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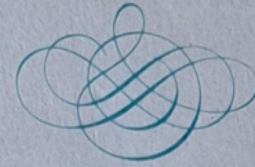
GRANDE PRAIRIE

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THE ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

- IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
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FALL-1977

Tomorrow
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY —
Meeting held in room F137 of
college to discuss the possible
genealogical society and research
library in Grande Prairie. All who
are interested in genealogical
research in the city and
surrounding area are invited to
attend. There will be a guest
speaker and question and answer
period.

Search for 'roots' hopes to begin film library

SEPT. 23
1977

A number of surveys are being sent out to anyone interested in finding their 'roots' in hopes of Grande Prairie getting a film library within the next year.

Jim Mason, promoter of the project, has been interested in genealogy, the study of family pedigrees, for the last 12 years and hopes to drum up enough interest to get courses started, eventually leading to the construction of a film library.

The library would contain strictly genealogy films from all over the world. If certain films are not available in the library, they could be obtained from other film libraries in the country for minimal charges.

If enough support is received, the library hopes to add onto the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Initial cost of setting up the library will be between \$1,200 and \$1,500.

Mr. Mason hopes the film library will be operating by next year but it depends on what kind of support he receives from the surveys. Courses, however, will begin in early 1978.

GRANDE PRAIRIE AND DISTRICT BRANCH REPORT

At the request of Jim Mason, on November 24, 1977 Jim Allan and Frank Easton travelled to Grande Prairie where a meeting was held at the College, the object being the forming of a branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society. Seventeen (17) people were in attendance. After Jim Allan's and Frank Easton's explanations of the objectives of the society and the requirements of forming a branch, it was decided to advertise further and to hold an organizational meeting December 1, 1977 at the L.D.S. Chapel. At this meeting an interim executive committee consisting of Carol Thomson, President; Jim Mason, Vice-President; Charlotte Jones, Secretary; Marie Matkin, Treasurer, was formed with the purpose of organizing the group into a branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society.

After several executive and general meetings a letter of intent was sent to the provincial executive on January 18, 1978 expressing our desire to legally become a branch.

Elections for a permanent executive were held February 7, 1978. At that time the following members were elected - Carol Thomson, President; Jim Mason, Vice-President; Laura Turnball, Secretary; Merna Nelson, Treasurer; and Paulette Hrychiw, Membership Secretary.

Our first meeting was held February 22, 1978 at the Recplex Conference Room.

As of charter night, February 28, 1978 we had thirty-three (33) members.

Future meetings will be held the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Recplex Conference Room, (11313 - 105 Street), Grande Prairie.

Genealogy society planned

A public meeting will be held tonight in hopes of establishing a branch library to form a genealogical organization in Grande Prairie.

The main purpose of the meeting is to examine the prospects for establishing an organization to aid in genealogical work in the city.

A number of surveys were distributed in September and the response was enough for organizers to believe that such a facility would be beneficial.

The branch or research library would contain microfilms from many countries, 30 million index cards and a number of reference books, all for the benefit of compiling family histories and genealogies.

Microfilms are owned and controlled by the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and are available to the general public at a minimal cost. By establishing a branch library of the Genealogical Society, access to the microfilms can be made.

In order to obtain such a library, support is needed at the public meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. in room F137 of the Grande Prairie college.

ROOTS — Tracing you family tree? Need help or information? Need access to microfilm records from many governments and parishes? If enough interest is shown a course will be offered. Contact Jim Mason 532-5076.

January 26, 1978.

Hi,

Please be advised that elections will be held February 7, 1978 for a permanent executive for the branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society in Grande Prairie. They will be held at the L. D. S. chapel (11212 -102 St.) commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Only paid members will be eligible to vote. Memberships will be available on the night of elections. The membership cost is \$5.00 individual or \$7.00 per family.

All paid members should receive a phone call prior to elections from the nominating committee. Please have your nominations ready. If you are not reached, nominations will also be taken from the floor on the night of elections.

See you there.

Sincerely,
Interim executive
committee.

back of above - mailed to Laura

Carol Wardill Thomson 7524

George Bauer - Lydia Kruger
great grandfather John
brother

Emma Thomsen
grandmother
born Hilda

Lydia Wardill 7524
mother

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Thanks to Laura

JAN-FEB-1978

January 3, 1978

Hi,

On January 12 at 7:30 at the LDS Chapel (11212-102 st) there will be a general meeting regarding the forming of a branch of the Alberta Genealogy Society.

A film will be presented concerning the establishment of a genealogical microfilm library and its services.

There will be a talk and general discussion on genealogy workshops. Registration for the workshops will follow on a first come, first serve basis.

Also presented will be a talk on the advantages and opportunities of membership in this society.

The main objectives of the Alberta Genealogy Society are:

1. To promote the study of genealogical research.
2. To instruct members in effective techniques of research.
3. To establish a library of genealogical guides, handbooks, reference sources, family and local histories, and other books and material that would assist members.
4. From time to time to publish bulletins, booklets, etc.
5. To establish a library relation with other societies for the exchange of ideas and information.
6. To promote seminars and workshops on genealogical research.

Please come and give this organization your support.

Sincerely,

Your interim executive committee

JAN, 11,
1978

Halley's Roots

By Gerry Avant
Church News Staff Writer

Since the publication of the best-selling book "Roots", author Alex Haley has been touted throughout the world as a champion of genealogical research.

It seems that he, perhaps as much as any other modern man, has played a significant role in the fulfillment of ancient prophecy by helping to "turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to their fathers".

While visiting Salt Lake City August 19, Mr. Haley called on President N. Eldon Tanner and President Marion G. Romney, counselors in the First Presidency, after he had been awarded an honorary doc-

toral degree at summer commencement exercises at Brigham Young University.

He also visited with Elder Theodore M. Burton of the First Quorum of the Seventy, who is the executive director of the Church Genealogical Department.

During the informal visits, Mr. Haley discussed some of the background research required to finish his book. He and the General Authorities also discussed several aspects of genealogy and the growing popularity of research.

President Tanner said to Mr. Haley, "We've been trying for years to get people to go back to the fourth and fifth generations; you come along with one book and they do it!"

Smiling, Mr. Haley replied, "Well, I'm glad."

"Roots" has been credited with creating a new, or renewed, interest in genealogy throughout the world. In some countries, such as Germany, the book has spurred genealogical research to an all-time high. In the United States, experts have said that genealogical research is the third most popular hobby, after stamp and coin collecting.

[Continued Next Week]

If you are interested in finding your roots, come to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 102 Street and 113 Avenue, 7:30 p.m., January 12 or contact Jim Mason at 532-5076.

JAN 16
1978
GENEALOGY MEETING —
Public Genealogy meeting held at
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter
Day Saints, 102 St. and 103 Ave.,
7:30 p.m. Discussion on microfilm
library, registration for workshops
and election of officers. For more
information contact Jim Mason
532-5076. JAN 12, 1978

No. 7 Feb. 22 1978
 Received from Laura Turnbull #555
Two 100 Dollars
Grande Prairie Dist. Gen. Society
 \$ 2.00 Mrs. Nina E. Nelson

Edmonton, Alta
 February 8th, 1978

Mrs Laura Turnbull
 9541 85 Avenue
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Dear Mrs Turnbull:
Membership #555 - January 1979

Welcome to the Society! We hope you will enjoy and benefit by being a member of our Grande Prairie Branch. I was able to triple my research information since I joined AGS four years ago. Enclosed find your membership card and receipt. Please use your membership number when sending correspondence.

Also enclosed is a "Beginners Kit" given to every new member. Hope you can find something useful in it.

Our bulletin "Relatively Speaking" will be out shortly. Past copies can be purchased - enclosed find an order form. I will be sending up a "Sample" copy when I find out who the new Executive are.

If I can help you in any way please do not hesitate to write me.

Sincerely,

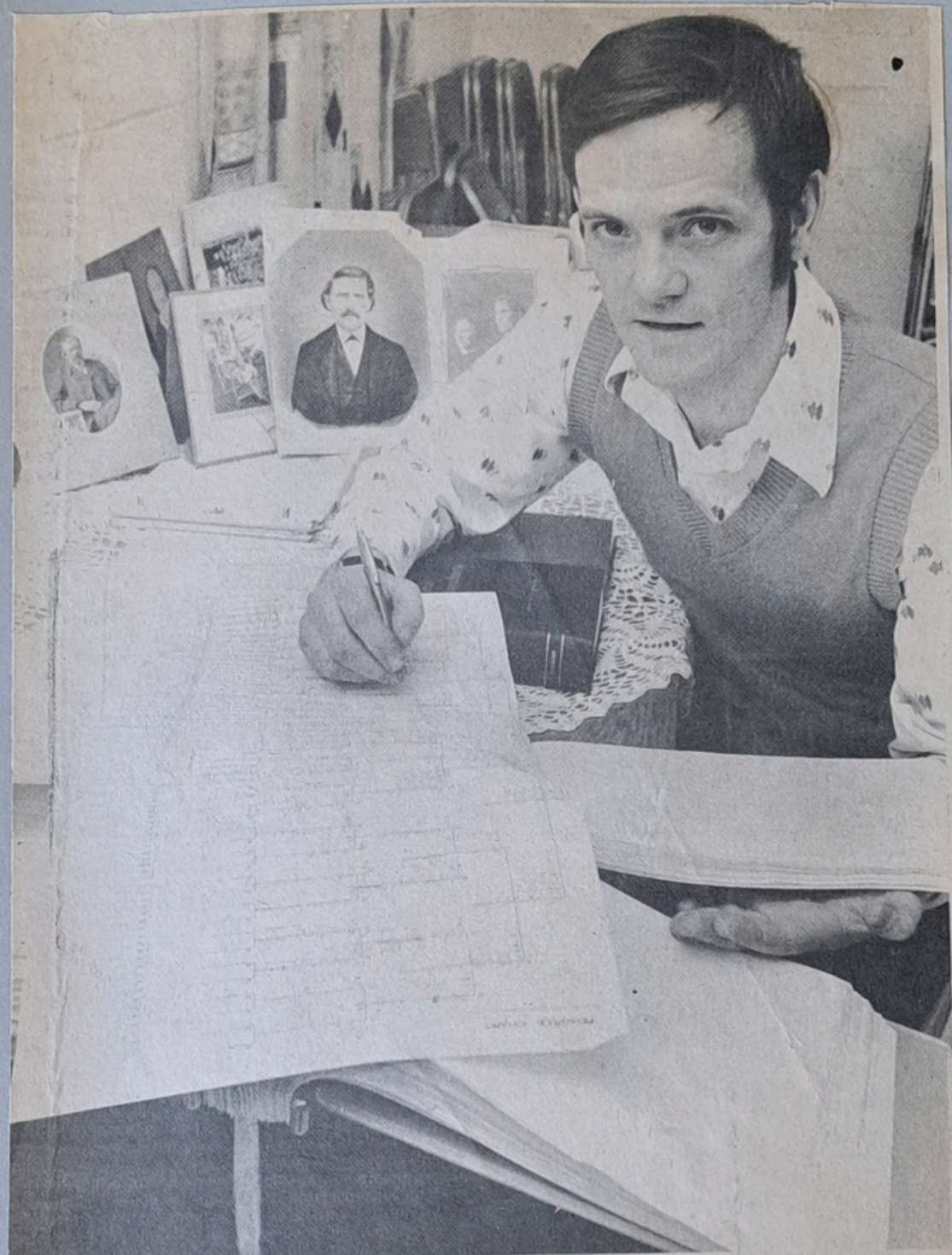
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Thanks to Laura Feb, 2013



JAN. 16 1978

Roots traced

A branch of the Alberta Genealogy Society is being formed in Grande Prairie, and organizer Jim Mason is busy tracing his roots. The group meets Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Latter-Day Saints church, 112 Ave. and 102 St., for its election of officers to officially become a registered organization. The club is designed to promote the study of genealogical research and demonstrate efficient techniques of tracing one's family tree. The association is open to the public.

JAN 18, 1978
"ROOTS" Tracing your family tree? Need help or information? Need access to micro film records from many governments and parishes? If enough interest, courses may be offered. Contact Jim Mason at 532-5076.

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Club dates
 GRANDE PRAIRIE
 Today
GENEALOGY SOCIETY —
 Alberta Genealogy Society holds election of officers, 7:30 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, 102 St. and 113 Ave. Everyone interested in tracing family tree welcome.



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Dear Family Researcher:

The Alberta Genealogical Society welcomes you to one of the most varied and rewarding hobbies, The limits of this hobby are only those you set for yourself. Family research is possibly the only hobby which can touch the family in the next block of your city and at the same time reach to the most remote spot of this earth.

You may not only be hunting and searching for your ancestors but also for the descendants of your great-great-grandfather's brothers and sisters. You may be looking for a lost family member somewhere.

When you pursue genealogy, you will be contacting people who may not be researchers themselves but may have interests of a different kind. The individual desires, on your part to receive needed information and on the other person's part to further his or her hobby, will give you an insight into the activities of the other person.

You may find it advantageous to learn another language while you are researching, you may find it advantageous to learn about a thousand different things because you want to foster a good relationship between your contacts and yourself.

In these days of the wild pace of life, of discrimination of a thousand shades, you will find genealogy to be a bridge to happy understanding of your fellowmen.

Happy Hunting!

Sincerely, The AGS Executive

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Thanks to Laura, Feb. 2013

FEB. 1978 1978

FEBRUARY 28 - GRANDE PRAIRIE BRANCH CHARTER DATE:

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People getting a line on their family history

Genealogy, or tracing family history, is growing rapidly in popularity in Alberta, an Edmonton genealogist says.

Joachim Nuthack, past president of the Edmonton branch of the Alberta Roots Society, said the television production of Roots popularized genealogy.

He said genealogy is also an attempt by modern man to give himself identity in a society where he is reduced to a number.

"We're always talking about computers that turn us into numbers. Genealogy shows we belong to someone. Somewhere we have spots in society," said Mr. Nuthack.

He spoke this week to about 30 persons at a branch of the Edmonton public library.

Pat Hewert, membership secretary of the Alberta society, said there are about 400 persons in the provincial body, and 120 in the Edmonton branch.

Mrs. Hewert said 150 persons have joined the provincial society just in the past year, and many others are researching their family trees without joining local groups.

Mr. Nuthack said the only professionals who research family history in Canada are in Ontario, so unless an Albertan wants to pay a lot of money, he should do his own researching.

He said there are many people pursuing genealogy as a hobby, and after stamp and coin collecting, it is third in popularity.

Genealogy society chapters are now operational in Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, and Grande Prairie, and are in the process of being formed in four other Alberta centres, said Mr. Nuthack.

Yearly membership in the provincial society costs \$8 for an individual, \$10 for a husband and wife, and \$10 for an institution.

Some local chapters charge an extra fee, but Edmonton is not one of them, said the past president.

He said the Edmonton group meets nine times a year on the fourth Thursday of every month, usually to hear expert speakers.

Mr. Nuthack said the first step for anyone wanting to trace his family tree is to go through all old family books and documents. The family Bible is often a good source of information because many people recorded births, marriages and deaths in the front, and sometimes stuck important papers there for safekeeping.

The next step is to make a pedigree chart. Forms are available from any genealogy supply house, said Mr. Nuthack.

He said a pamphlet put out by the Edmonton Public Library called Tracing Family Trees shows what books are available in the library system to help a genealogist.

The Edmonton Archives, located in the Provincial Museum, and the parks and recreation department, which has burial records, are also good sources of information.

Applications for pensions often include birth certificates and passports, and a lot of these old documents were never returned to their owners, he said.

In the provincial legislature, there are old newspapers containing birth and death announcements.

The Glenbow Institute, which served as the original provincial archives, and the Galt Museum in Lethbridge, which contains old pictures and tax rolls, are also good sources for information.

Mr. Nuthack said the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints (Mormons), which teaches there is a need for genealogy, has genealogical information from all over the world in its centre at Salt Lake City, Utah. The information is available to the public.

In addition, Rutherford Library at the University of Alberta contains parish records, old maps and gazeteers, and the Public Archives of Canada, immigration records and passenger lists from ships.

*Alberta Genealogical Society meeting at 7:30 Board Rm of Tisington Homes, 9823 - 116 Ave.

Genealogical Society

MAR 1/78
The Grande Prairie and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society will be hosting another set of workshops March 2, 9, and 23.

The workshops are held at the Church of the Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Merna Nelson, treasurer of the local organization said they hope to get microfilm reading equipment. Once that arrives, films can be rented from the extensive library at Salt Lake City, Utah, and local people can research their

histories which maybe mentioned in the films.

Anyone can join the local society for a \$2 fee. Anyone can also join the Alberta organization for \$5 or \$7 per family.

The Grande Prairie and District Branch of Alberta Genealogical Society are: president, Carol Thomson; vice-president, Jim Mason; secretary, Laura Turnbull; treasurer, Merna Nelson; and membership secretary, Paulette Hrychiw.

There will be a general meeting of the society March 22 at the Grande Prairie Recplex conference room.

MAR 22/78
 ALBERTA Genealogical Society, Grande Prairie and District Branch, will meet at the College Library, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. Talk by Betty Bayrak on "how to use the library effectively". Phone 532-7254 for further information.



Deadline Monday at 5 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING of the Gr. Pr. Branch of the Alberta Genealogy Society will be held in the Recplex Conference Room, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. Paul Pivert of Panda Camera will speak on restoring, preserving and displaying your old photos.

1978 PROGRAMS

January: Discussion on organizing a Genealogical Society Branch and a Microfilm Library. Interim appointment of officers.
 February: Election of officers; future plans.
 March: How to use a public library effectively - by Betty Bayrack, G.P.R. College.
 April: Slides showing how to research in L.D.S. Archives, Salt Lake City - by Mr. and Mrs. Shaw.
 May: Restoring and preserving old photographs - by Paul Pivert, Panda Camera.
 June: Printing and publishing a personal history - by Malcolm Menzies, Menzies Printers.
 July: Researching experiences in Salt Lake City - by Jim Mason, Member #559
 August: Problem Solving.
 September: Writing your personal history - by Miriam Whipple, Member #556
 October: Researching in Prince Edward Island - by Jean Lowe, Member #576
 November: Indexing a Family Tree - by Laura Turnbull, Member # 555
 December: Christmas Party.
 In Addition: Mid-month work nights were held regularly.

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Library Service

Patrons of Alberta's libraries now have improved access to information from provincial library resources, thanks to the installation of a zenith toll-free telephone service in seven public libraries. The lines have been installed by Alberta Culture.

The new telephone lines mean that small rural libraries will be able to use the zenith number to quickly obtain information from the larger urban libraries.

Zenith telephone lines have been installed in public libraries in Edmonton, Calgary, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Red Deer, Medicine Hat, and the Parkland Regional Library in Lacombe.

This new service is provided by arrangements between Alberta Culture and

the Calgary and Edmonton Public Library Boards. It is expected that the new zenith lines will strengthen Alberta's library and infor-

mation network making both materials and information readily available to Albertans in all parts of the province.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY — Monthly meeting of Grande Prairie and District Branch of Alberta Genealogical Society held in Recplex conference room, 7:30 p.m. Keith and Rebecca Shaw will speak and show films on their recent trip to the Salt Lake City genealogical library. Anyone interested in tracing their family history welcome to attend. *APR.*

Wednesday, April 26, 1978

Interested in tracing your roots? Attend the monthly meeting of the G.P. District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society on April 26 at 7:30 in the Recplex conference room. Keith and Rebecca Shaw will give a talk and show a film on their recent visit to the Salt Lake City genealogy library. Phone 532-2285 evenings for more info.

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*G.P. Branch of the Alta. Genealogical Society meeting, Recplex Conf. Rm., 7:30 p.m.

GENEALOGY SOCIETY — Grande Prairie branch of Alberta Genealogy Society holds regular monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., Recplex conference room. Paul Pivert of Panda Camera will speak on restoring, preserving and displaying old photographs. *MAY 1978*

P&R Briefs

JUNE 25, 1978 5:11-7.

THE GRANDE PRAIRIE and district branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society has won reclassification by the city as a recreational organization and now qualifies under city guidelines for priority in obtaining city meeting rooms. The decision allows the organization to have priority in acquiring use of the city-owned community and meeting rooms and an added benefit is utilization of the department's office for assistance in typing, photocopying, stuffing envelopes and mailing. This policy applies only to non-profit local parks, recreation and culturally oriented groups. Non-parks, recreation or culturally oriented groups receive the service at cost.

Doreen Cook

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Grande Prairie Booster, Wednesday, September 13, 1978

Leisure weekend starts slowly

By GARY HICKLING
of our staff

Registrations are slow from clubs and organizations in Grande Prairie wishing to take advantage of an information and registration weekend in the city this fall.

The project, called Leisure Opportunity 78, is tentatively set to run Sept. 15-16 at the Southside Recreation Centre and is open to all non-profit groups.

"Groups in the city should have received information about registration and what

the plans are about," Barry Braun city Parks and Recreation Department recreation co-ordinator said.

"Two letters have been sent to the groups, an initial one and a second one explaining there is a \$5 registration fee. Approximately 125 letters have been sent out and about 35 clubs have responded."

The initial invitation was sent in May and the second letter was sent during the first week in July. The latter requested those interested in staging a display or wishing to take registrations for clubs

and organizations during the two-day event, to register and include a \$5 fee.

The fee would be used for promotion and minor expenses incurred in the staging of the program.

The program is to act as an opportunity for clubs and organizations within the city and immediate area to display their wares, demonstrate their activities and generally make the public aware of their existence. It also gives them an opportunity to seek an increase in their membership.

The event is being sponsored by the Standing Committee On Recreational and Educational Services (SCORES) as a result of a recommendation that arose out of the Recreation and Participation (RAP) conference in Grande Prairie last November.

Members of the organizing committee include Chairman Glen Wowk, Vice-Chairman Val Stewart, Promotion Officer Evelyn Vardalas, Liaison Janet Loughheed and Set-Up officer Tina Rogers.

The organizers will contact each club and organization after the deadline to firm up requirements in terms of space needed and requirements in electricity outlets, tables and chairs.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1978

A look-see at leisure

Nearly 50 of Grande Prairie's clubs and organizations will take part in what can best be described as a recreational trade fair this weekend.

Leisure Opportunities '78, which takes place tomorrow evening and all day Saturday, will bring the organizations and clubs together at the Southside Recreation Centre in order to let people in the city know what is available for them to do.

The groups present will answer questions about their activities and will be selling memberships.

A number of the clubs will have displays of a variety of items. Among these are the

Grande Prairie Rock and Lapidary club, with a number of stones and semi-precious gems; a display of hand crafted pottery by the arts and crafts centre; and the Peace Aeromodelers' Society display of radio-controlled model aircraft.

Demonstrations of Tai-Kwon-Do, dancing by the Prairie Squares dancers, native handicrafts from the Friendship Centre, and singing by a group of senior citizens are also among the events planned.

The displays will be open to the public tomorrow between 7:30 - 10 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Admission is free.



SOUTHSIDE RECREATION CENTRE - ARMOURIES

Grande Prairie Booster, Wednesday, October 4, 1978

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*Workshop for the Grande Prairie Geneology Society will be held at 7:30 a.m. in small meeting room of Recplex. For more info. call Mrs. Cooke 532-2255

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*Alta. Branch of Geneology Society Conf. Room at Recplex at 7:30 pm.

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ALBERTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY (Grande Prairie branch) — holds a workshop at 7:30 p.m. in the small conference room at the Recplex.

Tomorrow
ALBERTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY (Grande Prairie branch) — holds regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the large conference room of the Recplex. Jean Lowe will speak on researching her relatives in Prince Edward Island. OCT 24/78

Grande Prairie Booster, Wednesday, November 1, 1978

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*Grande Prairie Branch Alta. Geneology Society workshop 7:30 p.m. Sm. Conf. Rm. Recplex

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*Alta Branch of Geneology Society Conf. Rm at Recplex at 7:30 p.m.

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Club dates

ALBERTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY (Grande Prairie Branch) — will hold regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the large conference room at the Recplex. Laura Turnbull will speak on an indexing and numbering system. Everyone welcome.

Grande Prairie Booster, Wednesday, November 29, 1978

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*Alta. Geneological Society Large Conf. rm at the Recplex 8:30 p.m.

DAILY HERALD-TRIBUNE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1978

Searching Your Roots?

Come and meet some of the HERITAGE SEEKERS! The Genealogical Society is having an Open House and games night, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13th at the Recplex main conference room at 8:00 P.M. Members and Public invited.

December 13, 1978 —

G.P. BRANCH of Alta. Geneology Soc. will hold social eve. Dec. 13, 1978 at 8:30 p.m. in Large Conf. Rm. Recplex.

With the publishing of *Roots* in 1976, the already popular pursuit of "finding your roots" or researching in the field of geneology skyrocketed. Publishing in this area has also increased. The latest addition to Grande Prairie Public Library's geneology section is *How To Find Your Own Roots* by Len Hilts. The book contains intriguing chapters on how to interview yourself; systems for record keeping; how to search overseas, and how to publish your family history. *How to Find Your Own Roots* is a good introduction to the field. Beginners would find this book useful. Since it was published in the United States, readers should also consult other books in the Library.

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DAILY HERALD-TRIBUNE, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1979

Club dates

GRANDE PRAIRIE
Today

GRANDE PRAIRIE BRANCH
OF ALBERTA GENEALOGY
SOCIETY — Monthly meeting to
be held at Tisington Homes board
room (9823 - 116 Ave.) at 7:30 p.m.
Harry Lehnars will speak on
genealogical research in Ger-
many. Everyone welcome.

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Wednesday
GRANDE PRAIRIE BRANCH
OF ALBERTA GENEALOGY
SOCIETY — Monthly meeting to
be held at Tisington Homes board
room (9823 - 116 Ave.) at 7:30 p.m.
Harry Lehnars will speak on
genealogical research in Ger-
many. Everyone welcome.

Grande Prairie Booster, Wednesday, February 7, 1979

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*Alberta Genealogical Society meet-
ing at 7:30 Board Rm of Tisington
Homes, 9823 - 116 Ave.

TRACING YOUR ROOTS? — A
Family History and Genealogical
Seminar will be held May 25 and 26
at the Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints. Public is in-
vited. There will be guest
speakers, workshops, films and
displays. For further information
contact Charlotte Jones at 532-
2008.

1979 PROGRAMS

January: Researching in Germany - by Harry Lehnars, Member #550.
February: INSTALLATION OF EXECUTIVE
March: Research on the Vincent Family, and Boston courses - by Phyllis Owen.
April: Reports by delegates to Annual Alberta Seminar in Calgary.
May: Ancestor Indexing for Genealogical Societies - by Ellen Whaley, Member #560
May: Two-day Family History and Genealogical Seminar, Grande Prairie.
June: Cemetery Recording - Gwen Turner, Member #740
July and August - No meetings.
September: Researching the Lafleur and Mercredis families, early Hudson's Bay
employees - by Bonita Larson, Member #
October: Another Aspect of Your Heritage in pictorially recording your home,
interests and heirlooms - by Beth Sheehan, Member #609
November: Problem Sharing.
December: Christmas Party.
In Addition: Mid-month work nights were held from May to December.

Grande PRAIRIE DISPLAY
Genetology Seminar
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Grande Prairie Public Library Catalogued

By Amy Soltys

The arrangement of books in the library may seem like a mystery to many casual library patrons. Fiction is arranged alphabetically by author's last name. This arrange-

ment helps users to find all titles by the same author together, on the theory that if you enjoyed one book, it will be easier to find others. Non-fiction is organized by a scheme developed by Melvil Dewey in the 1870's. In this system, books are grouped by subject and allocated numbers which are printed on the spine of the books for easy filing. We hope this brief introduction will help users during their library visits.

not the only way to find books in the library. Most libraries have card catalogues. Grande Prairie Public Library's card catalogue has books listed by author, title and subject. This enables users to find a

Prairie Library's recent acquisitions.

A revolution in genetics has taken place during the last 10 years. It is now possible to modify DNA - the molecule that carries the blueprint for all living

creatures - to create new forms of life with properties not previously seen in nature. In **Recombinant DNA, The Untold Story**, John Lear examines both the research and the political controversy that go hand in hand with any major scientific development. The potentially harmful effects of this research caused scientists to regulate their own research until safety standards could be developed. Recombinant DNA research is likely to be one of the most important scientific developments in the 20th century. For example it is likely that synthetic insulin or other hormones will be produced. On the other hand, it is possible to add cancer causing genes to otherwise harmless bacteria.

Lear masters the difficult problem of explaining the scientific and political complexities involved in recombinant DNA research. Recombinant DNA should be read carefully by anyone interested in science and its consequences.

(This book is filed in the catalogue under author, titles and the following subjects: "DNA" and "Genetics". Its Dewey number is 174. This process allows you to find the book through five possible approaches.)

The Menace of Atomic Energy is a highly critical look at atomic power written by John Abbotts and consumer activist Ralph Nader. Public concern about the safety of nuclear power has been increasing during the past few years. Nader and Abbotts have compiled a considerable body of facts to buttress their contention that nuclear power reactors as they are presently designed should be replaced by other methods of power generation.

As well as looking at the possible effects of an accident involving a reactor, they also examine the implications of relying on nuclear power for a large fraction of our energy needs. They feel that the dangers of relying on plutonium for power generation far outweigh the possible benefits.

A detailed index and copious footnotes are provided for those wishing to

look more deeply into the subject. (This book is listed in the catalogue under author and title, and subject - "Atomic Energy". Its Dewey number is 614.8).

In July 1976 an accident at a chemical plant in Seveso Italy released a cloud of highly toxic dioxin into the air. An area of several square miles was contaminated by the chemical which is deadly to plant and animal life in concentrations as low as five parts per billion.

In **The Poison That Fell From the Sky**, John G. Fuller examines the disaster and its effects. Several thousand people were exposed to the dioxin. Many became ill with complaints ranging from rashes to cancer. Dioxin is not biodegradable and the contaminated area is still uninhabited and may never be fit for human life.

Fuller describes in grim detail the horror of the people in Seveso as they gradually come to realize the extent of the disaster whose consequences will be felt for years to come. This is a sobering look into the implications of living in a technological society.

(This book is filed in the catalogue by author and title and listed under the following subjects: "Chemical industries - Accidents", "Air - Pollution - Italy" and "Tetrachlorodibenzodioxin". Its Dewey Number is 945.21.)

The visible light that makes it possible to read

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FOCUS ON BOOKS

MONDAY, MAY 14, 1979

Family history seminar offered

May 25 and 26 have been set as dates for a family history seminar to be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Grande Prairie.

Participants will be shown how to trace their family roots through sessions dealing with how to begin, how to organize information, the first four generations and research into specific countries. Countries to be considered are Canada, the United States, England, Ireland, Scotland and Germany.

Genealogy experts will be leading the sessions, and there

will be several films and displays.

The seminar is being sponsored jointly by the Grande Prairie and District Genealogy Society and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which has a long history of working in this field.

Anyone wishing to register or obtain further information may phone Mrs. Ellen Whaley at 532-9178.

MAY 16, 1979 Dooster, G.P.

History seminar slated in Grande Prairie

A Family History Seminar will be held in Grande Prairie at the Latter Day Saints Church on May 25 and 26.

This should be of great interest to anyone presently engaged in or thinking of tracing their roots.

The keynote speakers at the seminar will be Mr. Burt Litchfield and Mrs. Willie E. Hambly. Mr. Litchfield has more than 25 years experience in genealogical research and teaching. He is one of the chief founders of the Cardston Genealogical Library, and has done much to promote the branch of microfilm libraries. Mrs. Hambly is president of the Alberta Genealogical Society. She has helped found and plan many seminars and family organizations and has been active in teaching and personal genealogy for over 30 years.

On Saturday the seminar will be devoted mainly to workshops. Workshop subjects will include German research, USA, Ontario research, Scotland, English research, Family history for adults and children, 4 generations program, Russia and Eastern Europe, and organizational workshops. There will also be some genealogical films available. The workshop leaders are coming from several different areas and all are very knowledgeable in genealogy. Also during the seminar there will be several displays available of genealogical interest.

This is a great opportunity to meet and share research problems and experiences with others. For further information or registration details contact Charlotte Jones at 532-2008.

DAILY HERALD-TRIBUNE, THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1979

GRANDE PRAIRIE

Notices

TRACING YOUR ROOTS? — A Family History and Genealogical Seminar will be held May 25 and 26 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Public is invited. There will be guest speakers, workshops, films and displays. For further information contact Charlotte Jones at 532-2008.

APR 15 1979

Workshop slated

May 25 and 26 have been set as the dates for a workshop to be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints in Grande Prairie. The contents will include a beginning workshop, organizational workshop, the fourth generation program, and research in specific countries - Canada, United States, England, Scotland and Germany are the countries being considered for coverage. Genealogy experts will be leading the several workshops. In addition, there will be several films and displays.

Searching for family roots has become a fascinating hobby for many. The book "Roots" helped spark much of this interest. The Grande Prairie and District Genealogy Society was formed by persons with this common interest.

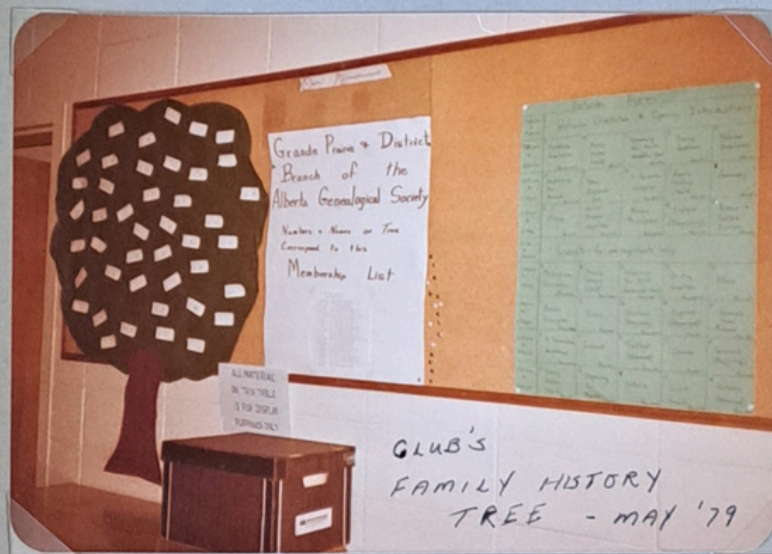
Also active in genealogy is the Church of Jesus Christ of The Latter-Day Saints, who have a long history of working in this field.

These two groups have agreed to jointly sponsor The Family History Seminar which will be a workshop for the general public.

Anyone wishing further information may phone Mrs. Ellen Whaley at 532-9178.

TRACING YOUR ROOTS? — A Family History and Genealogical Seminar will be held May 25 and 26 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Public is invited. There will be guest speakers, workshops, films and displays. For further information contact Charlotte Jones at 532-2008.

MAY 16 1979



Family history

explored

MAY 24, 1979 DNT

Burt Litchfield and Willie Hambly, both of Calgary, will be keynote speakers at a family history seminar to be held in Grande Prairie tomorrow evening and Saturday.

Mr. Litchfield is one of the founders of the Cardston Genealogical Library and has more than 25 years experience in genealogical research and teaching. He will speak on the use of the microfilm library system in family history research.

Mrs. Hambly, president of the Alberta Genealogical Society, has helped found and plan many family history seminars and has been active in genealogy for over 30 years. She will speak on what the Alberta Genealogical Society can do for you.

Both talks will be given Friday evening at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on 102 St. at 113 Ave.

Saturday will be devoted mainly to workshops, with topics including research on Germany, U.S.A., Ontario, Scotland, Ireland, England, Russia and Eastern Europe, Canada, four-generation research and organizing your records. Some genealogical films will be available.

Workshop leaders are coming from several areas and all are knowledgeable in genealogy. The Saturday sessions will also take place at the Latter-day Saints church.

The seminar is being sponsored by the Grande Prairie Genealogical Society and the Latter-day Saints church.

Further information is available from Charlotte Jones, phone 532-2008.

Leisure opportunity '79

Leisure Opportunity '79 appears to be gathering under its wing a wide variety of local clubs, groups and organizations making it a successful representation of all the recreational and leisure activities offered to residents in the community.

Twelve persons attended a second organizational meeting last Tuesday. Six additional organizations were represented.

According to spokesman, Al Knox, Leisure Opportunity '79 had indications from 14 organizations that they will participate.

"No doubt others will become involved as we move along," commented Mr. Knox.

According to him, the objective of this body representing various recreational and leisure groups is to demonstrate their contribution to the quality of life in Grande Prairie.

He said that this was also an excellent means to promote activities and services of these various agencies to their fellow citizens, exploring ways of utilizing their leisure time.

These goals will be accomplished through attractive displays, demonstrations, and entertainment provided by participating groups. Leisure Opportunity '79 provides an excellent opportunity for Grande

Prairie to become informed about the community oriented groups pledged to serve it.

Currently the liaison committee is made up of Gail Smith and Gail Armstrong. Their function is to develop and maintain contact with all organizations, to see they are kept informed of developments.

Promotions is managed by Ernie Robinson.

The arrangement committee is comprised of Judy Devoogt, Gail Morgan and Laurene Brown. They will liaise with Fred Kroeskamp, manager of the Prairie Mall to follow through with all necessary arrangements, i.e. assignment of space, tables and chairs etc.

More volunteers are required to lighten the load. The subcommittees need to

select a chairman who will come together to form an executive co-ordinating committee of oversee the project.

Displays and demonstrations by Leisure Opportunity '79 will be put on at the Prairie Mall on September 28 and 29, with a participating fee of \$10.

