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“There is a moral and philosophical respect for our ancestors which elevates the character and improves the heart.” - Daniel Webster

President's Message

Welcome to another year of genealogy, my fellow Camrose Branch members! We are extremely fortunate to be welcoming several new faces, but it's sad to see some of our long time members moving on to other endeavors - to them we say a fond and heartfelt farewell.

Two years ago we decided to change our meeting format, taking the business out of the monthly Thursday meetings so we could dedicate that time together to learn and share. My thanks go out to our executive of the past 2 years for working behind the scenes to ensure that the Branch continued to run smoothly.

We enter 2015 with a few more changes - meeting time 7:00 instead of 7:30pm. Considerable effort has gone into forming an annual plan and more extensive marketing and fundraising strategies. Our Branch will be hosting 2 Saturday workshops, a summer social and a guest speaker at our April meeting. Changes to our website are on the horizon as AGS considers a budget allotment to each Branch for this purpose.

Camrose Branch is so fortunate to have the library meeting room - without charge. The library staff is wonderful and helpful. On occasion when we do need to find another location because of a library function, we have people step up to help, as Wayne Steele did last January, facilitating a meeting at the Camrose Airport. We enjoyed our first Branch summer social last year when I partnered with Adele to deliver a cemetery tour. We quite enjoyed the experience.

Camrose Branch has completed updating many cemeteries and photographing headstones for the Cemetery Database, thanks to the contagious enthusiasm of Adele Goa and her organizational skills to deal with this new information. We look forward to having a few more people working on this as some of our new members have keen interest in this area.

I would like to thank Branch members for supporting my mid-life travel obsession, particularly to those who have provided Skype capabilities for our monthly Branch and quarterly board meetings. I do appreciate very much that I can remain connected - and I get to be in 2 places at the same time.

Over the past year I have attended several AGS board meetings including the annual September retreat. I attended the November AGS board meeting remotely, thanks to the cooperation of Doug McLeod (President of the Lethbridge Branch).

Thanks to those who have stepped up to help lead our Branch for the next 2 years.

President Janine Carroll



NOTE: new meeting time - 7 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month, Camrose Public Library boardroom

Upcoming Events

Feb. 12, 2015 – 7 pm, Camrose Public Library Boardroom – Open meeting – bring your laptops, questions, roadblocks, list of surnames you are researching

Mar. 12, 2015 – 7 pm, Camrose Public Library Boardroom – Topic: “Is there a Leprechaun hiding in your Family Tree?”

March 14, 2015 – Free Genealogy Workshop – Morning session 10:00 am - noon, Camrose Public Library Boardroom – Guest Speaker Shannon Cherkowski - Topics: “Navigating Genealogy Websites” at 10 am, lunch break at noon. At 1 pm, afternoon session begins with topic “Genealogy Resources at the Provincial Archives of Alberta” – Bring your own lunch; snacks and beverages will be provided

Apr. 9, 2015 – 7 pm, Camrose Public Library Boardroom - Guest speaker Lorraine Lohr Cathro – Topic: “Using Short Stories to Write Family History/Memoir” – Lorraine will illustrate how she wrote her self-published book “Roots and Adventures: A Prairie Childhood” – Don’t miss this! Bring a friend! For more info about Lorraine’s book, check her website: <http://www.lorrainecathro.com>

Apr. 18-19, 2015 – AGS Conference, Chateau Louis Conference Centre, Kingsway Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta – there will be a variety of workshops to choose from, and the meals & snacks are delicious! For more info: <http://www.abgenealogy.ca/calendar>

May 14, 2015 – 7 p.m., Camrose Public Library Boardroom - “Skeletons in your Closet!”

Branch News

Nov 2014 meeting – We welcomed new members Don Lowe and Joe & Heather Howe. Our meeting theme was “War Stories of our Ancestors”. Fay Carlson related the story of her Uncle William (Bill) Murray Paton. Bill, whose mother was Scottish, came to Canada in 1911 on a ship named the Scotian, which carried British Home Children. He joined the Canadian Forces in 1916 and served in France. Fay stated that Bill’s Death Certificate contained a lot of information which helped in her search.

Heather Howe told of a female ancestor who was a ship’s welder, but was not allowed on board the ship because she was a woman.

