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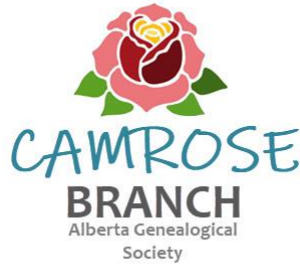


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Murphy's Genealogical Laws

Only a genealogist views a step backwards as progress!

Branch News

Camrose Branch - Monthly meeting change: to: 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (except for holidays falling on those days.)

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

With Covid-19 still rearing its ugly head, meeting places of our Upcoming Events have to be TBA.

Thurs. Oct. 14, 2021 – Regular meeting 7 p.m. Topic: Skeletons and Secrets. The title says is it all – what you’ve learned on your research journey and perhaps through DNA. Meeting by Zoom (because Covid infection numbers are still too high) – President Deb Trout will send out the link.

Wed. Nov. 10, 2021 - Regular meeting 7 p.m. – Meeting place TBA. Education Session: Video from Ancestry **Collection Category – Military Discussion:** Our military history – bring photos, and stories of your ancestors/contemporaries who were in the military.

Thurs. Dec. 9, 2021 – Regular meeting 7 p.m. (Our Christmas Social) – Topic: “For the Love of...” – Choose one member from your family and bring them to life using your research, power point, photos, artifacts and stories.

Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022 – Education: CGS member John Althouse presents Family Search Catalogue

Small Genealogy World!

Don & Evelyn (Wise) Carson hosted the Jim & Zetta (Budd) Conley family
for Christmas dinner Dec 1955
Edmonton, AB, Canada

Submitted by Camrose Branch member Joan Conley



Camrose Branch member Lilyon Luntz recently connected CGS member Joan Conley (in the red dress) with her paternal cousin Sharon (Carson) Cowie (in front of Joan, in the red skirt). Lilyon and Sharon are old friends. Joan had told a story of the Carson family at one of our Camrose Branch meetings...and Lilyon realized that they were long lost cousins! Joan is now sharing her Family Tree on Ancestry with cousin Sharon. They have yet to reunite.
What a small world!

History Repeated

Spanish Flu 1918-1920 and Covid 19 beginning in 2019

from The Camrose Canadian

Nov 18, 1918 – Page 5

The death of a young teacher Miss Georgina Hendrikson, aged 28 was announced on this page, and others were named as being ill with the Spanish Flu. "When the schools of the province closed, Miss Hendrikson volunteered her services as a nurse and was sent to the late Rev. Heiner's home, afterwards coming to Camrose to serve at the Isolation Hospital. Here she was taken ill and after a week her condition became critical, and on Sunday she passed away. Interment was made at the Scandia cemetery and a funeral service will be held later. The deceased leaves to mourn her loss her father and mother, seven brothers and five sisters. One brother, Pte. Martin Hendrikson, is in England, while Pte. Carl Hendrikson, called to the American army, was given leave to come home, and is here at the present time."

On the same page, a car salesman ran this ad: "The Flu is over...Now is the time to buy Second-hand cars. L.E. Martin – Phone 717" - November 18, 1918 Page 5.

Another ad, same page: "Now the War is over, buy a Willis Piano Player Piano or Phonograph for when the boys come home – The Camrose Piano Company" – Nov 18, 1918 Page 5

Camrose and area citizens were not only dealing with "the boys" being overseas, they also had to deal with the loss of family and friends from the Spanish Flu.

1918 Flu Pandemic

Unusually Deadly Influenza Pandemic

The Spanish flu, also known as the 1918 influenza pandemic, was an unusually deadly influenza pandemic caused by the H1N1 influenza A virus. Lasting from February 1918 to April 1920, it infected 500 million people – about a third of the world's population at the time – in four successive waves. The death toll is typically estimated to have been somewhere between 20 million and 50 million, although estimates range from a conservative 17 million to a possible high of 100 million, making it one of the deadliest pandemics in human history.

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[Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1918_influenza_pandemic)

James Albert Carroll
1867-1909

Submitted by Camrose Branch member Lilyon Luntz



This is the new grave marker of Lilyon's husband Neil's great-uncle.

This inscription on Grave #1 at the Daysland Cemetery seems so meager – as do the details of the life journey between the dates.....

Albert, as he was known, was born in Iowa City, Wright Co., Iowa on April 7, 1867. He was the fifth of ten children born to James Ryan and Jane (Porter) Carrell. On the 1870 Census, Ryan and Jane Carrell were living in Annawan, Henry Co., Illinois with 2 children – Sarah (10) and Albert (3). Ryan's occupation was listed as a domestic servant. Three siblings had already died young (diphtheria and black measles, also known as Rocky Mountain Fever).

On the 1880 Census, Jane and Ryan were living in Wethersfield, Henry Co., Illinois. Ryan was a farmer. Children living with them were: Albert (13), Roxy (9), Mary Arminta (7), Evandice (5) and Ellen Clara (3). Another infant had died since the previous census. Sarah Carrell married Edward Mooney on August 18, 1880, but sadly died young, resulting from childbirth complications on March 7, 1882, in New Jersey.

On the 1885 Census, the family was living in Jasper, Newton Co. Iowa and Ryan was a farmer. Children present are Albert (17), Roxy (13), Mary Arminta (11), Eugene Evandice (9) and Ella Clara (7).

