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Murphy's Genealogical Laws

The only record that you can find for your great-grandfather is that his property was sold at a Sheriff's Sale for insolvency.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018 – Regular Meeting – Topic: “I Found my GGG Great-grandfather at Grosse Ile Quarantine Station!” – CGS Member Joan Conley will tell about her visit to the Island while on vacation in Quebec City.

Thursday, Mar. 8, 2018 – Regular Meeting – Topic: “Photo Care, Handling and Storage” – CGS Member Deb Trout will give us tips on caring for those valuable old family pictures!

Thursday, Apr. 12, 2018 – Regular Meeting – Topic: Family Tree Maker” – CGS Member Bev Webster will tell us the pros and cons of using this popular Family Tree computer program.

Saturday, April 21, 2018 - Camrose Branch will be hosting the 2018 GenFair on Saturday, April 21.

Speakers include Rosella Peterman “Using Land Records” and Glynys Hohmann, Team Lead for Government Records at the PAA. The day will conclude with the AGM at 4:00 p.m.

Note: Members are asked to bring muffins/cookies for the morning snack. Please bring your own lunch! Coffee and tea will be supplied.

Thursday, May 10, 2018 – Regular Meeting – Topic: “What to Do With Family Records – Online vs. Software” – CGS Member Deb Trout will be our presenter; CGS Member Joan Conley will add her opinion on leaving a document with your will. Both will discuss preserving your hard-earned family tree records for your family.

Thursday, June 14, 2018 – Regular Meeting – Topic: “DNA” – CGS Members will share their experiences after taking their DNA test...or deciding not to take the test...

July and August - we do not meet except for a Summer Get-together. Watch your e-mail for info on that!

Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018 – Regular Meeting – Topic: TBA

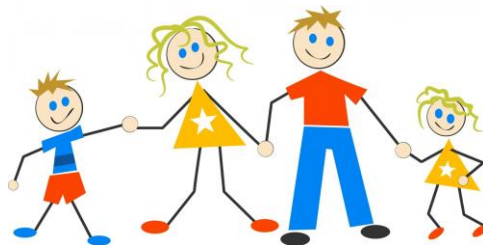
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Camrose Genealogical Society is hosting the biannual AGS GenFair
Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 9 – 5 p.m.

Theme: “All Roads Lead to Family”

Location: Masonic Hall, 5021-48 Street in Camrose

For further information, contact: camrosegeneo@gmail.com



Grandma's Love Story

From The Camrose Morning News, Tuesday Oct. 3, 2017
"Morning Giggle" Page 5

"My grandmother told me how she ended up marrying Grandpa. She was in her 20's, and the man she was dating left for war. "We were in love," she recalled, "and wrote to each other every week. It was during that time that I discovered how wonderful your grandfather was."

"Did you marry Grandfather when he came home from the war?" I asked.

"Oh, I didn't marry the man who wrote the letters. Your grandfather was the mailman."



Tidbits

Robbie Burns Day – 25 January 2018

The Scottish Thistle

Alongside tartan, the thistle is perhaps one of the most identifiable Scottish symbols. Legend has it that the thistle was adopted as the symbol of Scotland after it saved a sleeping party of Scottish warriors from ambush. The story goes that an unsuspecting member of an invading Norse army trod on one barefoot and roused the sleeping Scots.



Descendants of Mayflower passengers

...from Gail Dever's daily genealogy news blog...

This will be of interest to those who have descended from the Mayflower passengers. Click on the link below.

NEHGS launches online gallery of Pilgrim descendants

<http://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=21653>

2021 Canadian Census

Parliament removes future restrictions on access to Canadian census

Posted on January 3, 2018 by Gail Dever

Genealogists 95 years from now will have access to *ALL* of the 2021 Canada census results, thanks to the many genealogists who participated in the email campaign.

Canadian Parliament recently passed legislation to remove any restrictions on access to the census after 92 years for the 2021 Census and beyond. This is great news for future genealogists and researchers.

