

# **RELATIVELY SPEAKING**

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## *Summary of Feature Articles*

### **“Observing a Milestone” by Denise (Juchli) Daubert**

Denise provides personal insights and helpful hints from her Accarias family's 100th celebration that could help others in planning a similar event, even if not such an impressive milestone.

### **“George Henry Atherstone — may not have been such a ‘family black sheep’ after all!” by Hans-Henning Muendel**

This follow up to Henning's article that appeared in May 2011 (Vol. 39 No. 2), proves the value of continuing to pursue research even after it appears the end has been reached and reinforces the importance of keeping an open mind with all research.

### **“Birthday Books: The Longfellow Birthday Book” by Claudine Nelson**

This is a follow up response to an article that appeared in February 2012 (Vol. 40 No. 1) citing the wealth of information that can be gleaned from personal albums, diaries, etc. Claudine shares some of her personal finds, further endorsing this resource as a means to expand our knowledge and appreciation of our ancestors and their day-to-day lives.

### **“Birthday Books: Remember Me” by Denise Daubert**

Denise shares her French birthday book, commenting on some of the entries that have proved fruitful to her in coming to know some of her ancestors more intimately and providing ‘meat on the bones’.

### **“A Real Cowhand From The Land of Scots: A Story About John Barbour: Part Two” by Frank Easton**

After a hiatus (part one appeared in November 2012), part two of Frank continues the tale of his ancestor, his love of Clydesdale horses and the life he forged for himself on the prairies. Frank's tale provides an in-depth portrait of an early Alberta settler and rancher.

### **“AGS Conference 2013 — Same Roots, Different Branches” by Shannon Cherkowski and Shirley Clarke, Conference Co-chairs**

This centre spread shows photos of just a few of the many 40th anniversary conference highlights with descriptive text provided by the co-chairs.

### **“Checklist of Genealogical Research Resources” by Charles Denney**

This is part two of a reprint of Denney's still-relevant research checklist for genealogists. Part one appeared in our February issue; the remainder of the checklist will be published in subsequent issues this year.

### **“AGS Trip to Remember” by Frank Easton**

Sometimes spring travel can be stressful. As part of the AGS 40th Anniversary, Frank, a founding member, recounts his travel experience en route to an early AGM held in Calgary.

### **“Barr Colonists” by Joan Wegert**

Joan states that the Barr Colony was “...the last great emigration scheme in English/North American history....” Here she presents the tale of her grandfather and her search to prove whether he was in fact a ‘Barr Colonist’, providing another valuable ‘how to’ research strategy.

### **“It’s All Greek to Me... Dr. George A. Baltis” by Leanne Balfour**

Leanne spent countless hours and resources to locate her great-grandfather, a mysterious and colourful ancestor. After many unsuccessful years she finally succeeded in breaking through her brick wall to find him; now her quest for related family members continues.

### **Book Review**

*Kisiskaciwan (Saskatchewan) — Tracing My Grandmother’s Foot Steps*, reviewed by Margaret Bendickson

In this historical fiction novel author Vernon Wishert writes, with love and sensitivity, about his Métis ancestry.

### **“Visiting Alberta’s Past”**

#### 1) “Childbirth and Healthcare for the Pioneers”

Midwives and nurses, typically with lengthy travel and uncertainty involved, assisted women settlers giving birth in the early 1900s.

#### 2) “At the End of the Victoria Trail”

The Victoria Settlement, now all but forgotten, existed along the north bank of the North Saskatchewan River south of the Town of Smoky Lake. This comment sheds light on the rise and demise of this place.

### **From the Branches**

- 1) AGS and Edmonton Branch Libraries: new books acquired by AGS and recent survey results from Edmonton Branch
- 2) Red Deer Cenotaph
- 3) Grande Prairie Branch

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