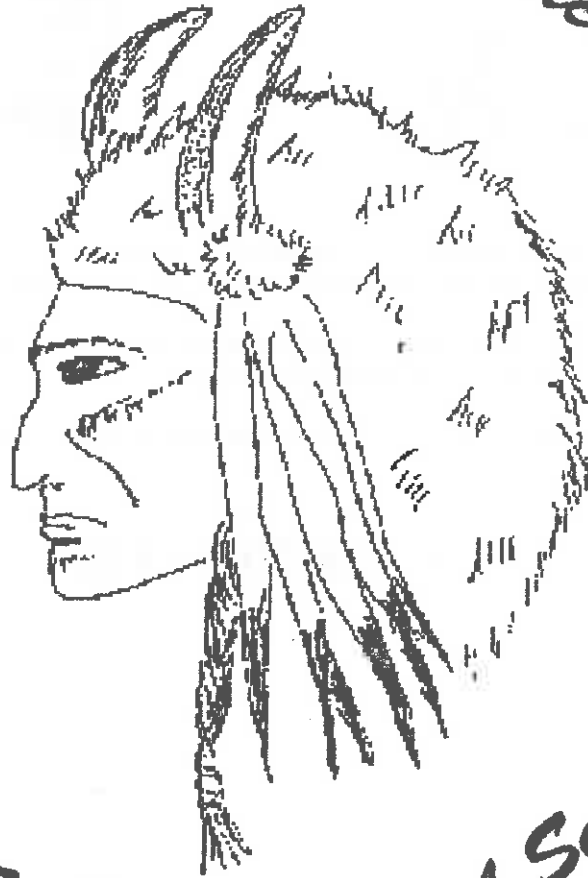


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# MY FAMILY TREE

Ruby Engler (A.G.S. 631)

Charles GILDER m. Maria GARTON  
MaryAnn GILDER m. Bill GREEN  
Alf GREEN m. Margaret JOHNSTON  
Margaret GREEN m. Elmer DICKSON  
Ruby DICKSON m. Gordon ENGLER

Thomas GILL m. Elizabeth FOX  
Sarah GILL m. John JOHNSTON  
Alf GREEN m. Margaret JOHNSTON  
Margaret GREEN m. Elmer DICKSON  
Ruby DICKSON m. Gordon ENGLER

Joseph WOLLBAUM m. Theresa SCHMIDT  
Josephine WOLLBAUM m. Dominik MAIER  
Eugenia MAIER m. Ludwig ENGLER  
Gordon ENGLER m. Ruby DICKSON

James DICKSON m. Ann DORRAGH  
William DICKSON m. Rosamond ARMSTRONG  
Wm. J. DICKSON m. Ellen LAMBE  
Elmer DICKSON m. Margaret GREEN  
Ruby DICKSON m. Gordon ENGLER

William LAMBE m. Ann TENNISWOOD  
Henry LAMBE m. Susan GAMBLE  
Ellen LAMBE m. Wm. J. DICKSON  
Elmer DICKSON m. Margaret GREEN  
Ruby DICKSON m. Gordon ENGLER

James THOMPSON m. Martha SPROULE  
Hannah THOMPSON m. Wm. J. DICKSON  
Ida DICKSON m. Ed PARCHMAN  
Mildred PARCHMAN m. Jay ORR  
Lee ORR m. Marie SHAW

Michael ENGLER m. Elizabeth PLEIGER  
Gregor ENGLER m. Barbara TUTRONHEFER  
Sebastian ENGLER m. Marion KAMBEITZ  
Ludwig ENGLER m. Eugenia MAIER  
Gordon ENGLER m. Ruby DICKSON

Elizabeth WHITFORD m. John PERRY  
John ARMSTRONG m. Susanna PERRY  
Rosamond ARMSTRONG m. Wm. DICKSON  
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## MY AREAS OF SEARCH (Ruby Engler)

Canada	Ireland	U.S.
Sask.	England	Ohio
Ont.	Scotland	Michigan
Alb.	Russia	California
B.C.	Germany	Alabama
Man.		

Now I'm doing research on the PERRY family. I am in contact with a lady in Whitby and one in Newmarket, Ont. In 1972, my cousin told me about the PERRY name, connected with Rosamond ARMSTRONG. It would be her grandparents. It took 10 years before I found Rosamond's father, John, and just last year, 1994, I found out all about the PERRY family connections. The two ladies and I are descended from three PERRY families from around Cookstown, Ont.

Also I'm following the THOMPSON line, as my grandfather, Wm. J. DICKSON's first wife was Hannah THOMPSON from Thompsonville, Ont. I met a descendant of one THOMPSON line and he lives here in Medicine Hat. His mother flew from Barrie, Ont. and we met in December 1994.

