

# Camrose

## Roots and Shoots

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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.

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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Your editor regrets the absence of Roots and Shoots Vol 3, No. 4. It was due to health reasons. He is now quite recovered.

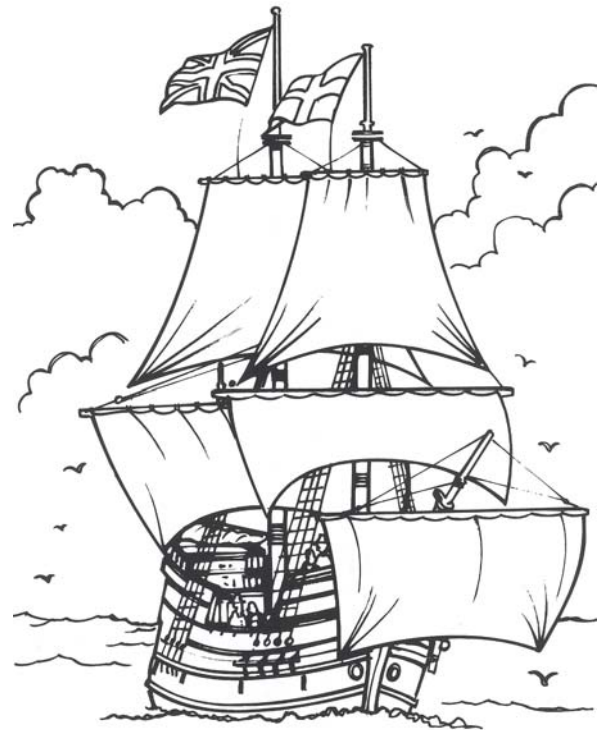
We are beginning the fourth year of our newsletter reporting on branch happenings. We are also trying to provide useful information about tracing your ancestors! To do both of these things we urgently need your input. If you have an interesting story

concerning your ancestors, please get in touch with a member of the Newsletter Committee.

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**Mayflower Update.**

By Fay Carlson



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The Alberta Colony of the **Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants** held their annual supper meeting in Calgary at Willow Park Golf and Country Club on 28 October, 2006 with 13 members and 19 guests present.

Anyone who can prove that they have descended from one of the 26 original Mayflower passengers of 1620 is eligible to join. The names are:

John Alden	Stephen Hopkins
Isaac Allerton	John Howland
John Bilington	Richard More
William Bradford	William Mullins
William Brewster	Degory Priest
Peter Brown	Thomas Rogers
James Chilton	Henry Samson
Francis Cooke	George Soule
Edward Doty	Myles Standish
Francis Eaton	John Tilley
Moses Fletcher	Richard Warren
Edward Fuller	William White
Samuel Fuller	Edward Winslow

We introduced ourselves by standing and naming our Pilgrim ancestor. Represented that evening were descendants of Alden, Brewster, Bilington, Bradford, Brown, Cooke, Hopkins, Howland, Warren and White. All three Mayflower members from Camrose were present.

It was agreed at the business meeting that the next annual supper be held in Red Deer in October of 2007, so that more members from Northern Alberta would be able to attend. Details will be announced later. Fay Carlson gave a short talk on her experiences of visiting two Plymouths in 2005.

Fay Carlson is secretary of the Alberta Colony of Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants.

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“If you can not get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance.”

- George Bernard Shaw.

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**Notice:**

The Camrose branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society would like of a copy of the history of New Norway, “Memory Opens Doors”. If anyone has a spare copy to donate or sell, it would be appreciated.

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**Interesting and Useful British Census Info.**

By John Stoddart

The following includes some information on the 1841 Census taken in Scotland and England on June 6, 1841 that may be both interesting and useful for genealogists.

The examples are of census pages from each country. First a few notes:

1. Scotland - Part of St Cuthberts in Edinburgh. Notice the use of “abbreviations” under occupations.

FS = Female Servant. MS= Male Servant.

Most of the people listed were born in what is now the county of Midlothian = Y.

Can you find the people who were born in what looks like India? Notice also the “adjustments” to people’s ages. They all end in five or zero.

From what I have read, a certain island or islands off the N. W. part of Scotland were not counted in 1841.

When the official records in the book for the area were opened many years later, they were found to be blank. It is not clear whether the person responsible for the count did not do his job or the handwritten records were lost prior to being copied into the book. In addition, certain census pages for parishes in the county of Fife were also blank.

2. England - Part of the Parish of Highway in Wiltshire.

Not so many “abbreviations”:

Ag Lab= Agricultural Labourer .

Everyone was born in Wiltshire and most worked in the fields around the community. Can you find the Wheelwright and the Thatcher?

This is a good page for me as there are two separate Bradfield families mentioned, headed by John and Thomas. I assume they were heads of the families with their wives listed below, but the relationship information is not noted. The ages in many cases are again “adjusted”.

