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Murphy's Genealogical Laws

“Genealogy is like playing Hide and Seek...they hide, I seek...”

Editor's Note:
There was no February issue of Roots and Shoots this year (Vol. 16, No. 1)
due to a death in the Editor's family

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 – CGS Regular Meeting – 7 p.m. at Camrose Public Library, downstairs meeting room – Topic: Brick Wall Demolition and research assistance

Saturday, May 11, 2019 – Beginners Workshop – 1-4 p.m. at Camrose Public Library, downstairs meeting Room – Everyone welcome!

Wednesday, June 13, 2019 – CGS Regular Meeting – 7 p.m. at Camrose Public Library, downstairs meeting room – Topic: “After you’re Gone – Future Proofing your Genealogy” – Webinar

No CGS Meetings during the summer. See you again Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019 at the Library.

Branch News

March 13, 2019 at our CGS Regular Meeting Cindy Mailer presented a slide show of her trip through Scandinavia looking up ancestral locations and meeting distant cousins. Thank you, Cindy!

From the files of the Camrose Canadian 1916

Submitted by CGs member Fay Carlson

In January we will have the fourth annual Ski Tournament in Camrose. It is expected to be the largest yet with competitors from Alberta and Revelstoke, B.C. Admission to watch is 35 cents.

Handy hint, one tablespoon of powdered alum will purify cistern water.

Editorial commending the actions of the soldiers training in Camrose. There were only good things said about them.

March 1916 – In Edmonton, the bill was passed giving women the right to vote. Alberta was one of the first provinces to do so.

Western horses are bringing very good prices. A farmer near Ohaton had horses bring \$200 to \$250 each.

An oyster supper will be served by the Swedish Friedhem Church on March 21.

A grand military concert and dance will be held at the David Theatre March 24. There will be artists from Edmonton including Irish and Scottish and opera singers and a demonstration of a rifle drill. There will be a supper and a dance with Baker's Orchestra, Edmonton. Tickets were \$1. All surplus of actual expenses will go to the local Red Cross. Later, it was reported that the affair was a great success, with over 300 people attending and \$60 was donated to the Red Cross.

Because of prohibition, Camile David had a sale of invalid wines in bottles and cases. Available were cherry whiskies, cherry brandies, imported wines, champagnes and orange bitters, all at special prices.

April 12 Grand Concert at David Theatre by world renowned Russian artist, Cherniarksy. Tickets are \$1.50, \$1.00 and \$ 0.75.

Another event at David Theatre April 7, a Cinderella Dance under the support of the 151 Battalion, dance 8-12 PM. Gentlemen \$1 and ladies are admitted free.

Camrose has seen a steady increase in settlers, many newcomers and a great deal of farm land sold, including a big ranching deal of a 1200-acre ranch south of Camrose sold to an Ontario company.

May 25, 1916, Frank Mohler, a well-known breeder of polled Angus cattle has sold stock to the value of \$11,000 in the last three months.

A fund called the Patriotic Fund to raise money for the war efforts in Camrose and area totalled \$21,559. The amount was double what was expected and a record for Camrose. It was unexpected, considering that 60% of the population is of foreign origin. There is a complete list of the donors and the amount they gave.

Camrose area has lost over 400 men as casualties of the war.

Prohibition comes into effect July 1, 1916. There is a complete listing of what is allowed and who can keep and hold liquor in their possession.

Big ad giving free tickets to one-night movie at David Theatre if they will answer questions about the type of movies the public would like to see in the future.

Notice about a sheriff's auction of the entire contents of the Union Hotel, Bawlf.

Ad for ice delivered for sale 1 cent per pound. Phone your order in. Deliveries on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

From London, England: Several foreigners have been sentenced to three months hard labour imprisonment for selling cocaine to soldiers.

The first cases of selling whiskey illegally were brought before the court in Camrose. The owner of a Boarding House, The Farmer's Inn sold a drink of whiskey to a government agent on July 24, which brought him a fine of \$50.