<http://genealogylacarte.ca/?p=22191>

Library and Archives Canada update

As of mid-November, 80% of the Canadian Expeditionary Force service files have been digitized, up to the surname Sharp. The project is due to be completed by July 2018, and is adding approximately 15,000 files per month, so frequent searches are well worth your while. For easy access, as well as research tips, visit the LAC site at

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/personnel-records/Pages/personnel-records.aspx>

Canada's 150th Birthday 2017

Editor's Note: At our December 2017 Christmas meeting, everyone answered several questions in relation to their ancestors' histories. Some CGS member's stories are included in this issue, along with the questions that were asked of them.

Celebrating Canada 150

– by Deb Trout



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Lower: John Bailey

Where was my family in 1867?

My 2nd great grandfather, John Emerson Trout I was living in Wiarton, Bruce County, Ontario. His 1st wife, my 2x great grandmother, Frances Hunter Trout, passed in 1863 leaving 10 children of which 3 were aged 5 or younger. He married her caregiver, Mary McNeil in 1864. John was born at Burlington, Ontario where the family stopped temporarily on their way to the land granted to his father Henry for his service in the war of 1812. Frances was born in Nova Scotia.

My great grandfather, William Trout was 14 and living/working in Wiarton as well. He was born at Wiarton.

Great grandmother, Agnes Augusta Scott was 9 years old and living on the family farm with her parents, John Scott and Mary Ann Winter Scott in Kepple Twp, Grey County, Ontario. John was born aboard ship as his family emigrated from Scotland in the 1830s. Mary Ann was born in Montreal in 1835.

Robert Ogram and Mary Milner Ogram, 2nd great grandparents, were farming on the 13th Concession in Wellesley Twp, Waterloo County, Ontario. They were both born in Yorkshire, England. My great grandfather Robert Ogram was 23 and farming with his father. His future wife, Lydia Bailey was 17 and living on the 1st Concession Lot 13 Peel Twp, Wellington County, Ontario with her parents John Bailey and Harriet Webb Bailey. Robert was born at Newmarket, Ontario and Lydia, on the farm in Peel Twp. John was born in Yorkshire, Harriet near Aurora, Ontario.

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My 2x great parents, Jesse and Henrietta Hurley Shoemaker were living at Fort Kearney, Hall County, Nebraska where they had a ranch and roadhouse. Fort Kearney was a stopping point for pioneers travelling across the northern US. Travellers gathered here to form wagon trains for the dangerous journey further west as the First Nations weren't thrilled with the settlers taking over their land. Jesse was born in Randolph County, Indiana. Henrietta was born at Sidney, Ohio.

Their son, Alex Shoemaker was 18 and working the ranch. He was born in Keokuk, Iowa.

My great grandmother, Anna Marie Lassen was 12 and living on the family homestead in Hall County Nebraska. She was born in Scott County, Iowa. Her parents were John Lassen and Catherina Christian Lassen, both born in Schleswig, Germany.

Great grandfather, Charles Smith was living with his parents George Washington (Wash) Smith and Martha Plummer Smith in Iowa. Charles was born in Missouri, Wash and Martha in Indiana. Charles' wife Deanna Hogle Smith was living with her parents Jothan Hogle and Elga Gamfer Hogle in Ohio. Deanna was born in Ohio. None of my grandparents were even thoughts at this point.

Where was my family in 1917?

In 1917, William Trout and Augusta Scott Trout were living at Fawn Lake, British Columbia with their sons William Allen and Neil Trout. My grandfather, John Emerson Trout II and my grandmother Harriet Ogram Trout were living near Arcola, Saskatchewan. Granddad was a farm foreman.

My father, William was 4 years old at the time, the troublemaker half of a set of twins. Jack was born at Wiarton, Hattie at Wellington County, Ontario. My dad was born at Carlyle, Saskatchewan.

In 1917, Wilbur Shoemaker and Aletha Smith Shoemaker were ranching east of Bashaw. My great grandparents Alex and Anna Shoemaker were farming/ranching on a quarter of land nearby. Wilbur was born at Rapid City, South Dakota and Aletha at Mt. Ayr, Ohio.

