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*Shhhhh! Be very, very quiet! I'm hunting forebears!*

## Upcoming Events

- May 8, 2014** – Thursday, CGS meeting - CPL Boardroom at 7:30 pm – Topic: Ladies in Our Attic  
**May 24, 2014** – Saturday, Genealogy Workshop – 1 to 4 pm – Topics: Writing your Family History;  
Spelling Variations in Ancestor's Names – Speaker: John Althouse, AGS Edmonton Branch - see page 5  
**June 12, 2014** – Thursday, CGS meeting – Library Boardroom at 7:30 pm – Topics: Gravestone  
Preservation – Speaker Janine Carroll; “What is Written in Stone” – Speaker Wayne Steel  
**June 21, 2014** – Saturday, 2 -4 pm - Camrose Cemetery tour – Tour Guides Janine Carroll & Adele Goa

**NOTE: NO MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST**

## Branch News

Three CGS members attended Family Day, Feb. 17, 2014 at the Provincial Archives of Alberta in Edmonton. On Family Day every year, PAA is open to anyone wishing to attend the free morning and afternoon workshops. There is also a behind-the-scenes tour at lunch time. A staff member guides a tour of the many storage rooms where the archival records are kept. It's pretty amazing to see how these volumes of valuable records are protected, preserved and renewed. Watch for it and plan to attend in 2015!

## Tidbits

World War 1 started 28 July 1914 – ended 11 Nov 1918

From the Camrose Canadian newspaper January 20, 1943, page 3, under the “Bardo” column:  
“Eighteen schools in the Holden district were closed due to the coal shortage.”

## Interesting Websites

Search for the will of a soldier who died while serving in the British Armed Forces between 1850-1986.  
In order to search, you will need:

1. the soldier's last name and year of death
2. to register for the service with an e-mail address
3. to pay 6 Pounds to access a will  
[https:// www.gov.uk/probate-search](https://www.gov.uk/probate-search)

## Ethics in Genealogy

*“I will respect the values and preferences of past people as I expect to have the future respect mine”* - <http://blog.practicaethics.ox.ac.uk> – published July 3, 2013 By Anders Sandberg (University of Oxford website)

## Wendy's Adoption Story

Hi my name is Wendy and I was adopted when I was 3 weeks old. This is my story. My adoptive parents were super and I miss them dearly. I was raised with an older brother, now passed away, and a younger brother and sister. When I was about 12 years old, my parents told me that I was adopted. They had lost a little girl the year before I was born and they wanted another girl. I'm so lucky that they chose me. At 12 years of age, I really didn't think much about this "adoption thing". I had parents who loved me, supported me, raised me as their own and grounded me when I gave them grief, which wasn't too often.

When I was about 21 years old my Dad gave me my adoption papers and said that I was old enough now to do with them as I chose. After reading my papers, I was really curious about who my biological parents were. I knew that my adoptive parents would support me in finding my biological parents, but I just couldn't do it. They raised me, they were my parents and I didn't want to hurt them.

When my adoptive parents passed away and then my in-laws passed away (who were like second parents to me), I felt like an orphan. I started wondering who I really belong to, my history, that sort of thing. Then about 10-12 years ago, the Government made it possible to get your adoption information about your biological parents. I did start some research but I really didn't know what I was doing, so I got discouraged and quit. Then I started and quit a few times over the years. One day while reading our local Morning News, I noticed an ad about a Genealogical Society meeting. I thought "Why not go?" Well, I'm so glad I did. I found it so interesting, informative and most of all, the members so friendly, that I joined. I want to thank everyone especially Adele (Goa). If it hadn't been for her I would still be searching. I found that I was looking in all the wrong directions and finding nothing. Once we got searching in the right places, things kind of fell into place. Adele found my grandparents (my mother's parents) using Henderson's Directories and Voters Lists. She found obituaries for my mother's parents that told me my mother's married name, also her brothers' names...also aunts and uncles of my biological mother. I tried to contact the school where she attended and found it no longer existed. I contacted the School Records and they sent me to Provincial Archives. The Archives emailed my biological mother's attendance and progress records, health records, also class lists to me.

One Sunday we went to Edmonton. I wanted to search the cemetery where my grandparents are buried. It is such a large cemetery that we didn't know where to start, so we just drove around slowly. We did find their graves and headstones, also graves of some of my great aunts and great uncles.