Oct 19, For sale Cabbages, 2 full sacks, 100 lbs. for \$1.00. Rutabagas 9 lbs. for 65 cents. Will also sell fresh cabbage and turnip leaves for cattle feed. All orders delivered.

Tofield public and high school was completely destroyed by fire, cause unknown. The building was 7 years old and the cost was \$9,000.

Hot water bottles for sale at The Rexall Store, guaranteed for 1 year and cost \$1.50.

A request for men's underwear for prisoners of war. If you have a suit to spare, Mrs. F. Adam is making up boxes to send to our boys who are prisoned in Germany.

A notice of where to place the water barrels: Persons being supplied with water from the town are asked to place their barrels as near to the door of their homes as possible to make it easier for the water delivery man.

Every issue had a large ad for Eddy's matches.

Dec 1916, The Camrose Canadian is having a subscription contest with prizes of a new car, a Chev or a Ford, a piano, and gold and silver watches. The next issue announced that the contest was cancelled as there were not enough candidates.

The fox farm in Camrose has now been operating for three years with splendid results. It includes a half acre of land and 30 pens. At this time, they have 25 cross foxes, 23 silver foxes and 5 reds.

Dec 1916 Stock fish for making Ludefisk is available at Hampen's Grocery.

Dec. Another patriotic campaign is started with over \$8,000 so far.

Our newsletter is also online at Camrose Public Library website!

Go to <http://cpl.prl.ab.ca>

Click on "Catalogue" in the black bar near the top

In "Search" type "roots and shoots"

It's the 1st record at the top of the list!

The 1926 Prairie Census Is on Its Way!

Library and Archives Canada

Statistics Canada has transferred the 1926 Census of Prairie Provinces, which contains over 45,000 pages, to Library and Archives Canada. Over the summer, we concluded an agreement with FamilySearch to index the thousands of census entries so Canadians can find the material on our website easily.

FamilySearch has completed the indexing and is now proceeding with quality control. On December 1st they will send us the index and we will start building our new database. The Census database will consist of a free searchable index as well as the digitized images from the 1926 Census of Prairie Provinces.

We expect to have an online database by March 2019.

Stay tuned for more Census updates!

About the 1926 Census of the Prairie Provinces

Since 1871, a Canada-wide census has been held every 10 years. However, the population of the Prairie provinces was rapidly expanding, so there was a need for more frequent population counts in those provinces. It was decided to conduct a census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta in June 1906 (in between the Canada-wide censuses), and every 10 years thereafter.

Old Occupations

Almoner – Giver of charity to the needy

Artificer – A soldier mechanic who does repairs

Bluestocking – Female writer

Boniface – Keeper of an inn

Caulker – One who filled up cracks (in ships' windows or seams to make them watertight by using tar or oakum-hemp fibre produced by taking old ropes apart)

Clicker – The servant of a salesman who stood at the door to invite customers; One who makes eyelet holes in boots using a machine which "clicked"

Fell Monger – One who removes hair or wool from hides in preparation for leather making

Higgler – Itinerant peddler

Jagger – Fish peddler

Interesting article from E-Weekly Update - Ontario Genealogical Society
April 6, 2019

Can Our Ontario Ancestors Family Help with this Irish Research?

Dr. Mark G. McGowan, Professor & Deputy Chair, Department of History, University of Toronto, Senior Advisor to the President (USMC), Catholic Education, Principal Emeritus, St. Michael's College

“As a new member of OGS, I am currently engaged in a major Ireland-Canada-USA research project, focused at the University of Toronto, trying to track down the whereabouts of the descendants of 1,490 assisted migrants off the estate of Major Denis Mahon, Strokestown, County Roscommon, Ireland, in April & May 1847 (in the midst of the Great Irish Famine).”

