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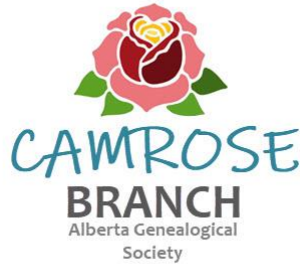


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Murphy's Genealogical Laws

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

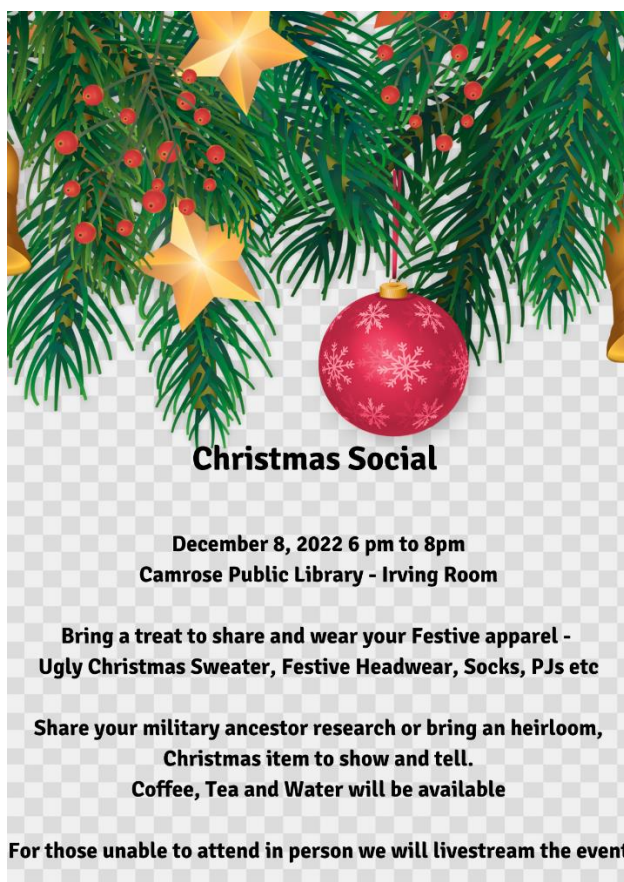
## Branch News

### Resignation of “Roots and Shoots” Editor

This will be my last edition of the Camrose Branch newsletter. I took over the position of Editor in the Summer of 2012 – 10 years ago! Other activities are demanding my attention now...Besides, it's time for new blood, new ideas. It has been my great pleasure to serve as your Editor.  
Cheers, Joan

### Upcoming Events

**Thursday, 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) – Bring a snack and Military story of an ancestor or Christmas family story.



**Thursday, January 12, 2023** – Regular meeting 6:30 p.m. – downstairs Camrose Public Library – Annual General Meeting

### 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>

Under that same link, you will see the words "Roots and Shoots". That is the name of the Camrose Genealogical Society newsletter – published and distributed in February, May, August & November of each year. Watch for it!

### SIGs/Special Interest Groups

**New** Military Research SIG – the 3rd Tuesday each month.

Organizing Your Genealogy SIG – Started up again with an organizing meeting on Zoom – the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. First in person meeting will be December 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

For more information on the above SIGs, contact President Deb Trout at [camrosegeneo@gmail.com](mailto:camrosegeneo@gmail.com)

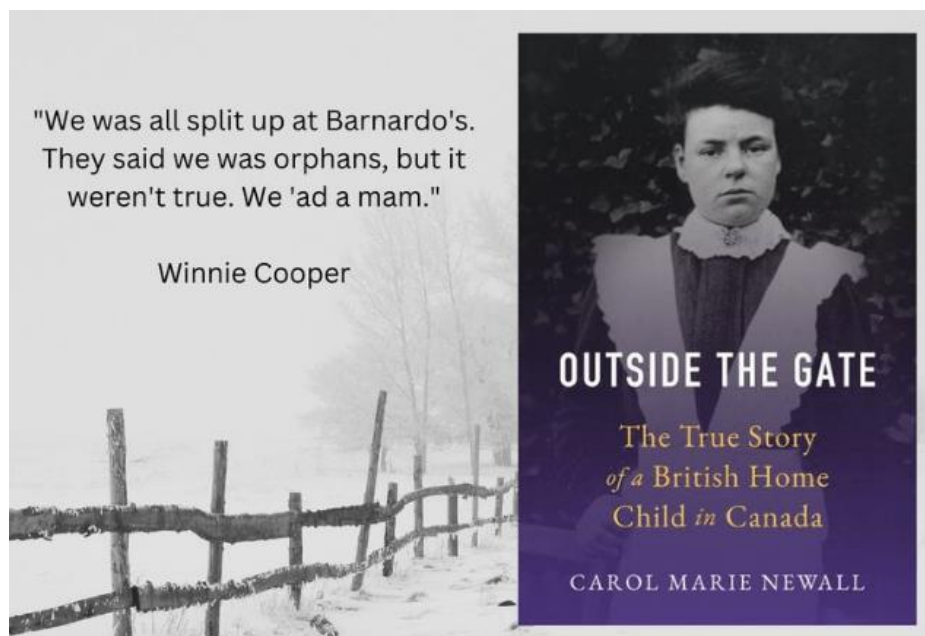
Although this issue is already past our Canadian Remembrance Day 2022, we must not forget the sacrifices our Armed Forces have given.....Lest We Forget...  
We can Remember all year, every year....



