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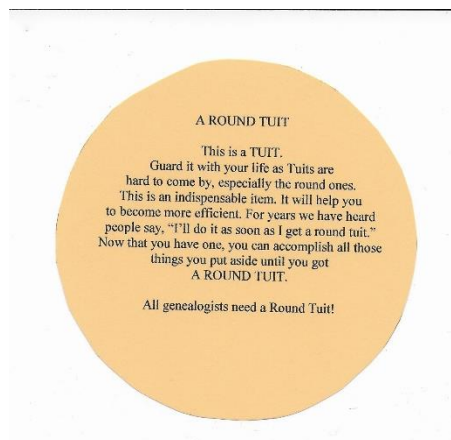
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[Murphy's Genealogical Laws](#)

The will you need is in a safe on board the Titanic.



## New Years Resolution 2020

**NEW! QUERIES!**  
**OUR NEWSLETTER GOES TO MANY NEWSLETTERS AND SOCIETIES IN CANADA**  
**AND THE U.S.A.**  
**YOU MAY BE ABLE TO BREAK DOWN ONE OF YOUR "BRICK WALLS"!**  
**SEE PAGE 10 – Send Queries to [signette2015@gmail.com](mailto:signette2015@gmail.com)**

## Upcoming Events

**WORK BEES - Beginning Feb. 10, 2020** – President Deb Trout has arranged for us to meet at the Camrose & District Centennial Museum two Mondays a month from 10 to 2 or 10 to 1, whichever you prefer. This will be a quiet place for us to do our research, away from all distractions, since the Museum is closed on Mondays all year.

**Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020** – CGS Annual General Meeting and Regular Meeting – 6 p.m. at Camrose Public Library, downstairs meeting room – Topic: Writing our Family History – Janine Carroll

**Wednesday, Mar. 18, 2020** – Regular Meeting – 6 p.m. at Camrose Public Library, downstairs meeting room – Topic: Webinar TBA

**Wednesday, Apr. 15, 2020** - Regular Meeting – 6 p.m. at Camrose Public Library, downstairs meeting room – Topic: Easter theme – recollection/memory

**GenFair – Apr. 25, 2020** - Wetaskiwin Seniors Centre (See poster on Page 5 of this issue). We will carpool...

**Wednesday, May 20, 2020** - - Regular Meeting – 6 p.m. at Camrose Public Library, downstairs meeting room – Topic: Preparing for a Genealogical Trip

**Wednesday, June 17, 2020** – Using Ancestry.com Webinar

**NO MEETINGS ARE HELD IN JULY & AUGUST**

**Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020** - Regular Meeting – 6 p.m. at Camrose Public Library, downstairs meeting room – Topic: TBA

## Branch News

### Camrose Branch Christmas Party

Dec. 18, 2019



Back row L to right: Bev Webster, Shauna Rosland, Penny Fox,

Garry Barack, Maureen Scrutton, Chuck McBurney and Lori Rothwell.

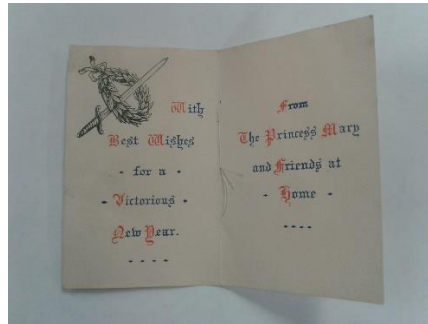
Front row L to right: Joan Conley, Alora Nelson, Deb Trout, Wendy Roth, Janine Carroll

Members and guests brought a variety of heirlooms along with stories of their ancestors.



Maureen Scrutton brought the metal box pictured above. The initials “M” and “M” are clearly printed on both sides of the picture on the top, with the name of some countries: Servia, France, Belgium, Imperium Britannia (top centre), Russia and Monte Negro. (I cannot read the country name in the upper right corner). Christmas 1914 is engraved at the centre bottom.

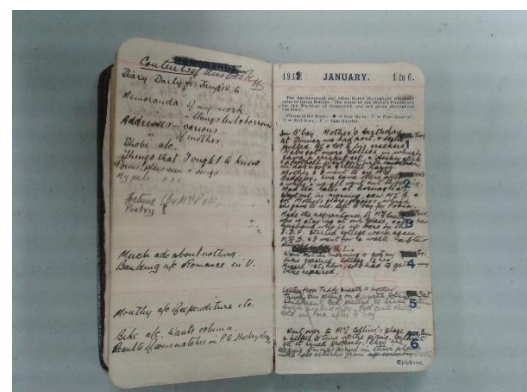
Inside the box is a card with the printed words “1915”, a red crown and the letter “M”.  
 When opened, the card reads “With Best Wishes for a Victorious New Year  
 From the Princess Mary and Friends at Home”  
 Interestingly, Maureen’s paternal grandfather was born in 1950, so this box was not given to him.



Lori Rothwell brought a McIntosh apple and told the story of her ancestor’s apple orchard - beginning and success.