Joe Howe brought the album that his grandmother Marion (nee Lafrentz) Bildfell made for all of her grandchildren, telling her life story. Marion made copies for all, and personally signed the last page of each copy. Joe’s copy reads “To Joe, Love Granma”. Marion relates the story of her brother “Sparky” joining the South Saskatchewan Regiment. Before Sparky went overseas, he was told that he had to leave part of his pay in Canada, so he gave it to Marion so that she could go to Normal School (Teachers’ College) when she was ready. Joe also pointed out that a horse could be sold to the Canadian Forces for \$1000 in wartime; the horses were used by the military in the field.

John Stoddart told of his wife Lesley’s father, a British Army engineer, who was decorated at the end of the war. While serving in Belgium, he encountered 2 Canadian soldiers who were drinking and looting a house that was booby trapped. He saved the lives of those 2 wayward soldiers. John added a humorous note; when Lesley’s father heard that The Beatles had been given OBE medals, he wanted to send his back. He thought that the two situations were totally unequal!

Bev Webster said that his wife Diane's grandfather has old/antique coins – 2 German Marks. The coins are zinc or aluminum and were minted during the years 1899-1942. Diane's grandfather joined the Argyll Sutherlanders and fought in the Boer War. Private John Lovatt Fraser signed up in 1915 with the 42nd Battalion CEF in World War 1. For his service in both wars, John received the following medals: Queen's South Africa Medal with clasps Cape Colony and South Africa 1902, the Victory Medal, the 1914-1915 Star, and the British War Medal.

Joan Conley told the story of her maternal uncle Sgt. Thomas Chester Budd, who served with the Winnipeg Grenadiers overseas. On Dec. 25, 1942 he became a prisoner of war (POW) in Hong Kong. The years Chess spent in the Japanese internment camp were horrific, as told to Joan by her mother. Chess, as he was known, was shot and had a large reddish scar on the left side of his forehead. A piece of skin had been removed from his hip and grafted onto his forehead. Chess did receive medals but Joan is unaware of the exact names of the medals. Chess' grandchildren now own the medals.

Don Lowe's grandfather was "Killed in Action" in France. He received a commendation signed by Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt. Three of Don's ancestors served in wars, plus a great uncle. Don informed us that a photo of an ancestor's gravestone in military cemeteries overseas can be obtained by contacting the War Graves Commission. Volunteers go to the cemetery and take a picture of the stone. There is a small fee attached to your request. Don told us about "field punishment" – a soldier could be shot on the spot in the field. Don doesn't know what the infraction could be.

Wayne Steel related the story of his maternal grandmother's brother's death. Private John William Hamilton died at the age of 21. Wayne's grandmother never really recovered from her brother's death. She gave Wayne a pair of "puttees", which the soldiers wore in the field to keep out the wet and insects. Each one is about 3 feet long, with string at the end for tying. Wayne wrapped the "puttees" around his legs as a youngster when he went tobogganing.

Adele Goa chose to tell the story of one of Wayne's ancestors, the youngest brother of Private John William Hamilton. Named Wesley Walker Hamilton, he was born in 1896 and was only 15 years, 2 months old when he signed up. There is no birthdate on Wesley's gravestone. He was the only son to survive the war.

Janine Carroll told of recently attending a meeting of the British Isles Family History Society in Ontario. It's a large group of approximately 500 members. About 200 attended this meeting. The presenter said that it took 30 ships to transport our Canadian soldiers to Europe and only 1 ship to bring them home.

What an interesting, informative meeting!

Camrose Branch Christmas Meeting 2014



CGS Christmas meeting – left to right rear: Adele Goa with Wayne Steel behind her, Don Lowe, Fay Carlson, Linda Lowe, John Stoddart, Joe Howe, Bev Webster – left to rt. front: Alora Nelson, Wendy Roth, Heather Howe (holding President Janine Carroll via Skype), Joan Conley.

