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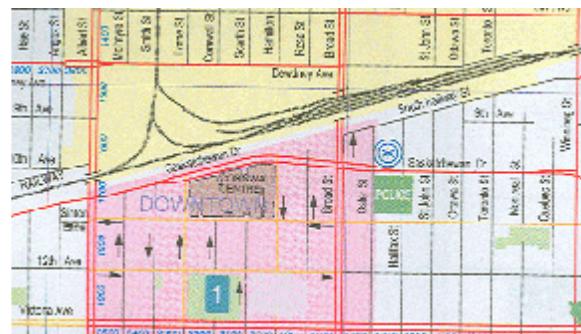
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Materials received after this date will be held over until the next issue.*

President's Letter

BY: CHUCK ALTON



It is winter in Saskatchewan with temperatures ranging from the minus 30's and 40's to just above 0. It is good to be in where it is warm and thinking about spring and our Conference: “*Beyond the Basics Symposium 2011*” planned and hosted by the Saskatoon Branch of SGS April 29 - May 1 in at the Travelodge in Saskatoon. Full information and registration forms are available on their website

<http://www.sbsgs.org>.

Our 2010 AGM was attended by directors and a few dedicated members who made the effort to be in Regina specifically for the meeting. I look forward to the 2011 AGM which will be on Saturday, April 30 at 3:30pm during the Symposium. This will enable all SGS members present to review the reports, share in future plans, and elect directors to the Board plus a new president.

I am completing my second term and am not eligible to serve another term. We need to have six to twelve directors and we currently have only five. At this time I also welcome our new provincial librarian, Megan Ashcroft, and wish Celeste Rider a happy retirement as she continues to share our passion for family history and help with genealogical research.

One of the recommendations of the Organizational Review by SaskCulture conducted during 2010 was that: “The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society should maintain its current structure as a society.” Included in the comments on this recommendation it was noted that: “However, the SGS is currently operating without a strategy. It is recommended that the society consider the development of a renewed strategy as an immediate priority.” Indeed it is important that we know not only where we have come from but also plan where we are going and how we are going to get

there. The Board of Directors at its March meeting will begin to address this issue.

The theme for this issue of the Bulletin is “Researching Women Ancestors.” Indeed it is a challenge as I have observed in my experience church records which list members as Mr. John Doe and Mrs. John Doe. The census may give the woman a first name other than her husband’s, but not her maiden name. I look forward to the insights included in the articles in this issue of the bulletin as I continue to research my mother’s side of the family.

Many SGS members are not able to attend the annual Conference, or the AGM, or courses offered in larger branches. Thanks to experienced SGS members who willingly provide guidance and support to other less experienced members we learn new things at branch meetings, both from the planned programs and from informal conversations. As a director once said to me, “The branches are where the action is.” We are trying a new idea with this issue - two pages devoted to branch news. I look forward to learning what is happening in each branch and seeing many of you in Saskatoon at the SGS Conference and the Annual General Meeting.

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Editor's Notes

BY: LINDA DUNSMORE- PORTER

Executive Director



The researching of women can be challenging and painstaking, however, when you discover the information you are looking for it is a wonderful “ah ha” moment. I hope you enjoy reading and perhaps will glean some valuable information on researching the women in your family.

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Bervellian Meredith Jones ... A Pioneer of the Meridian District, Saskatchewan

BY: KATHY JONES

In the late 1970's after his retirement, my husband's Uncle Cecil began to search for his family history. The family they knew consisted of two brothers, Cecil, Carson (Casey) and Evan and their children. Cecil's research found an entire family in Saskatchewan that they had never known or met. The Saskatchewan Jones family had regular family reunions over the years and Cecil was delighted to be able to attend his first family reunion in the mid-1970s. The following year Cecil, Casey and Eva attended the family reunion together and in 1982 Cecil was at the reunion where a memorial to the grandfather he had never met was unveiled.

After Cecil's death in 1988 time passed and it seemed as though the British Columbia members of the family had lost interest in any further research. I had researched my own family and thought it would be a good idea to revisit the work Cecil had done on the Jones family. It has been an interesting journey to go through his research and source all his findings. The story of how the family travelled from Ireland to Ontario and then to Saskatchewan is a fascinating story of our forbearers, hardy, pioneering Canadians. The story of Grandfather Bervillian Meredith (or B.M. as he was known) is especially fascinating to me, having spent all my life in British Columbia.



Bervellian Meredith (B.M.) Jones, the eldest son of Samuel Haskett Gardiner Jones and Ann Jane Dowkes, was born on January 25, 1858 in Walkerton, Ontario. His nicknames were both B.M. and Bide.

The 1861 census of Canada shows Sam and Ann Jane Jones with their first two sons, B.M. and Edmund living on a 100-acre parcel of land, Concession 10, Lot 14, Howick Township, Huron County, Upper Canada. Sometime in the late 1860's the family moved again, this time to Lot 5, Concession "B", Township of Sheguiandah, Manitoulin Island, Upper Canada.

The 1871 census of Upper Canada shows Samuel and Ann Jane Jones and five children, B.M., Edmund, Emily, Cerian and Thomas living in Manitoulin Centre, Manitoulin Island, Upper Canada. It was on the island that B. M. acquired the skills of blacksmithing which were to serve him well in future years.

B.M. joined his father and the other family members in their trek to the Northwest Territory in search of new land. It was a long arduous journey, travelling by lake boat to Duluth, Minnesota, U.S.A. and then overland to the Red River where they boarded one of the many flat-bottomed river boats for the short trip to Emerson the outpost on the border of Manitoba, Canada and the Dakota Territory, U.S.A.

Sam's skill as carpenter-cabinet maker, in combination with his son B.M.'s skill as a blacksmith allowed father and son to find employment with the stagecoach line in the growing community of Fort Garry (now Winnipeg), thus helping the family through their first long winter on the plains.

B.M.'s first homestead was near what is now Morden, Manitoba, receiving letters patent from the Dominion of Canada for the North East $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 1, Range 1, West of the Second Meridian in the Provisional District of Assiniboia in the North West Territories on October 31, 1890.

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Legal Land Description from Library and Archives Canada Western Land Grant Database

During the winter of 1881-1882 B.M. returned to the Manitoulin Island to court and marries the daughter of an old family friend, William Dowkes. B.M. and Ann Dowkes were married at Sheguiandah on June 21, 1881. Shortly after their marriage the young couple travelled west to the groom's homestead near Fort Garry, Manitoba.

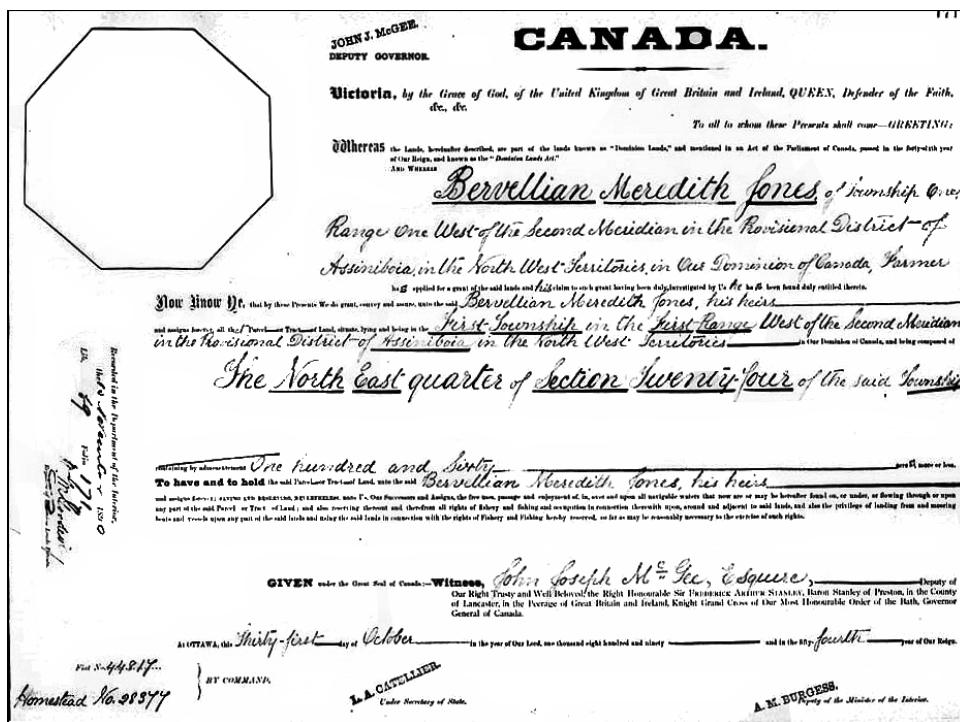


B. M. Jones and Ann Jane Dowkes, circa 1882

In the spring of 1882 Sam and B.M. decided to sell their land and move further west to find new homesteads. As the families were about to begin their trek they were joined by Ann Jane's brother,

William John Dowkes, and his friend John Fitzpatrick, who were fresh from the lumber camps of Michigan, U.S.A.

The first week of June, 1882 saw the small party begin their expedition west into the Assiniboia District of the Northwest Territories, most of the time staying close to the international boundary. Their progress west was impeded by the fact they were crossing virgin prairie with teams of oxen as well as encountering torrential rainstorms. They had been on the trail for a month when they made the second crossing of the Souris River just north of where it flows into Dakota Territory, where they decided to settle. B.M. homesteaded on the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Township 2, Range 7 West of the Prime Meridian.



Letters Patent

In 1882 the task of pioneering in the Kimberly District began with erecting shelters for the families and their animals. From their experiences in Manitoba they were well aware of the rigors of prairie winters.

B. M. and Ann Jane Jones were the third generation of pioneers in the Jones family in Canada. They played a prominent role in the early settlement at the Meridian (Kimberley District). With a real energy and spirit that knew no defeat they battled against the elements of this "great lone land". Surrounded by the vastness and loneliness of the prairies they carved out a home for themselves and their family.

B.M. and Ann Jane spent the first winter at "The Meridian" in a cut dug in the bank of a ravine near where the frame home they erected still stands. The cut in the bank was topped off with a pole and sod roof.



B. M. and Ann (Dowkes) Jones with their first five children on their Assiniboia homestead - 1891

B.M. and Ann Jane had eight children, all born on their Saskatchewan homestead: Craigie Victoria born September 5 1882 (said to be the first white baby born west of Melita); Henry Gardiner born June 6, 1884; Clifton Erastus born April 16 1886; Marquis E. Born November 7, 1888; Minnie Ethel born July 7 1890; Cecil Howard born July 5 1892; Arthur Edgar born May 17 1894; and Stanley Hazelwood born July 1 1896.

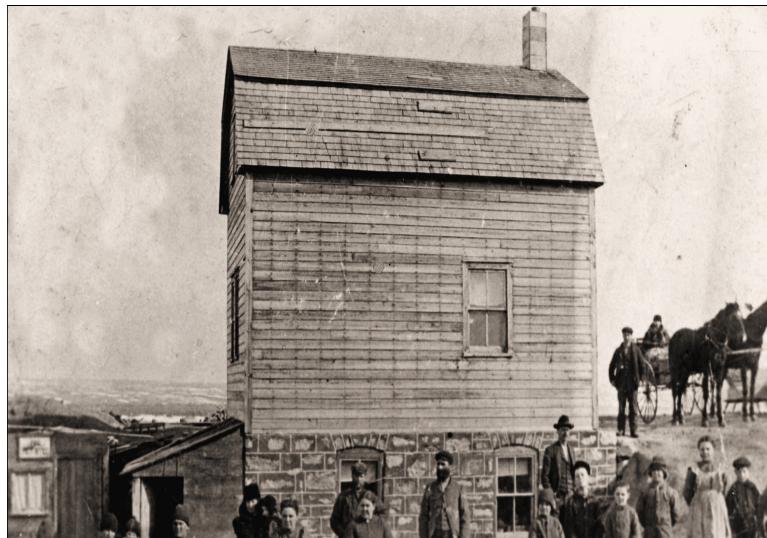
B.M. Jones and Ann Jane (Dowkes) and family circa 1900. Back row: Marquis E., Henry Gardiner, Minnie Ethel, Cecil Howard (slightly in front of his sister Minnie), Clifton Erastus, Craigie Victoria (with hand on Mother's shoulder). Front row: Bervellian Meredith (B.M.), Arthur Edgar, Stanley Hazelwood and Ann Jane.