## QUERIES

### PADFIELD

Seeking information on Alfred PADFIELD m. Sarah KEE in London, Ont. on 5 March, 1862. They lived in Blanshard, Ont. until 1889, when they moved to London, Ont.. They had a daughter, Emily, who married Dr. James WILSON in 1892. Sister Maud and brother John were witnesses. What happened to the rest of the children, Mary and James? Where and when did Alfred and Sarah die? Any information on these people or their descendants would be greatly appreciated.

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# A PRAYER FOR GENEALOGISTS

by Curtis Woods

Lord, help me dig into the past  
And sift the sands of time  
That I might find the roots that made  
This family tree of mine.  
Lord, help me trace the ancient roads  
On which my fathers trod  
And led them through so many lands  
To find our present sod.

Lord, help me find an ancient book  
Or dusty manuscript  
That's safely hidden now away  
In some forgotten crypt;  
Lord, let it bridge the gap that haunts  
My soul when I can't find  
The missing link between some name  
That ends the same as mine.

## LIBRARY REPORT 1994

We received nine newsletter exchanges with Alberta, namely: Alberta Family History Society, Brooks, Edmonton, Grande Prairie, Fort McMurray, Relatively Speaking, Saarnis Seekers, Red Deer and Lethbridge.

We subscribe to: Manitoba (Generations) and Saskatchewan (Bulletin). We exchange with West Central and Prince Albert in Saskatchewan.

In Ontario, we exchange with 19 branches, and we have been given five exchanges through a former member.

In the past year, we have purchased quite a few books, such as: A Photographer's List of Ontario; Southern Alberta Pioneers; A to Z Guide to Tracing Your Ancestors in Britain; Russian Language Documents; four updated Angus Baxter books; Index to Births, Marriages and Deaths (from Manitoba newspapers 1882-1884); Genealogical Gazette of Galicia; and the 1994 GRD. We also purchased some forms for the 1901 Canadian Census, and the Ontario Vital Statistics Birth, Marriages and Deaths indexes on microfilm.

Donations include: two-volume Cook Family History; Alberta's Cities, Towns, Villages and Hamlets; History of Newmarket, Ont.; The Home Children; Behind Barbed Wire; History of Hinton; Western Canadian History, Plains, Trains and Wagon Wheels History Book; and the Wutzke, Andreas and Theophile Family History Book.

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## 1994 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Edie Pinder

In 1994, we had six out-of-town members, two family memberships, and 36 single memberships, for a grand total of 44 members.

# GENERAL NEWS

The Medicine Hat and District Genealogical Society recently donated to the Medicine Hat Public Library the following Ontario Vital Statistics Indexes on microfilm: Births 1869-1897; Marriages 1873-1912; Deaths 1869-1922; one reel of original Births, Marriages and Deaths Indexes 1869; and one reel of original Marriage Indexes 1870-1872.

You still need to order the actual registration record from Inter-library Loan, through the Medicine Hat Library, or you can order a photocopy from the L.D.S. Family History Center. Both places have the books with the proper registration reel numbers to order from.

The Medicine Hat and District Genealogical Society meets the first Wednesday of every month (except July and August), at the Multicultural Folk Arts Center (across from Medicine Hat City Hall on 1st Street downtown).

We have a very informative library with lots of material on how to research and get started in Genealogy. New members are always welcome. Come and visit us!

Contact Betty Padfield at 403-526-8677

## BESSARABIA CORNER

by Ferdinand Schwab

### Bessarabia Colonies

In 1812, Russia invited Germans from Poland and Germany to colonize Bessarabia. Originally the new Colonies were known by number. Then some of them received names which were changed later. I will list some of them.

Tarutino	Elizabeth
Borodino	Saok, (after the valley), later Alexander (in honour of Kaiser Alexander I.)
Leipzig	Skinos, Katharinenruh
Kulm	Mardar, Paulsberg
Malojaroslawetz I	Kirgis, (after the valley), Wurttemberg, Wittenberg
Beresina	Annental, Kugalnik, Beresna
Klostitz	Emaut, Tschaga
Paris	Alexuswert
Ferechampenoise I	Michaelsruhm, Alt-Elft (after the number 11 of the land)
Arcis	Nr. 14
Brienne	Nr. 15
Teplitz	The Zwolfte or Nr. 12
Alt Postal	Kirgis (after the valley), Borschtal (after the first renter)
Dennewitz	Hamburg (after the renter Chambur)
Friedenstal	The Dreizehnte or Nr. 13
Plotzk	Dragule (after the valley)
Hoffnungstal	Nr. 9
Sarata	Kolonie in Valley Sarata, Nr. 1 (Sarata-salt valley)
Gnadenstal	Kolonie Nr. 2, Nowaja Sarata (Neu-Sarata) after 1832 the name was changed to Gnadenstal, because by the Grace of God, the Cholera was stopped
Lichtental	Kolonie Nr. 3 or Tritte Step (third Steppe) Lobental, since 1840, Lichtental

Most of these Bessarabia names were taken from some historic event.