Tidbits

“In the year 1916 it snowed every month in the year and one morning in July the farmers milked cows in a snowstorm. The weather was cold and damp all summer and the crops were frozen up tight in the fall. So don’t kick if you get some cold days in May as the Alberta climate can give you much worse and much better than that”. - *From the “Stettler Independent” newspaper*

Old British coinage: 3d. Threepence. Threepenny bit, pronounced 'thrupenny bit' (short u), or Thrupenny Joey – *Source: QI Talk Forum blog*

Scottish Tidbits

“In yer ain wirds – What might we lose if we all began to speak like each other?”
“The 2011 (Scotland) Census included a question about ability to speak the Scots language” (i.e. dialects) “and information about that should be available later in the year.” The Scottish government “has put a number of initiatives in place to encourage the use of Scots and Gaelic and to increase the profile of both languages.” - *From an 8 October 2012 article by Gillian Sharple, BBC Scotland News - titled “In yer ain wirds”*

Good News!

Manitoba Adoption Records:

Manitoba Opens Birth Records Related to Adoption
http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childfam/adoption_search.html

Target Date: June 2015

South Okanagan (B.C.) Cemeteries Recorded & Digitized

“The South Okanagan Genealogical Society has recorded all of the cemeteries in the South Okanagan and we are in the process of digitizing them all.” – Extracted from the December 2014 issue of SOGS newsletter “Grapevines”, page 5 under “President’s Message”.

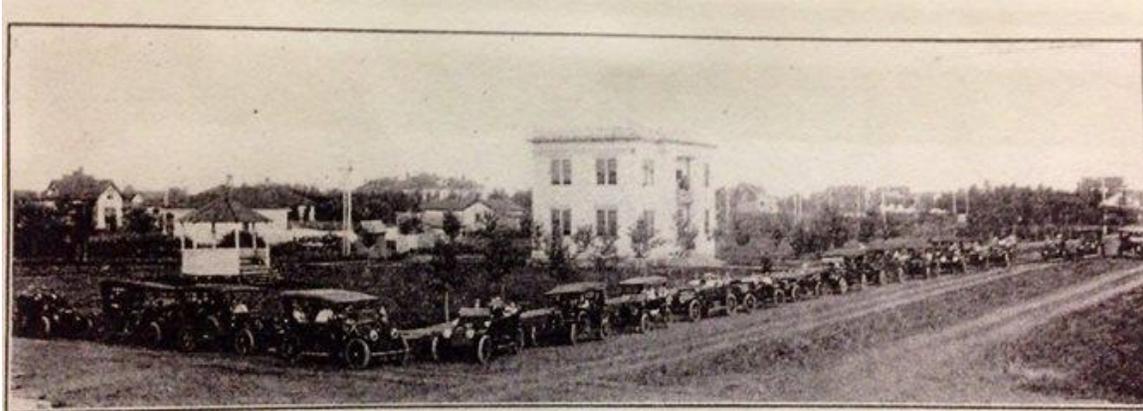
Veterans Cemetery, Esquimalt, B.C.

The Victoria Genealogical Society (V.G.S. located in British Columbia) has released their latest publication titled “The Veterans Cemetery, Esquimalt, British Columbia. This Cemetery has been an honoured final resting place for those who served in Canada’s military since 1868. The sailors called this piece of land “God’s Acre”. In 2006, the Cemetery was designated as a National Historical Site by the Government of Canada. The above mentioned book has 230 pages, and contains the complete inscription for each of the 2888 burial marker records. This book also includes the names on the 7 plaques located in the Cemetery chapel, plus the 91 names for those with scattered ashes, and much more. All names are indexed for easy searching using the included plot map. A copy of the book can be ordered at <http://victoriags.org>

Irish Roman Catholic Records

Good news for those of you searching for those elusive Irish ancestors. The National Library of Ireland plans to put online its whole image collection of Roman Catholic parish registers. The collection should be online by the summer of 2015, and will represent probably the most important database of Irish families in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries with records from 1740s to 1880s. Initially, the records will be searchable only by parish, so it may be important to you to acquire or access a genealogical atlas of Ireland. An excellent atlas is that produced by Brian Mitchell, *A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland*. It may be purchased through online bookstores such as Amazon – *extracted from Nanaïmo’s newsletter “Ancestry” - Winter 2014.*

Downtown Pony Race© Janine Carroll (aka "The Ghost Lady)



Camrose Canadian Club from "City of Camrose" printed in "Camrose after Seven Years" 1914
Photo courtesy Janine Carroll

Downtown Camrose has a fair share of ghostly haunts and there's no shortage of stories. There's not much I enjoy more than to share some local history coupled with an eerie twist – so on this Halloween day I will tell one of my most popular stories, about a downtown pony race. It all started with a heartbreaking incident just over 100 years ago, a mishap that the Camrose Canadian reported as 'one of the saddest accidents in the town's history'.

