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# Library Report

by Betty Padfield

We continue to receive newsletters from various branches in Ontario, including Huron County, Brant County and Kent County. We also receive newsletters from all the Alberta branches. These newsletters contain very informative and interesting articles, some very useful addresses and other great sources. If you are researching in Ontario, these newsletters are a must. So check them out!



## New Member Profile

My name is Debra PHILLIPS. I was born in Almonte, Ontario and have been doing genealogical research since I was 16 years old. I am searching several lines; the following is a summary:

PHILLIPS	Almonte, Carleton Place, Ontario
PHILLIPS	Adstock, Thornborough, Bucks, England
HUTCHINS(INGS)	Adstock, Thornborough, Bucks, England
SMITH	Buckinghamshire, England
PRENTICE	Buckinghamshire, England
SHAW	Suffolk, England
COOK	Suffolk, England
ANDREWS	Armagh, Ireland; Pakenham, Ontario
MAXWELL	Armagh, Ireland
KEMP	Ontario, Ireland
BLACKBURN	Ramsay Twp., Ontario; Ireland
REID	Almonte, Ontario; Ireland
LANGFORD	Huntley Twp., Ontario; Ireland
MOREAU (MORROW)	Forresten Falls, Almonte, Ontario; Quebec; France
HUDSON	Pembroke, Ontario; Renfrew Co., Ontario; Scotland or England
WYNN	Carleton Co., Ontario; Ireland
LaFLEUR	Allumette Island, Quebec; Renfrew Co., Ontario
SMITH or SCHMIDT	New York State; Renfrew Co., Ontario
POWELL	Almonte, Ontario; Olds, Lacombe, Edmonton, and Calgary, Alberta; Maple Creek, Saskatchewan
ISHERWOOD	Almonte, Carleton Place, Ontario; Calgary, Alberta
BRAY	Almonte, Carleton Place, Ontario; Edmonton, Alberta

Debra PHILLIPS can be contacted through the Saamis Seeker.

## For Sale

Birth, Marriage, and Death notices from the Edmonton Journal newspaper for periods: January to December, 1904, 1905, and 1906.

Each yearly set includes an index of names for various provinces as well as the original extract from the newspaper. Over 650 extracts are given (exclusive of the Edmonton area which have been included in Clandigger).

Cost is \$5.00 for each year-requested, payable to:

Mr. R. Milson - 8616 - 176 Street, Edmonton, AB, Canada T5T 0N3

# Computer Corner

By Gordon Bruins

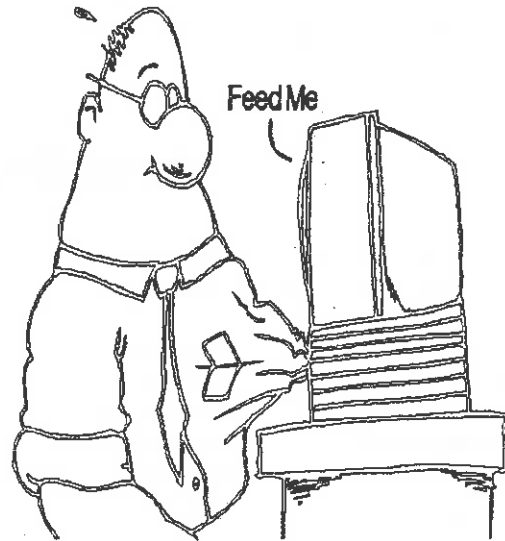
## Using Pedigree Search in Personal Ancestral File.

There is more than one way to do almost every computer task and this is certainly true of P.A.F. I have found that many people are unaware of many of the Pedigree Search features that I use every day. Most of these features are part of release 2.2 so if you are using an older version updating to P.A.F. 2.2 is highly recommended. The cost is under \$20.00.

When I use P.A.F. I go directly to the Pedigree Search and I do most of my data entry and modifications from the Pedigree chart. To get to the Pedigree Search from the Access Menu:

select 1. ( Family Records) and then  
select 4. (Pedigree Search).