No house numbers are given. It seems the record taker started at the beginning of a road or street and just kept writing each person down as he came to each house. It was probably a “he” who took the record, given the times.

Notice the totals as to Male and Female at the bottom of each page.

Parish of St. Andrew

PLACE	HOUSES	NAMES and SURNAME, SEX and AGE, of each Person who shall therein on the Night of 31st Dec.		OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN
		NAME and SURNAME	AGE		
No. 1	1	James Ritchie	26	F.P.	yr.
		James McPherson	22	F.P.	yr.
		John Dick	20	F.P.	yr.
		James McPherson	22	F.P.	yr.
		James Smith	20	W.P.	yr.
		John Ritchie	20	W.P.	yr.
		James McPherson	20	W.P.	yr.
		John Ritchie	20	F.P.	yr.
		James McPherson	20	F.P.	yr.
		John Ritchie	20	F.P.	yr.
No. 2	2	James McPherson	20	W.P.	yr.
		John Ritchie	20	F.P.	yr.
		James McPherson	20	F.P.	yr.
		John Ritchie	20	F.P.	yr.
		James McPherson	20	F.P.	yr.
		John Ritchie	20	F.P.	yr.
		James McPherson	20	F.P.	yr.
		John Ritchie	20	F.P.	yr.
		James McPherson	20	F.P.	yr.
		John Ritchie	20	F.P.	yr.
TOTAL in 2	2		41		

Parish of St. Andrew

PLACE	HOUSES	NAMES and SURNAME, SEX and AGE, of each Person who shall therein on the Night of 31st Dec.		OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN
		NAME and SURNAME	AGE		
No. 3	3	John Ritchie	26	F.P.	yr.
		James McPherson	22	F.P.	yr.
		John Dick	20	F.P.	yr.
		James McPherson	22	F.P.	yr.
		James Smith	20	W.P.	yr.
		John Ritchie	20	W.P.	yr.
		James McPherson	20	W.P.	yr.
		John Ritchie	20	F.P.	yr.
		James McPherson	20	F.P.	yr.
		John Ritchie	20	F.P.	yr.
No. 4	4	James McPherson	20	W.P.	yr.
		John Ritchie	20	F.P.	yr.
		James McPherson	20	F.P.	yr.
		John Ritchie	20	F.P.	yr.
		James McPherson	20	F.P.	yr.
		John Ritchie	20	F.P.	yr.
		James McPherson	20	F.P.	yr.
		John Ritchie	20	F.P.	yr.
		James McPherson	20	F.P.	yr.
		John Ritchie	20	F.P.	yr.
TOTAL in 4	4		15		

Parish of Highway

PLACE	HOUSES	NAMES of each Person who shall therein the preceding Night		AGE and SEX	PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	WHERE BORN	
		Male	Female				
Highway	1	James Nicoll	35	yr. Lab.	yr.		
		Sarah do	30		yr.		
		Mary do	28		yr.		
		Jane do	18		yr.		
		John do	7		yr.		
		Martha do	5		yr.		
		Elizabeth do	1		yr.		
		John Nicoll	35	yr. Lab.	yr.		
		Margaret do	30		yr.		
		Sarah do	15		yr.		
Highway	2	Charles do	1		yr.		
		George do	4		yr.		
		James do	2		yr.		
		David do	6		yr.		
		William Nicoll	35	yr. Lab.	yr.		
		Sarah do	20		yr.		
		George do	15		yr.		
		Margaret do	10		yr.		
		John do	0		yr.		
		John do	3		yr.		
Highway	3	James Nicoll	35	yr. Lab.	yr.		
		Martha do	25		yr.		
		Jane do	5		yr.		
		Mary do	3		yr.		
		William do	1		yr.		
		TOTAL in 3	3		14		

City or Borough of Highway

PLACE	HOUSES	NAMES of each Person who shall therein the preceding Night		AGE and SEX	PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	WHERE BORN	
		Male	Female				
Highway	4	Thomas Nicoll	35	yr. Lab.	yr.		
		Elizabeth do	30		yr.		
		William do	28		yr.		
		Thomas do	18		yr.		
		Ann do	11		yr.		
		Benjamin do	8		yr.		
		Elizabeth do	5		yr.		
		John do	3		yr.		
		John Nicoll	35	yr. Lab.	yr.		
		Ann do	30		yr.		
Highway	5	John Nicoll	35	yr. Lab.	yr.		
		John do	30		yr.		
		Elizabeth do	30		yr.		
		Henry do	6		yr.		
		William do	4		yr.		
		James do	2		yr.		
		George Nicoll	35	yr. Lab.	yr.		
		Joseph do	20	yr. Lab.	yr.		
		Jane do	16		yr.		
		James Nicoll	35	yr. Lab.	yr.		
Highway	6	John do	12		yr.		
		Elizabeth do	11		yr.		
		TOTAL in 6	6		16		

The date of the 1841 census in Scotland was the night of 6 June, 1841.