Where was I in 1967?

In 1967, I was 12 and living on an acreage outside of Kitchener, Waterloo County, Ontario. This acreage was absorbed by the city many years ago. My most vivid memory of that year was attending Expo 67 in Montreal. A big thing that year was having a 'Centennial Project'. I wrote to each province asking for tourism information, which I then put into a scrapbook. The scrapbook did not survive my many moves.

When did my family come to Canada?

On the Trout side, my 4x great grandparents, William and Letitia Hunter were married in 1776 in Nova Scotia. Both were from Ireland. I don't know exactly when they arrived but think it was in the 1760s. My 3x great grandfather, Henry Trout came from England to Canada in 1792 as a sergeant with the Queen's Rangers. His wife Rachel Emerson, (one of my biggest brick walls) was born in Connecticut in 1775 but was in Canada for her marriage at Fort Erie, Ontario in 1795. We aren't sure when the Emersons crossed the border.

John Bailey, my 2nd great grandfather came from Yorkshire, England in 1841. His wife Harriet Webb was born in Canada. Her father, Issac Webb came to Aurora, Ontario in 1806 from Pennsylvania to escape religious persecution. They were Quakers.

Robert Ogram and Mary Milner Ogram came to Canada in 1840 from Yorkshire, England to Burlington, Ontario.

On my mother's side, my great granduncle John Lassen was the first to cross the border, arriving in Ferintosh, Camrose County, Alberta in 1899/1900. My grandfather Wilbur Shoemaker came in 1911. My grandmother brought the children in 1912. They were from Pennington County, South Dakota, USA.

What was their occupation?

They were mostly farmers and/or ranchers but they turned their hand to whatever would help them support their families. We've had soldiers, ferry operators, inn keepers, magistrates, deputy sheriffs, army scouts and real estate moguls. Postmen, lumber jacks, ranch foremen, dray drivers, horse doctors, homesteaders, school trustees, school custodians, school teachers, pub owners, distillers, milk truck drivers and just about anything else they could make a living at.

What was their nationality?

I would say Heinz 57. My ancestors were from England, Ireland, Scotland, Schleswig-Holstein (sometimes Germany, sometimes Denmark) and Denmark.

Submitted by CGS member Deb Trout

LOCKET

At our last meeting, we reflected on where we were in 1967, and where our forebears were at the time of Canadian Confederation in 1867. Due to late child-bearing of my ancestors, this (relatively new!) senior had two grandparents born before 1867. My paternal grandmother, Winefred Sarah Goodman, was born January 1, 1865 on a ship bound for Calcutta from Visakhapatnam (I have her birth certificate). Her family was bound for India to be part of the British Raj. My husband and I visited the garrison church of St. Mary's in Varanasi (at that time the city was called Benares), where she was christened.

My paternal grandfather, Alfred Augustus Hale was born in Portsmouth, England in 1857, and came to India as a foot soldier. He and Winefred were married in Murree in 1883, and subsequently had a family of nine children (my father, Eric Griffith Hale was the youngest. He was born in Peshawar in 1897). Sadly, of these nine children, five died at young ages during the many cholera epidemics of the time.

Alfred Hale died in 1904, and my grandmother (age 39) was deemed young enough to learn a trade (as opposed to strictly having a Widow's Pension). She trained as a nurse, and worked in Aden Hospital in Yemen until her passing in 1920 at the age of 55. We visited St. Sepulchre's Cemetery in Poona, India where she is buried.

When my father (her only surviving son) came to Canada in 1928, he brought with him, this locket. His photo is on one side, and his father's photo is on the other. The covering protecting the photos is made of mica. I wish I had had a chance to meet this strong woman who overcame many adversities in her life.

Alfred Augustus Hale



Editor's Notes: Visakhapatnam is the largest city and the financial capital of the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. The city is the administrative headquarters of Visakhapatnam district and the Eastern Naval Command of Indian Navy.

