



Roots and Branches

President's Message

Special points of interest:

MEETINGS –

3rd Tuesday of the month, except December, July & Aug 7:00 pm at City Archives: 4904 – 50 Street, Wetaskiwin, AB

LIBRARY – located at City Archives
Hrs. of Operation – Tuesday 1 – 3 pm
(Branch volunteers at library)
Library resources available during regular Archives hours

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I would like to thank everyone who helped make the October Workshop a terrific success. This was our seventh workshop and I felt it was one of the best. It was awesome to see a professional Genealogist work at her trade, but humbling to realize how much there is to learn. Imagine two trips to Saskatoon to find out who the guy in the picture was. I think it would have been easier to get Carolyn to edit him out of the picture. I have been reviewing the syllabus almost nightly to get the most out of the workshop and I hope you have taken the same opportunity. We will also use the November meeting to review the classes and go over what new skills we learnt.

Last night, when watching the Battle of Somme, I was reminded how important our hobby can be. The Newfoundland Regiment started the day with 778 officers and men. By the time roll call was given that evening there were 68 men left. 710 men were either killed or wounded. Two of my Grandmother's brothers were in WW1. One died and I realize I must tell his story or his sacrifice will be forgotten. How many forgotten stories are waiting for someone to research.

I also had the opportunity to attend the Deanna Bullock workshop hosted by the Camrose Branch of the AGS. 17 people attended the workshop on citing your sources and proving your research, and googling your family tree. Deanna is a bubbly instructor covering interesting and highly important subjects however I felt she was rushed and could have used more time to effectively cover both classes.

I am excited about the future of our club and the opportunities that are available for improving our skills in genealogy. In February we will elect new officers and I look forward to some of you rushing forward to fill these seats. There are many committees in-place that will continue to support you and our executive. We don't need gifted genealogists to fill the vacancies, just people that are eager to learn and help other people learn new skills.

Don Brosius

Upcoming Meeting Topics:

Nov: Members review what they learned at the Oct. workshop.

Dec: No meeting in December

Jan: Creative Memories – Presentation

Feb: Creative Memories – Bring a Project to work on! Fundraiser for our branch.

Wetaskiwin Alberta Family History Center

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints,
5410 – 36 Avenue,
Wetaskiwin, AB

Hours:

Wed: 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Thurs: 1:00 pm-3:00 pm
6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Come and check out our new resources

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 17: our regular meeting

Jan. 19: Our first meeting in 2010

Feb.12-13: AGS Casino

Apr.23-24: AGS GenFair 2010 – Medicine Hat

IF:

You could have witnessed one event from your family's history, what would you want to see?

You had to name the three most important family values in order of importance, what would they be?

You could have taken part in any single historical ceremony, what would it have been?

FROM THE BOOK "LIVE AND LEARN AND PASS IT ON" –

- I've learned that every great achievement was once considered impossible.
- I've learned that untold treasures are found in the imagination of a child.
- I've learned that if your life is free of failures, you're probably not taking enough risks.

Editor's Corner

By Alice Hoyle

Our October workshop is now a "past" event, and I know I certainly learned a lot from our two guest speakers. In fact, as I type this I am looking at a rolled-up confirmation certificate that belonged to my husband's uncle. It's in very bad shape, and thankfully I recalled the information Carolyn Hill gave us about how to straighten out documents that had been rolled up!

This November, my thoughts have been occupied with H1N1 and how our ancestors coped with the Influenza of 1914-1918! We are very fortunate to have modern medicines and immunizations to assist us in warding off influenza. To quote from a letter my grandmother wrote to my grandfather while he was overseas with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in WWI: (letter dated Oct. 30, 1918) "we are all well at present but awful lot of sickness in the country, this influenza is all over, we are all wearing cheese cloth masks to prevent catching it. I keep the children indoors all the time and the house well fumigated". My grandmother was living in Wetaskiwin with their 4 children (one of whom was my father). My grandparents had been living on a homestead SW of Westeros, but she and the children moved into town in the fall of 1918 until my grandfather returned from the war. My grandmother also had two brothers serving overseas. Sadly, one of her brothers died of influenza while serving in France. This event was doubly sad in that he died on November 14th, 1918 – 3 days after the armistice was signed!

