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The Will you need is in a safe on board the Titanic!

Branch News

We had an interesting meeting on Thursday, April 11th with Deb Trout's information on internet search engines; and Alora Nelson's story of finding information on a second cousin. What a fascinating and heartbreaking story! We also had individuals discussing and helping each other with adoption records and research in Ukraine. We should have some good stories for future newsletter issues!

Camrose Genealogical Society has 2 books in our cabinet to assist in identifying old photos: "Dating Old Photos – 1840-1929" and "More Dating Old Photos" – contact Bev Webster at bdweb@cable-lynx.net for more information.

Upcoming Events

May 9, 2013 – CGS monthly meeting, 7:30 pm at Camrose Public Library, downstairs boardroom.
Topics: Guest speaker Librarian Feena Stromberg – "Using Interlibrary Loans (ILL) in our research" and other Library information; "Cluster Genealogy" by Adele Goa. Questions and discussion to follow the presentations.

August 9-11, 2013 – Founders' Days in Camrose, an annual event honouring our founding fathers...
Camrose Genealogical Society will not be taking part this year, but we will publish more information on Founders' Days, as it becomes available.

September 5, 2013 – Annual Community Registration Night, 6:30 – 9 pm. We will again be setting up a display in hopes of reaching future genealogists. Contact President Janine Carroll at the Camrose Genealogical Society website: <http://camrose.abgensoc.ca> for more information.

October 19, 2013 – Free Genealogy Workshop, 1-4 pm in the Camrose Public Library, downstairs boardroom. Topic: "What's in a Picture? Learning How to Read Old Photographs" with a guest speaker from the Provincial Archives of Alberta...more information in future newsletters.

FYI

www.canadagenweb.org has cemetery transcriptions for all provinces and territories

www.historicaldirectories.org – directories for England and Wales

www.ancestry.ca has the 1935-1980 Voters Lists for Canada – some are indexed
Use Tax Lists in the U.S.A. records as a substitute for missing censuses.

Use U.S.A. City Directories for 1890. (A fire in the Commerce Building in Washington, D.C. destroyed most of 1890's Census Records).

Mother's Day is May 12, 2013

Tidbits

In 1910:

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering our country for any reason.

The five leading causes of death were: (1) Pneumonia and influenza (2) Tuberculosis (3) Diarrhea (4) Heart disease (5) Stroke.

More than 95% of all births took place at home.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

From www.findmypast.com

In 1814, 323,000 gallons of beer poured out of the Meux and Company Brewery on Tottenham Court Road. The London Beer Flood killed eight people including young victim Hannah Benfield.

Note: the above website is a Pay As You Go or Subscribe website.

From the Front Page, July 1, 1920 issue of The Camrose Canadian newspaper:

“Health Conference at Camrose Fair. Mothers, read this. Is your baby normal? How do you know? Bring your baby to the Health conference at Camrose Exhibition July 16 and 17 from 2-4 PM. No entries after 3:30. Expert examinations by physicians. Open for babies 6-18 months. Do not miss this opportunity of having free advice and knowing if your baby is physically perfect.”

Submitted by Fay Carlson

A 1 lb. tin of Edwards coffee (Safeway brand) was advertised on sale for 42 cents in The Camrose Canadian newspaper on May 26, 1943.

“Milch” as in “milch cow” was still spelled that way in 1943. I wonder when it changed to “milk”?

Submitted by Joan Conley

In 1917, (then) Canadian Prime Minister Robert Borden announced that his government would introduce a “temporary” tax on personal income, this to pay off Canada's war costs. The amounts would be 4% on single men making more than \$2000 and up to 25% for those earning over \$6000. When the war debts were paid off, the income tax remained, and does to this day, much to our chagrin! We also pay interest on returns mailed to Revenue Canada later than April 30th of each year. Hope you got your income tax return filed on time! – Editor

“Taxes are what we pay for a civilized society” – Oliver Wendell Holmes, American doctor, author, lecturer