Varanasi, also known as Benares, Banaras, or Kashi, is a city on the banks of the Ganges in the Uttar Pradesh state of North India, 320 kilometres south-east of the state capital, Lucknow, and 121 kilometres east of Allahabad.

Murree is a colonial era town located on the Pir Panjal Range within the Murree Tehsil, Rawalpindi District in Punjab, Pakistan.

Peshawar is the capital of the Pakistani province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Situated in a broad valley near the eastern end of the historic Khyber Pass, close to the border with Afghanistan, Peshawar's recorded history dates back to at least 539 BCE, making it the oldest city in Pakistan and one of the oldest in South Asia.

Aden Hospital is located in Yemen; Poona is located in India.

Alex Hale



A note of interest from Lilyon - I was a member of Girl Guides for many years. One of the international houses happens to be in Poona. We stayed there for 3 days (cheap!). I had written ahead about the church, cemetery etc. When we arrived, the leader of Sangam (Girl Guide House), had contacted the Anglican Church and someone met us and took us to the places we needed to be. We even were taken to the vault (I had seen a copy through the Mormon Church records), to see the original record of my grandmother's burial.

Submitted by Lilyon Hale Lundy, CGS member



Outdoor Bake Oven, Murray Bay, Quebec City, Canada

It's a Small World....

I offered to send Joan some samples of local research of mine that are examples of the "small world" we live in, to post in our monthly newsletter. I am a Camrose import, spent most of my life in Grande Prairie but retired and moved with my wife to Camrose in 2014 to get closer to our children and their families. March 2018 will mark the 25th anniversary of my start in this wonderful hobby and my interest in family tree research has not yet waned. Since retiring I've found just a bit (?) more time for research, and am making up for time lost in the last 10 years of a busy working life.

My mother's grandparents were considered pioneers of the Grande Prairie District because they arrived about 1910, well before the railroad. My father's family arrived there after the railroad but still almost 100 years ago, shortly before my late father was born in 1920, on a farm near the rural community of Lake Saskatoon just west of Grande Prairie. My mother's family, though Scotch/Irish came from Pontiac County, Quebec. My father's parents came to the area from Prince Edward Island (PEI); both of them were born in Charlottetown. My mother's paternal ancestry goes back to the 1840's in Ottawa area, my Lowes back to their 1830 arrival in PEI from Norfolk, England, but my paternal grandmother has ancestry going back to 1770 on the Island (PEI). I thought that made my own Canadian ancestry pretty early in Canada's history until I researched my daughter-in-law's and found she had paternal ancestry going back to the Acadians in Nova Scotia. That would go back to a 1600's era or earlier arrival and pre-date my own quite significantly.

First instance involving local research: I don't limit myself to researching only my direct-line ancestry. I love the hunt, to piece families together from just a set of parents and bring the connections down into the current generations, as well as back as far as I can find from my "usual sources". I've researched the lines of many "marry-ins" to my own lines, even a few friends who don't relate at all. I researched a sister-in-law's family not long ago; she was born in Cranbrook, B.C. but her father's family had history in the Winnipeg area. A year or two ago, I traced two of her great-aunts to Mirror, Alberta, and then found they were buried in the Mirror Cemetery. She and her husband (my wife's brother) visited us last year (from Poland) and we went out to the Cemetery and found the burials. On the way out of the cemetery I spotted a large headstone with the surname Buelow on it. I've only run across that surname once before, not in research but it was the surname of our daughter's best friend. I actually attended high school in Grande Prairie in the 1970's with her mother, and my sister's husband worked many years ago with her father. Both my daughter and her friend were born and raised in Grande Prairie. I sent the photo to my daughter and she checked with her friend. The headstone was for her friends' great-great-grandparents. I dug into a bit of research on the family and found she still has many relatives in the area, several in Bashaw and there are several more related burials in the Mirror Cemetery.

