

# RELATIVELY SPEAKING

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## *Summary of Feature Articles*

### **“Tools for family Historians” by Don Kauffman**

A tongue-in-cheek look at the three principle tools for families to research, disseminate and store family history. The tools Don describe are; oral tradition, documentation using paper, microfiche and film etc. and finally the new medium DNA. Don also provides some basic details of DNA testing.

### **“John George Davi(d)son – a person of interest” by Marilyn Hindmarch**

Marilyn gives a brief reminder of an article she had previously written regarding the dilemma she had tracing the paternal ancestors for her husband. These problems seem somewhat resolved with the use of DNA and a recent visit to Salt Lake City organised by AGS Edmonton Branch. She describes the exciting discoveries as details unfold to indicate his paternal ancestors were probably Davi(d)sons not Hindmarchs.

### **“Naming of Illegitimate Children in Scotland” by Grant Nicol**

A very useful tidbit provided by Grant describing a common Scottish protocol used for naming these children. This could be an excellent tool for researchers hitting roadblocks when tracing male surnames.

### **“Finding Frederick’s Family” by Gloria Cathcart**

This is the story of Gloria’s pilgrimage to England to “find” her paternal grandfather, Frederick Kennett. After a lot of preparatory research before leaving home she travels to Kent to visit many of the villages, churches and homes of Frederick and his family. The second part of her narrative describes Frederick’s move to Canada with his family and their arrival in Edmonton.

### **“Why a One-Name DNA project” by Peter Staveley**

Peter outlines the benefits of joining, or starting, a single name DNA project as a means to try to determine surname links previously undiscovered by conventional paper trails. He also includes a glossary of often used DNA terms.

### **“Salt Lake Trip: Reflections of a First-Timer” by Shirley Yurkewich**

Have you considered a trip to SLC to aid in your research? Not sure if this is for you? Shirley describes her visit from a first-timer’s perspective when she joined the group organised by the Edmonton Branch.

### **“A Letter from a Soldier” by Miriam Roberts**

Miriam gives us further insight into her Husband’s Roberts family with a transcription of an original Welsh letter written by his father, circa 1933. The letter describes the trials and tribulations of a young man from Wales trying to carve a new farming career in rural Alberta.

### **Book Reviews**

- DNA and Genealogy, *by Brian Langkaas*
- No Corner Boys Here, *by Claudine and Joe Nelson*
- Abraham’s Children – Race, Identity, and the DNA of the Chosen People, *by Marilyn Hindmarch*

**Photo Identification**

- Who Are These Rockcliffe Men? A photo of a Canadian rifles team, *provided by Janice Foster.*
- Circa 1908 photos from glass negatives, *provided by Joan Bowman.*

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## *Summary of Feature Articles*

### **“The Life and Times of Ike Mills” by Peter Williams**

When Peter Williams received an incidental request for information on access to Alberta records, he began a search that piqued his interest and resulted in an intriguing tale of a British immigrant who took up life in Canada as a musher and guide in Banff.

### **“My Mayflower Search” by Fay Edenloff Carlson**

Fay grew up hearing tales of how her ancestors had come to North America on the *Mayflower* in 1620. However, this had never been proven. Fay provides details of how, since 2003, she conducted research to validate these claims to her mother's lineage. This article will help anyone who suspects similar roots.

### **“Publish Your Family History Newsletter” by Marilyn M. Astle**

Marilyn outlines why and how to start a family history newsletter. She gives good suggestions regarding content, potential pitfalls, and provides graphics from her newsletter as illustration.

### **“Never Give Up - Research: Anecdotes & Facts” by Lesley O’Neil**

Lesley chronicles how she ‘fleshed out’ branches of her father's Dalrymple lineage and adds snippets of several new-found relatives from North America and England. Lesley shows how, with persistence, she has expanded her known family.

### **“Finding Me” by Hal O’Neil**

The Genographic Project can be confusing to many genealogists. Hal provides a very readable and easy to understand look at this project and how it has enhanced his view of his own personal research.

### **Book Reviews**

- Middle Island - Before And After The Tragedy, *by Peter Staveley*
- Tales and Trails: Dunstable & Area History *by Grant Nicol*

### **Photo Identification**

- Are These People Your Ancestors?
- Hills & Turner *by Joan (Turner) Bowman*  
This brief article highlights the treasure trove that old photo collections can be.
- NWMP Field of Honour, Fort Macleod *by Lesley O’Neil*  
Photo of the RCMP cemetery and of the plaque that shows the names of all buried there.

### **GenFair 2008**

GenFair notes by organizer Phyllis Burnett and a collage of pictures showing AGS participating members.

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## *Summary of Feature Articles*

### **“Landlocked Ports of Entry” by Don Kauffman**

Don reminds us that not all newcomers arrived in our country via water or air, many travelled across our southern border by road and rail. His article identifies the records available to identify these pioneers.

### **“Ships Passenger Lists” by Lynn Fogwill**

As Lynn describes overcoming roadblocks in locating her husband’s great grandfather Thomas Sutton, she presents her research methodology using ships passenger lists, both online and in the archives.

### **“The Death of Harry Sutton” by Lynn Fogwill**

Lynn follows with the story of Harry Sutton teaching us the value of coroner’s reports and how to access them. She advises that one must not assume only criminal or very violent deaths precipitates a coroner’s or medical examiner’s investigation.