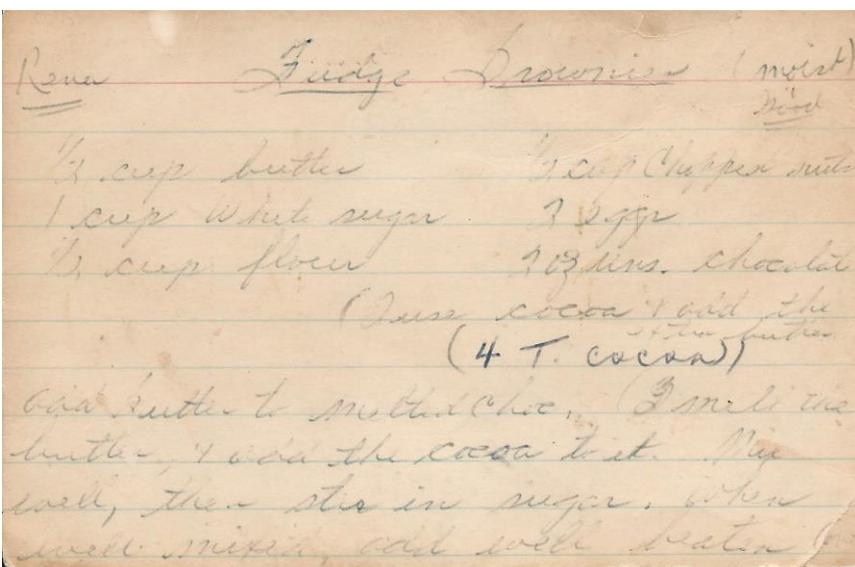
What's in a recipe?

Recipe handwritten by

Laurena Beryl

(nee Ranger) Conley

c. 1965, Port Coquitlam, B.C.



What's in a recipe? I'll tell you what's in this recipe! My husband's mom was a great cook, and I wanted to emulate her cooking abilities. There was one problem: Rene cooked mostly from memory and didn't have many written recipes. Everything always turned out fabulously because she was a natural cook! When I asked for the Brownie recipe that my husband loved, she told me that she didn't have a "recipe". "But", she suggested, "the next time I make them, I'll write down the recipe for you." Soon, I was able to bake brownies using an old recipe that had come down in the Lalonde family kitchens for who knows how many generations. (Lalonde was Rene's mother's maiden name).

Recently, my husband requested something chocolate-y for dessert. I remembered Rene's recipe for brownies, and went looking in my recipe box. There it was, dog-eared and faded but still readable. You can tell that recipe card has been well used!

(A side story: One day I said to Wayne's mom that I didn't like the term "mother in law" and she said she didn't like it either. We agreed that the phrase has too many negative connotations. So, I said that when I was introducing her to a friend, I would just call her "Wayne's mom"! Rene loved that. I believe that this exchange between us shows how much we loved and respected each other.)

Baking Rene's Brownies years later brought back many memories: drinking tea in Rene's kitchen while she cooked and baked, often for Thanksgiving or Christmas dinners; watching Rene make gravy...she would stir and scrape until every last bit of goodness was off the sides of the pan and in the gravy, and not a lump to be seen – Rene patiently taught me how to make gravy without any lumps! She also taught me how to sew.

More memories: sitting at the large dining room table, always covered with a freshly ironed white tablecloth...laughing and telling jokes and stories...our two young sons with us, and Wayne's dad and brothers; Rene telling stories about how "the preacher" would come for a visit on Sundays when she was growing up and, although her family was poor, he was always invited to stay for dinner; about how Rene loved to spend time cooking in the kitchen with her mother, Tilly/Matilda (nee Lalonde) Ranger. Then Stan would tell how he had seen Rene in the church choir and thought how beautiful she was, and that he had to meet her...and how Stan went away to work at the Sherritt-Gordon mines in northern Manitoba and he told Rene to sell his motorcycle, get on the train and come to him, and that Rene's mother said, "You get right back on that train if he doesn't marry you!" He did!

