



# CAMROSE BRANCH ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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**“Being Irish, he had an abiding sense of tragedy, which sustained him through temporary periods of joy.” - William Butler Yeats**

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, Mar. 10, 2016** – Regular meeting, Camrose Public Library Board Room at 7 p.m. Topic: “Helping Each Other” – Bring questions, brick walls and your laptop.

**Thursday, Apr. 14, 2016** – Regular meeting, Camrose Public Library Board Room at 7 p.m. Topic: “Family Tree Adventures in Ireland and Scotland” – slideshow of CGS member Joan Conley’s recent travels

**Thursday, May 12, 2016** – Regular meeting, Camrose Public Library Board Room at 7 p.m. Topic: “A Legacy Webinar” – Presenter CGS member Deb Trout

**Thursday, June 9, 2016** – This meeting is our Spring Workshop – Camrose Public Library Board Room at 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Pat Ryan presenting. See “Spring Workshop” below for details.

**NO meetings are held during July & August BUT we will hold a Summer get-together: “Picnic in the Cemetery” which will include a “Scavenger Hunt”. Date to be announced later.**

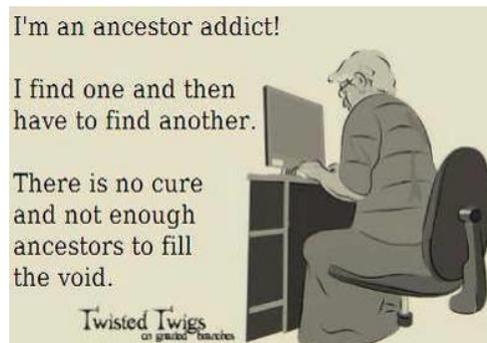
**Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016** – Community Registration Night – details to follow in next issue

**Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016** – Camrose Public Library Board Room at 7 p.m. Topic: “Summer Genealogy Challenge” – up to 10 minutes each of members’ presentations (pictures welcome) on what you did this summer – visited an ancestor’s grave; (finally) started to ask your Grandma questions; had a family reunion....

## SPRING WORKSHOP

Thursday, June 9, 2016

This regular meeting night will be our Spring Workshop - Camrose Public Library Board Room at 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Pat Ryan presenting. BIO: Ms. Pat Ryan is a 1<sup>st</sup> generation Canadian whose father was born in Scotland and mother born in the USA. She has completed the Saskatchewan Genealogy Society’s Certification Courses; is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists; and a founding member of the College of Certified Saskatchewan Genealogists as well as holding memberships in numerous genealogy societies around the world. Pat’s style is humorous, informative, and engaging. She will “involve” you in her workshops which she has presented from Whitehorse, Yukon, across Canada, and all the way to Scotland. She also teaches classes online, and in Regina, so you can participate no matter where you live! Pat offers sound, practical advice that will leave you energized and knowing what to do! Visit her at [www.patryangenealogy.blogspot.com](http://www.patryangenealogy.blogspot.com)



## Branch News

### Christmas Celebration 2016



Left to right rear: Sally Olson, Helen Posch, Joan Conley, Adele Goa, Wayne Steel, Bev Webster

Front: Fay Carlson, Janine Carroll, Alora Nelson

Christmas meeting – no pictures of the fabulous treats on the table! Next time...

### Movie Night at our February Meeting

It was Movie Night at our Feb. 11, 2016 regular meeting! We watched the movie “Oranges and Sunshine”, the story of British Home Children who were sent to Australia. In 1987, Nottingham, England social worker Margaret Humphreys discovered the (largely secret) shipping of thousands of young British children to Australia from as early as 1860 to the early 1970s. These children have since been named “British Home Children”. The movie was adapted from the book “Empty Cradles” by Margaret Humphreys herself. Many British Home Children were also accepted in Canada and the United States, all under the sanction of the British, Canadian and American governments at those times. The movie concentrates only on the British children who were sent to Australia. Margaret’s role is played by Emily Watson; her husband Merv Humphreys by Richard Dillane; other leading roles are played by Hugo Weaving (Jack) and David Wenham (Len). Emily Watson won a number of awards for her portrayal of Ms. Humphreys. It is a heartbreaking but true story. You may find the movie at your local video store, and it is currently available on [www.netflix.com](http://www.netflix.com). Editor’s note: Ontario and the eastern provinces have declared Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> each year to honour the children and their descendants. British Home Children supporters are attempting to have Alberta and the western provinces do the same.