The 1841 Census was the fifth decennial census of the population of Britain, but the first useful census to family historians, in that names of individuals within households were recorded, along with ages, occupations and places of birth. The gathering of census Information in Scotland in 1841 took place under the jurisdiction of the Home Office, assisted by the Sheriff Substitute of each Scottish county. To reduce the risk of double entries or omissions, the whole exercise had to be completed in a single day. To this end, Scotland was divided into enumeration districts, based largely on the existing parishes. Larger or more populous parishes were sub-divided to enable the enumerator to gather all his Information within the day.

Census enumerators were usually schoolmasters, who were deemed best equipped for the task. They were each assigned an enumeration district and distributed a schedule to every household in that district before census night. They collected the completed schedules the following day, checked the details and copied them into an enumerator's book. These were checked by the Sheriff Substitute and then despatched to the Registrar General's office in London. The census information that we see derives from these enumerator's transcript books, not the original schedules, which were destroyed.

#### **Points to note about the 1841 Census:**

Although the names of household members were recorded, the head of the household was not denoted and therefore relationship of household members to the head is absent. Enumerators were instructed to round down the ages of persons 15 years and over to the nearest five years. Hence a given age of 28 would be recorded as 25, one of 63 as 60 and so on. If a person lied about their age, this, combined with the rounding down, could severely distort the actual age. You will find instances where enumerators did not adhere to this instruction on age and inserted the given age. Birthplace details were

less specific than in later years, recording only whether or not the person was born in the county where the census took place, or whether a person was English, Irish or Foreign. Enumerators were instructed to record occupations in an abbreviated form, e.g. H.L.W. denoted handloom weaver.

#### **Help with searching Census Images**

An 1841 census image is a digital image of a double page of the original enumeration book, showing the members of the household in which you are Interested, on census night. Be aware that 1841 entries are indexed to the first page of the double page image, therefore the entry that you require may appear on the right hand page of the image, and not the left.

Information given in the census can be inaccurate - age and place of birth in particular can be unreliable, either by accident or by design. For example, sometimes a person did not know their correct age or was not always honest about it! Since the census recorded those in a particular household on census night, the person you are looking for may be missing from home because they were living and working elsewhere, staying with relatives, in an institution, hospital, prison, at sea, etc. and either recorded there or not at all. Married women were generally recorded by their married name in the census, but it is not uncommon for the maiden name to be used. A widow might also have reverted back to her maiden name so you should check for both. Children might have taken the name of the stepfather if the mother remarried. The family name may have been altered after emigration from Scotland.

When you view a census image, you may choose to navigate back to the previous double page or forwards to the next double page of that census enumeration book.

#### **Header Page**

At the beginning of each enumeration book, the enumerator described in detail the area covered by the book. When you view a census image, you may also choose to view the header page of the enumeration book in which that particular entry can be found.

**Use the information you find in the 1841 census to further your search:**

◆ Birthplace information and ages recorded can be used to look for the births or baptisms of household members in the Old Parish Registers.

◆ Although relationships are not given in the 1841 census, it is still possible to infer these from the order given, although further corroboration will be necessary. As such, names of possible parents can be looked up in the OPR marriage index.

◆ A woman might return to her family home for her first confinement, therefore the given birthplace of the eldest child might be an indication of where her parents are living.

I have come across census pages from 1841 where the enumerator bracketed the families on each page, which is a big help when looking for people.

- and then there are special answers that have to be dealt with!



A census taker in a rural area knocked on a farmhouse door. A woman came and he asked her how many children she had and their ages. She said, “Les see now, there’s the twins, Sally and Billy, they’re thirty-two. And the twins, Seth and Beth, they’re twenty-six. And the twins, Penny and Jenny, they’re twenty-four ...” Hold on!” said the census taker, “Did you get twins EVERY time?” The woman answered, “Heck no, there were hundreds of times we didn’t git nothin.”

