



NOW AND THEN

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Coming Events

Making Good Use of Census Records

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Digging For Your Roots Series

(See Announcements for Details)

Census Questions & Discussion

Tue Oct 27 2009 7:00 pm SGS Library
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110-1514 11th Ave, Regina

Genealogical Research & War

Brian Brodie

Tue Nov 24 2009 7:00 pm SGS Library
Library opens at 6:00 pm
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Contributions on any genealogical topic are welcomed enthusiastically.

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Please contact the editor, Dianne Romphf with suggestions, letters or other contributions.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIGGING FOR YOUR ROOTS SERIES

Co-sponsored by the *Prairie History Room of Regina Public Library*, The *Saskatchewan Genealogical Society* and the *Saskatchewan Archives Board*, this series of free lectures and workshops will teach participants both the basics of family history research and introduce them to all of these institutions' print and microform collections, online resources and related services.

Contact the Prairie History Room in person, by phone 777-6011 or email (<http://www.reginalibrary.ca/prairiehistory/asklocalhistory.html>).

Registration for these classes will begin September 1, 2009. Space Limited for all sessions and pre-register required.

Discover the Prairie History Room at Regina Public Library ** NEW **

Location: Prairie History Room, Central Library
Saturday, September 26, 2009 - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

The Prairie History Room's collection contains Canadian census records dating back to 1666, Canadian passenger lists from 1865-1922 and city directories for major cities in the Prairies from 1908-1953. We also have over 2000 community and church histories from all three Prairie Provinces as well as hundreds more from around the world, courtesy of our online database subscriptions. Join us as we explore some of Prairie History Room's resources.

Getting Started with Ancestry Library Edition Database

Computer Lab (2nd Floor), Central Library
Saturday, October 3, 2009 - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Ancestry Library Edition database (similar to Ancestry.com) offers the world's largest online collection of genealogical records for Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States. Learn how to use this incredible research tool at this free hands-on workshop. Beginner, intermediate and advanced researchers are welcome.

Discover the Saskatchewan Archives Board ** NEW **

Location: Saskatchewan Archives, 3303 Hillside Street
Saturday, October 17, 2009 - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

The Saskatchewan Archives Board (SAB), with main offices in Regina and Saskatoon, is considered one of the premiere research facilities for historical and genealogical research in the country. It has the largest collection of homestead files, local newspapers, photographs, as well as sound and moving images documenting the history of the province and its citizens. Explore the collections and services of our provincial archives and discover how to make use of the resources.

Google Your Family Tree! ** NEW **

Location: RPL Film Theatre, Central Library
Saturday, October 24, 2009 - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

With over 20 billion pages, Google is the largest and most popular search engines in the world. Tracking down local history and genealogical information, however, requires users to have a basic understanding of search techniques and how the engine filters its results. Come to this free lecture on how to use the Internet's most powerful, free online service.

Preserving Your Family Records ** NEW **

Location: George Bothwell Library, Southland Mall
Saturday, October 31, 2009 - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Do you have family photos, diaries or letters that require preservation? Come to this lecture to learn key preservation techniques, discover safe methods for displaying the items and how to locate additional resources to help care for your family keepsakes.

Organizing Your Genealogical Research ** NEW **

Location: RPL Film Theatre, Central Library
Saturday, November 14, 2009 - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Are you surrounded by a mountain of genealogy clutter? Learn how to get those piles of papers, books and scraps organized and keep them that way with practical tips for using files, folders,

binders and your computer to keep your family tree organized. Beginner, intermediate and advanced researchers are welcome.

Discover the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Library and Research Room

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, 110-1514 11th Avenue

Saturday, November 21, 2009 - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

MOOSE JAW BRANCH September 22nd, 2009

Our first meeting will be Tuesday Sept 22 @ 7pm and our speaker is Chris Krismer speaking on "Organizing Your Genealogical Clutter". She will start speaking at 7pm with our lunch and business meeting to follow.

We hope you all had a good summer and that you're ready to start working on your genealogy again.

See you there!

DATABASES AT SGS WEBSITE

SRI and Cemetery Index now available online to members of SGS and more records are coming. These new services are available to all members of SGS. If you have not given them a try yet, go to the SGS website < www.saskgenealogy.com > and "Register" so you can make use of these valuable tools. Godfrey Memorial Library Online and other databases are available in the SGS Library as well.



FROM THE EDITOR . . .

Thanks to those who have sent information to me for the newsletter. I encourage any members who would like to try writing up a short article about research experiences or items of interest in their travels. We always learn from each other. I also welcome any and all ideas for items to include in the newsletter. Feel free to contact me any time.

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WEBSITES

Phlebotomy Technician Schools > 100 Genealogy Resources to Discover Your Ancestry

< http://phlebotomytechnicianschools.com/?page_id=52 >

List of genealogy websites with a lot of US sites, but still may be very helpful.