Subcommittees organizing the event will meet again Tuesday, August 14 at the Grande Prairie Regional College, Room F138 at 7:30 p.m. to assess the total

number registered.

Interested volunteers are welcome.

For further information contact Al Knox at 532-8830 ext. 273 or Gail Armstrong at 532-4471 (ask for parks and rec.).



ACP District Alberta Genealogical Society meeting at Tissington Homes Office 9823, 116 Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 27, 1979

Leisure Opportunity ranks grow

At least 24 organizations in Grande Prairie and district will participate in the second Leisure Opportunity conference Sept. 28-29 at the Prairie Mall.

Leisure Opportunity '79 will provide an opportunity for all local clubs, groups, organizations and agencies to demonstrate their contribution to the quality of life in Grande Prairie and area, promote their activities and services to fellow citizens exploring ways of utilizing their leisure time, and share ideas and concerns with representatives of participating groups.

This will be accomplished through attractive displays, demonstrations and entertainment. It provides an opportunity for the community to become more informed about the community-oriented groups serving it.

Some of the organizations indicating an interest in participating are Grande Prairie Regional College, Standing Committee on Recreational and Educational Services (SCORES), Parks and Recreation Department, Public Library, Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, Indoor Playground Society, Mother's

Day Out, Kakwa Toastmasters, Peace Tae Kwan Do, St. John's Ambulance, Girl Guides, John Howard Society, Peace Aeromodelers Society, Peace Motorcycle Association, Northern Academy of Music, Square Dance Association, 1980 Alberta Winter Games (Grande Prairie), Army Cadets, Wapiti Shooters Club, German-Canadian Club, Friendship Centre and Candy Strippers.

Registration deadline is July 31. More information may be obtained from Al Knox at the college or Gail Armstrong at the Parks and Recreation Department.

LEISURE OPPORTUNITIES

Photos by Luba Dzubak-Petryshyn

"It is amazing how many people are involved in so many things. This is really an active town." This was George Thomlison's assessment of Leisure Opportunities 79.

Some 40 displays were set up in the Grande Prairie Mall on Friday evening and Saturday, detailing various organizations, clubs, and activities available in the city. A whole range of activities from library, further education council through to arts, music, crafts, stamp collecting, army, and even model airplanes were represented.

Many people took the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the various activities offered, and many aggressive individuals were able to sign up new members or volunteers for anything from cross country skiing and competitive swimming to the United Way.

This was the first time that Leisure Opportunities were held in the Mall. Last year, the first ever Leisure Opportunities, were held in the South Side Recreational Centre.

But organizer Allyne Knox said that the Prairie Mall

provided more of an opportunity to let people know what is available in the community.

A committee formed in the spring was headed by Mr. Knox and Gail Armstrong, recreational coordinator for Parks and Rec. They provided the organization to allow for almost half of Grande Prairie's total number of leisure time clubs and organizations to present themselves to the public.

In Grande Prairie there are about 100 clubs and organizations.

Family Living



Flea market

One person's junk is another person's treasure. This was apparently the case Monday afternoon when the Grande Prairie Order of the Royal Purple held a flea market at the Elks Hall. The event was scheduled to start at 4 p.m.,

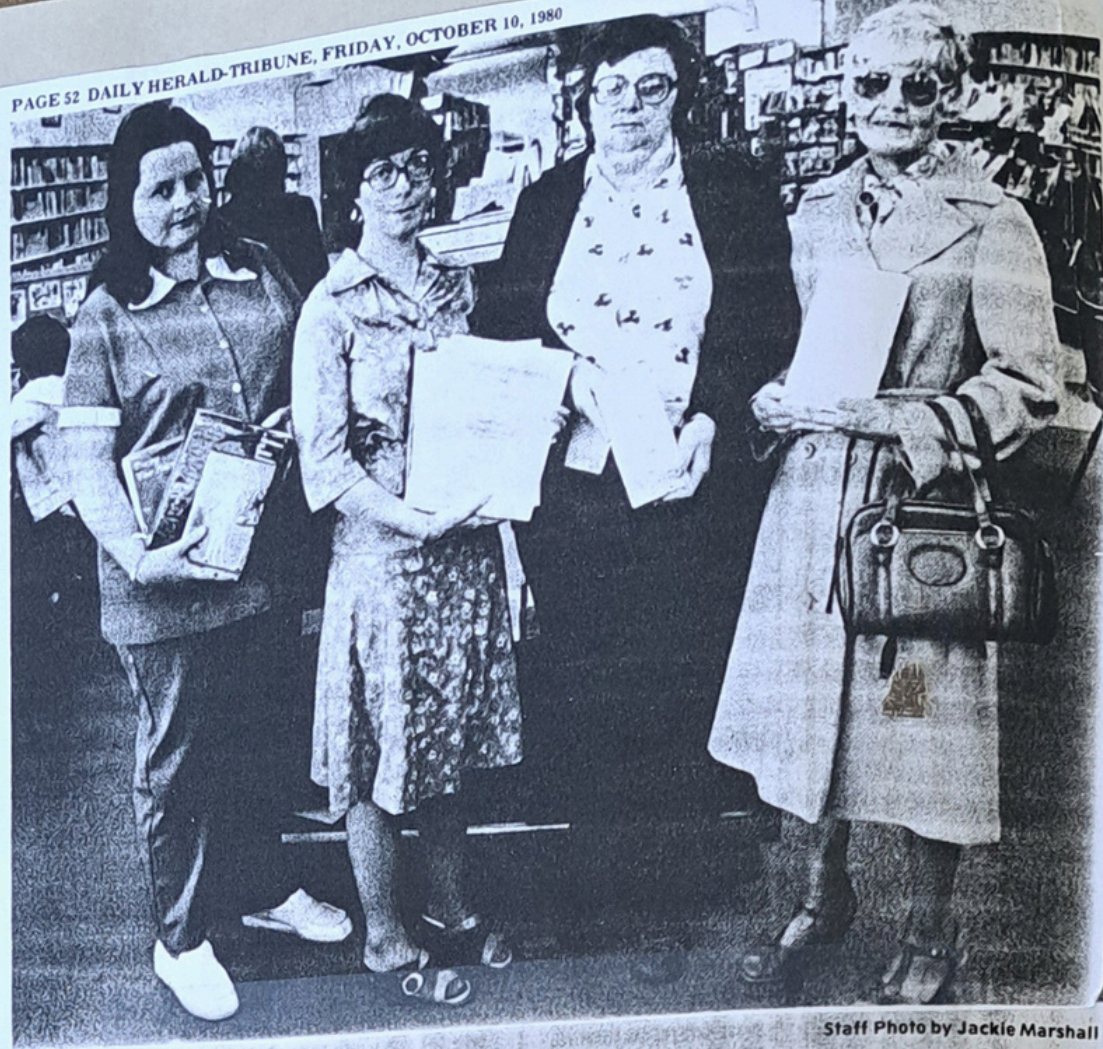
but by 3 p.m. the hall was packed with people anxious to look over and buy some of the wares on the 35 display tables. There were stuffed dolls, baby clothes, ashtrays, skates, button collections, old humidifiers, records, books, plants and lots more. Jean Kimble, right, finds some denim material that will come in handy. Sandi Kimble makes the sale.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

- December 17 ... Christmas Social
- January 7 Library & Work Night
- January 21 Meeting - Harry Lehnert is our guest speaker
- February 4 Library & Work Night
- February 18.... Meeting - Speaker to be announced at a later time
- March 3 Library & Work Night
- March 17 Meeting - Speaker to be announced at a later time

ALL MEETINGS HELD IN THE RECPLEX LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM and commence at 7:30 p.m.
11313 - 105 St., Grande Prairie, Alberta

NOTE: Our new executive has been elected by acclamation again this year. Full details at your next meeting.



Staff Photo by Jackie Marshall

Library donation

The Grande Prairie and District Genealogical Society has donated \$750 worth of genealogy books to the Grande Prairie Public Library. The donation was made through an Alberta 75 grant administered by the city. Amy Soltys, library ad-

ministrator (second from left) holds some of the books presented by society members Ellen Whaley (far left), Carol Thomson and Margaret Owens. A display on the family history of area resident Harry Lehnert is in the library through October. Society pamphlets are also available.



BOOK DONATION - The Grande Prairie and District Genealogical Society donated \$750 worth of books on genealogy to the Grande Prairie Public Library through an Alberta 75 grant administered by the City of Grande Prairie. Shown making the donation are Ellen Whaley, Carol Thomson and Margaret Owens. Accepting the donation is Amy Soltys (l).

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EXECUTIVE

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PRESIDENT:	Ellen Whaley	532-9178
PAST-PRESIDENT:	Carol Thomson	532-7524
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HISTORIAN:	Merna Nelson	532-7957
ANCESTOR INDEX:	Ellen Whaley	532-9178
CEMETARY COORDINATOR:	Gwen Turner	532-2687

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1980

GRANDE PRAIRIE
 Today
 GRANDE PRAIRIE BRANCH
 OF THE ALBERTA GEN-
 EALOGICAL SOCIETY —
 holds regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.
 at the Recplex Conference Room.

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WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 21

*"Tracing Your Roots" AB Genealogical Society meet at Recplex Conference Room. Visitors welcome. More info. please call 532-5277.

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 4

*Tracing Your Roots. GP & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society meets at Recplex Conf. Room at 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 18

*Tracing Your Roots. GP & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society meeting at Recplex Conf. rm. at 7:30 p.m.

Page 4 - Grande Prairie Booster, Wednesday, February 6, 1980

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 18

*Tracing Your Roots. GP & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society meeting at Recplex Conf. rm. at 7:30 p.m.

Page 14 - Grande Prairie Booster, Wednesday, February 20, 1980

MONDAY - MARCH 3

Grande Prairie District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society meets at Recplex Conf. Room 7:30 p.m.

Page 14 - Grande Prairie Booster, Wednesday, March 5, 1980

MONDAY - MARCH 17

*Tracing Your Roots - GP & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society meeting at Recplex Conf. Rm. 7:30 p.m.

Page 14 - Grande Prairie Booster, Wednesday, February 27, 1980

MONDAY - MARCH 17

*Tracing Your Roots - GP & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society meeting at Recplex Conf. Rm. 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1980

Club dates

GRANDE PRAIRIE
 BRANCH OF THE ALBERTA
 GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
 — holds their meeting at 7:30
 p.m. in the conference room of
 the recplex. Guests welcome.

GP's own historian

By BRENDA BROCHU

Most Peace Country residents are willing to express admiration for their pioneer forefathers, but let it go at that.

The region, however, has one individual who has turned her admiration for the area's pioneers into a pioneering effort in itself.

Isabel Campbell, 72, of Grande Prairie, a former reporter and current columnist for the Herald-Tribune, has written the only history of Grande Prairie and has recently written a history, awaiting publication, of the early development of Elmworth, 50 kilometres west of Grande Prairie.

She also has the only archives north of Edmonton, which include hundreds of early photographs from the

region and Grande Prairie newspapers dating back as far as 1913.

The local stories in her newspapers are indexed and cross-indexed on 23,000 catalogue cards. Now cataloguing papers from 1957, Miss Campbell expects to have 25,000 catalogue cards filled out by the time she completes her self-appointed task of indexing local news stories to the end of 1959.

These unique archives have been bequeathed to the Grande Prairie Public Library, but in the meantime they are open for use by the public in her 88th Ave. home, which has become a lodestone attracting everyone serious about researching the Peace Country's pioneer past.

DIFFERENT ERA
Visiting Miss Campbell's home is like en-

tering a different era — it is full of Canadiana from the turn of the century, including a spinning wheel hand-made in the Valhalla Centre area in 1914.

Her hospitality is also a thing of bygone days — there is tea served in china cups, homemade pound cake and for the researcher with "cold feet" — what else? — a pair of hand-made "hospitality slippers".

Miss Campbell, born in Wyoming in 1907 and the only child of Clyde Campbell, a pharmacist who went on to supervise the entire U.S. munitions output for World War I, says she developed an interest in history early.

"I don't relate to the contemporary scene at all, somehow," she says. "That goes as far back as I can remember. I

remember I was eight years old and feeling a sense of history, a sense of almost awe, at an old abandoned mill in Kentucky.

"There was just something about the way it was built that spoke of the history of the people who must have brought their grain to be milled there."

Later, at a visit to George Washington's home at Mount Vernon, Virginia, Miss Campbell felt she was "almost on holy ground".

THRILLED

"I remember how utterly, utterly thrilled I was to go through the home," she recalls. "There were doors I wanted to open. I just wanted to be turned loose so I could do my own exploring."

In 1919, she had a chance to become a pioneer herself, when she came with her mother to the Elmworth area. Her father, who was advised by doctors in Toledo, Ohio, to recuperate from a serious bout of flu "in the country", had come on ahead to establish a home for the family in a log cabin.

Although the home was meant to be only temporary, the Campbells fell in love with the Peace Country and stayed until Mr. Campbell's failing health forced their departure in 1928.

Miss Campbell remembers being the most advanced student at the first Elmworth school, an abandoned log cabin, when it opened in 1920.

"I had come from a four-storey, big brick school," she recalls. "I'll never forget how horrified I was to find that I was going to have to sit in that room with all those young children."

Miss Campbell, never an outdoor person, spent most of those Elmworth-area days studying under the stern tutelage of her father.

VERY STRICT

"He was a very strict disciplinarian, and was determined that I would get an education," she says. "I have him to thank for both."

The family also befriended a band of Indians from the South Wapiti, who used to leave their fur money in the

Campbell's books to protect it from unscrupulous white gamblers. Each Indian had his own book.

"We would have hundreds of dollars in our banks," Miss Campbell recalls. "The merchants would get them high on vanilla extract, and they would gamble all their money away."

Although she never became a novelist as her father wished — she wasn't interested in novels — Miss Campbell put the skills he had taught her to good use when the family returned to Ohio.

Despite a severe health problem that made her an invalid during her early and mid-20's, she was able to get an assignment on a Toledo newspaper in 1930 covering a three-day youth rally.

"I lost five pounds, but I covered the three-day rally," she says. "It hit the front pages for three days, and I felt quite proud of myself. But I got sick right after."

RETURNED

Miss Campbell didn't start working again until 1933, when she and her mother went to Olympia, Wash., three years after her father's death.

She was appointed research superintendent of two counties to contribute toward a history of Washington.

"From that I was discovering all these pioneers," she says. "And after that I was invited to start a column, this Mainly About People (MAP) column in the Daily Olympian. At the same time I was invited to be staff historian for the state library."

During her 12 years in Olympia, Miss Campbell indexed various histories, wrote a history of the beginnings of the Washington postal department, wrote a history of the city that was engraved on a cornerstone and even wrote society news for the Olympian.

"I never reported, except for five horrible months," she says. "They had me as society editor, which I couldn't stand."

In 1945 Miss Campbell moved to Tacoma, Wash., where she was asked to be assistant to the curator of the Washington State Historical Museum.

That year she put out a 65-page illustrated booklet commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the first community in Washington.

The following year she wrote a 13-page, closely-typed manuscript for the 100th anniversary of the signing of the boundary treaty between the United States and Canada in a single weekend.

HEAVY PRESSURE

"There was a printers' strike, and I had to make a short version over one weekend, which I did," she recalls. The exercise was nerve-wracking, since the history was to be used at a ceremony attended by top government officials of Washington and B.C.

Before returning to Canada in 1951, Miss Campbell indexed the first 28 years of the first newspaper in the territory of Oregon (before it became the state of Washington).

Her reason for returning was to be close to her mother, who had moved back to the Elmworth area in 1945 to marry widower farmer Franklin Brewer, a neighbor of the Campbells in their homestead days.

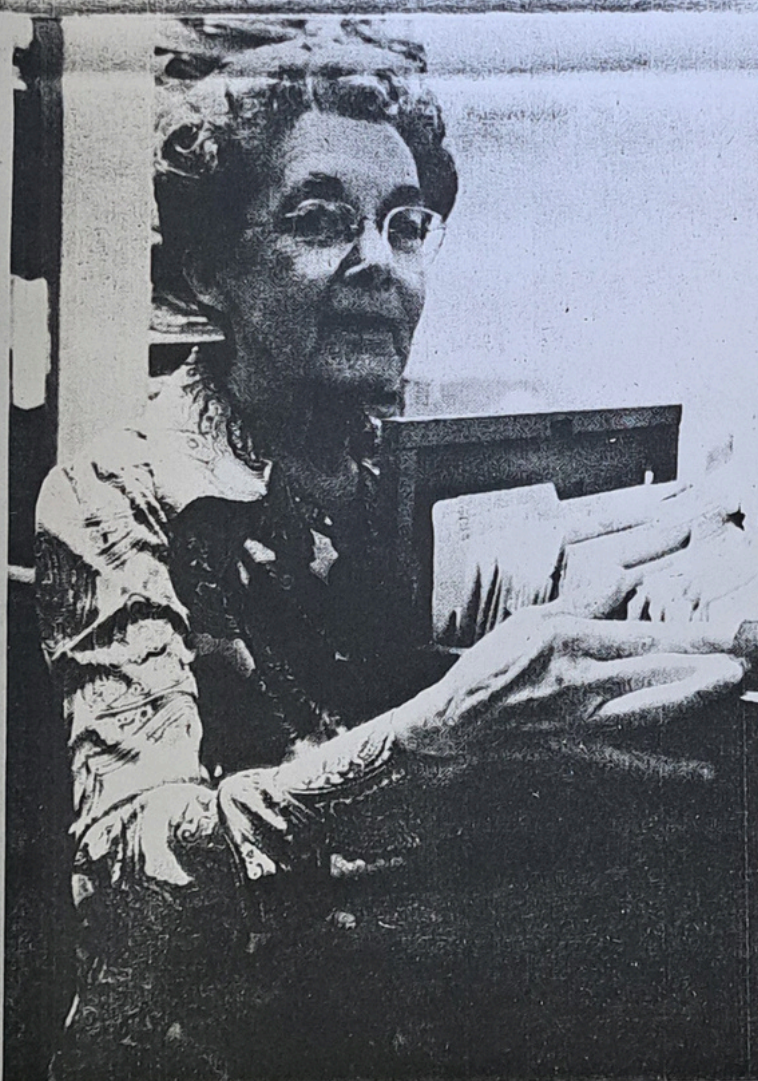
From the time she arrived back, Miss Campbell began writing her historical column for the Herald-Tribune. This was Yesterday.

She worked as a legal secretary for a time, giving that up when the Herald-Tribune invited her on board as a reporter.

She covered Beaverlodge and Hythe until 1955 — so thoroughly that the paper was sometimes called "the Beaverlodge Herald-Tribune". At one point she was covering Beaverlodge, Hythe, Dimsdale, Wembley, Sexsmith and Grande Prairie, but soon had to drop everything else to cover Grande Prairie.

Ill health caused her to quit in 1961, but from 1966-68 she was back at it part-time. Her permanent retirement came in 1968, when she promptly started writing books and indexing newspapers.

Two years ago Miss Campbell initiated a perpetual scholarship for outstanding history students at Grande Prairie Regional College.



Isabel Campbell in her study.



Grande Prairie public library clerk Mary Linford looks at a 1945 copy of The Herald-Tribune on the library's new microfilm reader. The \$5,000 unit — which can provide a photostatic copy of a newspaper page — was purchased for the library by Northern Alberta Library Development Services. The library has microfilm copies of the Grande Prairie Herald from 1913, The Frontier Signal for its duration 1914-1916, The Northern Tribune 1932-1939, the weekly cum bi-weekly Herald-Tribune from 1939-1964 and The Daily Herald-Tribune from that time to the present.

Historic headline

Staff Photo by Jeff Harris

APR. 25, 1980

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GRANDE PRAIRIE & DISTRICT BRANCH 1980 REPORT

The past year has been a successful and rewarding year for the Grande Prairie & District Branch.

Four issues of our newsletter "Heritage Seekers" were published.

Meetings were held regularly every month excluding July and August. Topics covered at meetings have been the 1979 Seminar; German Research; Ancestor Indexing; Hudson Bay Company Research; Customs 50-100 years ago; and Another Aspect of Your Heritage.

Our branch's membership has steadied this year with 8 new members and 33 renewals.

Our library holdings have increased steadily with exchange items, as well as subscriptions. We have also been lucky and had items donated . . . We were able to purchase

some new items with money raised.

The highlight of this past year was our local seminar in May with an attendance of 103 persons from near and far. Thanks to all who lectured from the A.G.S. ranks.

Two cemetery outings were organized this past summer with five cemeteries recorded. Gwen Turner, our cemetery co-ordinator is attempting to find original records to complete the information on them.

A display was arranged at the local mall one Saturday. This resulted in two members and some good advertising.

Thank you to all members of the local executive who have helped in so many areas this past year. It was gratefully appreciated.

Respectively submitted,

Mrs. Carol A. Thomson
(1979 President)

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conference room at the Recplex.

Searching for your roots



ROOTS RESEARCHER - Holding up her family crest, Mrs. Helen Whaley is a person who knows her roots. Mrs. Whaley is president of the Grande Prairie branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society, a club who's members take on the task of researching their family trees. The members trace their families back through the generations and will offer assistance to anyone interested in learning about their own family background.

BY COLIN LAMONT

If you're searching for your "roots," the Grande Prairie Genealogical Society may be able to help you. "Genealogy means the searching out of one's ancestry or roots," explained Mrs. Ellen Whaley, president of the Grande Prairie branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society. "Many people today don't have a oneness with their family because they know so little about their relatives or their own ancestry. If you trace back through your family tree and discover some of the difficulties and hardships that your family has gone through, it gives you something that you can relate to." According to Mrs. Whaley, anyone who wishes to begin tracing their family must start with themselves. The first step is to take down all important information about your brothers, sisters, and parents. "From there it just means a lot of writing, and researching, locating old birth and death certificates and marriage licenses through churches and various government offices." "The big thing is to gain proof of each generation before you go back any farther. Most people can come up

with the last four generations of their family simply by tracing them through their mother and father. Any farther back than four generations is where you might need some luck." The president pointed out that the farther back in your family tree a person goes the more difficult it can be to locate old family records as they can be lost due to fire or other natural disasters. Mrs. Whaley has spent considerable time tracing her own family tree and keeps a "Pedigree chart" that includes family pictures, stories, wills, ancestral land deeds, birth and death certificates. "There has been quite a re-birth in the interest of genealogy, especially since the popularity of the book *Roots*," commented Mrs. Whaley. "People seem to want to know more about where they came from, and who their family was in the old country. Some want to feel that they belong in the country they are now and wonder how long they have been in an area or province. "I had one woman come to me and ask for help because she didn't feel that she and her family really belonged in the Peace country. She felt closed in here.

We were able to trace her family back for her." "My husband knew her grandparents slightly and through them we traced her family back to the 1700's. It turned out that her great grandfather had been born in the Peace country. When she realized that, her attitude and feelings about the area changed completely." Mrs. Whaley has discovered many facts about her own side of the family through writing letters and collecting data from research books. "I have been able to trace our family back to the 1500s and discovered that one of my ancestors came over to America on the Mayflower. Rumor has it that our line goes back to the Kings and Queens of England but I have not been able to sub-

stantiate this yet," she added. On her husband's side of the family Mrs. Whaley has discovered that some roots are tied to the Hudson's Bay Company. An ancestor of Mr. Whaley was a factor or shop owner in one of the company's forts. A story uncovered says that Charles Thomas used to trade guns to the Indians. The shop owner would hold a gun upright with the butt end of it on the ground and the Indians would toss fur down in front of it until the pile would reach the top of the gun barrel. "That would be the price for one gun," explained Mrs. Whaley. The president stressed that none of the members of

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[Continued from Page 3] the Grande Prairie club are qualified researchers and have gained any experience they have from researching their own families. "The club is always willing to help people if it can and we hold meetings just for the purpose of offering advice to people who are having problems with their research." Mrs. Whaley went on to explain that the Grande Prairie club was founded in 1978. Since then some of the aims have been to build

a library of good research books, record old cemetery records that might otherwise have become lost, hold monthly meetings with a speaker and publish a newsletter called *Heritage Seeker*. The newsletter is exchanged with other societies to help build a library. A big boost to their library has been the \$750 75th anniversary grant used to purchase genealogical books now in the public library. "Anyone interested in attending our meetings will be

welcome and if we can be of any help to a person who is looking for "his roots" we will be glad to offer some advice. Anyone interested in further information can contact Mrs. Whaley at 532-9178.

MONDAY - JUNE 23

*Grande Prairie and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society meeting at Recplex Conf. Room at 7:30 p.m.

DAILY HERALD-TRIBUNE,

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1980

Books link to culture

By LEONARD THOMASON
of our staff

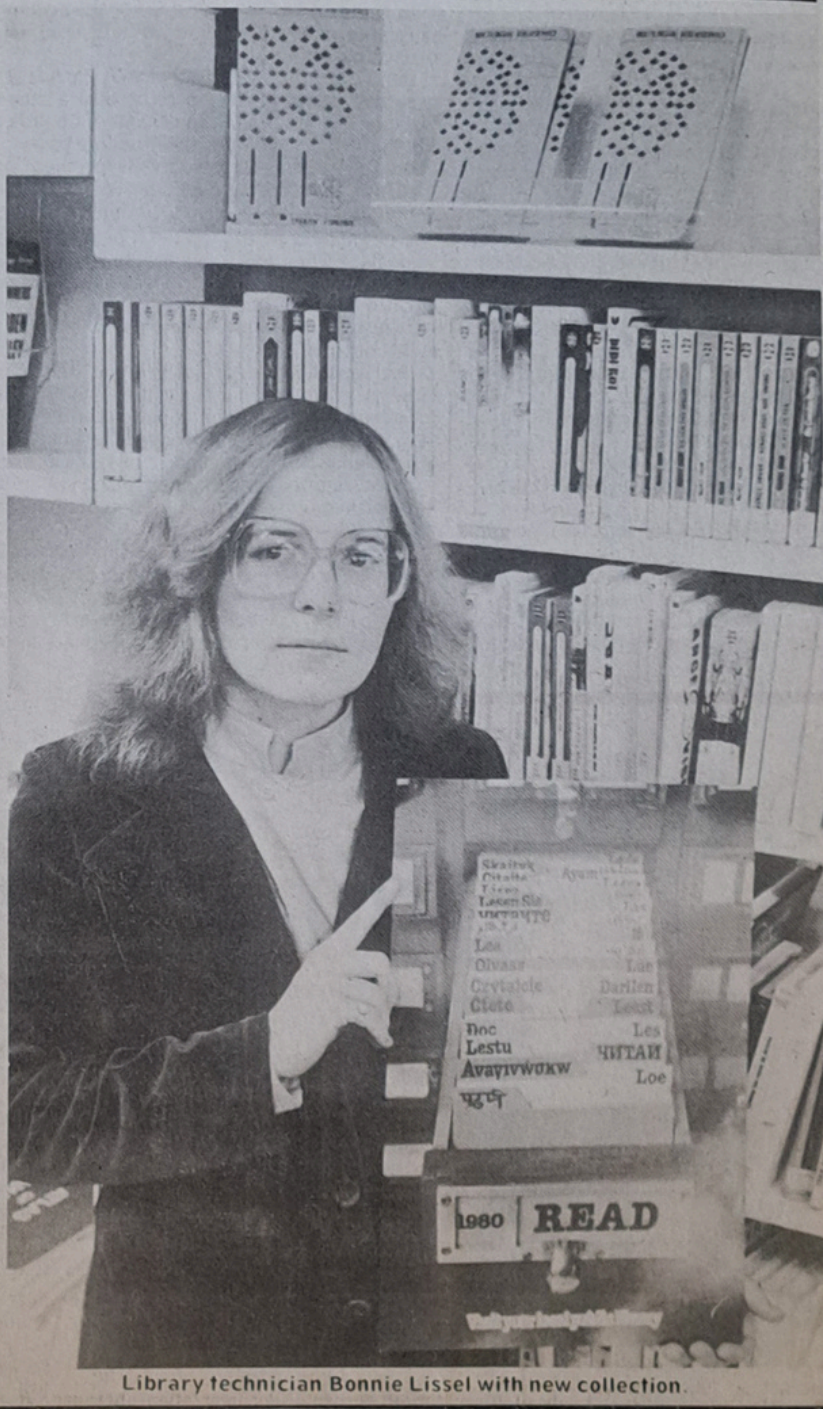
The Grande Prairie Public Library is offering readers a new book collection in French, German, Spanish, Ukrainian, Vietnamese and Chinese languages.

Some 400 to 500 books in the renewable collection are distributed by the Multilingual Biblioservice of the National Library of Canada in co-operation with Alberta Culture.

The books provide informative, educational and leisure reading in the areas of fiction, biography, cooking, gardening, and folklore as well as travel and children's books. Through an exchange system, new books arrive every couple of months and can be checked out for a month.

The service comes under the federal government's multicultural program to help preserve the country's heritage, encourage children to learn their ancestral language and help foster appreciation of the cultural achievements of the countries from which Canadians came.

Library technician Bonnie Lissel is the local co-ordinator for the service. The long-time resident has recently returned to the city after graduating from SAIT in Calgary. She invites any suggestions or opinions about the service to make it successful.



Library technician Bonnie Lissel with new collection.

SEPT. 10, 1980

LEISURE OPPORTUNITY PRAIRIE MALL - SEPT. 26 & 27

REGISTRATIONS now being accepted at the Office of Community Services, Grande Prairie Regional College, for clubs, organizations and social agencies wanting to display their service to the general public at this year's Leisure Opportunity Program.

For further information contact the office of Community Services 532-8830, Ext. 277/273.

SCORES

Standing Committee on Recreation and Education Services
PO Box 567, Grande Prairie, Alberta

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Leisure provides entertainment

The Prairie Mall
Friday - September 26, 6-9 p.m.
Saturday - September 27, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Leisure Opportunity will provide an opportunity for all local clubs, groups, organizations and agencies to

demonstrate their contribution to the quality of life in Grande Prairie and area; promote their activities/services to fellow citizens

exploring ways of utilizing their leisure time; Share ideas and concerns

with representatives of participating groups; these goals will be accomplished through attractive displays, demonstrations and/or entertainment provided by participating groups.

Leisure Opportunity provides an excellent chance for our community to become informed about the community oriented groups pledged to serve it.

Last year, 50 community groups exhibited at Leisure Opportunity.

Interested Community Groups/Agencies may register for Leisure Opportunity at the office of Community Services, Grande Prairie Regional College. 532-8830 - Ext. 277/273

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1980

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SEPT. 24, 1980

Leisure opportunities

BY COLIN LAMONT

For those with some spare time on the evenings of September 26 and 27, "Leisure Opportunities" will offer a display of the many groups, clubs, and organizations in the city.

The organizations will set up displays, demonstrations or entertainment at the Prairie on Friday, September 26 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, September 27 from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

"The idea is to provide community groups with an opportunity to demonstrate their contribution to the quality of life in Grande Prairie," explained Al Knox, chairman of Community Services at the Regional College.

"People will also have the chance to see the variety of organizations that they can become involved with to utilize their spare time. However, the main stress will not be on people registering with clubs, but the clubs will be able to offer information about themselves."

The Chairman went on to say that last year which was the first year for 50 different groups had displays set up. This year 36 organizations have regis-

tered with more expected to follow.

"The first year of Leisure Opportunities came out of a Recreation and Participation Conference (RAP). We got together with various clubs and groups and organized an information night for the public."

"It was a modest success but we decided to move it to the Prairie Mall from the South Side Recreation Centre because more people will have a chance to see the displays."

"We would encourage all groups to come forward this year. There will be booth space available for them. It will give them a chance to meet the public and also to share ideas and concerns with representatives of participating groups."

Mr. Knox listed the following groups and organizations as examples of who will be represented at "Leisure Opportunities."

The Genealogy Club, the Public Library, The Fibre Arts Club, the Friendship Centre, the Hospital Volunteers, the Art Gallery, the Stamp Club, and the County of Grande Prairie Further Education.

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CHRISTMAS - 1980
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GRANDE PRAIRIE and
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January 20, 7:30 p.m. Hillside
School Library.

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Editor:	Mary Irons
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WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 18

*Tracing Your Roots" AB Geneological Society: Meet at Recplex Conf. Room. More information please call 532-5277

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WEDNESDAY - MARCH 18

**Tracing Your Roots" AB Geneological Society meet at Recplex Conference Room. Visitor's Welcome.

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WEDNESDAY - MAY 20

**Tracing Your Roots": AB Genological Society. Meet at Recplex Conference Room. Visitors Welcome.

Roots seminar assists research

A seminar will be held in April for those wishing to search out their family roots.

The one-day seminar will be held at the United Church in Rycroft on April 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature a guest speaker and several one-hour workshops.

The object of the seminar is to assist those wishing to begin family research.

It will also bring together all those that have started this rewarding and interest-

ing hobby.

Local resources available to area residents who pursue this hobby will be discussed. There are three separate library collections available to the general public. Details and the accessibility of each will be covered.

Further information or details are available from Elder Leland Johnson, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, (The Mormons), telephone 765-3971 or Jim Mason 766-3183.

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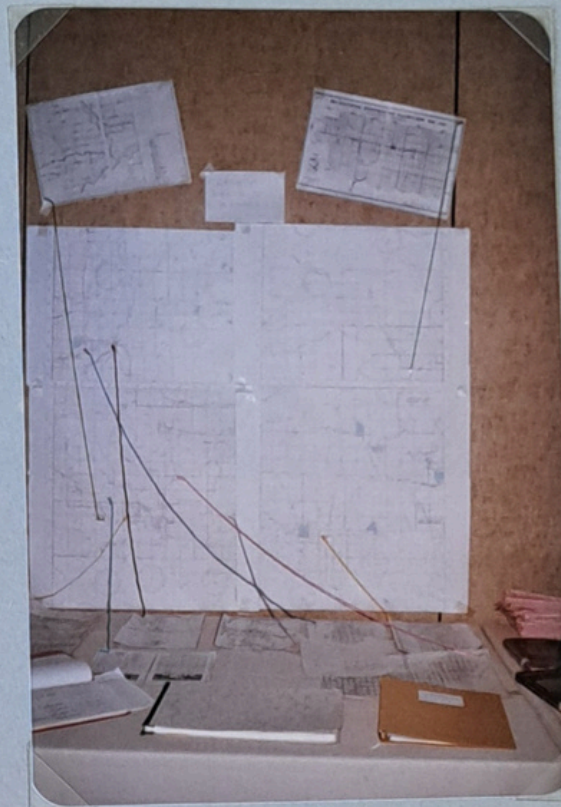
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GRANDE PRAIRIE DISPLAY

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April 15, 1981 General Meeting

Harry Lehener was the Guest Speaker, explaining how he had done his research in Germany.

May 20, 1981 General Meeting

Laura Turnbull gave a talk on how to research in Russia, as this is one of the areas that her family history research has taken her.

June 17, 1981 General Meeting

Beth Sheehan gave an interesting talk on her recent trip to Salt Lake City.

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WEDNESDAY - JUNE 17

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WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 19

*Senior Citizens Rec Centre Golden Age Day - Cards & Bingo at 1 p.m.

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Leisure Opportunities '81

Dancers, artists and grandmothers will all find something to interest them during Leisure Opportunities 1981 October 9 and 10. Over 40 local clubs, agencies and organizations will be represented at the two-day information session designed to let people see what Grande Prairie clubs have to offer. (See page two for more on Leisure Opportunities).

Sept. 16, 1981 General Meeting

Oct. 21, 1981 General Meeting

Our Guest Speaker was Brian Adams from 'Picture Perfect' on Conservation, Framing and Copying of Old Photographs.

Nov. 18, 1981 General Meeting

A Work-nite was put to good use by the members.

Dec. 16, 1981 General Meeting

A Christmas Social was held with seven people in attendance.

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focus Leisure time clubs offer display

FEATURE

BY COLIN LAMONT

Whether you like to spend your spare time square dancing, scuba diving or canoeing "Leisure Opportunities '81" will be offering you a chance to

find out what local clubs and organizations in Grande Prairie have to offer.

All local leisure oriented clubs, groups, organizations and agencies have

been invited to take part in Leisure Opportunities '81 through two days of displays, demonstrations and entertainment Friday, October 9 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oc-

tober 10 at the Prairie Mall.

"So far we have around 40 groups registered but I would guess that around 50 or 60 booths will be set up," said co-organizer of Leisure Opportunities '81,

Larry Wheeler of Parks and Recreation.

"This is a chance for any community group to display how they serve the public and what they have to offer as a contribution to the quality of life in Grande Prairie."

"It's a yearly opportunity for these clubs to say, hey, we exist and this is what we do."

Wheeler explained that the general public will also benefit from the two-day display.

"When you first come to a city like Grande Prairie it can be a problem to find things to do that you like to do in your spare time." People don't always know that they can phone Parks and Recreation to find out about clubs or organizations."

Judging from the list of organizations already signed up for Leisure Opportunities '81 that problem may be solved for anyone who shows up looking for information.

Groups and clubs like Hillside Community School, the Further Educa-

tion Council, the Grande Prairie Scuba Club, Parks and Recreation, the Go-Cart Club, and the Prairie Squares (square dancers) will all be taking part.

"The Prairie Squares will be offering a demonstration of square dancing and Parks and Recreation will be showing one film on fitness and another award winning feature made for Alberta's 75th Anniversary," said Wheeler.

Leisure Opportunities '81 will also offer a chance for local groups and agencies to get together and discuss similar problems or goals, Wheeler suggested.

"Last year was successful and we hope that this year will draw just as many people and groups," he added.

This is the fourth consecutive year that Leisure Opportunities has been featured in Grande Prairie.