Downtown Pony Race© Janine Carroll (aka "The Ghost Lady)

1914 downtown Camrose didn't quite resemble what we see today - there were a few buildings you would find familiar – the Canadian Club, for example (formally Merchants). This cream colored building towered majestically within a park-like block, surrounded by lush green lawns and newly planted trees; a gazebo nearby. The CPR Station sprawled along the tracks at the north end of the street and facing it were two marvellous hotels. The Windsor and Arlington were each examples of typical turn of the century commercial architecture, each with indisputable charm befitting the town's steady growth. Neither building remains. The municipality owned an electric light plant and a waterworks & sewage system, installed in the few years previous under the vigilant attention of Town engineer M.A. Maxwell. The costs to provide these significant services to residents were kept low because of efficient construction costs and the abundance of local coal. Camrose was "The Best Little Town in Alberta".

Main Street seemed extraordinarily wide, 100 feet - a wise decision attributed to a dedicated community leader, Francois Adam. It was lined on either side with 14 foot wide paved sidewalks and electric cluster lights! A thriving of retail district stretched along both sides of Main; contemporary buildings with

charming storefronts typical of the Boomtown Trail. Storekeepers would this day experience the increased hustle & bustle that came with Sports Day!

The annual Sports Day was held each July 1st – a big day in the little town. But in 1914 the event was postponed due to weather and rescheduled for Tuesday, July 28th. Our pioneer population anticipated the event eagerly, just as we look forward to our Jay Walkers Jamboree. Folks from outlying communities began to flock to Camrose early, eager to take in football (a match between Camrose and Wetaskiwin promised to be an exciting game) and Tug-of-War matches featuring a \$100 combined purse, attracting many teams to practice & participate. As well there would be baseball, children's running races, broad jump, high jump, harness racing and the traditional and ever popular Windsor Hotel Special Pony Race down Main Street. The Maple Leaf Band from Pretty Hill would be on hand to entertain the crowds all afternoon. The day's festivities would end with a 'fitting climax', a special picture show scheduled at the David Theatre followed by a big dance. The 1914 Camrose Sports Day was reported to be a resounding success, conversely overshadowed by the pony race on Main Street which ended with a fatality.

Fifteen-year-old Oscar Jensen and his younger brother rode into Camrose from Duhamel on that fateful day. Imagine the excitement the young brothers felt, getting a midweek reprieve from chores and heading to one of the largest festivals the neighbouring community had to offer. But even during what must have been an animated, light-hearted journey there was forewarning of the bad omen to come. Not only had his parents lectured him **not** to take part in the pony races, Oscar's little brother made him **promise** that he would not enter. The younger Jensen boy had a bad feeling about the race and worried about his big brother. You have to understand though, that Oscar was passionate about racing – and it was something this prairie boy excelled at!

Upon their arrival in Camrose, the brothers put up their horses in a nearby livery stable, likely the one that operated out of the Windsor Hotel. A large crowd began to gather on the streets as the much anticipated race time drew near. It was scheduled for 11am and would kick off the day's events. The pony race was to start at the CPR Station, as was customary. The 'track' was Main Street up to 49 Ave. Among the eager crowd were the Jensen brothers.

And as the ponies began to line up, young Oscar couldn't contain himself and things started to go really wrong. When Oscar saw those ponies lined up at the starting line, he forgot his promises to his parents and to his brother. His common sense flew with the wind. The temptation of racing was just too hard to resist. He rushed back to the livery stable, mounted his horse and made a dash for the starting line. He was not even entered into the race and couldn't take the time now, because the starter yelled GO as Oscar rounded the corner. Oscar spurred his pony into the race! Seven ponies tore down Main Street, the crowd cheering! Undoubtedly Oscar's younger brother was looking on, likely very fearful for his brother's safety, and justifiably so.