Sent in by Shelley Kloczko

US GenWeb's Census Project

< www.us-census.org >

< www.dalbydata.com >

This index covers more than a million Minnesota records, including cemetery, newspaper, birth, marriage, census.

Michigan Genealogical Death Indexing Project

< www.mdch.state.mi.us/pha/osr/gendisx/search2.htm >

This index covers 1867 to 1897 and has information from original death records.

Oregon State Archives Genealogy Records

< <http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/banners/genealogy.htm> >

THE CENSUS TAKER

It was the first day of the census, and all
through the land
The pollster was ready. A black book in his
hand.
He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride
His book and some quills were tucked close by
his side.

A long winding ride down a road barely there
Toward the smell of fresh bread wafting
through the air.
The woman was tired, with lines on her face,
And wisps of brown hair she tucked back in
place.

She gave him some water as they sat at the
table,
And she answered his questions as best she
was able.
He asked of her children ... yes, she had quite
a few;
The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.

She held up a toddler with cheeks round and
red,
His sister, she whispered was napping in bed.
She noted each person who lived there with
pride,
As she felt the faint stirrings of the wee one
inside.

He noted the sex, the color, the age ...
The marks from the quill soon filled up the
page.
At the number of children, she nodded her
head,
And he saw her lips quiver for the three that
were dead.

The places of birth she 'never forgot',
Was it Kansas, or Utah? or Oregon .. or not?
They came from Lithuania, of that she was
clear,

But she wasn't quite sure just how long they'd
been here.

They spoke of employment, of schooling and
such,
They could read some, and write some, though
really not much.
When the questions were answered, his job
there was done,
So he mounted his horse and he rode towards
the sun.

We can almost imagine his voice loud and
clear,
'May God bless you all for another ten years!'
Now picture a time warp, it's now you and me
As we search for the people on our family tree,

We squint at the census and scroll down so
slow,
As we search for that entry from long, long
ago.
Could we only imagine on that long ago day
That the entries they made would affect us this
way?

If the knew, would they wonder at the
yearning we feel
And the searching that makes them so
increasingly real.
We can hear, if we listen, the words they
impart
Through their blood in our veins and their
voice in our heart.

Author Unknown



SPEER'S FUNERAL HOME

Following are notes taken from our Branch meeting in March:

Speers Funeral Home was started in 1907 but there are no records from that far back. Many of the old records have been lost over the years through moves, etc. Older records are not on computer and are filed by date of death so it is difficult to find if you do not have this information. Records from the last 10 years are on computer.

Records started to get better in the 1940's as far as the information that was collected. Prior to that, the records are a bit sparse and not as detailed.

Records can be released when the individual has been deceased for over 20 years or 100 years after the record was created.

Old records were discussed. A 1949 sample was discussed with respect to the questions that were asked on an application. There was a good deal of person information about the individual. Details include parent's names, birthplace, when they immigrated, who was billed, religion, etc. Today, much less information is collected. The amount of information needed has changed, in most part, due to the requirements for vital statistics registrations. In the 1949 application, many really personal detailed things were asked. For example, all family was listed and the deceased was taken home for a couple of days before the funeral to have in the house. Another sample from 1949, describes the person in detail such as color of hair, eyes, etc. This information was taken from the family.

Speers will pick all bodies at any hour of the day. Some funeral homes do not do this. Speers always has a religious service of some

sort. They even buried a John Doe in one of Joe's old suits once.

About 60% of deceased people are cremated nowadays.

Joe suggests to genealogists that if you want to get records from a funeral home, try to visit in person. Also, try to provide as much information as you can when you come, particularly if you want old records.

Notes taken from our March 24th meeting when Joe Gauthier from Speer's Funeral Home came out to our meeting to discuss funeral home records.



REGINA BRANCH INFORMATION

1891 CENSUS OF THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES

| | Index Volumes |
|------------------|---------------|
| Saskatchewan | \$20.00 |
| Assiniboia East | \$20.00 |
| Assiniboia West | \$20.00 |
| Alberta | \$25.00 |
| Set of 4 volumes | \$80.00 |

To Come: Unorganized Territories 2009

Available from the Regina Branch SGS

Contact: Robert Ewart
2818 Sinton Ave.
Regina, SK S4S 1K3

Website:

www.rootsweb.com/~canrbsgs/index.html

CEMETERY READING REPORT

The weather cooperated this year during the annual cemetery reading held May 31. Many thanks go out to the volunteers: Bob, Sandra, Sharon, Phoebe, Trevor, Jean, Gregg and Dianne.