Entry deadlines for any club, group or organization was October 2 but any group seeking information can contact Larry Wheeler at Parks and Recreation by calling the city at 532-4471.

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Grande Prairie This Week, Wednesday, November 18, 1981

GRANDE PRAIRIE and District Branch of Alberta Genealogical Society Meeting, Wednesday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., Hillside School Library.

Grande Prairie This Week, Wednesday, December 16, 1981

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GRANDE PRAIRIE AND DISTRICT BRANCH REPORT -- 1981

It has been a fairly active year for Grande Prairie Branch. We have held our usual monthly meetings as well as some mid-month work nights. Topics at the meetings have included: German Research and the local German-Canadian Society, Conservation Framing and the care of old photographs, Germans From Russia, summer research ideas, sharing night, plus a few more.

Other activities this year have included a display for "Leisure Opportunities". This generated considerable interest for the branch. Some of our members presented a panel discussion at a convention of the Seed Growers Association in January. The ladies seemed to enjoy the presentation and those of us involved certainly enjoyed doing it. We again had a table at the flea market and raised extra money to increase our library holdings.

Our cemetery recording committee has been working hard to colate all their recordings and rid them selves of some discrepancies. Several of the members have assisted in recording some of the cemeteries.

The 1982 Seminar Committee has of course been very busy, the results of which will soon be seen by everyone that attends. We have enjoyed preparing for the Seminar and have put in great deal of effort. We hope you enjoy yourselves, also.

We continue to publish our newsletter "Heritage Seekers", thanks to the great efforts of our editor, Mary Irons.

We have moved this year. Our meetings are now held at the Hillside Community School on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Jean Bauer, President.

Grande Prairie This Week, Wednesday, December 16, 1981



WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 16

*GP & District Branch of AB Genealogical Society meet at Hillside School Library, 7:30 p.m.

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Tracing our Roots

Tracing Our Roots is what our organization is all about. We are a group of about 30 people. We meet the third Wednesday of every month at Hillside school. The meetings provide speakers, library material, and an exchange of information — all to aid each of us to do our family research.

We will be holding our 9th Annual Provincial Seminar on April 2-3, 1981. Mrs. Joy Reisinger, editor of Lost In Canada and Ms. Frances Swrypka, Research Associate of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies will be our guest speakers. There will be displays, luncheon and other items of interest.

For more information regarding our branch or the seminar contact Mrs. Laura Turnbull — 6913 - 97A St., 532-7138.

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Jan. 20, 1982 General Meeting

Due to extremely cold weather, it was decided to cancel the meeting.

Feb. 17, 1982 General Meeting

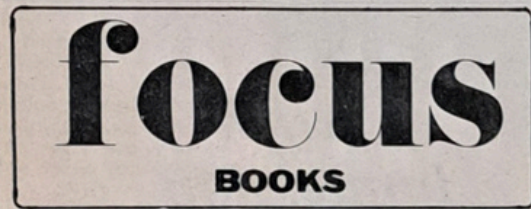
Amy Soltys of the Grande Prairie Public Library gave a talk on researching and research books available at the library.

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library expands magazine selection

By Amy Soltys

The Genealogical Helper is a bi-monthly magazine published by Everton Publishers of Utah. The magazine will be useful to many searching their family trees and compiling genealogies. Regular magazine features include advice from a professional genealogist, English record research, unusual or amusing anecdotes, bureau of missing ancestors, the missing folk finder and classified advertising. The Genealogical Helper joins **Relatively Speaking** and **The Heritage Seekers** in Grande Prairie Public Library's genealogy section.



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WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 20

*Tracing Your Roots meet at Hillside School. Visitors welcome. More info please call Paulette.

MONDAY - JANUARY 21

*Tae Kwon Do at St. Clements School, 7-9 p.m.

*Senior Citz. Rec centre Drop-In, 1-5 p.m.

*Tracing your Roots. Grande Prairie & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society meets at Recplex Conf. room, 7:30 p.m.

GRANDE PRAIRIE and District Branch of Alberta Genealogical Society meeting, February 17, 7:30 p.m. Hillside School Library.



WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 17

*Tracing Your Roots, AB Genealogical Society meet at Hillside School. More info call Paulette 532-5722.

*GP & District Branch of of AB Genealogical Society meeting Place at Hillside School Library, 7:30 p.m.

1982 EXECUTIVE

GRANDE PRAIRIE & DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Secretary	Margaret Owens	532-5823
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Historian	Merna Nelson	532-7957
Ancestor Index	Ellen Whaley	532-9178
Seminar 82	Laura Turnbull	532-7138



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

*Senior Citizens Rec. Centre: Golden Age Day, cards & bingo, 1 p.m.

*Community Health Nurse: 1:15 - 2 p.m.

*Grande Prairie & District Branch of Alberta Genealogical Society: Meet at Hillside School at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. For more information call Paulette 532-5277.

Seminar planned

The Alberta Genealogical Society will be holding a seminar in early April.

The seminar will be held at the Grande Prairie Motor Inn on Friday, April 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, April 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. A social evening will be included Friday and on Saturday a luncheon will be served. The seminar will in-

clude displays and films and the society will also be holding their ninth annual general meeting.

Guest speakers for the seminar are Joy Reisinger, editor of 'Lost in Canada' and Frances Swyripa, research associate at the Canadian Institutes of Ukrainian Studies. Mrs. Reisinger will be discussing

Eastern Canada research and Ms. Swyripa will be discussing Ukrainian research in Canada.

Seminar registration prior to March 19 is \$25 while after March 19 the registration fee will be \$30. For further information please call Laura Turnbull at 532-7138 or 539-7900, or Carol Thomson at 532-7524.

ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR 1982 - will be held at the Grande Prairie Motor Inn April 2 and 3. Guest speakers will be Joy Reisinger, editor of "Lost in Canada" and Frances Swyripa, research associate at Canadian Institutes of Ukrainian Studies. Registration fee is \$30. For further information please call Laura Turnbull at 532-7138 or 539-7900 or Carol Thomson at 532-7524.

Culture:

Family tree seminar

Pointers on how to dig up your family tree roots will be offered during the ninth annual seminar of the Alberta Genealogical Society April 3 and 4 in Grande Prairie.

The seminar will be held in the Grande Prairie Motor Inn with society guest speakers appearing from all over North America.

Speakers will include Mrs. Joy Reisinger from Wisconsin, publisher of "Lost in Canada" and Miss Frances Swyripa, research associate

at Canadian Institutes of Ukrainian Studies.

The society's local branch in Grande Prairie will host the two-day event. Local members are involved in showing families how to research their own family history using aids like provincial census material and library resources.

The seminar will offer display features, books and kits of genealogical interest to the public.

Admission to the seminar is \$30.

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GRANDE PRAIRIE and District Branch of Alberta Genealogical Society meeting, April 21, 7:30 p.m., Hillside School Library.

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 21

*Tracing Your Roots. AB Genealogical Society meet at Hillside School. Visitors welcome. More info call 532-5277.

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Church offers microfilm library to local research

By Kathy Murrie

Those who seek to find their roots, or perhaps expose a "skeleton" in the family closet, will find their task easier soon.

The Alberta Genealogical Society met in the city this past weekend, and the local Mormon Church announced it was opening a microfilm library service in Grande Prairie.

The service is a branch of the Genealogical Society Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons). It will mean access for Peace area family tree researchers to many of the extensive records held in the Salt Lake City, Utah headquarters of the church.

Use of the library will be free. It will be located in the Meeting House at 11212-102 Street, and is due to open Saturday mornings, starting May 15.

The Alberta Society (not affiliated with the church) held its annual general meeting and seminar, which included speakers and display tables. Joy Reisinger spoke on researching families in eastern Canada, and Frances Swyripa illuminated research on Ukrainian family origins.

Displays included the Mormon Church's microfilm apparatus, which was a popular stopping place, books and publications from the society, the local library and the Compleat Reader bookstore.

An election of the 1982 Society executive saw John McLean-Rennie of Cardston take the presidential seat. Ailsa Walker of Edmonton, Roberta (Bobbi) Weller of Wetaskiwin, and Victor Dawson of Camrose became first, second and third vice-presidents, respectively. Linda Peterson of Edmonton is new executive secretary,

and Kay Iseke of St. Albert, the treasurer.

Past-president of the society, Jack Fitzsimmons, announced that the Provincial Archives in Edmonton had recently purchased records from Ontario, covering several decades of the late 19th Century and were pursuing the purchase of some from Quebec and the Maritimes, in the near future.

He also announced tentative plans for a group bus trip to Salt Lake City in the early fall. The trip, which could accommodate about 47 people, would be intended for researchers to delve into the files of the Mormon Church.

The local branch of the Genealogical Society meets the third Wednesday of each month at Hillside School, and anyone interested should contact the president, Jean Bauer, at 532-6034 (daytime).

ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

SEMINAR 1982

Friday and Saturday, April 2nd and 3rd, 1982

Grande Prairie Motor Inn

SPEAKERS: (1) Mrs. Joy Reisinger: Editor of "Lost in Canada"
Topics: Eastern Canada Research
Publishing "Lost in Canada"

(2) Ms. Frances Swyripa: Research Associate at Canadian Institutes of Ukrainian Studies
Topic: Ukrainian Research in Canada

SESSIONS: Friday: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday Noon Luncheon Included

Displays + Films

Friday Evening Social

Ninth Annual General Meeting



* Rooms have been set aside by the Grande Prairie Motor Inn for those wishing to stay at the seminar site. Rates: \$35.00 double/north tower, \$40.00 double/south tower. Reserve your own by telephone (403) 532-5221 or write: Grande Prairie Motor Inn, 11633 Clairmont Road, Grande Prairie, Alberta. Please be sure to tell them you are attending the Alberta Genealogical Society Seminar.

* The Grande Prairie Little Theatre in conjunction with the Grande Prairie Symphony Orchestra and the Edmonton Opera Society is performing the "MIKADO" on April 2 + 3. For those interested, we will arrange for tickets to the Saturday evening April 3rd, 1982. Price of tickets will be approximately \$10.00 per person.

* For further information on any of the above, please call:
Laura Turnbull: 532-7138 (home) 539-7900 (work)
Carol Thomson: 532-7524 (home)

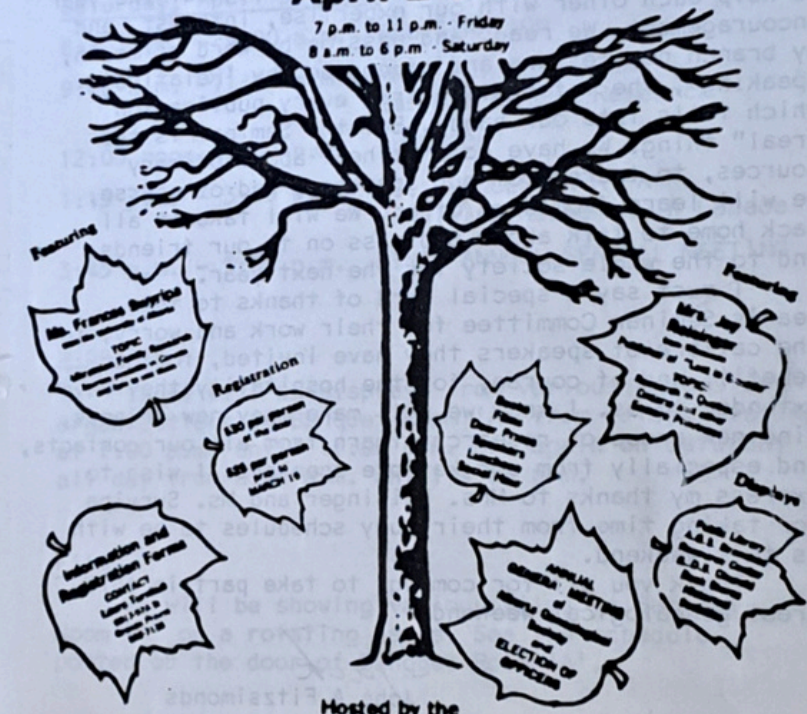
SEMINAR '82

ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Grande Prairie Motor Inn

April 2 & 3

7 p.m. to 11 p.m. - Friday
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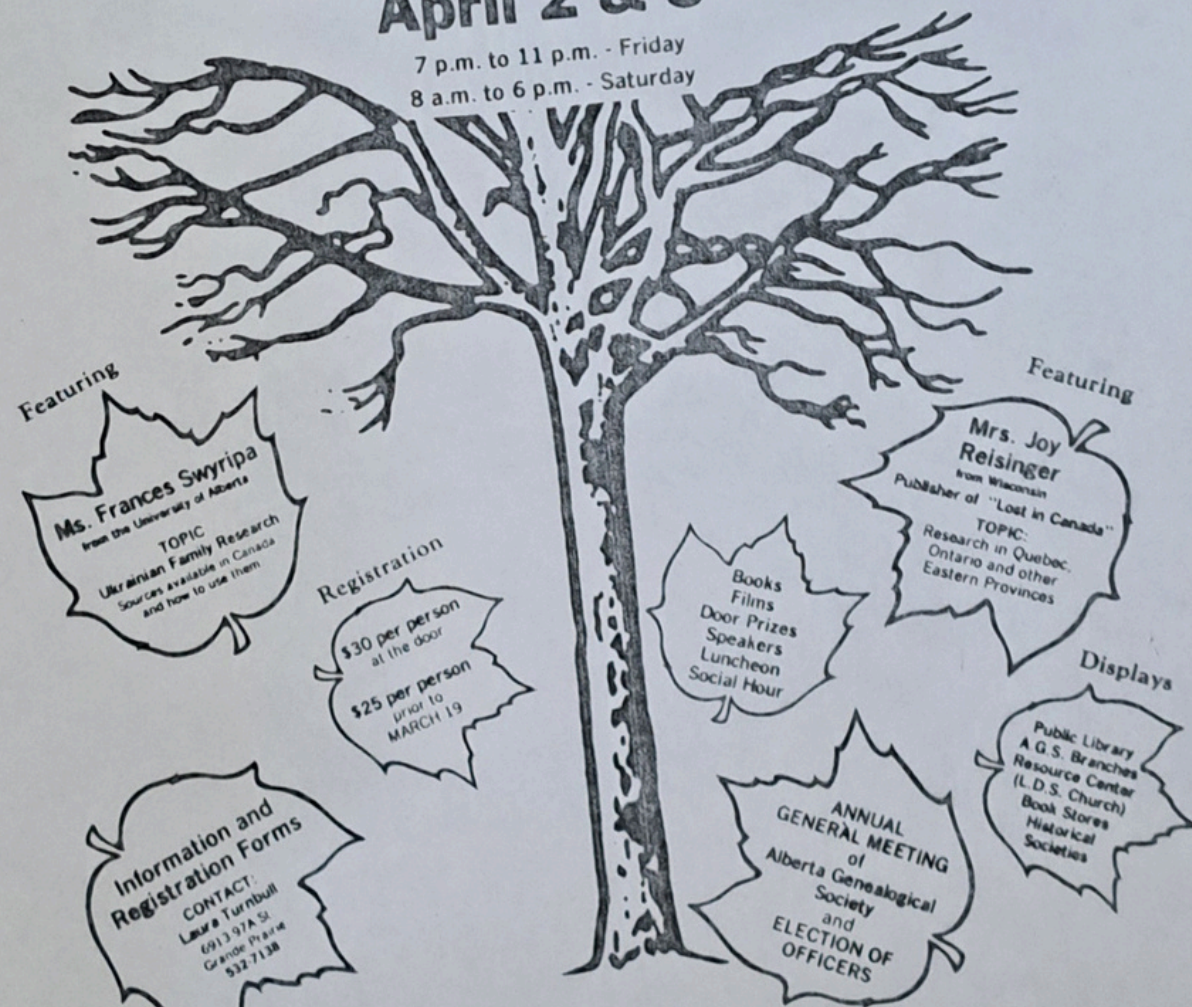
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Featuring

Ms. Frances Swyripa
from the University of Alberta
TOPIC:
Ukrainian Family Research
Sources available in Canada
and how to use them.

Registration

\$30 per person
at the door
\$25 per person
prior to
MARCH 19

Information and
Registration Forms
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Grande Prairie
532-7138

Featuring

Mrs. Joy Reisinger
from Wisconsin
Publisher of "Lost in Canada"
TOPIC:
Research in Quebec,
Ontario and other
Eastern Provinces

Books
Films
Door Prizes
Speakers
Luncheon
Social Hour

Displays

Public Library
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(L.D.S. Church)
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Alberta Genealogical
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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

It is my privilege to welcome each of you to this year's Seminar and to thank you for coming. It is your presence here that makes these Seminars so worthwhile.

The high point of each year's work is our Seminar. This year it is being hosted by our northern-most Branch, here in their home city. This seems to be the furthest north location in Canada for a genealogical Seminar to have been held. It may also be a North American, if not a world record!

Work began on the planning of this weekend well over a year ago, by the devoted members of the Alberta Genealogical Society in this area. Throughout the year we help each other with our expertise, interest, and encouragement. We read, and pass on by word of mouth, by branch newsletters and of course, by 'Relatively Speaking', the information from every publication which falls into our hands. But the Seminar is the "real" thing. We have come to hear about primary sources, to learn from our speakers, and of course, we will learn from each other. We will take it all back home to talk about and pass on to our friends and to the whole society for the next year.

I must say a special word of thanks to this year's Seminar Committee for their work and worry, for the calibre of speakers they have invited, for our benefit, and of course, for the hospitality they have extended to us. I know we will make many new friends, find new areas of research, learn from all our contacts, and especially from our keynote speakers. I wish to express my thanks to Mrs. Reisinger and Ms. Swyipa for taking time from their busy schedules to be with us this weekend.

Thank you all for coming, to take part in this great genealogical weekend.

Jack
John A Fitzsimonds
President

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING "SEMINAR '82"

We wish to welcome you to Grande Prairie and to Seminar '82.

It is our desire that this Seminar will be interesting, informative and enjoyable for all and that you have a pleasant stay in our city.

In the event you have a question, or require assistance, any of our members will be pleased to assist you.

We thank you for coming to the Seminar and hope that you will return for a visit in the future.

Grande Prairie + District Branch
Alberta Genealogical Society

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- City Discount Centre (Bert Fritsma)
 - Toot Your Roots
 - Pendragon House
 - Summit Publications
 - Goodspeed Book Shop
 - Acadian Publishers
 - Cumming Genealogical Exchange
 - Brigham Young University Press
 - Mika Publishing Company
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 - Acadian Imperial Bank of Commerce
 - Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce
 - Grande Prairie Yearbooks
 - Friesen Archives of Canada
 - Public Research Company
 - Gale Bookcellar
 - The Bookcellar
 - Everton Publishers
 - Bank of Montreal
 - Alberta Government Telephones
 - Alberta Bank of Canada
 - Royal Bank of Canada
 - Ne Brunswick Museum
 - Benoit Pontbriand, Grande Prairie This Week
 - Focus Publishing - Grande Prairie
 - Remax/Cross Country Real Estate
 - Grande Prairie + District Credit Union
 - Alberta Power Limited
 - The Earthloft Giftshop
 - Proctor + Gamble Cellulose
 - The Generation Gap (Louise Croft)
 - North Canadian Forest Products
 - Dawn Nelson
 - City of Grande Prairie
 - Turson Building Supplies Limited

WE WISH TO EXPRESS A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO DONATED BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, SERVICES OR MONEY SO THIS SEMINAR COULD BE HELD.

SEMINAR PROGRAM

Friday, April 2, 1982

- 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. REGISTRATION
- 8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. WELCOME ADDRESS
Helen Rice - City of Grande Prairie
- 8:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. MRS. JOY REISINGER
Publishing 'Lost in Canada'
- 9:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. SOCIALIZE + VIEW DISPLAYS

Saturday, April 3, 1982

- 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION
- 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. MRS. JOY REISINGER
Eastern Canada Research
- 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. LUNCHEON
- 1:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. MS. FRANCES SWYRIPA
Ukrainian Research in Canada
- 3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Displays

There will be displays from various groups and organizations in Banquet Room 'A' from Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. and again on Saturday all day from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Films

We will be showing various films in Banquet Room 'A' on a rotating basis. See the schedule posted on the door of Banquet Room 'A'.



Mrs. Joy Reisinger
Eastern Canada Research



Ms. Frances Swyripa
Ukrainian Research in Canada



Mrs. Joy Reisinger
Publishing 'Lost in Canada'



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Wednesday, June 9, 1982

GRANDE PRAIRIE and
District Branch of Alberta
Genealogical Society meeting
June 16, 7:30 p.m., Hillside
School Library.

Grande Prairie and District Branch
Alberta Genealogical Society
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GRANDE PRAIRIE
Notices

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— meet every third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in meeting room No. 1 at the
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HERALD-TRIBUNE, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1982

LIBRARY GEARING UP

The GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY is gearing up for a busy fall season. Two activities to be offered this month are a CREATIVE CRAFTS course and an introduction to GENEALOGY.

The craft series is offered to children aged six and up and will be held each Saturday at 10:30 a.m. The program begins Saturday, Sept. 18. Space is limited to 15 so the course is on a first come first served basis. A special craft will be featured each week.

Members of the GRANDE PRAIRIE and DISTRICT BRANCH of the ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY will be holding a session on How to Start a Family Tree on Wednesday, Sept. 22. The session will run from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and is free to all library members. Space is also limited in this program and pre-registration must be made by tomorrow. Genealogical items will be on display at the library during the month of September.

For more information and registration for both sessions please call 532-3580.

Register now for fall programs

By Pat Larter

Once again the Grande Prairie Public Library has a wide selection of fall programs available. The week of September 13 is pre-registration time for a number of adult and children's programs. If you wish to register or require additional information call the library at 532-3580.

A library tour can discuss the general services the library provides as well as focusing on the interests of specific groups. If your group is interested in taking advantage of this opportunity contact Mrs. Soltys at 532-3580 to arrange a suitable time.

Members from the Alberta Genealogical Society, Grande Prairie, and district branch will offer an introduction to the fascinating topic of genealogy Wednesday, September 22 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. As space is limited call the library to pre-register. The library has many items to assist patrons searching for their family roots which will be on display during the month of September.

Grande Prairie This Week, Wednesday, September 22, 1982

GRANDE PRAIRIE and District Branch of Alberta Genealogy Society meet every third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., meeting room 1, Dave Barr Arena. First meeting Sept. 21.



REGISTER NOW! For Leisure Opportunity '82'

*Leisure Opportunity '82' is to be held
September 24 & 25 at the Prairie Mall.*

Leisure Opportunity '82' is an excellent opportunity for all local, non-profit, leisure oriented clubs, organizations and agencies to:

- Demonstrate their contribution to improving the quality of life in Grande Prairie.
- Promote their activities services to fellow citizens.
- Share ideas and concerns with representatives of other participating groups.

The deadline for registration is
SEPTEMBER 15, 1982.

*Registration forms are available at
Parks and Recreation.*

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
OFFICES IN THE REC PLEX PHONE: 539-8080**

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Leisure - what's your pleasure

By Kathy Murrie

For anyone wanting to find something fulfilling to do with their spare time, Leisure Opportunities at the Prairie Mall this weekend is the place to look.

The annual recreation and leisure time information session organized by the city's Parks and Recreation Department returns Friday evening from 6 to 9 pm and all day Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm.

About 40 varied booths or displays will be featuring something for everyone, including possible demonstrations from the Judo and Tae Kwon Do clubs, MaPa's and some of the Symphony, the Photography club and St. Johns Ambulance.

Whatever a person's interests there is bound to be something appealing or new to try from researching one's roots with the Genealogical Society to getting into a good

book with the Public Library to viewing the Prairie Gallery's varied exhibits.

The Community Schools will have their corners to display their impressive fall and winter programs for young and old and in between as will also the Parks and Recreation Department itself.

For the more energetic, activities or displays to watch for include Scottish Highland Dance and clubs for rugby, curling and skiing among many others.

There will be a wealth of literature, films, video-tapes and people willing to explain their group's or club's special focus.

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GP & DISTRICT BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY
— meet every third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in meeting room No. 1 at the Dave Barr Arena. First meeting is Sept. 21.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1982
GP & DISTRICT BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY — meet every third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in meeting room No. 1 at the Dave Barr Arena. First meeting is Sept. 21.

How to start a family tree

Registration for the children's programs began Sept. 13 and continues through this week. The programs being offered are Time For Tots, a program for two-year-olds and Mostly Music, a music appreciation program for three-to-five-year-olds.

Creative Crafts is a drop-in program for children age six and up. This program is limited to 15 participants and is on a first come, first served basis. Each week will feature a special craft. September 18 is the first day of this challenging program.

An adult program entitled How To Start a Family Tree is being held Sept. 22, 7:30 - 9 p.m. Members of the Alberta Genealogical Society, Grande Prairie Branch, will offer an introduction to the fascinating topic of genealogy. Space is limited so preregister by calling the library at 532-3580 during the week of September 13.

Need a question answered but have no time to visit the library? Why not call us instead. The library staff are ready, willing and able to help you.

What types of questions do we answer? Do other people telephone in? The Library has answered nearly 13,000 questions since January. Thirty-five per cent of these questions were asked over the telephone. So... you will not be the only one to telephone.

What types of questions can you ask? There are no written

restrictions therefore perhaps some examples of the types of questions we have had in the past will help guide you. How do I address a letter to the Queen of England? Who is the provincial cabinet minister in charge of native affairs? What is the address of Trinity College in Bristol, England? What is Prince Charles' full name? Do you have the Vancouver telephone book? How is the word "conscientious" spelled?

These questions are "quick fact" questions and can usually be answered quite quickly over the telephone. Sometimes, however, we will take your name and telephone number and call back when we have the answer.

What about less specific areas such as subject requests or author requests? Does the library have anything on how to start a business? I would like some books by James Herriot. Does the library have any? I have to do a presentation on herbal medicines. Can you help me? These questions can be answered with a yes or no answer, but our service extends beyond this. We will put the books or any information we find on reserve. This means that we will hold the material for you for seven days.

Often a question cannot be answered by consulting one or two books. Magazines have to be searched. We will start the search for you and head you in the right direction. Often doing research in magazines leads to another service we offer — our interlibrary loan service. This service opens the doors



Books

By Pamela Chislett

to library collections throughout Canada. We telex a title request and immediately Alberta libraries search their collections for the item. If unsuccessful in Alberta, the search extends to the other provinces. Mind you, all of this takes time but the service is free and if you can afford the time, the results are often worthwhile.

Related to the interlibrary loan service is our Zenith line service. In plain English, we have a direct telephone line to the Edmonton Public Library. If we do not have any books on a particular subject and cannot answer a question from our collection, the Edmonton Public Library will search their collection and send some books or photocopies of magazine articles.

Both of these services extend the Grande Prairie Public Library's collection and result in our better serving your information needs.

Next time you need some information — a plan for a doghouse, a recipe for rosehip jam or some books on astral projection — Call your library: 532-3580. We have the answers.

DAILY HERALD-TRIBUNE, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1982
GP & DISTRICT BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY
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GRANDE PRAIRIE & DISTRICT BRANCH REPORT

The year 1982 for the Grande Prairie Branch has been primarily a year of promoting genealogy.

We started the year off on a cold -40 degree January day by several of us attending the Provincial Seed Growers Association meeting to take part in entertaining, genealogy wise, the wives of the men attending the meeting. This was our first time for such a venture and proved very fulfilling to all.

On invitation in February, two of our members gave talks on genealogy to two of our city schools.

The highlight of our year was to host for the first time, the 1982 Provincial Seminar. It was also the first time for the seminar to be held in the north part of the Province. We sincerely hope that those who attended enjoyed it.

In September, several of our members assisted with a Genealogy Seminar held at the Grande Prairie Public Library. This seminar was advertised during the summer months with the colorful AGS display signs and the display of two of our members family history books and corresponding picture album.

Other activities in our branch is to publish our newsletter quarterly. Also an on-going project is the cemetery recording. The Glenn Leslie Cemetery is almost completed and the Grande Prairie Cemetery, a large project, is in the making. The Valleyview Cemetery and the DeBolt Cemetery are also being done. Several others have been looked into.

During 1982, our Branch held eight general meetings which took in sharing and workshop nights, a guest speaker from the Public Library, and one on planning a family reunion. Our meeting place changed in September from the third Wednesday of the month at the Hillside School to the second Tuesday of the month at the Dave Barr Arena, Room 1.

(Signed) B. Joan Bowman, President

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DAILY HERALD-TRIBUNE, MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1983

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DAILY HERALD-TRIBUNE, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1983

GP & DISTRICT BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY — meet every third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in meeting room No. 1 at the Dave Barr Arena.

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GP & DISTRICT BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY — meet every third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in meeting room No. 1 at the Dave Barr Arena.

DAILY HERALD-TRIBUNE, MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1983

GP & DISTRICT BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY — meet every third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in meeting room No. 1 at the Dave Barr Arena.

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GRANDE PRAIRIE and District Branch of Alberta Genealogy Society meet every third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., meeting room 1, Dave Barr Arena.

PAGE 2 DAILY HERALD-TRIBUNE, TUESDAY, JULY 12, 1983

Genealogical club looking for help

Members of the Grande Prairie branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society have a big job on their hands and they need help.

Along with genealogical societies across Canada and the world, the local club is putting together a list of headstone inscriptions, cemetery plot plans and burial records to help people in search of their roots.

"Because a lot of the cemeteries are deteriorating in years to come there won't be any record of that," said project co-ordinator Gwen Turner.

"We will try to co-ordinate all three (aspects) in a booklet form," she said. "When we get it all done we will be putting it in the archives in Edmonton."

The records will make it easier on individuals tracing their family trees by making a personal visit to the grave not needed — at times costly and time consuming.

Headstone deterioration and missing or non-existent burial records are making the society's job difficult, Mrs. Turner said. Inactive and older graveyards are causing the greatest problems because records are sketchy, or have not been located and many graves are unmarked.

Headstone recording has been started on many cemeteries including Grande Prairie, Glenn Leslie, Lake Saskatoon, Emerson Trail, Nordon, Scenic Heights, St. Andrews, La Glace Menonite, Pipe Stone, Spring Creek, Poplar Hill, West Clairmont, Mountain Side, North Field, Debolt and Valleyview.

Anyone with information regarding cemeteries, lone graves, burial records or plot plans of cemeteries in their community are asked to contact Mrs. Turner by writing 10413 102 Ave. Grande Prairie, T8V 1A2 or calling 532-2687.

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Genealogical executive



The Grande Prairie and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society recently elected a new executive: (front, l-r) Past-President Jean Bauer, Vice-President Jean Lowe, President Joan Bowman; (back, l-r) Historian Merna Nelson, Treasurer Linda Scott, Secretary Lynn Czaban, Cemetery Co-ordinator Gwen Turner, Librarian Judy Brewster. Missing from photo is Membership Secretary Beulah Johnson. Branch member Laura Turnbull (photo left) has been elected president of the Alberta Genealogical Society and city resident Pat Cooke has been elected treasurer for the provincial society. The local society holds meetings the third Tuesday of each month in Room 1 of the Dave Barr Arena. Anyone interested in family histories and and research is welcome.

GRANDE PRAIRIE & DISTRICT BRANCH REPORT

The fiscal year, April 1983 to March 1984, has been quite successful, exciting and informative for our members.

Rather than have regular meetings in April and May, 1983, our Branch attended as a group two librarys. First, the Genealogical Library of the L.D.S. Church in April; and in May, the Grande Prairie Public Library. At each place we received very informative show and tell talks on the genealogy material available at these places for our members.

In June, our branch had a human interest story published in two local newspapers, the Grande Prairie Herald Tribune and the Rural Route, regarding an explanation of the importance of the on going project of Genealogy Societies purpose in Cemetery Recording. At the June meeting, we received the results of a survey within our branch of what were our members interests, wishes, beefs, concerns etc.

We held no meetings in July and August, 1983. However, in that time we had a carpenter build us a portable cupboard to house our library collection. Our September meeting was an exciting occasion, as not only our library cupboard was ready, but we also had acquired a new meeting place: the conference room of the Financial Building - 10124-101 Ave. The best part being we can leave our library cupboard at our meeting place and members may go there at their convenience and use the library.

Our October meeting was in two parts: the first half being a "Beginners Work Shop", and the latter half being an "Ancestor Index Workshop". We held no meeting in December. However, we did have a Christmas Social.

At our January 1984 meeting, we heard a talk on information available to the genealogist at funeral homes. The February meeting saw change of executive for the 1984-85 term. And in March, a talk from Laura Turnbull on research in England and her trip there in 1982.

Our Branch continues to publish quarterly "Heritage Seekers", and work on cemetery recordings. We hope to have some cemetery recordings for print in 1984.

(Signed) E. Joan Bowman, President

DAILY HERALD-TRIBUNE, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1983

YOU MAY RECALL Margaret Apling of Toledo, Ohio, who earlier this year sought information on her father's burial site and that of a younger sister. With the help of Potpourri, her quest was successful.

Mrs. Apling was in the city last summer although I was only able to talk to her on the phone.

Seven people contacted her about the matter after it was mentioned here. Mrs. Apling writes:

"We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks for their concern and response. Our thanks go to Barbara and Ellis Turner, Joan Bowman, Walter and Margaret Peterson, Charles and Winnie Moore, Ron Moody, Marge Knobbe and son, Margaret Weatherby, Edith Ferris, Gwen Turner, Pam Chislett, Isabel Campbell, Oliver Funeral Home, Mayor Hugh Impney, the chamber of commerce and the RCMP."

She cites Rudolph Knobbe, now of Creston, B.C., and folk in the city, Debolt and Beaverlodge for assisting her. Glad to help, Mrs. Apling.

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DAILY HERALD-TRIBUNE, MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1984
GP & DISTRICT BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY — hold meetings the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Volunteer Services Bureau (Financial Building). Workshops are held the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1984
GP & DISTRICT BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY — hold meetings the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Volunteer Services Bureau (Financial Building). Workshops are held the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

DAILY HERALD-TRIBUNE, MONDAY, MAY 14, 1984
GP & DISTRICT BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY — hold meetings the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Volunteer Services Bureau (Financial Building). Workshops are held the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

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Club Dates

GP & DISTRICT BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY — hold meetings the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Volunteer Services Bureau (Financial Building). Workshops are held the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.



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Know any historic buildings?

Alberta Culture's Historic Sites service is taking stock of buildings that were put up in 1930 or earlier and Summer STEP (Student Temporary Employment Program) workers are busily surveying the older sites across the province. It's part of an inventory begun in 1976 creating a storage bank of historical and architectural information, explains local STEP worker Marg Smart, a pre-med student at Grande Prairie Regional College. She has as her area MD 133, ID 19 and ID 20 (which includes the Woking, Wanham, Spirit River, Rycroft areas), and would like to hear from Peace residents who know of, or maybe own, buildings 54 years and older. Contact her through Alberta Culture's regional office in Grande Prairie, 538-5408.

Church expanded:

LDS opens large cultural- rec. area

By KATHY MURRIE
of our staff

The third phase of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) in Grande Prairie was officially dedicated last week.

Lorne C. Dunn of the First Council of the Seventies from Salt Lake City, along with Melvin C. Green who is president of the Calgary Canada Mission, joined local church members, officers and other community representatives in a luncheon, tour and ceremony May 9.

The third, west-side phase of approximately 10,000 square feet houses the church's cultural and recreational facilities, explained Ken Shaw, guiding his guests through the church located at 11212-102 St. The newest wing has a spacious gymnasium and stage, used both by church members and the community in general.

The walls of the gym are decked with colorful banners depicting each of the 12 congregations of the Grande Prairie District, including Worsley and Manning to the north, Tumbler

Ridge and Chetwynd to the west and High Prairie to the east, with about 1,500 members altogether.

SECOND PHASE

The second phase was the chapel dedicated in 1973. Approximately 275 people can be seated in the chapel that includes a nursery, said district president LaRon Woolley. The chapel has also been used in past years as one of the venues for the GP and District Music Festivals.

Leading his guests that included Grande Prairie mayor Oscar Blais, as well as missionaries to Dawson Creek Norman and Margaret Henderson, Mr. Shaw came to the first phase, originally dedicated in 1964.

