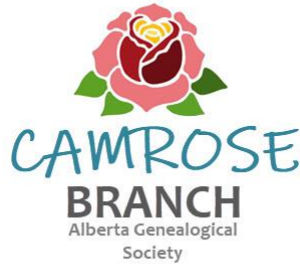


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## Murphy's Genealogical Laws

Genealogy: A hay stack full of needles.  
It's the threads I need!

African proverb: "When an old man dies, a library burns"

### Branch News

Sadly, one of our long-time members passed away in June. Fay was a Founding Member of the Camrose Genealogical Society, Branch of Alberta Genealogical Society. Over the years, Fay held the positions of President, Vice President and, for a number of years, assisted with the CGS newsletter. She also loved to share her stories and adventures within the newsletter and at our meetings.

Rest in peace, Fay

### **Fay Carlson**



Clare "Fay" Carlson of Camrose, AB passed away on June 16, 2022 at the age of 83 years.

She is survived by one son Arne (Roselle) Carlson; siblings Marie (Wolf) Kirchmeir, Peter (Barb) Edenloff, Pat (Emile) Blais, Ivan (Maryann) Edenloff; special niece Helen Nielsen (Ken Frisch); as well as numerous nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents Walter and Leone Edenloff; and one sister Helen Edenloff.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at Weber's Mount Pleasant Chapel in Camrose, AB. Interment will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church Cemetery (RR184+TWP430). Memorial donations may be made to the Alberta Cancer Foundation, Bethany Lutheran Church Cemetery Fund, or to the charity of one's choice.

### Special Interest Groups (SIG)

Writing Family History – SIG – meet via Zoom every Monday at 10 a.m. for 1 hour of sharing and encouragement.

Organizing your Genealogy – SIG – Meet via Zoom on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m.

## Upcoming Events

No meetings are held during July and August.

**Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022** – Our first meeting of the fall. It is changed to Wednesday since Registration Night is on Thursday. **We will commence our meetings at 6:30 p.m. for 2022/23** - at Camrose Public Library downstairs, in person or by Zoom (link will be sent prior to meeting)

**Thursday Sept. 8** – Registration Night - Field House in Camrose – 6:30 – 9 p.m. - for further information, check out our website: [www.camrosegenealogy.weebly.com](http://www.camrosegenealogy.weebly.com)

**Thursday, October 13, 2022** – Regular meeting 6:30 p.m. – Camrose Public Library downstairs, in person or by Zoom (Link will be sent prior to meeting)

**Thursday, November 10, 2022** - Regular meeting 6:30 p.m. – Camrose Public Library downstairs, in person or by Zoom (Link will be sent prior to meeting)

**Friday, December 8, 2022** – Christmas Social – 6:30 p.m. - Regular meeting 6:30 p.m. – Camrose Public Library downstairs, in person or by Zoom (Link will be sent prior to meeting)

## Camrose Branch Summer Social August 7, 2022

### Merna Church (1907) & Cemetery



Charlotte & Dave Curtis



Cindy & Brent Mailer



Janine Carroll

Editor's Note: CGS President Deb Trout was the photographer, so there is no picture of Deb!

For more info and pictures, here's a link:

[Merna United Church – Heritage Barns of Flagstaff](#)

## Gathering of the Clans – August 20, 2022

This year, Camrose Branch again hosted a booth for this annual occasion. The last Gathering was held in August of 2019 because of the Covid -19 pandemic. Volunteers from our Branch were gathered to host our CGS booth. Gathering of the Clans (Scottish) is always held in August. Storytelling, Highland dancing, Pipes and Drums bands performing, Artisan vendors selling samples of Scotch whiskey, Mead and handicrafts, heavy events such as Heavy Weight for Height and Caber Toss, mini golf and food trucks. Gates opened at 10 a.m., Opening Ceremonies on the Main Stage at 11 a.m. An information brochure was handed out at the gate.

The Flagstaff Scottish Club is located within Flagstaff County, Alberta. The Club hosts other annual events:

[Robbie Burns Dinner & Dance](#) – Mark your calendar for January 21, 2023

[Highland Fling](#) – Mark your calendar for April 1, 2023!

Here are some pictures from this year's Gathering of the Clans, Sedgewick, AB



CGS member Kim Downey with CGS President Deb Trout



Charlotte Curtis (in blue cooling scarf) with Kim Downey & Deb Trout

Charlotte has collected (and arranged alphabetically in albums) Flagstaff County newspaper clippings of Births, Deaths and Marriages. Charlotte brought the albums with her.

Contact [camrosegeneo@gmail.com](mailto:camrosegeneo@gmail.com) for more info





Red Deer & District Pipe Band – female drummer in the middle was twirling her tasselled drum sticks in the air! Pipe bands this year included North Saskatchewan Regimental Pipe and Drums, North Haggis Pipe Band & the above.



