

Roots and Shoots

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Note: We are looking into meeting at the firehall in Camrose so that we may go back to the 2nd Thursday of the month. The library is an ideal location but they currently close at 7 pm and it doesn't allow us enough time.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Saturday, June 10th -Camrose AGS Fieldtrip: Stettler Museum! Will meet at 10 am and the museum is a pioneer village and open air museum, so wear comfortable shoes. Map to follow.

Thursday, July 13th 7 pm-Camrose AGS Regular Meeting: Camrose Valleyview Cemetery, topic TBA (bring your chairs and your bug spray)

Thursday, August 10th 7 pm-Camrose AGS Regular Meeting: Camrose Railway Museum, topic TBA (bring your chairs and your bug spray)

Sunday, August 13th 1 pm-Camrose AGS Summer Social!! Bashaw Cemetery (bring your chairs, snacks, drinks and bug spray) We'll do a tour!

DAYS AND LOCATIONS TO REMEMBER FOR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

Organizational SIG: 1st Monday of every month held at the Camrose County Agri Bldg, 4238-37 Street @ 1 p.m.

Military SIG: 3rd Wednesday of every month, held at the Camrose County Agri Bldg, 4238-37 Street @ 1p.m.

Writing SIG: Every Monday via ZOOM @ 10 a.m.

Ongoing event: the last Friday of each month has been declared the "**Fay Carlson Friday Social**".

Anyone interested can join us at the **Norseman Inn in Camrose** for a beverage and finger foods. This is to honour our former President and AGS member Fay Carlson who gathered with friends at the Norseman every Friday.



Near Ferry Point Campground

MOTOR DRIVING LICENSE by Lilyon Hale Luntz

On April 1, 2023, my sister-in-law, Donna Hale, passed away. Her husband (my brother Alan) died five years ago. When their daughters were sorting thorough household items, they came upon my father's (their grandfather's) Driving License which was issued in Bombay on March 5, 1926.

The initial cost was Rs 10/-, and the annual renewal was Rs-2/-. (In 1926, one Indian Rupee was worth about 36 U.S. cents). The License was renewed twice, and the last renewal gave an expiry date of April 8, 1929. (Eric left for Canada later that year). He was licensed to drive a motor car throughout British India under the terms of the Indian Motor Vehicles Act 1914. It was issued by the Commissioner of Police, District Magistrate and was issued to: Mr. E.G. Hale, residing at Allen Bros & Co. (India)

Allen Brothers & Co. was a manufacturing company in India. My father worked for this company in Calcutta, DumDum and Bombay since 1918. He had been living in Bombay since about 1920.

On September 26, 1926, Eric has an Endorsement (citation) hand-written in the License:
Rs 5/- for driving a car without any lights under Rule 24.

I wonder if this was the car! He never owned his own car until 1950 in Canada.

The License is about 2"x3". It has a firm cover and contains 10 pages. It is written in English and Hindustani. The last page indicates hand signals for:

- 1) I am going to stop
- 2) I am going to turn right
- 3) I am going to slow down
- 4) Come pass me on my right (remember, the car is a right-hand drive!)

What an unexpected treasure for me!



Whitey Castings (friend), Eric Hale, Mabel (Hale) West (his sister) in Bombay about 1925. Eric has his hands on a hood ornament. Both men are wearing pith helmets.

MOTOR DRIVING LICENSE.

DRIVING LICENSE.

M. M. 163 e. & m.

No. 15236 of 1926

Fee Rs. 10/- only.

Car Renewal Rs. 2/- only.

LICENSE TO DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES THROUGHOUT
BRITISH INDIA

is granted under Section 6 of the Indian Motor Vehicles Act, 1914

to Mr. E. G. Hale

residing at Allen Bros & Co (India) Ltd
Bombay.

District.

Date of expiry of License

5-3-1926
5th March in each year

Date of renewal.	Date of expiry.	Commissioner's District Magistrate's Signatures.
8-4-1927.	8-4-1928.	<i>[Signature]</i>
2-4-1928	8-4-1929	<i>[Signature]</i>
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ENDORSEMENTS.

*Ed. do. 5/- for driving car
without any lights under rule
The M.V.A. of M.V.A.*

*Bombay J. N. Hehler.
17.9.26. J. N. Hehler, Bombay.*



"I am going to stop."