B.M. as one of the first settlers in the community had first-hand experience of the early days of the district and knowing every foot of the district, it was part of his first duties to aid homesteaders in locating land. He possessed an amazing sense of direction and, no matter how dark the night or where darkness might overtake him, he was always able to find his bearings and arrive safely home. He was an interesting conversationalist and it is said that his word was his bond.

He operated a blacksmith shop in conjunction with his farm for many years and was the first blacksmith west of the Souris River. He was also the area postmaster after the coming of the railway to Glen Ewen. Local history states that B.M. had the first reaper brought to the district and also the first horse-powered thresher, which had no blower and was hand fed.

The little shop where B.M. sweated over his forge, sharpening shares and doing repairs of every description became, in later years, the gathering place for neighbours.



The third home built on the property, on "mail day" as the neighbours came to collect their mail and exchange local news.



The farmhouse in 1989

After a lengthy illness Annie, as she was affectionately known, died at the home of her son Stanley on November 18, 1927. B.M. spent his declining years with his son and daughter-in-law, Stanley and Winnie Jones in Brandon, Manitoba. He died on March 9th, 1939 in Brandon, Manitoba. Both B.M. and Annie are buried in the Meridian Cemetery south of Glen Ewen, Saskatchewan.



Headstone in Meridian Cemetery, south of Glen Ewen, Saskatchewan



Grandchildren of B.M. and Annie Jones at the 1982 family reunion
and unveiling of the memorial plaque

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Be Vewy Vewy Quiet – I’m Hunting Lnu’s

BY: SHARON SCOTT

While hard at work on one of my husband’s lines, I encountered my first member of the Lnu family. It was late at night and I’d been working on his Beatty line for several hours and had finally started doing random Google searches when it happened. I was searching for the mother of Rebeccah Beatty in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, when I bumped into Sarah Lnu. Sarah was born about 1779 in Tyrone County, Ireland, and married Andrew Beatty, who was born about 1775 in Tyrone County, Ireland, and died 12 Oct 1871 in Indiana County, Pennsylvania. She died as Sarah Beatty, 15 Mar 1874 in Plumcreek Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

I could not have been more excited. Lnu! How did one pronounce that? My first guess was that it was Gaelic. I went with the “Lah-new” version of pronunciation and got to work. I started with the sound genealogical principle that families, like most wild animals, travel in packs. There must be a father, brother or cousin that made the trip from Ireland. A quick search of Ancestry for Lnu in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, gave me 85,000 hits. That’s a lot of Lnu’s! I tried Sarah Lnu with the appropriate birth and death information and dropped my results to about 17,000 records. While my Sarah was not on the first couple of pages, I noticed that most of the results appeared to be women.

My next thought was to bounce back to Google. I put in “Sarah Lnu” Plum Creek Township, Pennsylvania, and had a couple of hits. The second one was my gal - Sarah Lnu was mentioned in an old archived RootsWeb page as part of a study of the Family Beatty in Pennsylvania from 2000. Wooohoooo! Finally I had a solid lead that my Sarah Lnu was indeed the mother of Rebecaah Beatty and was married to Andrew Beatty. All I needed was a couple of male Lnu’s from Tyrone County, Ireland, and I was in business. I had the momentary vision of the family bible full of Lnus going back at least three generations. I just knew I was on to something big here!

I zipped back onto Ancestry and ran a search for Lnu, born in Tyrone County, Ireland. Hhhmmmm – nothing but women! Where were all the men? I decided to try some simple men’s names like Thomas and John. No Thomases, but there were several John Lnu’s, a Willie, and a Fred, but none were in Pennsylvania. By now it was about one in the morning, and with eyes blurring from fatigue, I called it quits. I am unsure why I did not pick up the search again, but that particular line sat untouched for almost a year before I had my next Lnu encounter.

My distant cousin Jim is working on a book for one of our family lines, and last fall, Jim asked me if I would mind reading some chapters for his book and giving him my thoughts on them. I readily agreed and he emailed me several chapters having to do with England in the 1600s. While working in the second chapter, I was delighted to find an Elizabeth Lnu, even if she was in England and not in Ireland. With no baptismal records available for the time period and location, Jim had carefully detailed the hunt for a will by her father to document her parentage. He mentioned that some researchers had “suggested” the last name of Mason and had carefully searched for a family named Mason in the area.

I was very impressed that Jim was going to the trouble to eliminate all the possibilities. That’s good solid research, but I wasn’t at all surprised as Jim is a retired police detective. What did surprise me was that Jim had gone to such trouble to lay out his research to eliminate the Mason surname, and yet there was nothing of the search for the Lnu line. Why was that detail lacking in a chapter loaded with

documented research? Thinking I was saving him from a large embarrassing gap in his book that some professional genealogist would surely point out, I promptly emailed him with just that question. The next morning I had a response from Jim. He thanked me for all of my chapter comments and then addressed Elizabeth Lnu.

"As for Lnu, I can't stop laughing here as it brought back a very funny memory. It is a cop abbreviation for Last Name Unknown but (and why I laugh) one of the "new" cops that worked for me brought me an organizational chart of the Lnu family in a cocaine smuggling case that we were working. In this context though, POINT TAKEN - I think that I will just go with 'Elizabeth _____'. Thanks for making me REALLY smile and learn a point."

Huh??? He's laughing? What do you mean Lnu is not a name? I've seen Lnu on trees in Ancestry, Rootsweb, and even the IGI in FamilySearch lists 30 different Elizabeth Lnu's in the British Isles. How could I not have known? Am I the only one that doesn't know? I was absolutely mortified! Jim must surely think I'm the biggest box of rocks – heaven knows I certainly felt like one at that moment!!!!

It didn't take me long to get over the embarrassment and start to see the humor of the situation along with Jim. Since then, I've given a couple of presentations to genealogical societies, and each time I have talked a bit about surname searching. I always have a slide with my surnames, and included on that list is Lnu. It's at this point that I share my personal moment of education and my resulting embarrassment. Together we share a laugh at my expense, and that poor young cop's expense. It's then when I try to encourage my audience to find another way to handle their "unknowns" so they don't perpetuate Lnu as a surname.

Jim apparently doesn't think I'm that big of a box of rocks as he continues to send me his writing to review. He either thinks I'm okay at it - or perhaps he's just hoping for more entertainment. I have learned to never hesitate to ask the seemingly dumb question. Odds are if I don't know or understand something, then there is at least one other person somewhere that probably doesn't get it either. On the up side though – I didn't create a full organizational chart and present it to my boss! Imagine how great my embarrassment would have been had I found a male Lnu in the right place and created a full family tree and put it out on the Internet for all to see!!!!

An avid genealogist, Sharon Scott enjoys writing about the hunt for her elusive relatives and being the Education Chair for the Arizona State Genealogical Society. Sharon may be reached at sharon@findyourdead.com

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Two Brick Walls Crumble

BY: LINDA DUNSMORE-PORTER

For several years now I have been researching two illusive female relatives with little success. Every so often I review my notes, re-check resources and generally come up with the same results...nothing. But I remained resolute and determined.

One of the individuals, Eleanor Hesmondhalgh, seemed to have disappeared after the 1911 British census. I searched the marriage records, death records and any other record I could think of...but no Eleanor. However, there was a marriage record for an Ella Hesmondhalgh. Was she my Eleanor...it would make sense. But, not wanting to spend money on the purchase of a marriage certificate that may not be for my person, I put it off. Just the other day I was looking through some old Christmas cards that had been sent to my grandparents. One was signed ELLA and Becky...why hadn't I noticed that before. Ella for Eleanor was obvious logic. I immediately sent for the marriage certificate and VOILA...it was my Eleanor. Lesson: never overlook or reject a derivative. Check the internet for websites that give examples of nicknames, derivative names or alternative names. You will be surprised at some of the suggestions.

I also have determined Ella (Hesmondhalgh) King had one child and I am now looking for living relatives.

The other individual, Stella Porter, was more illusive. Her living nephew did not have any information on her other than she had gone to Canada then to the United States, married there and had one son. My father had also mentioned that one of the relatives from England had come to Canada and then migrated to the United States. However, being a female and of more recent times, the brick wall stood firm.

The only pieces of information I had was Stella's birth certificate, a couple of photos and family recollections. Stella was listed in the 1911 British Census with her parents and sisters. Of course, following 1911 things became a little more difficult.

Armed with this bit of information I searched the British vital statistics. I did find a Stella Porter married to a Herbert Brunskill in 1915. But that couldn't be her...because that didn't fit with the story that she had come to Canada, continued on to the United States, married and had one son. I puzzled over this for sometime. While casually browsing the internet I came across the Social Security Death Index for the United States. This database was familiar to me through other research and I briefly wondered if there was any point trying it...I had NO surname. If I was to search this database, I had four pieces of information to go on...a given name, birth date and location and assumed residence. What could it hurt? I entered Stella's name, birth date and location and last place she was known to have lived and hit "search". Hundred, nay thousands, of Stellas appeared. I decided to hunker down and start to go through the names...I thought this would take me several days, but for once luck was on my side. On the second page there was a Stella Crabb, born 5 Sep. 1895, in Blackburn, Lancashire, resident of Michigan. The birth date and location was spot on, however, I tried not to get too excited; I had more work to do. I checked the latest US census and there was Stella Crabb, married to Charles J. Crabb, with four daughters...one born in Canada.

I decided to do something radical...I was going to dismiss the family stories regarding Stella and I checked the Lancashire BDM database for the marriage of Stella Porter and Charles J. Crabb. I did find a marriage registration for Stella BRUNSKILL and Charles James Crabb. Needless to say, I was disappointed, but only for a moment. Hadn't I found a Stella Porter married to a Brunskill? Had Stella Porter married twice? I immediately ordered both marriage certificates for Stella Porter and Herbert Brunskill and Stella Brunskill and Charles J. Crabb. The brick wall tumbled. I had located Stella.

When I received the copies of the marriage certificates indeed Stella Porter had married twice. She had first married Herbert Brunskill in April of 1915 and by August she was a widow. Herbert had been killed during World War I at Gallipoli in Turkey. A few years later she married Charles Crabb and they immigrated to the United States via Canada

There was further information on Charles and Stella. They had entered Canada through Saint John, New Brunswick early in 1921. The information was found on the incoming Canadian Passenger lists, as well as their entry cards. These documents confirmed Stella's age and that she was born in Blackburn, Lancashire. The entry record also noted that Stella was 7 ½ months pregnant. It is believed the couple continued on to Brantford, Ontario. At present I have not been able to determine if Charles worked there or not. Their eldest daughter, Kathleen was born in Canada, shortly after they arrived. According to the Canada Border Crossing database the family moved to Detroit, Michigan in June of 1922. The 1930 census indicated that they had three more daughters: Norma, Marion and Alice. Charles worked in the automotive industry.

A note of interest: while waiting to leave for the United States, Stella and family were staying with her former sister-in-law – Herbert Brunskill's sister.

My challenge now is to trace Stella and Charles's four daughters- Kathleen, Norma, Marion and Alice.

With patience, occasionally looking through old family memorabilia, and checking if the back door is open, it is possible to trace those illusive female relatives.

There is a moral to this story...don't believe everything you are told...family folklore can and often is wrong.

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Cover Photo

Hazel Maiers (née Gleason) Lovell (27 November 1889 – 24 September 1984)

The first photo is of a young Hazel M. Gleason (Lovell) in 1908, age 19, while at Normal School, Moorhead, MN, 1908. Portrait by Thomas M. Swem, Fargo, ND.

The second photo is of Hazel (Gleason) Lovell on her 93rd birthday, November 27, 1982, Regina.

