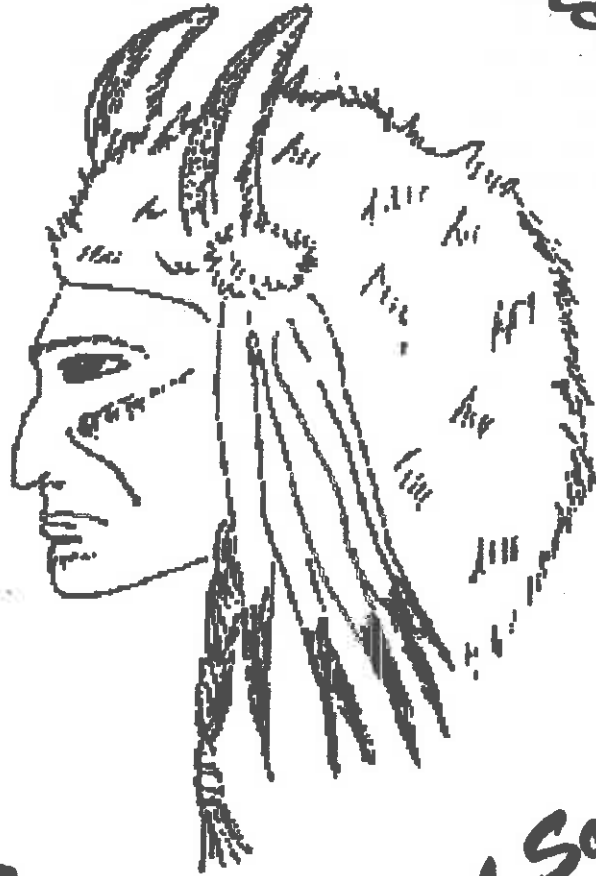


Smith, M

Medicine Hat and District Branch



Alberta Genealogical Society

SAAMIS SEEKER

JUNE 1994

ISSN 0229-7205

VOL. 15 NO. 2

Surveying the West

From "A New Beginning - Irvine and District" - a history of Irvine, AB and area.
Reprinted with permission.

The 49th parallel forms the border between the western provinces of Canada and the United States and is known as the International Boundary Line. Surveying of the west began near Fort Gary. Here the 1st meridian was established at 98 degrees west longitude. Every 4 degrees west established another meridian; 102 degrees west being the 2nd meridian, 106 degrees west becoming the 3rd meridian and 110 degrees west becoming the 4th meridian (also the Alberta - Saskatchewan border). The area between meridians is divided into six mile increments called ranges. There are 30 ranges between meridians and they are numbered east to west. The north - south division is also in six mile increments known as townships and starts at the 49th parallel. The six by six mile tracts area divided into 36 portions, one mile square, called sections. Sections are numbered 1 to 36 starting in the south east corner and ending in the north west corner. Further, each of these sections is divided into four equal quarter sections. During the surveying each section was clearly marked at the northeast corner with an iron stake. This stake identified the section location, eg XV-X-III-WIV was section 15, township 10, range 3, west of the 4th meridian. Allowances were made for the construction of roads. Road allowances, as they became known, were 66 feet wide and ran every mile north to south and every two miles east to west.

In the township system section 8 and three quarters of section 26 (all of section 26 in every fifth township), were reserved for the Hudson's Bay Company as required by its contract with the British Government in 1869. All uneven sections were Crown Land from which the Canadian Pacific Railroad could select as required by its 1883 agreement with the Government of Canada. The remaining even numbered sections were Free Homestead Land. The Dominion Lands Act of 1872 offered the sole head of the family, who had attained the age of 18, the right to obtain a 160 acre homestead for 10 dollars.

Library Report

by Betty Padfield

In the past month we have received all the latest periodicals from the various branches in Ontario and Alberta, as well as the Manitoba and Saskatchewan newsletters.

We should be receiving the new IGI and the 1901 census forms by mid June. Doris Grant has again donated some Ontario newsletters, and they are greatly appreciated.

The library has added a file of blank forms of all sorts; check them out and see if there are any you can use. There were two new donations to the library; "History of the Town of Newmarket, Ontario" and "The Home Children".

I will be needing some help over the summer months to do filing in our library and to get an updated holdings list ready for September. Please let me know if you can help.

Branch Book Sale

Thank you to all who participated in the book sale, held at the CO-OP Mall, on April 22, 1994.
The sale netted a profit of \$82.15.

Membership

The Medicine Hat Branch membership as of May 4, 1994 was forty two.