## Tidbits

### Interesting Genealogy Blog

Go to [www.agraveinterest.blogspot.com](http://www.agraveinterest.blogspot.com) – in the right hand column under “Blog Archive”, click on “November”. That will take you to the blog “13 Grave Markers with Descriptions”. Written by Joy Neighbors, a professional freelance magazine and book writer uncorking articles about wine, food, history, travel, cemetery history and culture. Quote: “My interest in cemetery culture led to another great, or maybe I should say “grave” gig, my weekly blog: *A Grave Interest* <http://agraveinterest.blogspot.com> where I get to travel around the country and speak about cemetery topics for genealogy, history and education conferences.” Editor’s Note: Check it out. You won’t be disappointed!

### New Publication for United Empire Loyalists now online

Lifted from Manitoba Genealogical Society’s newsletter “Generations”, Volume 40, Number 4, December 2015:

“Brian Lathan and Linda Corupe, U.E., are pleased to announce that their publication “Penitentiary Patriots: Upper Canada Rebellion, 1838, James Nickalls Report” is now available at no charge online at [www.lindacorupe.com](http://www.lindacorupe.com)

### Ontario Genealogical Society is on the move

The administrative offices of the Ontario Genealogical society will be moving on March 10<sup>th</sup> to their new location – 2100 Steeles Avenue West, Unit # 202, Concord, ON L4K 2V1. There is a new toll-free telephone number 855-MYROOTS (855-697-6687); new fax number is 855-695-8080. The offices at 40 Orchard View Boulevard will be closed at the end of the March 9 business day. If you need to contact the offices, please do so on or after March 14, 2016. – Source: Feb. 20, 2016 OGS Weekly Update

*February 14, 2016*

*Valentine’s Day*



*Robbie Burns Day*  
*January 25, 2016 in Scotland*

**Address To A Haggis**

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face, Great chieftain o' the puddin-race! Aboon them a' ye tak your place, Painch, tripe, or thaim; Weel are ye wordy o' a grace As lang's my arm,	Poor devil! see him ower his trash, As feckless as a wither'd rash, His spindle shank, a guid whip-lash, His nieve a nit; Thro' bloody flood or field to dash, O how unfit!
The groaning trencher there ye fill, Your hurdies like a distant hill, Your pin wad help to mend a mill In time o' need, While thro' your pores the dews distil Like amber bead,	But mark the Rustic, haggis fed, The trembling earth resounds his tread, Clap in his walle nieve a blade, He'll mak it whistle; An' legs an' arms, an' heads will snead,
His knife see rustic Labour dight, An' cut you up wi' ready sleight, Trenching your gushing entrails bright, Like ony ditch; And then, O what a glorious sight, Warm-reekin, rich!	Like taps o' thrissle, Ye Pow'rs wha mak mankind your care, And dish them out their bill o' fare, Auld Scotland wants nae skinking ware That jaups in luggies; But, if ye wish her gratefu' prayer, Gie her a haggis!
Then, horn for horn, they stretch an' strive: Deil tak the hindmost! on they drive, Till a' their weel-swald' kytes belyve, Are bent lyke drums; Then auld Guidman, maist like to rive, "Bethankit!" hums.	
Is there that owre his French ragout Or olio that wad staw a sow, Or fricassee wad mak her spew Wi' perfect sconner, Looks down wi' sneering, scornfu' view On sic a dinner?	Robert Burns

www.ActivityVillage.co.uk - Keeping Kids Busy

*“Address to a Haggis” written by Robert Burns 1786*

*“Selkirk Grace”*

***Some hae meat and canna eat  
And some wad eat that want it  
But we hae meat, and we can eat  
Sae let the Lord be thankit***

*Respectfully lifted from the website: [www.obanargyll.com](http://www.obanargyll.com) This prayer is usually recited prior to the piping in of the Haggis on Burns Night.*



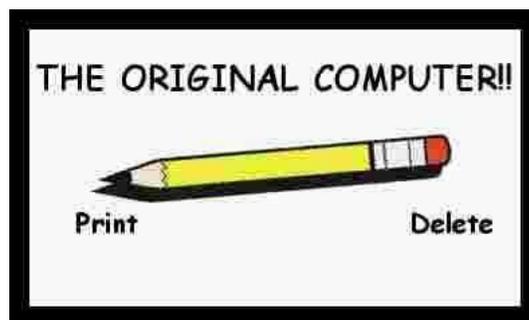
*Scottish Highland Cow (or pronounced “heeland coo” in Scottish dialect)*

## Burns Night

The meal starts with a traditional soup, sometimes a broth of some type but very often cook-a-leekie. Haggis is traditionally served with neeps (turnip, swede) and tatties (mashed potatoes) and followed by a choice of puddings - try Cranachan, it's delicious!

