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Murphy's Genealogical Laws

Your grandmother's maiden name that you have searched for, for four years,
was on a letter in a box in the attic all the time.

REMINDER: AGS dues are due now! The 2017 AGS Membership Application form can be printed from the AGS website: www.abgensoc.ca or send a cheque or money order to: Alberta Genealogical Society, # 162, 14315-118 Ave. NW, Edmonton, AB T5L 4S6. For further information, call 780-423-8902 One Branch is included in the membership. Please check the box under “Branches” and beside “Camrose”.

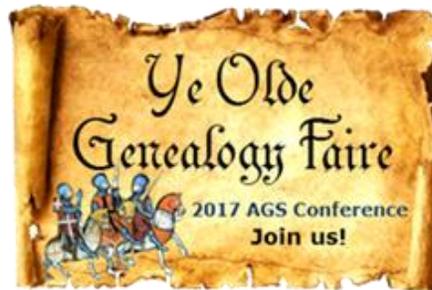
Upcoming Events

Thursday, Feb. 9th – Regular Meeting & AGM, 7 p.m. at Camrose Public Library downstairs. Topic: “Writing your Family History” – please bring a brief outline of the history of an ancestor, and write his/her story while at the meeting...should be fun to hear the stories!

Thursday, March 9th – Regular Meeting, 7 p.m. at Camrose Public Library downstairs. Topic: “Computer Genealogy” – everyone to bring laptops so that we can help others.

Thursday, April 13th – Regular Meeting, 7 p.m. at Camrose Public Library downstairs. Topic TBA at a later date by e-mail.

2017 Alberta Genealogical Society Conference



For more information, check their website

<http://www.abgenealogy.ca>

and

<http://www.abgenealogy.ca/speakers>

to check out the conference speakers

Vimy Ridge 100 Year Anniversary

In April 2017, Canadians will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our soldiers taking Vimy Ridge in France, the First World War battle that paved the way to an Allied victory. The official ceremony, which is being facilitated by Veterans Affairs Canada, will take place on April 9th, 2017 at Vimy.

Visit their website for more information:

www.vimyfoundation.ca

Robbie Burns Day - Wednesday, January 25, 2017



Photo courtesy Joan Conley
Scotland/England border
August 2016

Scottish Genealogist's Glossary
Author Lawrence R. Burness

Extracted from the above book, the following are words with definitions of Scottish dialect, in the 1800's:

Siller – Silver
Siller Kist – Silver chest
Gob – Mouth
Larder – Pantry
Shire – District which was much smaller than the modern county
“the now” – now, right now
“ken” – to know, to recognize, as in “do you ken...?”
Neeps – turnips
Neep Brose – oatmeal mixed with turnips
Hoose – house
Cockcrow ‘n Kail – Chicken soup without any chicken, just boiled moor grass
Piss-a-beds – Dandelions, eaten as field salad, boiled or in stew
Ben – bedroom
But – kitchen
Keeking-glass – mirror
Kirk – church
Saumont – salmon
Collier – coal miner
Pigs – earthenware bowls
Tatties – potatoes
Bairn – child
Pliskie – trick, joke
Mither – mother
Faither – father
Easter – eastern, as in eastern direction
Wester – western, as in western direction
Filibeg – Scottish kilt
Sporran – kilt wallet
Glengarry – Scottish cap with red and white checks along the side, and ribbons fluttering
Down
Hogmanay – New Year's Eve, December 31st
Slip Coffin – term used when the deceased is buried without a coffin

February is Black History Month

Nine years before American citizen Rosa Parks refused to sit in the “black” section of a bus, Canadian Viola Irene (nee Davis) Desmond refused to move to the “Black Only” section of a movie theatre in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia in Canada. The police were called, she was arrested and kept in jail overnight waiting for her trial the next morning.

Click on the links below to see clips of Canadian businesswoman and Civil Rights Activist Viola Desmond’s story. Her photo has since been displayed on a Canadian postal stamp and on a \$10 Canadian bill. Ms. Desmond was also posthumously pardoned on 15 April 2010 by Nova Scotia Lieutenant Mayann Francis, along with a public declaration and an apology from the Province.