As they approached the crossing of the first block Oscar's mount stumbled, throwing him head first onto the hard street. The pony fell and together the two slid many feet, Oscar trapped underneath the heavy

horse. As the horse regained its footing the crowd was further horrified to see that one foot was wedged in the stirrup. Men swiftly sprinted in from all sides to hold the pony, and free Oscar. They carried him to an automobile and rushed him to the hospital. An optimistic rumor spread through the crowd that the boy was still alive, but doctors judged that he died instantly, suffering among other injuries, a crushed skull.

It was the last Main Street pony race that Camrose would experience, 100 years ago.

Now it is said that late on quiet mid-summer evenings, when the noise of the traffic has come to an end and few, if any, pedestrians remain on the sidewalks, that the unmistakable clamour of a pony racing down Main Street can be heard. I have talked to no less than 4 people who are convinced they have heard hooves hitting pavement as Oscar enjoys his last race over and over again.



Main Street Camrose at night – from “City of Camrose” printed in “Camrose after Seven Years” 1914 –
Photo courtesy Janine Carroll

Attention: British Home Children Descendants

If you are interested in searching for your British Home Children (BHC) ancestors, there is a fairly new Facebook group who will help with your search. It is named The British Home Children Advocacy & Research Association with Lori Oschefski as CEO. Sandra Joyce who has written two books, "The Street Arab" and "Belonging" is on the board and is helpful in searching.

Brad Barnes who lives in Red Deer has written a book called "The Reluctant Canadian" which is based on his grandfather's life after coming to Canada as a BHC and another good book is "Laying the Children's Ghosts to Rest" by Arthur Joyce of New Denver, BC.

It is amazing how many people are unaware of our (BHC) history.

Submitted by Hazel Perrier, BHC descendant & Guest Writer in this issue

Genealogy Leads to Inheritance

A genealogical highlight for me, in the summer of 2014, was receiving a phone call from the Office of the Public Trustee of B.C.

The story starts six years ago when I wanted to know what happened to my half-aunt's children. My maternal grandmother was married twice; by the first marriage she had one daughter – my half-aunt. My mother, her sister and brother, were from the second marriage.

My half-aunt's six children were born in B.C. between 1923 and 1935 and were older than I was by up to a generation. As I was growing up her children were getting married and starting their work lives, so, although I knew my half-aunt and my uncle, I didn't know their children.

The search started with my half-aunt's death certificate from B.C. Vital Statistics. On the certificate was the name of one of her sons with an address. The son had changed his first and last names so that information was vital.

Thirty years had passed but I found the son at the same address in Richmond, B.C. I contacted the son (my half-cousin), who was very pleased to hear from the "other side" of the family.

The following summer that son (a half-cousin), my first cousins, and my siblings met in Penticton, B.C., where our five half-cousins had grown up (one died as a two-year-old). My Richmond half-cousin came to this reunion with a box of pictures and documents and we learned about his siblings and their families.

At this time we knew that, of the five siblings in his family who reached adulthood, he had a brother in Richmond, B.C., and a sister in Vancouver who had been a ward of the government of B.C. all of her adult life. Another sister died 30 years ago.

But, no one in the family was in contact with their second-eldest sister in over 30 years. The last he knew she was in Quebec. Of this Quebec half-cousin I knew only her name and the basic birth and marriage dates.

Then, in March 2013 I found a Public Family Tree on Ancestry.com containing my half-aunt and my mother (as full siblings). Largely because the Tree contained errors about my family which I could correct, I contacted the owner of the Tree. One reply was that "my mother-in-law will be interested in talking to you".

In the ensuing phone calls and e-mails I learned that my Quebec half-cousin had abandoned her two young children in Toronto by 1950-51. Her husband also did not want to raise the children. I was now talking to that daughter!

The daughter, when abandoned, was 4 ½ and was raised by a couple as an only child, and, of course, she had a changed name as a child. Her brother, aged 1 1/2 when he was abandoned, was formally adopted by a different couple and his name also was changed. Their birth-mother, my half-cousin, had died in 2009.

I was now able to tell the Richmond, B.C., half-cousin that his sister had died in Quebec, but also that I found her two adult children in Ontario. We learned about their lives and families and also sent them a 44 page booklet on our families' genealogy. They had no idea of the extent of the B.C. family.

The phone call from the B.C. Public Trustee was a surprise!