*Cranachan is a traditional Scottish dessert. Nowadays it is usually made from a mixture of whipped cream, whisky, honey, and fresh raspberries topped with toasted oatmeal. Earlier recipes for cranachan or cream-crowdie are more austere, omitting the whisky and treating the fruit as an optional extra.*

*Modern recipes have a high double cream content, while originally this was replaced wholly or in part by crowdie cheese. A traditional way to serve cranachan is to bring dishes of each ingredient to the table, so that each person can assemble their dessert to taste. Tall glasses are also a typical presentation. Wikipedia*



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**MEDICINE HAT GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

**PRESENTS:**

**Salt Lake City Adventure**

**MAY 15-22, 2016**

*We will travel by motorcoach with Carefree Express (1 day travel each way) to the five-story Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Upon our arrival, we will have 6 full days to research millions of free-to-access materials, and our accommodations will be right next door at the Salt Lake Plaza. Hope you will join us!*

*Cost is \$800 per person (based on double occupancy; covers motorcoach, hotel room & taxes; non-researching spouses & partners welcome).*

**\*Registration is Limited, so reserve your place now with a \$100 deposit made payable to Medicine Hat & District Genealogical Society (due prior to Feb. 28, 2016, but first come, first served).**

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### ...not just the Internet!

Many people think that tracing ancestors can be done entirely on the Internet. There are many records online but as genealogists, we know that there are many other sources available to us. Also, errors can be made in transcribing these online records so that they become “clues” to additional searching, but not completely dependable as sources. Do not discount the Internet or traditional paper sources...use both.

Last year, some friends and I made a trip to the Provincial Archives of Alberta (PAA). I was searching for the Will of my grandmother's second husband. I had the address of the home that they built, since my family had lived nearby when we moved to Alberta. My curiosity was piqued about the Will because my grandmother married again soon after Amos died. Judging by the happy pictures of the couple, I would not have guessed that a third husband would be in Grandma's plans. Amos died in March of 1949; Grandma remarried in July of 1949. I found that there was no will, but there was a Notice of Application for Probate. The results of my search show that Amos only had a few hundred dollars in his bank account. Grandma used \$200 of that money to bury her beloved husband, and was left with little.

Amos had been collecting Old Age Pension but Grandma wasn't old enough to collect, so when Amos died, she had little or no income. Marrying again became the solution. This (unhappy) union lasted for five years, during which time Grandma became of age to collect the pension. Now independent, she evicted Elmer from the home that she and Amos had built. I found the home address in the Edmonton Henderson's Directories and traced the years that they lived there. I ordered copies of the Probate and these papers will be filed in Grandma's family history. Now I want to find the Land Title to see exactly when they built. The Provincial Archives of Alberta (PAA) holds many records; many are not online. You have to physically search, but what an exciting find it was for me! It was well worth the 1-2 hours that I spent looking. The staff at PAA are very knowledgeable and so willing to help.

Other sources as you trace your family tree are: family Bibles, pictures, diaries, Birth, Marriage and Death records, newspaper articles and obituaries, cemetery transcriptions, Wills, Land Titles, Henderson's Directories...the list goes on. Many of these records are not online; some may be tucked away somewhere in your family's home. So, the Internet is not the total answer. We need to act as detectives and search all sources...including the paper ones!

The Provincial Archives is located at 8555 Roper Road, Edmonton, Alberta.

<https://hermis.alberta.ca/PAA>

*- Submitted by Joan Conley*

*March 17, 2016*

*St. Patrick's Day*



## Recipe for Irish Stew

neck or shoulder of lamb – 1 ½ kg  
bouquet of parsley, thyme and bay leaf (tied together with twine)  
3 large onions, finely chopped  
salt and freshly ground black pepper  
3-4 carrots, chopped into bite size pieces  
1 small turnip, chopped into bite size pieces  
some small new potatoes, peeled and quartered, or large potatoes, peeled and chopped  
75-100 g cabbage, shredded  
finely chopped parsley and dash of Worcestershire Sauce

### **The Muse in a Post Card** by John Althouse, Edmonton Branch AGS

It can be interesting what one can find in the newsletter of a branch of genealogical society. In the August 2015 issue of “Roots and Shoots,” I took interest in the article on Camrose’s historic ski jump “Flash from the Past.” I enjoyed the article, but it was something less significant within the article that really caught my eye. I was attracted to the writing on the first post card. It was being sent to Dusseldorf, Alberta. Dusseldorf was east of Barrhead. The card was mailed just prior to World War I. Just six years later, the place would cease to be known as Dusseldorf and would become known as “Freedom.” I have an interest in how World War I impacted the lives of German and Austrian people living within Canada at that time, either directly or indirectly.