Then one night when I was on the computer going through the Edmonton White Pages, I came across a name. I wondered about it all night. The next day I called that number and surprise! I was talking to my mother's sister in law. Of course she was a little nervous with the questions I had about my mother. She said, "I will give you her number and you can call her yourself". I said "Oh, my goodness, she is still living!" The sister in law said "Yes, and she is 84 years old". I said "Yes and her birthday is in December." The sister in law said, "You know that?" and I said "Yes." After hanging up I was really nervous, didn't know what to do, tried calling Adele, not home, tried calling Alora (Nelson), not home. Finally Adele called and I told her my news. "Should I phone her or get someone else to do it?" Adele said she just couldn't do it. After talking to Adele I thought, "I've gone this far, I'll just phone her...after all she is my mother". I tried calling her twice - not home, tried later and she answered. I thought, "Now what do I say?"

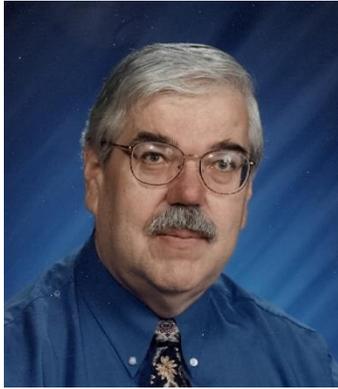
I told her who I was, when and where I was born, asked her if she remembered having a baby girl. She said to me, "Things happen and it was a long time ago...you forget". I started telling her about things I knew about her life such as, she left school at 17 years of age; where she went to school; where she worked and the information about her parents. She then started telling me about other things that happened, about her husband passing away at an early age; raising her children. She talked about her brothers. She told me to stay in touch and if I'm ever out her way to come visit, she would like to meet me. I said I would like that very much. I asked her about my biological dad and that I would like to find him. She said "I wouldn't bother, he's not worth it." I still want to search for my biological dad.

My husband and I adopted a little girl at 2 weeks old. She's now 30. She has found her biological mother and we have met. She is a wonderful person and I think I'm closer to her than my daughter is. The grandkids love her and get along great with her. I still haven't met my biological mother but am making plans for this spring or summer.

*– Submitted by Wendy Roth*



*Happy Mother's Day  
May 11, 2014*



John Althouse, Guest Speaker  
May 24, 2014 Genealogy Workshop  
Topics: “Let’s Journal” & “Not Written in Stone”

John Althouse was born in Canora, Saskatchewan in 1946 and lived the first ten years of his life there. In 1956, his family moved to Edmonton, Alberta where he has lived since. He is a graduate of the University of Alberta and worked as a school teacher in the Edmonton Catholic School District for nearly thirty-five years. John has been the author and editor of a number of publications related to education. He has always had a strong interest in heritage and history. He has been especially interested in the history of the Canadian West since the events of Saskatchewan’s fiftieth anniversary as a province. Two events which particularly sparked this interest were a model of a traditional pioneer house built for school by his childhood friend Charles Samuels and his father Johnny, and John’s first visit to a place of wonder, the Western Development Museum, then located in a hangar at the Yorkton Airport. Recently, John has embarked upon attempting to discover and learn the stories of his ancestral families in the hope of someday writing these histories. John is uncertain if he fits wholly into any of these boxes - story teller, researcher, historian, preservationist, or genealogist. He has written articles on genealogical themes for *Relatively Speaking* and a number of other publications. John is a Past President of the Edmonton Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society, Outreach Director for the branch and is currently the Acting Editor of *Relatively Speaking*. He does personal research related to his German ancestors from Germany and Volga Russia, his Ukrainian ancestors, the USA, Canada, as well as some limited research related to Ireland and England. He is also a member of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society and the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia. John has conducted genealogical presentations, workshops, and has been a featured speaker at AGS Conferences and at branches around the Province on a number of themes. He put together the AGS history book for the years 1998 – 2013 *New Leaves* and is developing a resource for introducing school aged children to the wonders, joys, and skills of genealogy. Recently, John finished the life history of his uncle killed in the Korean War for family members titled *Our Young Henry: Story of a Soldier Remembered in a War Oft Forgotten*.

### Unmarked Graves

by Palmer Hagen

There are many graves in the Donalda area that are not recorded. Two hundred Indians were buried in a mass grave on S.W. 33-43-18. These died from smallpox. Old-timers told me that Ferry Point was then known as Smallpox Crossing. In one of Reverend McDougall's journals he wrote: near the bend in the Battle, while riding from Pakan to Morley, I came across forty lodges of Indians, both Blackfoot and Cree dead in their lodges. All had died from smallpox.