"I am going to turn to the right."



"I am going to slow down."



"Come past me on my right."

DRIVING LICENSE.

A driving license will, under no circumstances, be renewed after the date of its expiry except on payment of Rs. 10 (Rule 3).

Signals to be used by drivers.

1. When pulling up hold the right arm as in Figure 1.
2. When turning to the right, extend the right arm fully and make the turn after giving due warning in the manner indicated. Take care to pull in to the centre of the road early so that if the turn cannot at once be made traffic from the rear may pass on your left hand. (Figure 2.)

3. When your car has broken down, pull in at once to the side of the road and make your repairs while causing as little inconvenience as possible to other traffic.

HINTS.

1. Remember that in the heavy traffic of Bombay by driving at 20 miles an hour you will reach your destination only seconds later than the driver who violently accelerates and violently brakes every 100 yards. At the end of the year you will be accident free and your car in so much the better condition.
2. Do not overtake in the 3rd row.
3. Turn from a side street into a main street with due caution.
4. Give way to traffic which has the obvious right of way.

P.S.—Make no signal when turning to the left and do not allow any passenger in your car to attempt to give signals. It is a most dangerous practice.

3. When slowing down, hold out right arm horizontally and move the hand up and down. (Figure 3.)

4. If a car wishes to overtake you and you desire it to overtake you give the driver the all clear signal to come on by waving the right hand from rear to front. (Figure 4.)

RULES

which should be observed by every driver.

1. Never overtake another car at a corner, especially where there is a turning to the right.
2. Never let your car stand by the curb at a junction. It is an obstruction to all who take the turning.

M. M. 163 e. & m.

हाकिण्याचा लैसेन्स.

हाकिण्याचा लैसेन्स, तो ज्या तारखेत संपेल त्या तारखेनंतर, रु. १० मरल्याशिवाय कोणत्याही प्रसंगी नवीन करून दिला जाणार नाही (कानू ३).

हाकिण्याची करावयाच्या सूचना.

१. बांबवीत १ रत्या आडवीतल्या प्रमाणे उजवा हात करा.
२. उजवे बळण तेवत झुसतांना, उजवा हात सवेष घुसरा, आणि दाखविलेल्या रीतीने योग्य दशात दिव्यानंतर बळण घ्या. रस्त्याच्या मधोमध खबर घेण्याची खबरदारी घ्या, हेतु हा की जर बळण

Mistakes I Have Made: Confessions of a Repentant Genealogist

By Cheri Hudson Passey Legacy Family Tree Webinar

*We All Make Mistakes and Can Create Brick Walls
Learn How Not to From My Experiences
Common Mistakes and How to Avoid Them*

Mistakes	Corrections
No Sources Causes frustration and wastes time looking for records again.	Begin Citing your Sources Now <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make it a Habit• When, What, Where and Who• Start Now• Go Back as Far as You Can
Incomplete Citations A Little is not better! Record the whole thing!	Learn to Craft Full Citations of Sources So <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You Can Find Them Again• Others Can Find Them• Gives Your Work Credibility• Helps You Understand if the Source is Reliable
Believing Family Stories	Research Family Stories <ul style="list-style-type: none">• They May Be All or Partially True!• Family Lore, Myths, and Stories Can Contain Clues• Where Did the Story Come From?• Is it Believable?• Are There Any Reliable Sources?• Can You Prove or Disprove it?
Assuming Family Relationships	Thorough Research <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand the Record and the Information Provided• Know the History of Relationship Names for the Time• Use More Than One Record Type to Confirm Family Ties
Spelling Doesn't Count in Genealogy	Be Open-Minded <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many Couldn't Read or Write• No Legalized Spelling of Names• Say the Name In a Different Accent-How Would You Spell It?• Members of the Same Family May Spell Names Differently• Create Lists of Spelling Variations
UNK is NOT a Name	Unknown Names <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't Put Anything Except a Name in the Box• No Mrs., Captain, or UNK• Leave Blank or Use ? , () or ____
Accepting Published Family Genealogies	Use Compiled Genealogies and Online Trees as Hints <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Look for documentation for each relationship and event• If sourced, look for the original source to verify