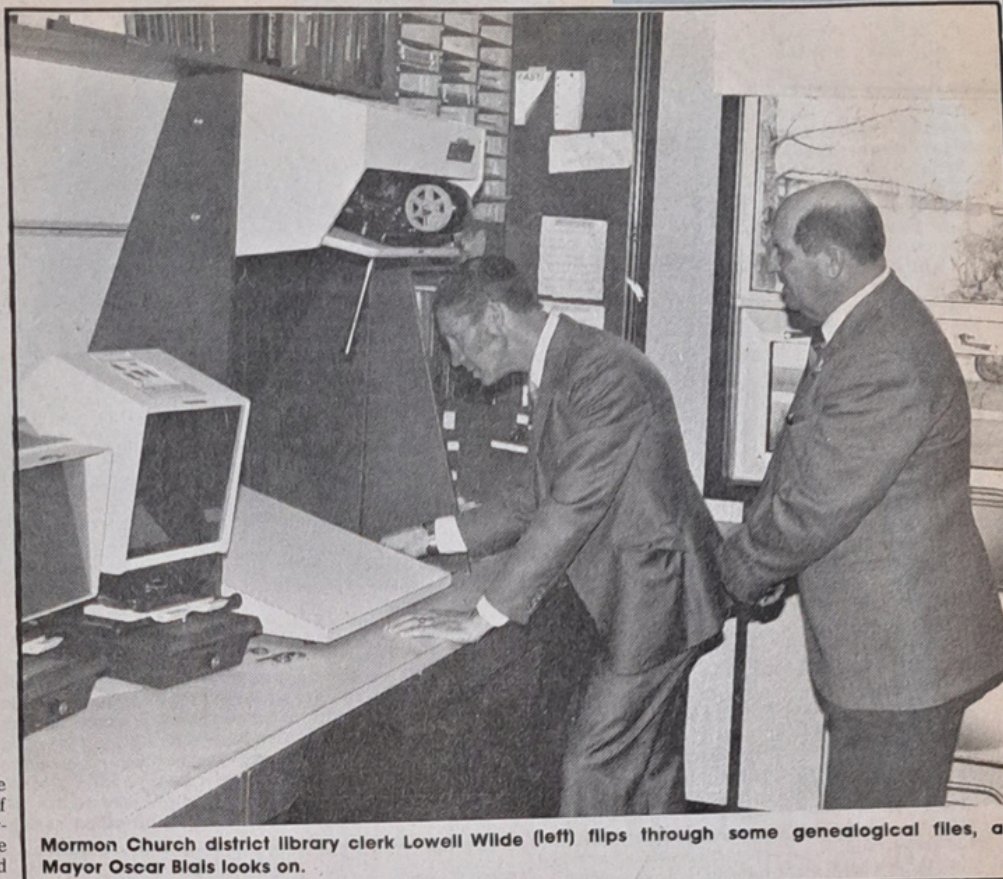
Initially the chapel, the first phase houses the baptism room, library with teaching materials and

audio-visual aids, Primary classroom, and genealogical reference library. The Seventh Grande Prairie Cubs and Scouts use the Primary room as their meeting place, and district library clerk Lowell Wilde demonstrated the genealogical files which are well-used by the public as well as church members.

Mr. Dunn proudly pointed out that "Roots" author Alex Haley did much of the research into his family's history in the United States through the Salt Lake City Mormon church headquarters with its main genealogical reference library. It includes records gathered by members from around the world, which may be accessed by any member church.

EXPANDED ON TOUR

Mr. Dunn later expanded on his tour and duties as member of the First Council — his territory ranges



Mormon Church district library clerk Lowell Wilde (left) flips through some genealogical files, as Mayor Oscar Blais looks on.

across the northern U.S. plains region, Alberta, eastern B.C., as well as the Northwest and Yukon Territories. "That means a lot of touring," he added, including occasional trips like one set for next month to Santiago, Chile.

The First Council, he said, is one of the three governing bodies of the church and includes the first presidency, which consists of a president and two councillors, and the 12 apostles. They "supervise the work of the church both in Salt Lake City and around the world," he said.

Mission tours, such as that which brought Mr. Dunn to Grande Prairie as well as Lethbridge, Calgary and Edmonton, are conducted "maybe six times a year, meeting with

elders and local church members".

"There are about 27,000 missionaries active today, teaching in 18 languages including English," said Mr. Dunn, adding that his son had been sent on a mission to Tokyo while he himself had journeyed to Australia to teach.

Men, women and couples can undertake missionary work, he said and about 120 are active in the Calgary mission area alone, from all around the world - from Europe to the South Pacific.

The church is growing, said the mission president. "We add about a million members every two years...and a lot of people look on us as the fastest-growing church in the world."

DAILY HERALD-TRIBUNE, FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 1984
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GRANDE PRAIRIE AND DISTRICT BRANCH

The fiscal year, April 1984 to March 1985, has been quite an active and good year for our branch with the exception of the constant black cloud of finances and fund raising.

In May, 1984, we held a "silent book auction" for fundraising. That project had everyone bring used books of all kinds. Members then picked out books they wished to have and purchased them by paying whatever price they wished and the money went to our branch. The sale proved very successful, and so now it is a constant and ongoing project within our branch. Also at our May meeting was guest speaker, Paul Pivert of "Panada Camera", who gave us an excellent talk on taking pictures of old photographs and the type of equipment that is available for such.

The June meeting was a work night. Our members wish to have as little business as possible at our meetings so as to have more time to spend on research and in our library.

We held no meetings in July and August 1984, however, in that time we were able to obtain a new meeting place - the spacious and luxurious TV room of the Pioneer Lodge, 9508 - 100 Avenue, Grande Prairie, Alberta. We had previously met in the Conference Room of the Financial Building, but due to them being unable to accommodate us any longer, we were forced to find a new meeting place. To find one that would also allow us to store our library cupboard at all times was not an easy task. We pay no rent at the Pioneer Lodge.

At our September meeting, fundraising was again the main discussion of the meeting. Serving coffee and juice at fifty cents per person at our meetings was reinstated after a two year lapse. Also, Ellen Whaley of the L.D.S. Church, and past member, was our speaker for the evening. Ellen gave us a talk on the "Family Register" project of the L.D.S. Church.

The October meeting was directed primarily to new members in that we invited several old and past members to attend our meeting, and to bring their family history books to show the newer members the various ways of setting up family history and/or records.

Our November meeting got the ball rolling towards our change of executive by nomination forms being sent out to all members. As well, past member Harry Lehner was our enjoyable and enlightening speaker for the evening telling us of his German research, and the Lehner family, as well as why and how he set up his information.

We held no meeting in December. However, our branch did receive a Christmas gift in the form of a \$150 donation from Proctor and Gamble in Grande Prairie.

Our January meeting was short in business matters, and the bulk of the evening was spent with Laura Turnbull giving us a very informative and interesting talk on putting family history on a computer. Laura brought her Apple II computer to demonstrate on, and used the program "Roots".

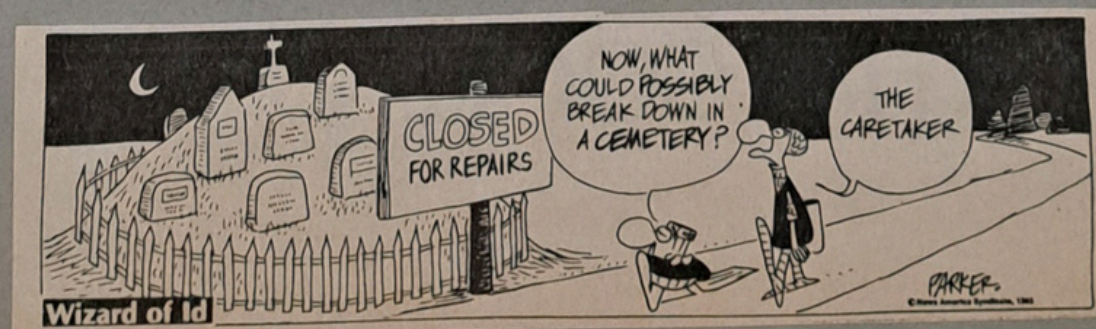
The February meeting saw the change of executive to: Mina Dunn, President; Carol Thomson, Vice President and Secretary; Merna Nelson, Treasurer; and Joan Bowman, Past President. At the meeting we saw the start of a project introduced by our Librarian in the fall, whereby all our members submit the names and areas they are researching. The information will be compiled and also put on maps to be shared and to help one another.

Our branch continues to publish the quarterly "The Heritage Seekers", and to work on cemetery recordings. This past year, member, Fran Moore, completed and submitted for publishing the "Valleyview Cemetery" at Valleyview, Alberta.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. Joan Bowman, Past President

DAILY HERALD-TRIBUNE, MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1984
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Club Dates

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Around Town

By KATHY MURRIE

Family trees...

If there's a branch — or a whole tree — to explore in your family, think about Red Deer in the spring. The Alberta Genealogical Society hosts its annual seminar there, April 19-20, with workshops, displays and keynote speaker Jimmy Parker talking on "Migrations". If you're interested, contact either Publicity Director Maxine Rodgers at 343-6391, or local Branch President Joan Bowman, 26-11401-100 St., Grande Prairie (532-4697). Registration's \$40 and the seminar is at Red Deer's popular Black Knight Inn.

Jan. 15, 1985. Laura Turnbull (#555) gave a presentation on computers and genealogy.

Feb. 19, 1985. Introduction of New Executive.

Mar. 19, 1985. Book donations made by Fran Moore (#1288), Merna Nelson (#533), and Carol Thomson (#445). Member's nite: Leita Askew shared her husband's great, great grandfather's diary - Rev. Murdock Stewart - which she transcribed from a copy obtained from the Nova Scotia Archives. - Judy Brewster shared some of her genealogical and historical books which have hepled her research.

<u>EXECUTIVE:</u>		
President	Mina Dunn	538-2486
Vice-President	Carol Thomson	532-7524
Treasurer	Merna Nelson	532-7957
Secretary	Carol Thomson	532-7524
Past-President	Joan Bowman	532-4697
<u>COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:</u>		
Librarian	Judy Brewster	532-0721
Membership Secretary	Beulah Johnson	532-3089
Cemetery Co-ordinator	Gwen Turner	532-2687
Historian	Merna Nelson	532-7957
Ancestor Index	Leita Askew	539-1359
* Research Committee: Fran Moore (Chairman), Gwen Turner & Joan Bowman		
<u>MEETINGS:</u>		
The third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Pioneer Lodge, 9508 - 100 Ave., Grande Prairie, Alberta		

Apr. 19 & 20, 1985. Black Knight Inn, Red Deer, Alberta. Laura Turnbull (#555) stepped down as Provincial President, and turned the gavel over to Edmonton Branch member, Wilf Allen. Laura then volunteered to fill the position of Provincial Treasurer.



(above) Wilf Allen Laura Turnbull



(above) Laura Turnbull & Jack Layton



(above) Laura Turnbull conducting meeting while Judy Nuthack takes the minutes.



(above) Gwen Turner, Mina Dunn & Merna Nelson

May 21, 1985. Meeting was held at the local L.D.S. genealogy library which showed us the wealth of genealogical material available.

Jun. 18, 1985. "Writing a Family History" presented by Fran Moore (#1288).

Sept. 1985. Leisure Opportunities Display was held in early September.

Sept. 17, 1985. Provincial President Wilf Allan was guest speaker, giving us a talk on Salem Witches and the Mayflower descendants which he has many in his family tree. - Thanks to Leita Askew for her work on our library card catalog. - Many thanks for donations made to our library by: Beth Sheehan (#609) - the 1848 - 1850 Canada West (Ontario) Census Index, and Allan Locke (#1059) - the Methodist Lake Saskatoon Wembly Parish 1916 to 1963 records



l-r: Carol Thompson, Bev
Cunningham, (standing) Beth
Sheehan, and Lieta Askew
below: Allan Lock presents book
to Lieta Askew for our library



Oct. 15, 1985. Justina Ferris spoke on hereditary diseases and showed us a slide presentation. - Leita Askew (#1536) has indexed the Methodist Lake Saskatoon Parish Register.



Daily Herald-Tribune, Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1985

G.P. BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY — will be holding their first meeting, after the summer holidays, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Lodge. Guest speaker will be Wilf Allan, president of the Alberta Genealogy Society from Edmonton, speaking about genealogy research done regarding New England, the Mayflower and the Salem Witches and how they're connected.

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Wow...

It wasn't the biggest Leisure Opportunities ever, but the weekend's gathering of community groups and services had to be one of the liveliest. There was something there for everyone: baton twirlers, Scouting, Big Sisters and Big Brothers, the Public Library, Genealogy Society, Luge Association, ski patrol, badminton and judo clubs, model airplanes and trains. . . the list goes on. You could buy balloon pins and hats, watch live and video performers, try out a luge sled for size, do a bit of stencil art, look over colorful displays, and talk to knowledgeable people about their groups. Well done, everyone.

JUL. 1985.
CLIPTOMANIA IS THE TALENT Clairmont's Beth Sheehan has brought to hot air ballooning in Grande Prairie. Mrs. Sheehan has painstakingly clipped virtually every photograph and article on hot air ballooning every published in the Grande Prairie media. She has also collected an assortment of articles from other media, including Maclean's and Harrowsmith.

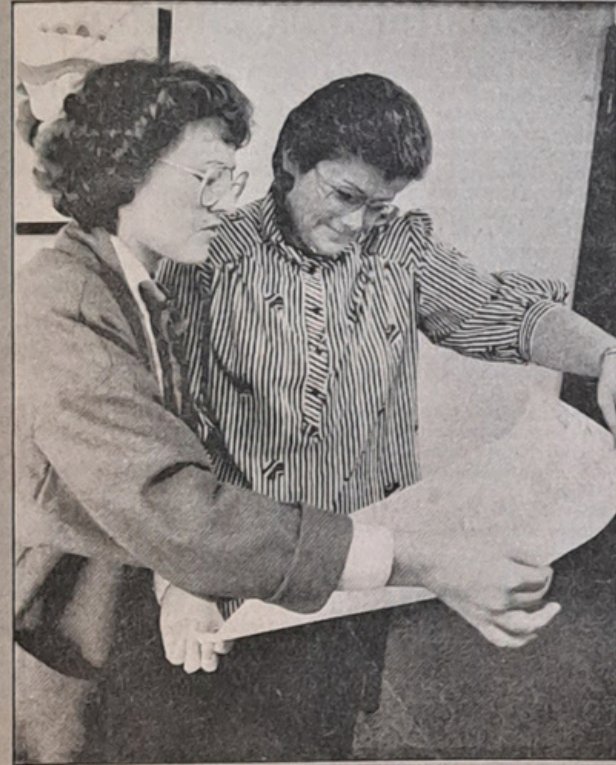
The local material is showcased in six massive binders, with the non-local material assembled in one other.

These binders will be on display throughout next week's hot air balloon championships at the balloon office in the Trümpeter Motor Inn.

After that they will find a permanent home in the Grande Prairie Public Library.

Editor of "The Heritage Seekers". Joan Bowman. 532-4697

Trace your family tree?



Genealogist Bonita Larsen (left) shows her family tree to GP Friendship Centre Executive Director Melodie Wilton

Probably one of the best things about finding your roots is feeling that you're not alone, you've got something in common with many other people. That's what Bonita Larsen feels, and some of her roots in the Peace Country go back to the late 18th century — so far. She'll be leading a workshop on how to get yourself started in tracing your family tree and organizing what you find. The workshop and follow-up are tentatively set to run 1-4 p.m., Oct. 26 and Nov. 9 at the GP Friendship Centre (10105-97 Ave.). Organizers would like pre-registration by Oct. 11. Call for more information at 532-9722. A \$25 workshop fee includes a kit with everything you need to get going, while the sessions will include displays by members of the local branch of the Genealogy Society — and "lots of support," adds Bonita. See you there?

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Around Town



Kathy Murrie

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Club Dates

GENEALOGY SOCIETY — meets the third Tuesday of each month in the TV room of the Pioneer Lodge.

Shaben to do the honors

NOV. 1985.

GRANDE PRAIRIE — Housing Minister Larry Shaben will be in the city next week for the official opening of the Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation regional office. The opening will take place Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 2-4 p.m., with Shaben cutting a ribbon at 2:30. The office is located at 9909-102 St.

Nov. 6, 1985. Gertrude Rooksby (#992), Phyllis Partlow (#1520), Bev Cunningham (#1475) and Merna Nelson (#533) served tea for the Alberta Mortgage Association for which our club received a donation of \$150.00.

AMHC

The Honourable Larry R. Shaben

Minister of Housing and the staff of Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation invite you to attend the official opening of

Grande Prairie Regional Office
9909-102 Street
Grande Prairie, Alberta

Wednesday,
November 6, 1985
2:00-4:00 pm
Ribbon Cutting: 2:30 pm

All of AMHC's rental housing programs, including Community Housing, Senior Citizens' Self-contained and Senior Citizens' Lodge, are serviced out of this office. The Grande Prairie office will also process applications under its mortgage lending and insurance programs, including Alberta Family Home Purchase Program, Modest Apartment Program and Mobile Home Loan Insurance Program.

AMHC Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 1985
G.P. BRANCH OF THE ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY — will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Lodge. The guest speaker this month will be Marie Besupre who is involved with the Smoky River Genealogy Society and will be speaking to us on the data available in their library in Donnelly and genealogy research on Catholic church records. Members and interested guests are welcome.

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1985 9
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Newspaper article --Feb 1986 --

Friday, Nov. 15, 1985

Books eaten away from within

BOSTON (AP) — Books in libraries all over the world are being eaten away from within because of the acidic paper they were printed on, Harvard University's head librarian says.
"This is an international problem," said Sidney Verba, who directs the world's largest university library with 10.5 million volumes. "Most of the books are rotting away in libraries, and we have to work out a way so that the largest number of titles is preserved."
Verba said one-third of the three million books in Widener Library, the university's largest, are in serious condition and he estimated a large portion of the entire university collection could turn to dust by

the turn of the century.
The culprit is paper made from acidic wood pulp, which replaced expensive cotton and linen fibre paper popular in the 1870s. The acid eats away at paper, turning it brown and brittle over several decades. Ultraviolet light and acidic ink speed up the process.
"It eventually ends up as confetti," said Jean-Philippe Wheeler, head of Widener's preservation department.
The problem came to light a decade ago, when librarians began noting centuries-old books were in better condition than books less than a century old, he said.

Friday, Nov. 8, 1985

Important permit

The postal administration of Yugoslavia now requires an import permit for all postal items which have a value of more than 1500 dinars (\$15.). The sender must advise the addressee in Yugoslavia of items that are going to be mailed and their value, so the addressee may obtain an import permit.

GRANDE PRAIRIE AND DISTRICT BRANCH

ANNUAL REPORT

The 1985 year of the Grande Prairie and District Branch has been a good year generally.

Meeting topics ranged from:

March - members shared their research books

April - Leita Askew spoke on completing your Ancestor Index

May - a tour of the local LDS library

June - group discussion was held on our branch's publicity

September - Wilf Allan spoke on his New England research and A.G.S.

October - a local health nurse presented hereditary diseases

November - Marie Beaupré of the Smokey River Genealogical & Historical Society told of their facilities

December - Christmas Social

January - work night was held to do our research map for library

February - elections will be held

It was with regrets that we accepted our president Mina Dunn's resignation in November. There was some restructuring of the executive and Carol Thomson took on the presidency and Joan Bowman agreed to be our interim secretary.

Earlier in the year a publicity chairman was appointed - Sharon Schneider - who has done a very good job of promoting our branch to the general public.

We also started a unique method of arranging for meeting programs. The membership was divided into ten groups with each group responsible for hosting one meeting a year. This has proved very successful.

Another new feature is roll call with the membership secretary asking a question of each member and guest as she calls their name. This has made us all more aware of each others research as well as being able to help our guests. Questions are of a genealogical nature.

Our quarterly "Heritage Seekers" has been printed regularly and our library has almost outgrown its cupboard. The only general dark note is that our membership has shrunk to thirty members, but we hope to remedy this in the new year.

Submitted by

Carol Thomson 16

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February 18, 1986 General Meeting:

11 Present.

Guest: Linda Chang - researching in Sweden.

Minutes of November meeting read. Phyllis Partlow adopted the minutes as read. Seconded by Laura Turnbull. No minutes for December as it was a social evening. January was a worknight with no meeting as such.

Heard election results:
President - Carol Thomson
Vice President - Phyllis Partlow
Secretary - Fran Moore
Treasurer - Merna Nelson

Appointed positions to be settled at the executive meeting.

Signing authority card to be completed and with four signatures as two of the four executive are out of town. Four makes it more convenient at times.

Roll call: Introduce yourself and give one or two area's you are researching in.

Treasurer's Report by Merna Nelson: \$441.64 for January, 1986.
\$293.69 balance for February, 1986.
Bev. Wohlgenuth adopted the treasurer's report as read. Seconded by Allan Lock.

Report from Librarian Leita Askew: New books ordered. So far "In Search of European Roots" received. Linda made a motion we purchase for \$7.50 the two A.G.S. publications we don't have. They are "Ancestor Index Vol. #10" and "Ontario on the Prairies".

Report from Laura Turnbull: If you have not paid your membership by January 31, 1986, you were cut off the A.G.S. mailing list. Also, Laura mentioned A.G.S. is in search of an editor of "Relatively Speaking" if anyone is interested. She also asked if anyone was interested in a car pool from here to go to the A.G.S. Seminar on April 4 & 5th.

Laura Turnbull and Carol Thomson were to go to Dawson Creek on Feb. 22, 1986 to give them a talk on Computer Genealogy and to tell them about our Society.

Laura Turnbull adjourned the meeting. Seconded by Allan Lock.

Guest Speaker: Betty Godden of Beaverlodge. Betty is the most northern Alberta representative on the Alberta Historical Society. She is also a member of the Beaverlodge Historical Society. She told us of grants available and how they have been used to preserve our "heritage".

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March, 1986

Around Town



Kathy Murrie

Roaming relatives

ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

EDMONTON BRANCH

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Seminar 86

If you're into tracing your roots, take note of the Alberta Genealogical Society (AGS) spring seminar in Edmonton, called "Researching Roaming Relatives." Featured speaker is Margaret Russell, secretary of the Cumbria Family History Society in England, who'll talk on English sources. If your roots lie elsewhere, there are also workshops on resources in Edmonton, the Huguenot migrations, Scandinavian genealogy, military records, beginning genealogy, and more. Open to all people interested in their roots, the seminar registration fee is \$40 for members of the provincial society and \$45 for non-members. It takes place at Edmonton's Highway Motor Inn, April 4-5. For more information, contact Grande Prairie Genealogical Society President Mina Dunn at 538-2486, or write the Edmonton Branch of the AGS at Box 754, Edmonton, T5J 2L4.

Society is rich in history

FEB 1986

By Marie Beaupre
Director

The Historical and Genealogical Society of Smoky River was founded at Donnelly May 1, 1983 at a meeting of 14 interested persons. The society was incorporated Feb. 15, 1984. There are presently 340 members.

The board of directors is made up of 11 members elected at the annual meeting; the board elects the president, vice-president and secretary, and organizes executive committees as required. Current committees are construction, publicity and finance. The term of office is one year and any member is eligible for re-election.

The society centre is open to members from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A new building of 50 feet by 60 feet was constructed in 1985, with a vaulted ceiling of 24 feet to protect many precious documents. The symbolic ground-turning was June 19, 1985 with some 40 persons attending and the official opening was Dec. 1985.

Any person interested in or sympathetic with the aims of the society may request memberships; the dues are presently set at \$5 per year.

The aims of the society as submitted to the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs are:

- to provide resources for the study of genealogy
- to gather, record, preserve and distribute the local history
- to instill and develop the awareness of Alberta's heritage.

In addition to the historical aspect the society aims at the creation of links which would further unite our populations, it is easy to see that as people realize their common ancestry they should be more ready to accept and love one another, and work together.

To meet its objectives the society has developed in three ways; archives, library and museum.

ARCHIVES

- it stores the history and photos of some 40 parishes of the Grouard-McLennan arch-diocese.



Marie Beaupre, director of the Donnelly Historical Society says the society has grown to a membership of 340.

Daily Herald-Tribune, Monday, Nov. 11, 1985

G.P. BRANCH OF THE ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY — will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Lodge. The guest speaker this month will be Marie Beaupre, who is involved with the Smoky River Genealogy Society and will be speaking to us on the data available in their library in Donnelly and genealogy research on Catholic church records. Members and interested guests are welcome.

- albums and newspaper clippings in chronological order, for each town or village of the municipal district

- more than 2,000 mortuary cards, compiled in 16 volumes and indexed

- family charts - nearly 5,000 charts classified

- about 300 ascending genealogies representing the major portion of the region's francophone population

- parish registers from baptisms, marriages, burials, for the parishes of Donnelly, Falher, McLennan, Sacred-Heart Hospital, Girouxville, Jean-Cote, Guy, Joussard, Whitemud Creek, Marie-Reine, St. Isidore, Tangent, Eaglesham and Codessa indexed by computer, so far some 40,000 entries.

- a missionary research, covering some 250 missionaries in Alberta, was completed in August. Preliminary work has started to extend this research to the work of various other religious orders.

- we endeavour to store and preserve minutes of organizations, documents, old pictures, old books, etc.

LIBRARY

- 600 marriage indexes, mostly for the province of Quebec
- 100 local history books
- 200 books of general history
- Magazines - complete series of: "Memoires" - Montreal, "L'Ancetre" - Quebec, "L'Entre aide Genealogique" - Sherbrooke, "Lost in Canada", "French-Canadian and Acadian Genealogy", "The Genealogist", "Nos Ancetres", "Nos Racines", and "Le Mois Genealogique" (1948-1960).

- some novels
- information on government ser-

- to establish a written agreement with the Alberta Genealogical Society. We have a verbal agreement between the two societies. The AGS endeavours to help the research of ancestors of all nationalities except French Canadians, and we will assist researchers of French-Canadian ancestors; one society will help members of the other society.

- to have in the library all marriage indexes published in Canada and the U.S.A.

- establish links with other data centres

- have a large collection of photographs, etc.

Long term goals are:

- to have microfilms or cassette of all Albertan newspapers and all French newspapers of Western Canada

- to have 1,000 members or more
- publish a periodical.

Co-operative project could result in refreshing look at GP cemetery

By KATHY MURRIE
Herald-Tribune staff

Grande Prairie's cemetery could be getting spruced up if a three-way gentlemen's agreement goes ahead.

The city, which administers the cemetery, was approached by Terry Collins from the Edmonton office of the federal veterans affairs department. He has been discussing the state of the cemetery (located on 84 Ave. just south of Richmond industrial park) with the local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. The Legion assists in funeral arrangements of many veterans and Legion members.

In a recent visit to Grande Prairie, Collins explained the main concern of the two groups was with veterans' graves and the fact there is no easily discerned "field of honor."

"We've been negotiating with the city to spruce up the cemetery generally," he said. "And we'd like to see the newer graves lined up and damaged markers repaired."

A few veterans' graves lack permanent headstones, being marked with small metal temporary signs — some already several years old.

The Legion and DVA want to see permanent markers on these. Legion representative Mac Kennedy said he is approaching the families for their input and agreement. The families would contribute to the costs if able. Assistance may be available from the DVA and Legion.

"Most cemeteries mark off a field of honor," said Collins. Grande Prairie's veterans are usually buried in one area of the cemetery but aside from each stone's inscription, there is nothing to indicate where it begins or ends.

Collins is also concerned with a seeming lack of uniformity: flat ground-level markers sit beside tall stones of various sizes and shapes. Some older stones and wooden markers are leaning and worn, while many were never aligned originally.

Collins suggested the city use something different — a concrete strip that would indicate the proper positioning for future stones. In the meantime, he feels parks staff who do cemetery grounds maintenance could help by straightening a few stones from time to time and the public can be involved by ensuring relatives' graves are tended.

"We hope to generate community pride back into the cemetery," explained Collins. "I've seen lots in the United States and Canada, where it's obvious there is a great pride and



Grande Prairie's cemetery has a small but easily missed "field of honor" for veterans of the wars, but this could change. Mac Kennedy (l-r) of the

local Royal Canadian Legion and Terry Collins from Veterans Affairs have been discussing some proposals with city parks manager Greg Patten.

respect for the dead."

It could happen here, he feels, if community volunteers get together and co-operate with the city.

City parks manager Greg Patten agreed "a field of honor is something we should look at shortly. We're negotiating with the Legion."

As to the lack of symmetry, he explained. "Headstones are installed by private companies for the owner of the plot. I agree we've had some problems," but he added the city will work with the contractor to see that stones are aligned.

The concrete strip idea interests him although he says he's only had a

couple of weeks to consider it.

"We'll look into it and see how well it works, how feasible it is. We will also probably look into the continuity of stones but ours is a small scale operation. It could be difficult," to standardize.

He explained the perpetual care fund, a fee charged against burials in the cemetery for maintenance.

"It was initiated in the late 1960s and has been slowly building so that we're just beginning to use it this year to offset part of our operational budget." The fee ensures maintenance of grounds and access roads.

Funding to do any large-scale

upgrading just isn't there. Patten said "choosing a level of service can be tricky. Ours is not the best, nor the worst. Like any other program, the present fiscal situation makes increased levels of service difficult."

Maintenance of stones is the responsibility of the owner of the plot.

But with older graves, tracking down an owner may be difficult if not impossible.

"We (the city) haven't in the past been in the business of repairing them, but we have agreed to help the DVA," said the parks manager. "And we may have to look at repairs as the cemetery gets older."

JULY 7, 1986

Oldtimers' weekend

Around Town

Kathy Murrie



Mark the day if you're involved — the annual Oldtimers' Association gathering happens this Sunday afternoon, July 13 out at Ever Green Park. There is a potluck supper planned, plus horseshoe tournament and many more activities.

DAILY HERALD-TRIBUNE, TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1981

HISTORIC SITES — Historic Site Service of Alberta Culture has initiated an inventory program to survey early sites, structures and buildings in the Grande Prairie region. Any individuals or associations that wish to call particular sites to our attention are asked to contact Heather Boegel, field representative, at 539-2408, 402 Aberdeen Centre, 9728 Montrose Ave. Grande Prairie.

Wednesday, September 10, 1986

G.P. BRANCH OF THE ALBERTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY — will be holding their monthly meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Pioneer Lodge, 9508 - Richmond Ave. The special topic/presentation for this month is: "How to Get Started in Genealogy Research" — leader of the topic is Laura Turnbull. Each member is requested to bring a guest. All members and guests are welcome.

Daily Herald-Tribune, Friday, September 19, 1986


What's to do for you?...

If you're looking for something to do this fall and winter or just want to know what's happening around town and outside town, catch the **Services for You** (formerly Leisure Opportunities) at the Prairie Mall this weekend. Most local culture, sports, and arts and crafts groups, plus the helping agencies, will be represented there.

Catch the City Seen brochure in yesterday's Herald-Tribune for upcoming and on-going programs, courses, classes, things to see and do. Missed it? Pick up a copy at **Community Services, 10031-99 Ave.**

Around Town

Kathy Murrie



Leita Askew & Phyllis Partlow.



Vandals attack old cemetery

By RICK CHARLTON
Herald-Tribune staff

RYCROFT — The mark of any civilization is the care and respect it gives its dead.

That sense of civilization abandoned a person or persons unknown when they shattered the peace of the Old Mission Cemetery, overturning approximately 90 per cent of the 60 or more headstones in a graveyard that has suffered a history of vandalism.

Located above a small creek and adjacent to an abandoned Roman Catholic Mission 5 km west of Rycroft, the cemetery was established by local natives in the early 1800s.

It was later served by priests from Dunvegan until that mission closed in 1903. The Spirit River-Rycroft mission was then established on the site.

The church was moved to Spirit River in 1941 and now the cemetery continues to serve the Rycroft parish.

The vandalism is the third such major incident spanning a period of 16 years.

"It's awful, just awful what has happened out there," said Father Hendryk Laciak of the Rycroft parish. "I think whoever they are, they are from the Peace Country. It's vandalism, pure vandalism."

The damage was discovered some two weeks ago and all but two of the headstones have been put back in place; others will be removed and fixed.

"It's pretty bad this time, about 90 per cent of them were damaged," said Harold Waldner, who runs the Rycroft-based Peace Country Memorials Ltd.

"We're lucky to have the expertise to fix them right here," he said, adding the vandals "have to be pretty sick to do something like that."

On the second occasion, RCMP caught the culprits, two local high school students.

"The parents brought them in to me, made them fix the damage and put the stones back in place then sat them down right there and made them write out a cheque for the damage," he remembers.

He said the latest villains are probably not aware of the exorbitant cost of a headstone — on average, around \$1,000.



Cross belongs on top of one vandalized headstone

"Some of those out there are \$4,000," Waldner said. Kicked over, and still unrepaired, is a small and weathered common headstone for Liliane, Paul, Florence and Laura, sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dion. The cemetery is divided into old and new sections and is almost exclusively Roman Catholic.

Wednesday, September 24, 1986 11

TRACING YOUR FAMILY TREE INTRODUCTORY COURSE

WHEN:
Starting October 2nd going every Thursday evening for 8 weeks
at Hillside Community School

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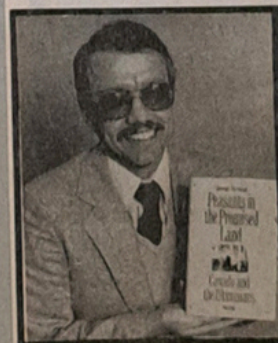
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Daily Herald-Tribune, Friday, October 17, 1986

**G. P. BRANCH ALBERTA
GENEALOGY SOCIETY** — will be holding their monthly meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Pioneer Lodge, 9508 Richmond Ave. The special topic/presentation for this month is: "Canada and the Ukrainians" and the guest speaker is Jerry Petryshyn, author of "Peasants in the Promise Land". All members and guests are welcome.

Friday, October 24, 1986 21



LOCAL AUTHOR

**Jaroslav
Petryshyn**

Will be autographing copies of his new book, "Peasants in the Promised Land."

Sat., Oct. 25-1-3 p.m.
Compleat Reader Book Store
Prairie Mall

Sun., Oct. 26 2-3 p.m.
Compleat Reader Annex
Co-op Mini-Mall

Beaverlodge woman appointed to foundation

In keeping with a program of heritage awareness and involvement, the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation has established a regional program to strengthen and support heritage activities throughout the province.

Within the cities of Calgary and Edmonton, heritage networks have already been established. To facilitate a rural program, the province has been divided into five general river regions with an appointed Regional Representative for each.

The representative for this region, Peace/Athabasca River, is Anne Dixon, of Beaverlodge.

Anne was born in B.C. and raised on a farm at Halcourt. She remembers helping on the farm with everything from milking cows to weeding.

Anne has experience teaching all over the world and has



Anne Dixon

specialized in career and psychology counselling.

Oil painting is one of her many hobbies. Her work has been displayed at local art shows.

She is also actively involved in her community, including the position of treasurer of the Beaverlodge and District Historical Association, work with the Beaverlodge Hospital Auxiliary, and the pension committee of the Retired Teachers

Association.

Anne is widowed and the mother of two grown children.

For more information on this program, contact either Anne Dixon at 354-8083, or the foundation at 297-7320.

Wednesday, November 12, 1986

G.P. BRANCH OF THE ALBERTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY — will be holding their monthly meeting, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Pioneer Lodge, 9508 - Richmond Ave. All members and guests are welcome.

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Club Dates

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Tuesday, December 16, 1986 9

G.P. BRANCH OF THE ALBERTA GENEALOGY SOCIETY — will be holding their monthly meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Pioneer Lodge (9508 Richmond Ave.). Since this is our Christmas Social, please bring some goodies and a small genealogical gift for exchange. See you all there for a Merry Christmas celebration.

Christmas Greetings 1986

Thursday, December 18, 1986 31

Precious family tree

A Christmas thought from the Grande Prairie & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society.

Merry Christmas to all and many memories for the New Year!!!

THE PRECIOUS FAMILY TREE

(can be sung to the tune of Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer)

William, my age old grandpa, leads a very quiet life,
But if you ever meet him, surely ask him 'bout his strife.

On one snowy Christmas eve, Grandpa said to me,
"Sharon, have I ever told the story of our tree?"

O' course he went on to tell me how our family came to be,
In this gigantic country from over the Atlantic sea.

He was just a child of six when his family moved,
From the Finnish town of Karijoki, in the month of June.

He could tell me all about how life used to be,
In his early days of life from many memories.

So if you have a grandpa or a grandma near to you,
Make sure you listen carefully to the things they can tell you.

Family trees are growing roots and branches every day,
Keep in touch this Christmas, and you'll go down in history!!!

GRANDE PRAIRIE AND DISTRICT BRANCH

ANNUAL REPORT 1986

Grande Prairie and District Branch has had a very enjoyable year genealogically. Some of the highlights of the past year will be listed in this report.

Membership has increased about 25%, due to some hard work by member Laura Turnbull in giving a course at one of the local schools on beginning genealogy [with the help of member Paulette Hrychiw in the Quebec area of research]. The publicity that Sharon Scheinder arranged and did also helped in getting people interested in our society, especially the Leisure Opportunity display at the local shopping mall.

Joan Bowman, our editor of Heritage Seekers has done a very commendable job of producing our quarterly on time and with very good articles on research. Phyllis Partlow, our vice-president capably arranged the mailing of them. Carol Thomson and Sharon Schneider arranged the printing of the newsletter at their place of work (free of charge).

A unique and different way of arranging programing was set up in our branch, last year and the schedule was followed this year and proved very interesting and effective. The executives set up the schedule including all members put into committees, so that one time a year each person is responsible with approximately two or three other members to arrange and organize the program for one meeting. This has proved very effective in having a very wide range of subjects covered at our meetings. Topics covered have been wills, Christmas traditions, organizing your records, using a computer in recording your family files, Ukrainian immigration to Canada, and the filling out of ones' Ancestor Index forms.

Our very dedicated library committee in the form of Leita Askew has set up a card catalogue for our acquisitions as well as having an updated library listing ready for publication in June 1986. She has also ordered and cataloged all new publications. Judy Brewster has updated our library holdings in each issue of Heritage Seekers.

Merna Nelson has kept our financial standing in good order. Nora Hassal has telephoned and notified all members for meetings. Laura Turnbull has kept our membership list updated.

All this capable and willing help has made our branch affairs run very smoothly and has made my job of president very rewarding and easy. Thank you to all.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Thomson

JAN - 1987

Daily Herald-Tribune, Monday, January 19, 1987

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their monthly meeting, starting at 7:30
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LDS Church library, 11212-122 St. The
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Lifestyles

Editor: Terry McHale 532-1110

Wednesday, April 15, 1987 13

Around Town

Kathy Murrie



WI honors Miss Campbell...

