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“My ancestors must be in a witness protection program...” – from “Generations” Volume 38, No 3, Page 20, Manitoba Genealogical Society journal Sept 2013

Branch News

For our October meeting, we planned a “field trip” to the Riverbend Family History Center, 14325-53 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta. Bill Buchanan and Tamaris Hudson, our hosts, were extremely pleased to welcome the six members who attended. Our Field Trip Facilitator Adele Goa requested: a general tour of the facility and their resources; a thorough look at Family Search; learning how to use, and viewing microfilms. We arrived at 6:30 pm and had to drag ourselves away at 8:30 or so. The Center contains few books and maps because most are now online, and there is no need to store those large items. They have 6 computers, WiFi, 1 (one) printer/scanner on the WiFi network, 3 microfilm readers and 1 microfiche reader. Films and fiche can be ordered online, prepaid, at <https://familysearch.org/film>, and then delivered to Riverbend FHC where you can view them. Bring your camera to capture those valuable records. There are a number of websites available at this FHC, free of charge, e.g. Ancestry.com, HeritageQuest.com, Findmypast.co.uk, Fold3.com, Worldvitalrecords.com, ArkivDigital.

The FHC is closed during the summer. Normal hours resume in September: Tues: 10 am-2 pm & 6:30-9:30 pm; Wed: 10 am-4 pm; Thurs. 6:30-9:30 pm; other times by appointment – call 780-436-7333 and ask for the director. Call 780-436-0136 during open hours. (When visiting, use NE entrance of the church; free parking).

Much more information is available at:

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Edmonton_Alberta_Riverbend_Family_History_Centre



CGS members Wendy Roth, Janine Carroll, Adele Goa, Alora Nelson, Wayne Steel, Joan Conley

More Branch News

On Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013 Camrose Branch held a free workshop in the Camrose Library Boardroom from 1 – 4 p.m. Guest speakers were Provincial Archives of Alberta Textual Records Conservator Alison Freake, and Archivist Michael Gourlie. The topic title was “What’s in a Picture?” Alison spoke about identifying photographic images, and illustrated solutions to the common problems faced by family historians in preserving family records, specifically photos. Workshop attendance was a total of 25, including 9 members, 14 visitors, and our 2 guest speakers. Good turnout!

Alison described the various types of historical photographs from the 1840's to the present: 1840-1860 : Daguerrotype photos, named for professional photographer Daguerre, made of copper with glass in front of the photo and stored in a leather case. They were very delicate. Ambrotype photos were popular from the 1850's to 1860's; bases were glass; the backing was black fabric or black laquer and photos were kept in a hinged case. From the 1850's to 1900 (some were made until the 1920's), Tintype photos were popular. The accurate name for a Tintype is "Ferotype"; the image is flatter and these were mostly used by street vendors. In the 1860's, Glass Plate was used, "wet plate", which had to be exposed and developed quickly, before the chemicals dried on the plate. By the 1880's "dry" Glass Plate was used. Photographic Prints: many 19th Century prints were placed on cardstock. This is when the curved glass portraits became popular, until the 1920's. The prints were also curved, making copying them nowadays very difficult for the everyday historian. The Provincial Archives will copy these for you, for a fee.

Michael touched on helpful tips for dating your historical photographs: use Census Records and Henderson's Directories; identify the "costume" that subjects are wearing, and using glasses, hair styles and women's clothing styles. Also the professional studio backdrops can help to determine the approximate year that the photo was taken. Of note, there were few smiles when those historical photos were taken because the shutter speeds were slow and subjects had to remain still.

Our PAA guest speakers were very informative. I hope that I have accurately captured the knowledge that they imparted to us. - *Editor* For further information, visit <https://hermis.alberta.ca/PAA>



PAA Archivist Michael Gourlie and Textual Records Conservator Alison Freake

Tidbits

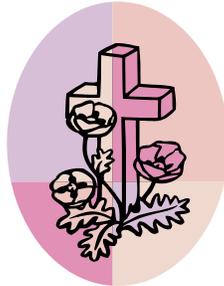
Ancestry.com LLC has acquired Find a Grave, Inc. Tim Sullivan, CEO of Ancestry.com assures the public that FindaGrave.com will remain a free website. Jim Tipton, Find a Grave founder, and his team, will work with Ancestry “to help continue our growth and accelerate the pace of improvements”. – Source: Ancestry.com Press Releases Sept. 30, 2013

Upcoming Events

Nov. 14, 2013 - CGS Regular meeting – 7:30 pm – Camrose Public Library Boardroom – we will be watching a Genealogy podcast, followed by discussion – should be an interesting night!