How did the influenza and its connection to WWI affect your ancestors? What methods did they use to 'ward off' the disease? These questions and their answers, are a part of our heritage. When I try to visualize how my grandmother managed to cope with 4 small children under difficult circumstances, I acknowledge that she was obviously a very strong person! Her letters to my grandfather also relate the cost of food (potatoes), feed for her cow in the backyard, and how much she has to pay for rent on the house she has managed to find for her and the children.

I salute her and all the other brave, courageous people who managed to survive with so little all those years ago!!

May we always remember the sacrifices and the hardships endured by our ancestors for the greater good of those who followed in their footsteps.

Your Newsletter Editor
Alice Hoyle

**Donna Garvey, Creative Memories Consultant, has offered us an opportunity to raise some funds for our branch, as well as giving us the chance to stock up on scrapbooking

- I've learned that if you wait until retirement to really start living, you've waited too long.

supplies. More details at our November meeting!

Library Update: Additions to our collection

ADDITIONS TO WETASKIWIN BRANCH LIBRARY, MAY/JUNE, 2009:

PURCHASE:

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LYNCH, DANIEL

GOOGLE YOUR FAMILY TREE

DONATION, MARILYN CANNING:

WALKER, HARRY & OLIVE

CARLETON SAGA (CARLETON COUNTY, ONTARIO)

DONATION, KEN CAMPBELL:

106.94 RYA

RYAN, JAMES G.

IRISH RECORDS: SOURCES FOR FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY

ALL OF THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW, WERE DONATIONS FROM MARIE FRANSDEN:

OGS PUBLICATIONS:

- OXFORD COUNTY LAND RECORDS ABSTRACT 1800-1830
- 1850'S VOTERS LISTS, OXFORD COUNTY (INCLUDES LOT & CONCESSION)
- 1891 OXFORD COUNTY CENSUS INDEX, BLENHEIM TWP.

OTHER BOOKS AND BOOKLETS:

- 908ARN ARNOLD, N. LONG SUTTON IN TIMES PAST
- 908WIL WILLS, N.T. THE HISTORY OF THE PARISH & CHURCH OF LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE, ENGLAND
- FAMILY CHRONICLE COLLECTION, SEPT.1996 – AUG.1997
- PIGOT AND CO'S NATIONAL COMMERCIAL DIRECTORY, 1830, FOR BEDFORDSHIRE, HUNTINGDONSHIRE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, LINCOLNSHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
- ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF SURNAMES IN THE 1851 CENSUS OF LINCOLNSHIRE, GAINSBOROUGH REG. DISTRICT
- THE LIVES AND TIMES OF OUR ENGLISH ANCESTORS, V1 & V2
- THE GENEALOGICAL HANDBOOK FOR ENGLAND AND WALES
- ORDER.....(ORGANIZING YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY)
- LINCOLNSHIRE POOR LAW INDEX, PART 1
- ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF SURNAMES IN THE 1851 CENSUS OF LINCOLNSHIRE: VOLUMES AS LISTED BELOW

1A Gainsborough Registration District
Peterborough Registration District (part of)
Newark Registration District
Thorne Registration District
Goole Registration District

MAP OF LINCOLNSHIRE REGISTRATION DISTRICTS

2AGLANFORD BRIGG REG. DISTRICT

2 Caistor Reg. District

3 Louth Reg. District

Horncastle Reg. District

6 Lincoln Reg. District

7 Spilsby Reg. District

8 Sleaford Reg. District

9 Grantham Registration District

10 Stamford & Bourne Reg. District

11 Spalding & Holbeach Reg. District

12 Boston Reg. District

All the above Index of Surnames, published by the Society for Lincolnshire History & Archaeology.

The following were published by the Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology.

