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President's Message by Dean Ford

Well, 2018 is behind us and we are into a good part of the New Year. The Christmas social was well attended with forty-five members able to enjoy the afternoon. The members at the social donated eighty pounds of non-perishable goods along with an unknown amount of cash for Loaves and Fishes of Nanaimo. Thank you to Sharon Bennett for speaking about the local Loaves and Fishes and giving everyone some insight into the organization. Of course, a big thank you to the group who organized and set up everything for the social. The main door prize for the 2019 membership was won by me. I'm amazed to have actually won something and I can assure you that it was not a fixed draw.

Our 2019 AGM was scheduled for February 11th but due to the snow and unsafe road conditions, the executive made a decision to postpone our AGM until our March 18th meeting. At that time we will vote on the 2019 executive committee.

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Save the Date!

Nanaimo FHS Mar Meeting	Mar 18, 2019
Nanaimo FHS Apr Meeting	Apr 15, 2019
Nanaimo FHS May Meeting	May 13, 2019

About a hundred and seventy-five years ago there were living . . . sixteen men and sixteen women who were taking a remote, but, depending on the range of their imaginations, a solicitous interest in you.

Those sixteen persons were your great-great-grandfathers and your great-great-grandmothers; to them you were "posterity."

Henry Fielding, English novelist (1707-1754)

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Due to the postponement of the AGM, the executive committee has not been able to determine which position will held by whom. This will be decided at our April executive meeting following our AGM. If you are interested in being a member of the executive committee, please let your name stand for nomination.

With the cancellation for our AGM, we were unable to announce the winners of our "Meet My Ancestor" contest for 2018. The winners will be announced at our March meeting. I understand that we have some great stories to read in upcoming *AnceTree* issues.

We would like to acknowledge some people who help out behind the scenes. Gloria Saunders has been our Communications Director for many years and keeps us informed of upcoming meetings as well as sending additional information to our membership. Another group, Carol Myronuk, Sue Gullison and Evangeline Harris, have taken on our library holdings. And finally to

the other members who help with the 50/50 draw, coffee set up and clean up, thank you!

[Editor's note: Another big thank you to Veronica Ford for her provision of such tasty sustenance!]

Of course we could not have our society without the executive members who donate many hours. If it wasn't for them we wouldn't have our interesting speakers, topics, Mini-How-To's, minutes, coffee breaks or even our great *AnceTree* newsletter. Every one of them does an amazing job in order to make our society what it is today.

Due to technical difficulties our website and webmail were down for a number of days, but our webmaster worked with our internet provider to rectify the issue.

On a final note, I am looking forward to all of the upcoming topics as I am sure everyone else is. Make sure you check our [website](#) for updates on future meetings.

Dean

NFHS CO-OP FUND RAISER

Don't forget to use our membership number when you visit a Mid Island CO-OP!

In 2017, members helped to raise \$189.00 for NFHS. Well done!



Our president trying to understand why the February meeting had to be cancelled. You'd think he should at least be reading *AnceTree*!

GENEALOGY NEWS IN BRIEF

LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA

- LAC with Ontario Genealogical Society and *FamilySearch* will be digitizing Ontario's Vernon directories — 120 years of Ontario directories that list local residents, spouses, addresses, and sometimes work position. The project will take about two years.
- LAC's [Ancestors Search](#) is a links page with links to LAC sites of relevance to genealogy research.

NEW COST FOR ENGLISH AND WELSH BMD CERTIFICATES

As of February 16, 2019, costs for certified copies of certificates from the General Register Office are rising significantly. Certificates rise from £9.25 to £11 (about CDN \$16 to \$19). Costs for PDF copies rise from £6 to £7 (about CDN 10\$ to \$12).

1926 CANADA CENSUS EARLY RELEASE FROM *FAMILYSEARCH*

The [1926 Canada Census](#) of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, indexed and searchable, was released early on February 25th. However, as your editor writes this, not all images of census pages are available. To get around this, Alberta genealogist [Patricia Greber's blog](#) will show you how to find the elusive images. Remember that you'll have to set up a free account with *FamilySearch* to view the census. It is expected that the fully indexed census with images will be available from both *FamilySearch* and Library and Archives Canada by the time you read this.

If you'd like a good list of what information will be provided on the 1926 census as well as background information on the census, check out Dave Obee's web page, [What Will You Learn from the 1926 Census](#).

GEDMATCH HAS MIGRATED TO GENESIS



The original GEDmatch site is no longer supported, but all data has been moved to a new site, GENESIS. The GEDmatch site indicates all "kits and better tools are available on [GEDmatchGenesis](#). Genesis also allows for matches with many testing companies that were not compatible with the original GEDmatch. Do not delete your registration from the original GEDmatch as it will delete all your information." The new site still reads GEDmatch and the log in remains the same, but after you log in, a new page opens with details about the move and with new DNA applications. As of December 18, 2018, all new DNA kits were added to the Genesis site only.

ONTARIO DATA FILES ONLINE

Archives Ontario has announced that new data files are now available to search and download free. There are two sets of particular genealogical interest:

- [Toronto Emigrant Office Assisted Immigration Registers Database](#) consisting of four volumes of 29,000 immigrants assisted by the government to travel to other parts of Ontario between 1865 and 1883
- [Second Heir and Devisee Commission Case Files](#) consisting of over 5,000 document claims made to the commission

MEDICINE HAT AND DISTRICT ALBERTA DIRECTORIES ONLINE

The Medicine Hat and District Genealogical Society has placed online [directories and phone books](#) for the area from 1907 to 2001.



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SASKATCHEWAN HISTORY MAGAZINE NOW ONLINE



Saskatchewan Provincial Archives has posted online all back issues of Saskatchewan History Magazine from 1948 to 2017. Each of the magazines are [available for free download](#). An [index of article titles](#) is available to check before downloading a particular issue. For those of you with Saskatchewan ancestors, a perusal of these magazines will be of interest.

CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM — MILITARY RESEARCH GUIDES

Four [research guides](#) have been released by the Canada War Museum and are available for download as PDF files:

- Royal Canadian Navy, 1910-1919, 1939-1945 and Merchant Navy 1939-1945
- Canadians in the Air, 1914-1945. 1939-1945
- Canadian Expeditionary Force, 1914-1919 and the Canadian Army 1939-1945
- Women in Uniform, 1914-1919, 1941-1945

WANT TO CONVERT UK HISTORIC MONEY SUMS TO TODAY'S WORTH?

Often we'll find in our research sums of money referred to in property sales, wills and so on. To put these amounts into context for today's readers, it's helpful to convert these amounts. The UK's [National Archives converter](#) allows us to make these conversions. The conversion years stem from 1270 through to 2017. If you want to transfer the current amounts into Canadian dollars, simply Google "currency converter" for a number of free sites.