—Permission to reproduce these photos was obtained from granddaughter, Beverley Anne (née Sawka) Domm of Regina, 18 February 2011.

Hazel loved to tell stories of her ancestors, recounted by her mother and grandmother. She was proud of a genealogy that stretched back into England, beyond the first arrival in America in 1621. Her husband Ralph Thomas Lovell's lineage includes John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley of the Mayflower. However, a true Pioneer, her greatest loyalty and joy were found in her Saskatchewan home and Canadian citizenship.

She is remembered as a beautiful person, with lovely blue eyes and a gentle voice, sturdy yet very ladylike of figure, meticulous in her work, always pleasant, appreciative, helpful, self-sufficient and self-disciplined. We remember the courage and versatility she had in always doing her duty, caring for her family and herself by moving from one type of work to another, uncomplaining, frugal yet immensely generous.

... she made her home in Saskatchewan and always deeply appreciated the opportunities it gave her and her family. She treasured her Canadian citizenship, yet as the last of her beloved family, in September 1984, two months before her 95th birthday, she was laid to rest in the beautiful Riverside Cemetery family plot among her parents, siblings, great and grandparents. It overlooks the cornfields outside Winnebago, Minnesota, about four miles from their Huntley birthplace. To Canada she left 58 descendants and six generations - and precious memoirs of the building of her Saskatchewan. [—*Women Pioneers of Saskatchewan* edited by Celeste Rider. Regina: Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, 2010.]

William Sells

BY: JOHN IVERSON



Trying to find relatives of William Sells which probably lived near Manchester, England. When my father-in-law passed away we found a death medal with the name William Sells engraved on it. I found in British war records there was a William Sells killed in 1915. No one in the family knows much about the Sells but have heard the name mentioned. There is a connection in that my mother-in-law was from Manchester and it may be in her line. She was an Ellis and her mother a Hill. I would like to return this medal to the family if possible. You can reach me at georgette@accesscomm.ca or phone 306-789-8120.



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Do You Know Me?

There were two Greystone, University of Saskatchewan Yearbooks that were donated to Saskatchewan Genealogical Society. The wedding photo below was inside the 1969 yearbook. If they are related to you or you know who they are, please contact our office at saskgenealogy@sasktel.net or (306) 780-9207.



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Did You Know ...

Is a new column that is here to share information with you as well as to provide a place where you can ask questions. If you have a question related to genealogical research, a roadblock you've encountered in your research, or about the SGS, 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

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The library catalogue is online on the SGS website **<http://www.saskgenealogy.ca>**. Check it regularly for updates in the areas you are researching. If you are unsure or cannot find a book that could help you, contact the librarian who will be able to make suggestions and locate materials related to your topic or research area.

Books will be mailed to you (unless you live in Regina where the library is located) and a return postage paid label is enclosed in your parcel of books. You do not have to pay to return the books to SGS. You simply return the books in the same package you received them in and tape the return postage label securely to the package. The SGS uses the Library Postal Rate for mailing books to members so the cost is very minimal. However, materials such as videos, DVDs and CDs are not covered by the library postal rate, so you would need to pay the postage to have them sent to you and to return them to the SGS.

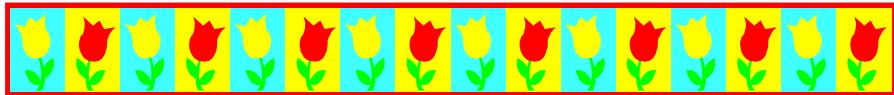
If you would like to borrow or if you have any questions about your borrowing privileges, please contact the librarian, Megan Ashcroft. Her email address is **sgslibrary@sasktel.net** or you may call the office at (306) 780-9207.

Happy Researching!
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SGS NEWS



From the Office ...

BY: LINDA DUNSMORE-PORTER
Executive Director

We are pleased to introduce to you our new Provincial Librarian, Megan Ashcroft. Megan has a very strong background in research and library skills and will be able to help you with all your questions and requests. We hope that you will join with us in welcoming Megan to our staff.

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Library Closures

April 22 & 25 - Good Friday/Easter
April 29 & May 2 - SGS Conference
May 23 - Victoria Day
July 1 - Canada Day
August 1 - Saskatchewan Day
September 5 - Labour Day
October 10 - Thanksgiving Day
November 11 - Remembrance Day
December 23 - January 3, 2012 - Christmas/New Year

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Vital Records Indexes for Ontario

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) has been notified by the Archives of Canada that the next series of indexes to vital records for Ontario are available. They are Births and Stillbirths 1913 (1 reel), Marriages 1928 (1 reel), and Deaths 1938 (1 reel). The cost is \$32.00 per reel plus applicable taxes, shipping and handling. The existing series has not been used a lot lately, so SGS will not be purchasing these reels unless the total amount of funds is donated.

(January 15, 2011 Ottawa, Canada)

The Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society and La Société de généalogie de l'Outaouais are pleased to announce that the third annual Semaine de généalogie/Genealogy Week will be held from **July 10th to July 15th** in the National Capital Region of Ottawa/Gatineau.

Participants to this event will be offered their own personalized itinerary, based on individual research needs.

Once established, they will then visit and research in such centres as the Library and Archives Canada (LAC), the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ), the Archives de la Ville de Gatineau, the United Church of Canada Archives, and the newly-built City of Ottawa Archives.

There, they will meet with renowned Canadian genealogical experts such as author Glenn Wright, blogger John D. Reid, and social historian Marie Careau, who will—as part of a team—give lectures on specialized topics including immigration, newspapers, military records, and Canadian families.

There will be an opening "Meet and Greet" on Sunday evening at the Library and Archives Canada, and a closing luncheon on Friday afternoon. The evenings may be used for further research, or one can enjoy the Ottawa/Gatineau sights before retiring to a world-class hotel.

Mike More, Chair of the Ottawa Branch, says "If you'd like to find out more about your Canadian family tree, Semaine de généalogie/Genealogy Week is the time to do it. There are a number of great resources in Canada's capital, and you will be introduced to several of them with tutorials and lectures."

Mario Lapointe, Coordinator of Genealogy Week, says "Genealogy Week will be great for the seasoned researcher as well as those just starting on their journey of discovery. Ottawa and Gatineau have many archives and facilities to research your Canadian family. You will attend first-class lectures as well as receive unprecedented guidance from archival staff and local researchers."

Regular registration will be open until June 15th, 2011, with an Early Bird discount in effect until June 1st. Late registrants are also welcome, although their program may not be as personalized.

For more details, or to join our mailing list for updates, please visit <www.ogsottawa.on.ca>, follow us on Twitter <<http://Twitter.com/GenealogyWeek>>, or simply send us an email <genealogyweek@ogsottawa.on.ca>.

We look forward to hosting you!

About the Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society

The Ottawa Branch was started in 1970 as one of the 30 branches of the largest genealogical society in Canada - the Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS).

The Branch is responsible for the historically-rich Ontario counties of Carleton, Lanark, Renfrew, and Prescott-Russell.

Please visit them at <<http://ogsottawa.on.ca>>.

About La Société de généalogie de l'Outaouais

La Société de généalogie de l'Outaouais (SGO) is a non-profit organization started in April 1978. It aims to support research in genealogy and to promote the writing of family history. The Society seeks all people interested in the story of their ancestor and in the safeguarding of their historical inheritance.

They can be reached at <www.genealogieoutaouais.com>.

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News & Notes

BY: ALICE ACHTER, RAE CHAMBERLAIN AND LUCETTE NOISEUX

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"Unlocking Doors to the Past" on 16-17 April 2011 at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre, Edmonton, Alberta. Speakers: Dave Obee, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Geoff Rasmussen and more. Further information at <http://www.abgensoc.ca/>.

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Conference 2011

Beyond the Basics Symposium 2011 is hosted by Saskatoon Branch on 29 April – 1 May 2011 at the Travelodge Hotel. Brochure on Saskatoon Branch website at <http://www.sbsgs.org> or on page ix.

Society of Genealogists

Breaking the Barriers Innovative Genealogy for the 20th and 21st Century at the Royal Overseas League in London on 7 May 2011. Further information available at <http://www.sog.org.uk>.

National Genealogical Society 2011 Family History Conference

Where the Past is Still Present hosted by South Carolina Genealogical Society on 11-14 May 2011 in Charleston, South Carolina. Visit <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>

Ontario Genealogical Society

Remembering Our Past ... Projecting Our Future, OGS is turning 50 next year and you are cordially invited to join the celebration at their golden anniversary conference which takes place on 13-15 May 2011 at the Hamilton Convention Centre. Further information available at <http://www.ogs.on.ca/conference2011/>.

Roots 2011

An International Conference on Family History Research hosted by the Quebec Family History Society on 3-5 June 2011 at McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. This event will be the largest English-language genealogical conference ever held in Quebec. There will be

numerous well-known speakers discussing all aspects of family history research, computer demonstrations, and a book fair. All lectures and events are in English. Complete program details and registration form at QFHS website <http://www.qfhs.ca>.

The 2011 Genealogy "Summer Camp"

Hosted by Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society on June 5 to 10. Fee for 2011 is \$220, covers approximately 7 hours of lectures and tutorials, 25 hours of hands-on instruction and all worksheets and handouts. Details, including lists of venues, resources and tutorials and more www.torontofamilyhistory.org/summercamp.html or e-mail: info@torontofamilyhistory.org.

Yorkshire Family History Fair

Takes place on 25 June 2011 at the York Racecourse at Knavesmire Exhibition Centre. Admission £4.00, free car parking and cafeteria facilities. Further information available at <http://www.yorkshirefamilyhistoryfair.com>

41st Annual Germans from Russia Heritage Society International Convention

Will be held at The Davenport Hotel & Tower in Spokane, WA on 20-24 July 2011. Visit <http://www.grhs.org> and click on the Convention page for more information or call the GRHS headquarters at (701)223-6167.

Miscellaneous

OGS Genealogy Cruise 2011

Cruise schedule 10-17 September 2011. Costs not yet finalized but will not include travel to New York City. Outside rooms extra and booking details to follow. Places on the cruise are New York, Boston, Portland, Saint John and Halifax. Contact OGS for further details.

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Saskatoon Branch SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Beyond the Basics Symposium 2011, April 29 – May 1

Travelodge Hotel, 106 Circle Drive West, Saskatoon SK Canada Phone: 306-242-8881

Speakers and Topics

(Full biographies available on Symposium website)

Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak

Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak (yes, that's her real name) is a genealogical adventurer who loves solving mysteries, making unexpected discoveries and pushing the boundaries of conventional genealogy. Since 1999, she's worn many hats in the family history world, including Chief Family Historian and spokesperson for Ancestry.com, the largest genealogical company in the world, creator of RootsTelevision.com, a pioneering online channel of free videos and winner of four Telly Awards, and founder of UnclaimedPersons.org, a volunteer group that assists coroners and medical examiners.

A popular writer, speaker and TV guest, she does all she can to get the g-word out there and inspire others in their quest for roots. Megan is a Huffington Post contributor, and was determined to be the most influential Twitter user on the topic of genealogy. Her most recent book is Who Do You Think You Are?: The Essential Guide to Tracing Your Family History, companion guide to the NBC series.

Megan's "greatest hits" include the following:

- Discovering Michelle Obama's roots, as featured on the front page of The New York Times
- Tracing Barack Obama's roots to Moneygall, Co. Offaly, Ireland

Her website is <http://www.honoringourancestors.com>

Topics:

- Remembering our Ancestors
- Trace your roots with DNA
- Beyond Y-DNA: Your genetic genealogy options
- Reverse Genealogy: Techniques for finding your lost loved ones

Dr. Fraser Dunford

Fraser grew up near Peterborough, Ontario, the fifth generation of his family to do so.

He graduated in electrical engineering from Queen's in 1967. He was an Athlone Fellow, obtaining a MSc in operational research in 1968 from City University, London, England. He got a multi-disciplinary PhD from Queen's in 1975.

He taught full-time at Nova Scotia Technical College, the University of Manitoba, and Acadia University, and part-time at Queen's and Toronto. He taught university teaching at the Teaching Service of the University of Manitoba. For 8 years he was the Director of the School of Business at Acadia.