Viola (Davis) Desmond was born 6 July 1914 in Halifax, Nova Scotia and died 7 Feb 1965 in New York City, New York, U.S.A. She was buried in Camp Hill Cemetery, Halifax.



<https://www.historicacanada.ca/content/heritage-minutes/viola-desmond>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYSqTa0KtLE>

Valentine’s Day is Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017



This statue stands in the San Diego harbor in California. Note the destroyer in the background. It commemorates a photo taken on August 14, 1945 in New York’s Times Square, just hours before the Victory over Japan and the end of World War II was announced by the U.S. President Harry Truman. The name of this day of celebration is often shortened to V-J Day. The photo is sometimes called “The Kiss”.

St. Patrick's Day is Friday, March 17, 2017

The longest river in Ireland is the Shannon, which cuts through 240 miles of the low-lying Midlands region before pouring into the Atlantic at Limerick.

Among Ireland's natural resources are zinc, lead, natural gas, copper, gypsum, limestone, granite, peat, silver and gold.



Guest Editorial

Cora's Story

When Cora's children were sent to live with relatives, Marjory was relocated to Stony Plain. Marjory and my grandmother were first cousins. After both married, they lived across the alley from each other on 108 street and one block off Whyte Ave. (in Edmonton, Alberta). Marjory's granddaughters still reside in Edmonton as do many of her great and great-great grandchildren. My Victoria cousin (2nd cousin once removed) wrote this story. It is because of his research (and sharing that research), that my generation knows anything about this family tragedy. And luckily, as revealed in the final paragraphs, now we know the truth. This is not a Valentine's story...

Submitted by Janine Carroll

Cora Maude (Clarke) Anderson (April 11, 1882 – August 22, 1915)

Cora's parents were William Harrison Clarke (from Sugar Island, Michigan) and Annie Emma Carlow (from St. Andrew's, New Brunswick). In 1877, separately, William along with his cousin, and Annie and her whole extended family decided to move west to start new lives. Because the Canadian Pacific Railway was still a dream, they made their way to St. Louis, Missouri to board the west bound transcontinental train with destination just north of San Francisco.

It was on this train that William first met Annie and became quite smitten with her. Several days later, after safely arriving in San Francisco, they all boarded the mail steamer, the SS City of Panama. They arrived in Victoria four days later on August 14, 1877. With only 43 cabins and 61 steerage passengers on board (one-fifth of them being members of Annie Carlow's family), William was able to spend more time with Annie. By the time they arrived in Victoria, William was ready to ask Annie's father Horatio for permission to marry her. Permission was denied. He was told to come back when he had settled in and had found a job.

On November 29, 1877, Josiah H. Teale, pastor of the Baptist Church in Victoria, married William and Annie. While trying to stay employed, the young Clarke family moved around. Their first son, George, was born in 1878 in Sapperton, near present day New Westminster, while William worked as an Engineer in a nearby fish processing plant. Their second child, Annie, was born in Bruce Mines, Ontario in 1880. On April 11, 1882 Cora Maude was born in Delaware Township, Michigan. Fourth child, Laura, was the first white child born on Dease Island, B.C., in 1884. W.H. Clarke shows up in the Dease Island Directory for 1885, but daughter Violet was born the same year in Victoria, followed by seven more.

Reported in the Victoria Daily Times, Thursday June 26, 1890 Cora was promoted from 2nd to 1st division. She won a prize for Regularity for not having missed a single day of school during the term. In the Victoria Daily Colonist, Saturday, December 20, 1890 Cora was given the Regularity and Punctuality award for not missing a day of school or having a late time during the previous term.

Victoria Daily Colonist, Thursday, June 25, 1891 at the Spring Ridge Ward School they held the annual public examination of the pupils. Cora Maude won an award for Deportment and in Regularity and Punctuality. She was promoted to Central School. In the Victoria Daily Colonist, Thursday, June 28, 1894, at the Girls Central School, Cora was promoted from the 3rd division to the 2nd division. And in the Victoria Daily Colonist, Thursday, June 27, 1895, Cora was promoted from the 2nd Division to the 1st Division at the Girls Central School.

