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The Camrose Branch meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the boardroom of Camrose Public Library. New members and guests are always welcome.

Genealogy is said to be the fastest growing leisure time activity today!

We are a branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society, based in Edmonton. Memberships run from January 1 to December 31. All members are entitled to receive each issue of "Relatively Speaking", the regular publication of the Alberta Society and all Camrose branch members are entitled to receive this Newsletter.

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We are now finishing the second year of our newsletter of branch happenings and information about tracing your ancestors!

We urgently need your input. If you have an interesting story concerning your ancestors, please get in touch with a member of the Newsletter Committee.

Some Countries that our members are researching:

Australia, Canada (both languages), Denmark, England, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Poland, Scotland, South Africa, Sweden, Ukraine and U.S.A.

A Marriage Certificate for

**Harry LeRoy Sullivan and Harriette
Elizabeth Funnell, June 30, 1937**

(by Sharon Sullivan-Olsen)

How happy I was when I found out that I had an ancestor that came over on the Mayflower! I could become a member of the Mayflower society! Now to get the documentation that I needed: Craig Potkay of Maine forwarded me his accreditation and all I needed to do was to get the last 3 recent generations and they should be easy to get as registrations were required during that period. Well, so I thought.

I started to hunt for my parent's marriage registration and forwarded a request off to Vital Statistics in British Columbia. Back came a phone call asking if I had proof that firstly; I was their child and secondly; Did I have death certificates for them.

"I looked briefly for their marriage and could not find anything" remarked the lady on the end of the line.

The inscriptions in the Family Bible in my Mother's hand had read 'Tupper Creek, British Columbia'. Yet I knew the wedding ceremony had taken place on Grandpa Sullivan's homestead. But which side of the Alberta/British Columbia boundary was the homestead?

A visit to Uncle Steve Sullivan and Aunt Marge at Pouce Coupe was pending and the search for the marriage registration would wait until I had a chance to chat with Uncle Steve about the location of the homestead and to congratulate them on 70 years of marriage.

"The homestead was just inside of Alberta." said Uncle Steve emphatically.

"Well", I thought, "that changes my area of search." So off I went to the License Bureau in Camrose and much to my surprise Tupper Creek, British Columbia was to be registered in Alberta. So another request for a copy of the marriage registration was made this time with death certificates and birth certificate in hand.

Two weeks later came a letter stating that no registration was found and an application for a delayed registration was included. Noted on the application was the need for a marriage document or a copy of the church record or other documents. Also noted was that registration was at the discretion of the Examiner.

"This was supposed to be the easy generation." I thought as I e-mailed my siblings requesting if any had marriage documents to please forward a copy of them as I needed them for a delayed registration of Mom and Dad's marriage. As I had expected, no reply came, as I could not remember any such documents residing in the treasure trunk at home.

After a call to Alberta Vital Statistics informing them of the situation and advising them that Dad's brother and his wife were still alive and were present at the ceremony, they forwarded me the necessary documents to have them sign as witnesses in the presence of a Commissioner for Oaths. A quick phone call to my cousin Connie landed me a Commissioner for Oaths in

her son Duane. She requested that the documents be forwarded to her and she would see that they were completed and mailed back.

Uncle Steve, who is 95 years old and Aunt Marge, who is 91, signed as witnesses for Mom and Dad's marriage. Their daughter, Connie arranged the signing. Their grandson Duane was the Commissioner for Oaths. A family affair just as Mom and Dad's marriage celebration under the giant spruce tree in Grandpa's yard had been in 1937.

Aunt Marge remarked "There is a reason we are still here. There is some unfinished work that we must yet complete." **Library News**

The following is a list of recently arrived books in the Camrose Public Library

(Bev Webster)

Alberta:

E&G'69 -- University of Alberta Year book. 1969

United States:

For the German Researcher --

How to get the most out of an LDS Family Research Center, by Fay Dearden & Douglas Dearden. 1990

Ohio Valley German Biographical Index. by Don Heinrich Tolzmann. Heritage Books. 1992

Ohio Valley German Biographical Index, A Supplement. by Don Heinrich Tolzmann, Heritage Books. 1992