The card is addressed to Mrs. H. Munsterman. Her husband, initially a homesteader, was an active member of the community. He took on other positions. He was the postmaster at Dusseldorf from 1913 to 1916. He also was the senior trustee of the Dusseldorf School District No. 2669. I wanted to know a little more about Dusseldorf at that time. I went to “Newspapers” on the Peel Prairie Provinces website. Here I did a search by place name. I found several local columns for “Dusseldorf” embedded in random copies of the Edmonton Bulletin of that period. Papers at the time would also have local correspondents collect the news events of their area and send it to the paper for publication. These columns contained a good deal of information about the comings and goings in a rural area like this one. The search was not without problems. Several reports related to Dusseldorf in Germany. These reports were particularly numerous and at times disturbing in the last months of the War. Could these reports have played a role in determining that the Canadian locale would be changed?

One article which I found interesting was an account of the events of Christmas in Dusseldorf. This short column will appear in its entirety in our German Special Interest Group (SIG) newsletter for December 2015. The article gave me a clue to identity of the writer of the post card E.D.M. The Christmas events were in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Munsterman. Among the entertainers for the event was their daughter Miss Elsie Munsterman who was home from high school in Edmonton.

But why would Elsie be in Camrose a year later? If she was finished high school, was it possible that she had finished the requisite education and had gone to Camrose for teacher’s training at the Normal School there? How might I find out? I decided that a local history book might confirm or refute my suspicions. The AGS Alberta History Book Index directed me to the Barrhead local history book for information on Dusseldorf / Freedom. However, there was no family entry for the Munsterman family. I then turned to the index of that local history book. This book had an excellent index. It had a number of

page references for “Munsterman.” One reference took me to pages for the F.D. Thompson family. His wife was Elsie (nee Munsterman). The family account confirmed my suspicions. Elsie had gone to the Normal School in Camrose. She then taught at Manola, Viking, and finally back home at Dusseldorf. She married Frank Thompson in 1917. Now, I was pretty confident that the writer of the post card in question was Elsie Munsterman then attending Normal School in Camrose who had written the card to her mother.

It is often difficult to predict where one seeming isolated item may lead. One thing tends to lead to another. I suspect the little push that this post card provided may lead me to write more detail for the German SIG newsletter later this year. It was discovered unobtrusively in your branch newsletter. Our branch newsletters (including that of Camrose Branch) offer genealogists a good deal of interesting writing that can add to their craft. Members can benefit by reading the newsletters issued by the AGS branches.

Editor’s Note: John Althouse submitted this letter as an interesting reply to the August 2015, Vol. 12 No. 3 issue of Camrose Branch’s newsletter “Roots and Shoots”. The article is titled “Flash from the Past” on Pages 12-15. The Editor is happy to hear that this sparked some interest, and further research. Thanks for your input, John!

### **REMEMBERING OUR YESTERDAYS: Looking to see if grandpa was a bigamist using the Ontario Archives to find out**



#### **Remembering Our Yesterdays**

Photo/BILL GLADSTONE

*Was your grandfather a bigamist? Would you want the world to know?*



City Centre Mirror

By [Bill Gladstone](#)

Although my client’s late father had always been told he had been born in Montreal, we ultimately found his birth record in Toronto.

It seems my client’s grandmother was trying to hide the fact her husband had been exposed as a bigamist in a high-profile court case in Toronto in 1913. I found several front-page newspaper stories about it, one of which carried a courtroom sketch of his second wife, dressed to the nines for her day in court.

Those were the circumstances that led me to examine a box of RCMP bigamy files from the period 1910 to 1918 at the Ontario Archives. Hoping to find details on my client's grandfather, I had done a computer search under the keyword "bigamy." (Owing to privacy considerations, I was permitted access to only the records that were a century old or older.)

Sometimes a concerned citizen would set the ball in motion by writing an incriminating letter to the police or RCMP about a suspected bigamist. For example, when Capel B. St. George of Renfrew County heard that William Jannup had taken a second wife, he wrote a letter right away.