The half-cousin who had been in care in B.C. had died, and the Trustee needed to know about the sister in Quebec and the sister's two children. I was able to give the Trustee all of the necessary genealogical information and the current addresses and phone numbers.

Only the daughter who had never been formally adopted was eligible for an inheritance; the son, who had been adopted, was not eligible.

This past Christmas (2014) I received a letter from the daughter in Ontario, thanking me for intervening on her behalf with the Province of B.C. "It wasn't a huge amount of money, but for some strange reason I felt I actually had a credible family."

Submitted by Alora L. Nelson

Guest Editorial: Are You a British Home Child Descendant?

In 2005 when I was attempting to update our Family Tree information, I was trying to understand why my grandparents moved to the Lloydminster, Saskatchewan area from Ontario after they were married in 1906.

I contacted the only two family members still living and my aunt said she thought they came out with the Barr Colonists to Lloydminster. On doing a little research I discovered they had come out earlier than 1906. I had read the book, "The Little Immigrants", by Kenneth Bagnell, about the British Home Children and contacted an email address in the book. I discovered my grandfather Alfred Clarke had come to Canada in 1893 on the SS Labrador. He was sent by the Dr. Barnardo Home in England at the age of 7 and was indentured in the Muskoka area of Ontario.

I sent to Barnardos for his records and I discovered my grandmother, Rosina Wagner was also a British Home Child. Rosina, aged 11, her brother John, aged 9 and their sister Sarah, aged 7 were sent in 1897 on the same ship, the SS Labrador. They never told any of their children that they were British Home Children.

On researching the British Home Children, I discovered that over 100,000 were sent between 1860 and 1948. It is estimated that 12% of our current population are descendants of these home children. Dr. Barnardo had a farm at Russell, Manitoba where they sent boys to learn farming. The Fairbridge Farm School was located at Duncan, B.C. where the children lived in cottages and were taught farming and domestic duties.

Many children were indentured farm workers, the girls as domestic help in homes. Unfortunately, the majority of these children were not treated very well. The boys were expected to work hard, beyond their age or physical expectations. They were bullied in the communities, schools and in the homes where they were placed, often poorly fed, housed and dressed.

The Government of Canada declared the Year 2010 to honour these children and many celebrations took place. There were two Memory Quilts made from 56 squares, each square featuring a British Home Child and the story of his/her life in Canada. One quilt was made in Alberta by Hazel Perrier of Claresholm, Alberta and the other by Gail Collins of St. Catherine's, Ontario. The Memory Quilts are available for presentations and as teaching tools to help make everyone aware of "Canada's best kept secret."

Ontario and the Eastern Provinces have declared September 28th each year to honour the children and their descendants. We are attempting to have Alberta and the western provinces do the same. If you are a descendant and would like to help with this venture, please contact the writer. We have one British Home Child living in Calgary who will be 90 on December 30. If you are searching for information there is help on Facebook: British Home Children Advocacy and Research Association.

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*According to an old Irish saying, there are two types of Irish -
Those who actually are Irish and those who wish they were.*

The Irish surname “Connolly”

Motto: God is all

Crest: A hand grasping a chaplet (signifying joy)

Name variations include: O Conghalaigh (Gaelic), O Coinheallaigh (Gaelic), O Conghaile (Gaelic), O’Conolly, O’Connolly, Connally, Connelly, connelay, Coneley, Conolly.

In the eighth and ninth centuries, the population of the islands was relatively small and it was normal to use only a forename for identification. But as more people shared the same forename, surnames were adopted. Individuals identified themselves with their own particular tribe, or “tuath” (this also became known as a “clan” or “clan”), taking its name from an ancestor who had founded the clan. An “O” before the surname denotes “grandson of”. The prefix “Mac” of “Mc” denotes “son of”.

“Although the Irish clans had much in common with their Scottish counterparts, one important difference lies in what are known as “septs” or branches of the clan.” Septs of Scottish clans were groups who often bore different names from the clan name but were under the clan’s protection. In Ireland, “Septs” were groups who shared the same name and were scattered throughout the four provinces of Ulster, Leinster, Munster, and Connaught.”

Information taken from a book purchased by Joan Conley in 2009 during a trip to the British Isles. Although the book contains information on the Irish surname “Connolly”, it was purchased in Edinburgh, Scotland, cost 2.50 pounds. The book was written by Iain Gray.

