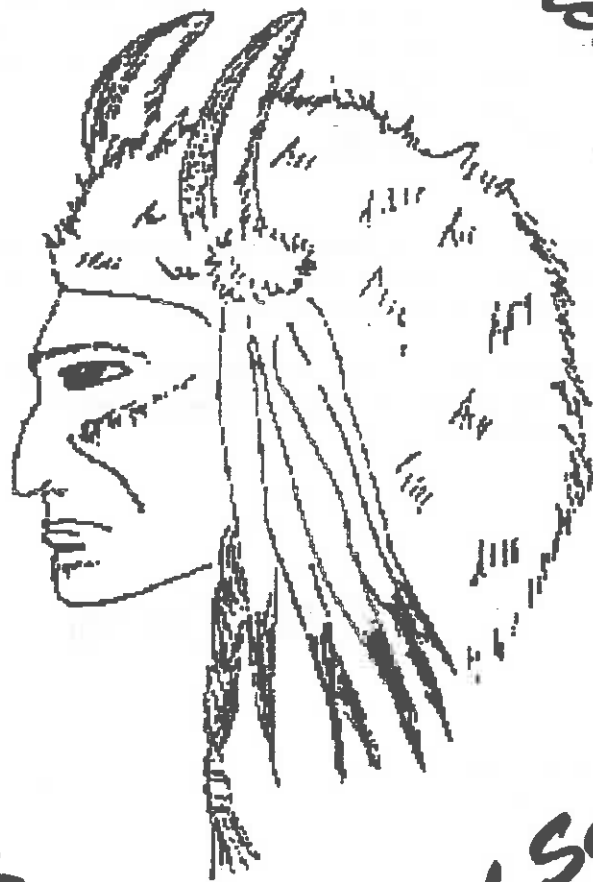


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0015570	Vital records - New Hampshire 1714-1829
0038879	Albota/Moldavia/Kavul, Bessarabia (b.to 1940)
0038880	Albota, Bessarabia
0038881	Tarutin/Alexanderfeld/Albota, Bessarabia 1897-1934
0038882	Katzbach / Alt-Elft, Bessarabia 1815-1940 (b.1841-1842)
0038883	Andreyen, Odessa, Ukraine (Birth/Death 1892-1940)
0038884	Parish registers -Arzis, Bessarabia 1819-1880
0038892	Family group records - Alt-Elft 1865-1891
0038895	Gnadenthal deaths/family book records 1857-1891
0038896	Gnadenthal family book 1881-1900, Sarata, Bessarabia
0038897	Hoffnungstal family book 1940
0038899	Katzbach, Bessarabia deaths 1820-1899
0038902	Parish records - Klostitz, Bessarabia (m.1854-1856)
0038903	Parish records - Klostitz, Bessarabia (m.1859-1880)
0038904	Parish records - Klostitz, Bessarabia (m.1922-1925)
0038905	Parish records - Klostitz, Bessarabia (family book 1908)
0038911	Alt Postal, Bessarabia (b.1865-1872/1901-1902)
0038912	Parish records -Alt Postal, Bessarabia (family book 1938)
0038913	Parish records - Alt Postal,Bessarabia (family book 1910)
0038914	Alt Postal/Tarutino,Bessarabia (family book 1848)
0038919	Parish records - Kirche Alt-Elft/Paris (family book 1891)
0038922	Parish records - Sarata/Gnadenthal, Bessarabia 1822-1940 (m.1834-1854)
0038923	Parish records - Sarata, Bessarabia (d.1857-1889)
0038929	Tarutino, Bessarabia (m.1855-1864 1892-1895)
0038930	Tarutino, Bessarabia (d.1851-1872)
0038931	Tarutino, Bessarabia (family book STA-Z 1939)
0038933	Wittenberg, Bessarabia (b.1816-1861)
0091138	Parish registry 1710-1948 - Church of England-Chapelry of Tanfield (Durham) (b.m.d. 1719-1848/ b.1752-1791)
0091139	Chapelry of Tanfield (christenings 1848-1948)
0091140	Chapelry of Tanfield (m.1785-1948)
0098543	Whitkirk, York, England - baptisms 1701-1837
0102342	Church of Scotland, Parish of Minnigaff - registers 1694-1855
0102819	Barr, Ayrshire, Scotland - Church records 1689-1857
0104111	Scotland census 1871
0108612	Catholic Church Records - Nijmegen, Gelderland, Netherlands - 1659-1813
0108799	Catholic Church records - Nijmegen, Gelderland, Netherlands - 1659-1813
0108800	Catholic Church records -Nijmegen, Gelderland, Netherlands - 1659-1813



## GENEALOGY VIDEOS

available at the Medicine Hat Public Library.