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure the analysis and conclusions made by the compiler is the same one you would make.
Looking for Records that Don't Exist	Know What is Available and Where <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn What Types of Records are Available • Know When Records Were Created • Where Might They Be Located? • Read the Description of a Record Set • Ask Yourself if Your Ancestor Would Have Been Included?
Lack of Organization	Get it Together! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a Plan • Binders, Folders, Computer? What Works for You? • Make it a Habit • Start from Where You Are • Keep it Simple • Keep it Consistent
No Research Plan	A Research Plan is Your Friend! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Your Question? • What Type of Records May Answer it? • Where Can They Be Located? • Do The Research and Keep a Log • Analyze Results • Conclusion
Poor Note Keeping	Notes Matter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write Legibly • Type in a Document • Slow Down • Go Over Again Once Returning Home • Scan and File
Poor Photography	Always Double-Check <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the Photo Clear? • Did I Get a Finger in the Way? • Did the Picture Take? • Remember to Bookend the Source • Download and File • Add a Description
Transcription Errors	We're Only Human <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look for the Original • Double Check Your Transcriptions • Review Documents More Than Once • Don't Trust Indexes
Not Knowing What I Don't Know	Education Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinars • Local Classes • Conferences • Institutes • Degree Programs

Find your Way with the GPS! The *Genealogical Proof Standard* has 5 Components to Solid Research

- 1-Thorough Research
- 2-Complete Sources
- 3-Analysis and Correlation
- 4-Resolve Conflicts
- 5-Written Conclusion

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Synopsis of May 27th, 2023 AGS – Camrose Workshop: “Working Together, Moving Forward”

Writing Your Family History by Cindy Lindstrand Mailer

- ❖ Genealogy is a gathering of facts, family history is a record of your ancestor's lives and writing a family history about it is putting it in story form.
- ❖ Why write a family history?
For yourself, your family or your community.
- ❖ Decide what kind of history you wish to write about:
 - Social, Political, Cultural and/or Occupational histories
 - Most genealogy center around males, it's important to include our female ancestors
 - Include images, photos, records or documents.
- ❖ Decide on what your vision is for the project and where to start. 1st organize what you have collected and fill in the gaps. 2nd start with what interests you (person, place or events).
- ❖ Tools include genealogy groups, Google writing help, Facebook groups and special interest groups. Be thorough in your writing!
- ❖ Decide on the format such as a printed book, photo book, eBook or print-on-demand book!
- ❖ There are many helpful websites for publishing including (but not limited to):
www.thewritersforhire.com, www.lulu.com/, www.picaboo.com/, and on the Family Tree website there is a section for How to Self-Publish.
- ❖ Camrose branch Writing Group meets every Monday via Zoom @ 10 am. It's a great resource for writers of all levels!

Transcribing Records vs. Abstracting Documents by Janine Carroll

- ❖ Transcribing records is making an exact copy of a document. This includes mistakes and all.
- ❖ Abstracting documents is when you create a synopsis of the document or section of such.
- ❖ Family Historians do both. Having the document is not always enough for the researcher. One must glean what is important from the document and for your research.
- ❖ Some rules to follow:
 - Be consistent
 - Document the record (the source citation, date created)
 - Use [] when words are unclear
 - Use a ? for a letter or group of words that are unclear
 - If there are unclear items such as a letter, try to find it in another section to see if you may clarify it that way
 - Create an electronic copy
 - Consult with others; e.g. genealogy groups, blogs or SIGs
 - Most of all, keep an open mind!
- ❖ There are many resources online for this topic. Ancestry and FindMyPast both have tips on reading old handwriting.

Organizing Your Genealogy by Deb Trout

Being organized has many advantages: including being able to put your hands on what you need, when you need them AND helping with brick walls.

Tips for Organization:

- ❖ Designate a Workspace –
 - Have a desk
 - Don't waste space on unnecessary supplies
 - Take charge of paper files
 - Folders and files, a useful method is in a plastic tote with hanging file folders, try a colour for each surname, match colour with computer files, alphabetize individuals
 - Catalogue family heirlooms
 - Start a research log or journal
 - Go digital (and backup)
 - Stick to a single filing system
 - Most importantly use what makes sense to you!
- ❖ Tech Tools:
Airtable, Evernote, OneNote (by Microsoft) are just a few of the choices.
- ❖ Photos (organize by who, when, where):
Make sure you also organize photos digitally. Family photos can be a separate category, and can also be organized by subject or event. Use Metadata on your digital photos by doing a right click, select Properties, Details tab, and add content under Description.
There are also online photo storage services and many companies available to create photo books. ALWAYS backup your collection.
- ❖ 3-2-1 Backup Plan; ideally you should have 3 copies of data in useful formats for you!
- ❖ Camrose branch has an Organizational SIG the 1st Monday of every month, meet at the Camrose County Agri building (4238 – 37 St) @ 1 pm.