It was a complete - but very pleasant - surprise for Isabel Campbell (left in photo below) April 2, as she attended a regular meeting of the local Women's Institute. Historian and archivist Miss Campbell is a former Herald-Tribune reporter who now writes the weekly newspaper column "This Was Yesterday," a glimpse of the Grande Prairie of 25 years ago. She turned 80 March 18, and to mark both that occasion and the fact she's been a WI member since 1960,

club vice-president Eileen Paul presented her with a special recognition award. Miss Campbell recalled covering WI meetings for the paper nearly five years, 1955-60, before she was invited to join. "I've always been comfortable with WI," she says, "they are like family." Among the dozen club members present was another veteran, Mrs. Bea Hart, celebrating her 86th birthday that day. Best wishes to both ladies.



Isabel Campbell (left) was presented with award by WI Vice-President Eileen Paul.

MEETINGS: The third tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the T.V room of the Pioneer Lodge, 9508 - 100 Ave., Grande Prairie, Alta.

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Treasurer	Carol Thompson	532-7524
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EDITOR:	Joan Bowman	532-4697

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Quarterly Flash

March, 1987:

One new book in our library is 'Beaverlodge to the Rockies', for which we thank Nora Hassell who contributed it in memory of her father.

Judy Brewster showed the meeting the progress on the 'Members Research Area Scrapbook'. Thank you Judy for bringing all this information together in such an interesting way.

April, 1987:

The Bethal Penticostal Cemetery at Buffalo Lakes is now on computer. Thank you Gwen for the good work. Some members are looking forward to assisting with more cemetery work this summer.

Our society joined the Multicultural Centre organization that is newly formed in Grande Prairie.

Members enjoyed visiting our library after the meeting.

May, 1987:

Reports were given on our members attendance at: 1. The annual meeting -of A.G.S. in Medicine Hat, 2. the Donelley Historical and Genealogical Society, and 3. Dawson Creeks new association, 'Peace Country Roots and Shoots.' Thank you ladies for taking the interest to do all this travelling. We know you gain from this work in experiences, but you also are great ambassadors for our society.

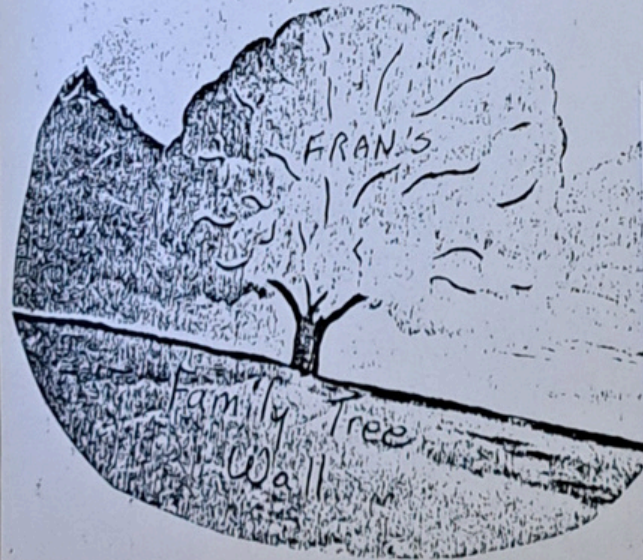
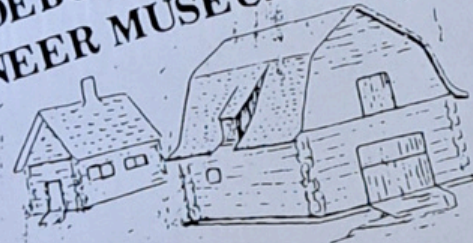
Congratulations and good luck to the 'Peace Country Roots and Shoots' - welcome to the world of genealogy.

Guest speaker for May was Gordon Mercer of Oliver Funeral Home and his topic was funeral home records. It was very interesting and he brought with him some sample pages (past and present) for all to see. He also gave us a copy of the Yellow Book for our library (a listing of funeral homes in North America). Thank you to Gordon for your interest and time, it was much appreciated.

The executive will meet and set the program for next year before the next meeting. The June meeting will be held in DeBolt - hope everyone can be there.

GRANDE PRAIRIE AND DISTRICT BRANCH
of
ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GOES TO DEBOLT

**DEBOLT & DISTRICT
PIONEER MUSEUM SOCIETY**



FRAN MOORE, A.G.S. MEMBER #1288
INVITES THE GRANDE PRAIRIE & DISTRICT BRANCH
TO DEBOLT
for the JUNE, 1987 REGULAR
MEETING

8:00 p.m. - Visit DeBolt & District Pioneer Museum
in Hubert Memorial Park, DeBolt
8:30 p.m. - To Fran Moore's Home, to View the
Family Tree Wall
9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting with
Coffee

Those wishing to 'car pool' out of Grande Prairie
- be at Pioneer Lodge by 7 o'clock p.m.



Pioneer Museum - DeBolt - 1987 -

Back row: Robin Brooks, Nora Hassell, Irene Gitzel, Joan Bowman, Phyllis Partlow, Paulette Hrychiw, Carol Thomson & Fran Moore.

Front row: Leita Askew, Barb Smith, Kathy Starke, Arlene Logan, Heather Wardlow & Sharon Schneider.



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Photos taken by
Fran Moore & Merna Nelson.
At DeBolt Pioneer Museum on
June 16, 1987.

This Week in Leisure

Shop for leisure activities *Don't go stir crazy this winter!*

The time of the short days and long nights is nearly upon us again. If you've been think-

ing about how to pass the winter ahead without going stir crazy or developing cabin

fever, "Opportunities for You" is an event you won't want to miss.

More than 70 community groups will converge on the Dave Barr Arena this Saturday, September 19, to tell you what they have to offer in terms of leisure time activities. The booths and displays will run from 1 to 4 p.m., and admission is free.

If you'd like to volunteer to help others in the community, you can talk to people from PACE, the food bank, the suicide prevention program, John Howard Society, or a dozen others. You'll get a chance to talk to staff and volunteers from each group, so that you can fit in what you have to offer with what they might need.

On the sporting scene, such clubs as the GP Wheelers and GP Luge, badminton club, gliding club, ski patrol and Special Olympics will be on hand to discuss outings, events, facilities and membership opportunities.

Culturally speaking, there will be displays by Prairie Gallery, Alberta Culture, the public library, the Guild of Artists and others.

Genealogy, stained glass, reflexology, flower arranging - the list for winter pastimes in Grande Prairie is endless.

The mass registration this Saturday is sponsored by the city's Community Services department.

The trade fair approach has been developed for this season in order to offer as many community groups as possible a chance to tell their story. In previous years, such displays were held in shopping malls, but often participating groups felt the crowds who were attracted were really shopping for goods, not for leisure activities, says programmer Patti Trautman.

Late last spring, community services director George Keen told city council that in order for community programming to survive in a time of tight money and cutbacks, aggressive research and marketing efforts would have to be made.

As a result, this huge undertaking is a "can't miss" for people looking for something new this winter.



Kim Bedier, left, and Patti Trautman, both of Community Services, work on a wheel of fortune for Saturday's "Opportunities for You" leisure fair at the Dave Barr Arena. Participants can spin and win such things as free program sessions, memberships and other items.

Christmas Greetings 1987

Christmas Blessings

GP society searches for roots

Season's Greetings to you . . . the "CORE" of your family tree.

The Grande Prairie branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society (better known as AGS) is pleased to have this opportunity to share with you some of the activities that we're involved in and to peak your interest in collecting some information on your own family history.

Our organization has 30 members in

the area who are all actively researching their family history.

What Do We Do?

- we share our research findings with each other
- we help new members get started
- we have monthly programs (involving both members and guest speakers) that are related to genealogy (e.g. methods of displaying and collection of family information, photo collections,

book reviews on immigrations of various nationalities, hereditary diseases and health, "show and tell", computer applications in genealogy, etc.)

- we help individuals who are researching in our area; answering queries from other locations.
- we record cemeteries in our area for publication in "Alberta Cemetery recordings" through AGS
- we provide training courses on genealogy
- we have established our own library of information which we continue to add to
- we share effective methods of research

Monthly Meetings:

Our society meets on a monthly basis . . . the third Tuesday of each month in the Pioneer Lodge (TV room), at 7:30 p.m.

Publications:

We publish a monthly newsletter called "The Heritage Seekers" and our Alberta society also sends out a publication on a quarterly basis called "Relatively Speaking".

Fees:

To become a member the fee is \$15 per year for the Alberta Genealogical Society plus the Grande Prairie Branch fee of \$5 per year.

Information:

If you are interested in joining our society, you are welcome to come to our meetings and see what it's all about.



GRANDE PRAIRIE AND DISTRICT BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT 1987

Our membership has remained stable at 30 members, as of 31 December, 1987.

Joan Bowman, our editor of Heritage Seekers has done a great job over the past year. Illness has caused her to withdraw as our editor. For future editions, Heather Wardlow will be our editor. Phyllis Partlev, our vice-president will continue to do the mailing. Carol Thomson and Sharon Schneider will continue to have the printing done at their places of work.

Our programming for each meeting has turned out very well, with all of the members having a chance at seeing to coffee and arranging for speakers, etc. The last couple of meetings have involved all the members clipping and glueing obituaries onto 4"x6" index cards. These obituaries have been collected from the Grande Prairie Herald Tribune, and cover a wide area around the city. Gwen Turner, our cemetery co-ordinator has been collecting these obituaries since 1973. We have about 5000 names in this collection, with a cross indexing of maiden names of the married woman.

For now we are limiting the use of these obituaries to our research committee, in hopes that cards will not be lost or miss-filed. Leita Askev has worked very hard to get these cards in order and cross-indexed.

Leita has also been very dedicated to our library, keeping everything up to date in the card cataloguing of new acquisitions. Judy Brevster has been doing the Library Report for Heritage Seekers, of the new acquisitions.

Carol Thomson has been our dedicated treasurer, keeping our financial situation up to date, and Fran Moore has kept our minutes and so on in good order, and is willing to hang in there with me for another year, Thank you.

Nora Hassel and Barb Smith have been phoning members about the meetings. Laura Turnbull has our membership stored in her trusty computer, where she can keep us updated as to our status and also print up address labels for the newsletter.

With all of these people giving of their valuable free time, my first year as president for our branch has been a learning experience, and with their continued help, we will accomplish a few of our goals, and be of help to our members, and anyone who may come to our group for help in searching for lost kin.

Respectfully submitted

signed, Paulette Hrychiv
President

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Edson Trail book now on sale

Thousands of people used this miserable trail.

"I hope it tells the story of the trail in a way that people will find interesting," says Fran Moore, editor of *Edson to Grande Prairie Trail*. The book, which has been available for the past couple of

weeks, "is put together to tell one story, using many stories; to tell of one pioneer trail that made a difference."

This "local history book" looks much like others of the genre, and includes personal reminiscences of the trail, written in a variety of styles.

News clippings from the *Edmonton Bulletin*, *Edson Leader*, and *Edson Critic* circa 1911 to 1916, combine to set the scene for the "sturdy lot" who built the trail or travelled over it.

"We were also really pleased to have been able to include the materials of A.H. McQuarrie, loaned to us by his son Allan," says Moore. A.H. McQuarrie was the man responsible for the survey and construction of the Edson Trail.

McQuarrie never wanted to be credited or blamed for the location of the trail. In fact, the elder McQuarrie had said that "the trail should have been where the present highway is located." However, he was instructed to build where the "powers that be" suggested.

Some years ago Allan McQuarrie presented the DeBolt and District Museum Society with a hand level used

by his father on the trail.

"This instrument," he said, "as far as I know, was used to measure the grades, not establish them."

Maps, logbooks, and photographs are all part of McQuarrie's legacy to this book.

"We could have drawn from so many diaries, letters . . ."

Fran Moore says that deciding when to stop including information was one of the difficulties of the project. As it was, the finished 280-page project turned out to be bigger than anticipated. "It kind of grew on us," explains Moore.

Five hundred copies of *Edson to Grande Prairie Trail* are still available for sale. Books ordered in advance may be picked up at a variety of sale locations: South Peace Centennial Museum, Beaverlodge; Nan Fraser, Sexsmith;

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Lifestyles

Fresh off the press

Book tells story of hardy Trail pioneers

By JANINE FOSTER
Herald-Tribune staff

It's been three years in the making, but the definitive history on the Edson-Grande Prairie trail is finally out.

The hardcover, 270-page "Edson To Grande Prairie Trail" is fresh off the presses, says editor Fran Moore.

It details the trials and the tribulations of those hardy people who used the trail - a rough road traversing forest and rivers - in search of homesteading land in the "last best west" of la Grande Prairie.

Produced by the DeBolt and District Pioneer Museum Society, the book draws from other area history books as well as personal accounts and diaries of the pioneers.

It also features newspaper articles from the *Edmonton Bulletin* and the *Edson Leader* between 1911-1916, and the papers of the trail's chief engineer, A.H. McQuarrie.

"Three years ago was the 75th anniversary of the trail and we thought we should do something about this trail that wandered through our settlement and it's effect on our lives," said Fran, whose been the curator of the museum for 12 years.

She calls the trail "a 75-year fact that only lasted five years." It opened the Peace Country - called Alberta's Eden - to the settlers who had swarmed to Edson and area following the progress of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

The railway and the trail to Grande Prairie promised to make



Fran Moore with new history book.

Edson a major centre in the province, but while it failed on that count, the trail did create the settlements of Ridgevalley Crooked Creek, Sturgeon Heights, Clarkson Valley, DeBolt and Goodwin.

Edson To Grande Prairie Trail is selling this month at a reduced price

of \$20 but the price will go up in April, said Fran. The book is available in DeBolt at the public library and Pioneer Centre, in Grande Prairie at the Pioneer Museum, at the South Peace Centennial Museum in Beaverlodge, and from Nan Fraser in Sexsmith.

Jan. 19 & Feb. 16, 1988.

Meetings were Spent helping our Cemetery Co-ordinator, Gwen Turner (#740) clip and Glue the remaining obituaries on 4" x 6" index cards for our file. The final count was about 3000 cards with cross references to maiden names from 1987 to 1988.

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Mormons help anyone trace roots

By PAUL ANTHONY
Special to the Herald-Tribune

If your planned trip back to the old country makes you long to know more about your family tree, there's a good chance you'll find something about your great — or maybe great-great-grandpa — in the massive files collected by the Mormon Church.

For nearly a century, Mormons — or more correctly, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints — have travelled the world, painstakingly copying ancient parish and government archives.

Today, the church has vital statistics of two billion people who once walked the earth — and they're willing to share this information with the public.

The genealogical data, collected for religious reasons, include names, dates, places of birth and perhaps marriage records of people born in over 100 countries before 1890. (Files are not kept on people born after that date to protect the privacy of the living.)

The information is kept in a central storehouse, the Family History Library, in Salt Lake City, Utah, where up to 3,000 people from around the world visit every day to consult the thousands of microfilm documents or the 170,000 genealogical reference books.

However, you don't need to be a Mormon to use the library, nor do you even need to travel to Salt Lake City to do your research. You can also work, albeit at a slower pace, through one of the church's 700 worldwide branch libraries, including 18 in Canada.

If necessary, you can order copies of the documents filed in Utah through these branches, which exist in all major Western Canadian cities including Grande Prairie, as well as Dartmouth, N.S., Montreal, Hamilton, Ottawa, Toronto and London, Ont.

The reason for this staggering project — to which six million names are still added each year by church volunteers — is partly tied to the Mormon belief that family ties are eternal. Using genealogical research, a living descendant can act as a proxy to have an entire family tree baptized.

Ed Lansitie estimates that about two-thirds of the visitors to the Toronto Family History Library, where he is head librarian, are non-Mormons.

The service is free, and the doors are open to all: "Jews, Arabs, Indians — every denomination is welcome, but the records we have of some areas and regions are more complete than for others."

Extensive files now exist for the United States, Scandinavia, Great Britain, Mexico and France. Wars, fires and unco-operative governments, especially Communist ones, mean that files for other countries are spotty.

Thanks to the art of microfilming, 20,000 names and a few statistics about each individual can fit on a small index card.

If you want to research your family tree with the help of the branch libraries, don't expect to do it overnight.

"I've been searching for one name from the 1700s for 25 years," says Ernie Sykes, an experienced volunteer librarian in Toronto.

The 18 branch libraries in Canada have varying degrees of facilities. Most

have volunteers to help, although Lansitie warns: "We're only here to guide you, we don't do (the work) for you."

Before approaching the library, Sykes recommends that you get as much information as you can through older relatives, provincial archives, or a family Bible.

Once equipped with this background, you can then call the church library to reserve a microfilm viewer. (Waiting lists for these machines are often three weeks or more.)

At the library, you first consult the

International Genealogical Index, an alphabetical compilation of millions of surnames. Beside the surname will be the number of the microfilm you next turn to for more information.

In a large centre, — Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver or Winnipeg, for example — that microfilm may be on hand. If not, you must then write to Salt Lake City to order a copy, which will be sent back to the branch.

The cost is \$3.50 per microfilm. Depending how far back you want to go in your family tree, you may need four or

five films, says Sykes.

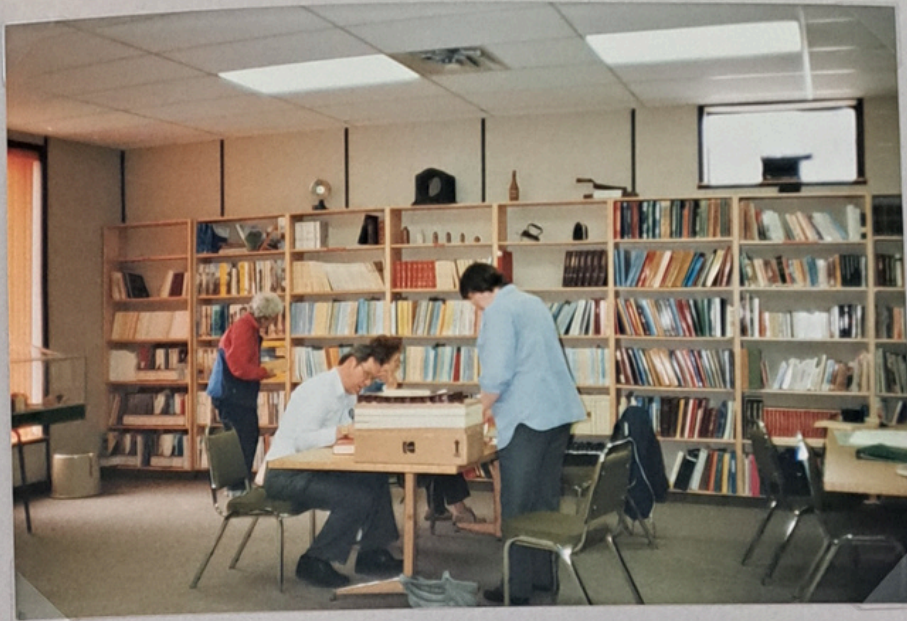
If you know, for example, that you're looking for a Robert Hamilton, born in Sussex, England, you can then look him up and find the names of his parents. As you get each new name, you can then work your way back.

Another possibility if you're going overseas, is to find out whether there is a library in your ancestral country. In London, for example, the Hyde Park Family History Centre is owned by the Mormons and has complete British records.



Edmonton Group at Donnelly,
Grande Prairie Group arrived.
Include: Lois Nelson, Merna Nelson
and Paulette Hrychiw





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George Repka Award:

Campbell, Clarkson share honor

Herald-Tribune staff

For the first time, the city has named dual winners of the George Repka Award.

Local history buffs Isabel Campbell and Doug Clarkson were presented with the award for community contribution in the arts, culture and social areas at city council Monday night.

Campbell is best known as the city's historian. Through her weekly column published in the Herald-Tribune - This Was Yesterday - she's widely known as the expert on this area's history.

She has worked using her own time and resources, to come up with a comprehensive file on everything and anything in the Grande Prairie area. The entire collection is catalogued on 34,000 cards.

Campbell has donated all her research to the Grande Prairie Public Library. It will be housed in the new library facility once it opens early next year.

"You don't know what an honor this is. It marks 37 years of collecting," Campbell told Mayor Dwight Logan on receiving the award.

"When the library takes (all the files) it's going to mark the end of an era," said Campbell. "It's given me so much in 37 years I never dreamed of happening."

Co-recipient Clarkson is also well known for his fondness of history.

He came to Grande Prairie in 1917 and has done his part over the years to preserve this area's physical history. Clarkson purchased neighbors' property in order to save the contents for duplication of households at the Pioneer Museum. So dedicated is he to the museum, he's served as its president for 17 years.

Clarkson is also a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Grande Prairie Agricultural Society, the Bezanson Oldtimers, the Grande Prairie rural electrification society, the Cancer Society, Red Cross, Uniform and the Alberta Wheat Pool.



ISABEL CAMPBELL



DOUG CLARKSON

"It's quite an honor to receive this," said Clarkson. "I didn't really expect it."

"It's nice to help out every once in awhile. Everybody's got to have a hobby and this is mine, I guess."

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TO A.G.S. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
4 March 1989

Please excuse my absence again from the executive meeting. This report will be of our past years activities.

Jan., Feb. meetings were spent helping our cemetery co-ordinator, Gwen-Turner clip and glue obituaries on 4" X 6" index cards. We ended up with about 3000 cards with cross references to maiden names from 1978 - 1988.

Have had an information sharing session with the gentleman who holds cemetery records for Lake Saskatoon, found some discrepancies between his records and our records of the stones. He's checking on these and will get back to us to finish other half of cemetery.

As a result of our involvement with the Multicultural group, we've donated a square that represents our group for their quilt/wall hanging. It is a black outlined tree with black head silhouettes amongst the branches, all on a white background designed and made by myself. Am also involved with the quilting of same.

In Sept. our group was asked to remove our library from Pioneer Lodge as renovations were being done, and there would no longer be room for our library cupboard. We were granted a space in Wild Rose Manor, another Senior Citizen's Lodge. We can either meet in the smoking room, or on their stage/dance floor (which can be curtained off from main lounge), depending upon what is going on at the time for the residents. Neither space is very effective for our needs, but it's free.

Laura Turnbull again helped our group by giving a genealogy beginners course at Hillside School. These were held on Tues. nights for about 6 weeks in Sept., Oct. As a result of her efforts we have acquired 8 new members.

The Grande Prairie Museum will be hosting the 1989 Alberta Museum Conference, they have asked if our group would supply a speaker for this event, which will be Oct. 1989. We've decided to participate.

The new executive for the coming year are:
President, Paulette Hrychiw
Vice-President, Heather Wardlow
Secretary, Phyllis Partlow
Treasurer, Mina Pool

We did not have a Dec. Meeting as it was too close to Christmas, (20 Dec.) and everyone already seemed to have more commitments than they could handle.

Our Jan. Meeting had a good turnout, with several new faces in the group, but then our Feb. meeting had so few, we couldn't hold a regular meeting.

Membership as of 21 Feb. 1989	27 members
	7 new members
	20 renewals
	11 non-renewals

Respectfully submitted

Signed: Paulette Hrychiw

Paulette Hrychiw
President

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EXECUTIVE:

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Vice-President	Heather Wardlow	532-6070
Secretary	Phyllis Partlow	532-6709
Treasurer	Mina Pool	539-1326
EDITOR	Heather Wardlow	532-6070

MEETINGS: The third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Meeting Room of Wild Rose Manor, 9358 - 70 Ave, Grande Prairie.

Spring of 1989 was a year getting caught up on many unfinished projects and finding a new home for our ever expanding Genealogical Library. Re-cataloging the library for easier reference in the Grande Prairie Public Library kept a number of members very busy.

* Should have more notices so will leave this spot open for the time being.

Mina Nelson

MEMBERS OF THE GRANDE PRAIRIE & DISTRICT BRANCH
as of June 20, 1989

Askew	Lelta Anne	539-1359	6925-96 Street	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 5T2
* Bennett	Sandra	694-2450	Box 224	Wanham	AB T0H 3P0
Bowman	Joan	532-4697	11810 - 96 Street	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 4P4
Brooks	Robin	538-3048	Box 155	Bezanson	AB T0H 0G0
Campbell	Lyle	766-2272	Box 296	Wembley	AB T0H 3S0
Cunningham	Beverly	532-2999	9417-113 Avenue	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 1W3
* Dunwoody	Irene	539-3262	9530 - 87 Avenue	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 3H1
Durda	Sharon	567-3803	Box 4	Clairmont	AB T0H 1W0
Gitzel	Irene	957-2193	Box 341	Debolt	AB T0H 1B0
Hassall	Nora	532-4073	9809-105 Avenue	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 1G7
Hockey	Verna	532-0918	Box 166	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 3A4
Holloway	Jane	532-1164	10306 - 102 Street	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 2W3
Hrychiw	Paulette	532-5277	11321-101A Street	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 2S3
Johnson	Beulah	532-3089	10317 - 89 Street	Grande Prairie	AB T8X 1B3
* Kildaw	Ellen	532-8161	10113 - 80 Avenue	Grande Prairie	AB T8W 1Z9
Lock	Allan & Elsie	354-8590	P.O. Box 245	Beaverlodge	AB T0H 0C0
Monlezun	Marjorie	604-782-8424	11108-13A Street	Dawson Creek	BC V1G 3K5
Moore	Fran	957-3957	P.O. Box 447	Debolt	AB T0H 1B0
Nelson	Merna E.	532-7957	9919-85 Avenue	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 0A1
Osborne	Tom & Cheryl	568-3035	Box 396	Sexsmith	AB T0H 3C0
Partlow	Phyllis	532-6709	R.R. #2	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 2Z9
Pool	Rev. Mina G.	539-1326	#502 9649-94 Avenue	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 6H3
Rawlinson	Shirley	503-752-2243	34197 NE Colorado Lk Dr	Corvallis	OR 97333
Schnelder	Sharon	766-2739	R.R. #1	Wembley	AB T0H 3S0
Smith	Barb	532-4279	10908-96 Street	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 2A2
Stark	Kathy	532-0518	#821-7301 Poplar Drive	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 5M7
Thomson	Carol Ann	532-7524	Box 77, R.R. #1, Site 2	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 2Z8
* Timanson	D. Morton & Nancy	539-6778	9589 - 74 Ave.	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 5A7
Turnbull	Laura	532-7138	6913-97A Street	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 5E5
Turner	Owen	532-2687	10413-102 Avenue	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 1A2
* Waldroff	Myrna	-	9628 Alcott Rd. S.E.	Calgary	AB T2J 0T8
Wardlow	Heather	532-6070	11421-96B Street	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 3M8
Whittaker	Sandra	524-4488	P.O. Box 600	Valleyview	AB T0H 3N0
* Williams	Marilyn	354-8343	Box 642	Beaverlodge	AB T0H 0C0

Nov. 21, 1989. Meeting was held at the Library where most of our Genealogical Library has now been transferred, having been cataloged for use in the Miss Campbell's Room by anyone interested in family history.
Thanks to Paulette Hrychiw (#534) for putting 1988 obituaries on index cards. the Cemetery Recordings have been transferred to Barb Smith (#1972).
Fran Moore (#1288) showed a booklet titled 'Spirit of the Peace', available for \$9.98.

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The big event for our branch in 1989 was that we finally found a home in the Grande Prairie Public Library. Most of the Branch's own library has been moved into the "Isabel Campbell Room" of the Public Library and is now considered Reference material and not to be signed out. The rest of our library material is being moved each month in 1990. Because of this move to the Public Library, our meeting time has been changed to 7:00 pm, but still every third Tuesday of the Month.

There were not many guest speakers this past year as we had quite a few new members join throughout the year and we held many workshops after our meetings to assist the beginners in their research and to answer any questions they might have. Members who weren't beginners also found this quite enjoyable and a learning experience. One speaker that we did have was Isabeth Campbell who talked about her archive records which are now stored at the Public Library. After the meetings of October and November the members helped Leita Askew prepare our library for submitting to the Public Library. Quite a bit of preparation was involved.

A couple of community displays were put up towards the end of the year. One being at the Community Resources and Leisure Fair "Opportunities for You" - September 9/89 and the other being National Family Week at the Public Library - October 3/89 - A Quick Course in Genealogy.

In November, Barb Smith took over as Chairman of the Cemetery Recordings Committee from Gwen Turner and hopes to get out into the country to do some recordings this spring/summer.

Over the summer a few of our members attended Anniversary/Family Reunions. Barb Smith and Heather Wardlow were in Nova Scotia in October for the 60th Anniversary of Barb's In-Laws (Heather's Paternal Grandparents). All 10 Smith children were in attendance. Barb's husband, Earle is the oldest child. Laura Turnbull attended a 50th Anniversary in Onoway and Joan Bowman attended a 70th Anniversary of her In-Laws in November.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Wardlow

Heather Wardlow
President

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Dec. 19, 1989. Meeting cancelled, to close to Christmas.

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Jan. 16, 1990. Leita Askew reported that the newsletter lists all items that have been transferred to the Public Library.
Election results: President - Heather Wardlow (# 1975)
Secretary - Barb Smith (# 1972)
Treasurer - Mina Pool (# 1822)

Feb. 20, 1990. Joan Bowman (#1108) is once again our Editor of the 'Heritage Seekers'. - Lyle Campbell (#----) will accept the office of Vice President & look after Publicity.

Mar. 20, 1990. Five or six members are planning to attend the Provincial Seminar in Edmonton at the end of this month.

Apr. 17, 1990. Pam Chislett of the Public Library spoke to us on inter- Library Loan, explaining the procedure. -- Club will participate in the Uptown Spring Fling on May 26, by setting up a display table.

May 15, 1990. --9 new books were purchased with Grant money and will be on the library shelves.
-- Heather Wardlow (#1975) demonstrated the LDS Personal Ancestry File computer program to members.

Sept 18, 1990. 15 members in attendance. We wish Joan Bowman (#1108) a speedy recovery from her recent surgery.
The club had a display table Sept. 8th in the 'Opportunities for Youth' week-end.
Conference '91 will be hosted by Fort McMurray Club of Alberta.
Grande Prairie LDS Library will be closed for at least another month.

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Vice-President	Lyle Campbell	766-2272
Secretary	Barb Smith	532-4279
Treasurer	Mina Pool	539-1326

EDITOR: Joan Bowman 532-4697

MEETINGS: Held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the meeting room downstairs of the Public Library.

Oct. 16, 1990. 19 members attended. Carol Thomson (#445) volunteered to be our new Treasurer As Mina Dunn (#) is unable to continue. Leita Askew (#1536) reported that all newsletters will be on the Public Library shelves very soon. Guest Speaker was Cheryl Morrison of the Restoration Studio who spoke to on caring for and the restoration of very old, and sometimes damaged family photos.

Nov. 20, 1990. 17 members attended. All books, newsletters, etc, are now on the Library shelves in Miss Campbell's Room.
Guest Speaker for November was Ron Nelson who presented slides and a very informative talk on the Civil War.

Dec. 18, 1990. A Christmas Social was held with members exchanging small gifts, possibly in the nature of genealogy items. All enjoyed coffee and Christmas "goodies".

ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
GRANDE PRAIRIE & DISTRICT BRANCH
ANNUAL REPORT

February 1990 - February 1991

The Grande Prairie Branch held two Executive and eight General meetings, with approximately 18 members attending the general meetings. One social event was held in December.

Our year end elections took place in February with the following people as the executive:

President:	Heather Wardlow
Past President:	Paulette Hrychiw
Vice President:	Lyle Campbell
Secretary:	Barb Smith
Treasurer:	Mina Pool (Carol Thomson took over position)

Membership for 1990 was 38; 32 individual, three family and 3 subscription. We also had 34 exchanges of newsletters.

Our library has now been moved into the Public Library with many thanks to Leita Askew for preparing it.

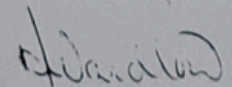
Programs for the year included: guest speaker Pam Chislett from the Public Library on Inter-library loans in April, demonstration in Personal Ancestral File (PAF) by Heather Wardlow in May and a National Film Board film entitled "*Canada's New Farm Lands*" in June. In September a Show 'n Tell was held. Many of our members had busy summers, from travelling to England to attending family reunions. The October program was restoring and preserving photographs with guest speaker Cheryl Morrison. Ron Nelson, with the assistance of Marg and Neil Cameron, spoke to us on Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor in November and a social get together for the holiday season. In January we had another Show 'n Tell.

The Branch purchased many books with their portion of the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation grant money and also 43 rolls of 1891 Census for Canada.

Tables were set up in May and again in September informing the community about the Grande Prairie Branch and AGS. Many people stopped by to inquire about the branch.

Elmworth cemetery was completed by Lillian Rutherford and entered onto the database by Heather Wardlow and Barb Smith.

Respectfully submitted


Heather Wardlow
President

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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
✓ The society will hold meetings the third Tuesday of the month at the GP Public Library from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 766-2272.

Jan. 15, 1991. A new librarian will be needed, as Leita Askew (#1536) wishes to be relieved of her duties.
Elmworth Cemetery has been recorded by Lillian Rutherford(#) and will be put on computer disk to be sent to Edmonton.
43 microfilms of Census Records for 1891 from various parts of Canada have been ordered. Should arrive by end of February.
February - Election time.

Feb. 19, 1991. February meeting was held at LDS Church Library.
Election results: President -- Heather Wardlow (#1975)
Vice President -- Lyle Campbell (#)
Treasurer -- ~~Joan~~ Thompson (#)
Secretary -- Barb Smith (#1972)
Elmworth Cemetery now on disk and will be taken to Red Deer by Heather Wardlow when she attend the Provincial Meeting on Mar. 9th.
Marie Matkin and Verna Hockey were on hand to help assist & explain videos from Salt Lake City showing us how to do our research.
Debbie Was (#2650) has volunteered to take over the Librarian duties from Leita Askew (#1536).

MEETINGS:

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in one of the meeting rooms in the Grande Prairie Public Library at 9910 - 99 Avenue, Grande Prairie.

EXECUTIVE:

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Researchers Paulette Hrychiw 532-5277 and Joan Bowman 532-4697

Mar. 19, 1991. Forms are available for a trip to Salt Lake City being organized by Edmonton Branch for Oct. 15th to 21st.
Bill and Laura Turnbull showed slides of their trip to England last summer.

Apr. 16, 1991. A leaflet will be available shortly of all genealogical materials held in the Peace Library System.
All local History books in the Library will be indexed, as well as Funeral Home records.
Halcourt and Emerson Trail cemeteries have been entered on computer disks.



Conference April/1991
held at Ft. McMurray, Alberta
Beautiful Plaque on display at
entrance to Conference Room.



Laura Turnbull (#555)



Jo Nuthack - Edmonton, AB



Heather Wardlow, Grande Prairie
Enid & Jack Fitzsimons, Edmonton
Laura Turnbull, Grande Prairie





Debbie Was (#2650) & Merna Nelson (#533)

Laura Turnbull, Merna Nelson - Grande Prairie



Fran Moore, DeBolt (Grande Prairie)





May 21, 1991. Special guests were Jack and Enid Fitzsimons from Edmonton who were at our meeting to present Miss Campbell with her award, from the Historical Society of Alberta. Our club nominated Miss Campbell for the annual award for meritorious service to the preservation, promotion or development of Alberta's History over a period of years. Miss Campbell's unique collection of indexed photographs, letters and other documents, makes hers the only professional archival collection north of Edmonton. (refer to Herald-Tribune article of July 24, 1991).

Daily Herald-Tribune, Wednesday, July 24, 1991

Historian Campbell award winner

Recognized for preserving Grande Prairie's history

By NICOLE COUILLARD
Herald-Tribune staff

If there's a story to tell, Isabel Campbell has the particulars.

The 85-year-old is a walking history book. Ask a question about Grande Prairie's past and she'll have an answer for you.

Her concern for recording the area's history has resulted in her being recognized by the Historical Society of Alberta.

She recently received the society's award for continued service to the society for her preservation, promotion and development of Alberta's history.

Her interest in history is something she can't explain.

"Who can tell why? It's like trying to explain why some people are born with blue eyes or brown.

"As a small child I was very conscientious of history. If you're not born with the interest it could be the duller thing in the world."

Campbell's unique collection of indexed photographs, letters and documents, makes it the

only professional archival collection north of Edmonton.

"Her painstakingly gathered material has enabled Miss Campbell to make a significant contribution to the preservation of the Peace Country's history, through over 34,000 index cards, which cover such topics as people, communities, businesses, schools and organizations," said Heather Wardlow, Grande Prairie Genealogy Society president.

The index cards were transferred from Campbell's study to the Grande Prairie Public Library, where they're now housed in the Isabel Campbell Room.

Not only has she written books (Grande Prairie - Capital of the Peace and Pioneer's of the Peace), she writes historical columns for the Herald-Tribune.

"Miss Campbell has been a very dedicated lady over the years and I'm sure we will all appreciate her hard work as we carry on with our genealogy," Wardlow said.

Campbell moved to the area from Toledo, Ohio, with her parents in 1919.

Her father Clyde was one of two men to establish and build the Elmworth community. After nine years of working the land, the family returned to the United States.

In the 1930s, Campbell became the staff historian at the Washington State Library. In 1951 she returned to area to join



Isabel Campbell received the Historical Society of Alberta Award from president Jack Fitzsimmons.

her mother and began working for the Herald-Tribune covering the Beaverlodge area.

She was transferred to Grande Prairie in 1955 and retired in '68 but still continues to write her column.

Because of health reasons, Campbell didn't attend the award ceremony in Calgary. His-

torical Society president Fitzsimmons therefore presented the award to her.

Jun. 18, 1991. Meeting held at Public Library. Membership now stands at 44.

Guest Speaker for June was Mr. David Leonard, Chief Archivist at the Provincial Archives in Edmonton. He is trying to establish Archives for the City of Grande Prairie administration records. He gave a very informative talk on the resources in the Provincial Archives and how they are arranged in collections as a unit.