There are several Blackfoot Indian graves east of Donalda. When a person died in a hunting party, his body was covered with rocks. Their belief was that the rocks held the deceased person's spirit down. He wouldn't be able to follow the party and spoil the hunt.

Eddie Hestness and I examined such a pile in our pasture, east of Donalda, but all we found was one elbow joint.

Near the mouth of Red Willow Creek, east of Donalda, five children are buried. They had lost their lives in a house fire. Bob Baird told me when he was a boy, his dad showed him the five wooden crosses in amongst the spruce trees. Carl Peterson told me the name of the family, but at the time of this writing, I cannot recall it.

On the N.E. quarter of 29-42-19 the twelve year old son of Carl Bjorkblad is buried, near the east fence line. He apparently died after eating chokecherries.

On the southwest quarter of 6-44-18 Camille David's first wife is buried. Ode Collins worked for the Davids at the time of her death and told me her grave had a small log shelter over it. Indian fashion.

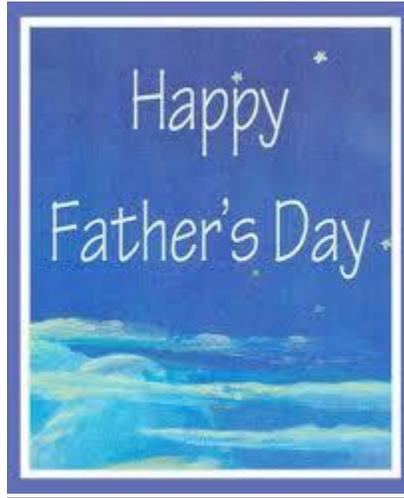
The above article was extracted from the book "Donalda's Roots and Branches", ISBN 0-88925-111-8

- *Submitted by Fay Carlson*

Ten Tips to Overcome Genealogy Burnout – Betty Lou Malesky, CG, Green Valley Genealogical Society. Extracted from Green Valley News, 4 August 2013, Page B1 – <http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/azggvs/gvnews.htm>

- Quit trying to break down brick walls
- Switch research to another line that may produce better results
- Turn off the computer and go out for dinner at an expensive restaurant
- Find a genealogy angel or buddy in that remote location you can't get to
- Go to a conference or take a class
- Read Marsha Hoffman Rising's book "The Family Tree Problem Solver"
- Quit looking for that elusive ancestor
- Take a well- deserved vacation just for fun and forget about genealogy
- Review all that data you have collected, write your ancestors' stories
- Chocolate is the answer to nearly every problem. Grab a chunk of Hershey's Special Dark Chocolate. If that doesn't make you feel better, maybe you really are hopeless! - *Betty Lou Malesky*

Father's Day – June 15, 2014



### Manitoba Probate Records

**Manitoba Probate Records:** Indexes to five districts, namely Eastern (Winnipeg), Western (Brandon), Southern (Morden), Central (Portage la Prairie) and Dauphin are on the Provincial Archives site at [www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives](http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives). Full text of probate files for all districts including St. Boniface and Northern (Minnedosa) up to 1930 are at [Familysearch.org](http://Familysearch.org). There is an index for St. Boniface, but to see the index for the Northern (Minnedosa) district, you still have to read the microfilm at the Archives. Note that the Archives use the names in parentheses while Familysearch uses the other names. To find a file, first get the district and file number from the index. Then select the range of file numbers and browse the images. You can enter page numbers to fast forward or backtrack easily, but it can still be a little tedious because if you land in the middle of a file you have to proceed one page at a time to see what file you are on. –

**Source:** SE & Winnipeg Branch, Manitoba Genealogical Society News & Programs Nov 2013 – e-newsletter

*Webinar – a seminar conducted over the Internet*

*Podcast – an audio or video recording made available on the Internet*

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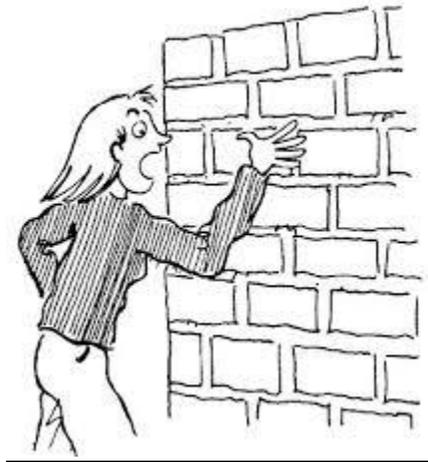
## Garage Sale Treasures