### TARUTINO

Named after a Russian village in the province of Kaluga. Here the Russian army under General Kutuzow, on October 18, 1812, defeated the French army. They captured 1000 soldiers and 30 canons.

## BORODINO

This also was a Russian village in the province of Moskau. With the war at this place, Napoleon opened his way to Moskau. However, he suffered great losses.

## MALOMAROSLAWETZ I

This was the capital of the province of Kaluga. At this war on October 24, 1812, Napoleon was forced to retreat.

## BERESINA

This was a side creek flowing into the river Dnjepr. At this war from November 26 to November 29, 1812, a large part of the French army lost their lives. There were 7000 prisoners and 9000 killed.

## KLOSTITZ

Here there was a hot battle between the Russians and the French. The French were forced out of this village with the loss of 18 Officers and 900 soldiers.

## KULM

This was a village in Bavaria. Here with the combined army of Russia and Germany, the French again were forced to retreat. The French lost 10,000 soldiers along with three Generals. This was the biggest step toward the defeat of Napoleon.

## QUERIES

### ZISTERER, Leander

Born 1840 in Ireland, died 1915 in Canada. Married Charlotte BREVIA, born 1845 in Berlin, Germany, died 1928 and believed buried in Chepstow, Ontario.

### KASTER, John

Born 1837 in Neyberger, Merea, Germany, died 1903. Wife's name unknown, born 1839 in Neyberger, Merea, Germany, died 1914.

### YOUNG or JUNG, Joseph

Born 1877, died May 1919, Hanover, Ontario. Married Elizabeth KUENEMAN, born August 14, 1879, died December 3, 1951.

### YOUNG or JUNG, Phillip

Married Marie WEBER. Parents to Joseph (above).

Contact Helen M. YOUNG - 72 Stratton Way S.E. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 4H6

## LOCAL HOLDINGS

### MULTICULTURAL FOLK ARTS COUNCIL LIBRARY

#### BRITAIN

Discovering Britain and Ireland - National Geographic

The Love of London - Rolfe

A Short Account of English Literature - Ciaramella

Fiction Watership Down - Adams

The Game of Kings - Dunnett

Disraeli in Love - Edelman

## CANADA

Alberta Celebration '75  
Canada's Gigantic - Henri Robideau (text: Peter Day)  
Caesars of the Wilderness - Peter C. Newman  
Treasures - Canadian Museum of Civilization

## ENGLAND

Villages of England, England from the Air

## GERMANY

Deutsche Geschichte - Raff  
Das Jahr der Deutschen Einheit  
Die Vereinigung Deutschlands im Jahr 1990  
Unity of Germany and Peace in Europe  
Europa 2000 (3 copies)  
BMNI: Investing in the Future - Germany's New Federal States  
Economic Assistance in the New German Lander  
Music in Germany '92  
Cultural Life in the F.R.G.

## MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Aitken, Barbara B.  
Local Histories of Ontario Municipalities, 1951-1977.  
Local Histories of Ontario Municipalities, 1977-1987.  
Cooper, Kay  
Where Did You Get Those Eyes?: A Guide to Discovering Your Family History.  
Davies, Blodwen  
The Reesor Family in Canada: A Trail Through the Centuries.  
Dew, Ian F.  
Bibliography of Material Relating to Southern Alberta - Published to 1970.  
Height, Joseph S.  
Homesteaders on the Steppe.  
Paradise on the Steppe.  
Johnson, Glen  
Voices of Alberta: A Survey of Oral History Completed in Alberta.  
Provincial Archives of Alberta. Historical Resources Library.  
Alberta's Local Histories in the Historical Resources Library.  
Strathern, Gloria M.  
Alberta Newspapers 1880-1982: An Historical Directory.

## MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE LIBRARY

Medicine Hat Times	Nov. 1885 - 1894
Medicine Hat Weekly News	1896 - 1945
Medicine Hat News	1911 - 1993

Birkett, Patricia (National Archives of Canada. Manuscript Division)  
Checklist of Parish Registers, 1986.  
Butterwick, Alyce (Foremost Historical Society) Shortgrass Country: A History of Foremost and Nemiskam.  
Cashman, Tony The Best Edmonton Stories.  
Edis, Graham and Shirley  
Trace Your Family Tree: A Do-it-Yourself Workbook for Canadians.  
Jacknife, Albina  
Elizabeth Metis Settlement: A Local History.  
Johnston, Alex and Andy Albert den Otter (Historical Society of Alberta. Whoop-Up Country Chapter)  
Lethbridge: A Centennial History.