Tracing family tree very long process

It may mean checking out tombstones

By NICOLE COUILLARD
Herald-Tribune staff

Tombstones, death certificates, court reports... they've proved their worth to Heather Wardlow.

For the past five years the Grande Prairie resident has been tracing the family tree of her maiden name Smith and married name Wardlow.

"I think it's important to know your heritage, even if it takes years of research," she said of the hobby that's become a passion.

Although such tactics as roaming cemeteries taking pictures of tombstones might seem morbid, a list of over 1,000 names justifies her actions.

A trip to Nova Scotia in 1988 produced several rolls of film of tombstones of Smiths and Cannings.

In 1989, while celebrating her grandparents' 60th anniversary in South Ampton, she went on to visit a church where her grandfather's mother homesteaded.

"The caretaker just happened to be a Smith and sure enough he was my cousin," laughs Wardlow of how some information is stumbled upon.

She's traced both her parents' ancestors to England. A Nathaniel Smith came to North America from Yorkshire, England in 1774 with his wife.

The first step in tracing a family tree is starting with yourself, suggests Wardlow.

"Find out everything you can about your immediate family - your father and mother, brothers and sisters," said Wardlow, publicity chairman of the Alberta Genealogical Society.

Of course the further back you investigate, the more records become obscure.

Maintaining organized notes is ultimately important. A Pedigree Chart (a chart showing direct lineage in order of yourself, parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc.) and Family Group Sheet (statistics collected on each individual) keep all the information together and accessible.

"You can't consider any-



Staff Photo by Nicole Couillard

Heather Wardlow holds a picture of her husband's great-grandparents Thomas Jefferson and Fannie Prudence (Gibbs) Wardlow.

Using such information such as birth, death and marriage certificates, tax records, passports, church records, wills, journals, history books and even cemeteries can lead to the discovery of more names.

thing true unless you've proved it with documentation."

Using such information such as birth, death and marriage certificates, tax records, passports, church records, wills, journals, history books and even cemeteries can lead to the discovery of more names.

The Church of the Latter-Day Saints in Grande Prairie has access to microfiche files of records kept all over the world. These files are available to the public.

That one source opened the door to several records of Wardlow kin-folk in Missouri.

Actually she discovered the family name Wardlow was at one time Wardlaw. By the time the family arrived in Ohio from Kentucky the name has been changed.

Her husband's grandfather was born in Missouri in 1870 and died in Alberta in 1938 (a death certificate which she has on file).

From the Brown County Court House in Ohio, she found a brother of a Wardlow to be a horse thief.

"He was sentenced to five years in a Ohio penitentiary for stealing a bay mare worth \$50."

The binders of information collected over the years are now stored in one neat package - the Personal Ancestral File computer program. The walls of her basement office are lined with family tree charts and maps of various countries.

Grande Prairie's Genealogical Society resumes meetings the third Tuesday of every month at the Grande Prairie Public Library in September.

The 43-member group is bound together by the same curiosity of uncovering heritage.

"Whether we have guest speakers or workshops, we're there to help each other out. If you run into a road block there's usually someone in the group who can suggest other avenues.

"I think it's a hobby that's becoming more popular. The more you find out about your family, the more you want to know."

Sept. 17, 1991. Meeting held at Public library with 20 members present.

Nov. 19, 1991. 10 members attended. Debbie Was (#2650) would like to start on a vertical file in the New Year, and would like old file folders for this project.
The Grande Prairie Public Library will be applying for a grant with which to put all the obituaries in one collection.

1991 MEMBERS OF GP & DISTRICT BRANCH - as of 28 Feb 1991

Askev	Leita Anne	539-1359 6925 96 Street	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 5T2
Bowman	Joan	532-4697 11810 96 Street	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 4P4
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Durda	Sharon	567-3803 Box 4	Clairmont	AB T0H 1W0
Grant	Jack W	489-8271 9227 168 Street	Edmonton	AB T5R 2V8
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Hockey	Verna	532-0918 Box 1 Site 4 RR 2	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 2Z9
Holloway	Jane	532-7406 10306 - 102 Street	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 2W3
Hrychiw	Paulette	532-5277 11321-101A Street	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 2S3
Johnston	Sharon	539-3508 Box 484	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 3A7
Kaut	Jurgen	532-6468 Box 675	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 3A8
Kempert	Wendy	539-1697 10113 94 Avenue	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 0K9
Kirouac	Tracey	538-1727 9538 62 Avenue	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 2C6
Lafleur	Denise	538-4692 8110-103 Street	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 2A6
Matkin	Marie	532-5134 #10 Site 6 R.R. #1	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 2Z8
Mazurek	Hope	359-3883 Box 132	Eaglesham	AB T0H 0H0
Monlezun	Marjorie & Jacques	782-8424 11108 13A Street	Dawson Creek	BC V1G 3X5
Moore	Fran	957-3957 Box 447	Debolt	AB T0H 1B0
Nelson	Merna E.	532-7957 9919-85 Avenue	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 0A1
Partlow	Phyllis	532-6709 R.R. #2	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 2Z9
Pool	Rev. Mina G.	539-1326 #502, 9649 - 94 Avenue	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 6H3
Richards	Alfred & Gwen	538-0074 Box 623	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 3A8
Rutherford	Lillian J.	538-1835 #108, 10222 - 105 Avenue	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 1H5
Sagneister	Lorraine	538-2844 10046 79 Avenue	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 4E8
Smith	Barbara	532-4279 10908 96 Street	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 2A2
Thomson	Carol Ann	532-7524 Box 77, R.R. #1, Site 2	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 2Z8
Timanson	D. Morton & Nancy	539-6778 9589 - 74 Avenue	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 5A7
Turnbull	Laura	532-7138 6913-97A Street	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 5E5
Turner	Owen	532-2687 10413-102 Avenue	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 1A2
Wardlow	Heather	532-6070 11421 96B Street	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 3M8
Was	Deborah	568-3619 Box 507	Sexsmith	AB T0H 3C0
Williams	Marilyn	354-8343 Box 642	Beaverlodge	AB T0H 0C0
Zacharuk	Jackie	532-2249 9631 - 88 Avenue	Grande Prairie	AB T8V 3E0

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MEETINGS

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Jan. 21, 1992. Newsletter was ready for the Jan. meeting. Lethbridge Conference will be held April 10, 11, & 12, 1992. A possible 10 members will attend. Conference '93 will be in Red Deer and Conference '94 will be held in Edmonton. A Grant has been approved for us to purchase the rest of the 1891 census microfilm.

Feb. 17, 1992. 20 members were present for the meeting at the Latter Day Saints Church. Tour of the Library, update of new items and how to operate the new computer were explained to the members.

Isabel Campbell's name will be entered for Award of Distinction in the "American Association for State and Local History"

New Executive:

- President - Judith Bradley (#2688)
- Vice-President - Heather Wardlow (#1975)
- Secretary - Tracey Kirouac (#2471)
- Treasurer - Jurgen Kaut (#2687)

Paulette Hrychiw has offered her home for an informal gathering the 4th Tuesday evening from 7:30 - 10:00 every month, with the hope of helping one another and getting to know other members.

Daily Herald-Tribune, Friday, March 12, 1993

Library can help you find roots

How nice to see a story on Laura Turnbull in our local paper! Laura Turnbull has had a long association with the Centre Prairie and District Genealogy Association. This group does an enormous amount at work maintaining both personal family histories and community information.

The Library is pleased to be able to provide access to the Genealogy Association's books and magazine collection. Their recent donation of more 1891 census reels brings the total to 144 reels. This acquisition of the census reels means that people searching for information on their relatives living in 1891 can search for the information here and not wait anywhere from 6 weeks to 6 months for the reels from the National Archives of Canada.

Genealogists are excited about the ability to access the 1901 census reels now. The Library has the newly released catalogue to enable researchers to find the correct reel for 1901. We still have to request these ones from the National Archives but at least the information is available now.

Documentary evidence such as census information and birth records is vital for a serious genealogist. A useful aide



PAM CHISLETT
At the Library

in acquiring these records is the International Vital Records Handbook by Thomas Kemp. This invaluable book has copies of forms to request vital records from all over the world. Addresses, costs and specialized instructions are all included to assist in receiving these valuable vital records.

Two other new additions to our genealogy sections are Tracing You Ancestors in Alberta and Searching For Your Ancestors.

Tracing you Ancestors by Victoria Lemieux and David Leonard is a guide to sources of genealogical interest in Alberta's archives and research centres. David Leonard is the Acting Provincial Archivist and thus is a noted expert in the field.

Searching For Your Ancestors by Gilbert Dianne and James Bell presents a step-by-step approach to help construct a family tree. Although this book is American in origin, the basic steps of genealogy research are international in scope.

The Library and the Genealogy Association work closely together to provide genealogists with the information needed. If genealogy is your interest use both agencies to assist in your ancestral search.

Programs: Saturday, March 13, 2 p.m. Paper mache flower making for 8-12 years old.

Tuesday, March 16, 1:30 p.m. Covered photo album demo

March 5-19 Follow in my Tracks; a hands-on display in the Children's Department from Science Alberta

Call the Library at 532-3580 for further information.

How to take care of memories

Photos are often cherished, but seldom properly saved

BARBARA MAYER
The Associated Press

Family photos are among the most commonly cherished possessions, but they are seldom properly cared for.

"The two biggest destroyers of old photographs are improper framing and storage in damp basements or attics," says Debbie Hess Norris, a photo conservator.

Norris, associate director of the art conservation program at the University of Delaware-Winterthur, wrote the chapter on photographs in the recently published book *Caring For Your Collections*.

Some tips from her on photo preservation:

- Use a mat when framing photos.

This prevents the photo from sticking to the glass in humid weather. Display photos out of direct light. Ultraviolet rays of sunlight and artificial light destroy them.

● Store photos in a centre hall closet on one of the main floors of the house. Both attic and basement are susceptible to dampness, an enemy of photographs.

● Place each rare photo in its own protective cover. The most fragile usually are 19th century photos. If the collection is large, making the covers prohibitively expensive, collect them in archival quality boxes or photo albums.

● Don't use magnetic album pages for photos. The pictures often get stuck to the adhesive backing, which deteriorates over time. Poor quality plastic coverings may discolor the image.

● When storing photos or slides, use polyethylene or polypropylene instead of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) sleeves.

"PVC slide pages are more unstable and give off hydrochloric acid as they deteriorate over time," she says.

"Ideally, set up a storage system where you can write on an enclosure, and not on the photo itself," Norris says.

"If you do write on a photograph, at least write in pencil."

If a treasured photograph needs restoring, find a photo conservator. Photographic processes underwent a continuous development beginning in the 19th century, so an expert conservator or photo historian can date a photo based on the process used to make it, Norris says.

Services galore at GP library

In the Grande Prairie Public Library we have many services and materials available for you.

Everyone is welcome to come in and browse through our materials. You do need a card if you plan to borrow materials.

I will outline some materials and services we have to offer.

The Consumer Corner offers consumer magazines, clippings file, information (example: Gold Book used car price guide) and indexes.

Business, Career and Government Document sections can be found in the reference area.

Phone books for some Canadian centres are available. The library does carry all Alberta and British Columbia phone books.

One corner of the library holds the magazine and newspapers. The library subscribes to over 120 adult magazine. Some of these magazines are non-circulating but the majority can be checked out of the library.

The only paper we keep for

archival information is the Daily Herald-Tribune. Back-dated copies of it can be viewed on film in the Isabell Campbell Room.

In this room we also keep local history material and files, fiche and film readers, some magazine fiche as well as genealogy materials. The genealogy material includes periodicals, books and census reels donated by the Grande Prairie and District Branch, Alberta Genealogical Society.

The local history section is the Hauge Legacy Collection which is found at the back of the library.

Shopper's mail order catalogues are available to browse through. Clothing, shoes, and unique gift ideas are accessible by using these catalogues.

Public has access to a photocopier and cassette tape listening stations.

If anyone is interested in learning how to use the library's computer catalogue, contact the Reference Department to arrange an appointment. We will be pleased to show you how to



BARBARA MOREAU
GP Public Library

access material quickly.

The library is honored to be able to display local artists' works. The newest selection of artworks is comprised of four local women artists. The prints are by Laurel Rohne, Leona Cochrane, and Brenda Valerio; the collages are by Sue Cloake. Each of these works is representative of the artist unique approach to their medium.

PROGRAMS

•**Writing Contest:** Grande Prairie Public Library Board's poetry contest. Deadline: Tuesday, March 31. Phone 532-3580 for further information.

•**Sports Card Traders:** April 4 at 2 p.m. Improve your collection by trading with others.

•**Fabric Baskets:** Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Learn how to make your Easter baskets from ice-cream pails. Please note instructor is allergic to perfumes and we ask the people joining us not to wear perfumes that evening.

•**As You Like It:** Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Gourmet meal on a shoestring budget presented by Cheryl Stetsko from the South Peace Health Unit.

•**Card Catalogue Contest:** April 1-25. Prizes for contest winners.

Information on the contest is available at the library.

UPCOMING EVENTS

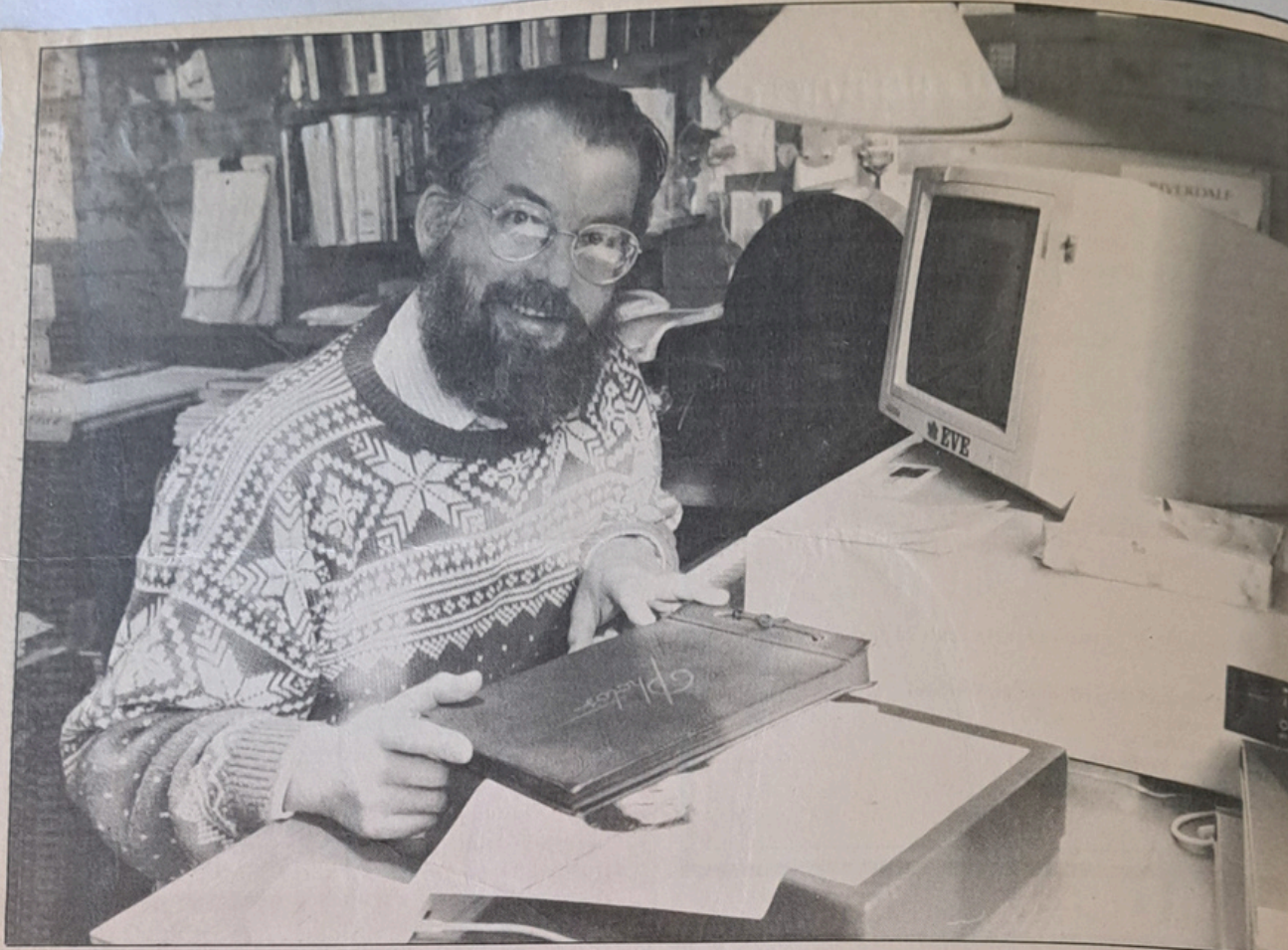
- March 24 - Informal evening at Paulette Hrychiw's, 11321 - 101A Avenue, starting at 7:30 p.m.
- April 21 - Regular meeting at G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, starting at 7:00 p.m.
- April 28 - Informal evening at Paulette Hrychiw's, 11321 - 101A Avenue, starting at 7:30 p.m.
- May 19 - Regular meeting at G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, starting at 7:00 p.m.
- May 19 - PROGRAM - Two topics will be presented:
 - i) **Alberta Archives Society** - An overview of what the association is, what it does, and what information it provides to members.
 - ii) **Computers and Genealogy** - Members who use a computer to record their research are asked to share their opinions at the May Meeting. Please bring samples of the charts your software produces, and a short list of 'pros' and 'cons' of running your software on your particular system. This program is aimed at our members who may be (continued on page 2)

Upcoming Events (continued from page 1)

- May 26 - Informal evening at Paulette Hrychiw's, 11321 - 101A Avenue, starting at 7:30 p.m.
- June 16 - Regular meeting at G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, starting at 7:00 p.m.
- June 23 - Informal evening at Paulette Hrychiw's, 11321 - 101A Avenue, starting at 7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 23 - Informal evening at Paulette Hrychiw's, 11321 - 101A Avenue, starting at 7:30
- July and August - No meetings scheduled
- September 15 - Regular meeting at G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, starting at 7:00
- September 22 - Informal evening at Paulette Hrychiw's, 11321 - 101A Avenue, starting at 7:30
- October 7 - "Tracing Your Family Tree" - a beginner's course - starting at Hillside Community School. It will go every Wednesday evening for eight weeks. Laura Turnbull is the instructor. Registrations may be made at Hillside Community School in September.
- October 20 - Regular meeting at G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, starting at 7:00
- October 27 - Informal evening at Paulette Hrychiw's, 11321 - 101A Avenue, starting at 7:30



Steve Simon The Journal

Al Shute of Tree Frog Press teaches the art of research to enthusiasts who want to put together books on their family trees

Edm. Journ. Sept 19/92

Family trees done best — by the book

MICHAEL CHOUINARD
Journal Staff Writer

Edmonton

Family reunions piqued Marjene Turnbull's interest in her family's history, but left her feeling like she was missing out on many of her relatives' stories.

"There was never enough time to reminisce at the reunions," says Turnbull, a potter from Onoway.

Her solution was to get it all down on paper, and the result of her work is a 260-page book, documenting her ancestors' lives from when they moved to British Columbia from Japan in 1907 to when they were forced to work on

sugar-beet farms during the Second World War. She and her sister Kathy also included stories about their childhood.

Turnbull credits a class taught by Al Shute, a publisher of children's books with Tree Frog Press, for giving her the researching, writing and editing skills she needed to put the book together. And another advantage of the class was just being in contact with other people who were also researching their roots.

"There's no such thing as a dull family."

— Al Shute, teaches how to research family tree

"It was interesting finding out what the other people were doing," says Turnbull, who took Shute's class on how to research your family tree through the Edmonton public school system's continuing education program. The fall session starts next week at Ross Sheppard Composite high school.

Shute realizes not everyone is as devoted in producing a family history as Turnbull, but he says most people could put together an

attractive book without too much trouble. He says advances in technology make the process much easier.

"The Xerox today is better than the lithography was 20 years ago." Shute says it is natural for people to want to know more about what kind of people their ancestors were.

"There's no such thing as a dull family."

During the 10 week course, Shute shows students how to research, interview, write, edit and layout a final product.

But he does not expect all of them to complete a final polished product because of the enormous work involved.

Lethbridge Conference
April 10, 11 & 12, 1992.



Carol & Paulette



Heather, we're here for History Research,
not a modeling session!



Heather Wardlow (#1975)
Carol Thomson (#445)
Paulette Hrychiw (#534)

Ron Bremer enlightens ancestral researchers

Valley Views, May 29, 1992
By Steve Kushneryk for Valley Views
Genealogist Ron Bremer spoke to about 30 people at the town library last Wednesday evening.

Bremer is from Salt Lake City, Utah, and has written a book on genealogy called *The Compendium of Historical Sources*. It took Bremer 25 years to complete this book of information. The book contains 31 chapters and covers every angle of obtaining information on ancestral and historical backgrounds. It is considered to be the most complete genealogical reference work in North America.

Bremer used humorous examples during his talk. He gave some very interesting and useful tips on research, including using sources such as fraternities, (Masonic, Oddfellows) and alliances (St. Patrick Society, Sons of Italy, Norway, and immigration aid). He said just about every nationality has a source of reference.

Another research means is insurance records. Bremer pointed out insurance started in the early 1800's, mostly through churches. A couple of other sources Bremer pointed out were military records and area newspapers.

Bremer also talked on survey aspects. One example he used was that Salt Lake City has the best genealogy library in North America.

He added the best surname registrar is in Sydney, Australia while Washington D.C. has the best in photo duplication. He also suggested accessing information from the Court Appeals and Data Basis in Dublin, Ohio.

Bremer also proposed using high school students to obtain information. It's cheaper than hiring an agent and students will do a better job in most cases.

He also told of some of the joys he experienced in discovering and learning about his ancestors.

Bremer informed the audience that he would hold a workshop in the Peace Country, upon request from interested groups.

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11212 - 102 Street, Grande Prairie, Alberta
Telephone: 403-532-3609

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Wednesday 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.

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As of 29 February 1992

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1536	Askew, Leita Anne	539-1359	6925 - 96 St	Grande Prairie	AB	T8V 5T2
Subs	Bibliotheque municipale de Montreal		5650, rue d'Iberville, bureau 400	Montreal	Que	H2G 3E4
1108	Bowman, Joan	532-4697	11810 - 96 St	Grande Prairie	AB	T8V 4P4
2688	Bradley, Judith	539-3837	8009 - 99A St	Grande Prairie	AB	T8V 3V2
2690	Burroughs, Morris L	532-9588	9205 - 111 Ave	Grande Prairie	AB	T8V 3L7
	Campbell, Lyle	538-1958	8410 - 100 St	Grande Prairie	AB	T8V 3C7
1379	Cooke, Pat		Box 156	Chetwynd	BC	VOC 1J0
1475	Cunningham, Beverly	532-2999	9417 - 113 Ave	Grande Prairie	AB	T8V 1W3
1965	Durda, Sharon	567-3803	Box 4	Clairmont	AB	TOH 1W0
Subs	Grande Prairie Public Library		9910 - 99 Ave	Grande Prairie	AB	T8V 0R5
1802	Grant, Jack W	489-8271	9227 - 168 St	Edmonton	AB	TSR 2V8
1381	Hassall, Nora	532-4073	9809 - 105 Ave	Grande Prairie	AB	T8V 1G7
2357	Hockey, Verna	532-0918	Box 1 Site 4 RR 2	Grande Prairie	AB	T8V 2Z9
2338	Holloway, Jane	532-7406	10306 - 102 St	Grande Prairie	AB	T8V 2S3
0534	Hrychiw, Paulette	532-5277	11321-101A St	Grande Prairie	AB	T8V 3A7
2697	Johnston, Sharon	539-3508	Box 484	Grande Prairie	AB	T8V 3A8
2687	Kaut, Jurgen	532-6468	Box 675	Grande Prairie	AB	
1964	Kempert, Wendy	539-1697	10113 - 94 Ave	Grande Prairie	AB	T8W 2C6
2471	Kirouac, Tracey	538-1727	9538 - 62 Ave	Grande Prairie	AB	T8S 1A5
2698	Lafleur, Denise	624-3076	9614 - 84 Ave	Peace River	AB	TOH 0C0
1059	Lock, Allan & Elsie	354-8590	Box 245	Benverlodge	AB	T8V 2Z8
0552	Matkin, Marie	532-5134	Box 10, Site 6, RR 1	Grande Prairie	AB	TOH 0H0
2699	Mazurek, Hope	359-3883	Box 132	Eenglesham	AB	V1G 3X5
0880	Monlezun, Marjorie & Jacques	782-8424	11108 - 13A St	Dawson Creek	BC	TOH 1B0
1288	Moore, Fran	957-3957	Box 447	Debolt	AB	T8V 0A1
0533	Nelson, Merna E.	532-7957	9919 - 85 Ave	Grande Prairie	AB	T8V 2Z9
1520	Partlow, Phyllis	532-6709	R.R. #2	Grande Prairie	AB	T8V 6H3
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2408	Richards, Alfred & Gwen	538-0074	Box 623	Grande Prairie	AB	T8V 1H5
2383	Rutherford, Lillian J.	538-1835	#108, 10222-105 Ave	Grande Prairie	AB	T8V 4E8
2701	Sagmeister, Lorraine	538-2844	10046 - 79 Ave	Grande Prairie	AB	TOH 3S5
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2335	Timanson, Morton & Nancy	539-6778	9589 - 74 Ave	Grande Prairie	AB	T8V 5E5
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0740	Turner, Gwen	532-2687	10413-102 Ave	Grande Prairie	AB	T8V 3M8
1975	Wardlow, Heather	532-6070	11421 - 96B St	Grande Prairie	AB	TOH 3C0
2650	Was, Deborah	568-3619	Box 507	Sexsmith	AB	TOH 3N0
1395	Whittaker, Sandra	524-4488	P.O. Box 600	Valleyview	AB	TOH 0C0
2336	Williams, Marilyn	354-8343	Box 642	Beaverlodge	AB	X0E 0T0
2703	Yeager, Leslie		Box 2820	Imuvik	NWT	T8V 3E2
2521	Zacharuk, Jackie	532-2249	9631 - 88 Ave	Grande Prairie	AB	

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

January, 1992:

The printing of our newsletters will now be done at Peace Library System by Debra Was, with paper purchased on sale whenever possible to cut costs.

Dates for Conference '92 in Lethbridge were announced as April 10-12th, and those planning to attend will get together to discuss a car pool. The group decided against putting up a display booth at the conference.

Forms for the election of officers were distributed to those in attendance, the balance will be mailed out.

February, 1992:

Our librarian reported that the new books purchased by the branch at the Ft. McMurray conference have now been catalogued and are on the shelves.

The branch decided to enter Isabel Campbell's name for an Award of Distinction from the American Association for State and Local History. She is a prominent and well-known local historian.

Those willing to let their names stand for the election of officers came forth.

Paulette offered her Rec Room as a meeting place for those members who felt that there was not enough time left over after our general meetings for the group to help each other out with research problems. This will be on the 4th Tuesday of each month around 7:30 p.m.

March, 1992:

The new executive, consisting of President, Judith Bradley; Vice President Heather Wardlow; Treasurer, Jurgen Kaut; and Secretary Tracey Kirouac were introduced.

Heather gave a summary of the Provincial Meeting held in Edmonton. She also announced that she had a cheque from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation grant that will allow us to finish purchasing

Seekers" and took the time to point out the survey on the last page which asks members to detail their personal genealogy libraries and specify areas of interest. Heather will compile the results for a future newsletter that should be a great help in getting members networking.

Paulette told us of three queries to the branch that she has researched and answered.

The Branch's financial problems were discussed and it was suggested that the 1993 dues be raised to help offset operating costs. We will discuss it further at the September meeting.

September, 1992:

Heather was pleased to announce that we had received a further \$200.00 from AGS to enable us to reorder the last of the 1891 census reels.

The Public Library has passed on to us a list of Ships Passenger Lists available on microfilm from the National Archives.

Heather reported on the Provincial meeting that she attended. Conference '93 will be held in Red Deer April 23 & 24, Conference '94 in Fort McMurray and Conference '95 in Edmonton.

An increase in our Branch membership fee was again brought up, and the motion to raise the annual fee from \$6 to \$7 was passed. This is in line with the other AGS Branches.

Paulette reported on "Opportunities for You", the Leisure Fair held at the Leisure Centre. Four members set up a booth for the Branch, but the Fair was forced to shut down after a little over an hour, due to a chlorine gas leak from the pool next door. It was almost two hours before the Fire Department would let exhibitors back in to recover their belongings and close up. The City hopes to hold another one in the near future and our entry fee was returned.

The Public Library is allowing us to display Genealogy material in their lobby display cabinets for the month of January, 1993. Tracey will be asking for the loan of material to be brought to the December meeting to put it all together.

Laura reminded members that her Beginner's Genealogy Course is planned for Wednesday evenings at Hillside School and will run 8 weeks starting Oct. 7. She hopes to repeat it at St. Pat's School in

our collection of the 1891 census reels.

April, 1992:

Those who attended Conference '92 earlier this month gave a summary of the weekend's seminars and offered copies of session handouts to those interested in particular topics.

Judith announced that she had been asked to edit the next issue of "Relatively Speaking" and would appreciate input from the branch.

Paulette and Joan reported on two research requests which they successfully answered.

May, 1992:

Due to a price increase since we placed the order for the census reels, our cheque to the NAC had been returned and we will need to raise another \$345.82 to finish the set.

AGS's request that we host Conference '94 was discussed and Judith will find out more about exactly what we would be responsible for.

Laura reported on an evening seminar in Valleyview that five of our members attended on May 15. The speaker was Ron Bremer from Salt Lake City, the author of "Compendium of Historical Sources". Those attending found him very informative and suggested we take him up on his offer to speak in Grande Prairie next spring.

Tracey suggested that we start a "wish list" for books that would be of help to our members, by having people initial the book advertisements that we receive.

June, 1992:

Judith reported on the Branch executive meeting held last week at which some Branch goals were decided on. The main two being adding to the Branch library holdings and making the Branch more visible in the community.

Laura handed out the June issue of "Heritage February/March '93.

October, 1992:

No meeting was held due to too few members showing up for the meeting.

November, 1992:

Laura reported five new members since our last meeting which puts our 1992 total at 47.

Some of these new members are students of Laura's Beginning Genealogy Course that is running at Hillside School until December. It also looks like St. Pat's School will run her course after Christmas, so members are asked to pass the word around to anyone interested in taking this very informative course.

Renewal forms were handed out to those present with the request to pay Branch and Provincial dues through the branch.

Paulette told us about two research queries that she had received on a Dupre and a Dewar in the Peace area.

She also requested ideas on a permanent home for the Grande Prairie obituary indexes that she has been compiling in her home. Not only is the collection outgrowing her home office, but she is worried about the loss should anything ever happen to her house. It was suggested that the Public Library be asked to store it and Paulette will look into this.

Tracey suggested that those volunteering items for our genealogy display in the Public Library's lobby for January bring them to the December meeting. This will not only save her time picking up the items individually, but also give us a chance for a 'Show and Tell' at the December meeting. She asked that small notes be included if the owners want descriptions shown with the items. Those who cannot make the December meeting but who would like to display some items, can contact Tracey before December 31st.

December, 1992:

The December meeting consisted of a social evening where members brought and shared with those in attendance some of the small artifacts they have collected in their research. These were then turned over to Tracey for setting up a display in the Library's lobby for the month of January.

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Contains Agenda, Minutes '2 AGM, Reports for 1992

7. a. iv. Grande Prairie and District Branch Report: presented by Branch President Judith Bradley.

Grande Prairie Branch AGS membership has stayed fairly stable in 1992. Total membership at December 31, 1992 was 45 members, an increase of one member over 1991 membership statistics. Attendance at our meetings ranged from eight to 20 members, with the mean being 11 members present.

In 1992 our Branch began a second meeting night each month. This informal meeting is open to all members, and is used as a sharing session for members to work together.

GP Branch completed the collection of 1891 census for Canada. The ongoing obituary file project of information extracted from our local paper continues. One beginners' genealogy course was held, with seven students in attendance.

Our Executive, as of February 1993 consists of:

President: Judith Bradley
Vice President: Heather Wardlow
Secretary: Tracey Kirouac
Treasurer: Jurgen Kaut

Our bank balance as of December 31, 1992 was \$274.18. Complete financial statement for 1992 calendar year is enclosed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 15 ¹⁹⁹² Regular meeting at G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, 7:00 pm
Program: Small artifacts in member's collections.
- January 19 ¹⁹⁹³ Regular meeting at G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, 7:00 pm
Program: Guest speaker - Doris Allan - from Peace River, on 'Archival Quality Photo Albums and other applications'.
- February 16 Regular meeting at G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, 7:00 pm
Program: TBA
- February 17 'Tracing Your Family Tree' - a beginner's course - begins at St. Pat's Community School. It will go every Wednesday evening for eight weeks. Laura Turnbull is the instructor. For more information, contact St. Pat's Community School.
- March 16 Regular meeting at G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, 7:00 pm
Program: TBA

St. Patrick Community School

PLEASE NOTE! Registration for the classes at St. Patrick Community School must be done in person. Registration is not taken over the telephone. You may mail registration to the address above, making sure to include the course you wish to register in, your telephone number and the registration fee. All classes have a minimum registration of 8.

REFUND POLICY: Refunds will not be issued for St. Patrick Community School programs except for medical reasons accompanied by a doctor's certificate. At this time a \$5.00 administration fee will be charged. Full refunds will be issued when the school cancels a program.

Genealogy
GENEALOGY is defined as "the study of one's ancestry."
What better time than now to begin tracing your family tree.

Date: Feb 17 - Apr 7
Day: Wednesday
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Instructor: Laura Turnbull
Fee: \$30
Registration deadline: Feb 10

FAMILY TREE: Finding your ancestors can be a never-ending search

By **PAULA BOWERING**
Herald-Tribune staff

Laura Turnbull's hobby is more than an obsession. It's her, and her family's, life.

For almost 15 years Turnbull has been tracing her family tree. Her curiosity turned into a hobby that has taken her across oceans and hundreds of years back in time.

"It's an obsessive hobby because you're never done," she said about genealogy — the tracing of ancestry.

A founding member of the local genealogy club and former president of the provincial association, she has begun teaching a course on how to trace one's roots.

When Turnbull talks about her family's past, such things as the Crimean War and names of historical figures such as Catherine the Great come up.

And not because she is related to the 18th century Czarina, but because people's lives are affected by how history unfolds, she said.

"Historical events definitely come into play. I've found I've learned a lot of history in the past few years that I was never interested in originally in school."

Turnbull said her ancestors emigrated from Germany to Russia in the late 17th century because of scarce farmland in Germany and incentives by Catherine II to increase Russia's population.

The family went back to Germany in the early 19th century when anyone with German heritage of at least five generations could return, she said.

That meant much of Turnbull's work was done before she even began — a record of five generations "duly stamped and recorded" had been passed down.

But for many people a significant barrier to tracing their family tree is finding records, she said. There are many different kinds of records, often in different languages, that have to be found and pieced together like a giant puzzle, she explained.

As well, records are often hard to find because they were destroyed by war.

Again, if you know something about history there's other places to look for lost records.

"It's an obsessive hobby because you're never done."

— *Laura Turnbull*

For example, United Kingdom church records have duplicate sets. Parish priests recorded births, deaths and marriages in their area and at the end of the year sent a copy to the bishops — called the Bishop's Transcripts.

Another barrier to tracking family trees is the tradition of women changing their name with marriage.

However, it's sometimes easier to follow the female line, such as in England where marriages were usually held in the bride's parish and often the first child baptized in the home parish, Turnbull explained.

Another way names are lost or spellings changed was when people of various ethnic backgrounds came to North America. Their names were often documented the way they sounded in accented English or a foreign language.

Turnbull's hobby has also unearthed a collection of family mementos.

For example, she has a necklace her husband Bill's great, great grandmother is wearing in a 100th birthday photograph.