## Genealogy Gleanings From CGS President Deb Trout

1. **Introducing: Foundations in Family History** from National Genealogical Society  
<https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/foundations/>
2. **U of T student project creates online database of Canada's first newspapers** from Genealogy A La Carte  
<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=39472>
3. **Daguerreotype, Ambrotype and Tintype: Telling Them Apart** from Family Tree Magazine  
<https://familytreemagazine.com/photos/daguerreotype-ambrotype-and-tintype-telling-them-apart/>
4. **Family Papers: What to Keep and What to Trash** from Family Tree Magazine  
<https://familytreemagazine.com/organization/family-papers-what-to-keep/>
5. **How to Preserve Family Archives (papers and photographs)** from Family Tree Magazine  
<https://www.archives.gov/preservation/family-archives>
6. **Ancestry All-Access Family Plan** from Ancestry  
<https://www.ancestry.com/c/offers/family-plan>
7. **What's in Your Genealogy Research Bag?** from Gena Phillibert-Ortega on Legacy News  
[https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy\\_news/2022/07/whats-in-your-genealogy-research-bag.html](https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2022/07/whats-in-your-genealogy-research-bag.html)
8. **New book about a British Home Child, written by her granddaughter** from Genealogy A La Carte  
<https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=39527>

(This is the cover of the book)



## Alix Wagon Wheel Museum

For our September meeting, we took a road trip to Alix, Alberta. We had arranged to meet three Alix Wagon Wheel Museum members for a tour.



Alix, Alberta



Back row L to Right:

RCMP model (the uniform was given to Alix Museum by Spirit River Museum),

Camrose Branch members & guests - Cindy Mailer, Janine Carroll, Lilyon Lundy, Deb Trout,  
Irysh Snow, Kris Snow,  
Alora Nelson, Gary Pointkoski, and a model.

Seated Front row L to Right:

Betty Volker, Museum VP Michelle Guevremont, Director Barb Stevens.



## Irene Parlby

The first thing we saw, as we entered the museum itself, was a model dressed in a beautiful black dress that Irene Parlby brought with her from England when she came to Canada.



Mary Irene (nee Marryat) Parlby was born 1868 and died in 1965. These words are printed on the back of the pamphlet from the official Opening Ceremony of the Alix Centennial Park 1967. “A resident of the Alix area from 1896 to 1965, an able legislator, a member of the distinguished “Group of Five” who led the movement for the admission of women to the Senate of Canada, Mrs. Parlby rendered significant service in the fields of education, social welfare and legislative reform.”

Irene Parlby Accomplishment Time Line						
1913	1916	1916	1921	1929	1930	1935
Elected Secretary of Farm Woman's Club of Alix	Elected Provincial President of United Farm Women of Alberta and held position for 3 years	Alberta women given right to vote	Elected Member of Legislative Assembly for Lacombe Constituency and became Minister without Portfolio in Cabinet of UFA Government	Signed bill making women eligible for appointment to Senate of Canada	Went to Geneva as a member of the Canadian delegation to the League of Nations	Received an honorary degree of <i>Doctor of Laws</i> from the University of Alberta

At the Museum, there is a poster listing nurses' duties in 1887. The number of duties, in addition to caring for 50 patients, is shocking!

