

***Relatively Speaking* Guidelines for Authors 2025**

1. We prefer original articles, never-before published, but we do accept articles previously posted on an author's blog or website or previously published in a genealogy newsletter, journal or magazine provided they meet the following criteria (#2-10).
2. We will accept submissions in the following order: 1. Members, 2. Youth, 3. Non-members.
3. Articles should be in Garamond font, in a digital Word format, 1000-2500 words maximum except for the rare, longer article which will be serialized and is published in two parts.
4. A maximum of 4-6 photos/illustrations submitted in JPEG format will be accepted. Do not send original photo or documents. Please include information about the photos: who, what, where, when.
5. We request a 100-word maximum biography and an author photo. We cannot be responsible for outdated author information that we keep on file. Please ensure your bio is up-to-date.
6. In order to publish a variety of authors we prefer not to publish the same author in two consecutive issues or within the same issue, except for our regular columns such as *Spinning Webs* or *Finding Alberta's Past*.
7. We reserve the right to edit and select the articles on basis of relevance, quality, and space using *The Canadian Style – A Guide to Writing and Editing* and the *Oxford Canadian Dictionary of Current English*. We will acknowledge that an article was previously published in another publication, in a blog or on a website.
8. Articles and biographies must contain no promotion of author's products or services.
9. Due to privacy and protection of personal information, we will not publish exact birth dates of people still living. A month and year are acceptable.
10. For reader friendly formatting, we request that long web addresses be a shortened link within the article, and the full web address be listed at the end of the article.
11. Due to space restrictions, we do not publish footnotes/references except in exceptional cases. We do state that "references are available upon request from rseditor@abgenealogy.ca" if references have been provided with the article.