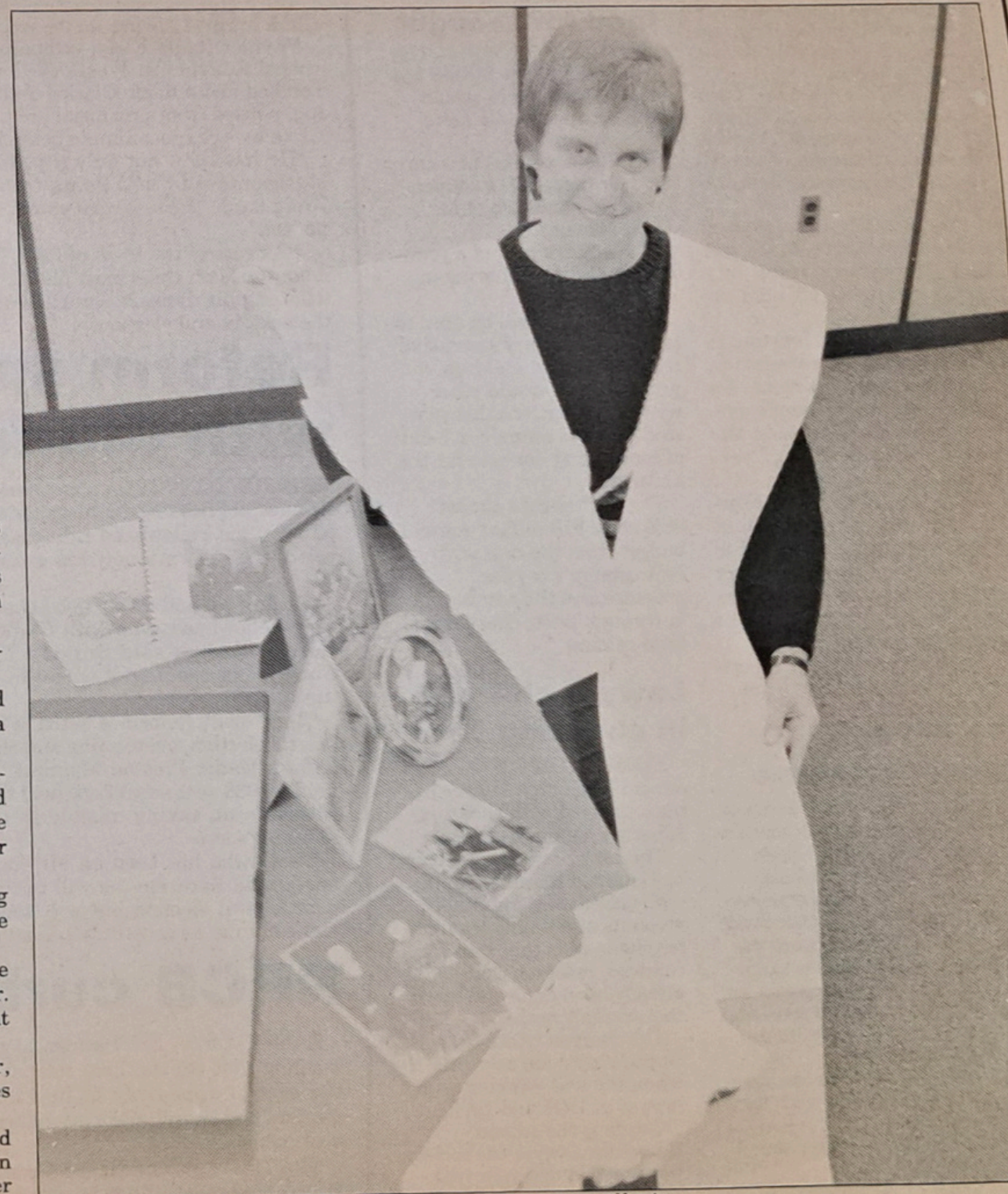
There is also a photo of the house the grandmother lived in, which is still in the family and which the Turnbulls have visited. Pictured is the window of the room the grandmother spent her last days.

"It definitely gives you a feeling of belonging — just the tie with history," Turnbull said while holding the lace and photo.

"The feeling that you're walking in the same footsteps down the same roads as your ancestor. It's a returning home, I guess," she said of what it felt like to visit the old house.

With so much of the puzzle put together, Turnbull's next challenge is to gather the stories that go with the names and artifacts.

She has already begun this work as well and is writing a book about the Turnbull family in North America since her husband's grandmother and grandfather immigrated 90 years ago.



Laura Turnbull with a list of her ancestors and some artifacts.

Saturday, May 15, 1993.
Grande Prairie Members Research Trip.



Standing: Don Moreau (#3197), Nora Hassell (#1381), Heather Wardlow (#1975), and Charles Meadwell (#3073).
Front row: Tracey Kirouac (#2471), Paulette Hrychiw (#534), Leita Askew (#1536), Barbara Smith (#1972), Diane Meadwell (#3037), with Laura Turnbull (#555) 'reclining' in the foreground.
Debbie Was (#2650) and Merna Nelson (#533) taking photos.

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Laura Turnbull (#555) taking the photo.

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Donnelly, Alberta



Tracing the roots of Western Canada's Metis

His wife's curiosity and his passion for history launched Charles Denney on an exhaustive quest

Dec 29, 1993 *Edm Jour*

DON THOMAS
Journal Staff Writer

Edmonton

Charles Denney loves to squirrel away information on people.

He clips biographical stories from *The Journal*, pasting them into file folders. Many are on the library shelves of the Alberta Genealogical Society, which he helped found in 1973.

Denney has been saving obituary notices from *The Journal* for more than 20 years. Those from 1972 to 1981 have been catalogued and indexed and are on file with the genealogical society's library.

That pack-rat instinct and a bookkeeper's attention to detail also helped him assemble the *Denney Papers* — believed to be one of the most detailed records available on the family histories of Western Canada's Metis people.

Lord Selkirk dreamed of founding a new England along the valley of the Red River south of present-day Winnipeg.

He brought a few hundred Scots and Irish settlers out starting in 1812 after gaining control of the Hudson's Bay Company. They took native wives or married into the families of retired French traders who settled there.

They were literally a new breed of prairie people: the Metis, part-native, part immigrant, fiercely independent. For a few decades they tasted nationhood. The dream wavered but didn't die with Louis Riel.

The families spread across the West. Many Albertans with French names such as Dumont, Chalifoux, L'Herondelle and Proulx or Scottish names like Fraser, Wills, Ross or Campbell can trace their roots back to the Red River settlers.

Denney has made it a lot easier for those tracing a link to Manitoba.

He will be 93 in January. But he looks and talks like someone 20

years younger. He still clips *The Journal*, still passionate about keeping records.

"I guess you'd say it's an interest in history. . . . The history of Western Canada has been made by people and here they are," he says, gesturing to the rows of file folders in the genealogical library in downtown Edmonton.

He was a teacher, then a civil servant and, finally, had an accounting business. He's been credited with originating the concept for the Alberta Treasury Branch banking system back in 1937.

His first wife, Mildred, had read about a minister in Victoria called John Bompas who had assembled a history on Red River families.

Her roots were among the Frasers, Mathesons and other Red River families and she wanted to know more. Denney met Bompas in Victoria and copied the 27 pages of information he had collected.

It was a lot of stuff. But it was far from complete and there were intriguing gaps. Denney had just retired and had some time. One thing led to another and he took over where Bompas had left off.

Mildred died in 1973 and he remarried in 1974. He and his new wife, Elsie, spent much of the next decade filling in the blanks.

"We bought a motorhome and we put about 80,000 miles on it, traveling from California to Prince Edward Island and from Dawson City south into the U.S.

"Some of it was just to entertain ourselves but we visited a lot of people in that motor home, I'll tell you. I have a map of Canada and the U.S. marked with lines where we travelled and it's a mess of lines . . .

"Every time I found a new family, I went looking for them all. You'd talk to one and he'd say you better go and see so and so and off you'd go."

Genealogy is becoming increas-



Charles Denney, with some of the genealogical information he has collected

Rick MacWilliam *The Journal*

ingly important to Alberta's Metis people.

Metis is a French word meaning mixed. A Metis simply is a person of mixed blood, says University of Alberta historian Olive Dickason. Her Metis roots go back to south Saskatchewan buffalo hunters.

But some Metis people believe that those who can trace their roots to the Red River settlement de-

serve special recognition by the federal government.

Denney's source material included Hudson's Bay Company archives, provincial archives, letters from Metis families, newspaper obituaries, local history books and conversations with family elders.

He wasn't welcome at some homes. Some people could care less about their ancestors, he said. But

many are tremendously excited about extending their roots.

"I've had letters and phone calls from people that are just ecstatic.

"There's a woman out at Elk Point. The first time I saw her — and I had some records with me — I said, 'oh, you're the sister of such and such.' She was surprised. She didn't know that.

"Another time a woman by the

name of Dumont phoned and she said she was just so excited. She had been looking and could only go back so far. Then she found my records and there was the whole thing laid out."

He wrote repeatedly to a Saskatchewan man he was sure could help him extend a family line. No reply. Later he was in the area and went to see the man. He introduced himself and joined in a conversation.

"We went from this person to another person and then another person. And I said, 'you know, I've written to you twice and asked for this information and you never replied.' And you know he just didn't understand what I wanted."

One problem with compiling family histories is people don't keep very good records.

"They may be organized as farmers or blacksmiths or what not. But they don't keep very good records of themselves or their business. That's why accountants are needed.

"When I learn a bit of information, I write it down and I fit it into these charts," he says, referring to a system that assigns numbers to each family and family member.

Copies of the *Denney Papers* are in Calgary's Glenbow Museum and the genealogical society's library in Edmonton.

It records 1,200 to 1,300 families involving perhaps 50,000 individuals. There are 12,000 index cards and 60 filing boxes of material. When it was copied at the Glenbow it required 33 reels of microfilm.

"It's an enormous amount of material. I don't know where else you'd find so much on one group of people. I'll never live long enough to look at it all," says Geoff Burtonshaw, 77, a volunteer historian at the Glenbow.

Burtonshaw spends every Wednesday at the museum, helping Metis people trace their roots. The *Denney Papers* are his primary resource.

EDMONTON MASCOT ... MON. MAY 3, 1993
HOOING A MASCOT: Speaking of contests, the Edmonton Public Library has a winner. It ran a contest to name a bookish little mascot and Mark McCawley came up with the name, "Dewey." (Books are categorized with the Dewey Decimal System.)
 "We received many interesting names," says spokesman Iolani Domingo. "And judging was very hard. Some of the names submitted include Charley Chapter, Reed Daly, Ed Lib, Book M. Dano, Sir Read-a-Lot, Paige Turner... and many others."
 Hmm, glad to see my suggestion of Book M. Dano made the short list. But since I didn't win, I guess I won't give up my day job.

Daily Herald-Tribune, Thursday, September 16 1993
GENEALOGICAL MEETING: The Alberta Genealogical Society holds its monthly meeting at the GP public library on Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Tom Trace, president of AGS, talking on letter writing. There will

Monday, September 20, 1993 5
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Paint donation




George Keen (left) and Joan Prankie of the City of Grande Prairie present a plaque to Erin McBride (far right) of Prism Glass and Martin Schuster, sales rep for Benjamin Moore, thanking them for donating paint to help restore the city-owned Forbes Home at 10424 - 96 St. Looking on are Forbes House residents Pat Robertson and Mark Zacharias. Note: See brief on Page 5.

Daily Herald-Tribune, Thursday, September 30, 1993

LEARNING

GENEALOGY CLASS: St. Pat's Community School will be holding a genealogy class on Oct. 6 and Nov. 24 from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$30. Get started on tracing your family tree. Call 539-7434.
GENEALOGY WORKSHOP: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will be presenting a two-day genealogy workshop Oct. 15-16 entitled Ancestors: Here, There and Everywhere. Walter Rusel, an active genealogist and president and founder of the Ukrainian Genealogical and Historical Society of Canada, is the keynote speaker Oct. 15 and will present workshops on Polish, Ukrainian and Russian research on Saturday. Other presenters are Laura Turnbull on Beginning Genealogy, Dr. Jim Prince on USA Records, Ken Shaw on computers and genealogy, Hazel Tibbits on English and Irish Research and Dorothy Meek on Ontario research. The workshops are open to anyone. Call Verna at 532-3609 or 532-0918.

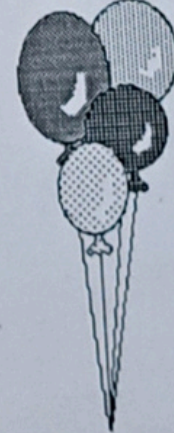


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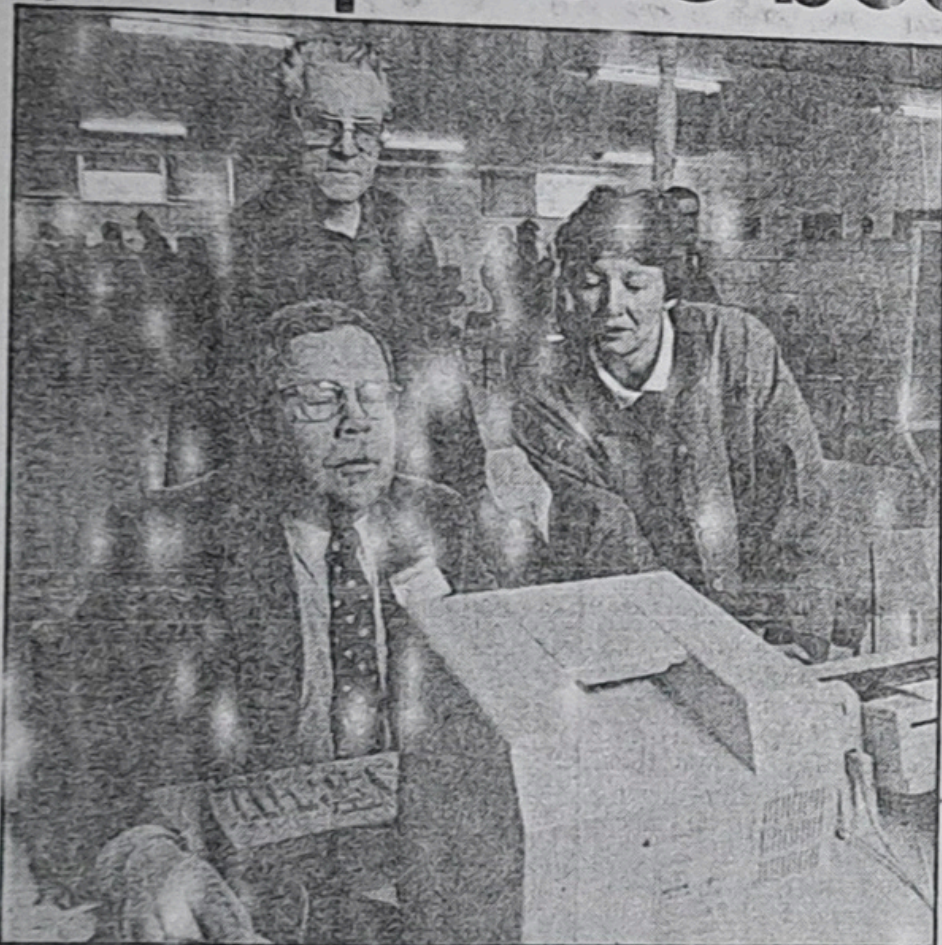
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Guest Speaker
 Tom Trace
 President, AGS

RSVP to Heather Wardlow
 by September 10, 1993
 at 532-6070



Computers becoming genealogist's best tool



David Bly, Calgary Herald

HERE'S HOW: Wyn van der Schee, seated, demonstrates PAF for Gordon Peary of Grand Prairie and Barbara Bertagnolli

By David Bly
(Herald writer)

If computers didn't already exist, genealogists would have invented them.

The enthusiasm with which genealogists have taken to computers was clearly demonstrated Saturday at a seminar on computers and genealogy organized by the Alberta Family Histories Society.

Frank Morrow, a society member explaining one of the displays to visitors, said anyone considering starting genealogical research would be foolish to try it without a computer. He says his file of about 600 names is relatively modest compared to files of other society members, many of whom have files containing several thousand names.

"I don't know how they would keep track manually," he said. "You just couldn't do it efficiently without the computer — it boggles the mind."

While computers have become an invaluable tool for dedicated genealogists, they have also encouraged people to become involved with genealogy.

"So many people are taking early retirement these days," said

Myrna Waldroff, chairperson of the family histories society. "They're looking for things to put on their computers. Genealogy is a wonderful hobby for them."

In genealogy, computers are used in three basic areas: charting a person's ancestry and relevant family data, exchanging information via modems, and databases that contain information important to genealogy.

At Saturday's seminar, held at McDougall United Church on 83rd Ave. S.E., three basic genealogy programs were demonstrated. One of the most popular, and least expensive, is Personal Ancestry File, known as PAF, which is available for \$35 US from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Another is Brother's Keeper, a shareware program that costs about \$45.

Doug Stobbs, vice chairman of the AFHS, said PAF and Brother's Keeper are excellent programs for beginners. The society has the local dealership for Family Roots, a more advanced program. And a more complex (and costlier) program is Roots III.

The LDS church developed the GEDCOM protocol, a function which translates data into a form that can be read by other programs. Anyone buying a genealogy program should make sure it has this capability, Stobbs said.

Steve Isom, a Macintosh owner who uses PAF, downloaded information from a database at the LDS Family History Centre on 17th Ave. S.W. Using the GEDCOM protocol, he was able to import the information directly into his files, even though the information came from an IBM computer. He wanted a chart his program wouldn't produce, so he handed a disk to Terry Bunce, who imported the file into Brother's Keeper and produced the chart Isom wanted.

"It seems each of the programs does something the other doesn't," Bunce said. "Fortunately, because of GEDCOM, you can move files from one to another easily."

Barbara Bertagnolli came to the seminar looking for help in using PAF on the Macintosh. She had set out to record a little information about her ancestors who

had come to Alberta as voyageurs, and found herself caught up in research that took her back to the 1720s in Montreal.

Her French-Canadian ancestors had huge families, and it seemed they were naming all their kids after the same saints.

"It became unmanageable," she said. "Then I heard about this computer program."

She got started with a little help from her daughter, and admits she still has much to learn.

"I never touched a computer before," she said. "I'm still not that good at it, but I can do quite well with this program."

Genealogists with computers have created a worldwide network that shares information and help at little or no cost through electronic bulletin boards.

Allan Cole, one of the seminar hosts explaining genealogy and communications, said he is able to download massive amounts of information. His computer is then able to sort through those files quickly for information pertinent to his research.

Bones digs for family names

Charlie Bones is his name, and he looks for dead people.

"I've been told my name is suitable for what I do," smiles this Calgary genealogist whose favorite tool is the computer. He was AFHS members helping out at the seminar on computers and genealogy.

Bones, 67, searches through a variety of sources of information — obituaries, land title records, parish registers, government records — as he searches for names connected to his family tree. Not all the names he finds will be those of his relatives, but because of the capabilities of his computer, he is able to keep those names on file in case he

can make a connection later.

Bones's research is not limited to his own family tree. For several years he has faithfully recorded information from obituaries in the Calgary Herald, compiling the information into an index for each year since 1989. This is valuable information to a genealogist, saving hours of time a person would spend sorting through newspapers.

He has also recorded information from the births and marriages columns, but has not compiled an index. He's waiting to see if enough could be sold to recover his expenses.

To further aid his research, he bought a CD-ROM drive for his

computer, and buys disks from the U.S.

"Those disks contain fantastic amounts of information," he said.

While most of the information available now on CD is American, he said the company producing them is planning to compile disks containing data from other parts of the world.

There's a myth out there that says older people are intimidated by computers. Bones laughs at that, noting that he wouldn't want to be without his computer. "And I'm just a youngster," he said. "I noticed a (computer) message from one fellow the other day who said he had passed the mark of three score and ten."

Registration Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
Postal Code: _____
Phone: _____
Registration: \$10.00
Total: _____

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Family History Center
Verna Hockey, Director
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Grande Prairie, AB
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Don't forget to fill in the workshops you wish to attend on the reverse side.

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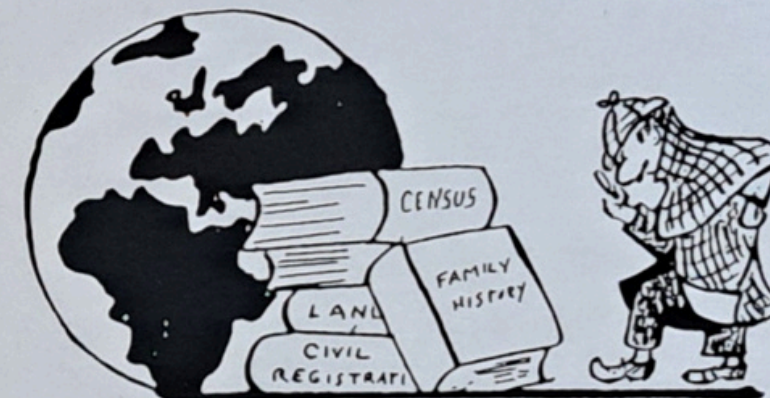
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Friday, October 15, 1993

6:30 pm Registration
Displays open for viewing

7:30-7:45 Welcome: Opening Prayer

7:45-8:15 Guest Speaker: Walter Rusel

8:15 - 8:45 Guest Speaker: Hazel Tibbitts

8:45 Closing

Saturday, October 16, 1993

8:00 am Registration
Displays open for viewing

9:00-10:30 Workshops

- A. Computers & Genealogy
by Ken Shaw
- B. England
by Hazel Tibbitts
- C. Immigration & Emigration
by Jean Lieppy
- D. USA Records
by Dr. Jim Prince

10:45-12:00 Workshops

- A. Beginning P.A.F.
by Ken Shaw
- B. Ireland
by Hazel Tibbitts
- C. Ukraine
by Walter Rusel
- D. Beginning Genealogy
by Laura Turnbull

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:15 Workshops

- A. Beginning P.A.F.
by Ken Shaw
- B. England
by Hazel Tibbitts
- C. Poland & Russia
by Walter Rusel
- D. Ontario
by Dorothy Meek

2:30-3:45 Workshops

- A. Advanced P.A.F.
by Ken Shaw
- B. Scotland
by Hazel Tibbitts
- C. Ukraine
by Walter Rusel
- D. Organizing & Preserving
by Kevin Davies/Darlene Ackroyd

4:00-4:45 Gather in Chapel for Closing
Speaker

4:45 Closing Prayer

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Please register for only one workshop per time slot

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- B. England - Tibbitts
- C. Immigration & Emigration
- Lieppy
- D. USA Records - Prince

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- B. Ireland - Tibbitts
- C. Ukraine - Rusel
- D. Beginning Genealogy - Turnbull

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

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- B. England - Tibbitts
- C. Poland & Russia - Rusel
- D. Ontario - Meek

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- D. Organizing & Preserving
- Davies/Ackroyd

THE YEAR IN REVIEW - 1993

by Tracey Kirouac

Summary of the 1993 minutes of the Grande Prairie & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society.

January:

The branch began its first discussion of microfilming the obituary files that Paulette has been keeping from the local paper. This collection, presently kept on index cards, is outgrowing her house.

Tracey and Paulette would like to thank members for their loan of artifacts for the genealogy display that they have set up in the Grande Prairie Public Library's display cases. It was set up almost three weeks ago and the library staff have reported favorable comments on it.

The last of the 1891 census microfilm collection purchased by our branch has arrived and will soon be available in the Isabel Campbell Room of the Grande Prairie Public Library.

A committee was formed to draft a 3-5 year budget for the branch, as requested by our parent society.

February:

The budget committee reported on the 3-5 year plan that they will submit to provincial. The group Alberta* which the branches will be selling as fund raisers.

Heather unveiled a copy of the new AGS Coat of Arms and explained the significance of each element.

In honor of the 15th anniversary of our branch, Tom Trace then made presentations of award certificates to our five founding members still active in the group: Paulette Hrychiw, Laura Turnbull, Merna Nelson, Carol Thomson, and Marie Matkin.

October:

It was suggested that the branch send thank you notes to the Grande Prairie LDS Church for hosting such an informative genealogical conference this past weekend, and also to Verna Hockey, it's organizer. Those present then shared copies of the research guides that had been made available during the conference.

then discussed a few special projects for the upcoming years. Priority was given to microfilming the obituary collection and purchasing copies of the 1901 census for our library.

A day trip to research in Donnelly was planned for May 15.

Finally, 1993 elections were avoided by the agreement of the 1992 executive to continue on in their present capacities, as no other nominations were made.

March:

Plans were finalized for the May 15 research trip to Donnelly. The library will open especially for us between 9:00 and 4:00. This corresponds with the 10th anniversary of the Societe Historique et Genealogique de Smoky River.

Other upcoming events for the year were discussed, such as the AGS conference in Edmonton in April, the research trip to Salt Lake in November, and the LDS Family History Library's conference planned for October.

April:

The group discussed a query that was received regarding the still unsolved "Mass Murders" in the Grande Prairie area several decades

Laura reported that her Beginner's Genealogy class did not run again this fall due to poor registration. This is such a shame since it is an excellent course for those just starting out. She will be offering it again in February 1994.

November:

Debbie shared a story with members of a letter she had written to a university department requesting some research help. Unknown to her at the time, the university charged \$60/hr for research time and her seemingly small request billed out to \$240 without even including photocopying costs. She reminded the group to always inquire about fee schedules before launching into your request for help.

Our final membership total for 1993 was 50 members, up from all past years. Renewals are already coming in for 1994.

ago. A book is in the works and our help had been solicited.

Plans for our branch 15th anniversary celebrations in September were discussed.

Paulette Hrychiw was recently on local television speaking about our society, we hope to get a tape to view at an upcoming meeting.

May:

One of our guests, Barb Moreau, reported on the successful research trip to Donnelly last weekend. Diane Meadwell took one branch of her family back to 1636 in one afternoon!

Much discussion then followed on ways to improve the programs at our monthly meetings in order to improve the turnout of members.

June:

A letter of appreciation from the Medicine Hat Nurses Association was read to the group. Paulette had put in many hours on their query with significant results.

Debbie gave reviews of new books in our branch library.

September:

Tom Trace, President of AGS, was our special guest. He brought with him copies of the book "Tracing Your Ancestors in

Paulette reported on the replies received in regards to microfilming our obituary file collection. From the four companies contacted, it was voted to allow Dennis Microfilm Services of Edmonton to do the job. Paulette will now package up the files and arrange for the filming, making a master copy, one working copy for our library and one copy as a gift to the LDS Family History Library.

Joan suggested another similar project for the branch in the form of marketing copies of the BMD notices from the Grande Prairie newspapers from 1913-17, in booklet form. As they are already printed in installments in our newsletter, it would not be difficult to make copies available to order.

Everyone was reminded to give some thought to the upcoming branch elections in February 1994.

JAN - 1994

MEETINGS

at the
Grande Prairie Public Library
Meeting Room
9910 - 99 Avenue,
Grande Prairie, Alberta

Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE

President: Laura Turnbull 532-7138
Past President: Judith Bradley 539-3837
Vice President: Heather Wardlow 532-6070
Secretary: Catherine Ledger 532-4751
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Membership: Laura Turnbull 532-7138
Researchers: Paulette Hrychiw 532-5277
and Joan Bowman 532-4697

Newsletter "Heritage Seekers"

Editor: Joan Bowman 532-4697
Layout: Laura Turnbull
Copying & Distribution: Deborah Was

FEB - 1994 - FEB - 1995.

15 March 1994 TODAY
*GP Branch, Alberta Genealogical Society meeting Tuesday, 7 p.m. Spencer Room, GP Library. It is guest night and swap night.

APR. 19 TODAY 1994
*GP Genealogy Society will meet Tuesday, at 7 p.m. in the Public Library, downstairs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jan 14 | Deadline for Nominations for Executive Positions |
| Jan 18 | Regular meeting G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, 7:00 pm
Program: To be announced |
| Feb 15 | Regular meeting G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, 7:00 pm
Changeover of Executive
Program: To be announced |
| Mar 15 | Regular meeting G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, 7:00 pm
Program: Genealogy Swap Shop - Bring items (books, charts, etc.) you want to get rid of and find other items you have been looking for. All items should pertain to genealogy. |

MAR. 1994.

TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS IN ALBERTA

**A Guide to Sources of Genealogical Interest
in Alberta's Archives and Research Centers**

by Victoria Lemieux & David Leonard

**Available from:
Grande Prairie & District Branch
Alberta Genealogical Society**

**Contact:
Debby Was 532-4902 or
Airene Dempster 532-6458**

\$15.00 (GST included) plus \$3.00 for shipping

A NEW EXECUTIVE BEGAN AT THE FEBRUARY 15, 1994 MEETING? - WHO ARE YOUR EXECUTIVE FOR THE 1994/1995 YEAR? see Page 1

NEW COVER - How do you like it? Do you have suggestions for improving your newsletter, or items you would like to see included? Give Joan Bowman a call.

TOMORROW
 •GP Genealogy Society will
 meet Tuesday, at 7 p.m. in the Pub-
 lic Library, downstairs.
 18 APR. 1994.

Thursday, June 16, 1994

TOWN

Around

LOTS OF MEETINGS

GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The June meeting for the Grande Prairie and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogy Society will be held this Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Grande Prairie Public Library. This month's program will be Computers and Genealogy. Everyone welcome.

Thursday, May 12, 1994

TOWN

Around

MEETINGS

ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The G.P. & Dist. Branch of Alta. Genealogical Society will hold its regular meeting May 17 at the G.P. Public Library, 9910-99 Ave, 7 p.m. Program: How & Where to Find Land Records. Speaker: from Public Lands Division, Alberta Forestry, Lands & Wildlife. Visitors welcome. For more information contact Laura at 532-7138.

1994

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 19** Regular meeting G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, 7:00 pm
 Program: "PRESERVING RECORDS - ESPECIALLY PHOTOGRAPHS & NEGATIVES"
 Speaker: Kevin Davies from Fairview, Alberta
- May 17** Regular meeting G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, 7:00 pm
 Program: "HOW & WHERE TO FIND LAND RECORDS"
 Speaker: Dale Willsey, from Public Lands Division
 Alberta Forestry, Lands & Wildlife
- Jun 21** Regular meeting G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, 7:00 pm
 Program: "GENEALOGY PROGRAMS FOR IBM & MACINTOSH COMPUTERS"
 Presenters: Several members from the Branch

Microfilm allows glimpse into past

Genealogical Society donates census information to library

Herald-Tribune staff

Peace Country residents, setting up new roots in this area, can now discover their old roots anywhere in Canada thanks to the local genealogy society.

The Grande Prairie and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society recently donated a complete set of microfilms, which contain detailed Canada-wide census information from 1891, to the local public library.

Someone, whose relatives lived in any part of Canada at that time, can look up specific details on the names and ages of children and parents in that year, their country of birth, occupation, religion, who was the primary wage earner, if they could read and write, and if they were deaf, dumb or blind.

The microfilm and an index book are housed in the Isabel Campbell room at the Grande Prairie Public Library along with about 5,000 obituaries taken from the Daily Herald-Tribune between 1978 and 1991 by Grande Prairie Genealogical Society members.

The Grande Prairie Genealogical Society started its obituary collection when it was formed in 1978. It's part of an ongoing project to help people doing family research to find information on earlier ancestors who have lived in this area and now in the rest of Canada.

Although the obituaries are fairly easy to access, finding information

in the 1891 census microfilms requires some research ahead of time into the specific area an ancestor lived, said librarian Barb Moreau.

Moreau, who is currently studying both her husband's family tree and her own, said the local genealogy society is a good resource of information and advice.

Paulette Hrychiw, who has put much time into the obituary collection, and fellow genealogy society members will lead a introductory class on searching out family history on Thursday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the public library.

The 15-year-old society hopes to acquire census data from the 1901 Canadian census in the near future.



Staff photo by Randy Vanderveen

Paulette Hrychiw (right) of the Grande Prairie Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society, presents, Rick Leech, the librarian administrator with the public library, a microfilm library of obituaries from 1978-1991.

OCT 27, 1994.

AT THE
LIBRARY

GENIES IN THE LIBRARY
The library and Alberta Genealogical Society have "Genies" in the library Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m. and Fridays 11 a.m.-2 p.m. to help people searching for their family tree.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July & August - Regular meetings cancelled

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Program: TBA

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Program: TBA



Sept. 20, 1994. English Extravaganza!
Talk & Display by: Barbara Smith (#1972)
Catherine Ledger (#3034)
Margaret Kay (#3035)



Everyone very busy browsing through all these books and items about English History, the ladies have on display.



'Genies' trace your roots

The Grande Prairie Public Library and the Grande Prairie and district branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society have set up a program to assist people searching for genealogical information. The "Genealogical Genies" program helps the library, the society and the researchers.

The program will begin Oct. 14 and every Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. and Friday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. A volunteer from the society will be on duty in the Isabel Campbell Room of the library to help people searching for genealogical information. The "Genie" will answer researchers' questions and suggest sources of information.

The Isabel Campbell Room houses Grande Prairie local history books, the Grande Prairie Herald-Tribune on microfilm, a Daily Herald-Tribune newspaper index from 1913-1964 and 1989-1993, the 1891 Canada Census, Grande Prairie obituary file from 1978-1991, and the society's genealogy reference books and periodicals. The Genie's work will be a great

GP Library

Barb Moreau



help to the library staff as not all staff members are familiar with the steps or information available to family tree researchers.

When you come to the library for assistance in research always come prepared with as much information as possible.

This program also allows Genies to acquaint people with other resources that are not found in the library and with the programs offered by the society.

The society meets in the library the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Every meeting they provide an interesting and informative program to help researchers become better acquainted with what is

available and how to access it.

We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful service provided by the society.

If you don't know where or how to start researching, Paulette Hrychiw and fellow "Genies" of the society will be running a special program, "Your Family Tree", on next Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Please register at 532-3580.

PROGRAMS

•Super Saturdays: Gobble Gobble at 2 p.m. for 4-8-year-olds. A feast of Thanksgiving stories and crafts.

•Future Scientists Club: Hands-on-science for Grades 4-6. Oct. 12: Environment - what can we do, with Lloyd Steeves, 7-8:30 p.m. Please register at 532-3580. On Oct. 19: Science in the Kitchen, with Les Rawluk, chemist.

•Meet the Author: Sue Farrell, the local author of the highly acclaimed picture book "To the Post Office with Mama". For children 3 and up and adults, Oct. 20, 7 p.m. Register, starting Tuesday.

All library programs are free.



Hicks ON SIX GRAHAM HICKS

Oct. 12, 1994

NAME SWITCH

Keeping your maiden name or hyphenating both last names in the egalitarian '90s is nothing new.

(We are old-fashioned enough to wonder: What happens to the next generation, when Susan Kinsley-Jones marries

Robert Thomson-Carter? Do they become Susan and Robert Kinsley-Jones-Thomson-Carter?)

Here's yet another twist. Shauna Thomas, public relations person with Maxwell Taylor's, and Phoenix Theatre production manager Joshu Schutz took on a brand-new last name - deCartier as their wedding gift to each other.

"It took us three months," says Shauna. "We had friends voting on a list. DeCartier was a friend's last

name we both liked."

Oooo-kay.

When your descendants start researching their ancestry, wish them luck.

Thursday, October 13, 1994

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The Grande Prairie and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Grande Prairie Public Library. Everyone welcome.

A walk with a different view

Friday, October 14, 1994 45

GP Library

Linda Smith



Sue Farrell, a local author whose picture book, To The Post Office With Mama, won national acclaim, will read her book and talk about her writing at the Grande Prairie Public Library on Thursday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m.

A freelance writer, Farrell grew up in Cape Breton, and spent some time in the Northwest Territories before setting down near Grande Prairie. To The Post Office With Mama is her first book.

Based on an actual walk taken by Farrell and her son Shea, the book tells a simple story of an everyday experience. But the experience is transformed into an adventure by the child's fresh, wondering eyes.

The author writes from a young child's perspective, and gets the details just right, from waving to a bus driver, to walking on a snowbank to see over it, to tilting a green garbage can to see its contents. There is quiet humour here, quiet adventure,

and, above all, a sense of closeness between mother and child. Young children, and their parents, will recognize themselves in this book.

Robin Baird Lewis's bright, simple pictures perfectly capture the child's eye perspective and the northern Alberta setting of the story.

Farrell's reading is open to both adults and children three and up. Register to reserve a spot. Phone 532-3580

Stories and songs about families will be featured in a Family Jamboree on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 2 p.m. For those 4-8. Drop in.

The season of haunts and haunting is fast approaching. On Saturday, Oct. 22, at 2 p.m., youngsters aged 4-8 can drop in to make Monster Masks, and listen to stories about monsters.

The following Saturday, Oct. 29, there will be two Halloween Parties, one for 3-7 years olds, and one for 8-12 year olds. Both start at 2:00 p.m. and require registration. Phone 532-3580, starting Oct. 25.

Want help looking up your family tree? Genealogical Genies are ready to come to your rescue. Volunteers from the Grande Prairie Genealogical Society will be at the library every Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m., and Friday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., to offer personalized assistance.

Library sets up for 1995

GP Library

Barb Moreau



In 1995, the library will continue with the popular noon-hour program Musical Interludes, from Jan. 18 to Feb. 15. Bring a bag lunch and listen to music provided by members of the community.

This year we are featuring Jonathan Bailey and Johnson Hartman, Patricia and Sydney Larter, David Allan, Jeff Davis, and Ken and Grace Perry.

The library has a meeting room that can be rented. Fees are \$30 for half a day and \$60 for a full day for commercial renters, and \$15 for a half day and \$30 a full day for non-profit renters. There is a set up-tear down charge of \$10.

Programs at the library are free. You do not have to be a member to attend any program, but if you wish to borrow materials there is a membership fee.

For information please call 532-3580.

Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year from the staff and board. We hope to see you all in the library in 1995.

Merry Christmas! Please note the Grande Prairie Public Library will be closed Dec. 24-27 (Saturday to Tuesday) as well as Dec. 31-Jan 2.

Our regular hours are Tuesday-Thursday 10-9; Friday-Saturday 10-6; Sunday 1-5; closed Mondays.

The next registration for children's pre-school programs will be Jan. 10. The phone lines will be open at 9 a.m. (that day only). For more information or to register, call 532-3580.

This set of programs will last five weeks.

Go For the Gold is our reading program planned Feb. 1-March 5 during the Canada Winter Games. All school-age children are invited to step into the winner's circle with reading.

Children are encouraged to read books, mark them down on their scorecard, and receive bronze, silver and gold medals (three books equals bronze, four silver and six gold).

Each medal entitles a child to play the Go For The Gold game and see how well you do in the Games. Gold medal winners can put their names in for a draw for the grand

prize.

Other drop-in programs are planned for children during the Games, so contact the library, pick up our Library In Touch program brochure, or watch the Herald-Tribune for library events information.

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They are available at the library on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Genies have taken a well-deserved rest for Christmas but will be back in the library Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.