This puts you right on the pedigree chart. You can set your computer to start with anyone you want to on your pedigree chart. This can be changed on the second page of the Temporary Configuration or Main Configuration menu. I have found it handiest to start with myself mainly because I can easily switch to spouse and follow my wife's pedigree if I am working on her family.



### Finding Individuals With Pedigree Search:

If I want to add a record from the pedigree search I quickly go to the ancestor who will be linked to the new information. There are several ways to get there:

- i. If you know the "Rin" number enter R and the number.
- ii. If you know the "Mrin" number enter M and the number.
- iii. "search-H" by pressing H and entering known data. I find this slow and cumbersome and avoid it if possible.
- iv. Browse using either 1-alpha, 2-rin, or 3-mrin. The alphabetic browse also helps you find a person quickly.
- v. Follow up or down the pedigree chart until you find the person you want. This is what I usually do. This too can be accomplished in several ways:
  - a. Use the F (Father), M (Mother), or C (Child) keys to move up and down the chart to your destination. Using the arrow keys as suggested in the manual creates problems for me.
  - b. It's easier to find where you are going if you press L (Large) to display 5 generations and move along the chart to your destination as above.
  - c. Display the Large pedigree chart and use your mouse to click on the person you want.

### Adding a Parent:

Assume you want to add George Smith's father and George is in your seventh generation. Starting with yourself, I would select Large to display the 5 generation pedigree. Click the mouse on George's descendant who appears in the 5th generation. This will display the 5th to 9th generations. Move the cursor to George Smith in the 7th generation and either click your mouse or press X (eXit) to return to the three generation pedigree showing George, his children and parents.

In this case there is no father shown. Press F for Father and the following message appears - "There is no father entered. Add him now? (Y/N)" Select Y and follow the instructions to add the father.

#### Adding a Child:

Children can be added in a similar manner by selecting Child. If there are already 2 children entered select 3 and it will ask if you want to add another child and you can proceed to add one or more children.

Modifying an Individual: To add or modify information for an individual already on your chart simply move the cursor to that individual and press E (Edit). The edit screen will appear so you can enter your new information.



## Election Results

Elections for executive positions in the Medicine Hat Branch were held on November 3, 1993.

The following people were elected:

President: John Dowler  
V. President: Betty Padfield  
2nd V.P.: Deb Phillips  
Secretary: Dorothy Lonson  
Treasurer: Kathy Gliesner  
Past President: Betty Tessmann

Committee chairs are as follows:

Library: Betty Padfield  
Membership: Edie Pinder  
Publications: Ferd Schwab  
Queries: Adele Johnson  
Research: Teresa Parasynchuk  
Editor: Jim Robins



## Queries

Please send your queries to:  
The Medicine Hat and District Branch A.G.S.  
Box 971, Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 7G8

Searching the family of Francis SHIRE (SHIER) (1845-1935) and his wife Mary Anne DUNCAN (1859-1932) from Artemesia, Grey County, Ontario. Also his son William Franklin (1896) and wife Eva GRUMMETT (1902). Are any descendants still in the area? Willing to trade any information I have on all SHIER families.

Mrs. Betty Padfield - P.O. Box 972, Redcliff, Alberta, T0J 2P0

# Cemetery Listings

## HIGHLAND CEMETERY

Location: S.W 1/4 Section 04 Township 12 Range 09 W4

The Highland Cemetery is located 6 miles north of Whitlea. Whitlea is south west of Medicine Hat. There was no church built, but the people of Norwegian ancestry held their church services in their homes or in the Golden Sheaf school. The people of the Highland Congregation started the church services sometime after 1910. NILS, STENBY, MOGER, EDWARDSON and TORGERSON were some of the settlers whose homes were used for the services. In about 1953, the congregation was dissolved when the Grace Lutheran Church was built in Medicine Hat.