He is a Past President of the Canadian Operational Research Society, was on its Board for 15 years, and edited its newsletter for 11 years. He was on the Board of the National Research Council for 3 years. He was one of the founders of the Nova Scotia section of the American Society for Quality.

He has been involved in genealogy for about 30 years, has written four books and many articles, and has often been on radio. He is the webmaster for the site FindingPhotographers, coordinates the Dunford mailing list, and is settler sheet co-ordinator for Kawartha Branch, OGS. He has the Professional Learning Certificate in Genealogical Studies (Canadian and English specialties) from the National Institute of Genealogical Studies and is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

He edited NewsLeaf (the OGS newsletter) for seven years, was on the OGS Board for two years, and has been Executive Director for over 4 years.

Topics:

- Historical photographs and photographers
- Ontario Municipal Records
- Internet and Genealogy
- What's On at the Ontario Genealogical Society

John Pihach

John D. Pihach was born in Yorkton. He received a B.Sc. degree from the University of British Columbia and also studied studio fine arts at the Vancouver Community College.

In his youth, he spent many years wandering about Asia and Europe and has made a dozen trips to Eastern Europe.

He has conducted genealogical research at the archives in Ukraine, Poland and Vienna.

He was the library chairperson for the East European Genealogical Society for eight years. John is the author of eleven articles on East European genealogical subjects and author of the book, Ukrainian Genealogy.

Topics:

- Researching in Archives / Cadastral and other Maps in Galician Research
- Economic and other Records for Galician Research

Marilyn Lappi

Marilyn Lappi has had a life-long interest in family history beginning when her grandparents told her stories about "the olden days". She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Saskatchewan and spent much of her career in the U of S library system. She currently lives in Edmonton and is a member of the Edmonton Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society where she is a library volunteer. She recently retired after eight years as the Genealogist for the Edmonton Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada.

Topics:

- Loyalists in the Development of Canada
- Loyalist Descendents in Western Canada
- Proof of Descent from a Loyalist

Denyse Smith

Denyse is Past President of the AGS Branch in Lethbridge, AB. She has worked at the Family History Centres in Calgary, Lethbridge, and Raymond, AB. She was Director of the Family History Centre in Saskatoon.

Denyse has done extensive research in Quebec, including her doctoral thesis, for her Ph.D. in History.

Topic:

- Genealogy of New France and Québec

Bonnie Wagner

Bonnie Wagner received a Master's degree in History from the

University of Saskatchewan and her area of specialization is Saskatchewan history.

She has been a Reference Archivist in the Saskatoon office of the Saskatchewan Archives Board since 2007.

Topic:

- Go West Young Man: Understanding Saskatchewan Homestead Records

Brenda MacDougall PhD

Brenda joined Native Studies at the University of Saskatchewan in 1999 and has worked with Métis communities documenting their history while exploring aspects of Métis indigenous knowledge related to family. Brenda has been engaged with various research projects, a collaborative project with Drs. N. St-Onge, C. Podruchny and H. Devine. She is completing her research on Métis communities on the border with the United States looking at how the International Border has impacted the ability of Métis communities to define themselves as well as pursuing a project detailing early twentieth century Aboriginal political and cultural movements in western Canada. Her first book, *One of the Family: Métis Culture in Nineteenth-Century Northwestern Saskatchewan* (2010), was released by the University of British Columbia and explores the history of Métis communities in northwestern Saskatchewan within a system of family relationships and as rooted in a particular place. As a part of that work, she is collaborating with researchers from the Universities of Alberta and Saskatchewan as well as the Northwest Saskatchewan Métis Council to produce an atlas of the Métis experience in northwestern Saskatchewan. Appointed the Chair of Métis Studies at the University of Ottawa in January 2010, she will now be engaging in Ontario-based Métis historical and community research.

Topic:

- Tracing the Historical Métis: Families, Geography, Mobility (in two parts)

Symposium website: <http://www.sbsgs.org>

Consult the website for schedule updates, registration forms and accommodation information. Displayer, sponsorship and tax-deductible donation opportunities are available.

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Beyond the Basics Symposium 2011 April 29 - May 1

Day/Time	Sessions		
Friday 12:00 PM	Registrations		
Friday 1:00 PM	Tour – University of Saskatchewan	Library newspaper microfilms	Saskatchewan Archives
Friday 1:00 PM	Tour – City of Saskatoon	City of Saskatoon Archives	Saskatoon Cemeteries
Friday 5:00 PM	Registrations		
Friday 6:30 PM	Greetings SGS, City of Saskatoon, Province of Saskatchewan		
Friday 7:00 PM	Opening Speaker Dr Fraser Dunford - Historical Photographs and Photographers		
Saturday	Breakfast - on your own		
Saturday 8:30 AM	Megan Smolenyak Remembering Our Ancestors		
Saturday 9:30 AM	Break		
Saturday 9:45 AM	Megan Smolenyak Trace Your Roots with DNA		
Saturday 10:30 AM	Break		
Saturday 11:00 AM	John Pihach Cadastral and other Maps in Galician Research	Denyse Smith Researching your Québec Ancestors	Fraser Dunford Ontario Municipal Records
Saturday 12:00 PM	Lunch with Ancestry		
Saturday 1:00 PM	Megan Smolenyak Cases That Made My Brain Hurt		
Saturday 2:00 PM	Break		
Saturday 2:15 PM	Marilyn Lappi United Empire Loyalist Research	Bonnie Wagner Saskatchewan Land Records	Brenda MacDougall Tracing the Historical Métis: Families, Geography, Mobility
Saturday 3:15 PM	Break		
Saturday 3:30 PM	Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Annual General Meeting		
Saturday 4:30 PM	Break - Browse displays and vendors		
Saturday 7:00 PM	BANQUET Saskatoon Police Investigation: Unsolved Mystery - The Lady in the Well		
Sunday	Breakfast - on your own		
Sunday 8:30 AM	Megan Smolenyak Reverse Genealogy: Techniques for Finding Your Lost Loved Ones		
Sunday 9:30 AM	Break		
Sunday 9:45 AM	Fraser Dunford The Internet and Genealogy	John Pihach Economic and other Records for Galician Research	Brenda MacDougall Tracing the Historical Métis: Families, Geography, Mobility
Sunday 10:30 AM	Break		
Sunday 11:00 AM	Fraser Dunford What's On at the Ontario Genealogical Society		
Sunday 12:00 PM	Sendoff - time to begin using your recently acquired knowledge!		

Accommodations

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Registration Form

Beyond the Basics Symposium 2011, April 29 - May 1, Registration Form

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Alt Email		

Sample entry: Firstname Lastname, Somecity;

Registration: How Many?

Early Bird (before March 25) \$100 ea
 Regular (after March 25) \$115 ea
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 Additional syllabus \$10 ea
 Banquet \$25 ea
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Comments

Query

RITCHIE: I am interested in sharing information on the descendants of James Ritchie and his wife Margaret Milne from Crieff, Perthshire, Scotland. Margaret Milne was born in 1838 in Forgandenny, Perthshire, Scotland and died in Creiff on 7 Oct 1888. James Ritchie was born about 1835 in Crieff, was a journeyman mason, and died in Edinburgh of asthma about 1880. They were married in Blythwood, Glasgow on 14 Aug 1868. They had five children: Elizabeth Ritchie born 1871 in Glasow died 1914 in Creiff, married to Alexander Mcfarlane, had at least 2 children. Thomas William Ritchie born 1872 in Glasgow, believed to have settled in Ontario where he died about 1951 in Ottawa. Jane born 1874 in Crieff, died in Calgary, Alberta married to Charles McDonald in Ottawa. James Kennedy Ritchie born 2 March 1877 in Creiff, Perthshire. Last seen in Calgary, Alberta about 1923. John Milne Ritchie born 1880 in Crieff, died in 1954 and is buried in Regina. The family was still together in 1881. After the mother died in 1888, the last five children became wards of the Quarriers, a child care society in Scotland and were sent to Canada. It is believed that John lost all contact with his siblings in Canada. John's descendants would like to reconnect with descendants of his siblings. Contact Bob at roberto@accesscomm.ca.

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From Celeste Rider ...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who wished me well on my retirement as Librarian from the SGS. I truly appreciate all of the people who came out in December to wish me well and those who sent me cards and notes in the mail. You are all very kind. Thank you so much!

DO YOU HAVE YOUR INTERNET WITH SHAW OR TELUS?

Since December 2010, some **Shaw** or **Telus** customers are not receiving e-mails from SGS. We have been told by our internet provider that you need to:

- 1) Check your security on your computer to see if blocking
- 2) Contact your provider to see why you are not receiving e-mails from SGS.

Contact SGS if you have any questions at (306) 780-9207.

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). 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.

Genealogy/Instructional

- *Genealogical Writing in the 21st Century: A Guide to Register Style and More* 2nd ed. by Michael J. Leclerc and Henry B. Hoff. 2006. Donated by Robert Pittendrigh.

Canada

- *"Love Strong as Death: Lucy Peel's Canadian Journal, 1833-1936* by J.I. Little, ed. 2001. Donated by Evelyn Gay.

Canada: Saskatchewan

- *Cynosure 1964-1965* (Prince Albert Collegiate). Donated by Frances Morrison Library.
- *Moose Jaw: The Early Years* by Bruce Fairman. 2009. Donated by Frances Morrison Library.
- *Along the Carlton Trail* by the Ottawa - Speers History Book Committee. 1984. Donated by Frances Morrison Library.
- *Waldheim Remembers the Past* by Waldheim History Committee. 1981. Donated by Frances Morrison Library.
- *Radisson Recalls '76-'77* (Radisson School Yearbook). 1977. Donated by Frances Morrison Library.
- *Greystone '68* (University of Saskatchewan Yearbook). 1968. Donated by Frances Morrison Library.
- *Greystone '68* (University of Saskatchewan Yearbook) by D. W Evanish. 1968. Donated by Frances Morrison Library.
- *Obituary Index: The Independent: Biggar, Saskatchewan 1984 to 2010* by Biggar Branch, Saskatchewan Genealogical Society. 2011. Donated by Biggar Branch, Saskatchewan Genealogical Society.
- *Women Pioneers of Saskatchewan* by Celeste Rider, ed. 2009.
- *The History of Uranium City and District* by Grant Dougall, et al. 1982.
- *U 235 1962* (Uranium City Year Book) by Lorne Johnson, ed. 1962.
- *Memories 1962* (Gunnar School/Uranium City) 1962.
- *Uranium City High School Year Book 1969* by Joan Paziuk, ed. 1969.
- *Yesterday: Uranium City High School Year Book 1978* by Carmel Smyth, ed. 1978.

- *Reflections '79* (Candu High School Uranium City) by Perry Keller and Dale Mueller, eds. 1979.
- *Reflections '80* (Candu High School Uranium City) by Perry Keller and Dale Mueller, eds. 1980.
- *Menagerie: Candu High School 1980-81* (Uranium City) by Angela Brandsgard and Breta Passler, eds. 1981.
- *Reflections '83* (Candu High School Uranium City) by Steve Harris and Lunda Husak, eds. 1983.
- *The New Spirit 1985-1986* (Holy Cross Junior High Prince Albert). 1986.

Europe: Banat

- *Familienbuch der katholischen Pfarrgemeinden HEUFELD-MASSDORF im Banat 1895-1944* by David Dreyer and Karen Dalton Preston. 2010. Donated by the Zichydorf Village Association
- *Familienbuch der katholischen Pfarrgemeinden Stephansfeld/Banat 1796-1945*. 1998. CD
Donated by Dave Dreyer
- *Familienbuch der Banater Gemeinden Heufeld-Mastort 2010 1771 bis * 1837/oo1851/†1852* by Josef Kühn. 2010 [2004]. CD/DVD. Donated by the Zichydorf Village Association

Europe: Germans From Russia

- *About Myself and Repression of the Germans in South Ukraine* by John (Johannes) Philipps. 2009. Donated By Christina Krismar

Great Britain

- *Boy Soldiers of the Great War: Their own Stories for the First Time* by Richard van Emden. 2005. Donated by Dirk Hoogeveen.