Following is a partial list of BBS's that specialize in genealogy. On these BBS's you will find research tips, notes and tips on genealogy software, and access to the genealogy echoes listed above.

List of Bulletin Board Systems specializing in genealogy research.

<u>Prov</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Bulletin Board/SYSOP</u>	<u>Z:Net/Node</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
AB	Calgary	Generations/Kathi Crockett	1:134/8	403-251-5540
AB	Calgary	Gorre & Daphetid/Bill Boogaart	1:134/14	403-280-9900
AB	Onoway	Zarahemla Genealo/John McCaslin	1:342/87	403-967-3642
BC	Burnaby	Affinity Castle /John Carter	1:153/818	604-435-9216
BC	Burnaby	Burke & Carter Ex/Beverly Burke	1:153/869	604-435-9270
BC	Cobble Hill	MegaByte/Richard Whittaker	1:340/201	604-743-1293
BC	Nanaimo	Family Research/Murray Pletsch	1:351/400	604-756-8157
BC	Nanaimo	Family Research/Murray Pletsch	1:351/401	604-756-1521
BC	Prince George	Hidden Hideaway/Joe Tailleur	1:359/297	604-563-2469
BC	Surrey	Renee's Place/Renee Pocuca	1:153/967	604-599-3885
BC	Vancouver	BandMaster/Dallas Hinton	1:153/715	604-266-7754
BC	Vancouver	CAGE/Brian Hampson	1:153/733	604-261-2347
BC	Vancouver	Cardz/John Smith	1:153/7050	604-734-5800
BC	Victoria	Physical Graff/Craig Buckingham	1:340/53	604-382-0400
BC	Victoria	Quantum Leap/Alex Stuart	1:340/30	604-595-4407
BC	White Rock	Tunnel-Vision/Greg Bastow	1:153/910	604-535-9826
MB	Winnipeg	Muddy Water CS/Gord Tulloch	1:348/206	204-943-6590
MB	Winnipeg	Winnipeg PC UG/Robert Snyder	1:348/204	204-334-8800
NB	Moncton	Red Dwarf/James Amos	1:255/202	506-859-0687
NB	Saint John	Atlantic Access/Bill Walton	1:255/1	506-635-1964
ON	Burlington	Flight Deck/Darryl Whitworth	1:259/114	416-332-6200
ON	Cambridge	Kid's Room/Matt Demarte	1:221/187	519-623-7390
ON	Carleton Place	Quasar RBBS/Brian Doucett	1:163/414	613-257-4276
ON	Etobicoke	SMARTaled/Glenn Menzie	1:250/114	416-253-5900
ON	Foxboro	Firefighter's/Terry Cox	1:249/305	613-969-1702
ON	Gloucester	Disability Access/J.P. Beland	1:243/41	613-837-5473
ON	Gloucester	OOPS Line/Jean Fortier	1:163/513	613-748-9873
ON	Hamilton	1st Wave/Robert Coulthard	1:244/115	416-548-6842
ON	Kingston	Challenged-I/Martin Van Beek	1:249/138	613-547-2479
ON	Kingston	DRL/Don Laverdure	1:249/124	613-548-3691
ON	Kingston	TypeCast/Steven Bonisteel	1:249/107	613-545-9148
ON	Kitchner	K-W Amateur Radio/Fred Hicks	1:221/177	519-578-9314
ON	Kitchner	Top of Kitchener/Keith Clark	1:221/191	519-742-3648
ON	London	Alternate Image/John Hickson	1:221/120	519-457-6855
ON	Milton	Genesis/John Walsh	1:259/310	416-878-5203
ON	Mississauga	CRS Online/Rick Munro	1:229/15	416-629-7685
ON	Newmarket	BillBoard/Bill Dykstra	1:250/932	416-898-2443
ON	Niagra Falls	Centennial/Maurice Racine	1:247/206	416-354-0683
ON	Orleans	CHANNEL-23/Chris Wiesner	1:243/23	613-830-5391
ON	Orleans	CHANNEL-23/Chris Wiesner	1:243/24	613-830-9217
ON	Ottawa	FedNet Public/Raymond Ouellette	1:163/125	613-233-2603
ON	Ottawa	Modern Connections/Mark Barss	1:163/545	613-820-2594
ON	Ottawa	Technocrats/Raymond Ouellette	1:163/125	613-233-2603
ON	Ottawa	Who's/Ed Ripmeester	1:163/532	613-739-9164
ON	Perth	Certa Cito/Jim Carter	1:163/421	613-264-9093
ON	Sault Ste	Ma DogStar/Mario Dulisse	1:222/10	705-942-8370
ON	Scarborough	Baudeville/Ian Evans	1:250/304	416-283-6059
ON	St Catharine	InfoTech Onli/Clayton Mattatall	1:247/124	416-984-6991