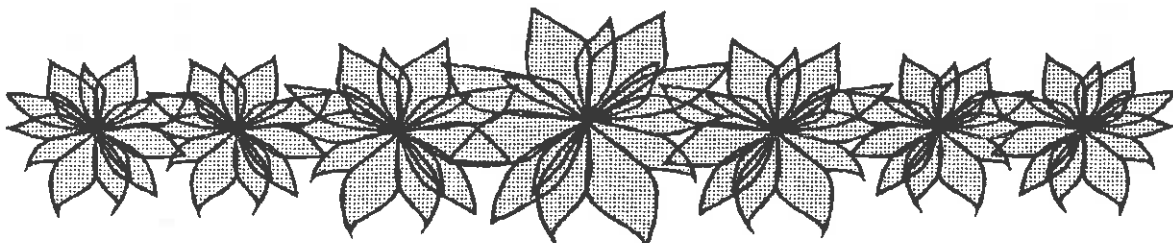
Bits and pieces of information that are not recorded:

- Andrew and Mrs CARLSON were buried in the cemetery in about 1920.
- Earl DONNETTE, age about 12, son of Art, was a victim of a murder suicide. His father was buried in another graveyard.
- Mr. George HART was buried here with his 2 wives. Maggie May, his second wife, died a short time before her husband.
- Daniel MATSON no information except he was a cousin to the CARLSONS.
- Andrew RUDD died sometime around 1923 or 24 at about the age of 50.

This information was obtained by Teresa PARASYNCHUK from Art STENBY whose father was one of the first settlers in the Whitlea area.

### CEMETERY LISTING

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BORN/DIED</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
BEATCH, Georgina May	1933-1936		
BEATCH, Rose Ann	1939-1940		
CARLSON, Andrew	N/A		
CARLSON, Mrs.	N/A		w of Andrew
COMMET, Willie	N/A		
DAVIS, Florence Lauren	N/A	3y	
DAVIS, Lloyd Melvin	N/A	18m	
DAVIS, Timothy H.	1850-1917	67y	
DINETZ, Earl Leroy	b 27 Apr 1919	5y	
HART, Emma	1882-1919		
HART, George	30 Sep 1876-14 May 1925		
HART, Maggie May	09 Dec 1881-25 Nov 1916		
MATSON, Daniel	N/A		
MOGER, Andrew	N/A		
MOGER, Melvin	N/A	5m	s of Gustav and Jensine
RUDD, Andrew	N/A		
STENSONESS, Infant	N/A		



# LITTLE PLUME

Location: N.W 1/4 Section 36 Township 09 Range 05 W4

The Little Plume church was built in 1919 by settlers of the German Evangelical United Brethern faith. The name came from the Indian heritage of the area. It is located on the Eagle Butte road south of Medicine Hat. Some of the first families were the BOHNETS, KURPJUWEITS, SEITZS, FLAIGS and HEIDINGERS. This church burnt down shortly after in 1922. It was rebuilt in 1923 and is still in use today.

In 1952 a basement was dug and a furnace installed. A Mr. SPONHOLTS from the Tothill area next to Little Plumé did these renovations. Nineteen seventy six saw some more renovations, including an addition and total remodelling of the inside. Another addition including bathrooms and outside stucco, happened in 1980. This church is the only country church, in southern Alberta, that actively holds church services, marriage and funeral services.

Some of the first Pastors for the Little Plume Church were the Reverend AMACHER, GRETZINGER, GISHLER and ITE. The Reverend Sam SENNFT was Pastor from the years 1931 to 1937. The present Pastor is the Reverend Vern SCHORR who has been there for the past six years.

This information was obtained from John SCHORR, one of the present members of the church. More information will be in the community history book called the "PLAINS, TRAINS AND WAGON WHEELS" soon to be published.

