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“Can a first cousin, once removed, return?”

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018 – CGS Regular Meeting – 7 p.m. at Camrose Public Library, downstairs meeting room – Topic: James Hudec, Presenter – Camrose natives who served in WW1...

Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018 – CGS Regular Meeting – 7 p.m. at Camrose Public Library, downstairs meeting room – Topic: Christmas theme: each member is invited to bring a family heirloom, photo or something special and give a 5 minute presentation on that item

Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019 – CGS Regular Meeting – 7 p.m. at Camrose Public Library, downstairs meeting room – Bring your laptop and learn about Pinterest, Facebook, etc. – also we will do lookups on Ancestry and My Heritage websites...

Thursday, Feb. 14, 2018 – CGS Regular Meeting – 7 p.m. at Camrose Public Library, downstairs meeting Room – Topic: Brick Walls in our Research – Note: this is also our Annual General Meeting.

Branch News

Special Interest Groups starting in November!!

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018 – Special Interest Group (SIG) – Family History Writing – 9–11 a.m. – Irving Room, Camrose Public Library

Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018 – Special Interest Group (SIG) – Organizing Your Research – 9-11 a.m. – Irving Room, Camrose Public Library

For AGS members only – Monthly meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month – Irving Room, Camrose Public Library – 9 to 11 a.m.

Meetings will be a combination of learning and doing.

Contact CGS President Deb Trout for further information – camrosegeneo@gmail.com

Summer Picnic & Potluck

July 29, 2018

Camrose Branch held our Summer Get-together at New Norway Cemetery. Five members attended: Deb, Janine, Fay, Bev & Joan



Janine told us stories about some of the ancestors buried here, including Constable William Walter Assheton-Smith of the RCMP. His nickname was “Blue”. He served with the North West Mounted Police, which later was renamed Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The crest on his gravestone, located in the New Norway Cemetery, reads “North West Mounted Police Canada”.



It was a very hot day so we found shelter beneath some trees, where we shared the food that we had brought. Bev gave us an update on the transcription of the Bashaw Cemetery. Members have worked diligently on this transcription, and Bev has spent many hours putting it together. The results will be shared with the Town of Bashaw.





CGS members Fay, Janine and Deb enjoying the sunshine at New Norway Cemetery.
Photo by Joan

Genealogy for Youth

On July 13 and Aug. 10, 2018 Camrose Branch hosted “Genealogy for Youth” presentations at the Library. Facilitators included President Deb Trout and Vice President Janine Carroll. Newsletter Editor Joan Conley attended the Aug. 10 gathering along with her granddaughter. Deb’s granddaughter also attended. After Janine described how to “build” a family tree, the children drew their personal family trees on posters to take home to their parents. The general discussion was about traditions being passed on from generation to generation. Janine read a story from one of the books in our local library’s children’s book section. The children were eager to share their stories and a good time was enjoyed by all! Deb and Janine hope to do this again...



Four more young boys joined us after this picture was taken...
a total of about a dozen children attended.

Sedgewick Clan Gathering/Highland Games Aug 25, 2018

The Flagstaff Scottish Club in Sedgewick, AB held a Clan Gathering/Highland Games on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018. Vendors included Iron Forgers, Cheese Makers, Soap Makers, Candle Makers, etc. The local theatre group, dressed in period costume, re-enacted short skits. There was Highland Dancing, Bagpiping, Scottish Games and much more! Deb and Janine attended. Camrose Branch had a table on display.

Sept 15, 2018 Workshop

Camrose Genealogical Society presented Guest Speaker Wayne Shephard on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018. Wayne spoke on two topics: “Genealogy and the Little Ice Age” and “Using Parish & other records to determine how natural phenomena affected people and communities”. The workshop was held at the Camrose Public Library in the downstairs meeting room from 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.



Wayne Shephard, presenter, at September Workshop

Murphy's Genealogical Laws

FLOOR (noun) – The place for storing your priceless genealogy records...

Medicine Hat Genealogy Conference
Oct. 12 -14, 2018

The Medicine Hat Branch of AGS celebrated their 40th anniversary this year with a conference Oct 12th to 14th at the Medalta Pottery Centre. Three members of our branch, Janine Carroll, Charlotte Curtis and myself attended. I'm sure that I can speak for all of us when I say it was very enjoyable and informative.

Attendance fee of \$75 included Saturday lunch; Medalta Potteries is located in the Historic Clay District, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

The venue was at the site of the old Medalta Pottery. The building has been turned into a museum and conference centre. A self-guided tour of the workings of the Pottery and the kilns was very interesting. Onsite they have over 2000 pieces of pottery from ashtrays to large 10-gallon crocks which were produced there and collected by a Medicine Hat native. When he retired, he donated it all to the museum. He attended the conference and sat at the same table as Janine and myself.

Speakers were Gena Philibert-Ortega from California and Diahan Southard from Florida.

Gena spoke about researching your female ancestors, using digitized books and unfamiliar websites, newspaper searches and the website Family Search. Throughout her talk, she emphasized using non-online sources such as archives as well; and that you may find information in unusual websites where you would never expect to find it. Gena pointed out that Family Search has some hidden gems on their website.

Diahan is a DNA expert who gave 4 presentations. She reviewed the companies that offer testing and what to expect from them. Another presentation gave some suggestions on the ethics of DNA and how to handle 'surprises' that may crop up; a discussion of mitochondrial DNA and YDNA and how it fits into your research. Perhaps if I attend enough of her seminars, it will start to stay with me.

Diahan also provided one on one appointments with attendees to review their findings. All of those who participated were impressed with her knowledge.

Overall the conference was very informative and the weather was perfect... except for the snow flurries one morning!

Pictures and Report courtesy of Deb Trout, President Camrose Branch





Alberta Genealogical Society Needs Volunteers

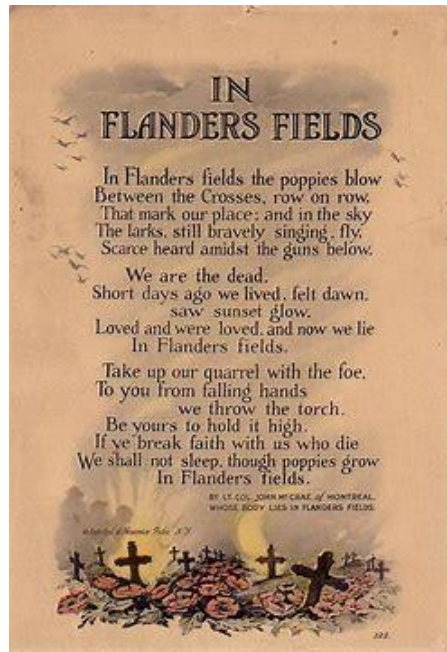
The AGS is a society that relies on its members to provide leadership and services in different areas of the organization. Most positions are for a one-year term with no limit as to how many terms one can remain in the position. (Currently under review.) Details of the position responsibilities are included in the Operations Manual of the AGS and an orientation is provided by the Outgoing Chairperson with continuing support from the AGS. Please consider offering your talents and time to the Society to ensure that the objects of the Society can be achieved.

For additional information contact the AGS office at 780-423-8902 or your Branch President.

Archivist - Vacant
Communications – Vacant
Historian - Vacant
Parliamentarian – Vacant

Sincerely,
Robert Franz, Past President and Chair of the Nominations Committee.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
November 11, 2018



Poppies are used to symbolize **peace, death and sleep**. John McCrae, a Canadian surgeon, wrote a famous poem, "In Flanders Fields," that mentions the poppies growing in the fields where the trench warfare of World War I took place.



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