Lincolnshire Marriage Indexes, Series 1813 – 1837:

Vol. 2	St. Wulframs Parish Church, Grantham
Vol. 4	Graffoe Deanery
Vol. 5	Lawres Deanery
Vol. 6	Beltisloe Deanery
Vol. 7	West Wold Deanery
Vol. 8	Calcewaithe & Candleshoe Deanery
Vol. 9	Haverstoe, Grimsby & Cleethorpes Deaneries
Vol. 10	Louthesk Deanery
Vol. 11	Yarborough Deanery
Vol. 13	West Elloe Deanery
Vol. 14	East Elloe Deanery
Vol. 12	Lafford Deanery
Vol. 15	Holland East Deanery
Vol. 15A	St. Botolph's Parish Church, Boston
Vol. 16	Holland West Deanery
Vol. 17	Aueland and Ness Deanery
Vol. 17A	Stamford Churches
Vol. 18	Grantham & Loueden Deaneries
Vol. 19	Horncastle Deanery
Vol. 20	Bolingbroke Deanery
Vol. 21	Corringham Deanery
Vol. 22	Manlake Deanery
Vol. 23	Isle of Axholme Deanery

Also: Lincoln City Marriage Index, 1813 – 1837

**LINCOLNSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY PUBLICATION:
MARRIAGE INDEX OF LINCOLNSHIRE**

Vol. 2	1700-1812 St. Wolfram's Parish Church, Grantham, part1
Vol. 2	1754-1812 St. Wolfram's & Grantham Deanery
Vol. 4	Graffoe Deanery 1754-1812, Part 1
Vol. 4A	Graffoe Deanery 1754-1812, Part 2
Vol. 7	Westwold Deanery 1754-1812
Vol. 8	Calcewaith & Candleshoe Deanery, Part 1, 1754-1812
Vol. 8	Calcewaith & Candleshoe Deanery, Part 2, 1754-1812
Vol.10	Louthesk Deanery, Part 1, 1754-1812
Vol.10	Louthesk Deanery, Part 2, 1754-1812
Vol. 14	East Elloe Deanery, Part 1, 1754-1812
Vol. 14A	East Elloe Deanery, Part 2, 1754-1812
Vol. 15	Holland East Deanery, 1754-1812
Vol. 15A	St. Botolph's Parish Church, Boston 1754-1812
Vol. 17	Aveland & Ness Deanery, Part 1, 1754-1812
Vol. 17	Aveland & Ness Deanery, Part 2, 1754-1812
Vol. 17A	Stamford Church, 1754-1812
Vol. 18	Manlake Deanery, 1754-1812
Vol. 20	Bolingbroke Deanery, Part 1, 1754-1812
Vol. 20	Bolingbroke Deanery, Part 2, 1754-1812
Vol. 21	Corringham Deanery, 1754-1812
Vol. 22	All Saint's Church, Gainsborough, 1754-1812

PERIODICALS:

OUR WATERLOO KIN, WATERLOO REGION BRANCH, OGS
BRUCE AND GREY BRANCH NEWSLETTER, OGS
YORK REGION ANCESTORS, YORK BRANCH, OGS
TRACES & TRACKS, WELLINGTON BRANCH, OGS
KINDRED SPIRITS, WHITBY-OSHAWA BRANCH, OGS
NORFOLKS, NORFOLK COUNTY BRANCH, OGS
THE TRACER, OXFORD COUNTY BRANCH, OGS
PERTH COUNTY PROFILES, PERTH COUNTY BRANCH, OGS

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA GENEALOGIST
HISTORY MAGAZINE, PUBLISHED BY MOORESHEAD MAGAZINES
FAMILY CHRONICLE MAGAZINE

PERIODICALS, RE. RESEARCH IN GREAT BRITAIN:
YOUR FAMILY HISTORY
FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE, U.K. EDITION

We have received a number of periodicals and research items from our branch member Shirley Brazier, and we thank her for updating our New Brunswick Research data.

Thanks to all our members who continue to donate items to the Wetaskiwin Branch Library – these donations are always welcome.

Wetaskiwin Branch: Recap Of Meeting Presentations

May, 2009:

OBITUARIES: USING THEM AND WRITING THEM – Claudia Malloch

Claudia gave a very interesting presentation on obituaries. We examined several examples she displayed, trying to determine how the obituary would be helpful to us, and if not helpful, how the obituary could have been written differently. It became obvious to all that it is very important to include certain facts in an obituary, for instance the name of surviving family members rather than just saying "survived by her husband". At the end of her presentation, Claudia asked each of us to try to write our own obituaries, remembering to include information on our contributions to society as well as the family information. A very informative and mind-tweaking presentation!!