Do Your Family Tree - by Eakle, Arlene H. - Horizon Home Video

Do Your Family Tree, Part II: advanced research - by Eakle, Arlene H. - Horizon Home Video

Gift of Heritage - by Peterson, Mary Lou - Mary Lou Productions

Your Heritage To Discover, To Share - Our Memories Productions

All these are on VHS and available for loan - call numbers start 929.1---. Happy viewing, and good luck in your research.

## MORE LOCAL HOLDINGS

### MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE LIBRARY

- Lacombe Rural History Club  
Wagon Trails to Hard Top: history of Lacombe and area
- Paul Leonard Voisey  
Vulcan: the making of a prairie community
- Schuler History Book Committee(edited by)  
Saga of Schuler Stalwarts
- E. L. Meeres  
The Homesteads that Nurtured a City: the history of Red Deer
- Marcel M.C. Dirk(edited by)  
Old Timer Tells ... the pioneer memoirs of William Cousins
- Frontier Publishing  
Calgary To Medicine Hat: frontier guide Calgary to Medicine Hat Printed by D.W. Friesen, Calgary 1971  
Trails to the Bow: Carseland and Cheadle chronicles
- Kinette Club of Didsbury/ History Book Committee  
Echoes of an Era: history of Didsbury and District
- Doreen Olecko  
Sagittawah Saga: the story of Whitecourt
- Muriel Elizabeth Eskrick  
The Norwegian Settlers, Eagle Hill and Bergen: stories of the west country
- Scandia Historical Committee 1978  
Scandia since Seventeen
- Hilda Town and Country Ladies Club 1974  
Hilda's Golden Heritage
- Eva Delday, edited by Pearl Thomas  
Brooks: Beautiful-Bountiful
- Roselyn Easter editor 1977  
Rosemary: land of promise
- Pendant d'Oreille Lutheran Church Women 1970  
Prairie footprints: a history of the community in Southern Alberta known as Pendant d'Oreille
- Jack Thomas / Bow Island Lions Club Book Committee  
Silver Sage : Bow Island 1900-1920
- William A. Riddell  
Regina: from Pile of O'Bones to Queen City of the Plains: an illustrated history

### MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### GENEALOGY

- Stemmons, John D.  
The United States census compendium: a directory of census records, tax lists, poll lists, petitions, directories, etc. which can be used as a census -
- Aitken, Barbara B.  
Local Histories of Ontario municipalities, 1951-1977  
Local Histories of Ontario municipalities, 1977-1987
- Baxter, Angus  
In search of your German roots  
In search of your roots  
In search of your Canadian roots  
In search of your European roots

Burke, Bernard, Sir  
 Burke's American families with British ancestry  
 Burke's guide to the Royal Family

Catchpole, Brian  
 Map history of the modern world: 1890 to the present day

Filby, P. William  
 A Bibliography of American county histories

Genealogy and local history:  
 Godspeed's catalogue 586

Greenwood, Val D.  
 The reseatcher's guide to American genealogy

Harris, R. Cole  
 Historical atlas of Canada, Vol. 1, from the beginning to 1800

Irvin, Linda  
 Encyclopedia of Associations

Jonasson, Eric  
 The Canadian genealogical handbook

Kerr, Donald Gordon Grady  
 Historical atlas of Canada

Lehman, Heinz  
 The German Canadians, 1750-1937

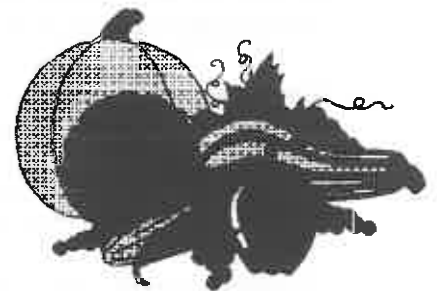
Marcus, Clare  
 Adopted ? : a Canadian guide for adopted adults in search of their origins

Mennie-deVarenes, Kathleen  
 Annotated bibliography of genealogical works in Canada

Miller, Olga K.  
 Migration, Emigration, Immigration  
 ....more in the next issue...