An added feature of the site tells you what you could buy with a certain amount of money in any particular year. For example £30 in 1460 would allow you to buy 39 horses, or 75 cows, or 214 stones of wool, or 81 quarters of wheat or pay a skilled tradesperson for 1000 days. In 2017, the same £30 pounds would let you buy only 4 stones of wool or 15 quarters of wheat . . . forget about buying livestock or hiring a tradesperson!

DO YOU HAVE RELATIVES WHO WORKED AT THE GUINNESS BREWERY, DUBLIN?



Documents dating from the 1880's to the late 1990's at the Guinness Brewery have now been digitized and are freely available in the [Guinness Archives](#). A free search by surname returns names and birthdate. Selecting an individual will provide you with dates of employment, department in which he or she worked, and spouse's name.

CITY OF EDMONTON ARCHIVES

A new website has been launched by the [City of Edmonton Archives](#). On the site you can freely search the collection that includes photographs (digital objects) and digitized documents.

FREEDOM ON THE MOVE — AMERICAN SLAVERY DATABASE

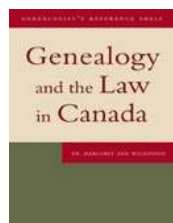
American slave ancestors can be difficult to trace— if you've been watching Henry Louis Gates's *Finding Your Roots*, you'll know this. A new site, [Freedom on the Move](#), contains a database designed to locate slave ancestors who escaped or attempted to escape slavery. The site is also enlisting help from viewers who have knowledge about slave ancestors whose names appeared in thousands of advertisements to recapture individuals.





LIVES OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR SITE CLOSES

The website for *Lives of the First World War* will be shut down as of March 19, 2019, after which no further contributions will be accepted. The data recorded at the site will be transferred to the Imperial War Museums site where free access to *Lives of the First World War* data will be freely available to the public.



GENEALOGY AND CANADIAN LAW

Genealogy and the Law in Canada by Margaret Wilkinson explores specific laws about access to information, protection of personal data, and copyright that applies to Canadian researchers. It is available through Amazon and other online book sales sites.

FAMILYSEARCH — DIGITAL LIBRARY LAUNCHED

A new format for *FamilySearch* books is now online. The site is very user friendly and an excellent resource for researchers. Once on the *FamilySearch* site, simply choose books on the drop down menu. A search using names (use quotation marks around full names or phrases) or places will take you to a list of local history books, pedigrees, and a variety of other books stored by *FamilySearch*.

Some titles are not viewable on your home computer, but are available if you go to the LDS library in Nanaimo. If you wish to see only those titles that are viewable at home, choose “Public” in the Access Level section of the menu in the left margin. Once you have a list from your search terms, try accessing “Full Text Results” to provide you with snippets from the books in your list. This is helpful if you have a long list of titles from which to choose.

The original collection of books from *FamilySearch* has been supplemented with titles from nine American libraries.

WE ARE THE ROOTS — ONLINE DOCUMENTARY

An award winning documentary about African Americans who settled on the Canadian Prairies is available for viewing online. The film documents families who sought freer lives in early twentieth century Canada after facing harsh discrimination with the passing of rigid anti-black Jim Crow laws in the United States. [The documentary](#), through interviews, relates both the freedom from and the presence of discrimination the families found in Canada. Some Canadian history well worth viewing!

ANCESTRY ADDS NEW TOOLS FOR WORKING WITH DNA MATCHES

On February 27, *Ancestry* revamped its DNA match page and added a number of new features designed to help users organize their DNA matches. To access the new features, scroll down from the “Extras” tab at the top of the DNA page and select “Ancestry Lab.” Ancestry Lab “houses all of *Ancestry's* current experimental beta features which may or may not be added for long-term. You may already have access to some of these beta features, but here you can turn these features on and off whenever you want.”

Once you’ve enabled the features, you can colour code or label your DNA matches as you like thus enabling you to organize your matches into family groups as well as close and distant relatives.

A good guide to the new features can be found in Canadian genealogist [Gail Dever's blog](#). Her explanations take you through the features with screen shots.

Number Please!
by NFHS Member Beth Scala

In 1930, when their eldest daughter Blanche proposed to quit school and get a job, I imagine my grandparents, **Anna and Charles Newbauer**, were not very enthusiastic. Although Blanche had been born in Chicago, her parents were immigrants from Europe. Education has always been a ticket to upward mobility for immigrants, and to have their daughter drop out without receiving her high school diploma must have been a difficult decision to support. Blanche had completed only her sophomore year, but she was seventeen and old enough to be hired.^{1, 2}

On the other hand, having another wage earner in the family would be a great help. Charles had a secure job as a factory foreman and Anna supplemented their income with her egg business. But still, there were seven children in the family and the economy in 1930 was in bad shape after the financial crash of October, 1929. The Great Depression had begun. The story, as told by Blanche to her children, was that she had an ace up her sleeve to convince her parents to let her go out to work: She didn't like school and she wasn't very good at it, either.³ She thought her time could be put to better use. In the end, her parents agreed.

It did not take Blanche long to find work. By April 1, 1930 (the date of the 1930 U.S. Federal Census), Blanche had found a job with the telephone company.⁴

1		1	1	Newbauer, Charles	Head	0
2				Anna	Wife-H	
3				Blanche	Daughter	

24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
1	Yes Foreman	Factory	7469	Yes	No			1
2	None							2
3	Operator	Telephone Office	9979	W				3

Beginning and ending entries for lines 1 to 3 taken from 1930 U.S. census⁴

Illinois Bell was always looking for young women to serve as telephone operators in its ever expanding network of service. In 1928, it employed 12,000 operators in the Chicago area, every one of them a woman.⁵ By 1930, there were 1.26 million telephones in the greater Chicago region which worked out to one telephone for every 3.7 inhabitants.⁶ This was one of the highest ratios in the world at that time.

¹ P. Motto to B. Skala, email, 4 September 2018, "My Mom."

² "U.S., School Yearbooks, 18180-2012" ; Yearbook Title: Provi ; Year: 1929.

³ P. Motto to B. Skala, email, 4 September 2018, "My Mom."

⁴ 1930 U.S. census, Proviso, Cook, Illinois ; Page 1A ; Enumeration District: 2298 ; FHL Microfilm: 2340241 .

⁵ Richard R. John, "Telephony," *Encyclopedia of Chicago*, 2005 (<http://www.encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org/pages/1236html>) : accessed 2 September 2018).

⁶ Richard R. John, "Telephony," *Encyclopedia of Chicago*, 2005

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According to Sally Edelstein in her blog *Envisioning the American Dream*: "From the beginning, the occupation of switchboard operators was almost exclusively female. Women were valued not only because of their gentle voice, and nimble fingers, but as an added bonus, they worked for lower wages."⁷ To keep up with the demand, the telephone companies advertised in popular women's magazines for new recruits. Blanche was just what they were looking for. Blanche's new job immediately lessened the pressure on the family, especially for the next two sisters, Marian and Peggy. Because Blanche worked the night shift, she slept during the day, so Marian and Peggy no longer had to share the bed with her at night.⁸

As part of her new job, Blanche was expected to sell telephone service. To support their daughter, Anna and Charles signed up. They were the first family on their street to have a telephone. The neighbours took advantage of having this luxury so handy and gave out the Newbauer phone number as if it were their own. Blanche's younger siblings would drop everything when they heard the telephone ring, waiting expectantly to hear which one of them would be singled out to run to this neighbour or that one and tell them they had a phone call.