June, 2009:

POT LUCK LUNCH, AND ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION/BRICKWALL ASSISTANCE

Following the precedent of our previous June meetings, after our business meeting, we all took time to bring forth our "successes" of the past year, as well as ask for ideas on how some of our brick walls could be toppled. Ideas were offered by those present; suggestions were made on how to move forward with our research. A very good end to the genealogy year!

September, 2009:

PUTTING MEAT ON THE BONES OF OUR ANCESTORS – Sharon Aney

Sharon is a very strong believer of including various bits of information with our basic genealogical information about ancestors. She has written a family history, and she very successfully added information about weather, the state of the country at the time her ancestors lived, etc. In her presentation, she encouraged us to add these extra pieces of information to our stories, as they make all the difference to the reader. No longer is the story a basic "bare bones" telling of facts; suddenly we are transformed into another's life and we are able to feel what it was like to live in those times. Sharon's enthusiasm for her subject came forth and we all felt the need to "get writing"!

October, 2009:**OCTOBER WORKSHOP PLANNING, AND INFORMATION Q & A'S**

Our October meeting dealt mainly with the planning and requirements for the October Workshop held in Wetaskiwin. After the business at hand was completed, an informal discussion was held among members, regarding genealogy, best research sites, where to find the information we need/want, etc.

We are all anticipating a very interesting workshop on October 24th!

DID YOU KNOW?**100 Genealogy Resources to Discover Your Ancestry:**

Check out this site – http://phlebotomytechnicianschools.com/?page_id=52

Collection of 16th and 17th Century English Recipes:

This site offers a collection of 16th and 17th Century English recipes presented in their original language. All have been transcribed from primary sources. Thank you to Claudia Malloch for this information:

<http://www.godecookery.com/engrec/engrec.html>

Canadian Headstone Photo Project:

The people responsible for this site have a mission: to capture digital images of headstones of our ancestors. The Headstone Photo Project is privately owned, non-profit and relies on volunteers who contribute photos to the site. For more information:

<http://canadianheadstones.com>

**thanks to Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter dated July 7th, 2009.

Ontario Research Information:

Wellington County has website that allows you to search their index. These historical records, including the Tweedsmuir History Books have been digitized, indexed and made available online. You can search by subject or name. The site: www.wcm.on.ca/tweedsmuir/index.php

Do you have Elgin County Roots? Elgin County Branch of OGS has put online parts of its book, "Discovering Your Roots in Elgin: A Guide to Genealogical Resources in Elgin County, Ontario". Read it online at: www.elginogs.ca/discover/introduction.htm

McGill University, Digitized Atlases – Forty Ontario Counties are searchable, and there are maps for the province of Quebec and the Maritimes. For the Ontario atlases, the first and last names of the people are given, along with the county, township name and town name, and additional information about the people. The site:

<http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/CountyAtlas>

**thanks to the OGS Newsletter of August 2009 for the Ontario research information

Origins of Some Historic Sayings: (thanks to Fern Peterson for this information)

Personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told, "mind your own bee's wax". Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term "crack a smile". In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt...therefore the expression "losing face".

At local taverns, pubs and bars, people drank from pint and quart-sized containers. A Bar maid's job was to keep an eye on the customers and keep the drinks coming. She had to pay

close attention and remember who was drinking "pints" and who was drinking "quarts", hence the term "minding your P's and Q's".

The following article was submitted by Elaine Young, Wetaskiwin Branch Member. Elaine attended this session at the April, 2009 AGS Conference, and she found the session very informative.

A NEW METIS DATABASE – FRANK TOUGH

Metisarchivalproject.ca

This project was done to preserve The Manitoba Affidavits, The Metis Scrip, Metis information from 1901 census, etc. The records have been photographed in colour so they are exactly like the originals and they are very clear compared to the old dark, sometimes illegible microfilm version.

It is data on the Metis migration, from Red River Settlement mostly to the west into Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. There are also maps to chart these migrations. I believe they have tracked families as he briefly mentioned the Desjarlais and Chartrand families.

More information is being added as it becomes available and as time permits.

Frank was a very knowledgeable man and appeared to be very passionate about the work being done. Although he is of Scottish ancestry, I thought he could have passed as Metis.

The session was very interesting and educational.

Elaine Young.