## CEMETERY LISTING

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BORN</u> <u>DIED</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
BOHNET, Fredrick	1879-1934		Mother
BOHNET, John F.	1887-1928		Father
BOHNET, Kenneth	1928-Jun 1936	8y1m14d	
DEERING, Harold	1941-1941		
FRISH, Juliana Wegner	27 Jan 1852-17 Sep 1927	75y8m21d	Mother
GLAIBER, Katharina	01 Feb 1870-26 Mar 1923		
HEIDINGER, Johann	26 Jan 1852-11 Feb 1920		
HEIDINGER, Lillian	1925-1925		
HELLER, Andrew	07 Aug 1884-07 May 1934	49y9m	
NITTEL, Dorothy	1851-1920		
NITTEL, Michael	1850-21 Nov 1943	93y10m6d	
PAPAY, Mae	N/A		
RABB, Anna Maria Stickel	15 Jan 1866-22 Oct 1933	67y9m7d	
RABB, Fredrick	1859-1941		
SCHATTLE, Leaya Mary	23 Feb 1930-21 Sep 1930	8m 28d	pts Gottlieb and Olga
SCHETTLE, Christina	1880-1939		
SCHETTLE, George	06 Aug 1902-17 Apr 1928		fa Gottlieb
SCHETTLE, Gottlieb	1878-1950		
SEITZ, Edwin	1923-1923		
SEITZ, Gottlieb	1873-23 Dec 1923	50y	
SEITZ, Katharina	1877-13 Oct 1939	62y4m13d	
SEITZ, Martha	1921-28 Aug 1922	18m	
SEITZ, Ruth	1926-1926		
WONNENBURG, Reinhart	23 Jul 1915-15 Jul 1934		
WUTZKE, Alvin	1943-1944		
WUTZKE, Molly	d 1925		

This cemetary contains 10 unknown graves.

# My Willock Winnings!

by Edna McKelvie

I began my WILLOCK search with an obituary of my great grandfather David Scott WILLOCK (born Ontario - 1828) who died in 1911 in southern Saskatchewan. All I knew about him was in those few paragraphs. Nothing about his parents and only a mention of his surviving brothers Francis, John, and Robert. I started with his brother Francis of Pincher Creek, Alberta and eventually connected with a grand daughter. I made several great contacts with that branch of the family and now have 307 of them on my computer. There I learned of another brother, George, who had predeceased my great grandfather, and set out to make contact with his descendants. There I finally got my start on who great grandfather David Scott WILLOCK'S father was; "A Sergeant-Major in the 103rd regiment of the British Army come to Canada to fight in the War of 1812". An added plus, in the possession of George's line were his sabre and sash engraved in 1815 and in near perfect condition.

I made a trip to Ontario, where his log house still stands (built about 1832), and found the graveyard where he is buried. Also connected with the descendants of the other two brothers. But still had nothing to say where he came from in Scotland. I searched the Toronto archives looking at land records and church records. I could find no will. I read all I could find on the 103rd regiment and two books by Pierre Burton on the war of 1812. If nothing else I was learning Canadian history!

My last chance was to write to London, to the Public Records Office and the Ministry of Defence. they had the military records but would not do the research. Next I hired a lady from a list they sent me and several months later, after checking the mail everyday, it came!



Would you believe I now know:

- Sergeant Major's birth place - Garvoch Parish, Kincardine Co.
- that he spent 13 1/2 years in the British Army serving in Ireland, Scotland, England and Canada
- the number of years he spent at each rank
- that he received an injury at Fort Erie in the War of 1812
- that he was 32 years old when discharged, 5' 8 1/2" tall, had dark brown hair, grey eyes, and a fresh complexion.

I'm still amazed!

Footnote: I have since been to Salt Lake City and studied the Kincardine Co. Old Parish Records and traced back two more generation (possibly three). If I learned a lesson from this it was research your ancestors brothers and sisters; they always seem to know more than your direct line!



## Query

Winnifred Cemetery Records

Mr. Richard WILKINSON of Calgary, AB seeks information on Mrs. Della WEBB (nee AGNEW) believed buried in Winnifred, AB. Anyone with information relating to Winnifred Cemetery records contact Adele JOHNSON - C/O The Saamis Seeker.



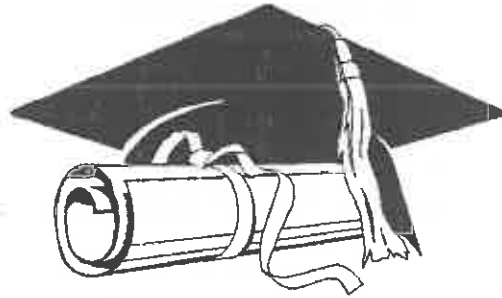
# Calling all former students of Montreal Street School

In April 1994 it will be 90 years since the Montreal Street School was built in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

A  
celebration  
is planned for  
**April 22, 23 and 24, 1994.**

If you have pictures or stories you would like to share, the reunion committee would like to hear from you. Please keep stories to 100 words or less; all photos will be returned. Since class lists for 1904 - 1936 are unavailable, any information for this time period (class lists, class photos, or the names of your friends) would be very helpful. Volunteers are also needed. All former students and staff are invited to attend.