United States: North Dakota

- *The Edinburg Story: Edinburg's 75th Anniversary June 26 and 27, 1957* by M. C. Flaten 1957.

Family History

- *The Uhrens and Bieleckis: Our Family's History* by Wilfred Peter Uhren. 2010. Donated by Gordon Domm
- *The Life Story of Yohun and Justina Kessler and their Descendents from 1891 to our Kessler Kinfolk Reunion at Rocken Beach, Fife Lake, Saskatchewan July 1977* by Ida Goudie.

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Computer Column

BY: CHRISTINA KRISMER



Much like the outdoors I too feel frozen up - can't wait for spring. It has been a good time to stay indoors and work on genealogy without feeling guilty about missing all the outdoor fresh air.

For the Legacy users out there (if you have not already heard) version7.5 is now available. It is a free download. Although not totally ready for everyone the emphasis is on the ability to link to familysearch.org to access their updated resources. It must be noted that if you are not an LDS member or volunteer working on the digital conversions you will not have the access that members and volunteers now have. It is coming.

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For those of you interested in grave markers and their history (this is mostly in Massachusetts) you may be interested in visiting the Franklin Gravestone Collection website.

www.davidrumsey.com/collection/

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News from Legacy is that the 1916 Western Canadian Census is available. This is the message: "Thanks to John Reid, author of the Anglo-Celtic Connections blog, for alerting us to the new availability of the 1916 census of the Prairie Provinces (Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta) of Canada. The census is currently only available on microfilm at Library and Archives Canada on microfilm reels T-21925 to T-21956. Digitization and indexing are being undertaken as part of an agreement with the Generations Network+ In his article, John gives researchers an insight into what is included in the census:

- family and first name
- military service
- locality information
- relation to the head of the household

- gender
- marital status
- age
- place of birth
- year of immigration
- year of naturalization
- nationality
- race or national origin
- whether can speak English
- whether can speak French
- mother tongue
- whether can read/write
- occupation
- employment"

After reading the announcement I went on line to Library and Archives Canada and went to the Canadian Genealogy Centre, clicked on Census then went down the page until I found the years listed. I clicked on 1916, then "search" and started my search. What is important to note is that the census is not name indexed therefore you must search by location which really means you need to know the township, range and meridian to find the right area. I did not have my guide with me but did a bit of testing and found that as long as I knew the township, range and meridian and plugged those in, the correct district files came up. Then I had to search through the numerous pages (50 or so) to look for the families. The search really wasn't any harder than if I had been searching through the specific microfilm reel. Actually it was easier because I could do it from home at my convenience. Along with that I found the search screens much easier to read than the actual microfilm. The most serious problem I encountered was the spelling of names. Many of them very phonetic – ex- Sellinger was spelled Sailinger; Schlosser was Slusser and others. There were some first names I was not able to figure out, such as Sefious. Some of the handwriting was poor so you needed to go through carefully.

Missing were the black areas that are on the microfilm which was good. I would much rather go through those pages than try the actual microfilms now, especially with the guide that I developed. In fact with the guide I can easily search any district.

If you want the district and sub-district numbers use the “search help” located on the left margin of the census screen. You will find an Excel file listing all the districts and sub-districts which indicates where all the townships and ranges are located. It is on this list that you will also find the districts and sub-districts for the bigger towns and cities.

Searching for the cities and the bigger towns was a little different. According to the Excel file lists found in “search help” each city or bigger town has its own district number and sub-district number. However I learned the cities and towns cannot be found using those numbers. Instead I found them by entering only the province and sub-district description - example Saskatchewan, City of Regina. When the screen opened showing the district name, number, sub-district description and

microfilm number I saw that the city of Regina was broken down further into divisions (these are the electoral districts). That was as far as I was able to go as I did not know the division letter within the city for the family I was searching. If I was prepared to spend the time I could go on by going through each division (16 of them A to P for Regina and about 50 pages to each). Having a list of the boundaries of each division would be a big help when searching the cities.

SGS has copies of the microfilms for the Western Canada 1916 Census as well as a Finding Aid which can be used to find the districts and sub-districts. A breakdown of the cities has not been done to date.

In some instances you may not be able to find the family you are searching. I could not find my husband’s maternal grandparents. I suspect some people were missed especially in the less populated rural areas - they may not have been there when the enumerator came around, he didn’t return, they may have moved or neighbours may not have been able to give the information. Try your hand at a 1916 census online search.

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For Sale

Saskatchewan and Its People (3 volumes)

Hawkes, John, S. J. Clarke Publishing, Chicago – Regina, volumes, 2084 pages includes many photo plates, VG bright c octavos in green cloth hard covers with gilt titles. Asking \$350.00.
Contact Bob at roberto@accesscomm.ca.

Cemetery Program

BY: LINDA NEELY
SGS Cemetery Coordinator



We have lots of volunteer opportunities – would anyone like to enter cemetery data to be included in the SRI? We have several hundred cemeteries you can work on!

The end of the year is a time to tally up what we accomplished in 2010, and we did some great work. We located sixteen (16) cemeteries that weren't previously known. A total of twenty-seven (27) were recorded for the first time and a further one hundred twenty-six (126) were updated from their last recording. We now have a total of two thousand four hundred and ninety-one (2,491) recorded.

The following RM maps are needed (*not HOME maps*):

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Pense RM #160	Chaplin RM #164
Saskatchewan Landing RM#167	Lumsden RM#189
Riverside RM#168	Enfield RM#194
Dufferin RM#190	Touchwood RM #248
Stanley RM#215	Keys RM#303
Arm River RM #252	Elfros RM #307
Buchanan RM#304	St. Peter RM#369
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Invergordon RM#430
Meeting Lake RM#466

Prior to purchasing RM maps, please contact SGS office at (306) 780-9207 or e-mail saskgenealogy@sasktel.net to make sure it hasn't already been donated by someone.



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(Halvorgate)

Last words:

Show me the manner in which a nation cares for its dead, and I will measure with mathematical exactness, the tender mercies of its people, their loyalty to high ideals, and their regard for the laws of the land.

William E. Gladstone (1809 - 1898), British Prime Minister

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Zichydorf Village Association

BY: GLENN SCHWARTZ, President, ZVA



Thanks to Linda Dunsmore-Porter for offering us the opportunity to spread the word about our group in the SGS Bulletin. For those of you who do not know about us, our ancestors came from a German village in the old Austro-Hungarian Empire that lies in today's Serbia. Several dozen families came to the Regina area beginning in 1896 and continuing to the 1950s and spread all over southern Saskatchewan and beyond. Of course, others went elsewhere and we have members and contacts all over North America and Europe. We have a collection of resources in the SGS library that focuses on the Banat area of Eastern Europe, but that also includes several items with broader appeal. Check our web site at Zichydorfonline.org. There are several public pages that will allow you to get a feel for whether your family belongs to our group. You can register to access more pages and become a member to learn still more.

Our European Tour

Fourteen of us, seven from Regina and seven from the USA, toured Europe for three weeks in May and June, 2010. We traveled by bus from Frankfurt through Alsace-Lorraine, southern Germany, Austria, and Hungary, to our destinations in Serbia and Romania, visiting museums, libraries, churches, and many, many cemeteries along the way. We had a great time walking where our ancestors walked. The highlight for most of us was attending a Mass in the church where our ancestors worshipped more than a hundred years ago. This was our third such tour, having previously gone in 2006 and 2008. Each time we accumulate hundreds of cemetery pictures. Miles Dormuth recently compiled an index of all the gravestone pictures from our 2008 Banat tour. The index and pictures are posted on our web site.

Translations

Many of our resources in the SGS library are in the German language. Names and dates are easily accessible, but much historical and cultural information contained in introductory text is lost to unilingual English researchers. We have decided to invest substantially over the next couple of years in translating this valuable information.

Your Genealogical Legacy

Too often, we genealogists are kind of lonely within our families - no one else shares our passion for the family history. When we pass on, the uninterested family members are left with a pile of papers that they do not understand nor care about. In these circumstances, a lifetime of work can end up in the garbage. What have you done to ensure that this does not happen to your precious work? At the very least, you should discuss the disposition of your papers with your family. Even better yet, leave written instructions. Best of all, add a codicil to your will. This is simply a short addendum that does not require changing the will itself. The DVHH web site has an excellent example that you can adapt to your own needs at http://www.dvh.org/research/gene_aid/codicil.htm.

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The Becker Clan In the Fight for Freedom

BY: EUGENE A. CORNELIUS, MD, PhD



Eugene A. Cornelius

Eugene is the son of Amalia Becker and Marie Becker Stolar.

On Saturday, 19 October 1889, the steamship *Circassian* dropped anchor in the port of Quebec. Down the gangplank came a tired, hopeful family: George and Margaret Becker, with children ranging from 17 to 2 years: Adolf, Ferdinand, Anna, Wilhelmina, Emilie, Johanna, and Adele. (Amalia was born three years later.)

They were relieved; the most difficult part of their 6,000 mile trip from Königsaw, Galicia, in Austria, was over. From the dock, the train would take them straight to Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Three days later they reached Winnipeg. Next spring, they claimed their homestead in the new settlement of Beresina, 12 miles north of Langenburg, Saskatchewan. Time passed. Their children grew up, scattered, married, and had families.

But the tangled web of Old Europe now threatened the whole world. The Becker's and their spouses voluntarily answered the challenge to their freedom.

John George Becker: World War I

George was born on 5 September 1899, the son of Adolph Becker and Caroline Rueckemann, on their homestead, adjoining Adolf's parents' homestead in Berensia. The family moved to Langenburg in 1903.

In 1918 George joined the Royal Flying Corps, there being no RCAF. He was a typist. He contracted tuberculosis and was discharged, then was a patient at Fort San in 1919. He was awarded a pension which in later life was \$19.00 per month.

George joined his father in the Rex Garage in Langenburg, which became his lifetime career. In 1922 he married Margaret Baehnisch. The marriage was blessed with a daughter, Dorothy Grace. George passed away 19 January 1995.

Stephen Sedford Thorlakson: World Wars I and II

Stephen was born 10 December 1897 in Big Point, Manitoba, the eldest son of a Lake Manitoba fisherman. He grew up in Churchbridge, Saskatchewan, where his father ran a hotel from 1904 to 1907, and to which, after living briefly in Edmonton, where his father drowned tragically, his widowed mother and seven children returned. They now lived four miles north of town in an old log school house. They kept chickens and cows, their mother was an excellent seamstress, and he and his brother Ed hunted game birds and rabbits and trapped weasels and muskrats for pocket money.

In the winter of 1915, his uncle, who farmed nearby, joined the Army (he was later killed at Ypres, where his name is engraved on the memorial monument). Stephen and Ed lived in an isolated community. They too, wanted adventure, to see the world, so they enlisted on 19 April 1915 in Winnipeg. Stephen was 17 ½ and Ed was 15, so they lied about their ages.

Stephen joined the 44th Infantry Battalion. After training, he went to England to the Second Canadian Reserve Depot at Shorncliffe, England, where he completed training as a signaller and dispatcher. In February 1916, he was sent to France in the signal section of the 6th Company, 2nd Battalion, Canadian Machine Gun Corps, Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Stephen from then on was part of all Canadian actions including the Somme (1916), Vimy Ridge (1917), Passchendaele (1917), Cambrai (1917), and the march to Germany after the Armistice, 11 November 1918.

The most famous Canadian victory was at Vimy Ridge. The Germans were well fortified on the Ridge and the British could not dislodge them. The Commander of the Canadian Corps, Lt. Gen. Byng, mustered 1,000 guns, side-by-side, and the infantry advanced behind a five-mile wall of artillery fire, which destroyed everything in its path. In five days the Ridge was theirs. Cost: 3,600 dead.