**Here are some names and places that our members are researching:-**

1. Joan Conley:
 

Conley	Ontario	1852 – 1939
	Orangeville ON,	
	Brandon MB	1883 – 1943
Hosler	Michigan (Co. Antrim)	
	McCreary MB	1885 – 1911
	Dekalb NY	1852
	Manitoba	1892 - 1964
Hutton	McCreary, MB	1869 – 1906 - 1911
Scott	Belfast, N. Ireland	1864 – 1945
	Neepawa MB	
Steele	Neepawa MB	
  
2. Helen Olma:
 

Thompson	Daysland AB	1915 –
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3. Fay Carlson:
 

Edenloff	Cambridge/Osakis	
	Minnesota	1800 – 1900
William Bradford	and Mayflower	1620 -
Ruggles	Connecticut	1620 – 1900
	Osakis MN	
	Windham ON	
Ripley	Connecticut	1700 – 1800
  
4. Bill Martens-Poole:
 

Maertens	UK	1860 – 1870
Poole	UK	1860 – 1890
Houbregs	Belgium	1860 – 1920
Maertens	Belgium	1860 – 1870
	Netherlands	
Cajot	Leige Belgium	1820 – 1920
  
5. Norm Prestage:
 

Prestage	Birmingham, England	pre 1912
Dutton	Brum/Oxford, England	pre 1912
Joyes	London, Ontario	1935 -
Stover	Ontario, Norwich	1811 –
	New York, Duches Co.	1811 -
Hill	Wellington, SOM. Engl.	1913
Wood	Holywell Lake, SOM.	1918
Follett	Wellington, SOM	1800s
Eno	Wellington, SOM	1800s
Despins	Alberta	1800s
	Connecticut	1800s
Bourque	Alberta, Trochu	

	Peace Country	
1800's		
Torscher	Odessa, Ukraine	1800's
Fischer	Odessa, Ukraine	1800's
6. Linda Simpson		
Desmond	Morpeth, Ontario	1780 – 1999
	Ridgetown, ON	
Livingston	Brockville, ON	
	Ridgetown	1800 – 1905
Palmer		1780 – 1800
Barberry	USA	1750 – 1800
Strickland	Shotts All, Scotl.	
Milne(Mullen)	Shotts All,	1800 – 1950
Davidson	Shotts All, Scotl.	All
McIndoe	Shotts All, Scotl.	All
McDougal	Ontario	1810 –
	Clunay, Scotland	All
Ritchie	Fintree, Scotland	All
	Ontario	
Cook	Canada	All
	USA	All
	England	All
Smithers	Kent, England	All
Giberson	Belleville, ON	All
	USA	
7. John Stoddart		
Stoddart	Midlothian, Scotl.	1550 – 1850
Book	Somerset, Engl.	1550 – 1850
Bradfield	Wiltshire, Engl.	1550 – 1850
Cunningham	Fife, Midl., Scotl.	1550 – 1850
Spurell	Wiltshire, Engl.	1550 – 1850
8. Lorne Whalley		
Doll	Germany	1700 – 1775
Feaster	Yorkshire, England	
	Cambridgeshire	1700– 1880
Angood	Cambridgeshire	1700– 1850
Whalley	England	1700 – 1850
Braun	Alsace, Germany	1775 – 1850
Peter	France	1700 – 1775
9. Bill Whyte		
Whyte	Aberdeenshire, Scotl.	1700–1880
Blackie	Aberdeenshire	1700 – 1880
Archibald	Aberdeenshire	1700 – 1880
Willis	England	1700 – 1880
Secord(Sicard)	New Rochelle.	

	NY	1681 – 1800
Secord	Brantford, ON	1780 –
Darling	Brent/Norfolk ON	1810 – 1900
Langham	Brent/Norfolk ON	1860 – 1900
Langham	England, MB, SK	1895 – 1910
10. Carol Wright		
Wright	Deskford, Banffshire	
	Scotland	1800 –
Aaronson	Chelsea, London, Engl.	
	Nanimo, Victoria BC	1890 –
Moore	Cumberland Co., NS	
	Hope, ID	1700 –
Simpson	Hope ID, Everett WA	
Webber	Cumberland Co., NS	
	Tessier SK, Clyde AB	1800 –
Trussler	Sussex, England	
	Waterloo Co ON	1833 –
Stauffer	Lancaster Co. PA	
	Waterloo Co. ON	
	Alberta	1900 – 2007
Corrie	Bradford, England	
	Gimli, MB	
	Priddis AB, Sooke BC	
11. Deb Trout		
Bailey	Yorkshire, Engl.	1818 – 1880
Ogram	Yorkshire	1750 – 1800
Milner	Yorkshire	1750 – 1820
Braithwaite	Yorkshire	
Webb	Yorkshire	1800 – 1900
Trout	London, England	pre 1774
Mash	London, England	pre 1769
Emerson	Connecticut, USA	pre 1775
Hunter	Erin, ON	pre 1843
Scott	Listowell, ON	1801 –
	Scotland	pre 1801
Smith	Noblesville, IN	pre 1826
Plummer	Marion, IN	pre 1830
Kirkpatrick	Ohio	pre 1848
Hager	Iowa	pre 1884
Winter		pre 1835
Lassen	Schleswig Holstein	1800 –
Clausen	Schleswig Holstein	1800 –
Hurley	Sidney, OH	pre 1824
	Indiana	1830 -