## LOCAL HISTORIES

Cypress Hills Country - Cypress Hills (Alberta) Historical Society  
 Dinosaurs To Defence: a story of the Suffield Block - British Army  
 Training Unit Suffield  
 Early History Of The Medicine Hat Country - J. W. Morrow 1869-1932  
 [also at the College Library]  
 The Great Pioneers Who Cleared And Broke The Virgin Land Of  
 Josephberg: 1867-Centennial-1967 - Hilda Mohr  
 Leavings By Trail, Granum By Rail - Granum History Book Committee  
 Manyberries Chinook: a history of the communities of Glassford,  
 Manyberries, Minda, New Home, Orion, Ranchville - Alice Mayer  
 Our Golden Heritage - Clearwater History Book Committee  
 Our Treasured Heritage: a history of Coalhurst and district - Coalhurst  
 Historical Society  
 Plain, Trains and Wagon Wheels - Grace Roth/Dunmore South  
 History Book Society  
 Redcliff's 50 Golden Years: the early history of Redcliff - Cecil T. Hall  
 Seven Persons: one hundred and sixty acres and a dream - Lillian Ost/Seven Persons Historical Society  
 Wagon Trails and Pioneer Tales - Bowell to Bowmanton Historical Society (includes Box Springs, Chappice  
 Lake Region, Finns Lake Region, Harvest Vale Region, Pearsonville Region, and Vale, Alberta histories)  
 Winnifred, our trails, trials and memories - Ruth Collins/Winnifred Historical Society  
 Faded Trails: Grassy Lake, Purple Springs - Grassy Lake and Purple Springs Historical Society  
 From Sage To Timber: a history of the Fort Walsh, Cypress Hills (West Block), Merryflat and Battle Creek areas  
 - Joyce Nuttall/ Merry Battlers Ladies Club



## COLLECTIONS OF THE MEDICINE HAT MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY ARCHIVES

The archival collection of the Medicine Hat Museum and Art Gallery serves to preserve, document and record the historical development of Southeastern Alberta and Southwestern Saskatchewan. Repeated requests for access to many of our archival collections has strengthened our position as a research facility, which continues to be utilized by academics, scholars, geneologists and general researchers from across the continent.

The Archive collection which continues to grow annually, is currently comprised of 600 linear feet of manuscripts, 350,000 photographs, a local history library and an audio visual component. A few of our outstanding collections include:

Medicine Hat Chamber of Commerce 1900-1983  
Medicine Hat Police Service 1911-1993  
Medicine Hat General Hospital 1888-1989  
F.M. Ginther Land Company 1901-1921  
Alberta Linseed Oil Company 1918-1978  
Canada Land and Irrigation Company 1894-1952  
I-XL Industries 1907-1984  
Medicine Hat Rural School Division No. 4 - 1904-1965  
Medicine Hat School District No. 76 - 1885-1985  
Dr. John W. Bennett Research Papers 1960-1990  
Gainsboro Studio Collection 1946-1967  
Women's Literary Club 1906-1984  
Imperial Order Daughters Of The Empire (I.O.D.E.)  
    Walter Huckvale Chapter 1943-1993   Nursing Sister Ida Kealey Chapter 1932-1984  
George and Eva Davison Collection 1879-1978  
Jerry Glasgo Collection (P.O.W. Camp # 132 Medicine Hat) 1944-1980

## TSCHEMTSHELLEY BESSARABIA

Submitted by Ferdinand Schwab

While reading a 1963 Heimat Kalender I found a distant relative to my wife. His name was Yohannes Kallmeier. He was her first cousin, three generations removed! This short history was written by his grandson Erich. Unfortunately I do not have him in my records as yet. I do have Yohannes and his wife and two children so far.

Yohannes Kallmeier was one of the founders of Tschemtschelly in 1862. Yohannes and his parents, Franz Kahlmeier and Christina Beierbach, came from Katzbach to start a new settlement near a Russian village named Tschemtschelly. They used the same name. The land was rented on a long term lease. The first years were very difficult. The first hut was built of sod. The first winter, Yohannes age 17, stayed on the farm alone. His parents and grandparents went back to Katzbach for the winter.

The following year, more permanent house and barns were built. In 1866 Yohannes married Caroline Bohnet. I believe Caroline was also related to me. So far I have not been able to connect yet. Yohannes started his own farm of 40 desjadine. This was about 100 acres. Yohannes became a leader in the community. For twenty five years he was elected as mayor.

Yohannes was also very helpful in healing horses. When ever there was a sick horse they sent for "Hannes Vetter" (Uncle John). When a sick horse was brought to him, he treated it with a variety of herbs. He then removed his cap. He made a cross on the horse with his finger. Then he whispered a few words. Next he blew three breathes on the horse, and the treatment was over. He did not consider this as witchcraft. It was just a religious ritual.

Yohannes' wife Caroline was also very helpful in the community. She was active as a mid wife from 1890 to 1927. As there was no doctor, she was called on for many other illnesses. She also was familiar with a variety of herbs. She even helped out in the neighbor (Russian) villages. Sometimes she was away form home for days. Several times she was called on to help with patients that had rabies. Although they had 8 children of their own, the Kallmeiers were always willing to help their neighbors. Caroline died in 1930 at the age of 82 years. Yohannes died in 1939 at the age of 93 years.