Metis Research: Whitford/Spence

Pocha/Spence



WETASKIWIN'S FAMILY HISTORY CENTER:

THE WETASKIWIN FAMILY HISTORY CENTER has a new Director: she is Patty Caputo. Patty has joined the Wetaskiwin Branch of AGS, and we look forward to seeing her at our meetings.

As a reminder, there are numerous resources available at the Family History Center (see information on days/times of operation on page 2) as well as knowledgeable volunteers who are willing and able to assist you with your research.

KUDOS – THANKS A BUNCH!!

VOLUNTEERS: Thanks to Syl Gauvreau who in addition to being our Bingo Chairman has volunteered to take on the position of Vice-President of our Branch! The Executive looks forward to working with you Syl.

Thanks to Anne Wildcat who volunteered to organize that most important of meeting necessities – the lunch!! ☺ Anne will coordinate the provision of a refreshment-break snack among members. Thanks, Anne, and of course thanks to all the branch members who bring the delicious items to our meetings.

ARCHIVES STAFF: Thanks to Carolyn Hill and Angela Smith for their assistance in opening the building for our meetings. We also appreciate their input and knowledge as presenters at our workshops!

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS: Once again, your Editor thanks you very much for your contributions to this newsletter. I certainly welcome any and all contributions to the

newsletter, so please contact me with information you feel our branch members would be interested in reading.

LOCAL RESOURCES FOR RESEARCHING WETASKIWIN AND AREA FAMILIES:

The following information was compiled by Sharon Aney and Elaine Young – this is a wonderful resource for people who have families with a history in Wetaskiwin and area. Our sincere thanks to Sharon and Elaine for all their volunteer time and to Sharon for her vision of what was needed to enhance our role as facilitators of genealogical research. Due to the length of the document created, the information will be presented in two parts: part one in this newsletter, and part two in the February, 2010 newsletter.

Local Resources for Researching Wetaskiwin & Area Families

S. Aney & E. Young

For those who have families with a history in Wetaskiwin and area, we have compiled some resources to help you with your research.

Wetaskiwin Branch Library

Email address: wetaskiwin@abgensoc.ca

Hours of Operation: Tuesdays 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: City of Wetaskiwin Archives, 4904 – 51 Street

Community History Books

1. **Siding 16, vol 1** – An early history of Wetaskiwin to 1930
 - a. By A. Bert Reynolds, Printed in 1975
2. **Siding 16, vol 2** – A History of Wetaskiwin 1930 – 1960
 - a. By A. Bert Reynolds, Printed in 1980
Individual names and the names of businesses indexed alphabetically by
3. **Freeway West**, Compiled history of area south and east of Pigeon Lake, copyright 1974
 - a. Including School districts: Anthony Hill, Bidinger, Twin Creek, Ernest Park, Lone Ridge, Rapid Creek, Bonnie Glen, Falun, Fletcher, Pigeon Creek, Mound Red, Pigeon Valley, MaMa-O, South Pigeon Lake, Peaceful Valley, Richmond
 - b. Index pages 1061 – 1072
4. **Pioneer Pathways**, 2 volume compiled histories of Rural Wetaskiwin,
 - a. published in 1981 by Circle 8 Historical Society
 - b. Includes School Districts: Angus Ridge, Battle River, Bear Hills, Bigstone, Brightview, Bulyea, Cherry Grove, Dundonald, Haultain, John Knox, Lucas, Peace Hills, Pleasant Prairie, Weiler.
 - c. Over 1000 individual names indexed
5. **Angus Ridge** – A Community History 1917 - 1959
 - a. Compiled by the Angus Ridge Women's Institute
 - b. Not indexed
6. **From Frontier Days in Leduc & District**, 1891 - 1956
 - a. Originally published in 1956
 - b. Reprinted in 1980 by the Leduc Historical Society & 75th Anniversary Committee
 - c. Not indexed
7. **The Golden Trail** – published by the Camrose Canadian in 1955

- a. History gleanings from 1905
- b. Covering the area east of Hwy 2A from Strathcona on North to Lacombe on South, and eastward approx 80 miles.