St. Patrick’s Day Recipe for Colcannon

St. Patrick’s Day is traditionally celebrated on March 17th of each year. Colcannon is a favourite Irish potato recipe:

3 lbs. potatoes

1 lb. cooked curly kale (or savoy cabbage), finely shredded (traditionally, this would have been boiled in water with a piece of bacon fat or a pig’s trotter)

2 oz. butter

½ pint milk (full fat) or single cream

6 scallions (spring onions), chopped

This dish can be eaten alone or served with boiled ham.

All Things Scottish



Scottish Reindeer – from www.visitscotland.com

B is for... the Burning of the Clavie

Burghead in Moray celebrates Hogmanay (Scottish New Year's Eve) twice - once on 31 December with the rest of the country, and also on 11 January, when they hold the Burning of the Clavie –

from www.visitscotland.com



GENTLEMEN – THE TARTAN !

Here's to it !
The fighting sheen of it,
The yellow, the green of it,
The white, the blue of it,
The swing, the hue of it,
The dark, the red of it,

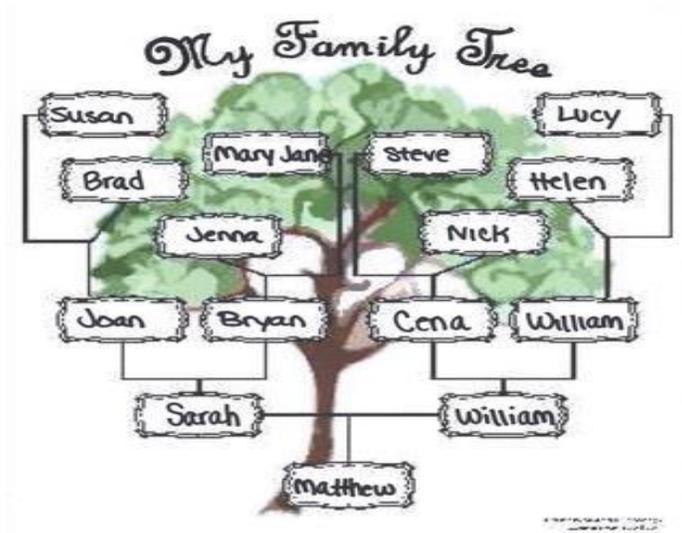
The fair have sighed for it,
The brave have died for it,
Foemen sought for it,
Heroes fought for it,
Honour the name of it,
Drink to the fame of it –
The TARTAN!

Murdoch Maclean

Queries Column – a local bargain!

We welcome “Queries” when you need help finding an ancestor. Queries should include the surname, full Christian name, birth date and place (or whatever you know) and exactly what further information you require. Your Query will be printed in the next issue. The Camrose Branch digital newsletter is sent out to all Alberta Genealogical Society branches, B.C. genealogical societies, one Ontario Society, Camrose Public Library, Strathcona County Library, and to Allen County Public Library, Genealogy Department in Fort Wayne, Indiana...and it's free! Send your Queries to the Editor at wayjo@telus.net

SAVE THE DATE!



ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CAMROSE BRANCH

SPRING WORKSHOP

March 14, 2015, starts at 10:00 AM

Camrose Public Library

Guest Presenter: **Shannon Cherkowski**

Topics:

- "Genealogy Resources at the Provincial Archives of Alberta" (10am-noon)
- "Navigating Genealogy Websites" (1pm-3pm, discussion to follow)
Bring your own lunch;
snacks and beverages will be provided

For information and to register:

camrose@abgenealogy.ca

or call 780-608-6243

This is a free workshop; guests welcome!



*Deep within each heart
through all life's
changing seasons
love remembers love.*

*Happy Valentine's Day
February 14, 2015*

We're now online at the Camrose Public Library!

The 2014 issues of "Roots and Shoots", our Camrose Branch newsletter, are now available online for Library patrons to borrow! – go to the Library website <http://cpl.pr1.ab.ca> Click "Catalogue" in the black bar near the top. In the Search Bar, type "roots and shoots" and it is the first record at the top of the list! Future issues will be downloaded to the CPL website. This is regional at the moment, but will soon be provincial!!! Check it out!!!

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