Lilyon Luntz proudly showed off her grandfather Eric Griffith Hale’s leather Daily Diary 1918.



The search for more elusive ancestors continues!

## Camrose Branch member Charlotte Curtis

“Charlotte Curtis of Heisler is a woman on a mission; she has been dedicated to collecting every obituary, birth, wedding and anniversary announcement for the past six years from papers across the region.” - Pages 22 & 33 of The Community Press, Wednesday, December 11, 2019 by Student Reporter Emily Tanton

Charlotte has been tracking and recording her family tree since 1993. In August of 2013, Charlotte attended her hometown of Youngstown's Centennial. She was inspired to begin collecting important announcements when she discovered a display of obituaries one woman had been collecting for decades. In this collection, Charlotte found the obituaries of her grandma and great-grandma, and a write-up of an uncle whose farm she was raised on.

This dedicated woman is organizing the data and transferring it to a website. Eventually, Charlotte would like to have the collection in the Flagstaff County Administrative Office in Sedgewick. She also hopes that sometime in the future, her online database would be added to the Flagstaff website for easy access to all.



To read the complete article, go to [www.thecommunitypress.com](http://www.thecommunitypress.com)

Accreditation given to [thecommunitypress.com](http://thecommunitypress.com).

Written and copied with permission from The Community Press and CGS member Charlotte Curtis.

## AGS LIBRARY BOOKS

CGS member Larry Gregorwich sent this link to a listing of the Local Histories in the AGS library. It's been around awhile but probably largely forgotten about.

<https://www.abgenealogy.ca/uploads/files/Resources/AlbertaHistories.pdf>

Camrose Public Library has a lot of Local History books as well. The Centennial Museum has some on hand as well as some family histories. They are closed for the season but can be accessed by appointment. Let President Deb Trout know if you want to go in. The Railway Museum has books as well. They are also closed but if you call them, arrangements can probably be made.





**25 APRIL 2020 | WETASKIWIN, AB**

*Celebrating the Past, the Present and the Future*

### Wetaskiwin Seniors Centre

5216 - 54th St., Wetaskiwin, AB **Saturday: 9:00am to 4:00pm**

**Registration Required:** \$20 per person, includes catered lunch

*Wetaskiwin proudly features  
their 'locally grown resources'*

- Dr. Karen Aberle, Wetaskiwin Museum
- Sandi Ratch, Historical Archeologist
- Rene Georgopolis, Archives Society of AB
- Claudia Malloch, Wetaskiwin Member
- Sharon Aney, Wetaskiwin Member

#### REGISTER NOW

**ONLINE, DOWNLOAD or PHONE**

<https://www.abgenealogy.ca/genfair-registration>

phone: (780) 352-2150

More information? Visit our website

<https://www.abgenealogy.ca/wetaskiwin-branch>



*Join us for an exhilarating day at GenFair 2020 and celebrate Wetaskiwin Branch's 20th Anniversary with the Alberta Genealogical Society. Re-vitalize your genealogy by networking with members of Wetaskiwin and other AGS branches, and historical associations. Our presenters will intrigue you with the history of the area and encourage you to reflect about your own location, your current family history and how to preserve your research for generations to come.*



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**Wetaskiwin Branch, Alberta Genealogical Society**

Visit us on our Website for more information.

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**MEDICINE HAT GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
& SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

~ Present ~

# Salt Lake City Adventure

**MAY 24 - 31, 2020**

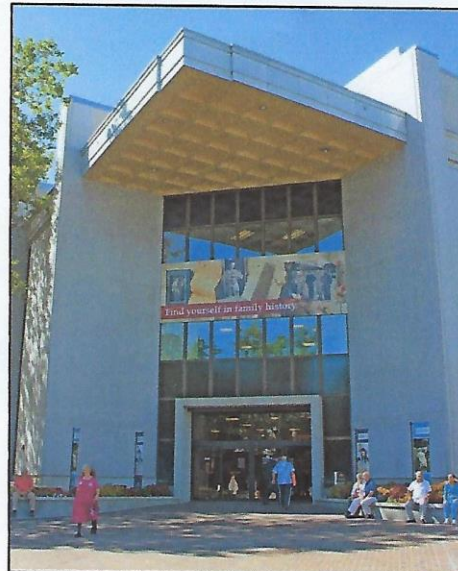
We will depart from Medicine Hat by motorcoach with Carefree Express (1 day travel each way) to the five-story Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Upon our arrival, we will have 6 full days to research millions of free-to-access materials, and our accommodations will be right next door at the Salt Lake Plaza. Hope you will join us!

**Cost is \$950 per person** (based on double occupancy) **OR \$1250 for single** - includes motorcoach, hotel room & taxes, a seminar & library orientation; non-researching spouses & partners welcome. Meals not included.

\*Registration is Limited, so reserve your place now with a \$100 deposit made payable to Medicine Hat & District Genealogical Society (due prior to February 28, 2020, but first come, first served).

