

# **ROOTS AND SHOOTS**

Winter 2012

Camrose Genealogical Society

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### *Murphy's Genealogical Laws*

The public ceremony in which your distinguished ancestor participated, and at which the platform collapsed under him, turned out to be a hanging – his hanging!

## 2011 – 2012 C.G.S. HAPPENINGS

For the month of December 2011, thanks to a joint effort between C.G.S and the Camrose Public Library, we displayed the British Home Children Travelling Quilt at the Library. The quilt was made by Claresholm, Alberta resident Hazel Perrier who is a descendant of two British Home Children. The display was well received.

Our April 2012 meeting topic was “Black Sheep” and we heard many intriguing stories about our members’ ancestors. Some of those stories were published in earlier 2012 issues of our newsletter. Look for another “Black Sheep” story in our next issue.

In June, we held a very successful Beginners’ Genealogy Course with 20 attendees.

Camrose Founders Days is held annually in August, when we honour our Camrose Founding Fathers. C.G.S. member Bev Webster researches each founder and then talks to the families for additional background information. These founding fathers are honoured at a public ceremony with family descendants present. For three days, we celebrate the men and women who discovered and built what is now the City of Camrose.

In November, C.G.S. presented two “Genealogy for Teens” workshops at the local library. A small group showed interest and we were able to help them. We hope to present another workshop for teens or ‘tweens in 2013.

December 13<sup>th</sup> was our annual Christmas party for members and the public, 7:30 p.m., Irving Meeting Room, downstairs Camrose Public Library, 4710-50 Avenue in Camrose. It was “Bring a Friend” night, and we had a good turnout of members and guests. Our theme was “20 in 20”. Members did slide or power point presentations which contained 20 pictures, each one to be described in 20 seconds. One member also did a “Hat Presentation”, showing the different “hats” that her ancestors would have worn. Coffee and goodies brought by members were later enjoyed. – The Editor

### *KUDOS TO MEMBERS*

In the August 16, 2012 issue of the Camrose Canadian newspaper, reporter Cam Macpherson wrote, “...while on that topic of our (newspaper) archives, I have to also thank (and this is a long time in coming) Bev Webster and the volunteers of the Camrose Genealogical Society who have provided us with a cross reference of every birth, marriage and death recorded in the pages of the Canadian from 1908 to 1940. It is an amazing resource which has helped us on many occasion(s) to avoid turning the fragile pages of Camrose Canadians gone by.”

### *QUERIES*

WILLIAMSON – looking for any information on Elizabeth WILLIAMSON, born about November 1894, d/o David S. and Mary WILLIAMSON, 1<sup>st</sup> marriage to (?) DUKE, 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage: “Elizabeth DUKE to Mr. M.R. SMITH of Calgary on Friday, August 4, 1933 in Calgary.” Children? Death date? Anyone researching the WILLIAMSON family in Camrose, Round Hill, Calgary or Banff or anywhere in Alberta, please contact Jackie Jones – e-mail [honz@shaw.ca](mailto:honz@shaw.ca) to see if we can connect. Many thanks.

*WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR*