Compiled Family Histories

1. Claus **Ballhorn** Family, 1848 – 1995
2. Descendents of Martin **Benz** & Dorothea **Schmeller**
By John D. Benz, 1983
3. Supplement to Anthony **Dorchester** and His Descendents – generations 6 – 12
By Janice Dorchester, 2008
4. Mary Sorena **Lund**, 1890 – 1900s – by Cathryn Brecka
5. Frans Oskar **Issaksson**, Pieti **PETERS**, Ruusa Mikkosdotter **PAAVOLA**
Compiled by Wilfred Peters, 2005 – 2007
6. The A. W. **Rix** Family, Wetaskiwin AB, 1877 – 2000
By Hilton H. Rix, 2004

Death & Burial Records

Wetaskiwin & Area Cemeteries as transcribed by AGS

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|---|----------------|
| 1. Wetaskiwin Memorial Cemetery at 1997 | SW-23-46-24-W4 |
| 2. Wetaskiwin Old Cemetery at 1997 | NW-14-46-24-W4 |
| 3. Sacred Heart RC Cemetery (Wetaskiwin) at 1993 | NE-15-46-24-W4 |
| 4. Transcripts of RC Registers (Wetaskiwin) at 1995 | |
| 5. St. Norbert's Cemetery, Millet | SE-29-47-24-W4 |
| 6. Millet Cemetery | SE-29-47-24-W4 |
| Several Printouts of other Alberta Cemeteries compiled by AGS | |

Moore Funeral Home Records, 1924 – 1937

Approximately 800 burials recorded by date of death.

Not Indexed

Note: this was not the only funeral home operating in Wetaskiwin during those years.

Index to 1901 Census – NWT (Alberta & Saskatchewan)

District of Alberta #202

District of Assiniboia East # 203

District of Assiniboia West #204

District of Saskatchewan #205

District of Athabaska #206A

Other Community Resources for Family History Research

1. Wetaskiwin City Archives 780-361-4434
archives@wetaskiwin.ca
4904 – 51 Street

- Holdings include, but are not limited to:
 - assessment rolls,

- school attendance records for City and County schools,
- family histories
- community histories
- obituary database,
- newspaper clipping files
- a photo studio collection

2. Wetaskiwin Public Library**780-361-4446**

<http://www.wetaskiwinpubliclibrary.ab.ca/>
5002-51 Avenue

- The library has a collection of 35 or more community histories from communities across Alberta.
- A list of them is available from the Library or from Wetaskiwin Branch of AGS

Note:

- The following resources are largely not indexed, are not online, and are not set up to do extensive research for you.
- We suggest that if you are unable to research on site, that you contact us at the Wetaskiwin Genealogical Society for volunteer look-ups.

3. Wetaskiwin Heritage Museum**780-352-0227**

wdhm@persona.ca
5007 – 50 Avenue

- **Women of Aspenland**
 - 65 women of influence in Wetaskiwin and area have been researched and profiled in a unique exhibit.
 - Family, personal accomplishments and influence in the community are addressed
 - Information and photos on site
 - Names of the Women of Aspenland are on file at the Genealogy Society Library
- **Library Holdings:**
 - **Family Histories:**
 - Claus Ballhorn Family
 - The House of Jevne
 - LeNasseur Family
 - Colonel Gilbert Edward Sanders – memories 1863 – 1955
 - John James Rix Family
 - Villeneuve Family
 - **Swedish Families**
 - 28 area families have small histories compiled
 - list is of these families is available at the Genealogy Society Library
 - The Story of Swedish Settlement in Ukraine – by Jorgen Hedman
 - A Swedish Girl - by Mildred E. Rasmuson
 - Includes surnames: Olson, Peterson, Johnson, Rasmuson
 - **Biographies:**
 - A Celebration of Life – Leander A. Bussard
 - Many More Matejkas – Joseph Majakay

- A Lot of Living – by Wilda Rowland
- **Community Histories – Central Alberta**
 - Duhamel
 - Mecca Glen Memories (east of Ponoka)
 - Battle River Valley
 - Tales and Trails of Millet, Vol 1 and Vol 2
 - Trail Blazers, 1972 (Winfield, Conroy)
 - Freeway West (Falun area)
 - Ponoka 50th anniversary 1904 – 1954
 - Ponoka Panorama
 - Pioneer Pathways, Vol 1 and Vol 2 – (rural Wetaskiwin)
 - Wetaskiwin School District #264
 - From Frontier Days – Leduc & District 1891 – 1956
 - Bittern Lake Sifton District
 - Gwynne Historical Society
 - Siding 16, vol 1, vol 2, vol 3 Wetaskiwin

