptions. The Index will tell you the name of the cemetery where your surname is found.

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- Indian and Metis Sources - \$65 per family
- Henderson Directory - \$15 per name for a search of five directories - you must specify the time frame.
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