### Nurses' Duties in 1887

The following job description was given to floor nurses by a hospital in 1887:

In the addition to caring for your 50 patients, each nurse will follow these regulations:

1. Daily sweep and mop the floors of your ward, dust the patient's furniture and window sills.
2. Maintain an even temperature in your ward by bringing in a scuttle of coal for the day's business.
3. Light is important to observe the patient's condition. Therefore, each day fill Kerosene lamps, clean chimneys and trim wicks. Wash the windows once a week.
4. The nurse's notes are important in aiding the physician's work. Make your pens carefully; you may whittle nibs to your individual taste.
5. Each nurse on day duty will report every day at 7 a.m. and leave at 8 p.m. except on the Sabbath on which day you will be off from one to 2 p.m.
6. Graduate nurses in good standing with the director of nurses will be given an evening off each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if you go regularly to church.
7. Each nurse should lay aside from each pay day a goodly sum of her earnings for her benefit during her declining years so that she will not become a burden. For example, if you earn \$30 a month you should set aside \$15.
8. Any nurse who smokes, uses liquor in any form, gets her hair done at a beauty shop, or frequents dance halls will have good reason to suspect her worth, intentions, and integrity.
9. The nurse who performs her labours and serves her patients and doctors without fault for five years will be given an increase of five cents a day, providing there are no hospital debts outstanding.



## The Ice Box

Towards the back of the Alix Museum, I discovered an Ice Box. My personal connection to an ice box is through my memories of my dad bringing ice into the house using ice tongs. We had an ice box for a time before getting a refrigerator.

I also remember my maternal grandmother telling me about hitching up the horse to the stone boat (see picture below) and going to the nearest frozen river or lake to haul ice home. The ice blocks had been precut by icemen. Grandma had to do this herself following the death of my grandfather, leaving Grandma with seven children to raise....but that's another story...



There's a paper on the front of this antique ice box that gives some history of the ice box, and I quote:

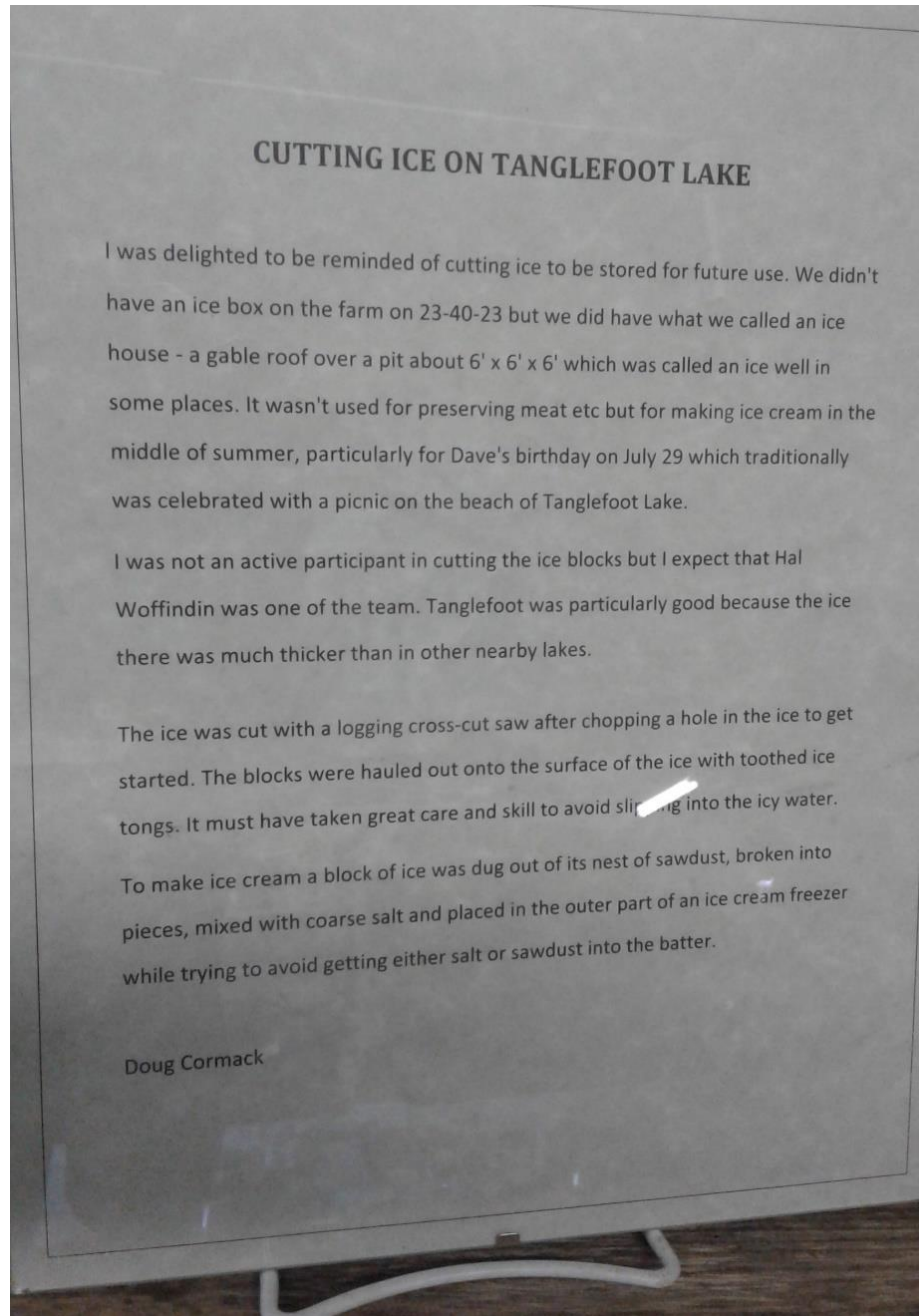
“It wasn't until the 1800's that there was a way to store ice in the home. Most ice boxes were made of wood with an interior lined with tin, cork or zinc. Because the ice would eventually melt, a drip tray was placed underneath the ice box to catch the melt. The tray had to be frequently emptied.”