Cora Maude was married on April 10, 1902 to George Anderson, from Stockholm, Sweden who was a Painter by trade. They were married by Elliot S. Rowe in her parents' home at 68 North Pembroke St. George came to Canada August 28, 1900 going first to the Klondike and then to Victoria. Nine months after their marriage Ethel Maude Anderson was born January 1903, followed by Marjorie, Irene, Doris and Hugh. Five children born within seven years. In 1912 the Anderson family is living at 509 Niagara St., and George is working as a "Pipe Joints" for the City Sewerage Dept., presumably working under his father in law William.



Cora in happier times...

Photo submitted by Janine Carroll

Tragedy struck the Anderson and Clarke families when on August 22, 1915, Cora Maud in the early morning hours killed her husband with an axe while he slept. She dressed the children in their Sunday clothes and fed them breakfast. Without knowing what fate had become their father, they were sent across town by their mother to their grandparents on the local streetcar, a note pinned to one of them. Cora then walked into the nearby ocean front on Dallas Rd. and drowned herself.

The local newspapers covered the aftermath in great detail. George was reported to be a dedicated family man and fabulous father; and Cora was the crazy lady. The true story was never revealed publicly.

On George's death registration his death is recorded as being killed by blows on head with an axe by his insane wife. Her death registration listed religious mania as the condition that resulted in her committing suicide by drowning. Cora and George were buried side by side in Ross Bay Cemetery, Victoria, BC, on August 24th at 2:00 pm. Shortly afterwards her father William Clarke paid to have her casket removed and interred in a new Clarke family plot P 115 U West which ended up being 11 plots away from George. We presume that he had learned the true story.

Family lore says that George had caught gonorrhoea while working in the Klondike, which was apparently quite common. The time line suggests it was after the children were born he infected Cora. She went to Alberta to convalescence with her sister Laura and family in Stoney Plain. Whether George caught the disease in the Klondike or in Victoria will now never be known. They did not have the modern drugs to cure gonorrhoea that they have today and supposedly she was re-infected when she came home from Alberta but in reality she probably never was cured of it, and the disease had made its way to her brain. The children were divided up between family members except for Hugh who was found in the 1921 census in an orphanage not too far from his grandparents Kings St. home. That would have been the end of it because, as in most families such an event would have never been spoken about again.

About 20 years ago my mother told me that when she was 19 her grandmother (Cora's mother) sat her down and had told her the true story about the event and that what she might hear from others or what she might find in old Victoria newspapers is not the way things went down. She wanted my mother to know her aunt was a good, kind, loving mother and that the disease had gone to her brain and she suffered mentally. Hence no harm was done to her children only to the person who had infected her. The parents then stored the story away in their skeleton closet, and Cora's siblings and her children and nieces and nephews did the same.

About a year ago I had a lucky break when one of Cora's great grand daughters was visiting her mother and saw a manila envelope sitting at her mother's table and she asked her mother what was in it. She was totally surprised when she opened the package up and found my name inside on the covering letter. We had worked for 20 years in the same place until her retirement and had never known our family connection. I told her that if she had once mentioned her great grandmother was an axe murderer, I would have known we were related right away. She is the first generation in that family that has no issues in talking about the event.



Cora's family...Cora is the 3rd adult from the left

Photo submitted by Janine Carroll, CGS member

Cora's story submitted by
Michael A. Kaehn, Grand nephew
Victoria, BC
August 18, 2015



Statue in Botha Woodland Cemetery
Botha, Alberta
Photo by Joan Conley, CGS member
Nov. 2016

Valleyview Cemetery,
Camrose, Alberta

Valleyview Cemetery now has a columbarium. Recently installed by the City of Camrose, this beautiful granite monument gives residents a new option for burying their loved ones. There are 64 niches available, and each space can hold two urns. Furniture will be added to the location in the spring, so that families can linger when visiting a deceased family member. There will be a second columbarium added later. This has become a new trend for some, because of limited ground space in many cemeteries.