The cemeteries in the RM of Cupar #218 have been updated and photographed. The cemetery records will be given to the SGS and will soon be available on the SRI. The cemeteries read this year include:

Cupar

Cupar Community, SE 16-23-16-W2
St. Paul's Lutheran, SE 23-24-17-W2
St. Patrick's Catholic (originally know as the Holy Trinity Hungarian Roman Catholic Church, NW 31-24-16-W2

Markinch

Christus Lutheran, NW 12-24-18-W2
Wheaton, NE 2-22-18-W2
Markinch Community, SE 7-23-17-W2
St. Mark's, NE 34-22-18-W2

Southey

Emmanuel Lutheran, NW 8-23-18-W2
Southey Community, NE 7-23-18-W2
St. James Catholic, NW 8-23-18-W2

Is there anyone out there who can read Hungarian? A few of the grave markers in St. Patrick's Catholic cemetery are written in Hungarian. If you are willing to translate a few inscriptions, please contact me. I will e-mail you the photographs.

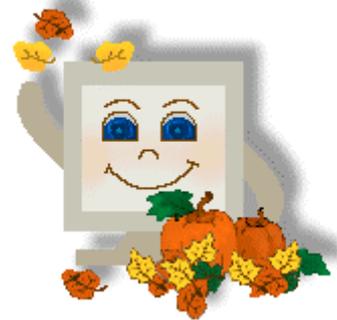
Have you been waiting for a cemetery of interest to you to be recorded? The Regina Branch of the SGS is responsible for cemeteries within a one hour drive of the city of Regina. Contact me and make a suggestion for next year's reading.

Shelley Kloczko

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LIST OF CEMETERIES RECORDED BY REGINA BRANCH

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| R.M. 128 | Gray, Riceton |
| R.M. 129 | Buck Lake, Wilcox |
| R.M. 130 | Briercrest, Rouleau |
| R.M. 156 | Indian Head, Sintaluta |
| R.M. 157 | Avonhurst, Edgeley, McLean, Qu'Appelle |
| R.M. 159 | Riverside |
| R.M. 160 | All Saint's, Cottonwood, Stony Beach, Poplar Grove, Battrum |
| R.M. 189 | Lumsden, Regina Beach |
| R.M. 190 | Bethune, Findlater, Keddleston |
| R.M. 218 | Bethlehem, Cupar, Wheatwyn, Christus Lutheran, Southey Community, Emmanuel Lutheran, St. James, St. Mark's, Markinch Community, St. Patrick's |
| R.M. 220 | Silton |



If you cannot get rid of the family skelton, you may as well make it dance.

~ George Bernard Shaw

BRANCH POLICY REGINA BRANCH RESEARCH

Our branch has developed a research policy in order to address the requests that we receive from various sources. Branch members who are Certified Saskatchewan Researchers will complete the research.

Types of research:

Basic Search - \$39.00 CAD / \$39.00 USD / £22 UK

Homestead Records, Maps, Local Histories, Cemetery Records, Obituaries, Newspaper Records & Saskatchewan Research Index

General Research - \$29.00 per hour

Estimates will be given based on the information that is being requested.

Cemetery Search - \$3.00 / \$10.00 per name

If the cemetery is known, the SGS Cemetery Index would be checked (\$3.00). All cemeteries within an R.M. would be checked if the cemetery is not known (\$10.00).

For Regina Branch Members:

All cemeteries that have been recorded by the branch would be checked for no charge.

SRI - \$5.00 per surname

The Saskatchewan Research Index and the SGS Library would be checked and this cost would include a printed list.

Cemetery/Historical Photos - Min. \$10.00

A branch member would take photos of a gravestone in the cemeteries located in Regina. Cost would vary if the cemetery is located outside of Regina.

For Regina Branch Members: \$5.00

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MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships in Regina Branch and the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society are due on December 31 annually. Regina Branch members must be members of SGS. Membership fee rates:

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| SGS Regular Family | \$40.00 |
| SGS Senior | \$38.00 |

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| Regina Branch Membership | \$10.00 |
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Name _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____

Telephone Number _____

E-Mail _____

Please answer these questions. It will help us in planning programs and events.

Name the family tree(s) you are working on

Country or regions you are researching

Would you be interested in finding out more about, or volunteering for, an Executive Position or committee?

Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, Which one(s)? _____

COMING EVENTS

Making Good Use of Census Records

Jean Ashcroft will discuss the benefits of using census records in your research. She will provide samples & suggestions about the enormous value they can be as well as the pitfalls & problems you may encounter in using them.

Tue Apr 28 2009 7:00 pm SGS Library
110-1514 11th Ave, Regina

Come at 6:00 pm if you would like to make use of the library to do some research before the meeting.

Census Questions & Discussion

A follow-up to the September meeting we will discuss experiences with using census records. Members are encouraged to bring along any problems they have encountered with census records.

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