“These 274 families walked 155 km to Dublin, where they boarded boats to Liverpool. There they were given passage on four vessels to Quebec: the *Virginus*, *Naomi*, *Erin's Queen*, and the *John Munn*. They arrived in the last week of July and the first ten days of August at Grosse Ile. Close to 30% of them died either at sea or in quarantine. Upon hearing this devastating news, Mahon was assassinated (the first Irish landlord to suffer this fate during the Famine).”

“We know that over forty children were orphaned, and clusters of the surviving families could be traced to Niagara, Hamilton, Holland Landing, and the Huron Tract. My project is sponsored in conjunction with the National Famine Museum of Ireland at Strokestown Park, the Irish Heritage Trust, and the University of Toronto.”

“If there are any members of OGS that have Roscommon ancestry, or perhaps have direct links to this group, or have any leads that might help the research teams, it would be greatly appreciated if you would contact me at mark.mcgowan@utoronto.ca. “

Editor: Please contact Mark McGowan at the above email address if you are interested.

How to download entire websites for offline use

Dick Eastman's blog is always interesting. Here's a link for the above:

<https://blog.eogn.com/2019/04/12/how-to-download-entire-websites-for-offline-use/>

Editor's Note: Mr. Eastman has given me permission in the past to print his articles and/or links, as long as I give credit to him.

My Success with an Out-of-Print History Book

Submitted by CGS member Joan Conley

Years ago, I received a tip from a distant Hosler cousin who still lives in the Michigan area where my grandmother was born. (My maternal grandmother's maiden name was "Hosler".) The cousin suggested that I purchase the book "Grace Hooper's Pioneer Notes – By Trek and Sail to Grand Traverse Bay" – Published by Fen's Rim Publications, Inc., Elk Rapids, Michigan.

I contacted the publication company. The book was out of print! But when they heard my story, they said that they could print a copy and send it to me, prepaid, of course.

Here's what I found when I received the book:

Pages 295 – 299 have much of the Hosler history! Grace Hooper worked for years as a correspondent for the newspaper "Central Lake Torch", walking all over the countryside for news which was eagerly awaited by everyone every week.

Grace, realizing how important it was to record the local family histories, collected family stories from the residents. "Sometimes she laid down in a grassy place to sleep along the way when she got tired." (Page 3 of "Pioneer Notes")

Grace gave her 300 pages of handwritten notes to Betty Beeby, who had published several books, hoping that Betty would find an interested publisher.

Grace bequeathed her notes to her daughter Bee King. Bee and Betty agreed that these histories should be published for the purpose of genealogical research. This book was finally published, but not until after the death of both Grace and her daughter Bee.

(Page 295 starts with John Murphy, later a prominent politician, who married Margaret Ann Hosler, my maternal grandmother's aunt.)

In 1868 William Hosler, his wife and family sailed from Ogdensburg, New York to Michigan on the steamship "City of Corncob"...? I searched for years to find information on this ship, to no avail. The reason I could find nothing is because the name of the steamship in the book was incorrect...it was actually called "City of Concord". Searching in the old New York newspapers led me to find a man who loves the history of the Great Lakes steamships and was very helpful.

The “City of Concord” has quite a history...she ran aground, had collisions with other ships, had more than one fire onboard, was sunk once then rebuilt. On September 27, 1906 the “City of Concord” was sunk on Lake Erie.

The Hosler family journey from New York to Michigan was extremely rough onboard when a sudden storm hit. They were lucky to make it. The Hoslers brought along their mare and her foal. Jenna had won Blue ribbons at the County Fair when they lived in New York. (William Hosler was my 3x great-grandfather on my mother’s side. He originally came from Quebec looking for work in New York. William kept his name of Guillaume Chevalier while in New York but changed it to William Hosler, the English translation, when they moved to Michigan. I don’t know why. I continue to search for him in Quebec but there are many who shared his name and therefore it is difficult to find my Guillaume with the little information that I have.)

This book has been a joy to read, with so many stories of the struggles and joys the Hosler family experienced.

Never give up the search! You never know what family history you might find in an out-of-print book...

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



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