Albert wasn't listed on the 1890 Census (many of that year were burned in a fire), but by the 1895 State Census in Iowa, Ryan and Jane were living in Rose Grove, Hamilton Co. with Albert and Evandice. By now, their sister Arminta, had married Charles Sheppard and had 2 children: Eva Pearl and Roy. Pearl became the paternal grandmother of my husband, Neil Luntz.

In the 1900 Census, Jane and Ryan Carroll were living with their daughter, Clara, who married Vance Hollingsworth. They were living in Washington, Webster Co. Iowa. Ryan and Jane were 65 and 63 years old respectively.

By June 1903, Albert's siblings – Arminta Sheppard and Evandice (Van) Carroll had come to the Northwest Territory, eventually homesteading in the Hastings Coulee area, near present day Forestburg, Alberta. The prospect of "free" land was likely enticing. The parents were in their late 60's by now. They filed on adjacent quarters, thus Albert was able to "live" with his parents, while the barn was on Albert's quarter, and thus, the buildings required by the Homestead Act were provided. Albert assisted his elderly parents (Jane had a paralysis which occurred at the age of 22 when one of her 10 children were born) with the farming. To supplement income, Albert worked on a logging crew during the winter months.

Little is known about Albert, and there are no photographs. He never married but was an attentive uncle. One story by Florence {Sheppard} Wiltse (Golden Echoes*) relates Uncle Albert taking his young nieces and nephews from Grandmother (Jane Carroll's) house on Christmas Eve, back to their home to see the decorated Christmas tree at the Sheppard home.

Albert had a cross to bear, suffering from epilepsy. (Golden Echoes* – by Alta {Sheppard} Willis). The Métis friends that he made told him of a plant which grew wild on the prairie and was used as a medicine. The plant was gathered, dried, and made into a tea which improved Albert's health so much that he was able to secure work at a lumber camp near Pigeon Lake. Sadly, a loose log rolled from a load in such a way that his skull was fractured. He passed away in the Wetaskiwin Hospital on January 23, 1909, at the age of 42, and was buried in Daysland – Grave #1. There was no train service to the Hastings Coulee area: the train went as far east as Daysland in 1909, and, there was no cemetery in that farming community at that time. Not being able to carry on farming without the help of their son, Ryan and Jane Carroll returned to Iowa.

Jane Carroll passed away in April 1910 in Kansas. James Ryan Carroll passed away in 1914 and is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Deer Trail, Arapahoe Co., Colorado.

On one of my many drives with my husband's Aunt Iris, she told me family stories, and pointed out former places of familial interest. When I first became aware of this story about 30 years ago, I tried to locate the grave of James Albert Carroll, but with no success.

In 2003, there was a Sheppard Reunion in Galahad when many reminiscences were shared by about 100 descendants. Some money was leftover after expenses, and I was given the honour of pursuing a marker for Albert James Carroll.

There is record of his burial in Daysland, but there was no marker to acknowledge his life. In my many years of research, I have learned of many unmarked graves. In September 2021, there will be a marked grave at Grave #1 Daysland.

* Golden Echoes is a book printed in 1980 by the Galahad Community, Galahad, Alberta

HAPPY HALLOWE'EN!
October 31, 2021



Genealogy Gleanings

Lifted from CGS President Deb Trout tips

<https://genealogybargains.com/the-archive-lady-the-home-archivists-tool-kit/>

<https://emptybranchesonthefamilytree.com/2021/10/30-websites-to-find-digitized-books-for-free/>

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/search-historical-records-update/>

(Understanding the Search Records page on Family Search website)

<https://writingmypast.wordpress.com/2021/10/09/identifying-record-collections-a-tip/>

Lest We Forget

Remembrance Day (Canada)

Veterans' Day (U.S.A.)

Nov. 11, 2021



Memorial located near Retlaw, Alberta, Canada

In Memory of WW1 and WW2 Veterans

Wikipedia: Retlaw (Walter spelled backwards) is an [unincorporated community](#) located in the [Municipal District of Taber, Alberta, Canada](#). The community once had a peak population of over 250 citizens and was even incorporated under the [status](#) of a [village](#) until it was dissolved into a hamlet under the jurisdiction of [Improvement District No. 96](#) on March 1, 1939.^[2] Retlaw is located 2 km (1 mi) west of [Highway 864](#) 6 km (3 mi) west of [Vauxhall](#) and 42 km (26 mi) northwest of [Taber](#) and 75 km (46 mi) southwest of [Brooks](#).

In 1910, the original post-office in the region was originally called "Barney." Three years later, when the [Canadian Pacific Railway](#) station arrived, however, it was dubbed "Retlaw". The name was selected as a tribute to Walter R. Baker, a CPR official,^[3] as "Retlaw" is "Walter" spelled backwards.^[4]

Retlaw was expected to be a large community in its area, with features of similarly sized communities of its time including four [grain elevators](#), a [pool hall](#), [hotel](#), [CPR railway station](#), [churches](#), [blacksmith](#), and a number of other businesses.^[5]

Due to the [Province of Alberta](#) bringing an [irrigation canal](#) that passed the nearby Town of [Vauxhall](#) in the 1920s, Retlaw was left in a dry land state causing the community to die off. By 1925 most of the Retlaw's [inhabitants](#) moved out into neighbouring communities, searching for a better way of life, some even bringing their homes and business with them. By 1957, only two families were left. Today very little is left of Retlaw. Only the restored Retlaw Union/United Church, a [community centre](#), two houses, the [blacksmith shop](#) and a few foundations remain.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
DECEMBER 21, 2021



God Bless us, Everyone!
See you in the New Year!

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