Dec. 12, 2013 – CGS Christmas meeting – 7:30 pm – Camrose Public Library Boardroom – Show and Tell – Bring an item/items and share your story with the group. Please bring an “ethnic” snack. Refreshments supplied. Guests are welcome, as always.

Jan. 9, 2013 - CGS Regular meeting – 7:30 pm - Camrose Railway Museum, 4407 - 47 Ave. Topic: Immigration by our ancestors by train or other modes of transportation – come and tell your ancestor’s story.



A Soldier Died Today

He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to neighbours
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew whereof he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For ol' Joe has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a Soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.
He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing,
'Tho a Soldier died today.

He was just a common Soldier,
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his likes again.

If we cannot do him honour
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline
In the paper that might say:
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."

Author unknown

REMEMBRANCE DAY - Monday, November 11, 2013

The Three Critical C's of Collaboration: Concern, Care, and Comfort

Concern: concern for the other party in our collaborative efforts: "concern for their ability level, the degree they're involved in ancestry, and perhaps above all what their timeframe/availability is for working on their family history."

Care: We must take care to stick to the quality of work product; we must also take care to think about their perspective, on a given issue. Even if that person's view is at odds with the proven evidence, one must proceed slowly and carefully as you deal with this issue of family importance.

Comfort: i.e. "their" comfort – Everyone's comfort zones are not the same as ours. We may be comfortable meeting and welcoming a "new cousin" but they may not welcome our enthusiasm. Others may not be as comfortable with all our current technology. They may prefer to use what we consider "old fashioned methods". We must remember to work in their comfort zone for optimal results. <http://www.Huffingtonpost.co.uk/scott-phillips>

Tail Creek Cemetery – a field trip

Recently, fellow CGS member Sharon Olsen and I made a field trip to the Tail Creek Cemetery in the Delburne, Alberta area. Early Metis settlers have been laid to rest in this cemetery. These are their names as listed on the large rock cairn near the entrance:

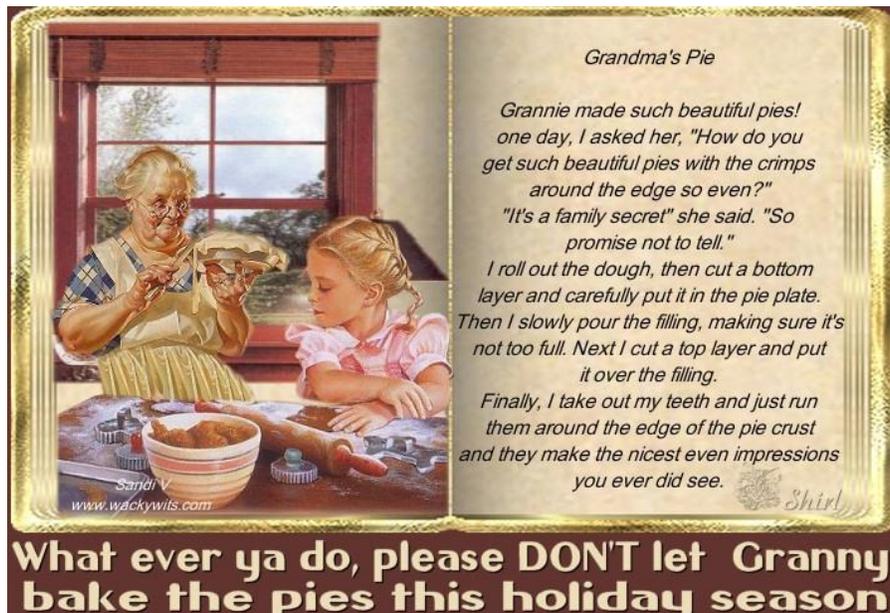
Mrs. Baptiste Vaness, Mr. Baptiste Vaness, Mrs. Emblaw, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Louis Lirondell, Mrs. L. Lirondell's twins, Mrs. Clinnon Vaness, Mr. Joe Vaness, Mrs. James House, Mr. James House, Mr. Louis Roselle, Mrs. A. Roselle, Mr. A. Roselle, Mr. R. Paul, Mrs. L. Roselle, Mrs. Gus Emblaw's baby, Mr. Ian Clark. - *Editor*





Nov. 22, 2013 - Fifty Year Anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, Nov. 22, 1963
in Dallas, Texas

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL !!!



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