My mother, Irene, enjoyed fetching the neighbours, especially when she had to run to Mrs. McAffrey's house. Mrs. Mac would always say, "I can't talk wiffout me teef! He'p me find me teef!" Irene would search all over the house, hunting for the missing dentures, before finally shepherding Mrs. Mac across the street to the telephone in the Newbauer hallway.⁹ People who phoned Mrs. Mac must have been very patient indeed.

Blanche's contributions to the family certainly helped during those difficult financial times. Not only were the younger children untroubled about the necessities of daily life, they even had special treats. Irene recalled that she and her sister Betty shared a pair of tap shoes, which they used on alternate days. They took tap lessons from a neighbour once a week, again taking turns. Irene would go one week, then come home and teach Betty. Betty would go the next week and show Irene what she had missed. The lessons cost ten 10 cents a week. Because of Blanche, they had the ten cents.¹¹



Blanche Newbauer seated left, hugging a friend. Charles Newbauer standing. Note the two tap dancers in the background.¹⁰

⁷ Edelstein, Sally, "Siri-The Voice With a Smile," *Envisioning the American Dream*, 4 October 2013 (<https://envisioningtheamericandream.com/2013/10/04/siri-the-voice-with-a-smile/> : accessed 7 September 2018).

⁸ Irene (Newbauer) Dabrowski, (Victoria, BC), Interview by Beth and Gregory Skala, 24 November 2001

⁹ Irene (Newbauer) Dabrowski, (Nanaimo, BC), Unrecorded reminiscences, 2008-2014, compiled by Beth Skala, Nanaimo, BC, 2018.

¹⁰ "Tap Dancers" photograph, ca. 1931, original privately held by J. Motto, Wisconsin, 2018.

¹¹ Irene (Newbauer) Dabrowski, (Nanaimo, BC), Interview by Beth Skala, 2009; video recording, privately held by interviewer, Nanaimo, BC, 2018

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As Blanche's savings grew, she and her father were able to purchase a used car from a neighbour. It was an Essex Super Six 4-door sedan, black with a yellow stripe. The man who sold them the car also taught Blanche and Charles how to drive.¹²

Blanche continued as a career girl until 1937, when she married **Joseph Motto**. At that time she stopped working for Illinois Bell and became a homemaker. She returned to the telephone company in 1944 and worked through 1945, but when her husband came back after serving in the military during WWII, she finally quit for good.¹⁴

It is interesting to note that the three oldest sisters (Blanche, Marian, and Peggy) all married within about a year. Only Blanche had a fancy wedding.¹⁵ I suspect she paid for much of it herself.



Blanche Newbauer driving the Essex Super Six she bought with her father.¹⁵



Blanche Newbauer and Joseph D. Motto
June 12, 1937, Chicago, Illinois ¹⁶

Many of the anecdotes in this story were reminiscences of Blanche's sister, Irene, as recorded on audio and video. It is these stories which supply the "colour" surrounding the facts of Blanche's employment. Confirmation was sought from surviving descendants and photographs wherever possible.¹⁶

¹² Irene (Newbauer) Dabrowski, (Victoria, BC), Interview by Beth and Gregory Skala, 27 March 2005; audio recording privately held by interviewers, Nanaimo, BC, 2018.

¹³ "Blanche Newbauer Drives" photograph, ca. 1931, original privately held by J. Motto, Wisconsin, 2018.

¹⁴ J. Motto to B. Skala, email, 4 September 2018, "Project."

¹⁵ Irene (Newbauer) Dabrowski, (Nanaimo, BC), Interview by Beth Skala, 2009; video recording, privately held by interviewer, Nanaimo, BC, 2018.

¹⁶ "Blanche Newbauer and Joseph D. Motto Wedding" photograph, June 12, 1937, original privately held by J. Motto, Wisconsin, 2018.

Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.

Theodor Geisel — Dr. Seuss (1904-1991)
American writer, cartoonist, animator

My Family's World War I Silk Postcards By NFHS Member Kerry Parker

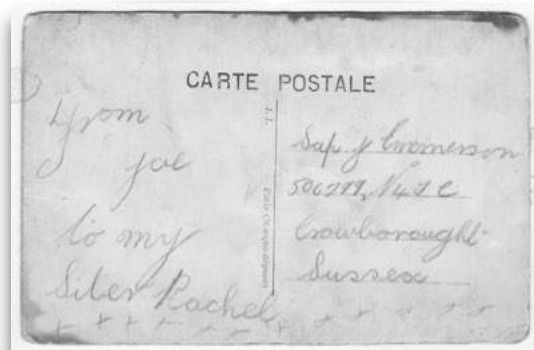
A Brief History of Silk Postcards

Silk embroidered postcards were first made for the Paris Exhibition in 1900. During WW I, French and Belgian women and Belgian refugees in the UK stitched various images on silk to help their families survive. Some of the images were bluebirds, pansies, patriotic and family "thinking of you" messages and symbols such as the flags of the allies. The women were given strips of silk and the designs were repeatedly embroidered on these strips which then went to cities (Paris and in the UK) for cutting up, mounting on to a postcard backing and covering with an embossed paper surround glued on to hold the central piece of silk. Although these postcards were manufactured up to the 1950's, it was during WW I that they saw their height of popularity. It is estimated about ten million of these silk embroidered postcards were made.

These beautiful greetings would have been sent home to wives, children, parents and loved ones from the soldiers in France and Britain. A lot of the postcards have no writing on the back, nor a postmark. They were purchased by the soldiers with little envelopes in which to mail them home, but, due to the delicate work, the soldiers often enclosed them with letters home instead, hence no postmark or writing.

Kerry Parker's Family Postcards

Kerry is delighted to have inherited two postcards with writing on the back, handed down from her mum, **Olive May Parker née Gilmour**. Olive had them in her possession since 1964. These silk embroidered postcards were sent to Olive's mother, **Rachel Ann Gilmour, née Emmerson**, in 1916. One was from Rachel's brother, Joseph, and the other from Rachel's father, William.



The postcard reads: "From Joe to my sister Rachel xxxxxxxx."

William Emmerson immigrated to Canada, arriving on the *Empress of Britain* on July 31, 1914. He had come to work in the coal mines of Nanaimo. He brought with him four of his children, Joseph, Rachel Ann, George and Percy. They arrived in Nanaimo on the first day of WW I and settled in a boarding house on Haliburton Street in Nanaimo.

In July 1916, both William and his eldest son, Joseph, signed their attestation papers and were both sent to England on August 9, 1916 on the *SS Scotian* with the No. 4 Tunneling Corps, Canadian Expeditionary Forces. The No. 4 Tunneling Company was organized on March, 1916 under the command of Captain J. Richardson Roaf and mobilized in Nanaimo, recruited amongst miners in Western Canada. Their job was to build trenches in France and dig under enemy lines.