Oh, and Rene's Butter Tarts! Wayne's mom gave me the recipe for these and I make them every Christmas and give them to my grandchildren. This past Christmas, one of my granddaughters called and after greetings were exchanged, she asked, "Grandma, are you making Butter Tarts again this year?" I was so pleased that she asked for my Butter Tarts! (It's amazing what warms a grandmother's heart!) Samantha went on. "We were talking the other day at work, and I told them that no one makes better Butter Tarts than my grandma!" I assured Samantha that I had hers all baked and in a large cookie tin. All we had to do was meet for lunch and I would bring the Butter Tarts...we arranged that, and the next week, we had a wonderful lunch and visit...and she brought along her new guy so that I could meet him...making memories...

So, those old faded, covered-with-spatters recipes tell many stories and bring back many memories...memories that I am now telling my grandchildren...at the same time making new memories with them!

What's in a recipe? Love, respect, kindness, laughter, memories and ...family stories passed down over the generations!!!

Submitted by Joan Conley

What is a First Cousin, Twice Removed?

If someone walked up to you and said, "Howdy, I'm your third cousin, twice removed", would you have any idea what they meant? Most people have a good understanding of basic relationship words such as "mother", "father", "aunt", "uncle", "brother", and "sister"...but what about the relationship terms that we don't use in every day speech? - terms like "second cousin" and "first cousin, once removed"? We don't tend to speak about our relationships in such exact terms ("cousin" seems good enough when you are introducing one person to another), so most of us aren't familiar with what these words mean.

Relationship Terms

Sometimes, especially when working on your family history, it's handy to know how to describe your family relationships more exactly. The definitions below should help you out.

Cousin : (a.k.a. "first cousin")

Your first cousins are the people in your family who have two of the same grandparents as you. In other words, they are the children of your aunts and uncles.

Second Cousin :

Your second cousins are the people in your family who have the same great-grandparents as you, but not the same grandparents.

Third, Fourth and Fifth Cousins :

Your third cousins have the same great-great-grandparents; fourth cousins have the same great-great-great-grandparents, and so on. (continued next page...)

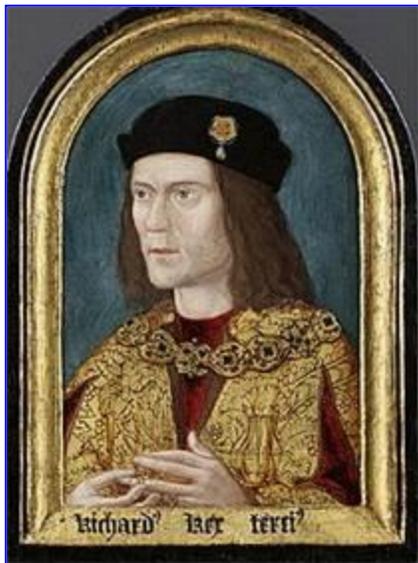
Removed :

When the word “removed” is used to describe a relationship, it indicates that the two people are from different generations. You and your first cousins are in the same generation (two generations younger than your grandparents), so the word “removed” is not used to describe your relationship.

Once Removed :

The words “once removed” mean that there is a difference of one generation. For example, your mother's first cousin is your first cousin, once removed. This is because your mother's first cousin is one generation younger than your grandparents and you are two generations younger than your grandparents. This one-generation difference equals “once removed”.

Submitted by Bev Webster



Canadian Connection to King Richard 3rd

*Earliest surviving portrait
of Richard c. 1520*

Source: www.wikipedia.org

Forty-five year old Michael Ibsen is a Canadian-born descendant of King Richard 3rd, the last English monarch to be killed in battle. In 2004, Mr. Ibsen’s mother took a DNA test to prove that she was descended from King Richard. The relationship was not proven until September 2012 when the King’s remains were found under the City Council Car Park on the site once occupied by Grey Friars Monastery Church in Leicester, England. An archaeological excavation was being done in an effort to discover the remains of the church and the burial of King Richard. The proof of King Richard’s final resting place, a 500 year old mystery, had been solved!

Richard was the Administrator of North of England (Scotland) and King of England from 1483 until he was killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field, 1485. Richard’s older sister was Anne of York.