Photo/article submitted by Joan Conley, CGS member

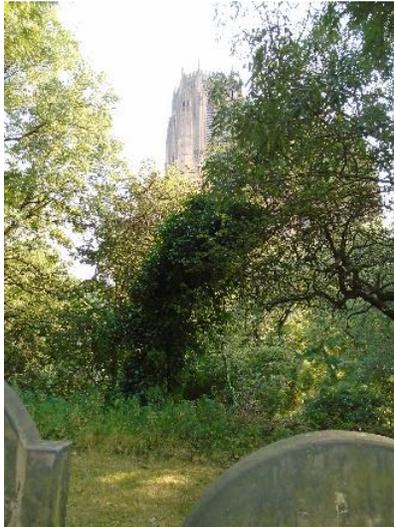
Liverpool Cathedral
and
St. James Park,
Liverpool, England

During a tour that I took last fall to England, Scotland and Wales, our group stopped to view the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. The total external length of the building is 207 yards, making it the longest cathedral in the world.



The Cathedral is impressive, even though we didn't have time to view the interior.

Imagine my surprise and pleasure when (while we waited for our tour bus on the side street) I spotted about 6 ancient gravestones in among the bushes, with the Cathedral in the skyline behind. I took the picture below. That's the best picture that I could get of the gravestones since there is a high stone wall there with a permanent wrought iron fence on top. The Cathedral looks like a mirage.



History of the Cemetery and now Park:

St. James Park is an urban park that is below ground level, and located behind the Cathedral. One has to walk through a tunnel lined with ancient gravestones (which were removed from the Cemetery when a park was planned to replace the cemetery).

In the 16th Century, the land was used as a stone quarry. The quarry was exhausted in 1825 so it was used as the Liverpool City Cemetery until 1936, when it was closed after 57,774 burials.

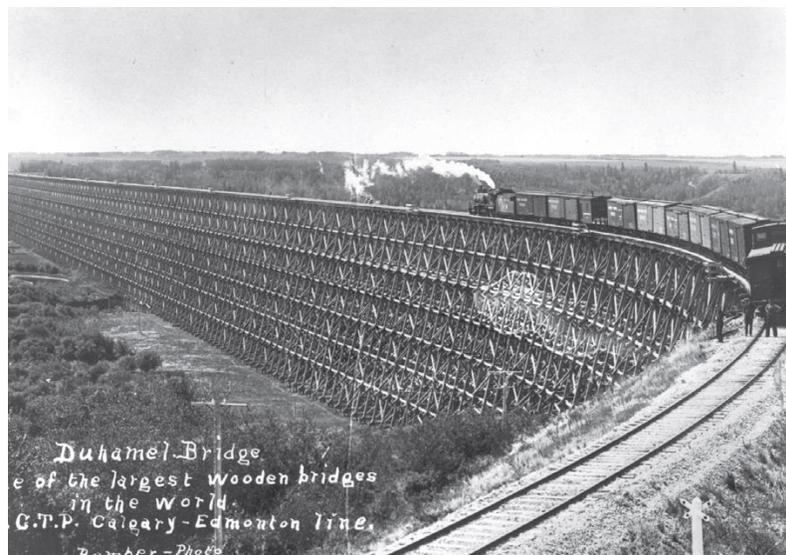
It then fell into a state of disrepair. The project to turn the cemetery into a park was completed by 1972 after clearing the vast majority of gravestones. I can only guess why the stones pictured above were left where they were. The grass is mowed around the stones so perhaps the persons buried here were prominent citizens or were the stones simply forgotten...?

Submitted by Joan Conley, CGS member

Queries

HOSLER, Fanny Jane, b. 29 Jul 1885, Echo, Michigan, U.S., d. 19 Sept 1911, Dauphin, MB, Canada. Fanny married Albert William HUTTON 26 May 1903, Plumias, MB, Canada. Looking for info on Fanny's 5th child, a dtr born 2 July 1911, two months before Fanny died. At time of baby's birth, Fanny was very ill with Tuberculosis. The baby girl's surname is registered as HOSLER with no Given Name. Contact Joan Conley at wayjo@telus.net

Editor's Note: Please submit all Queries to wayjo@telus.net for publication in Camrose Branch's newsletter "Roots and Shoots".



Duhamel Bridge

Photo Courtesy Camrose & District Centennial Museum

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