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Joseph Emmerson had lied about his age, saying he was sixteen, when he was actually only fourteen. This was discovered when he arrived in England. Soldiers had to be seventeen and, as a result, he was kept from the theatre of war and sent to Crowborough, Sussex until he could be returned to Canada. Joseph's silk embroidered postcard to his sister Rachel, said: "from Sap. J. Emmerson, 506799 N4TC, Crowborough, Sussex" (Sap. was short for sapper which comes from the French word saper which means to dig or trench. #506799 was his regimental number. N4TC referred to No. 4 Tunneling Corps. the division he was assigned to in the CEF.)

Although Joseph's postcard to his sister Rachel is not dated, it is safe to assume it was sent between August and December of 1916. He had arrived in Britain in August and returned home in December. It also does not indicate who the manufacturer of the card was. Like his father, when he returned to his family on Haliburton Street, Nanaimo, Joe went to work in the coal mines.

William Emmerson served briefly in France building trenches, but suffered severely from trench fever and continued bouts of gastritis. After a stay in the hospital in Boulogne, he was sent back to Britain and to various hospitals there to recuperate. He was never sent back to France. He returned to Canada with the No.1 Tunneling Corps. in February, 1919 on the *HMS Carmania* and discharged at Hastings Park, Vancouver, BC on March 16, 1919. He returned to Nanaimo to work in the coal mines.

Although the postcard below is not dated, it is obvious it was sent to William's children between August 1916 and February 1919. The postcard is a "Tuck's Post Card." Raphael Tuck & Sons produced "Broderie D'Art" (silk embroidered postcards) as well as "propaganda" cards. The propaganda cards rallied both the Allies and Central Powers to fight on and win the war. Some were also designed to ridicule the enemy.



William's silk embroidered postcard to his family in Nanaimo shows "to our dear son" on the front of the card and you can see where he has changed it to "sons". The back reads: "from father to Percy, Geo and Rachel with Love xxxx."

The only joy in life for Rachel, William's daughter, was a half day off on Sunday. She would run down the hill to the Salvation Army and spend time there. There she would often receive an orange, which she would take back to the boarding house and hide it to share later with her two little brothers. Her life was not easy. When her father William was discharged in March 1919, he took his family and settled first in the Rutherford Ross area of Wellington and finally on Dick Avenue in South Wellington, BC just above the #5 mine.

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When her father and brother went to Britain, Rachel, who was only thirteen, was left in the boarding house on Haliburton Street in charge of her brothers, George, age ten, and Percy, age seven. To earn their keep, she washed out the lunch buckets of the coal miners in the boarding house, made their lunches, washed their clothes and did general housekeeping.

It was in South Wellington that Rachel finally found peace and happiness. She met **John Rodger “Jock” Gilmour**, a young coal miner. They were married in 1923 and later bought the house on Minto Road that Jock’s parents had owned. They raised their two children, my mother Olive and her brother **John Laurence “Jack” Gilmour** there. **Joseph Emmerson** lived in the Emmerson house on Dick Avenue until his untimely death in 1962, leaving the house to his sister. Sadly, Rachel passed away far too early in 1964. Rachel and her three brothers remained close all their lives.



William Emmerson with his son Joseph and daughter Rachel Ann Nanaimo, July, 1916.

DALBY’S CARMINATIVE — REVISITED

NFHS member **Ben Wilkinson** writes that he was fascinated by Penny Bent’s article on Dalby’s Carminative found in the winter 2018 issue of *AncesTree*. Ben thought that members might like a translation of the recipe — in modern terms.

Original Recipe for Dalby’s Carminative

Tincture of opium – four drachms and a half
Tincture of asafoetida – two drachms and a half
Oil of caraways – three scruples
Oil of peppermint – six scruples
Tincture of castor – six drachms and a half
Rectified spirits of wine – six drachms

Put two drachms into each bottle, with magnesia
– one drachm, and fill up with simple syrup and a little rectified wine.

Modern Recipe

Opium extracted in alcohol 14.4 ml
Asafoetida (a herb) extracted in alcohol 8.9 ml
Oil from herb seed (steam distilled) 3.6 ml
Oil from plant (steam distilled) 7.3 ml
Alcoholic extract of beaver castor (scent gland) 13.0 ml
wine alcohol, brandy 11.3 ml

Put two drachms (7.1 ml) into each bottle, with magnesia – one drachm (3.6ml), and fill up with simple syrup and a little rectified wine (probably brandy). Note: bottle size not stated!

The concentration of alcohol used to make the various tinctures is not stated. It could sometimes be the highest concentration available (the purest) at 94% ABV (188 Proof), or commonly 25% alcohol.



Faces of Our Ancestors

A COLLECTION OF EARLY PHOTOGRAPHS SHARED
BY MEMBERS OF NANAIMO FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

from NFHS member Lorie Heshka



Arthur William Harris
1895-1963



Frederick Harris
1897-1916



John Harris
1888-1945



Lorie's collection of photographs highlights the closeness of families as evidenced by the name given to her father.

Lorie's great uncles (above left and centre), **Frederick and Arthur William (Uncle Squib) Harris**, were the younger brothers of her grandfather, **John (Jack) Harris**. Frederick was killed on the Somme in 1916. These photos were taken in England in 1916 when the brothers enlisted.

Lorie's grandfather, **John (Jack) Harris** (1888-1945) is pictured above right in a photograph taken before he immigrated to Canada in 1912. Jack married **Florence Louisa née Mant** (1890-1926) in 1915 at Maryfield, Saskatchewan; their wedding photograph is to the left. Their son, Lorie's father, was **William Frederick Reuben Harris** (1918-2010) named for his uncles and for his grandfather, **Reuben Harris**.

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from NFHS member Veronica Ford



The photograph to the left is of my great grandparents **Johannes Gelhar** and **Julianna (née Krüger)**, the grandparents of my mother, **Monika Julianna**. My guess is that it was taken in Germany at a park or in their yard. The trees in the background are blooming so it may be early spring.

Johannes was born October 2, 1871, in Germany and Julianna was born June 28, 1872, in Klein Wittenberg, Germany. Their marriage took place on February 7, 1898, and they had a large family of nine children.

I do not know when this photo was taken, but I have received information that my great grandmother died April 3, 1966, in Germany.

CITATIONS: How do I cite personal photographs?

If you have a photograph and include it in your family history, remember to add it to your source (bibliography, reference) list and also footnote (endnote) it properly.

Example

(Source): Smith Family Collection, c.1880-1920. Album privately held by Mary Brown, Nanaimo, 2018.

(Footnote): "Marjory Ellen Smith, Christmas 1913" in Smith Family Collection, c.1880-1920. Album privately held by Mary Brown, Nanaimo, 2018.

Did you know . .