### **“The Story of a Homestead” by Frank Easton**

This is part one of a three-part article describing the tenacity of a new arrival to Alberta and her confrontation with government bureaucracy as she requests approval for homestead application. Frank obtained all the background to this interesting story from the files in the homestead records located in the Edmonton Archives which have been indexed by AGS, Edmonton Branch.

### **“Haley” by Marion Rex**

Marion introduces the lead character of her story as *“John Patrick Haley: rugged frontiersman, adventurer, entrepreneur, and homesteader – he was a man who lived his life undaunted by adversity and challenged by new adventure.”*

### **“Alberta Local History Books” by Bev Moore and Peter Williams**

The value of using history books as a resource to add ‘meat on the bones’ of your ancestors is outlined in these two companion articles. Most of the towns and villages of Alberta have published history books and many of them contain fascinating stories of their early pioneers.

### **“Home Children” by Arlene Borgstede**

Arlene gave a presentation on this topic at an AGS Edmonton Branch Special Interest Group. She used the book *The Golden Bridge by: Young Immigrants to Canada 1833–1939* by Marjorie Kohli for her reference material. A telling quote on the very first page *“They swarmed the streets, they gambled in the gutters, they haunted the markets in search of cast-away food; they made playgrounds of the open spaces; they lurked under porches of public buildings in hot weather; and they crept into stables or under arches for their night lodging. They lived as the pariah dog lives and were treated much the same way....”*

### **“French Protestants in Alberta” by Willa Duclos**

The first of a two part series by Willa recounting the trials and tribulations of Rev. Dr. John Ezra Duclos during his lifelong service to the cause of French Evangelism in both Quebec and Alberta. The Duclos name has long been synonymous with the town of Bonnyville, Alberta. As organizer and superintendent of the French

Protestant Mission there, the Rev. Dr. John Ezra Duclos lent his name to the hospital, two schools and a church established in this remote Franco-Albertan community in the early 1900's as the result of his mission work, and Bonnyville came to be known as the Duclos settlement.

**“What Happened to Jesse” by Peter Williams**

Peter says you never do really know what is coming next when you carry out “Random Acts of Kindness” responses to questions posted on genealogical websites. He responded to a SKS (would **S**ome **K**ind **S**oul) message asking if anyone could look at any WWI war memorials in Edmonton and see if there was anyone with the name Jesse commemorated. His research provided unexpected results.

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### *Summary of Feature Articles*

#### **“Newfoundlanders in the RAF – Letters Home from Arthur Brown” by Lynn Fogwill**

In August 1940 the first draft of RAF volunteers left Newfoundland for Canada to begin training before being deployed to England. Lynn uses the letters her uncle sent home to chronicle his experience travelling by train across Newfoundland, being posted in Halifax, Derbert, Montreal, Toronto, and Summerside for training, then London, England, out of where he flew.

#### **“The Story of a Homestead, Part Two: The Third Party” by Frank Easton**

Frank continues the tale of Kate Easton, a feisty woman who took on the Dominion Lands Office in Edmonton and the Department of the Interior in Ottawa when her right to keep the homestead she purchased after the death of her husband was challenged following her marriage to Robert Easton. In this episode, neighbour James Jeffries further challenges the indomitable Kate.

#### **“The Truth is in the Photograph” by Debby Was**

Debby recounts her success in acquiring information that clarified earlier assumptions about an uncle. She contacted the British National Army Museum seeking information about the uniform her uncle was wearing in an old sepia-toned photograph in her collection. What she received helped her correct faulty data.

#### **“From England by Sea: What do UK Ship Passenger Lists Reveal?” by Marilyn Astle**

Marilyn had many questions surrounding ancestors who left Britain for Canada and Brazil. By searching online SPLs she was able to chart many of their voyages and, using information about the ships and the times, learn something about what their travel might have been like.

#### **“What’s That Uniform?”**

The RS Editorial Committee has assembled a small collection of photographs showing military uniforms from several campaigns. We hope this may help others.

#### **“Canadian Military Medals” by Marilyn Hindmarch**

Marilyn gives a brief commentary on the new: Canadian Victoria Cross; Sacrifice Medal; and on the U.S. Medal of Honor that has been awarded to several Canadian military.

#### **“Mind The Gap” – Edmonton Branch Research Trip, London 2008” by Lynn Fogwill & Haydn Cracknell**

A two-page pictorial with comment on unique aspects of this trip.

#### **“Why Keep a Daily Journal?” by Jo. Nuthack**

Jo. began keeping a daily journal in 1975 so as to have a detailed documentation of the life of one man – himself - to pass down to future generations. Jo. provides guidelines to how he keeps his journal for those interested in starting their own. Recently the Provincial Archives of Alberta has agreed to accept Jo.’s collection.

### **“French Protestants in Alberta: The Rev. Dr. John Ezra Duclos – Part Two” by Willa Duclos**

The conclusion of this article chronicles the Reverend's life and ministry in Bonnyville and Cold Lake, and his retirement in Edmonton. He was a man truly committed to his mission and the community of French Protestants in northern Alberta.

### **“First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton” by Grant Nicol**

Grant outlines his involvement with this church from the time he first arrived in Edmonton from the small town of Belvedere. Grant was welcomed into the parish and the family of Dr. Edwin White, minister at that time. Grant continues to worship at this church.

### **Book Review**

First Presbyterian Church: A History - 2004 by Grant Nicol

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