

RELATIVELY SPEAKING
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Feature Articles

- Notations from Diary of a WWI Veterinary Officer by Jane Savage Cowley
Jane gives us some insight, via excerpts from her father's diary, as to the life and fate of war horses. Dr. Alfred Savage was a veterinary officer who cared for the horses that were so important during WWI. She lists the many afflictions these animals suffered and the treatments available at that time. Jane also provides some of her father's comments on the war, his educational background, and his involvement in veterinary medicine post war.
- What Ever Happened To Jeannie McNeilly? by Grant Nicol
Grant recalls having heard about this aunt who had come to Edmonton from County Antrim, Northern Ireland. Due to a set of circumstances with which he was not entirely familiar, she did not reside here when Grant was growing up so he knew nothing about her. His interest, once piqued, Grant sleuthed out the cities she travelled to and lived in across Canada, as well as her reasons for travelling far and wide in this country. He eventually found her and had the opportunity to meet her. This is an endearing account that proved satisfying for the author and fulfilling for Jeannie in her final years.
- A World War I Romance by Richard Nash
Richard questioned, as genealogists so often do, how a particular relative with western Canadian parents had been born elsewhere, in this case, London. As he progressed in his research, Richard uncovered the reasons and resolved the question.
- Using WWI Records to Identify Family Groups in a One-Name Study by Marilyn Astle and Peter Astle
Marilyn and Peter have collaborated to present a comprehensive 'how to' article on the usefulness of these documents to the one-name study research they are conducting. We can all learn from their experience and utilize the same approach in our own family research.

- Preacher Kelly by Gloria Cathcart

In this article Gloria profiles an ancestor who is a well-known Alberta preacher. Gloria provides a timeline of the Kelly family's life in Kansas and their subsequent move to Alberta at the turn of the last century. Gloria is fortunate to have photographic evidence, much of it shown with this article that represents a historic picture of life in a young Alberta.

- A Story Spanning Three Continents by Miriam Roberts

Miriam offers us a glimpse into her Gaelic roots with a tale that begins in Wales, ends in southern Alberta, and with South Africa in between. The article also shows the value of friendship and how friendly conversations can sometimes lead to important genealogical clues.

- The Legend of Jean Cadieux by Sharon Aney

What a Canadian tale this is! What a thrill to have a Legend in the family! In researching her husband's family, Sharon discovered exciting historical roots that date back to 1671 Quebec. Not only is this article of genealogical interest, it is a slice of Canadian history and, as such, will be of broad interest.

- Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day compiled by Gloria Cathcart

This is the second in a series of compilations we have hoped would provide readers with an opportunity to reminisce and write about childhood recollections around particular dates and events – in this case love and/or Irish ancestors. Contributors are: Gloria Cathcart, Denise Daubert, Marilyn Hindmarch, and Lesley O'Neil.

- Visiting Alberta's Past

- 1) Fort Saskatchewan

John Althouse gives us an in depth look at the Heritage Board of Fort Saskatchewan's replica of the NWMP fort, an ideal place to learn about the history of this time and place in Alberta.

- 2) Centennials in Alberta, 2015

Denise Daubert has listed several centennials being celebrated around the province this year, a good page to consult before embarking on a road trip.

- Book Review by John Althouse

Love Letter's of the Great War is a collection of love letters from many countries, written by and to those away at war, a good book for anyone wanting to read about the emotions expressed over time and distance.

- From the Branches

- 1) Drayton Valley

- 2) Medicine Hat

- Library Notes

A listing of 2014 library acquisitions