You never know where you might find something historically valuable! During a visit to my widowed Auntie Kay's home in Winnipeg in 1999, my cousin proudly showed his dad's medals and war memorabilia to me. These items were carefully displayed in the china cabinet. Then Stan said, "Look at this, Joan. Mom and Dad's neighbour was at a garage sale and spotted a picture of a Canadian squadron of soldiers. When he looked closer, he thought that one of the men looked like Dad. So, the neighbour bought it and showed it to Dad when he got home. Sure enough, it was Dad's squadron of the Winnipeg Grenadiers who served in the Second World War!" Stan and his mom Kay were very proud of that picture. Now that Auntie Kay has also passed away, I know that someone in the family is treasuring that photo...which may have been "lost" to the family forever if not for the observant fellow who lived next door!

Author's Notes: Thomas Chester Budd, my maternal uncle, served with the Winnipeg Grenadiers overseas during the Second World War. On December 25, 1942 he was taken a prisoner of war in Hong Kong. Released when the war ended, Chess was nursed back to health by his future wife, Kathleen (Kay) Ethel Bailey. Kay was a divorced, single mother raising a daughter and son. Chess assumed the role of father, raising Kay's children as his own. He was highly respected and loved by his adopted family. Chess died of a heart attack March 11, 1997 at home at the age of 82. Kay died 5 years later.

- *Submitted by Joan Conley*

## HAVE YOU HIT A BRICK WALL IN YOUR RESEARCH?



Here's a Tip: Submitting your stories or queries to your newsletter can help when you've hit a "brick wall"! Example: Simply by adding the "Tidbits of Romance" in the February 2014, Volume 11, No. 1 issue of the CGS newsletter *Roots and Shoots*, I received help from Lethbridge member Eleanor McMurchy with my husband's Bulloch branch of his Family Tree...turns out that her husband Jim McMurchy is a 4<sup>th</sup> cousin to my husband. As the Disney song goes "It's a Small World After All..." Your "Brick Walls" can be broken down! Submit your stories or queries – that's what your newsletter is for!!!

Much thanks to Eleanor for sharing all the info. - *Editor Joan Conley*

### QUERIES

BUDD: Looking for any information on the marriage of James Eli BUDD and Queenie (could be Elizabeth, maiden name unknown) about 1940-1943 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. I have a picture of both of them in Armed Forces uniforms (about 1940). Also, looking for any information on the 2 daughters they had. A picture of the first daughter with her parents (Queenie holding the baby), has the handwritten date "Jan. 30/44". Another picture shows the baby girl sitting on the grass with the family dog, date on back "Taken Aug 1943". Please reply to Joan Conley at [wayjo@telus.net](mailto:wayjo@telus.net)

HOSLER: looking for burial place of Jane HOSLER (nee LATCHFORD), died Sept. 24, 1941 in a Saskatchewan Provincial Hospital (possibly Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert, SK). Jane's hospital Death Certificate states that the Burial Date was Sept. 26, 1941 at River Bank Cemetery # 2; Rev. WILLIS. Please reply to Joan Conley at [wayjo@telus.net](mailto:wayjo@telus.net)

Please submit all Queries to the Editor - [wayjo@telus.net](mailto:wayjo@telus.net)

Ode to the Flour Sack by Colleen B. Hubert

In that long ago time when things were saved;  
when roads were gravelled and barrels were staved  
when worn-out clothing was used as rags;  
and there were no plastic wrap or bags;  
and the well and the pump were 'way out back;  
a versatile item was the flour sack!



Flour sack dresses c. 1930's

Bleached and sewn, it was dutifully worn  
as bibs, diapers or kerchief adorned.  
It was made into skirts, blouses and slips,  
and Mom braided rugs from one hundred strips.  
She made ruffled curtains for the house or shack  
from the humble but treasured flour sack!  
So now, my friends, when they ask you  
as curious youngsters often do,  
“Before plastic wrap, Elmer’s Glue and paper towels,  
what did you do?”  
Tell them loudly and with pride don’t lack,  
“Grandma had that wonderful flour sack!”



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

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