ON	St Marys	OUT POST/Murray Athill	1:221/277	519-284-4855
ON	Stratford	Chans Land/Steve Champion	1:221/274	519-273-5607
ON	Toronto	A_X_A_X_A/Simon Ewins	1:250/664	416-422-5723
ON	Toronto	Cellar/Brian Di Piero	1:250/740	416-604-3379
ON	Toronto	OGS/Kintracers/Ray Whidden	1:250/414	416-932-9781
ON	Toronto	Silver & Gold/Paul Chvostek	1:250/102	416-858-9000
ON	Trenton	Viking's Cove/Jeff Oleson	1:249/304	613-394-5919
ON	Victoria	Har Sunset Years/Earl Robichaud	1:252/406	705-534-6359
ON	Whitby	Birdz'n Bytes/Paul Chantler	1:229/110	416-430-3812
ON	Whitby	Pononon Inf Exch/Tom Davidson	1:229/130	416-430-9181
QC	Lasalle	ODN Junction/Mark Kraml	1:167/141	514-595-5068
QC	Montreal	Ab's Place/Abelardo Garces	1:167/136	514-937-7451
QC	Montreal	Le Vignoble/Doiores Servant	1:167/375	514-831-8412
QC	Montreal	XON-XOFF Info Ser/Joel Lechter	1:167/159	514-883-6729
QC	Quebec	Racines du QC/Dennis Beauregard L		514-922-9636
QC	Verdun	Quebec Genealogy Onli/Ken Quinn	1:167/117	514-768-1986
SK	Prince Albert	Computer Answers/T. Chamberlain	1:140/601	306-764-0088
SK	Regina	Fernando's Retre/Colin Campbell	1:140/40	306-585-0298

A note on the LDS SUBMISSION COLLECTION PROGRAM.

In cooperation with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, participating BBS's serve as collection points for GEDCOM submissions to the LDS Ancestral File. Files will be transmitted to the LDS church in groups, rather than individuals sending individual diskettes. THESE FILES ARE FOR SUBMISSION ONLY AND WILL NOT BE POSTED ON ANY BBS. For information on GEDCOM submissions contact: Ancestral File Unit, Family History Department, 50 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150, 1-801-240-4874. The name Ancestral File is the property of the LDS Church.

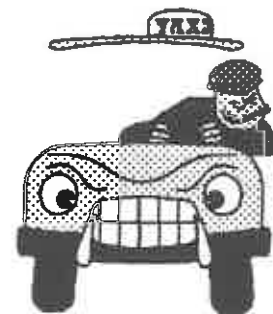
Coming Events

June 10 -12 Ontario Genealogical Society - annual conference - North Bay, ON
 Conference theme "Rail Links Make Closer Ties"
 For information write:
 OGS Seminar, 40 Orcahrd View Blvd., Sta. 25 Toronto, ON M4R 1V9

August 4-6 Great Lakes Conference - Fort Wayne, Indiana, USA
 Conference theme "Where East Meets West"
 For information write:
 Genealogy Department, Allen County Public Library
 P.O. Box 2270, Fort Wayne, Indiana, USA 46801-2270

October 21-23 Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Seminar - Regina, SK
 Seminar theme "Forward To Our Past"
 For information write:
 Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1894, Regina,
 SK S4P 3E1

October 21-23 Manitoba Genealogical Society Seminar - Winnipeg, MB
 Keynote speaker - Colin Chapman
 For information write:
 Elizabeth Briggs-Seminar Co-chair, 46 Burhill Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3T 5N3



Teacher Lists - Irvine, Alberta Area

The following list of teachers was compiled from the Irvine area history book "A New Beginning - Irvine and District" and is published with permission.

Robinson School District #3779

It is not known exactly when the Robinson School was built (about 1905 - 1915). It was located on the S.E. 1/4 of 5-10-3-W4 and closed in 1954.