WHAT'S ON

Nov. 9, 1994

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- Oct 18, 1994 Regular meeting G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, 7:00 pm
Program: TBA
- Nov 15, 1994 Regular meeting G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, 7:00 pm
Program: TBA
- December /94 No Meeting

THE YEAR IN REVIEW - Highlights from 1994

(a summary of the minutes of the general meetings)

by Catherine Ledger, AGS #3034

January

There were no notes for this month. This was before my time as secretary so I'm assuming there was a cancellation, most likely due to wicked weather and very few people in attendance.

February

- Tracey reported that the Public Library now has a disk with the listings of material available through inter-library loan from the Provincial Archives of Ontario.
- Our researchers were busy with some ongoing correspondence involving a search in the Saskatoon Mountain area.
- Paulette's obituary collection came in on microfilm with an extra copy being shipped to the Donnelly Library.
- 1994 had 37 paid members in February including three new members.
- Judy Bradley became past president with no new president at that time. Heather, Jurgen and Tracey remained on the executive, waiting for others to step forward. Barb also decided to give up her post as the cemeteries person.

March

- Laura stepped in! (Thank you Laura, new president).
- Tracey expressed interest in the cemeteries position if someone would become secretary.
- Debbie received the cemetery recording for the County of Grande Prairie; 21 cemeteries recorded by Grande Prairie members.
- Hudson's Bay released its entire archive to the Manitoba Archives and the Federal Archives.
- The program for the evening involved a flea market so members could sell materials relating to genealogy to new members and interested guests. As well, Debbie gave an informative tour of the library and Isabel Campbell room.

April

- Catherine stepped in! (Thank you Catherine, new secretary).
- Tracey took over the cemeteries position as well as the role of doing write-ups for the paper each month regarding the general meetings.
- Laura described the new format including shortened meeting times and lengthened programs. Executive members were named responsible for planning programs with input accepted from anyone.
- Jurgen presented a balance of \$1,179.00. He wished to give up his position as treasurer if anyone would take over.
- Conference '94 was very interesting according to those who attended.
- Nancy shared a compilation of her research that she had put together in albums as gifts for family. (Great idea Nancy!)
- The guest speaker that night was Kevin Davies of Fairview who shared important information about the preservation of records and photographs.

May

- Heather stepped in! (YEAH Heather - vice-president AND treasurer).
- Paulette told research tidbits concerning a search in Clairmont which was quite successful.
- A proposal came forth from one of the editors of the CLANDIGGER asking other branches to allow their newsletters to be amalgamated with the provincial RELATIVELY SPEAKING. Feedback was given by Laura at the June provincial meeting.
- The May program topic was Finding Land Records by Debbie Stover.

June

- It was decided that the branch buy a portable microfiche reader and place it into the Isabel Campbell room.
- Tracey reported that Lake Saskatoon cemetery information is on disk and ready to be sent to Peter Goutbeck of the AGS.
- Edmonton voted to include CLANDIGGER in the RELATIVELY SPEAKING but all other branches declined to do the same.
- The program was entitled Genealogy Programs for IBM and Macintosh Computers. This involved a hands on session thanks to several members who brought in their computers!

WHAT'S ON

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- GP Library and Alberta Genealogical Society have "Genies" in the library Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m. and Fridays 11 a.m.-2 p.m. to help people searching for their family tree.

September

- IT WAS AN ENGLISH EXTRAVAGANZA!! Barb, Catherine and Margaret presented information from their summer England trips. Margaret single-handedly filled the room with society newsletters, coffee-table books, maps, etc. (A few materials were brought in by others).

CATHERINE'S ENGLISH SCONES

2 cups flour
2 tsp baking powder
1/2 cup margarine
1/2 cup sugar
pinch of salt
2 large or extra-large eggs

Cut together flour, baking powder and margarine. Add sugar, salt and eggs. Roll or press onto a surface and cut shapes out with a 2 1/2 inch diameter cookie cutter. Make each one about 1 inch tall -- should make 6. Bake on cookie sheet at 350 degrees for about 10 - 15 minutes or until the tops are nicely browned. If the dough is too dry add a tiny bit of milk before pressing or rolling.

(To be eaten warm or cold with blackberry jam and tea!)

- Oh yes - there was a meeting too.
- Laura mentioned a total of 54 memberships to date, including 15 new memberships for 1994!
- Our branch received approximately \$2000.00 from the Alberta Historical Resources Fund for the purchase of 75 out of 129 reels of the 1901 Canadian census on microfilm.
- At the end of September Debbie gave a talk at the Librarians' conference held in Peace River. The topic was along the lines of how the librarians can best help us.

October

- Some booklets by Penny Christensen were received and are housed in the library with the research aids.
- The Library Genie program began on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm and Fridays from 11-2pm.
- Paulette was in the newspaper in a story about the obituary files. Also, Barb Moreau from the library did a press release about the Genie program and there was a blurb on the radio. Rick Leach was interviewed on the radio as well. Paulette gave an introduction to genealogy session at the library at the beginning of October.
- Paulette did some research for a man from Australia.
- The library decided to waive the rental fee for monthly general meetings in return for the work the Genies are doing.
- The program for October consisted of a talk given by Laura, Paulette and Debbie on the importance of joining a genealogical society and what the societies can do for us. Paulette gave some pointers on writing a query. This was a very informative night to the large number of new members and guests present.

November

- Paulette researched in the Grimshaw area for a man from Nova Scotia. Paulette is ALL OVER THE PLACE!
- Peter Goutbeck sent back two printed copies of the Lake Saskatoon cemetery which had been published.
- Laura reported on the upcoming Conference '95 and also reminded all volunteers to log their volunteer hours.
- The program was a talk by Joanne Stiles of Books Abound. She spoke about the early settlement of the western provinces. Joanne, who has lectured in the past, was very well received by the group. That's entertainment.

December

No meeting but a message instead:

Best Wishes
for a
Merry Christmas

and

TAKE TIME OUT TO DO SOME GENEALOGY!

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Subs	Allen County Public Library		Box 2270, Fort Wayne IN 46801-2270 USA
1536	Askew, Leita	539-1359	6925 - 96 Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 5T2
0620	Bauer, Jean	532-0851	Box 544, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3A7
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Subs	Bibliothèque municipale de Montreal	5650, rue d'Iberville,	bureau 400, Montreal Que H2G 3E4
1108	Bowman, B. Joan	532-4697	11810 - 96 Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 4P4
2688	Bradley, Judith	539-3837	8009 - 99A Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3V2
3109-New	Briggs, Stan & Gail	765-2408	Box 330, Rycroft AB T0H 3A0
2690	Burroughs, Morris L.	532-9588	9205 - 111 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3L7
2950	Conrad, Iris	568-2532	Box 150, LaGlance AB T0H 2J0
1475	Cunningham, Beverly	532-2999	9417 - 113 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 1W3
2980	Dempster, Alrene	532-6458	Box 21023, Grande Prairie AB T8V 6W7
3074-New	Fee, Pearl	539-5304	11848 - 96 Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 4P4
Subs-0639	Grande Prairie Public Library		9910 - 99 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 0R5
1802	Grant, Jack W	489-8271	9227 - 168 Street, Edmonton AB T5R 2V8
1381	Hassall, Nora	532-4073	9809 - 105 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 1G7
2357	Hockey, Verna	532-0918	Box 1, Site 4, RR 2, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2Z9
0534-CM	Hrychiw, Paulette	532-5277	11321 - 101A Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2S3
2687	Kaut, Jurgen	532-6468	Box 675, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3A8
3035	Kay, Margaret	538-0009	10110 - 91 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 0G5
2471	Kirouac, Tracey	538-1727	9538 - 62 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8W 2C6
3034	Ledger, Catherine	532-4751	9254 - 98 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3X6
2981	Littleton, Jane	538-4089	10503 - 92B Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3V8
1059	Lock, Allan & Elsie	354-8590	Box 245, Beaverlodge AB T0H 0C0
0552-CM	Matkin, Marie	532-5134	Box 10, Site 6, R.R. #1, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2Z8
3073-New	Meadwell, Charles & Diane	532-8251	10415 - 92A Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3V6
2951	Michalovsky, Avis	370-2961 (604)	2961 Cedarhill Road, Victoria BC V8T 3H8
0880	Monlezun, Marjorie & Jacques	782-8424 (604)	11108 - 13A Street, Dawson Creek BC V1G 3X5
1288	Moore, Fran	957-3957	Box 447, Debolt AB T0H 1B0
3197-New	Moreau, Don & Barb	532-3773	9819 - 80 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3S5
0533-CM	Nelson, Merna E.	532-7957	9919 - 85 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 0A1
1520	Partlow, Phyllis	532-6709	R.R. #2, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2Z9
3024	Pearcy, Gordon & Irene	538-1232	10505 - 109 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 1S4
1822	Pool, Rev. Mina G.	539-1326	#502, 9649-94 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 6H3
2408	Richards, Alfred	538-0074	RR #1 Site 18 Box 1, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2Z8
New	Rogers, Wendy	532-3830	9625 91B Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 0H3
1109	Rycroft, D. Jean	568-3894	Box 395, Sexsmith AB T0H 3C0
New	Schau, Gail	532-3667	8513 - 95 Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3E4
1548	Schneider, Sharon	766-2739	R.R. #1, Wembley AB T0H 3S5
1972	Smith, Barbara	532-4279	10908 - 96 Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2A2
3198-New	Switzer, Trudy	532-4368	9607 - 107 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 1K9
New	Theriau, Andrea	532-2852	9618 - 64A Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2B1
3065-New	Thompson, Anne	685-2332	Box 309, Worsley AB T0H 3W0
3110-New	Thompson, Derek	532-1563	#243 Vista Village, Grande Prairie AB T8V 0W1
0445-CM	Thomson, Carol Ann	532-7524	Box 77, R.R. #1, Site 2, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2Z8
2335	Timanson, Morton & Nancy	539-6778	9589 - 74 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 4Z8
0555-CM	Turnbull, Laura	532-7138	6913 - 97A Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 5E5
0740	Turner, Gwen	532-2687	10413 - 102 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 1A2
3006	Walker, Beth	538-9662	9810 - 91A Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 0G9
3111-New	Wallace, Grace	532-3571	9909 - 76A Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3Y5
1975	Wardlow, Heather	539-6136	9517 - 77 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 4T7
2650	Was, Deborah	532-4902	10229 - 107 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 1M2
3195-New	Washington, RONALDA	782-4058 (604)	RR 2 Washington Rd, Dawson Creek BC V1G 4E8
2521	Zacharuk, Jackie	532-2249	9631 - 88 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3E2

JAN - 1995

WHAT'S ON JAN 9, 1995

*GP Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m., at the Public Library. This month's topic will be planning a family reunion. Everyone welcome.

Thursday, January 12, 1995

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

GENEALOGICAL MEETING

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MEETINGS

at the
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Meeting Room

Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 17, 1995 Regular meeting G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, 7:00 pm
Program: TBA

Feb 14 Note change in date (due to Canada Winter Games)
1995 Regular meeting G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, 7:00 pm
Program: TBA

Mar 21, 1995 Regular meeting G.P. Public Library, 9910 - 99 Avenue, 7:00 pm
Program: TBA

Genies in the Library: Every Wednesday 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Every Friday 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

AT THE LIBRARY

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Thursday, February 9, 1995

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Grande Prairie & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society has moved the date of their February meeting to Feb. 14 because of the Winter Games. A short meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Public Library followed by a tour of the Public Library's Genealogy Resources and an introduction to using the 1891 census on Microfilm. Everyone welcome.

WHAT'S ON

FEB. 10/1995

TODAY

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FEB. 23
1995

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TOMORROW

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Thursday, March 30, 1995

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Thursday, April 6, 1995

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Thursday, April 13, 1995

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Grande Prairie and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society will be holding its monthly meeting Tuesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. in the Public Library. The evening will feature a report by members who recently attended the AGS Conference in Edmonton. Everyone Welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7 & 8, 1995
Conference '95 "WAVES WEST"
Alberta Genealogical Society
Edmonton, Alberta

April 18, 1995
Regular meeting
G.P. Public Library
Program to be announced

May 16, 1995
Regular meeting
G.P. Public Library
Program to be announced

June 20, 1995
Regular meeting
G.P. Public Library
Program to be announced

Thursday, May 4, 1995

AT THE LIBRARY

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Thursday, May 11, 1995

LOTS OF MEETINGS

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Notice of monthly meeting of the Grande Prairie and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society on Tuesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Grande Prairie Public Library. Guest speaker is Gordon Mercer speaking on records available in funeral homes for family research. Interested people welcome.

Thursday, May 18, 1995

AT THE LIBRARY

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Thursday, June 15, 1995

AT THE LIBRARY

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HERALD-TRIBUNE
SEPT 18, 1995
WHAT'S ON

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TOMORROW
•GP Genealogical Society meets Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the GP Library. A guest speaker will talk about his trip to Ukraine. All interested people welcome.

SEPT. 19, 1995
WHAT'S ON

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GP PUBLIC LIBRARY

PROGRAMS
•Library Genealogical Genies are volunteers from the Grande Prairie and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society who will assist people searching for genealogical information. Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m. and Fridays 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

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WHAT'S ON

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TOMORROW
•GP and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society meets Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Grande Prairie Public Library. Guest speaker Wallace Tansum will speak on an unsolved murder case in Grande Prairie in 1918. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

JUNE, 1995
GENIES IN THE LIBRARY

The "GENIES" will be on holidays for July and August. You will most likely find them doing research in the Isabel Campbell room anyway. If you need help during the summer, ask the staff at the Grande Prairie Public Library and they will give you the name of a "Genie" to contact. Genies will be on duty again starting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6th.
Thanks to Paulette Hrychiw, Debby Was, Tracey Kirouac, Andrea Theriault, Nancy Timanson, and Laura Turnbull for their "Genie" help since the program started in October.

SEPT, 1995
GENIES IN THE LIBRARY

The "GENIES" are back from holidays. You will find them available to answer your questions on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., and Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Outside of these hours, you will most likely find them doing research in the Isabel Campbell room in the Grande Prairie Public Library, or over at the LDS Family History Library. If you need help and are not able to come to the Library during the times listed, ask the staff at the Grande Prairie Public Library and they will give you the name of a "Genie" to contact.
If you are interested in "Becoming a Genie", show up on Wednesday evening or contact Laura Turnbull at 532-7138.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- July and August - no meetings
- September 19 - Regular Meeting
Speaker & Program - Mr. Penner on "Trip to Ukraine"
- October 17 - Regular Meeting
Speaker & Program: Wally Townsend on "Murders in Grande Prairie in 1918"
- November 21 - Regular Meeting
Speaker & Program: LDS Family History Centre Records
- December - no meeting
- January 16 - Regular Meeting
Speaker & Program: Gordon Pearcy on "Trip to United Kingdom"

Busy times at library

RICK LEECH
GP Public Library Friday, October 6, 1995 39

GP PUBLIC LIBRARY

My column this week features news from the library. We are well into a busy fall season and I would like to let know a little bit about what's been happening around here.

The library is considering revising its hours in order to provide service on Mondays. Presently, the library is closed all day Monday. To do this, hours would have to be lost on other days of the week.

Before any changes are considered, public input is being sought. A short survey has been prepared and is available at the library.

The change in hours being examined is as follows:

	PRESENT HOURS	PROPOSED CHANGES
Monday	Closed	2-6 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m.-9 p.m.	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m.-9 p.m.	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m.-9 p.m.	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	Noon-5 p.m.
Sunday	1-5 p.m.	2-5 p.m.

If you have any opinions on the change in hours being considered, please stop in at the library to fill out a survey or call and we will mail or fax one out. The deadline for response to the survey is Oct. 19.

The library is hosting a fund-raising gala at the Second Street Theatre on Friday, Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. The money raised will be used to purchase public access computers for our children's and adult areas.

These computers will provide access to the Internet, our CD-ROM collection and for general word processing for the public.

The play is a comedy, *Lettice and Lovage*, directed by Wayne Ayling. A champagne reception and food will follow. Tickets for the event are \$40 and a charitable tax receipt for \$30 will be provided. Anyone who is interested can call me at the library at 532-3580.

On a less cheerful note, I am sorry to report a theft and vandalism at the library. Recently, we were pleased to display the paintings of a local artist in our front foyer. Unfortunately, someone stole one of the painting and another was vandalized.

This was of course very distressing and has been reported to the police. We are now considering carefully how and where we will be able to display works of art in the future. Any information about either of these incidents would be greatly appreciated and can be reported to myself.

Have a great Thanksgiving holiday and drop into the Library and say hello anytime.

Shipshaped in GP

Model shipwright puts family heirloom back together

By BETH WILKINS
World-Tribune staff 27 Dec. 1995

A few months ago, a multi-masted, multi-sailed ship left Wembley destined for the port of Grande Prairie and repairs.

About 36 years ago, kittens clawed their playful ways through the rigging and left the sails threadbare. Model shipwright Henry Lehnert came to the rescue and re-rigged the rigging and sails as best he could.

He was commissioned by Debbie and Rex Coupland of Wembley, who had acquired the model from Debbie's parents in 1992. They sought an experienced model ship builder to restore the 120-year-old model barque.

It was crafted by a Captain Rudolph from wood scavenged from the remains of an English ship wrecked off Wedge Island Light-house, Guysborough County, Nova Scotia.

His son, Capt. Angus Rudolph, was a master mariner, later re-rigged it and gave it to Debbie's great grandmother.

"It eventually turned up to be a barque," says Debbie. "It represents our Maritime roots."

She tells the story she heard of her father, Allan Hubley, and some young friends trying to sail the model on a lake behind his house in

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, in 1936.

The sails were improperly rigged and the model sailed away from them and had to be retrieved by one of the children.

It was a lucky series of coincidences that eventually steered the ship to Henry Lehnert, she says.

The repair task was a co-operative effort with Debbie sewing the sails and Lehnert fashioning new rigging and attaching the sails appropriately.

Lehnert said he had to be innovative. His extensive research revealed some information, but there was much he had to ad lib.

"There are things you find out later," he says. "As you do the model, you find this and that out that you should have done."

His model building philosophy is: "Once you are done. You are done."

He will not speculate on the amount of time he spent on the task.

"I just go in the shop and work on it for a while."

He will send photographs of the refurbished barque model to a Maritime museum in Halifax in which research is being conducted on the design of the ship, and to the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic in Lunenburg, whose curators he sought when he investigated the ship's background.

Building ship models from scratch has been his hobby. He enjoys showing visitors his handiwork.



Staff photo by Beth Wilkins

Henry Lehnert with model ship he restored.

One 17th century Dutch trading vessel the wannabe shipbuilder started to make was from a newspaper photograph of a ship on a woman's gravestone in Germany dated 1680.

It was done in stages because of slowly acquired information. He finished the scale model after returning to Germany to study the ship on the actual tombstone more

closely. It meant cutting the hull in half and adding one and a half inches to its midsection, but he completed it, albeit 22 years after.

Lehnert's interest in ships began in his youth growing up in a harbor town in Germany. Watching the ships ply their trade was both entertainment and recreation in wartime, he says.

He also draws on a family history of seafarers.

He has his grandmother's great grandfather's log book.

"He sailed a Dutch three-master around Cape Horn. It was the first log book in German that is around and I have it. He was hauling troops for Simon Bolivar three years. It is a really interesting story."

Ships are one thing, sailing on them is something else. Sailing is boring, he says. He bases his opinion on a two-hour excursion on the new Bluenose. He was cold and disappointed.

"It didn't turn out as great as I expected."

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3179	Bettenson, Kirsten	597-3781	Box 201, Brownvale AB T0H 0L0
1108	Bowman, B. Joan	532-4697	11810 - 96 Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 4P4
2688	Bradley, Judith	539-3837	8009 - 99A Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3V2
3282-New	Braumberger, Ron	568-4327	Box 3, Sexsmith AB T0H 3C0
2690	Burroughs, Morris L.	532-9588	9205 - 111 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3L7
3255-New	Case, Joan	539-9533	7231 Patterson Drive, Grande Prairie AB T8V 5A2
3069-New	Chartest, Paul	323-4604	Box 88, Girouxville AB T0H 1S0
2950	Conrad, Iris	568-2532	Box 150, LaGlacé AB T0H 2J0
3229-New	Crittall, Garry	532-5793	7325 - 97A Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 4X5
1475	Cunningham, Beverly	532-2999	9417 - 113 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 1W3
2980	Dempster, Alrene	532-6458	Box 21023, Grande Prairie AB T8V 6W7
3074	Fee, Pearl	539-5304	11848 - 96 Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 4P4
3347-New	Fishleigh, Joan	327-8078 (604)	270 East 47 Avenue, Vancouver BC V5W 2A9
1381	Hassall, Nora	532-4073	9809 - 105 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 1G7
3368-New	Hillis, Elsie	532-3046	Box 211, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3A4
2357	Hockey, Verna	532-0918	Box 1, Site 4, RR 2, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2Z9
0534-CM	Hrychiw, Paulette	532-5277	11321 - 101A Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2S3
3352-New	Jenner, Valerie	532-2947	9021 - 102 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8X 1H2
2687	Kaut, Jurgen	532-6468	Box 675, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3A8
3035	Kay, Margaret	538-0009	10110 - 91 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 0G5
2471	Kirouac, Tracey	538-1727	9538 - 62 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8W 2C6
3034	Ledger, Catherine	532-4751	9254 - 98 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3X6
2981	Littleton, Jane	538-4089	10503 - 92B Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3V8
1059	Lock, Allan & Elsie	354-8590	Box 245, Beaverlodge AB T0H 0C0
0552-CM	Matkin, Marie	532-5134	Box 10, Site 6, R.R. #1, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2Z8
3253-New	McComb, Florence	532-1479	11201 - 94 Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 1Z1
3351-New	McDonald, Dorothy	567-3611	Box 125, Clairmont AB T0H 0W0
3346-New	McElroy, Marie	524-3484	Box 32, Valleyview AB T0H 3N0
3232-New	Meier, Stephina	539-04252	9832 - 81 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3T1
0880	Monlezun, Jacques & Marjorie	782-8424 (604)	11108 - 13A Street, Dawson Creek BC V1G 3X5
1288	Moore, Fran	957-3957	Box 447, Debolt AB T0H 1B0
3197	Moreau, Barb	532-3773	9819 - 80 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3S5
0533-CM	Nelson, Merna E.	532-7957	9919 - 85 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 0A1
1520	Partlow, Phyllis	532-6709	R.R. #2, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2Z9
3024	Pearcy, Gordon & Irene	538-1232	10505 - 109 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 1S4
3286-New	Ravensdale, Martha	539-5168	8611 - 98 Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2C5
2408	Richards, Alfred	538-0074	RR #1 Site 18 Box 1, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2Z8
3196	Rogers, Wendy	532-3830	9625 91B Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 0H3
3231-New	Rorem, Muriel	532-3611	10109 - 89 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 0E3
1109	Rycroft, D. Jean	568-3894	Box 395, Sexsmith AB T0H 3C0
3148	Schau, Gail	532-3667	8513 - 95 Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3E4
1548	Schneider, Sharon	766-2739	R.R. #1, Wembley AB T0H 3S5
3254	Shockey, Flora	354-3524	Box 784, Beaverlodge AB T0H 0C0
3285	Shultz, Genevieve	539-7734	11209 - 104 Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2Y9
1972	Smith, Barbara	532-4279	10908 - 96 Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2A2
1975	Stanley, Heather	539-6136	9517 - 77 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 4T7
3230	Stark, Evelyn	532-7064	11002 - 94 Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 1Y9
3198	Switzer, Trudy	532-4368	9607 - 107 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 1K9
3177	Theriau, Andrea	532-2852	9618 - 64A Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8W 2B1
3065	Thompson, Anne	685-2332	Box 309, Worsley AB T0H 3W0
0445-CM	Thomson, Carol Ann	532-7524	Box 77, R.R. #1, Site 2, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2Z8
2335	Timanson, Morton & Nancy	539-6778	9589 - 74 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 4Z8
3233	Tucker, Beverly	532-0559	10617 - 91A Street, Grande Prairie AB T8X 1H7
0555-CM	Turnbull, Laura	532-7138	6913 - 97A Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V 5E5
0740	Turner, Gwen	532-2687	10413 - 102 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 1A2
3006	Walker, Beth	538-9662	Bsmt, 9810 - 91A Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 0G9
2650	Was, Deborah	532-4902	10229 - 107 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 1M2
3195	Washington, RONALDA	782-4058 (604)	RR 2 Washington Road, Dawson Creek BC V1G 4E8
2521	Zacharuk, Jackie	532-2249	9631 - 88 Avenue, Grande Prairie AB T8V 3E2

ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Monthly meeting of the Grande Prairie and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society is Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Grande Prairie Public Library. Guest speaker, Wallace Tansem will speak on the unsolved murder case in Grande Prairie in 1918. All interested persons are welcome to attend. 12 Oct. 1995

THE YEAR IN REVIEW - HIGHLIGHTS FROM 1995

(a summary of the minutes of the general meetings)
by Catherine Ledger, Secretary

January

The first batch of microfilms containing the 1901 Canadian census arrived in December. At the January meeting, it was determined that the remaining 36 reels of microfilm would be ordered.

Program for the January meeting - brainstorming about planning family reunions.

February

The meeting was cancelled due to the CANADA WINTER GAMES being held at that time.

March

Executive members agreed to continue in their offices except for Heather Stanley as Vice President. The position of Vice President became vacant. Laura Turnbull made a five-minute presentation on our behalf at the government Library Review Board meeting on March 11.

Program for the March meeting - Video of guest speaker John Kitsmiller's presentation at AGS Conference, 1994.

April

A few members attended Conference 1995 in Edmonton which was held at the Fantasyland Hotel. The theme title was "Waves West".

Program for the April meeting - Sharing of experiences by members who had attended AGS conference.

May

Several members attended a volunteer dinner at the Grande Prairie Public Library as they had been volunteering in the "Genies at the Library" program. Many others have also helped out as "Genies at the Library" by encouraging and assisting beginners in genealogy.

Program for the May meeting - Gordon Mercer of Oliver's Funeral Chapel spoke about the records kept at the funeral home.

June

A special end of the year program took place in the form of a Grande Prairie Museum tour. Curator Peter Goertzen was pleased to give a "behind the scenes" look at museum work. The evening was stimulating and informative.

September

Members Val Jenner and Laura Turnbull were featured by CFRN TV when a story was done about Val's genealogical progress since she had been helped by the "Genies at the Library" program. Laura explained further about the program and its benefits.

Program for the September meeting - Mr. & Mrs. Penner gave a slide show showing aspects of their trip to the Ukraine.

October

Branch librarian and Conference 96 committee member Debby Was announced that this branch would take care of registration duties at the conference in April.

Program for the October meeting - Wally Tansem gave a talk on the local unsolved murders of 1918 and his study of this topic.

November

Renewal forms for Grande Prairie Branch and AGS membership had new components to them this year. Every member is asked to provide a 4-5 generation pedigree chart for self and one for spouse. As well, members were encouraged to check off volunteer duties they would like to try.

Program for November - Video of Family History Centre in Salt Lake City and tour of Grande Prairie Family History Centre.



Display ~ Grand Prairie
Museum
July, 1995

WHAT'S ON

Items for What's On are taken from Thursday's Page 4 Around Town. Deadline for submitting items for Around Town is Monday at noon:

TODAY

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Friday, October 20, 1995

Grande Prairie, Alberta

The first hours are critical: 1995 police

Grande Prairie's Unsolved mysteries

1918 murders a hobby for amateur sleuth

Who shot Joseph Snyder and Stanley Emmett?
Was it Daniel Lough or a stranger who drove off in his Model T?
Seventy-seven years later after Snyder and his nephew were murdered, the crime remains a mystery.
It's a puzzle that has intrigued Wanham resident Wallace Tansem so much he's writing a book on it and four other murders that occurred in June 1918.
"I remember my mom and dad telling me of the murders. It just got me looking into them, thinking it would take me a week to do a story on them," said Tansem who was planning to write about it for the local Community of Co-ordinating Organizations (COCO). "That was four years ago."
When the murders took place, about 500 people lived in Grande Prairie set in

the backdrop of the open frontier. But in the wee hours of June 20, the innocence of the small community would be stripped away forever.
Snyder and Emmett lived in a log shack about 1.2 kilometres west of 131 Ave. and 100 St. About 500 yards north of the Snyder shack lived Lough, his wife and four children.
"Daniel Lough had been putting a legging on a colt at the Snyder place until about 9:30 p.m. that evening of the 19th," Tansem said.
Lough walked the short distance home and went to bed. He awoke two times through the night and on the third time, he heard someone holler "help!" two times about 2:30 a.m.
"He heard a scuffle and someone say 'I'll get you or I'll fix you,'" Tansem said. "He then heard someone cut off real short like

a howl."
After venturing outside for a few minutes, Lough dressed and headed to the Snyder shack. To his horror, he spotted flames bursting out of the shack's door.
He sprinted home to tell his wife, climbed onto his horse and galloped into town. The Alberta Provincial Police barracks stood straight south of where the CIBC building is now. Cpl. Allen sent Lough to get a car from the livery barn to take him to the scene.
"Usually this was a barn where a man would keep horses or a car for hire," Tansem said. "Lough rode on ahead."
The shack was still burning at 4:30 a.m. A coroner arrived in the morning to find two charred bodies inside. Snyder had been shot close to the eye and Emmett had a bullet behind his left ear.
Snyder died instantly but his nephew

could have lived for up to 20 minutes. Indications were that one of the dead men, likely Emmett, had been dragged into the shack.
He may have been the one crying for help, Tansem said.
Police believed at first it was a murder-suicide. But four days later, another grisly discovery was made.
Alexander Sandy Peebles became suspicious when his neighbor Ignace Patan's horses strayed into his field. Patan lived five kilometres northwest of the Snyder shack.
Peebles rounded them up and returned them to the Patan farm. But the horses kept coming back. On the third try, Peebles sent his brother Delbert to the police believing something was amiss.
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MURDERS:

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Police discovered "Patan and John 'the little Russian' Wuwand lying side by side in the house. Patan's throat was slashed and Wuwand had been shot."
Frank Parzychowski, a neighbor of Patan's, was found shot dead in the store house. Charles Zimmer's body was discovered in the back of a wagon covered with tarp. He had also been shot.
Patan, Zimmer, and Wuwand were trappers who had been planning to head up to Fort Vermilion on the 19th. Police guessed they had been killed June 18.
"In the ashes of the Snyder shack, there was an Ivor Johnson revolver with five used shells in the magazine," Tansem said. "People knew the gun belonged to Patan. They also found a ring of keys that likely belonged to Patan."
Police had a number of suspects. However on June 22, 1920, Lough was arrested and charged with the murders of Snyder and Emmett. It took the jury less than an hour to acquit him.

GP Library celebrates a good year

RICK LEECH

Administrative Librarian / December 20, 1995

Holiday Greetings from the Public Library

The Library Board and staff of the Grande Prairie Public Library wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Another year is almost gone and it has been a good one for the Library. Circulation and membership are up and we are offering a number of new services.

This fall, thanks to a matching grant from the Alberta Foundations for the Arts and a generous donation from Grande Prairie Minor Hockey, the 1995 Canada Winter Games video collection was started. This collection features almost 100 instructional videos covering many sporting and cultural events from the Games.

Through our Gala fund-raiser, moneys were raised to purchase two public access computer workstations. These computers will provide access to the Internet and our CD-ROM collection. We will have one computer in service by year end. Many thanks to the sponsors, donors and everyone else who supported this fundraiser.

Our Children's Department, was proud to co-sponsor with the Canada Winter Games Cultural Committee, a writing and art contest on the theme

"Iskoteo". In addition, a number of special programs were offered during the Games, including the "Go for the Gold" reading game.

Again this summer, children's reading programs were run to increase enthusiasm for books and help improve reading skills. A provincial grant, as well as contributions from Weyerhaeuser, Canadian Forest Products Ltd. and the Grande Prairie Regional College Students Association made these programs possible. Thanks to them and the many volunteer "reading partners."

A number of entertaining and informative authors visited the Library this year. These included Dr. Owen Beattie, a forensic anthropologist who has written several books on famous Arctic expeditions and Dr. Philip Currie, Head of Dinosaur Research at the Royal Tyrrel Museum.

This fall the Library hosted "Rocks, Rigs and running Shoes", a science crate project featuring the petroleum industry. This hands-on exhibit for Grades 2-6 was developed by Canadian Hunter and The Science Alberta Foundation. Thank you to all the local petroleum companies who contributed funding, exhibits and services to make this exhibition a success.

Our "Genealogical Genies" have worked in the Library all year helping patrons with their genealogical research. Many thanks to the volunteers from the Grande Prairie Genealogical Society.

Our hands-on Internet information sessions were big successes. Thanks to Terraffirmative and Custom Communications.



GP Public Library staff

This year has also seen both good-byes and hellos at the Library. Good-byes to Pam Chislett, who is on a one year leave of absence, and to Phyllis Eide, who will be retiring at year end, after 15 years' service. Hellos to Adrienne Brown, the Reference Librarian while Pam is away, and to Judy Garlinski who is replacing Phyllis as Library Assistant III, in the children's department.

It is not possible here to mention all the regular and special volunteers, donors and sponsors who contributed so much to the Library this year, but your support is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to all our Library patrons. We look forward to serving you again next year.

GENEALOGICAL GENIES

"Genies" are volunteers from the Grande Prairie and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society who will assist people searching for genealogical information. They are available in the library Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. and Fridays 11 a.m.

16 Nov 1995 - 2 p.m.

GENIES ON HOLIDAYS

The library genealogical genies will be on holidays from Dec. 16 to Jan. 9. They will be back on Jan. 10.

From our family to yours — Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas from the Grande Prairie & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society

Grande Prairie & District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society has experienced an exciting year and has continued to grow in memberships, resources, programs and opportunities for researchers.

Our club membership has over 62 members who are searching their family trees around the world.

The 1991 Canadian Census microfilm was purchased and is located in the Grande Prairie Public Library. It is available for research at no charge.

A new research service is being provided jointly by the Genealogical Society and the Grande Prairie Public Library. Knowledgeable members are available in the Isabelle Campbell Room at the public library to help people

interested in researching their roots on Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm and Fridays, 1-3pm.

Members, Val Jenner and Laura Turnbull, were featured on CFRN-TV. CFRN interviewed Val because the Genies were instrumental in helping with her genealogical research.

Programs throughout the year included:

- 1) Brainstorming about planning family reunions.
- 2) Video featuring the keynote address by John Kitzmiller at the 1994 AGS Conference in Edmonton (4 videos on researching in the United Kingdom are available to society members).
- 3) Members shared experiences from the 1995 Alberta Genealogical Society Conference in Edmonton.

4) Gordon Mercer of Oliver's Funeral Chapel speaking about the records kept at the funeral home.

5) Tour of the Grande Prairie Museum. Curator, Peter Goertzen, gave a "behind the scenes" look at museum work.

6) Mr. & Mrs. Peter Penner's slide show of their trip to the Ukraine.

7) Wally Tansem's talk on the local unsolved murders of 1918 and his study of this topic.

8) A tour of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Family History Library complete with computer demos and videos to view.

Membership year - January to December. Meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month except December, July and August.

Guests are always welcome.

Notes from the Historian to Club Executive and Members.

--Our newsletters "Heritage Seeker's could be on display at a meeting now and then so new members could see what we do as a Club. And they should definitely be on display during our 'Anniversary' month.

--Newsletters 'Upcoming Events', 'Quarterly Flash' are great for keeping tabs on events so the historian can keep things in order in Scrapbook. Keep them coming as there has been times when Speakers have postponed or had to cancel and records in book can be corrected.

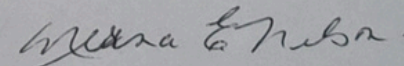
--I would like to suggest that a photocopy of the 'Yearly Report' which is sent to the provincial level for their yearly book report, also be given to the Grande Prairie Club Historian.

--As a Club we should probably start using our membership number beside our name whenever we enter items for the newsletter. As some of you have no doubt found out, some societies will not accept a query unless you are a member. Although a few will, if you pay so much per entry and then you will receive the 'one' newsletter which contains your query.

--And finally I would like to mention that recent changes in the format of the newsletters, the position of Historian has not been mentioned since 1987 in the Executive and Committee listings. I'm sure this has not been intentional but should be rectified in the future so our members know that such a position does exist.

Thanks for all your co-operation and help in compiling this "History Book" and hope future Historians will enjoy this position as I have.

Your Historian (since 1980),



Merna E. Nelson (#533)

Grande Prairie & District Branch of A. G. S.

Historian Duties:

Clip newspaper articles pertaining to any club news:

- Announcements of meetings
- Articles about Speakers in connection with genealogy
- Any local items about cemeteries of interest to the club

Make note of each month's speaker's or activities:

- Double check 'Up Coming Events', 'Quarterly Flash' and the 'Yearly Reviews', using them where necessary to fill in if no club dates reported in paper. Club Date reporting much better than in the past, by both the club and especially the newspaper.

Take pictures when possible:

- 1 to 3 pictures of most events should be enough in most cases (3 - 4" x 6" photos fit nicely on 1 page in scrapbook).
- Ask club members for photos that they may have which are of interest to the club. You may not be available for taking pictures all the time.
- Make note of pictures taken on this camera (numbers are in reverse on these throw-away type - 27 down to 1).

Read instructions for camera, especially flash. (this one a little different than other one I have used) Hope the club and future Historian's will find this a better solution than using one's own camera and having to separate both photo's and negatives each time.

I hope these notes will help, and someone will volunteer for this position. This is not a very time consuming position if you are able to clip articles as they appear in the paper. When Newsletter comes out, the 'Quarterly Flash' article will verify in what order your pictures should be entered. Very interesting position!

Certainly hope someone will consider taking on this position, as it's very hard to do a good job for the club when you're away most of the time, no matter how easy or enjoyable.

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