Second instance: A cousin from my maternal grandmother's line sent information on the new husband of one of her nieces. The cousin was born in Edmonton but married 3 years ago in Victoria, BC. Whenever there is a new marriage in the family I try to get full information on the new spouse and at least their parents' names, then I add them to my growing family tree. My maternal grandmother was born in a suburb of London, England in 1898, came over to Alberta to visit her brother who had arrived some years before, settled and was serving in the police force. He started with the NWMP, then the Alberta Provincial Police, then retired in the 1960's from the RCMP. During the visit, my grandmother met my grandfather in Calgary, came back in 1922 and they were married. My late mother was born in Sexsmith the following year. The "marry-in's" surname is Taillefer. When I started researching I figured it had a French background but found it also had Metis connections and history going back to fur-trading days in Manitoba. Several of his ancestors worked for the Hudson's Bay Company. Working my way back I found one of his paternal 3rd great-grandfathers was named Pierre Poitras, born 1810 in Red River Settlement and died 31 Jul 1889. He was buried in "Duhamel, Alberta". In my 3 years here I've been south on Hwy 21 a few times, perhaps just a half dozen or so, but didn't remember seeing the Duhamel sign or location. I found out very shortly by a Google search just how close it was to my front door! I drove out to find the cemetery a week or two later. Though there is no headstone for him, his name is on the large monument in the front of the cemetery along with other related family. I hadn't checked on the way in to see if the church was actually open and had assumed it was locked up, but checked the door on my way back out. I was happy to see that I could actually get inside and that it is like a small museum, still furnished and decorated as it had been while it was still in use. There was a photo on a shelf to the left-hand side with 7 or 8 men in it. It was not in pristine shape, in fact looked like a photocopy of the original, printed on regular paper, but had names for the men below. One of those men was Mr. Pierre Poitras and one of the others was none other than Louis Riel!

Submitted by Don Lowe, Camrose resident and CGS/AGS member



Member of Royal Canadian Mounted Police

The History of Norm Prestage's Family

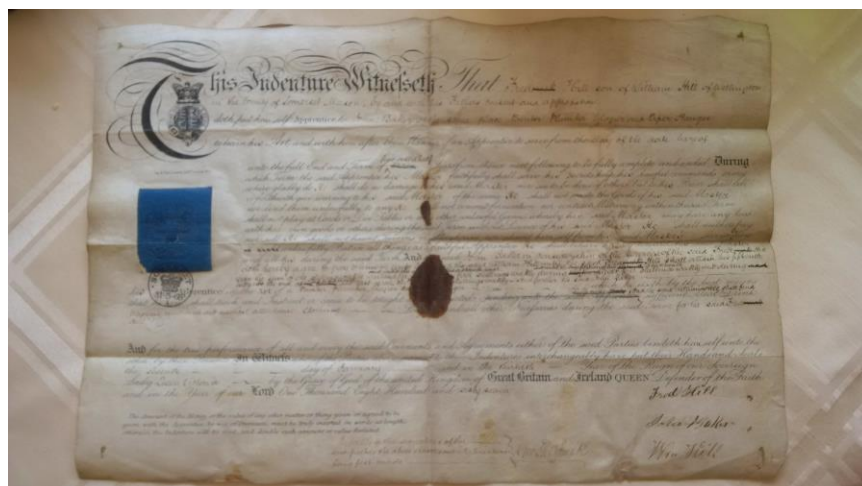
Ah, where to begin...

As we celebrated our sesquicentennial as a nation we were asked to think about our families, where they came from, who they were and what they were doing in 1867, 1917, 1967 and 2017.

Almost all of my families were English. The only (small) part that weren't came to Oxford County, Canada from Dutchess County, New York in 1810. The Stovers are still there. They were Germans from the Karlsruhe area, chased out of Germany because of their religion, and possibly chased out of New York because of their politics. Some were involved in the Underground Railway, a fact that makes me very proud.