For information, or to register,  
contact **Deb Wickham:**  
**phone: (403)952-7843**

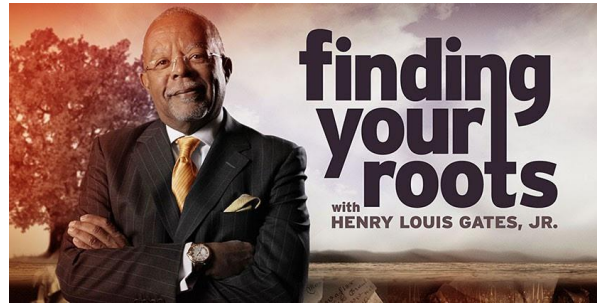
**email: [dawickham55@gmail.com](mailto:dawickham55@gmail.com)**



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**Note: Deposit for this venue is due February 28, 2020!**



## Finding Your Roots Continues Season 6 on PBS!



Finding Your Roots, hosted by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., continued its sixth season with Episode 3, *Homecomings*, on January 7<sup>th</sup>. The remaining episodes of Season 6 include:

- *This Land is My Land* with Queen Latifah, and Jeffrey Wright, Tuesday, January 14th
- *Beyond the Pale* with Terry Gross, Marc Maron, and Jeff Goldblum, Tuesday, January 21st
- *Secrets & Lies* with Sigourney Weaver, Amy Ryan, and Justina Machado, Tuesday, January 28th
- *Science Pioneers* with Harold E. Varmus, Francis Collins, and Shirley Ann Jackson, Tuesday, February 4th
- *Slave Trade* with Questlove, S. Epatha Merkerson, and Ava DuVernay, Tuesday, February 11th
- *Italian Roots* with Marisa Tomei, Jimmy Kimmel, and John Turturro, Tuesday, February 18th
- *Criminal Kind* with Laura Linney, Lisa Ling, and Soledad O'Brien, Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

The first two episodes of this series aired in October 2019 (*Hollywood Royalty* and *Off the Farm*) and episode three aired on January 7<sup>th</sup> (*Homecomings*). An additional six episodes are scheduled to air in October and November 2020.

For more information [visit the PBS website here](#).

Source: Ontario Ancestors, The Ontario Genealogical Society, eWeekly Update Jan. 18, 2020



## **Miscellany**

### **SeekingMichigan.org has moved**

Dick Eastman August 2, 2019

The SeekingMichigan.org web site is a huge resource for anyone researching Michigan families. Now the web site has moved to a new URL (web address). On September 1, 2019, the digital collections currently available on SeekingMichigan.org moved to <https://michiganology.org/>

As stated in the announcement: “Ultimately, we made this move to give you a better website. The Michigan History Center and its partners want to continually improve access to public records. When the Michigan History Center staff debated what changes would be necessary in a new website, the user’s feedback drove the discussion.”

### **More Languages on FamilySearch website & app**

Do you have friends or family members who speak a different language? The FamilySearch website and Family Tree app are already available in English, Portuguese, French, Italian, German, Spanish, Russian, Traditional Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. FamilySearch.org will have support for 20 more languages at the beginning of 2020. To see a list of the additional languages, click here.

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/whats-new-in-familysearch-2020/>

Source: Ontario Ancestors, The Ontario Genealogical Society, eWeekly Update Jan. 18, 2020

### **Translation Dictionaries**

*George G. Morgan, Research Tips & More! From Internet Genealogy and Your Genealogy Today*

Check used bookstores, flea markets, eBay, garage sales, and library book sales for older, more detailed foreign language dictionaries for the languages your ancestors spoke. You will find these more useful when attempting to translate older family letters and other documents, because they can include older terms and vernacular that may have been in use when your ancestors lived.

Avoid using language translation dictionaries used by tourists when working on your genealogy. They may be fine for translating a single word, but they are designed for modern travelers and not necessarily for researchers.

Source: Ontario Ancestors, The Ontario Genealogical Society, eWeekly Update Jan. 18, 2020

**Black History Month is February of each year in Canada.**

Library and Archives Canada website:

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/history-ethnic-cultural/Pages/blacks.aspx>

## QUERIES

CONLEY – Donald CONLEY b. 1821, Lanarkshire, Glasgow, SCT, Married Catherine MENARY b. 8 Oct 1908, Markdale, Grey Co., ON, CAN. Looking for Donald & Catherine's marriage date & place (1<sup>st</sup> child born 4 April 1852), Donald's death date & place in Ontario, Canada. Contact Joan CONLEY at [signette2015@gmail.com](mailto:signette2015@gmail.com)



Unidentified (Irish) Conley ancestor

Photo was given to me, as the family historian, from pictures owned by Alexander Keith Conley's widow.

(I'm unsure of what he is holding but it must have held some importance to him.)

Photo submitted by Camrose Branch member Joan Conley

Editor's Note: to Submit a Query, send to Joan's email address: [signette2015@gmail.com](mailto:signette2015@gmail.com)

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