Hamilton County, Ohio - Burial Records, Volume one. Wesleyan Cemetery. 1842-1971

Hamilton County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society. 1984

Hamilton County, Ohio - Burial Records, Volume three, Vine Street Hill Cemetery. 1852-1977

Hamilton County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society. 1991

Hamilton County, Ohio - Birth Records, 1874-

1875. Volume 1, A-K, compiled by Lois E Hughes. 1993

Hamilton County, Ohio - Birth Records, 1874-1875, Volume 1, L-Z, compiled by Lois E Hughes. 1993

Index of Death and Other Notices appearing in the Cincinnati Free Press 1874-1920, Part 1 indexed by Jeffery G Herbert. 1993

Index of Death & Marriage Notices Appearing in the Cincinnati Daily Gazette, 1827-1881 Part 1, indexed by Jeffery G Herbert. 1993

Index of Death & Marriage Notices Appearing in the Cincinnati Daily Gazette, 1827-1881 part 2, indexed by Jeffery G Herbert. 1993

The following is a collection of Web Pages of possible interest to Genealogists

(collected by Bev Webster from various sources)

General Sites

<http://www.familysearch.org>

Everything from Beginners to Advanced searches, software, how-to info., etc.

<http://www.cyndislist.com>

Largest directory of genealogical links - By the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

<http://www.genealogy.com>

General genealogy

<http://www.rootsweb.com>

General genealogy, free pages – collaborative collection by users

<http://www.ancestry.com>

Some free pages: many wonderful user-pay sites including. US & British Census

<http://lists.rootsweb.com>

Genealogy Mailing Lists

<http://ellisland.org>

Ellis Island

<http://www.lineages.com/military/default.asp>

Military Research Room

<http://www.familyhistorynetwork.net>

Everton's Family History Network

<http://www.genealogical.com>

Genealogy Warehouse (Books, etc.)

<http://www.higginsonbooks.com>

Higginson's Books (sells out-of-print genealogical books, family and local histories, etc.)

<http://www.cyndilist.com/occupatn.htm#General>

Ancient Occupations

<http://www.immigrantships.net>

On-going transcriptions of passenger lists of ships made available on-line free

<http://www.epl.ca>

Click 'Genealogy' then click 'Heritage Quest' (must have valid Edmonton Public Library card) (Has US Censuses 1790-1930 on line (actual images) plus 25,000+ family and local histories (digitized and searchable) with much more being added... a cheaper way to see them than Ancestry.com)

Canada

<http://www.archives.ca>

National Archives: 1901 Census + WW1 Canadian Forces on-line, plus much more

http://www.archives.ca/02/02015301_e.html

1906 Census for Western Provinces: AB, SK, MB

only

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~canwgv/html/e-index.html> Canada GenWeb Project (has links for each Province)

<http://www.automatedgenealogy.com> 1901 & 1906 census of Canada

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca> CEF WWI attestation papers

<http://www.cwgc.org> CEF personnel Killed in Action in WWI

<http://www.acadian.org> Acadian website

<http://www.ace.acadiau.ca/history/plstcntr.htm> New England Planters

<http://www.uelac.org> United Empire Loyalists

<http://www.islandnet.com/~jveinot/cghl/organization.html> Canadian Genealogical Societies

<http://www.nsgna.ednet.ns.ca/gim> Genealogical Institute of the Maritimes

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsarm> NS Archives

<http://www.archives.gnb.ca/APPS/GovRecs/VISSE/?L=EN> NB: on-line search for Births, Deaths, Marriages in NB

<http://www/archives.gov.on.ca> ON Archives

http://www.gov.mb.ca/chc/archives/genealogy/gen_text/index.html MB Archives

<http://www.saskarchives.com/web/index.html> SK Archives

<http://www.saskobits.com/obits.tpl?catid=recent> SK: Deaths on-line

<http://www.search.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca> BC: on-line search for Births, Deaths, Marriages in BC

<http://www.compumart.ab.ca/abgensoc> Alberta Genealogical Society

<http://www.agsedm.edmonton.ab.ca/links.html> Alberta Genealogical Society – Edmonton Branch

<http://www.afhs.ab.ca> Alberta Family History Society

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