Our society has 12 generation blank pedigree charts on sale at each meeting. These charts are ideal for beginners and "seasoned" genealogists who prefer to consult a paper visual rather than a smaller on-screen version.

Here's Sharon Davison displaying her hard work! Talk to Sharon about how the chart helps her research. See Jocelyn Howat to purchase one.



Writers' Corner



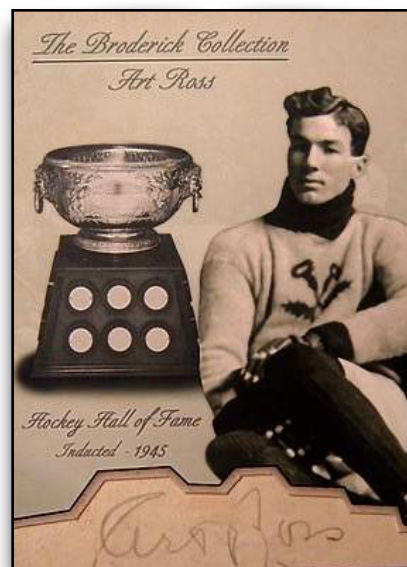
The narrative below by Helen Webster about her great uncle hockey legend Art Ross (1886-1964) is another fine example of weaving history into the lives of our ancestors. In Helen's story, we see a side of Art Ross not seen in his many online biographies.

The *Canadian Encyclopedia* describes Art Ross as a "hockey player, inventor/innovator and NHL team executive." A top defenceman, Ross went on to become coach, general manager and vice-president of the Boston Bruins. The Art Ross trophy established in 1948 is awarded to the NHL's top goal scorer.

Always Ready for a Fight by NFHS Member Helen Webster

In 1902, the British Army, supported by a Canadian contingent of eight thousand troops, won the final victory of the three year old Boer War. For many young, English speaking Canadians in Montreal, aflame with patriotic fever, the triumph at Ladysmith in South Africa was a deeply felt reason to celebrate. It was also an opportunity to lord it over the French speaking denizens of the city, many of whom had resented Canada's decision to send troops to this far off colonial war.

One of those who had celebrated the triumph by joining in a victory march past Laval University was a young man named **Arthur Howey Ross**. Now he sat on the floor of a jail cell, nursing a split lip and a bloody nose. Gently probing the swollen area around his eye with bruised fingers, he knew he would have a black and purple shiner by the morning. His mother would be furious when she learned that he and his pals had been involved in a street fight with the Catholic students and her anger was something to be respected and, wherever possible, avoided.



Until tonight, chance had favoured him and she had heard nothing of his misadventures. It had been such a lark to get the fellows together in the evenings and head over to Laval University to taunt the French speaking students there. They were mostly older than his bunch of fifteen to eighteen year old English friends, all of whom cheered loudly for the victory. The predominantly French speaking population of Montreal, including the students at Laval, had made plain their lack of sympathy for the English.

In the preceding months, there had been many altercations on the streets of downtown Montreal, including three days of rioting, but on this particular night, news of the victory at Ladysmith in South Africa had gangs of Anglophiles marching in triumph through the French sections of the city. Art and his friends, not to be outdone, decided to march past the Laval dormitories waving the Union Jack and shouting slogans of English bravery and superiority over what they felt were the cowardly, pacifist French.

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As expected, the dormitories erupted with enraged students charging out onto the street to meet this challenge, and the noise of the ensuing bloody fight roused the whole neighbourhood. The shouting soon brought the police who waded into the melee with fists and truncheons, dealing out blows impartially, and loading speakers of both official languages into the paddy wagons and then off to jail.

The cells contained about twenty young men waiting glumly for their fathers to bail them out. They knew their families' wealth would ensure a speedy release, but parental disapproval was sure to follow.

Painful as his cuts and bruises were, and worried as he was about his mother's reaction, Art's smile was quietly satisfied as he relived the battle. At sixteen, he was already as tall and strong as a twenty year old, and his hours on the ice in hockey practices or games ensured that he was fitter than most. He loved to play hockey and, though he tried not to start them, he never shied away from the inevitable fights. He had learned early on to defend himself in scuffles with his six older brothers and in the mock battles they had been involved in with their Ojibwe playmates in northern Ontario. On the ice, he understood that hockey wasn't just a game of flashing blades and scoring goals. A fellow had to be ready to stand up for his team and he was as eager as the next man to drop his gloves and pummel his opponent. He had also accepted that his own speed and skill made him a target for enforcers on opposing teams.

Tonight's battle with the students had been great sport ... he was often banged up more seriously after a hockey game or a boxing match and his bruises and black eyes would heal. At least he hadn't lost any teeth.

Soon enough, they heard the voices of their fathers discussing the fighting as they marched down the dark passage way to claim their sons and take them home to their anxious and angry mothers.

Art knew getting out of jail had been the easy part of the night's adventures. His step father was understanding of what had happened, far more so than his mother would be. He dutifully hung his head and apologized to Peter, thanking him for bailing him out, but the carriage ride home was a quiet one. Brave as could be on the ice, in a boxing ring or in a street fight, Art felt his courage fade as they neared the house on St Catherine Street. Somewhat belatedly, it occurred to him that his mother could very easily put him under "house arrest" and insist that he give up his burgeoning hockey career as a punishment for tonight's transgressions.

He stepped down from the carriage and slowly walked up the path to where she waited at the front door.

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And

Oral History of the Ross Family, stories told through generations

LDS LIBRARY HOURS

The Nanaimo LDS library is open from 10:00 to 2:00 on Tuesdays only. The library is located at 2424 Glen Eagle Crescent, Nanaimo.

DNA CORNER



As more of our members are becoming interested in DNA research, we hope to run a "DNA Corner" feature in future editions. In it, we'll hopefully explore how to connect with relatives after our DNA has been sampled and loaded into DNA online sites. Your editor, for example, has finally made a connection with her grandmother's sister's family, and with that connection, has further details about her paternal line. If any members would like to share DNA researches, both pro and con, please consider submitting a story about your experience.

My DNA Search Experience

by NFHS member Holly Martin

Many of us have had our DNA tested with the hope of enhancing our genealogy research, delving deeper into our family's past. Some of us hoped to find that missing family member never spoken of or the one of family legend.

I went looking for my family Ghost. He was always there from my earliest childhood, never named, never known. My mother never knew who her father was. No one would tell her. One by one the people who knew passed away. Would we ever find him?

We convinced Mum to have her DNA tested. Two of my brothers and I had our DNA tested as well. After receiving our results I spent a long intense time searching the DNA matches, messaging and researching the leads. It was a challenge not even knowing his name. I was fortunate to find a DNA matched unknown first cousin of my Mum's who quickly replied to my messages and was willing to help.

I found the family of our Ghost. It took more time and research to find the individual who was my grandfather. I also found a first cousin of mine. It was a time of excitement, jubilation, emotion and tears.