Passchendaele, Belgium, November was the scene of one of the most horrific battles of the First World War: 15,000 dead and wounded. There was mud, mud, everywhere, from the rains and the ceaseless artillery fire in a static war. One night Stephen went up to the front line with an officer, when the enemy sent up a flare. He froze, motionless, on a hump; and when he grasped the hump for stability, to his horror his thumb and two fingers entered the mouth and eye sockets of a long-dead soldier.

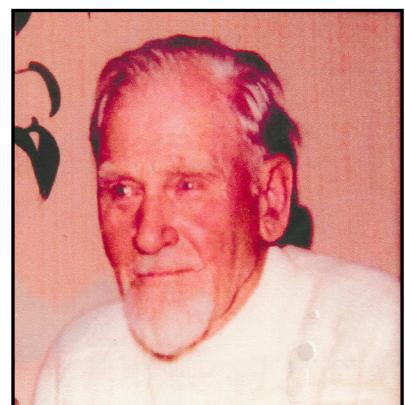
Stephen was a telegraphic messenger, carrying messages thrice daily between regimental headquarters six miles back and the front line. The headquarters, in a captured concrete pill box, was secure, but a canvas lean-to behind it, for the off-duty staff, was not, so he built a dug-out for his two men from the signals section. On his next trip back, he heard a loud shellburst. It killed more than 18 in the lean-to but his two men in the dug-out were safe.

At the time of Armistice, after 34 continuous months at the front without leave, Corporal Thorlakson received a pass. Disobeying orders, he headed for Paris and a good time.

After discharge 5 April 1919, with the soldier's settlement, he farmed for a few years six miles southwest of Calder. He then became a grain buyer for the Wheat Pool in Calder, Saskatchewan. There he met Alma Schrader, daughter of Herman Schrader and Emilie Becker, and they were married in 1928. (Emilie Becker was the daughter of the immigrant couple, George and Margaret Becker of Berensina, a younger sister of Adolf Becker of Langenburg, and an older sister of my mother, Amalia Becker.) He was later a grain buyer, then a baker, in Alberta.



Stephen Thorlakson,
Army, World War I.
Behind him, his younger
brother, Ed.



Stephen Thorlakson,
veteran of both World Wars,
at age 100.

In the mid 1930's, he returned to farming in Churchbridge, but the family barely survived the depression and the drought. To help his family, his six-year-old daughter May lived with us in Zorra in 1936. She was a delightful ray of sunshine. Later, Stephen was a baker in Langruth, Manitoba, supplying the lake fisherman. It was a return to his early childhood roots.

With the onset of World War II, he enlisted in the RCAF on 20 February 1940. Despite his age of 42, he passed the Morse Code test and underwent training as a wireless operator. On 2 September 1940, he went to England where, in Upper Hayford, he was the operator of a High Frequency Direction Finding radio station at the end of the main runway, guiding bombers returning from air raids. He returned to Canada in March 1943, where he trained recruits, and was discharged in April 1945 with the rank of Sergeant.

In November 1998, 80 years after the World War I Armistice, he, at age 100, and 17 other veterans as guests of the Canadian Government, were members of Memorial Celebrations and Vimy Ridge, and other battle sites in France and Belgium. There, he met Queen Elizabeth II and other dignitaries, and he was awarded the French Legion of Honor.

Alma passed away 9 December 1979, and Stephen, 3 January 2001, at age 103. They are survived by a large family.

Ole Bernard Olie: World War I



Ole Olien, Army

Ole was born in Ransjö, province of Gotteberg, Sweden in the late 19th century. When his family emigrated to Canada in late 1903, the youngest son, Ole, became a Doppelgänger for his next older brother, Oskar Bernhard, who had died in infancy, assuming his name and date of birth, 13 September 1896. The family settled in Winnipeg.

On 9 July 1915, Ole enlisted in the active militia, the 78th Overseas Battalion, with his mother's consent. On 22 June 1916, he enlisted in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force, 184th Overseas Battalion, at Camp Hughes, Manitoba. (He would later be transferred to other battalions.) He sailed for England from Halifax, arriving 11 November 1916, then was sent to France 29 November 1916. At the front he was a scout, carrying messages to the front line. His group was called "The Hungry and the Sick".

On 21 March 1917, at Maismel Bouche, France, the 27th Battalion was training in the use of the Lee-Enfield rifle to fire dummy Mills #23 rifle grenades, using SAA MVII cartridges, with the bullet previously extracted. The cartridge was inserted in the usual position, then from the muzzle, the rod of the grenade was inserted down the barrel to the cartridge.

When Pte T. Fleming fired one rifle at 3:30 pm, an explosion occurred, filling his eyes with smoke and powder, but he was unhurt. Sgt L. Seymour, standing 10 feet back, and Pte Olien beside him, were hit by metal fragments, from the bolt and chamber. On stat examination by a surgeon, Seymour had a slight wound right thigh, Olien a ¾" laceration left eyebrow and a smaller one above the right knee. He was classified as serious injury and hospitalized.

A Court of Inquiry next day concluded that said rifle, fired thousands of times over two weeks, was weakened, though no defect was seen. But the "base of the cartridge was blown out and it was stuck in the rifle." (My diagnosis: obviously a defective cartridge. This once occurred when I fired a 22 rifle. E.C.)

Pt Olien was inoculated. (Probably passive immunization against tetanus, with horse antibody. E.C.) He recovered and was discharged 5 June 1917.

A year later, 23 June 1918, he was again hospitalized, with ? impetigo of the legs. He was sent back to England 15 August. Syphilis was excluded by a Wasserman test. (Impetigo is a Staphylococcal infection of the skin, with little blisters and pustules. Before antibiotics, dangerous spread could occur. E.C.) He was discharged from hospital 4 months later, 25 October 1918. He was discharged from the Army in Winnipeg 19 February 1919. His pay had been \$1.10 per day. He was awarded the Military medal and the British War and Victory Medals.

Winnipeg is near the border, and during US Prohibition, Ole was a rum-runner. He excelled in baseball – he took prairie small town jobs to boost local teams, as in Langenburg, Saskatchewan, as a pitcher. Here he met a beautiful young lady, Julie Becker, daughter of Adolf Becker, who became his wife 22 February 1924. Ole delivered gasoline to farmers, then in 1930, the family moved back to Transcona, the eastern district of Winnipeg. Ole became a switchman in the CNR rail yards, rising to become yard master. Through the 1930s he still played baseball, his team for 4 years was the Greater Winnipeg Champions.

Every day Ole sang the songs of his past-from France and the beer halls of London. A proud feat: rolling cigarettes with one hand. This colorful character passed away 18 August 1985, lovingly remembered by his wife, three children, and his grandchildren. (All data from son Ken and Archives Canada.)

Lewis Dominic Enright: World War II

Lewis was born 5 August 1907 in Florence, South Dakota, USA and came to Canada with his parents in 1910. On 17 April 1933 he married Eugenie Margaret Becker, daughter of Adolf Becker of Langenburg, Saskatchewan, at Kelvington, Saskatchewan. They farmed in that area. He enlisted in the Signal Corps early in World War II. On base, he was injured in a truck accident. He complained of back pain, as was discharged, without pension, in early June 1942, in Kingston, Ontario.

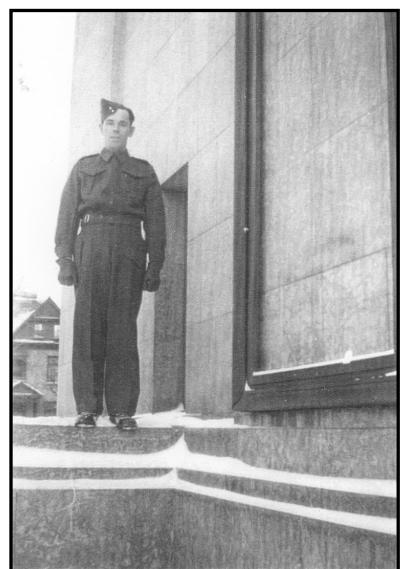
Alois Bernard Kohnen: World War II

Alois (Lloyd) was born 11 July 1908, to Michael and Mary Kohnen of rural Langenburg, Saskatchewan. He completed Grade 11 in Langenburg in 1927, followed by an eight-month business course. For four years he was a teller in the local bank, followed by eight years as the accountant at the Rex Garage in Langenburg.

On 17 February 1941, he enlisted in Winnipeg in No.18 Company Canadian Dental Corps (RCAF). On 24 May 1941, in Winnipeg, he married Elfrieda Becker, daughter of Adolf Becker of Langenburg.

He served in the Dental Corps as a clerk, and for three years was in charge of the company orderly room as Staff Sergeant. He was discharged 8 May 1946.

Subsequently, he was an accountant at Crane's, a plumbing supply company in Winnipeg. He passed away 8 November 1953, and is survived by his widow and a daughter, Janice.



Alois Kohnen, Canadian Dental Corps

Walter Herman Schrader: World War II

Walter's life was sadly checkered. Talented musically, he taught himself the piano and saxophone. Tall, slender, reserved, handsome, he was a Gary Cooper look-a-like. But medical problems dominated his later life.

He was born 23 July 1908 in rural Stornoway, Saskatchewan. His mother was Emelia Becker, daughter of George and Margaret Becker, immigrants from Austria. During 1917-1933 the family lived in Calder, Saskatchewan, where his father was a grain buyer. He, his sister Clara, and his future brother-in-law, and two others formed an orchestra, "The Snappy Five", which played for dances and other functions. After his father's accidental death, the family moved to a farm near Plumas, Manitoba. Here the same three family members formed a band "The Buckaroos".

In the early 1940's, he joined the RCAF. In May 1943 he was transferred to Vancouver. On 29 December 1944, he married his Plumas neighbor, Lydia Platt. They then lived in base housing at Fort St. John in remote northeastern British Columbia. John was a base carpenter. In August 1945, while enroute to Edmonton, Alberta, on a train packed with servicemen the conductor suddenly shouted: "You won't have to go to war!" Next day, the streets of Edmonton were packed with V-J celebrators. Walter developed severe ulcerative colitis, and took his discharge in October.

He lived in Vancouver thereafter, as a carpenter and furniture maker. Heart problems led to an early death at 62. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and three granddaughters.

Robert Rudolf Kendel: World War II

Robert was born 3 May 1915 in Shell River, Manitoba, the son of Fred Kendal and Katherine Rathgeber. His father was a carpenter and grain hauler in MacNutt, Saskatchewan.



**Walter Schrader,
RCAF**



Robert Kendel, Army

Early in World War II Robert joined the Canadian Army in Regina. He trained in various camps in Western Canada. He was in the Military Police.

On 28 February 1941 he married his cousin, Irene Isabelle Kendel (daughter of Margaret Becker, who was the daughter of Ferdinand Becker) in MacNutt. The wedding was formal, the first in that church involving a serviceman.

Flat feet became a major disability for Robert, leading to an early discharge from the Army. Then he became a grain buyer for United Grain Growers in MacNutt.

Evenings, he drilled us cadets in the local Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps. He was a firm, effective leader.

Robert passed away in 1953, Irene in 2002, and are survived by two children and two grandchildren.

(The author attended cadet camp in July, 1944. Memories have faded, except for a marksmanship prize, and marching to mess to the rousing Colonel Bogey March, with colorful lyrics.)

Willard John Ferdinand Kendel: World War II



Willard was born 13 June 1923 in MacNutt, Saskatchewan, the son of Adolf Kendel and Margaret Becker. His mother was the daughter of Ferdinand Becker, younger brother of Adolf Becker of Langenburg.

After high school, he received a Diploma in Dairying from the University of Manitoba, then farmed, then became a dairy worker in Regina.

He enlisted in the Canadian Army 8 December 1943, and trained in Canada as a Driver Operator. In March 1945 he embarked for the United Kingdom, where he received further training and served as a mechanic and in the Signal and Provost Corps. He was discharged 16 August 1946 with the rank of Lance Corporal.

Following discharge he farmed for 14 years. Following special training, he then worked as a Credit Advisor in the Veterans Land Administration, Department of Veteran Affairs, in Whitewood and Regina. He retired after 29 years of service. He passed away in 2001 and is survived by his wife, Lois Fallis, two children and three grandchildren.