Teachers:

AROK, Mr.
BANKS, Mrs.
HANELIN, Mr.
LAWNDEE, Mr.
MORROW, Anne
COOK, Mr.
FLEMMER, F. E.
SIMPSON Miss
BURT, Miss
PICKARD, Norman
ARROWSMITH, Cicely
FREEMAN, John
SMITH, Mrs. R. J.
DAVIDSON, F. H.
BLACKNEY, Florence
PUTTMAN, Mr.
SCHEFFLER, Vera
WOZNOW, Clara
TOOLE, Leonard

BENNIS, Seena
FLATH, John C.
NIBOGIE, John S.
MATHESON, MacGregor
TUSKEY, John
YOUNG, Eleanor H.
THOMPSON, Selma A.
CLAMPITT, Marion I.
MANSELL, Evelyn
CESFORD, Marjorie A.
GILL, Edwin
SNOW, Durene
LANGILLE, Clara
TUMBACK, Frank
BEAN, Ray
AMBROSE, Dorothy
BACHMEIR, Leo
MILLER, Leonard

Newburg School District

The Newburg School was built in about 1906 and closed in 1954.

Teachers:

THOMES, Anne
SMITH, Miss M. F.
JONES, J. W.
DOLLMAN, E.
SOMMERS, Mrs. A. L. (Roy)
TOTHILL, Mrs. Katie
GRACE, Mrs.
LEWISS, M. C.
MARTIN, Carl
JOHNSON, Esther
WAINE, Gladys M. C.
NASH, Helen
DELKON, Harold
WELSH, Elizabeth

MORRIS, W. R.
BECKER, D. A.
WENZEL, A.
RUFF, A. E.
SCHNEIDER, E. W.
BADER, Leona
TEEL, Clara
CHECKNITEA, Miss E.
FRIESIN, Frank
KENDLE, James
BAMBER, Eva
PIVAT, Frank
HUGHES, J. F.
AMBROSE, Dorothy

Concordia School District #1004

Concordian School was built in 1904, opened in 1905, and was closed in 1953 or 1954.

Teachers:

MILLER, Wm
WILSON, Miss
DOUBLEDAY, H. T.
PAYZANT, E. L.
VANCE, G.
SLEIGHT, Alice
INGHAM, George
CREUSS, G.
STUBBS, Miss
SAMPLE, M. E.
REED, David
GOW, H. R.
FITZSIMONS, N. S.
HARRIS, Edith L.
LEADER, H. A.
DUMPHEY, Miss M.
GROENINK, Rose
SMITHSON, K. J.
ROBE, G. L.
JONES, Miss
McGILL, F. M.
DOWNING, L. M.
NICHOLS, Martha L.
ANSLEY, Vera
McWAINE, Norma
CAMERON, Margaret

PORTER, Miss
McRAE, T.
DUNN, R. W.
DINKEL, Josphine
RUFF, A. E.
DILLON, M. E.
TAYLOR, Irene
BOLIN, L. P.
BELL, Miss
BELT, Irene
EVERS, Della
SCHULER, Meta
CHRISTENSEN, Ruth
VOSS, Bertha
JILLINGS, Frances
THOMPSON, Miss
RIDALLS, Florence
UNGER, Henry
WRIGHT, Annie
DEGORAY, F. T.
FALLAGHER, A.
BORESKI, A.
WIEDEMANN, Betty
OSWLAD, Erna
MAXWELL, Barbara

Coal Centre School District

Coal Centre School was built in 1904-05 on the NW 1/4 of 17-11-03-W4 and closed in 1953.

Teachers:

LEA, Eva
MILLAR, E. C.
FOULTON, Miss
CARRLMAN, Miss
BULFOUR, H. E.
RAUKIN, Elsie
BIBBY, Miss
MEENAGH, M. C.
BROWN, Mary E.
REID, Chas D.
DAWSON, Phylis
NICHOLS, Ruth E.
TRENNUM, Pearl

BEARRIE, Jean
BOYD, Doris
LONGHURST, Gladys
OTTO, Martha
MACK, Annie
EMBREE, Anne
DOWKES, Ivy
DEERING, Mary
WALKLEY, Helen
TUMBACK, Frank
BURKETT, A.
WILSON, Lena

Clover Hill School District #2584

The Clover Hill School was built on the S 1/4 of 24-12-02-W4. It was completed in 1913 and it is not known when it closed.

