

## **RELATIVELY SPEAKING**

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### *Summary of Feature Articles*

#### **“Pa’s Story” by Helen Vermeulen**

Helen’s father was a unique and colourful character, a man of ups and downs related to depressive episodes. Her story is an endearing tribute to this man.

#### **“An 1855 Valentine Card Found in a Wee Envelope” by Claudine Nelson**

Claudine’s great grandfather sent a cutwork valentine card to her great grandmother in 1855. Amazingly, it has survived and is a special link to Claudine’s direct ancestor, a man about whom she has scant information.

#### **“Ranch Romance” by Marilyn Lappi**

Marilyn tells the tale of her grandparents, Henry and Della Hanson. Henry courted Della, his cousin, after he convinced her to come to cook for him and other ranch hands on the Meyers Ranch just south of Calgary. Despite that Della was intent on returning home, Henry convinced her to remain and become his wife – a happy ever after tale.

#### **“From Scotland with – Regards? Love” by Marilyn Astle**

Often we find items that raise more questions than answers about our ancestors. Marilyn has a postcard that has done just that and the questions she shares provide insight into genealogical problem solving.

#### **“A Love Lost” by John Althouse**

John chronicles the tragic love story of a young man who drowned when the Titanic sank, wondering whether his fiancé eventually found happiness.

#### **“The Reluctant Immigrant” by Roger Langevin**

Roger tells the story of his grandmother who came from Montreal to Lac La Biche, not by choice, but because her husband decided to relocate the family there to embark on a new beginning. While Roger’s grandfather was content, his grandmother remained bitter until her death.

#### **“Ghost Signs; Wall Dogs” by Denise (Juchli) Daubert and Lesley (Dalrymple) O’Neil**

This pictorial provides a glimpse into the past when signage was painted on the sides of buildings; remnants of some remain and bring back fond memories.

#### **“What’s In A Name” by Thomas Alan Gray**

Thomas tells us of his search to uncover the correct middle name of an ancestor. His conclusion is at odds with family lore and he wonders now how to convince them of the truth.

#### **“Emily Gertrude Thomson – Artist” by Lesley (Dalrymple) O’Neil**

Lesley grew up hearing about an aunt who was an artist. After much research, she discovered that it was a great aunt and that she was a very well-known and accomplished miniaturist whose work is in museums in Britain, and an illustrator of the books of Charles Dodgson (Lewis Carroll).

### **“Serendipity or God’s Guidance” by Gerhard (George) Kasdorf**

This is an endearing tale of two immigrants to Canada who arrived on the same ship to Pier 21 as children, unbeknownst to each other, then met later as young adults. They married and are living happily ever after.

### **Book Review**

*Building A legacy*, reviewed by Lesley O`Neil

As Lesley says in her review, “This beautiful book is a must for anyone in love with Edmonton and its legacy of historic buildings.” Well known author and historian, Ken Tingley, has compiled this tribute to how this city has grown.

### **“Late Dispatches from the Trenches” by John Althouse**

John focuses attention on the PPCLI and British Army WWI Pension records 1914-1920.

### **Visiting Alberta’s Past**

- 1) South Peace regional Archives  
An overview of resources that can be found in this archive.
- 2) 2014 Alberta Centennials  
A few of the many centennials that are being celebrated this year are listed here

### **From the Branches**

- 1) News from Camrose Branch
- 2) Drayton Valley workshop
- 3) Edmonton Branch TYFT and other news
- 4) Grande Prairie & District Branch Margaret Kay Scholarship and other news
- 5) Peace River & District Branch opening some meetings to general public
- 6) Wetaskiwin Branch one day workshop (October 2013) summary

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