Roland Merlin John Wagner: World War II

Roland was born 29 September 1924 to John Wagner and Elizabeth Schaan in MacNutt, Saskatchewan. As a youth he worked in the family garage.

In October 1943 he enlisted in the RCAF. He trained and served as an aircraft mechanic and was stationed at several air bases in western Canada. After Japan's surrender, Roland was granted an Honourable release on 9 October 1945 with the rank of Leading Aircraftman.

After Technical School training in Regina, he returned to MacNutt and became a partner in, and later owner of, Wagner's Garage and GM agency, which he operated until retirement.



**Roland Wagener,
RCAF**

On 30 June 1950, in MacNutt, he married Marie Katherine Kendel, daughter of Margaret Becker, who was the daughter of Ferdinand Becker.

Roland was the Mayor of MacNutt for 15 years. He passed away in 2002 and is survived by Marie, three children, and seven grandchildren.

James Charles Snider: World War II



**James Snider,
RCAF**

James Snider was born 13 October 1915, in Webb, SK. His father was a farmer. In the 1930s farmers were poor and jobs of any kind were scarce. Jim rode the rails looking for work.

He also applied for enlistment in the RCAF in 1937. On calling home, his mother informed him that he had been accepted into the Air Force. He entered the service in Trenton, Ontario. He worked in purchasing and supply and by 1943 had risen to the rank of Warrant Officer, class I.

On 8 May 1944, he was accepted for pilot training at Pendleton, Ontario. He trained in a variety of planes: Tiger Moth, Anson II, Cornell, Anson MK and Harvard. On 23 October 1944, he was transferred to Alberta, where he continued training on Anson and Claresholm planes.

He was left-handed, making for some difficulties, as plane controls were designed for right-handers. In 1945 he underwent a hernia operation, which probably terminated his career as a pilot, and overseas service. Thereafter he remained in the Air Force as a career, retiring in 1968 with the rank of WO I. Thereafter, he worked for the Alberta Provincial Government for 10 years.

On 24 November 1939, he married Diane Becker. She was the eldest daughter of August Becker, of Yorkton, who was the eldest son of Adolf Becker, businessman and civic leader of Langenburg.

Diane passed away in October 1993, and James in July 1994. They are survived by three children: Valery, Carol, and Michael, and their families.

John MacGregor Burnett Scott: World War II

In June 1942, the Japanese occupied Attu and Kiska, two islands at the western tip of the Aleutian chain, and attacked the American base at Dutch Harbor, 800 miles east. Although Attu is 2,800 miles from Vancouver, this was of grave concern to Canada as well as the United States. The United States at once launched air and sea attacks, and several months later, occupied the nearby islands of Amchitka and Adak. Attu was taken by assault in May 1943, and in July the Japanese withdrew from Kiska.

In June 1942, an RCAF squadron was already stationed on Annette Island on the southern tip of the Alaskan panhandle, for the defense of Prince Rupert 75 miles south. Two Canadian RCAF squadrons went on to Amchitka and Umnak Islands and assisted in attacks on the Japanese in the Aleutians.

John Scott was born 3 February 1920 in Toronto. In World War II, he served in the RCAF, Marine Section, and was stationed in Prince Rupert, British Columbia. He



John Scott, RCAF

was a member of the crew of a PT boat.

On 10 April 1951 he married Audrey Becker, daughter of August Becker, of Yorkton. John and Audrey both passed away in 1995. They are survived by two children, John and Billie, and two grandchildren.

Stewart Angus McDonald: World War II



Stewart (Mac) was born 27 December 1909 in Stoughton, Saskatchewan. He met his future wife, Adela Becker, in Lanigan, Saskatchewan where he was a grain buyer and she worked in a bank. They were married 2 April 1941 in Saskatoon. Adela was the daughter of Ferdinand Becker, of Gartmore School District, Calder, Saskatchewan, who was the son of Austrian immigrants, George and Margaret Becker of Berensina district, Langenburg.

Mac enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1942 in Regina, where he also trained. He was in the 16th Platoon, 4th Company, C.A.(B)T.C., 120th Canadian Army Signal Corps.

He went overseas to England in 1943, and soon after D-Day, 6 June 1944, went to France. He saw service also in Belgium and Holland.

He returned to Canada in early 1946 and took his discharge. He and Adela settled in Saskatoon where he became a grain buyer for the Searle Grain Co. He passed away in 1968. He is survived by his wife and one of his two sons, Stewart Barry, and one granddaughter.

Stewart McDonald,
Army

Nicholas Fedun: World War II

Nick was born on the family farm south of Springside, a dozen miles northwest of Yorkton, on 6 October 1924, the sixth of 14 children of Mike and Margaret Fedun.

He wanted to enlist, but he was underage and underweight. Two fellows at Stag Billiards on Broadway Street in Yorkton signed as his parents. They told him to drink lots of milk and water, and on the second try he made it, signing up on 19 March 1942.

He had two months basic training in Vernon, British Columbia, then advanced training at Camp Shilo, Manitoba, for 25 pounder artillery, as well as driver and motorcycle training for dispatch riding. Then he spent four months in Kingston, Ontario in signal training including Morse Code, lamp and flag signalling, followed by more artillery signal training at Shilo.



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Nicholas Fedun, Full length

Tips for Researching the Saskatchewan Women in Your Family

BY: CELESTE RIDER, Certified Saskatchewan Instructor and Certified Saskatchewan Researcher

Researching the women in your family can be particularly challenging for at least two reasons. One is that fewer records were created for them and the second is that once they married their name changed. Even when you know their birth name they can disappear when they marry and change their name. I will try to offer a few suggestions to help you search for your elusive female ancestors in Saskatchewan.

Vital Records – Registrations of Births, Marriages and Deaths in Saskatchewan

1. Her marriage registration – this is the best record for finding a woman's birth name.
2. Her children's marriage registrations – this is also a great record for finding a woman's birth name. Beginning in 1889, marriage registrations ask for the names of both parents. Sometimes the mother's birth name is given. However, it wasn't until 1916 that the question regarding the birth name of the mother was asked.
3. Her children's birth registrations – in Saskatchewan the mother's birth name was included on her children's birth registrations when birth registrations began in 1888.
4. Her death registration – this can also be a source to determine the birth name of a woman. However, this would only be answered correctly, if it is answered at all, if the informant knew her birth name when she died. Death registrations began asking for a woman's birth name in 1916.
5. Her siblings' marriage and death registrations – she may be the informant in the case of a death or one of the witnesses in the case of her sibling's marriage
6. Her birth registration – of course, the best vital record for proving the birth name of a woman would be her birth registration.

However, one must keep in mind that, because pre-1920 vital records in Saskatchewan are incomplete, these records may not exist for your female ancestor if they were born, married, or died prior to 1920.

Saskatchewan Vital Records may be obtained, subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* restrictions, from Information Services Corporation (ISC). The ISC website at <http://www.isc.ca> has more information regarding how to apply for birth, marriage and death registrations and the application form. Please note, the registration is the document you should apply for, not the certificate. The registration (long form or genealogical copy) contains much more genealogically valuable information than a certificate.

Church Records

When you cannot locate a vital record through ISC, the next best place to search is church baptismal and marriage records if you know the religion of your female ancestor or where they may have attended church. In earlier years, regardless of their religion, people often attended the church that was in their community. They were married there and had their children baptized in that church even though it wasn't the church of their faith.

Finding older church records can sometimes be a challenge, especially if the church no longer exists. Use directories and community history books to determine what churches existed for a particular locality for the time-frame you are researching. Community history books usually give brief histories of each church in the area and if the church closed, it may provide clues to where the parishioners worshipped after the church closed. That may be where the records are. Or, the records may have been sent to the particular denomination's archive. *Tracing Your Saskatchewan Ancestors: A Guide to the Records and How to Use Them* edited by Laura Hanowski contains contact information for church archives listed by denomination.¹

Newspaper Death Notices and Obituaries

It is common for genealogists to have difficulty finding information on their women ancestors after they marry. Obituaries and death notices of her parents and siblings often provide clues to the married names of their female

DEATHS

COCKWILL—THE DEATH OF MISS Fredia L. Cockwill, aged 35 years, of Regina, occurred in a Saskatoon hospital on September 9. The funeral service will be held on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at Regina Park Funeral Chapel in charge of local arrangements. Surviving are her father, Mr. J. Cockwill; a brother, Chester, both of Regina; four sisters, Mrs. Elwood Dingey of Dinsmore, Mrs. L. D. Nicol of Grenfell, Mrs. L. Sanderson of Melville and Mrs. M. Alain of Vielardville.

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children or siblings. For example, this death notice from the *Saskatoon Star Phoenix*, 11 September 1946. Page 14, column 4 is for Fredia Cockwill. If you knew she had sisters but did not know their married names, this newspaper item could provide valuable clues for you. Freda had four sisters and although it was common and sometimes still is, not to give the name of the women but list them by their husband's given name or initial and surname, you have a starting place to continue the search for the sister you are researching. In this instance, "Mrs. Elwood Dingey of Dinsmore, Mrs. L.D. Nicol of Grenfell, Mrs. L. Sanderson of Melville, and Mrs. M. Alain of Vielardville."

The SGS Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI) and Burial Index

Use these databases located on the SGS website at <http://www.saskgenealogy.ca>.

- The SRI database contains over three million entries from many sources such as community history books, maps (Cummins and rural municipality maps), school yearbooks, voters' lists, directories, family histories, etc.
- The Burial Index contains the names indexed from more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the cemeteries in the SGS Cemetery Files.

There are often clues to a woman's birth name or married name in these databases. For example, using the sister's married names in the above obituary for Frieda Cockwill, a search of the SRI produces the following result for M. Alain with a spouse having the Cockwill birth name.

Surname:	Alain	Location:	Birch Hills
Given Name:	Moise (Smokey)	Page Number:	071114
Family Information:	sp: Verna Cockwill	Title:	Prince Albert Herald Obituaries
Event:	O [other – a casual mention]	Source Location:	Prince Albert
Year:	2007	Source Located At:	Prince Albert

If Verna was the sister you were searching for, you now have a place and a record to begin your research.

Another way to search the SRI would be to simply search for all entries for women with the birth name of Cockwill. This reveals another possible sister, Florence with spouse Elwood Dingley.

Surname:	Cockwill	Location:	Regina
Given Name:	Florence	Page Number:	185
Family Information:	sp: Elwood Dingley	Title:	Dynamic Dinsmore 1979
Event:	M [marriage]	Source Location:	Dinsmore
Year:	1936	Source Located At:	SGS, FML, RPL, LEG, SAR*

(* SGS – Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, FML – Frances Morrison Library, RPL – Regina Public Library, LEG – Legislative Library, SAR – Saskatchewan Archives Board, Regina)

Note, the spelling of the family name in Fredia Cockwill's death notice shown above was "Dingey" so a search of the SRI using Dingey would not have given any results for this sister.

Now, one could go back to the SRI, put in the surname Dingley to see if there are any other SRI entries for this family giving possible other sources to research and provide clues to this sister.

I find that when searching the SRI or the Burial Index, unless you are looking for a very common surname such as Smith or Jones, less information in the fields produces better results. By simply searching for the surname Cockwill, for example, and leaving all of the rest of the fields blank, we get four pages of results. It is then a matter of going through each entry to see which is relevant to the search being done that could lead to more sources of information.

In the case of the Dingey (Dingley) surname, one could enter “Ding*” in the surname field with “E*” in the given name field and leave the rest of the fields blank. Then go through the results to see if any entries could be relevant to your research.