“Richard 3rd (October 2nd 1452 - August 22nd 1485) was King of England for only two years. He was the last king of the House of York and the last of the Plantagenet dynasty. His defeat at Bosworth Field, the decisive battle of the Wars of the Roses, is sometimes regarded as the end of the Middle Ages in England.” Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org>. King Richard’s remains now lie in Leicester Cathedral, Leicester, England.

Additional sources: www.msn.com (Feb. 4, 2013) and www.telegraph.co.uk

British Home Child “Dora Howarth”

*Dora Weames, aged 12 as she looked upon arrival
in Canada*

- *Photo courtesy of Barnardos*



The Bittern Lake History book describes the hardships and triumphs of many of our mothers and grandmothers. This is a little more information on one such person "Dora Howarth" (page 386).

Dora was born in a workhouse in Camberwall, Surrey in 1872. She was the illegitimate child of Annie Weames and Charles Drinkwater. She was christened "Diana Drinkwater Weames" and her parents' names were recorded as Annie Weames nee Aram and Charles Weames. Both surnames are not exactly correct. Dora seems to have quickly dropped the Diana Drinkwater moniker and throughout her life was known as "Dora".

Annie Weames is shown as an attendant in the Imbecile Ward at Camberwall. She died of consumption in 1878 while still at the workhouse. The father Charles Drinkwater also lived at the workhouse and is shown to be a porter. He died in Greenwich in 1879. Dora was raised by her mother's sister Emma Weames. Aunt Emma is described as struggling for her daily bread when she and the local Vicar brought 10 year old Dora (July 24 1882) to the attention of Dr. Barnardo and his associates. In her admittance interview Dora is described as "healthy and well educated". She is now known as a British Home Child (BHC).

It appears that on Dr. Barnardo's first trip to Canada with girls, 12 year old Dora and many more BHC's sailed on the "Peruvian", landing in Montreal July 19th 1884. From here she was sent as a domestic to the family of Dr. Peter and Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart of Milton, Ontario. Barnardo's Canadian agents conducted follow-up interviews with many of their placements. We have all read some quite horrific tales of these indentured servants and the severe mistreatment they endured. Happily, Dora's history in Canada seems to have been the first positive event in her life.

The interviewer describes Dora as "gentle, affectionate, willing, truthful, eager to learn and anxious to give satisfaction".

It appears that Dr. Stuart was away much of the time and Mrs. Stuart looked on her charge as a companion, "appreciating Dora's winning ways and bright innocent character".

Dora was with the Stuart family from 1884 until 1918, during which time they moved from Milton to Guelph. Dora took a return trip to England in the fall of 1897. My grandfather Charles Howarth (rumour has it) advertised for a mail order bride.

Charles' first wife had died in 1915 leaving six children between the ages of 6 and 17. The eldest was soon to leave the farm and it was just too much for Charles to manage. I hope to find out more of these details. In any case Charles came East, Dora came West and they married in Winnipeg, June 19, 1918. A subsequent *Camrose Canadian* (newspaper) states that Charlie Howarth was recently married!!

My mother was the youngest of the Howarth children and taught school throughout rural Alberta. Summer holidays were spent on the Howarth farm in Bittern Lake and that is where I came to know my Step-Grandmother Dora Howarth. I didn't have a lot of family relationships and the time spent with Dora was so special for me. The qualities that are described above remained with Dora for all her life. Dora passed in 1950, preceded by Charles in 1941.

Submitted by Kenn Burchell, Wasaga Beach, Ontario - April 2013

Kenn welcomes any photos or stories of the Howarth Farm scene from 1900-1950. Please send any information or pictures to kburchell@bell.net. Kenn also thanks the CGS members who have helped him with his research, especially Fay Carlson.

From the Editor's Desk

Queries: Please send queries to wayjo@telus.net, giving the ancestor's name(s), location, what you are hoping to find, and a contact e-mail address. They will be printed in the next issue following receipt of your query.

There will be a June 2013 issue of *Roots and Shoots*, in order to carry us through the summer events. Deadline for contributions is May 31, 2013.

Happy Mother's Day!