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Feature Articles

- 100.000 Absent Memories – 1869 to 1948 (The Once Hidden History of British Home Children) by Miriam Roberts & Peter Staveley
2010 has been designated “The Year of The British Home Child” and this article describes the details behind the story of these unfortunate immigrants.
- The Anton and Olava Marie Thorson Story by Marilyn Lappi
In Marilyn's article you will meet her great grandparents and their family. You will learn of their experiences as they leave Norway for a new life as they battle the hardships of homesteading in the prairies.
- Census's in Context – A Historian's Perspective on the 1901 and 1911 Censuses of the City of Edmonton by Peter Baskerville
What can we learn from the Censuses? Peter provides some insight as he focuses on the Groat family to analyze the information to be gleaned from these two Edmonton censuses. He notes “*Censuses are a latent landscape that when uncovered alters our view of things previously taken for granted.*”
- But I'm Not a Writer By John Althouse
As we continue the theme, encouraging family history seekers to document the results of their research, John writes his experiences and emphasises that writing expertise is not a prerequisite. The example set by his Aunt Lydia that he uses should dispel any ones fears should they wish to embark on such a project.
- Mystery Wedding Photos
Miriam Roberts found two wedding photos in the basement of a public building in Drayton Valley and hopes that, by displaying them, they might be returned to a family member.
- In The Vale Of The White Horse – Part Two By Terry Gregory
In this second part of Terry's articles about the writing of his book he describes how, and from where, he sourced information. He wanted to collect and include data to explain the habits lifestyle of his ancestors. This includes such things as the weather, epidemics, religion and political influences. And it was time to start “*some serious writing.*”
- Salt Lake City Trippers 2009 – Mining the Family History Library by Lynne Duigou
Lynne is a first timer with the Edmonton Branch bi-annual trips to SLC and in this article she describes her successes researching her own, and her husband's, ancestors.
- Advanced Technology Helps Strathcona County Museum and Archives Come to Life by Starr Hanson
With the benefit of the latest technology, and the programming skills of Volunteer Dave Bridgewater, Starr describes how visitors can use the Museum's computerized archives to research their ancestors.

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Feature Articles

- The British Immigration and Colonization Association of Canada, Inc. by Marilyn Hindmarch
Marilyn wrote this article about her father-in-law's sponsored immigration to Canada through the BICA, a unique organization in that it was a Canadian initiative. Previously published, this version has accompanying photographic and document graphics and is another in our series of BHC articles we are publishing throughout 2010.
- The Last House by Anne Lightfoot
Anne has presented her research on the McPherson house that dates back to 1913, still in its original location on what is now University Avenue, and is still owned and occupied by descendants of that family. The story gives a glimpse of the life and times of her ancestor, Jack McPherson as well as the building of the McPherson home. Accompanying photos show the house as it was in 1914 and in 2010.
- In The Vale Of The White Horse - Conclusion by Terry Gregory
In this third and concluding segment of Terry's chronicle of how he wrote and published his family history, Terry reveals a key contributing factor to his success. Following the article is a brief comment on British hillside figures, of which the White Horse is one, by Peter Williams.
- From Dustbowl to Bush by Helen Lavender
Helen provides a window on the life and times of her prairie family during the Depression, through recollections of her mother's diary entries. The fate of this notebook should provide a caution to all genealogists.
- Medicine Hat GenFair, April 23-24, 2010 by Medicine Hat & Brooks branch committees
Once again we are pleased to offer a textual and photographic centrespread overview of this year's successful Gen Fair which was a joint effort between two of our southern branches.
- Chronicle of Princes by Miriam Roberts
In this one-page piece, Miriam discusses a manuscript of significant historical importance to Wales and England. Her ancestor, Robert Vaughan, of whom she has previously written, figures prominently in this document.
- Victorian Lunatic Asylums: Records For Family Historians by Lynn Fogwill
In this informative article Lynn provides a brief history of these institutions in general, the asylum at Haywards Heath in particular, how to find your ancestor in such an institution, as well as the records.
- Getting the Most from LDS Family History Websites: an Overview by Peter Darby
Peter has compiled a very useful guide to *FamilySearch* websites, all available free of charge.
- It's All Relative – My Experience with a Professional Genealogist in Poland by Sharon Aney
Sharon gives us an account of the invaluable – and relatively inexpensive – assistance she received by hiring a professional genealogist to help research her Polish roots.