I learned to expect results, to find people and things that some families rejoice in while others don't want to be found and are not prepared to accept. Your research may be long and frustrating. You may face rejection. You'll need the cooperation of at least one of your close DNA matches who is willing to share his or her tree and information. I was fortunate to find that one first cousin of my Mum's willing to help almost immediately. As my story was revealed,

even she had reservations and wanted "the secret" left alone, but then relented and said "DNA doesn't lie." Sometimes people just aren't prepared to have their image of a family member changed. I sent many messages to DNA matched first and second cousins that remain unanswered today. I tried to understand the reasons why they didn't answer. We get tested for many reasons. It may have been a gift, or at the request of a family member, curiosity about their nationality. Maybe they've lost interest or become ill.

If you get tested and don't find what you're looking for at first, remember there are many more people getting tested all the time. Maybe tomorrow you'll find a DNA match willing to help. It is so worth it.

After eighty-five years, our family Ghost has a name and a face. He is slowly becoming known by the pictures and stories shared by his niece and granddaughter who knew him and have welcomed me into their family.

USEFUL DNA LINKS

- * [DNA Privacy Issues from Consumer Reports](#)
- * [Cyndi's List DNA, Genetics and Family Health](#)
- * [Genetic Genealogy: Why Your DNA May be Solving Cold Cases](#)

From member Sue Gullison

- * [Genesis Basics: GEDmatch Reinvented Pt 1](#)



COLD CALLS

There are all sorts of ways to break through brick walls, and sometimes the “cold call” or “cold email” can create the breakthrough you want. In Dean and Veronica Ford’s article below, a cold call leads to new family insight. Further breakthroughs emerge following travels that reinforce the importance exploring the local history of your ancestors’ homes.

BENN FAMILY RESEARCH: FROM NANAIMO, BC TO KINDERHOOK, NY by NFHS members Dean and Veronica Ford

This adventure started with our research of the Benn (Behn, Bain and Bayne) family who were United Empire Loyalists in Ontario. On our trip across Canada in 2016, we stopped at the Lennox & Addington County Museum & Archives in Napanee, Ontario. The clerk in the archives gave us a box of documents and photographs and we had many of them copied. We were reviewing those documents and noticed the name of a Benn who resided in Victoria.

Dean is great at making cold calls, so when we got home from our trip, he phoned his cousin (4th cousin, 1x removed) and they had a very long conversation. We were kindly invited down to Victoria to share information and found out that some members of the Benn families were married to German Palatines in New York. The highlight of that visit was looking through his Benn Family Bible that is approximately one hundred and seventy years old and weighs in at six pounds. Mr. Benn is the fourth generation to be in possession of this Bible.

This takes us to the second part of our research. With our new found information from Mr. Benn, we sent an email to the Columbia County Historical Society in Kinderhook, NY. We supplied the family names and area we were researching and received a response within a few days. Mr. Benton, a research librarian at the Barbara P. Reilly Memorial Library, gave us a lot of information. He confirmed our suspicions that the Bayne Family was originally from Scotland. Mr. Benton stated that the Bains are a sept of the Clan MacKay, and Dean is entitled to wear the MacKay tartan, so he suggested that he at least buy a tie in this plaid.



The final leg of this research journey was a trip to Kinderhook, NY in the summer of 2018. We contacted Mr. Benton to set up a date to visit the library/museum and he was kind enough to change his appointments to meet with us as we were in the area for only one day. He showed us the actual records that he used in his research of the Bain Family. We had opened books all over the tables and were taking pictures of many pages. Hugh Benn, Dean’s 6th great grandfather is shown in the records of Robert Livingston’s manor as early as 1718 when he was a debtor. Mr. Benton was also quite fascinated about how the Scots came among the Germans and there was quite a discussion on that topic. We were very fortunate to have Mr. Benton help us with our research and we are now back to 1691 on the Benn Family!

Mr. Benton suggested we take in some sites while in the area and gave us directions to The Luykas Van Alen House built c.1737 and The Stone Jug built c.1752. We had a wonderful day wandering around the town and our drive throughout the area was lots of fun, so much to see, so little time.

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The Stone Jug



Luykas Van Alen House



Columbia County Museum

We want to send a huge thank you to Mr. Benton and the Columbia County Historical Society for such an informative day.

Let's Talk ...
GENEALOGY

Don't forget to arrive early at each of our meetings and join our round table discussions between 6:00 and 7:00.



Meet members who share your interests or who can assist you with your research. Our "mini-library" is available at this time.

Executive Reports 2018

President's 2018 Report

Another year has gone by and the Nanaimo Family History Society had another successful year. Our society continues to provide great informational sessions to our members along with helping other parties that have contacted our society through our website.

Our membership under the direction of Donna MacIver grew throughout the year and a big part of this is due to the hard work that Maureen Wootten has put into organizing speakers for our monthly meetings. We have had some wonderful speakers from outside our group and also from inside the group.

Another great attraction has been the Mini-How-To's that Sharon Davison has organized before each of our meetings. These round table groups have been a great source of information and I am sure they will continue due to their great success. Thank you to all the members for doing these sessions.

Our bank account has remained stable throughout the year and a special thanks to Jocelyn Howat for keeping us in line as lately we have been working with the Qualicum Beach Family History Society and sharing cost so both societies can enjoy top quality speakers.

Once again Carolyn Kemp and her editors have done an amazing job on our *AnceTree* newsletters. We have had many comments on the articles and have been asked to reprint some articles from years past. A reminder that you have to be a paid up member to receive your copy of the newsletter. Carolyn has also been busy setting up our "Meet My Ancestor" contest for 2018. Thanks to those members who have contributed to the contest.

Our executive has also been busy going out to interested groups and promoting our society. Thank you to Sharon and Penny for being able to speak to these groups.

Our annual social afternoon in December was a great success. Thank you to those members that helped set up. We had 45 members that were able to attend. Our group gave 80 lbs of food and an unknown amount of money to Loaves & Fishes.

On a final note I would like to thank all of the executive members for their help over the past year and special thanks to Dave Blackburn for keeping us on track during our executive meetings.

We welcome any member to attend our executive meetings in order to see how the group works for your society.

Program Director's 2018 Report

January 15, 2018 – Susan Garcia of Nanaimo

Our member **Susan Garcia** gave a talk on setting up a genealogy blog, followed by members sharing AHA moments and family heirlooms.

February 19, 2018 – Annual General Meeting and members **Bud Pennington** speaking about the LDS Library and **Penny Bent** speaking about "The Future of Stuff."

March 19, 2018 - Dave Obee of Victoria

Dave Obee's topic was "Every Picture Tells a Story."

April 16, 2018 – Sid Norman of Nanaimo

Our member **Sid Norman** described his over 26-years of research into his family history – a fascinating story!

May 14, 2018 (May 21 is holiday) Pat Rosson & Bart Armstrong of Victoria

United States Genealogy: Pat and Bart covered immigration and passenger lists, birth, death and marriage records, colonial, federal, state and territorial censuses, land records and other sources.