"The first Mrs. Jannup is alive and holding the farm, and I recently heard that she was talking of action, but she is so glad to get rid of him, I do not think she will do anything," he explained. Sometimes the police would act on a complaint from an aggrieved spouse. When Insp. John Miller went to arrest William Gilbert Nash of Brantford, he brought Nash's first wife, Clara Brown, with him on the train. Nash, who had abandoned his first wife in England, ultimately received a sentence of seven years; most convicted bigamists typically received one to three years.

The files also contain mundane police paperwork such as copies of telegrams sent by fervent police detectives to local constables seeking suspects' arrests. There are even a few photographs of offenders, such as this portrait of Finley McInnis of Fort William, wanted for bigamy in 1914.

Such artifacts and photos will certainly add colour to a family history. But imagine that your own long-gone grandfather had taken one wife too many. If any of his children was still living, would you want to spill this sordid little family secret or keep it hushed up for another generation?

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### Now I Know What Happened to Fanny Jane!

Submitted by Joan Conley

My 2011 published article titled "Whatever Happened to Fanny Jane" has brought, over the years, three responses (one as recent as April 2015, four years after the article was published!). Those replies have filled in that branch of my tree! Here's the link to the article on our Camrose Branch website:

<http://abgensoc.ca> All past issues of *Roots and Shoots* are there; click on Branches, click on Visit the Camrose Branch Website; click on Newsletters on the left; then click on 8-1 Spring 2011 to read the article.

Here's "What happened to Fanny Jane".....the sister of my maternal grandmother Clara de Etta (nee Hosler) Budd.

According to their Marriage Registration, Fanny Jane Hosler and Albert William Hutton were married on Tuesday, 26 May 1903 in Plumas, Westbourne Municipality, Manitoba, Canada. At the time of their marriage, they were both living in McCreary, Manitoba. The Canadian National Railway runs south from McCreary to Plumas so the couple may have taken the train to their marriage place. The witnesses are Mrs. Rutledge, the minister's wife and Joseph Belford, both from Plumas. Joseph may have been a friend to Albert? Neither name is familiar to me. They were married by "License" and the marriage was registered on 17 Dec 1903.

Fanny was 18 years old; Albert was 34; Fanny born in Michigan, U.S.A.; Albert in Ontario, Canada. The Marriage Registration contains lots of information: Albert's parents' names were Arthur and Mary Ann (nee Henly) Hutton. I knew Fanny's parents' names: James and Maggie (nee Scott) Hosler (although the record has the surname spelled as "Hasler" with an "a").

The 1906 Manitoba Census, Dauphin District shows Albert as Head of Household, married and they have a son William age 3 and a daughter Mary A. age 1. Dauphin District includes McCreary, and my family members told me that Fanny and Albert farmed in McCreary.

Between the 1906 and 1911 Census, Fanny and Albert had 2 more sons. In the 1911 Census, Fanny is listed as a “Widow” with 4 young children. Albert is nowhere to be found! I assumed that he had died but could find no death record.

Following the publishing of my above-named article, I was contacted by Eleanor M. (I haven’t asked for permission to use her name) suggesting that Albert was in Selkirk Insane Hospital. Eleanor sent more information and on [www.ancestry.ca](http://www.ancestry.ca), I found Albert listed as an “Inmate” at the Hospital when the 1911 Manitoba Census was taken.

In Feb, 1911 Fanny gave birth to an unnamed girl. On 19 Sept 1911, Fanny died of Tuberculosis in the Dauphin General Hospital. I believe that Fanny, because of her illness and no husband, had to give up her baby girl for adoption. I have since found out that the baby died as an infant in Winnipeg. Fanny is buried in the Riverside Cemetery, Dauphin, Manitoba. There was no one and no money to bury her.

The 1916 Manitoba Census finds Albert living again on his farm with William Riddell, a laborer. Albert is listed as a “Widower” with no children.

During my research, I found that Albert lost his crop due to a prairie fire one year. He and Fanny had 4 young children to support. Fanny contracted Tuberculosis. There are attempted takeovers of the farm, some hostile and some by family. No wonder Albert had a nervous breakdown! And no wonder Fanny became ill! Sometime after Albert was hospitalized, Fanny gave up her 4 children for adoption and later the baby girl that she delivered.

Fanny and Albert’s story is truly a sad one!

Since printing the article about Fanny Jane, a granddaughter of Fanny and Albert has found me! Her father was adopted and he knew little of his birth parents’ history. My new relative has been delighted to receive all the family history that I’ve been able to send to her! – Joan Conley, CGS member

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