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Feature Articles

- The British Home Children-A Social Historical Background by Terry Clements
Terry's article continues our focus on the Home children given 2010 being proclaimed the "Year of the Home Children". The introduction to his story describes the background to the plight of these youngsters which he follows with a recounting of his research into the travails of Peter Clements, his Home Child Grandfather.
- Quilt commemorates British Home Children
This photograph of a quilt depicts the lives of Home Children. The Quilt, the result of a project by Hazel Perrier, made a stop in Leduc while on it's cross Canada tour.
- A Small Village. But Big at Heart by Leanne Balfour
Learn how one small town took the innovative initiative to give permanent identification to unmarked graves.
- Lifting Gayl's Ancestral Veil By Jim Lepp
Serendipity indeed – a website documenting Jim's pilgrimage to his own ancestral heritage was able to connect his wife Gayl to her father. A man she dreamed about but never knew. This resulted in an emotional meeting and finding a new family.
- Remembering Elizabeth by Denise Daubert
Another unmarked grave. The author, in discovering the burial site of a little four year old girl buried in rock at the family's farm, places her own memorial at the site. Denise describes the travels, and probable struggles, of the girl's family as they relocated from Russia to the Prairies.
- Returning to the Ancestral Village By Ken Zinyk
Ken tells the story of his pilgrimage to his ancestor's homeland in Ukraine, quoting from his article "*Welcome back to Nebyliv*" his father's cousin said. *Two branches of our family tree had come together again after a century apart. I had finally returned to my roots.*
- David Thompson: The Explorer, Fur Trapper and Map-maker by Miriam Roberts
Miriam's article was justifiably the recipient of the AGS 2010 Kenneth Young Newsletter of the Year Award for best Original Article. In selecting the winner the judge said "*I wish I had Thompsons to research. I wonder why my school teachers couldn't have made Canadian history this interesting.*"
- Are You Lucky or Smart by Joan Coley
Joan takes a stroll through her research experiences identifying her reasons for success, or not, while giving tips on research methodology.
- The Mary Marshall Story by Sharon Enns
The UK website *genesreunited.com*, a site connecting their members with common ancestors, was instrumental in providing Sharon with the information to complete this fascinating story of Mary Marshall. A story that includes the difficulties of travelling from Scotland to Alberta via Saint John, New Brunswick - life during the depression - and even a murder!

Book Reviews

- Lunenburg Letters by Bobbi Lou Gray – reviewed by Hal O'Neil.
- Fast Facts for Finding Family from Manitoba by Kelly Southwork – reviewed by Pat Pettitt.
- The Dirt on Clean by Katherine Ashenburg – reviewed by Marilyn Astle.

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Feature Articles

- Origins – Home Children Canada by Dave Lorente
Dave writes about the trials and tribulations of his father's experience as a Home Child, how this prompted his 1991 founding of the organization – Home Children Canada – and how this came about. He cites the various accomplishments of HCC ending with the comment that technology has dramatically reduced the time it took him to research this area. Dave has recently retired from active involvement in HCC.
- Canada's Commemorative Home Child Stamp by the Editors
This fall the Canadian government issued a commemorative stamp and poster honouring the British Home Child, an initiative begun in December 2009.
- Wartime Anguish & Elation by Leanne Balfour
Leanne shares an emotional letter she found in her collection of genealogical documents written by her great aunt to her mother, wherein the writer recounts delivery of a message that her son, who had been reported missing in action during WWII, had been located – alive and recuperating in hospital – assuaging their worst fears.
- The Ergonomic Genealogist by Lynn Fogwill
Lynn provides helpful tips for researchers who spend lengthy periods in front of a computer screen on how to properly position yourself and your equipment to avoid discomfort and possible injury.
- Harvest Camp by Valerie Swann
During WWII Valerie, along with so many other British children, was evacuated to the countryside. Valerie fondly recalls that experience.
- Researching My Métis Family by Dr. Thelma J. Chalifoux
Retired Senator, Dr. Thelma Chalifoux, briefly recounts her lengthy research into Métis ancestry, a task that has ensured that others have an easier path to travel in this pursuit. Accompanying this article the editors have provided a synopsis of the three research centres, located - in close proximity - in St. Albert.
- Salvation Army Ancestors? by Denise Daubert
Denise knew that her great uncle had, for a time, been a member of the Salvation Army. She recounts the information she gleaned from their archives and other sources, and how she did so, providing useful information to anyone wishing to use similar religious records.
- Addendum to Lifting Gayl's Ancestral Veil by Jim Lepp
This account demonstrates the useful links that often result between our authors and readers. Jim Lepp also includes the discovery of Gayl's grandfather's gravesite on Salt Spring Island.

- Hillcrest Mine Disaster by Belle Kovach
Belle is attempting to acquire information on the 189 miners who perished in the 1914 explosion at the Hillcrest Mines in Alberta's Crowsnest Pass for a 2014 Centennial Commemoration project. Some background, contact information, and a list of the men with their ages is provided for those who can assist.
- London Trippers of 2010 by Rita Thorson
Rita recounts the highlights of this year's excursion to London's genealogical research sites.
- Unlocking, Researching, and Sharing Family Stories by John J.N. Chalmers
John writes of his late father Jack's and his uncle Alfred's experiences in the RCAF during WWII. He used his father's memoirs and correspondence from his uncle to narrate this story. John tells us of his efforts to seek out helpful relevant information, his sources, the people he subsequently met, and the learning he acquired in sleuthing out this story.
- Navigator Brothers – book review by Hal O'Neil
This is the memoir, written by John J.N. Chalmers, that tells the tale of his father and uncle, both of whom served in the RCAF in WWII. John's father returned; his uncle did not – an emotional Edmonton story.