June 18, 2018 – Tom Koppel of Salt Spring Island

Tom Koppel, author of *Kanaka: The Untold Story of Hawaiian Pioneers in British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest* (Whitecap Books, Vancouver, 1995), told us how he researched his book, using mainly the Hudson's Bay Company Archives, the BC Provincial Archives, and personal interviews with descendants of the Hawaiians who came to BC in the 19th century

September 17, 2018 – Pat Rosson of Victoria

Pat spoke on genealogy in the Canadian Prairie provinces focusing on the use of many records including homestead records, voters' lists, cemetery records, census records and military records.

October 15, 2018 – Mary Kathryn Kozy from the Pacific Northwest of the USA

Mary spoke on "Organizing Your Family History to Stay Sane."

November 19, 2018 – Stories of Life during World War II by our members including David Blackburn, June Farmer, Richard Nash and Ben Wilkinson

December 10, 2018 – Social Afternoon, including our member Penny Bent of Nanaimo speaking on life during World War II, our member Sharon Bennett of Nanaimo giving us information on Loaves & Fishes, along with genealogy talk and great food.



Nourish your family tree with fresh research! Check new sources like the 1926 Canada prairies census . . . reread old sources . . . could those siblings' names help? . . . did married daughters write, under their married name, about their parents in local history books . . .

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Treasurer's Report 2018
Jocelyn Howat

Nanaimo Family History Society
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2018

Income/Expense by Category - Last year
01/01/2018 through 31/12/2018 (in Canadian Dollars) (Accrual Basis)

5/01/2019

Category	01/01/2018- 31/12/2018	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME		
Co-op Revenue	189.79	189.79
Donations	75.00	75.00
General Donations - No receipt	6.00	6.00
TOTAL Donations	81.00	81.00
GST Rebate	16.83	16.83
Interest	16.98	16.98
Meetings Revenue		
Lottery Proceeds	314.60	314.60
Refreshment Revenue	322.15	322.15
TOTAL Meetings Revenue	636.75	636.75
Membership 2018	1,622.50	1,622.50
Membership 2019	715.00	715.00
Pedigree Charts sold	132.00	132.00
TOTAL INCOME	3,410.85	3,410.85

EXPENSES		
GST Paid	77.67	77.67
Honorarium	50.00	50.00
Internet Website	132.00	132.00
Locker Rental	50.00	50.00
Mailbox Rental	166.00	166.00
Meeting Expenses		
Writing competition	100.00	100.00
TOTAL Meeting Expenses	100.00	100.00
Meetings Expenses		
Handouts - Meetings	11.49	11.49
Refreshments etc - Meetings	130.62	130.62
Room Rental - Meetings	934.40	934.40
Speakers - Meeting	959.85	959.85
TOTAL Meetings Expenses	2,036.36	2,036.36
Office Supplies	168.61	168.61
Pedigree Charts	79.00	79.00
Printing Publications	128.40	128.40
Societies Act Filing Fee	40.00	40.00
Statement Printing Fee	5.00	5.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,033.04	3,033.04

ASSETS:

General Account	\$1913.64
General Educational Events Reserve	\$3080.43
General Savings Reserve	\$2535.77
TOTAL FUNDS IN BANK	\$7,529.84

LIABILITIES:

	NIL
Nanaimo Family History Society Equity	<u>\$7,529.84</u>

Website Report 2018
Dean Ford, Web Master

NFHS 2018	
January	2277
February	2314
March	2461
April	2509
May	1960
June	2256
July	1960
August	1937
September	1894
October	2050
November	2012
December	1830
TOTAL	25460

- Thursday is the busiest day of the week.
- 9:00pm to 10:00pm is the busiest time of day.
- Most visits last 30 seconds or less (66.3%)
- Index of ship passenger list is the most viewed stats

AnceTree Report 2018
Carolyn Kemp

Four issues of *AnceTree* were published in March, June, October, and December 2018. Issues of *AnceTree* were emailed to all NFHS members and each issue was also forwarded to ninety-one libraries and family history societies around the world. Two issues, summer and fall, were posted on our website. Members' stories and photographs continue to be popular; instructional articles on topics such as "Compare a Face" were also popular. Four members' stories from our 2017 contest were published, one in each 2018 edition.

A marked growth in members submitting articles, photographs and links was evident in 2018. We encourage and look forward to increased members' submissions — *AnceTree* would not exist without input from our members.

Membership Report 2018
Donna McIvor

2018 – 99 members 2017 – 86 members
In 2018 we had 10 new members join the society. We had 8 former members who rejoined during the year, which helped offset the loss of those members who chose not to renew.

In September we moved from name tags with pins to ones with lanyards and encouraged members to indicate their areas of research using a coloured sticker system as had been done in the past. The society continued with the sign-in sheets to track member attendance and monitor the number of guests attending the meetings. I would like to thank those who hosted guests and brought in new members last year. Last year's challenge all members to bring a guest to at least one meeting paid off, and I hope everyone will rise to the challenge again in 2019!

Future Guest Speakers

Monday, March 18, 2019 **Digging into Irish Records** **Jamie Brown**



Digging into Irish Records focuses on those researching their Irish Roots. We will first offer the question; how do you know you are Irish? How you can prove your origins, and narrow down the possibilities geographically using local or Canadian records. How to use those Canadian records, to give you clues so you can move on to the motherland. Learn about the types of records available in Ireland, both online, in libraries and through other means by using a historical timeline. Then we will discuss challenges and possible solutions to those elusive Irish Ancestors.

Jamie has been interested in family history since she was a young girl on her grandfather's lap. Being a part of a pioneering family in Surrey, BC, gave her something to talk about – and sparked her interest. She spent years writing letters, trekking to cemeteries, archives and museums, and travelling, all on the genealogy quest. And then came the internet – fast forward and full speed ahead! Then in April 2011 she landed her “dream job” in the Family History Department at the Cloverdale branch of Surrey Libraries. Her interests include solving puzzles of any kind, including family history brick walls, and loves helping others so the same.

Monday, April 15, 2019 **Women in Early Modern Scotland** **Their Wills and Testaments** **Dr. Cathryn Spence**



Cathryn's research looks at women in early modern Scotland, and one of the sources she uses are wills and testaments. She will talk about accessing, reading, and using such testaments in genealogical research.

Cathryn plans to provide some examples of Scottish testamentary documents which members of the meeting can break into small groups and read through themselves — showing the members the particular handwriting associated with these documents, how to read that handwriting, and how to interpret these documents.

Monday, May 13, 2019 **Good Bones:** **Writing Your Family Story** **Helen Webster**



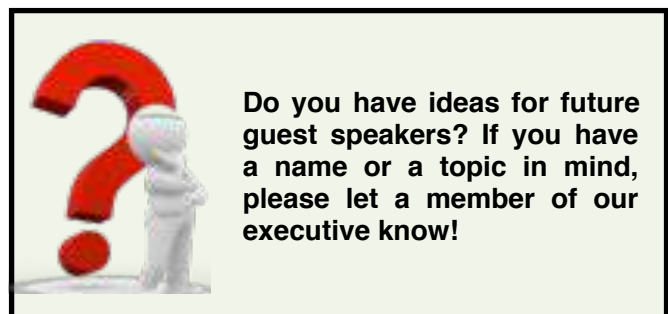
In her presentation, Helen, a NFHS member, will review the basic elements involved in writing history, and, using examples from her Canadian historical trilogy, will demonstrate how the structures provided by these 'Good Bones' helped her to write her family stories. See the winter edition pages 14 and 15 of *AnceTree* for further details about Helen's books.