Michael, Hope Hargreave (Medicine Hat Historical and Museum Foundation)

90 Years at Elkwater Lake, Cypress Hills, Alberta: An Interesting Account of the Early Days in the Elkwater Area.

Morrow, James W. (Medicine Hat and District Historical Society)

Early History of the Medicine Hat Country.

Skiff History Book Committee (Alberta) Skiff in the Prairie Wind.

Turner, Patrick (St. Mary's Historical Book Society)

Faith and Flowing Water: The History of the Catholic People in the Eastern Irrigation District and Surrounding Area.

## BOOK REVIEW

The following is a list of some Ontario people who came west to the Crandall area of Manitoba. Taken from Chronicle of Crandall, 1971.

ADAMS,	Robert	Gorrie	JOHNSTON,	Jacob	Campbell
AMY,	Wellington	Crediton			Cross
ANDREW,	George	Huron County	JOHNSTON,	William H.	Coleraine
ANDREW,	Thomas Henry	Elimville,	KIDD,	William Sr.	Palmerston
		near Exeter	KIDD,	Robert M.	Palmerston
BACON,	Elijah	Walkerton	KIRK,	Mary (Webb)	Kirkton
BACON,	John	Walkerton	KIRK,	Harold N.	Kirkton
BORLAND,	Thomas	St. Mary's	KIRK,	Samuel	Kirkton
BOWES,	David	Clifford	KIRK,	John	Kirkton
BRAY,	John	Woodstock	KIRKTON,	William	Pickering
BROWN,	R. J.	Owen Sound	KOCH,	John	Wiarion
CAMPBELL,	William H.	Braeside	KEMP,	Frederick	Owen Sound
CARRUTHERS,	Rev. A.	Whitby	LAWSON,	Joseph	Garafraxa
COLBECK,	George	Dunbar	LEVINS,	Thomas	Walkerton
COVENEY,	Ronald	Newmarket	LEVINS,	John J.	Grand Bend
COWLING,	Daniel	Orangeville	LEVINS,	William W.	Crediton
COWLING,	William	Fergus	LOVE,	George W.	Atwood
CRANDELL,	Byron	Clifford	MARK,	Edwin	Port Perry
CRANDELL,	Morley	Clifford	MCDONALD,	John	Walkerton
CRAWFORD,	James	Sand Hill	MUSGROVE,	James A.	Wroxter
DICKEY,	Alfred	St. Mary's	PADFIELD,	George	Howick
DICKEY,	Roland	St. Mary's	PETCH,	Herbert B.	Aurora
DICKEY,	Alvy	St. Mary's	QUINN,	Joseph	Collingwood
DORAN,	Thomas Edson	St. Vincents	RIVERS,	J. F.	Sombra
DOUGLAS,	Thomas Jr.	Walkerton	ROBINSON,	James	Bradford
DOUGLAS,	William	Walkerton	ROUTLEDGE,	William	Walkerton
DOUGLAS,	James	Walkerton	RUDD,	Richard	St. Mary's
DOUGLAS,	Robert	Walkerton	RUNCHEY,	Robert	Kincardine
DOUPE,	Benjamin H.	St. Mary's	SCHMIDT,	Julius	Bayfield
EYER,	Abraham	Richmound Hill	SHIER,	Samuel H.	St. Mary's
			SHIER,	Jesse S.	Kirkton
FENNELL,	Simon	Palmerston	SMITH,	James	Whitby
FINKLEINER,	John	Crediton	SMITH,	John	Scarborough
FINLEY,	John	Milton	STEWART,	John	Owen Sound
FLEMING,	Robert	Woodstock	STRACHAN,	Lou	St. Mary's
FRASER,	Dr. John H.	Georgetown	SWITZER,	J. Luther	Kirkton
GRAY,	Hugh	Elora	TODD,	James	Fergus
HAMILTON,	James	Brantford	VANCE,	Matthew E.	Clifford
HAMILTON,	Thomas	Prospect Hill	WARREN,	Albert	Palmerston
HAZLEWOOD,	Wesley	Kirkton	WARREN,	Joseph H.	Wallace
HENDERSON,	George Robert	Hibbert	WARREN,	James W.	Palmerston
HENDERSON,	David Jr.	Hibbert	WARREN,	John N.	Palmerston
HYNDMAN,	John	Fordwich	WHITE,	William J.	Greenock
IRVINE,	Thomas H.	Bruce County	WHITNEY,	H. B.	Brighton
IRVINE,	John	Kincardine			
JOHNS,	William T.	Exeter			
JOHNSTON,	Morgan	Toronto			