4. Wetaskiwin Branch, Canadian Legion 780-352-2662

legion86@incentre.net

5003 – 52 Avenue

- 52 War veterans were interviewed by Austin Willis in 1996 / 97 and recorded on VHS
 - These tapes are on site at the Legion and can be viewed there or borrowed locally.
 - The tapes have not been transcribed, but 26 are also on CD format
 - A list of persons interviewed is available at the library of Genealogy Society library
- Currently a province-wide initiative called “Memories Recovered” is underway to interview veterans in Alberta and leave the DVDs in local branches of the Canadian Legions.
 - 14 DVDs have been received at Wetaskiwin Legion 86 Branch
- A list of all recorded interviews to date is at the Genealogy Society library

5. Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame 780-361-1351

randy.kvill@gov.ab.ca

at Reynolds Alberta Museum site

This is a National institution. As such, the materials are mostly beyond the local scope, but are valuable for background on RCAF and flying ancestors

A major resource: “They shall Not Grow Old” – a Book of Remembrance

By Les Allison & Harry Hayward, 1992

Published at Brandon MB by Leech Printing

This book has compiled short biographies of Canadian Airmen and Airwomen who lost their lives in WWII

Other library holdings include many books in the following categories connected with Canadian Aviation:

- Aviation History
- Bush Pilots

- RCAF
- RAF
- BCTAP – (British Commonwealth Air Training Plan)
- Biography – Hall of Fame members (48)
- Biography – Female (21)
- Biography – General (approx 180)

REMINDERS:

VOLUNTEER HOURS:

Please remember to submit your volunteer hours to Ken. Our hours assist AGS with applying for grants that will assist us all. Email Ken at kwayne1@telus.net.

Tickle Your Funny Bone



You Might be a Canadian If.....

You remark how warm it is now that the salt melts the ice.
You think it might be inappropriate to bring a firearm to the mall.
You can correctly pick out your country on a world map.
You suntan while keeping your beer cold in a snowbank.
You think gravy and cheese curds poured over French fries (poutine) is a wholesome lunchtime snack.
You measure distance in hours.
You drink tap water.
You budget 5% of your net income on mosquito repellent.
You can't discuss the weather with your parents without a Fahrenheit calculator.
You vacation in Cuba.
You deliberately don't read one half of the labels on cans and packaging from the store.
You have ever ridden a snowmobile to the store, in May.
You get into spelling arguments over the letter 'U' (labor/labour; color/colour).

RECIPE: I brought this to the Genealogy Workshop in October, and several people asked for the recipe, so here it is!

CRANBERRY PUMPKIN BREAD – Alice Hoyle

3 _ cups white unbleached flour	3 cups white sugar
4 Tsp. Pumpkin pie spice (or: I use 4 tsp. of a combination of cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves & allspice)	
2 tsp. Baking soda	1 tsp. Salt 4 eggs
1 – 30 oz. Can pumpkin	_ cup vegetable oil 1 cup buttermilk
1 cup sliced almonds	2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries

In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, spices, baking soda and salt. In another bowl, beat eggs, oil and pumpkin; add buttermilk and blend together. Stir the liquid mixture into the dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in the cranberries and almonds.

Spoon into 2 greased 9 x 5 x 3 loaf pans.

Bake at 350F for 70-80 minutes or until done.

Cool in pans, for 10 minutes on cooling racks; then remove from pans to cooling racks to cool completely. Yield: 2 loaves.

Last minute update on United Church Fire/Boy Scout Documents & Archives: I spoke with Carolyn Hill, the City of Wetaskiwin Archivist, and she said the items rescued are still in their freezers. They have to confirm with the Boy Scouts how they want to proceed. She anticipates that the items will be taken from the freezers in batches, dried and given back to the Boy Scouts. Carolyn doesn't know the status of the items that were in the vault at the United Church – church officials have removed the vault from the basement of the church.

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 Until next time, may your genealogical challenges be little ones; may your brick walls come tumbling down; may your ancestors finally come out of their hiding spots; and may you enjoy your time researching all these wonderful ancestors! Alice Hoyle, Editor