The Joyes branch were Petworth emigrants (Petworth – estate of Lord Egremont in Sussex, England) who came from West Sussex to the Gore/Hamilton area in 1835. By 1867 they were spread out from Hamilton to London to Huntsville in Ontario. Cy Joyes, my great grandfather, homesteaded near Oyen, Alberta from 1913-1916, but was back in Ontario by 1917. My grandmother, Elsie Madeline Joyes passed in 1936. Other than a famous shirt-tail cousin from Orillia, Ontario who was a recording artist in 1967, I've pretty much lost track of them.

Ah, the Prestage family... ggg grandfather Henry was born in 1867 in Great Malvern, Worcestershire, England and moved to Birmingham, England before my great grandfather was born. Gggfather Robert Henry married and had 4 children. His oldest son, Robert Henry, married Rebecca Dutton and he emigrated to Woodstock, Oxford County, Ontario in 1912. His wife and 3 oldest children followed him shortly thereafter, arriving in September on the SS Lake Champlain. Ggrandfather was a Journeyman Brass Annealer (one who heat treats brass to make it malleable) at BSA (Birmingham Small Arms, factory making weapons and ammunition for British army.) There was a depression in England at that time, and Rebecca's sister had come to Ingersoll, Ontario earlier, so I'm sure they came for economic reasons. He worked at Bain Wagon Works as a steam fitter. He tried to join the CEF (Canadian Expeditionary Force) twice, once in the 34th Battalion and later in the 71st Battalion, but was released on medical grounds both times. He had served in the "Territorials" (see notes below) in Birmingham, so I'm sure he was very disappointed. He died in 1918. In 1967 most of the Prestages lived in Woodstock, Toronto, Sudbury and Sarnia, but MY branch were in Calgary. My father, Robert Harold, was a draughtsman and I was in Grade 11 at William Aberhart High School. In 2017, I was retired and living in Camrose, Alberta. Both of my parents have passed, but all 4 of my siblings are living in various places in Alberta. Now for the "outlaws", my mother's families: in 1867 my GGF was an apprentice painter and glazier in Wellington, Somerset. I have his parchment, signed and wax-sealed indenture papers.



My GF, Ernest John Hill, also a journeyman painter and glazier, came to Canada with 2 brothers, a sister and brother-in-law in 1913. Uncle Sam and Aunt Eve tried farming at Prince Albert, SK, but very soon joined the rest in Woodstock. Grandad Hill and Uncle Sid both joined the 34th Battalion, CEF in 1915 and went back to England. Both fought in France with the 1st Battalion, CEF, but in 1917 Grandad was recovering in a hospital in England from “GSW” (Gunshot Wounds). He went back to France but was back in hospital again in November of 1917. I just recently discovered that Uncle Sid had won the Military Medal, so I will be investigating that. While in England, Grandad married his childhood sweetheart and they came back to Canada in 1919. He died in a car accident in 1955. Many Hill families are still in the Woodstock area, and Uncle Jimmy was mayor of Woodstock in the ‘20s.

My grandmother, Phoebe Jane Wood, was also born in Wellington. Before and during the war (thus, in 1917) she was in service at Linden House, owned by the Fox family, in Taunton, Somerset, England. Shades of Downton Abbey!!! In 1967 she was living in Woodstock, but did not survive until 2017. I have an annotated Bible and some children’s Christmas cards from her Wood and Chambers families, as well as silk embroidered cards sent to her from the Front.

As you can tell, I have a lot of researching yet to do. Some of my people, especially the Prestages, are very elusive...though a cousin in England says Prestages are like “horse muck” – lots of ‘em and spread all over!

Prestage, Dutton, Lyddiatt, Joyes, Stover, Hill, Wood, Chambers are all of interest...

Submitted by Norm Prestage, CGS member

Editor’s Note: The Territorial Army (TA) is the part-time volunteer force of the British Army. With around 35,500 members, the TA forms about a quarter of the overall manpower strength of the British Army. TA soldiers serve on operations, either with TA units, or as individuals attached to regular units. Over one thousand TA soldiers are deployed each year. In addition 1,100 Territorial soldiers currently serve as **Non Regular Permanent Staff**. Source: <http://military.wikia.com>

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