Finding Your Military Ancestors by Norm Prestage

- ❖ Through the Camrose Branch of AGS we have a Special Interest Group (SIG) for those who are interested in military genealogy. Meet every 3rd Wednesday @ 1 pm at the Camrose County Agri Bldg (4238 – 37 St).
- ❖ This year, so far, we have focused on:
 - The Boer War; Canada's involvement was not in an official capacity but they did send troops to South Africa.
 - WWI; if looking to investigate this war, Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is the best source to use.
 - The NW Rebellion; utilized Alberta units. Library and Archives Canada has some information on the rebellion.
 - American Revolution and the War of 1812; for the American Revolutionary War there are groups of United Empire Loyalists throughout Canada, based in Toronto that may be of help for research. Online has a vast array of websites on the War of 1812.
 - In June we will be discussing the Finnian Raids.
- ❖ Helpful Canadian resources (there are many online) such as: LAC, Ancestry.ca, Canadian War Museum, Regimental history websites, familysearch.org, Commonwealth War Graves and even war diaries.
British and American have useful archive sites in each country for military resources.

Upcoming Online Events

By Family Search

How to Use the National Archives of Sweden Website, Riksarkivet

June 21, 2023 10 am MDT

The National Archives of Sweden (Riksarkivet) is one of the oldest authorities of the Swedish government with roots back to the 1200s.

https://churchofjesuschrist.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BNeAMyZfS9iVe5Vt8-UO_w#/registration

By Family Search

Home on the Range: Introducing U.S. Federal Land Records

July 20, 2023 10 am MDT

From 1785 to 1934, the U.S. Government sold more than 5 million acres of land to hundreds of thousands of citizens. Learn about the laws, the survey system, and the records created by the sale of Federal Land in the United States.

https://churchofjesuschrist.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Rx3kaKnkQsGr-viMHMLrqg#/registration

By Ontario Genealogical Society (Tina Beard)

Old McDonald Had a Farm

August 3, 2023 5 pm MDT

Farm records can be an insightful tool for understanding your ancestor's place in the world. Many different kinds of records will be discussed.

<https://ogs.on.ca/august-webinar-old-macdonald-had-a-farm-tina-beard/>

Alberta Genealogical Society

AGS Celebrates its 50th Anniversary!

<https://www.abgenealogy.ca/ags-celebrates-it-s-50th-anniversary> to sign up and for all the information about the conference.

Saturday September 23, 2023

Held at the Edmonton Inn Conference Centre

Genealogy Gleanings:

1931 Census of Canada to be released on June 1, 2023. News from Library and Archives Canada
<https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/1931-census-of-canada-to-be-released-on-june-1-2023-825735338.html>

Anyone interested in past copies of the Camrose Canadian? There are also oodles of other great things on this website from the U of C

https://cdm22007.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/search/collection/p22007coll2!p22007coll18!p22007coll19!p22007coll24/searchterm/Camrose%20Canadian/field/title/mode/exact/conn/and/order/date/ad/as_c

eBay for Genealogists

<https://eogn.com/page-18080/13099068>

Researching the 1500s and before - family history tips

<https://www.family-tree.co.uk/how-to-guides/researching-the-1500s-and-before-family-history-tips/>

How to find the father of an illegitimate child

<https://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/tutorials/illegitimate-ancestors/>

Understanding your surname origins

<https://familytreemagazine.com/names/surnames/understanding-surname-origins/>

Family Search Blogs

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/>

The WANDER method

<https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/genealogy-research-process-wander-method/>

Resources from the Allen County Public Library

<https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy>

New Canadiana Collection additions

<https://www.anglocelticconnections.ca/2023/05/18/canadiana-series-additions-this-week/>

Updated Saskatchewan Archives website

<https://saskarchives.com/>

*****If anyone has found a link to a website you'd like to share, or anything other items of interest, please send it to me for the next newsletter! camrosegeneo@gmail.com**

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