Calum Lykan tells his family-friendly, animated stories with a delightful Scottish brogue!



The Scottish Great Kilt/Working Man's Kilt usually consists of 7 yards of single width material. It can be used as a skirt with a belt, included to wrap over one shoulder, hooded, or worn (unfolded), as a blanket. Above, Karali Newby has folded the scarf in pleats, then prepares to roll it around her body.



Beaumont Highland Dancers performing the Scottish Sword Dance

Scottish warriors would perform this dance the night before battle.

If a warrior stepped on a blade, it meant he would die in battle the next day.

When present day Highland dancers compete, they lose points if they step on the blade.

Competition is governed by the rules and regulations of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing (RSOBHD)...



This “Poking fun at the Irish” dance shows a Leprechaun teasing two milkmaids,  
while twirling his Shillelagh.

A shillelagh is a wooden cudgel, and the word is pronounced “shuh-lay-lee.” A shillelagh is an Irish style of stout, knobbed stick that can function as a weapon.



Adult Highland Cow or “Heeland Coo” as the Scots pronounce it.

This beauty did not want his picture taken so constantly turned his head away from me.

He was provided by the Ferrier Family.

Sheep, goats, birds of prey and Irish Wolfhounds were also on display....and a petting zoo for kids and big kids.



Closing Ceremonies – all the bands were playing “Amazing Grace”

To complete the celebration, a Pig Roast supper was available, and “Ceilidh” performed by Cabot’s Crossing.

A perfect end to a perfect sunny day.

Beannachd leibh – Blessings be with you!



## Preparing for a Genealogical Vacation

by Deb Trout, Camrose Branch President

Decide what kind of trip it will be. Will you fly or drive?

Conduct basic research before going & take notes with you.

What records do you need to take with you? Archive notes, BMD info, copy of Land Titles

Make a research plan. Where are the records kept? How do you access them? Google land location or home, etc.

What about parking? Food? Water? on the way and when you get there...

Take a cell phone, camera, pen & pencil, eraser, flash drive, portable scanner (if you have one).

Record what you are taking pictures of...how easily we forget!

Pay for the trip with AirMiles or a similar plan.

Take cash. If you are traveling internationally, order currency from your bank.

Take a credit card with a lower limit in case it gets lost.

Know the country's customs – Respect those customs.

Above all – Savour the moment!



## Cemeteries

Cemeteries hold a certain amount of fascination for me...and it's not ghoulish.

Every time I drive by a cemetery, I have to stop. I am drawn in.

I enjoy looking at the different, unique styles of grave stones; looking at the dates and figuring out which stone is the oldest in the cemetery.

It still surprises me that gravesites appear to be neglected.

"Ashes grave stones" and stones that are flat to the ground are often not cleared of grass and weeds around the stone. I was almost unable to find my three-times great grandparents' stones because they are flat stones, and are overgrown.



I am disappointed that no one seems to be visiting the grave site.

There is a very small stone near our family plot in the city...that of a baby. Every time I clean around our stones, I also clean around his. I hope he somehow knows that even a stranger cared that he lived.

There are grave sites with no stone. I realize that the reason is likely financial, that the one(s) left behind could not afford a stone but still...

I find my self saying out loud "Everyone should have a stone with their name on it."

It saddens me that these people lived and died here on Earth, and their names are not "Written in Stone" to always be remembered.

Excuse me...

I must go to the cemetery....

Joan Conley, CGS member

## Camrose Branch assistance in research

The Camrose Public Library has added an ad for Camrose Branch Genealogical Society's coaching/help, located on the Library's website under the Services tab. It's titled "Genealogy Help".

Here is a direct link to the page: <https://cpl.prl.ab.ca/services/genealogy-help>

## What's in a Name?

Thoughts:

I currently belong to 2 organizations/clubs that are only using the first name and the initial of the surname when recording their meeting minutes.

(Note: This does not apply to our Camrose Genealogical Society minutes. Full names are recorded by our secretary.)

I recently questioned this habit and was told that, according to Roberts' Rules of Order, this is the way it has to be done.

As a genealogist and historian, I have serious misgivings about this habit.

When I am searching for an ancestor, how can I prove that I have the right person?

I will have to find a Membership List...then, what if there are two "Joan C." persons? The search would go on.

This will be very time-consuming...and we genealogists already spend multiple hours searching, recording and proving our facts.

In addition, I know from my previous searches, that first and second names are published...even middle names are included (if we are lucky!)

What are your thoughts?

Submitted by Joan C. (Conley), CGS Newsletter Editor



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