Teachers:

BEATON, B.F.
LOGAN, Lisa
BOSWELL, Richard
OUGHTRED, Clifford
NEAL, Effie (Mrs. KURSDOFER)
THOMAS, E. Sample
THOMAS, M. Babington
CRAWFORD, A. H.
PERCY, L. Riches
TOYUSSEN, R. B.
SHOEMAKER, Wm. B.
CROCKFORD, B.B. (Mickey)
GRANT, Ralph
GORDON, Murial
FISHER, Lenor (Mrs. Harold McBAIN)

ESPLIN, Margurite
HUTINGER, May
McBAIN, Harold (Married Lenore FISHER)
McLAUGHLIN, Hubert
DAECHSEL, Magdalena
ALLEN, Charlie E.
COLWELL, Ruth (Mrs. Charles ARMSTRONG)
WHITE, Alex
HOEL, Mabel L. (Mrs. Victor JORDAL)
McQUAIG, Roberta
SUDWORTH, Ruth
SCHNEIDER, Mrs Blanche
BROSZ, Evelyn (Mrs. Jim QUINLAN)
BOHNET, Mrs. Laura (Dave)
FAULKENSTEIN, Irene (Mrs. Ed WALSH)

Berry Centre School District #796

The Berry Centre School was built in 1906 on the NW 1/4 of 01-11-03-W4 and was later moved to the NE 1/4 of 31-10-02-W4. It closed in 1954.

Teachers:

DAKIN, N.
NORTH, Miss
McQUARRIE, Lloyd
FERNS, Herman
JENNINGS, J. B.
McKENZIE, A.
MacKELLER, H.
JERROLD, E. M.
SAMPLE, W. C.
JONES, J. W.
FOX, Mary
MacFADYER, John H.
WALLACE, Ethel
FISHER, Miss
MacNTOSH, Wm.
JOHNSON, Ruth H.
ROBERTS, Miss
MacNTOSH, Mrs.
MacBURLY, Mary
GLESSON, Helen
CURTIS, Maria
McKURTY, Mary
CLEMENS, Nora
ROBINSON, James
COOK, Miss C.

McDONALD, John A.
ZIEFFLE, Alice
NICHOLSON, Gladys
TROTMAN, A. G.
RUTHERFORD, Jean
OTTO, Martha
COOK, Laura E.
RILY, Jessie
EVANS, Mrs. A
MACK, Annie
MacDONALD, Mrs Florence
BADER, Leona
WIEDEMAN, Gertrude
MILLER, Margaret
PAYNE, Mrs.
SMITH, Eileen
WIEDEMAN, Joyce
METZ, RoseKRONBERG, Vera
VOLK, Edith
SWEENEY, Beatrice
HOLLINGSHEAD, Mrs. B. J.
BELYK, Walter
KRIZAN, Mary
AMBROSE, Dorothy

Irvine Bylaws

The town of Irvine was incorporated on June 11, 1909 and the first meeting of the mayor (Carl BENY) and the councillors (John HAUSAUER, Joseph BEITZ, Fred BROZ, Gott. WEISS Sr., John KEONIG, and Jacob JESCHKI) was held August 17, 1909. Following are the first eight bylaws dealt with by the new council. Obviously, raising money was a main concern to the new town.

Bylaw #1

"That if any member of the council does not appear at any advertised meeting shall be fined the sum of \$1 unless prevented by unavoidable circumstances." Amended February 27, 1911.

Bylaw #2

"That Councillor John HAUSAUER supervise the building of the town well and hire help at the cheapest possible rate of wages."

Bylaw #3

"That a licence be imposed at \$25 on any track grain buyer buying on the streets of Irvine."

Bylaw #4

"That a pole tax be collected from parties staying in town and not being in possession of taxable property after such party has stayed in town for more than tree days at a rate of \$2."

Bylaw #5

"That a license of \$2 be collected from any travelling show or concert exhibiting in the town of Irvine."

Bylaw #6

"That a license of \$20 be collected from any peddler that offers for sale goods of any kind whether such goods are sold by any tax payer in town or not."

Bylaw #7

"That a license of \$50 be collected from anyone no a tax payer of the town of Irvine who deals or attempts to deal in real estate in what ever shape or form in the town of Irvine."

Bylaw #8

That a license of \$15 to be collected from everyone who so ever does any work in the line of livery or dray work in the town of Irvine whether such party is tax payer or not."

Queries

DRYBROUGH - Looking for descendants (heirs-at-law) of Ross Wilson DRYBROUGH.
Born Toronto, ON on November 9, 1923.
Died Brampton, ON on June 3, 1993.
Children - Carolyn, Stephan, Jennifer
Mother - Ruth

GOWER - Hilda Elizabeth GOWER, died January 28, 1969.
Died after husband Charles GOWER.

WENTNER - Emily Jean WENTNER (TOMPKIN), died March 23, 1923.
Lived with daughter Bertah at Wildhorse, AB before her death. Husband Charles GOWER.

Please send query replies to The Saamis Seeker - Attention Adele Johnson