

# **RELATIVELY SPEAKING**

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## *Summary of Feature Articles*

### **“The Formative Years” by Frank Easton**

Frank, one of the nine founding members of AGS, recalls how our society began and in so doing gives us all an entertaining story of AGS history.

### **“A Dark and Stormy Night” by Jim Benedict**

Jim joined the Guild of One Name Studies, his interest being his Benedict family's genealogy in America. In this article he chronicles his research into this family with roots in North America dating back to 1637, pointing out pitfalls and problem solving. This is a good 'how to' story that focuses on searching, researching, documenting and storing information.

### **“Experiences of an Online Parish Clerk: Examples of information gleaned from parish registers” by Wayne Shepherd**

Wayne is the Online Parish Clerk (OPC) for four parishes in the southwest part of Devon. He shows us what his personal research has yielded, from which we can all learn techniques to use in our own family research.

### **“Shattered Dreams: The Blank's Lake Jewish Settlement in Central Alberta, 1893-1896” by Michael Dawe**

Michael tells us about a long lost Jewish settlement in Pine Lake and the plight of these settlers who tried so hard to succeed as a community in this area at this time.

### **“Researching Like a History Detective” by Gena Philibert Ortega**

Gena comments on the excitement that comes from learning the real story behind a historic artifact or heirloom as told on the PBS series The History Detectives. She tells who they are and how they proceed. She shows us the tools they use that we can also use in our research and highlights the importance of consulting experts.

### **“Connecting Asa and George: a Case Study” by Ronna L. Byam**

Ronna's 3X great grandfather was born in Canada circa 1800. A 1975 book showed the descendants of George Byam who came from England to America prior to 1640 but no mention is made of Asa. Ronna shows us how she connected her Byam family to the George Byam family, and in so doing solved a long standing puzzle. Perseverance pays off!

### **“Navigating Genealogy Websites” by Shannon Cherkowski**

Shannon details how to begin Internet research, where to look, what to look for, and how to utilize websites to maximum benefit.

### **Book Review**

- *Marriage Law For Genealogists: the definitive guide* reviewed by Ardis D. Kamra  
This publication provides assistance to those seeking marriage records in England and Wales.

### **“Checklist of Genealogical Research Resources”**

– this is a reprint of the beginning of a list prepared by C.D. Denney that appeared in RS in August 1989, to be continued in issues throughout this year.

## **Visiting Alberta's Past**

- Centennials – a number of centennials being celebrated this year are listed for quick reference

## **From the Branches**

- Drayton Valley provides a list of forthcoming presentations at their branch.

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