Stone boat – Pinterest.com



On the top of this antique ice box, there is an interesting letter from Doug Cormack about cutting ice on Tanglefoot Lake, Alix, Alberta, Canada.



There is another room at the back of the Alix Wagon Wheel Museum that is mostly dedicated to past wars.

It has some interesting exhibits such as this gas mask.



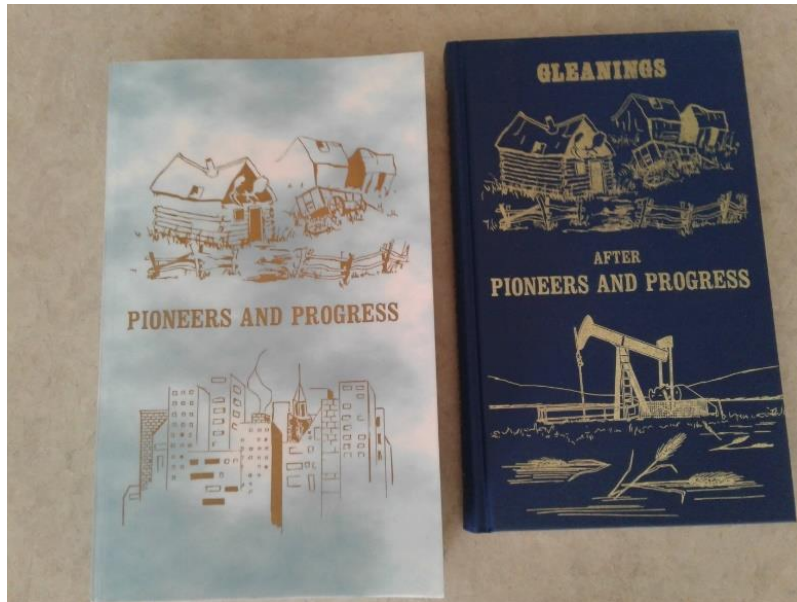
Gas masks were used to protect soldiers from poisonous gases projected towards them by the enemy.

### Canadian WW1 uniform



Canadian female Army uniform  
Alix Wagon Wheel Museum  
Alix, Alberta, Canada

We carpooled on a sunny Sunday in September from Camrose to Alix. It's worth the drive! Calling ahead is a good idea. After the Museum tour, some of us walked up Main Street and found a bar/restaurant on the northwest corner. We were served the best pizza that I have tasted in a long time!



“Pioneers and Progress”  
Books for sale at Alix Museum

For more information  
[Alix Wagon Wheel Museum | HOME](#)  
1-403-747-2584  
1-403-788-2218

Hours: Tues – Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Closed Sundays & Mondays

### Signs you're addicted to family history research

CGS member Don Lowe sent this message and link. Check it out.

“Hi Joan - Found this quite funny, received in an email from Legacy!”

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2022/10/12-signs-youre-addicted-to-family-history-research/>

“Don”





MERRY CHRISTMAS!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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