All inquiries and correspondence to:  
Mr. Stan York, Principal  
Montreal Street School  
861 - 4th Street S.E.  
Medicine Hat, AB  
T1A 0L5  
403-526-2556



## Query

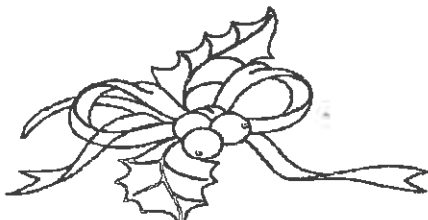
Information on the following requested by Vicki TUCKER of Bristol, Avon, England:  
Marriage of Percy Ward TUCKER and Marion CRAWFORD in May 1913,  
Death of Mrs. Frank HOLMES and Mr. Frank HOLMES (October 1913),  
Birth of Ron HOLMES (son Mr. and Mrs. Frank HOLMES) on September 23, 1913.  
Contact Adele JOHNSON - C/O The Saamis Seeker.

## L.D.S. Church Hours

Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints - 1864 Division Avenue N.E., Medicine Hat, AB  
Open to the public for research:  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

## Happy Holidays

The members of the Medicine Hat and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and the best in the new year!



Peg DEMOSKY was born Margaret Jean ROBINS on December 17, 1921 in Griffin, Saskatchewan. She grew up, with four brothers and two sisters, in a setting similar to that portrayed in W.O. Mitchell's book "Who Has Seen the Wind". As a young girl, Mrs. Demosky developed an early love of poetry. The next several issues will feature excerpts from her recently published book, "Yesterday's Children - Growing Up In The Dustbowl", where she shares her many fond memories of childhood during the depression.

## Prairie Mothers

A poem from "Yesterday's Children - Growing Up In The Dustbowl"  
by Peg Demosky

In retrospect I ponder prairie women;  
Their fortitude, their sacrifice, their fears;  
The trials and tribulations they knew daily  
And how they met those difficult ten years.

Many had experienced deprivation  
As offspring of the western pioneers;  
They had acquired skills and perseverance,  
While they were yet in tender years.

Long hours they laboured through the seasons,  
As the depression deepened, year by year.  
With no power to alter circumstance,  
Grave shortages grew more and more severe.

They patched and mended, sewed and knitted,  
Made cheese and butter, baked their bread;  
With industry and ingenuity  
They kept their families clothed and fed.

When levels in the wells had dropped,  
Rain cisterns long since dry,  
They melted snow, used dugout water  
To augment the dwindling supply.

In humble homes they nurtured children  
In a land rendered barren and austere,  
Imparting wisdom and a sense of values  
In a caring sharing atmosphere.

When the desolate decade was behind them,  
A piercing stroke cut them to the core.  
In a world now engulfed in turmoil,  
Their cherished sons went off to war.

Their courage was not a surge of valour,  
A heroic deed or prowess in the field.  
Theirs was a moral strength and mettle;  
The resolution to endure, refuse to yield.

Most are gone those prairie mothers,  
Their achievements unheralded, unsung.  
From that era much ignored in history  
Remain only in the memories of their young.



## From the Redcliff Review

Redcliff, Alberta, March 16, 1916

B.E. HOWARD moving to Revelstoke, British Columbia.

R.R. STONER and W. T. LOCKWOOD were in Medicine Hat one day last week on business.

James BELISLE leaves this week for New Westminster, British Columbia.

Council Meeting attendance: Mayor BOTT, Councillors: LAVALLE, OATES, DEVITT, IRELAND, LYDIATT, and CROWE.

Church notices: Church of England - Rev. A. M. HARDING.

First Baptist Church - Rev. Don CAMPBELL.

C. E. JAMIESON of Medicine Hat moved to Lethbridge, AB.

Robert J. SANDS of Redcliff joined the 175th.

C. CLARK of Calgary, AB has been engaged as a barber in E. J. CROWE'S shop.