The SGS Obituary Index

At present the 750,000 obituaries in the SGS Obituary Files are in the process of being scanned and indexed. As the indexing is completed, the information is added to the Obituary Index on the SGS website at <http://www.saskgenealogy.ca>. To date, the online index includes 20,000 names, a very small number of entries compared to the number that will eventually be available to search. It is being updated on a regular basis so what is not there today, may suddenly appear the next time you search the database. The information from the obituaries that is being included in this database is as follows (if it is included in the obituary):

- surname and given name
- maiden name
- name of spouse
- father's name, mother's name (maiden name if given)
- age at death
- date of birth
- date of death
- residence
- whether other family members are mentioned in the obituary (yes/no only, does not give names of other family members other than the spouse and parents)
- whether children are mentioned in the obituary (yes/no)

Using the Alain surname from Fredia Cockwill's obituary and already found in the SRI, a search of the Burial Index gives results for two entries with this surname. They could give clues to other records that could be consulted.

Surname ♦	Given name ♦	Maiden name ♦	Spouse ♦	Father ♦	Mother ♦	Age ♦	Birth date ♦	Death date ♦	Burial date ♦	Residence ♦	Other Family ♦	Children ♦
ALAIN	Francois (Frank) Joseph Paul		June				11 Dec 1917	28 Oct 1988	30 Oct 1988	Jack Fish Lake/Las Vegas NV	Y	Y
ALAIN	Moise Henry Joseph 'Smokey'		Verna Cockhill	Henri	Alma	89	20 Oct 1908	24 Jun 1997	27 Jun 1997	Hudson Bay/Birch Hills	Y	Y

Copies of obituaries in the SGS Obituary Files may be obtained by contacting the Society.

Wills and Probate Records

Wills and probate records are also useful in helping to find the identity of your women ancestors. Wills of parents list the names of their children and indicate what portion of the estate each child is to receive. Wills of grandparents or aunts and uncles may also name a woman relative. If the women are married, they will be listed by their married names.

In Saskatchewan, wills are probated by the Surrogate Court. To determine where a will was probated, contact the Clerk of Surrogate Court at the Provincial Court house in Regina. There is a fee to have the index searched. You will then receive a letter indicating where the will was probated in Saskatchewan. It is usually the court located nearest to the place where the person resided when they passed away. You then apply to the particular court house for a copy of the probate records. You will be charged a copying fee. There is more information regarding probate records in *Tracing Your Saskatchewan Ancestors: A Guide to the Records and How to Use Them* edited by Laura Hanowski.

Saskatchewan Surrogate Court records to 1930 have been microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah and are available through your nearest Family History Centre. Search the Family History Library online catalogue to

determine the microfilm reel number you need and then order it online or by going to the Family History Centre nearest to you. The Family History Library (FHL) website is at <http://www.familysearch.org>. At this time, the cost to borrow a reel of microfilm from the FHL is \$6.00.

Newspaper Social Columns

Newspaper social columns are a great source of information about women. I suspect this is because it was mainly the women who gathered the local news and wrote the columns from their communities for the local newspapers. They tell of the “comings and goings” of the people who lived in the area – who’s visiting who, who travelled where, births of babies, people who attended funerals in other communities, lists of students who were promoted to the next grade, and so on. This example, from the *Assiniboia Times*, 06 July 1960, illustrates the type of information waiting for you. Although it is very time-consuming to research in newspapers, the information you might obtain can be very valuable to furthering your search for your family ancestors.

Homemakers' Clubs

Records of Homemakers' Clubs, which began in 1911 under the guidance of the University of Saskatchewan, are another source of information regarding your female ancestor in Saskatchewan. These clubs were created to bring women together for various reasons such as camaraderie, sharing information, and working for common causes.

Records of some of these clubs can be found at the Saskatchewan Archives Board and in the University of Saskatchewan Archives. Check the community history book for the area where your women ancestors lived to determine whether a Homemakers' Club existed in the area.

Census Records

Census records can also be helpful in providing information about women in the family. Canadian census records that include the area now known as Saskatchewan were taken in the years 1881, 1891, 1901, and 1911. There are two other census records that are available just for the prairie provinces: the 1906 Census of the Northwest Provinces and the 1916 Census of the Prairie Provinces. For information on how to access the census records and their respective indexes, see *Tracing Your Saskatchewan Ancestors: A Guide to the Records and How to Use Them*.

Census records list the names of all people in a household and how they are related to the head of the household. Sometimes you will find a woman who appears to be unrelated to the householder, but when you view the column indicating how the person is related to the head of the household you may find a mother-in-law, sister, aunt, and so on except for the 1891 census where her relationship will be indicated by an “L” (lodger).

It is important to also look at the names of families living near the family you are researching. They could be related.

Other types of information census records can provide include

- the ages of the people listed
- marital status
- birthplace (country or province)
- religion
- parents' birthplaces
- profession or occupation.

The 1901 and 1911 census records are especially helpful because they asked for the month and year of birth, the year of immigration and the year of naturalization for each person. Each census varies in the information it contains but they can be a goldmine containing helpful clues for furthering your research.

Scout Lake

(Mrs. C. Kirby)

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Elliott, Vancouver, are visiting at the home of Mavis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kabrud.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Fafard and family, Edmonton, were weekend visitors at the home of Marcel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Fafard.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Fafard have as visitors Mrs. Fafard's brother, Donat Verville and his two children, Denise and Robert of Montreal, as holiday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo O'Reilly are the proud parents of a daughter, born in the Assiniboia Union hospital on Saturday, June 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Moose Jaw, were visitors at the home of their daughter, Mrs. L. Bjornson recently.

Miss Florence Buron left today by train to visit her grandmother in Winnipeg.

Divorce Records

Prior to 1919, divorces were granted in Canada by Act of Parliament. Divorces after 1919 came under provincial jurisdiction through the Court of King's/Queen's Bench. A record for a divorce will be located in the court where the divorce was granted. The Genealogical Society of Utah has microfilmed Saskatchewan divorce records up to 1950. These microfilm are available through your nearest Family History Centre. Search the Family History Library online catalogue to determine the microfilm reel number you need and then order it online or by going to the Family History Centre nearest to you. The Family History Library (FHL) website is at <http://www.familysearch.org>.

There are also two databases online that may be searched for divorces.

- Canadian Genealogy Centre website – <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/index-e.html>/ for divorces between 1841 and 1968
- Hugh Armstrong's Genealogy Site – <http://www.cangenealogy.com/armstrong/index.htm> for divorces between 1826 and 1946

Inactive Teachers Register Sheets

Many young women became teachers before they married. The Inactive Teachers Registers are Department of Education records of people who taught in Saskatchewan but did not superannuate. They date from 1912 to 1938 and are arranged alphabetically, except for a few records that were missed during microfilming and therefore appear at the end of the last reel of microfilm. There are a total of 59 reels of microfilm and each record usually includes the following information:

- name of the teacher
- birth date and birth place
- birth certificate number
- maiden name
- marriage information
- teacher's training they received
- inspectors' testimonials
- personal recommendations
- soldier's discharge information (for men)
- names of the schools where they taught and the years they taught in each

If your female ancestor may have been a teacher, or if you're not sure whether or not she was a teacher, you should check these files.

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¹ This book is available at most public libraries, members of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) may borrow a copy from the SGS Library and Research Room, or they are available to purchase from the SGS.

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Being Fooled

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Do not be fooled into thinking someone is your ancestor when they are not. This can happen so easily, you may not be aware of it until many years have passed. Tracing the wrong line for years can be very disappointing, especially if you thought you were related to royalty when in fact this is not true at all. It may sound nice on the surface and some may stay in denial over who their ancestors are, but I would prefer to know the true family story rather than a fictional figment of my imagination. I will take my authentic bloodline over fake blue blood any day.

Some ancestors have you chasing them all over the place and running in many directions. When this happens, I take it one-step at a time, check the most probable places first, and inch my way from there. One person I helped was trying to find where his grandmother came from and who her parents were. The family information indicated one set of parents, however the grandmother's marriage record stated that her mother had a different name. First, one would think her mother had more than one name she went by, but all the leads were heading nowhere; hence, where I come in. I re-examined the information and did a little searching and realized that this grandmother did indeed have a different mother. Her mother most likely passed away and her father remarried. Now this was a situation many could have been fooled by.

I have talked often about being on the wrong line for my great grandfather as he was baptized twice in the Catholic Church and married twice to my great grandmother and all the family information I had was leading me down the garden path, when I found a record that definitely straightened that mess out in a hurry. Thus, from experience I have learnt to look at the clues in front of me from many different angles before coming up with a sound conclusion, especially if the direct evidence is not available. Working for another person, I found what I thought to be her long lost grandfather who had disappeared many years ago. All the details seemed to fit, until we ordered a record that normally one would not think to order and found that this person was not her grandfather at all. This just goes to show you that if you go the extra mile and order a record that is not in character with the normal procedure of birth, marriage, death, census, land records and wills you just might be surprised.

It is easy to be fooled by an alluring ancestor, which seems to be the right fit or what we always hoped for. However, if not enough proof is available and this supposed ancestor keeps enticing you their way, stop and pause to look over your material before following their ghostly lead. Perhaps they are not your ancestor at all, but another's who has not bothered to seek this ancestor out. I often feel the tug of many ancestors behind me as I work. I just have to stay focused and take them one-step at a time.

Happy Hunting!!

“MAY ALL YOUR GENEALOGICAL DREAMS COME TRUE!!!”

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SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY RESEARCH POLICIES

No Refund for entries not found.

All Research Policies Are Subject to Change Should Costs Increase.

A self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) OR return postage must be provided with all research requests.

Non-Canadian residents - fees are payable in US funds or contact us for fees applicable to your country.

Researches - some are not detailed in full and some are not listed below. For a complete list, see our web site <http://www.saskgenealogy.com> or contact us for a brochure.
Researches paid by cheque will be processed when the cheque has cleared through the bank. Basic searches can take up to 4 to 6 weeks from this time. Researches paid by cash, money order, Visa or MasterCard will be processed and started immediately.

Basic Search of Saskatchewan Records

\$41 CDN / \$41 US / £23 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). Up to \$2 worth of copying plus postage is included. Beyond that copying charges will be quoted.

Saskatchewan Obituary Search

Particular Search - \$3 per obituary. General Search - \$5 per surname, plus .30¢ per page for photocopying.

Obituaries not in the collection: SGS will check to see if a newspaper is available for the location and time period - \$10 per obituary.

Saskatchewan Cemetery Search

\$4 per name if the name of the cemetery is given. \$6 per surname if the name of the cemetery is given. \$15 per name if all cemeteries in a Rural Municipality need to be checked.

SGS Saskatchewan Residents Index (SRI)

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

Particular Search - \$4 for one name. Includes up to 3 pages of printouts.

Index to Births, Marriages & Deaths

3 year search - \$12 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
- Ontario Births 1869-1911; Marriages 1869-1926; Deaths 1869-1936

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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REMEMBER to include a SASE for the above searches.

Other Indexes:

\$10 per surname plus 50¢ per page for prints.

- 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.

Other research services available:

- Indian and Metis Sources - \$55 per family
- Henderson Directory - \$15 per name for a search of five directories - you must specify the time frame. *Includes up to \$2.00 of copying.*
- Books in the SGS Library (such as Saskatchewan Local Histories) - \$5 per look-up plus .30¢ per page for copies
- National Burial Index - \$10 per name per location
- Pre-1869 Marriage Records for Ontario - \$10 per couple per district
- Repertoires for RC Parishes of Quebec 1700-1765 - \$25 per hour; minimum charge \$12 per ½ hour
- New Brunswick Newspapers - Vital Statistics (1784-1881) - \$7 per name (3 year search)
- Householders Index for Griffith Valuations in Ireland 1845-1867 - \$25 per hour; minimum charge \$12 per ½ hour
- Germans to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports, Volumes 1-67 - \$12 per person or family searched per year. *Ask for brochure.*
- International Genealogical Index (IGI) - \$10 per name, per location. ie. John Smith, England, Kent Co. *Includes up to 4 pages of print outs.*
- Analysis & Research Plan - \$50 per family of origin. Will provide a professional analysis of the information given and will develop a plan for further research.
- Godfrey Memorial Library - \$5 per name per record & location.
- Ancestry - \$10 per name per record & location.
- Find My Past.com - \$10 per name per record & location.
- WorldVitalRecords.com - \$10 per name per record & location.