Monday, June 17, 2019 **A Fresh Light on Old Newspapers** **Dave Obee**



Researching in old newspapers no longer means sitting at a microfilm reader for hours on end, winding through a seemingly endless string of news stories and advertisements. Today, the results we seek could be a matter of minutes away, thanks to the many digitization projects that have placed millions of newspaper pages on the Internet.

But what are the pitfalls? This presentation takes you through the digitization process, from hard copy to your computer screen. It is designed to help you achieve the best results from your work. Dave says he has found good stuff of late, and it is stuff that fills in the gaps on the genealogical sources.



Do you have ideas for future guest speakers? If you have a name or a topic in mind, please let a member of our executive know!

Web Updates

Ancestry (subscription)

[Germany, Berlin Births 1874-1906](#) (in German)
[UK England & Wales National Probate Calendar \(Index of Wills\) 1858-1995](#)
[UK Gloucestershire BMD's 1538-1813](#)
[UK Somerset BMD's 1531-1812](#)

FamilySearch (free)

[Australia, South Australia, Will and Probate Records](#)
[Saskatchewan, Roman Catholic Church Records 1846-1957](#)
[Italy, Vicenza, Bassano del Grappa Civil Registration \(1871-1942\)](#)
[Russia, Samara Church Books, 1748-1934](#)
[South Africa, Transvaal, Civil Death 1869-1954](#)
[UK Hampshire Parish Records, 1538-1980](#)
[US Maine, Tombstone Inscriptions, Surname Index, 1620-2014](#)
[US New York, Church and Civil Deaths, 1824-1962](#)

Findmypast (subscription)

[Ireland \(now Northern\) Fermanagh Baptisms 1660-1978](#)
[Scotland Free Church Birth & Baptism Caithness, Cromarty, Inverness, Moray, Ross, Sutherland](#)
[Scotland Field Officers 1758-1800](#)
[UK Britain Marriage Licences](#)
[US New York Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms](#)
[US New York Roman Catholic Parish Marriages](#)

RootsIreland (free) Register and then proceed to data base.

- East Galway Cappataggle & Kilreekil Roman Catholic Baptisms 1766-1915
- East Galway Woodford Roman Catholic Baptisms 1909-1917

Toronto Public Library Vintage Postcards This is a collection of almost 3000 19th and early 20th century postcards, Most of the postcards are in the public domain, which means they are ideal for family history illustrations.

Sussex Parishes Historical information and parish record transcriptions.

Hospital Children Historic hospital admission records of children at four major UK hospitals. Registration is needed but it is a free site.

Old Bailey Online Trials held at London's central criminal court 1674-1913. The site is searchable by name.

Queen's University Registers 1842-1907 Easily searchable by name, the registers include the student's age, year of study, father's occupation, religion, intended profession and home residence.

Researching Welsh Ancestry An excellent column on researching ancestors from Wales presented by the Federation of Family History Societies.

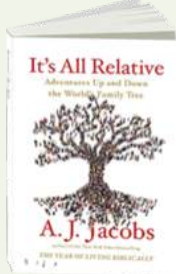
Ontario Lennox and Addison County Photographs A good historic photo collection. Click on the photo for information about the people, event, or place captured in the image.

Canadian Newspapers at Ancestor Hunt This site continues to grow and currently has more than 3000 titles with 360 new titles after we last wrote about the site.



MEMBERS' MISCELLANY

Recommended Reading



Susan Garcia has recommended A.J. Jacobs's book *It's All Relative*. Jacobs, an American journalist, author, and lecturer, set out to establish a record breaking family reunion and recorded his preparation for the event.

The book humorously explores his ancestry: he "contemplates black sheep and bad apples" . . . he "drinks beer with a U.S. president. He investigates new types of families."

This is a fun read (your editor enjoyed it!) with some serious thoughts about the idea of family and of our interconnections with all humans.

The book is available at bookstores and in both print and audio form at our local libraries.

EDITOR'S NOTES

A special thank you to the five members who entered our 2018 writing contest: Grant Bridgeman, Susan Garcia, Lorie Heshka, Beth Skala, and Maureen Wooten. Due to the cancellation of the February meeting, our membership will have to wait until the March meeting for our announcement of the winners. All entries will be published (in no particular order) in the 2019 issues of *AnceTree*. This year's judging was very difficult as all entries were great reads — scoring was a tough job for your editor and two other judges, Sharon Davison and Jan Nelson.

I would like to thank all of you who contributed to this edition of *AnceTree*. The variety of stories, photos, links and other submissions is a testament to the vibrant, active membership we have. I enjoy, very much, receiving your contributions — reading your stories is a delight, and knowing that more families have more legacies for future generations is a bonus!

Please continue to submit to our journal. If you haven't tried writing a short article about your family research, do consider the idea, not only for *AnceTree* readers, but also your descendants.

If you have a submission, please forward it to our society — mark clearly in the subject line of your email that your article is for *AnceTree*. If you haven't received an acknowledgement from your editor within a day or two, please resend the submission.

Carolyn

MEMBERS' RECOMMENDED LINKS

from Jacquie Jessup

- * [Millennials and Genealogy](#)

from Sue Gullison

- * [Genesis Basics: GEDmatch Reinvented Pt 1](#)

Cemetery Symbols — What Do They Mean?

- * [Understanding Cemetery Symbols Pt 1](#)
- * [Understanding Cemetery Symbols Pt 2](#)

HELP BUILD OUR MEMBERSHIP!



The larger our membership, the more resources we have and the more family connections that can be made. Do you have a friend wondering about his or her ancestry? Why not bring this person to our next meeting or perhaps purchase a membership for your friend to help start someone else's genealogy search?



ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

April 26 - 28 2019

Radisson Hotel and Conference Centre
4520-76 Ave NW Edmonton, AB

"Every person has a unique narrative built on experiences that shaped who they are. Come join us and enjoy an exhilarating three-days as speakers: **Lesley Anderson, Ruth Blair, Mary Eberle, Johanne Gervais, Kirsty Gray, Melanie McComb, Lynn Palermo, Sylvia Valentine** and more instill the ability within us to reminisce, discover lost lives and preserve forgotten histories. Topics will include DNA, the British Home Child, military, publishing, Quebec, Ontario, Irish, English, Scottish research and more."

[Registration Information](#)

BC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR

March 30, 2019

Firefighters Banquet Hall
6515 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby, BC



Keynote Speaker
Cyndi Lauper

[Registration Information](#)

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