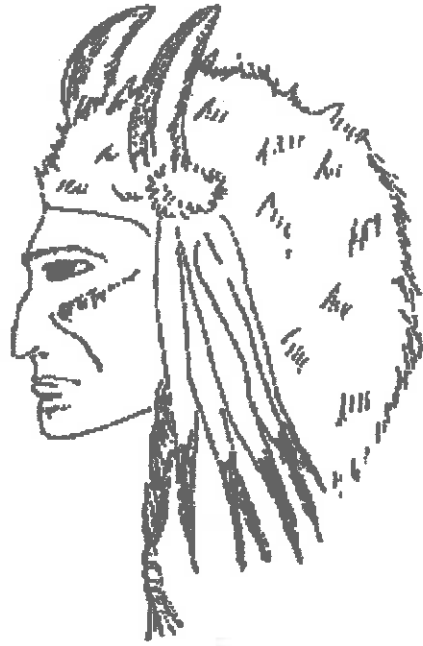


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NEW BOOKS IN OUR GENEALOGY LIBRARY

Reviewed by Ruby Engler

CLANS AND FAMILIES OF IRELAND

by John Grenham

Shows coats of arms of many of the commonest names in Ireland. Lots of pictures. Stories from olden times to present, from the north to the south. Understanding the potato famine and need for Irish emigration to North America.

THE A - Z GUIDE TO TRACING ANCESTORS IN BRITAIN

by Pauline Soul and F. C. Markwell

Information of various sources to search. Index at back of book, also maps, as districts were renamed after April 1974, of England Scotland and Ireland.

HISTORICAL ATLAS OF EASTERN CENTRAL EUROPE

by Paul Robert Magosic

After skimming through this book, its very interesting. It has year - periods of changes in Europe and Russia, example, 1810 - 1890's and explains the history of that period and so on.

Its very interesting to me because my German in-laws came in 1910 from Odessa, Russia, so I get a perspective of the changes they went through. Now my son is engaged to a girl, and her parents were born in Croatia. So I can study the changes that country went through.

RECORDS OF ST. BARNABAS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Early 1960's to present at the church -

635 - 4 Street S. E.

Medicine Hat, AB T1A OL1

Phone 526 - 7713

Fax 527 - 4907

Prior to 1960 - Archives are stored at the University of Calgary for the Anglican Diocese of Calgary

These files can only be searched by writing to -

Archivist

Canon Don Binney

Anglican Diocese of Calgary

3015 Glencoe Road S. W.

Calgary, AB T2S 2L9

There is a \$10.00 fee per search.

MINTO MEMOIRS : 1881 - 1979

People who came to Minto, MB from Ontario -- Submitted by Betty Padfield

Aitken, Andrew Stratford

Riddell, George Stratford.

Ballentyne, William Gorrie

Bennett, George Petrolia

Blodgert, Edward Palmerston

Jones, William Ashburn.

Coad, George Mitchell

Campbell, William Fordwich

Coupland, Fred Sr.	Howick	McCuaig, Peter	Woodville
Campbell, Thomas Liskune		McKee, Sam	Ottawa
.....	Fordwich	McKinnon, Hugh	Bruce Co.
Campbell, Robert	Hamilton	McLean, Robert James	Beaverton
Campbell, Richard	Fordwich	McMillan, James	Beaverton
Campbell, Robert H	Fordwich	Mealey, Wm	Almonte
Cann, John	Kincardine	Middleton, George	Bruce County
Chambers, William	Crambray	Mogk, George	Mitchell
.....	(near Lindsay)	Muir, James	Port Elgin
Chambers, Herbert	Fenelon	Nesbitt, Albert	Gore Bay
Cliffe, Frederick	Lansdowne	Owens, John	Grand Valley
Cliffe, James	Wilstead	Palton, Joseph	Alliston
.....	(near Gananoque)	Popple, Walter F.	Port Hope
Crawford, Frank	Bosanquet twp,	Raymer, Ambrose	Ontario
.....	Lambton Co.	Ratz, Henry	Mitchell
Cruse, Tom	Port Hope	Riddell, Dr. Walter A. .	Stratford
Donley, James	Drayton	Robertson, James Rolla	Lavant
Douglas, Thomas	Cambray	Sands, Louis	Chiselhurst
Dow, William Harris	Pickering	Scarrow, George	Creemore
Duffield, Andrew	Rockland	Schriener, Paul	Fordwich.
Erwin, Herb	Varna	Scott, William	Wingham
Elliott, Dr. W.J.	Bluevale	Scott, Alexander	Wingham
.....	(near Wingham)	Seafoot, Walter	Goderich
Ferguson, J. Douglas .	Kincardine	Shaw, Edward	Fergus
Fleming, Joseph	Toronto	Sheppard, John	Lansdowne
Frank, Robert Waugh .	Lucan	Shiple, William	Mitchell
Frank, William Ainsley	Lucan	Smith, Harry Graeme .	Aurora
Graham, James	Howick	Smith, Charles S.	Toronto
Halladay, James	Owen Sound	Sprott, Frederick	Badjeros
Heaslip, Samuel A. ..	Cronwall	Sroule, John	Cannington
Hesse, Albert	Perry Sound	Sroule, Charles	Cannington
Houston, Robert	Brockville	Sroule, James	Ontario County
Johnson, James	Mitchell	Stewart, Bill	Port Hope
Kyle, John	Owen Sound	Trew, John Mead	Bridgenorth
Kenner, Rev. A. W. .	Exeter	Tosh, Earl	Altamont
King, A. J.	Sudbury	Truscott, Thomas	Port Hope
Kinsley, David	Ontario	Tyreman, Thomas	Hanover
Kinsley, John	Ontario	Vosper, William	Fullerton
Lamont, Daniel	Kincardine	Wark, James	Fitzroy Harbour
Leifso, Edward	Ontario	Williams, Gilbert	Grand Ben
Leathers, Henry	Markham	Williamson, Thomas ..	Carlton Place
Little, Thomas	Port Hope	Wray, William	Oshawa
McCracken, Wm	Streetsville	Wood, Thomas	Port Hope

MORE LOCAL HOLDINGS

MEDICINE HAT PUBLIC LIBRARY

GENEALOGY

Keller, Conrad -- The german colonies in South Russia 1804 - 1904.

Kemp, Thomas Jay -- International Vital Records Handbook.

Kirkham, E. Kay -- Professional techniques and tactics in American genealogical research.

-- A survey of American church records.

Land, Brian -- Directory of associations in Canada.

Lethbridge genealogical resources.

McNeil, Barbara -- Abridged biography and genealogy master index.

Matthew, Geoffrey J. -- Historical atlas of Canada volume III, 1891 - 1961

Moncreiffe, Iain -- Bartholomew Clan Map: Scotland of old.

Munro, Robert William -- Kinsmen and clansmen.

Neagles, James C. -- Locating your immigrant ancestor.

Parker, J Carlyle -- City, county, town and index to the 1850 Federal census.

Perl, Lila -- The great ancestor hunt : the fun of finding out who you are.

Reid, William D. -- Marriage notices of Ontario.

Ryan, James G. -- Irish records : sources for family & local history.

Stumpp, Karl -- The emigration from Germany to Russia in the years 1763 to 1862.

-- The German - Russians, two centuries of pioneering.

Union list of Canadian Newspapers, 1988 -- This is on microfilm, and is very useful for finding what newspapers were published in a certain area, in a particular time period



SASKATCHEWAN LOCAL HISTORIES : Held at the Public Library

Wapella farm settlement; the first successful Jewish farm settlement in Canada, a pictorial history - Cyril Edel Leonoff

South of the North Saskatchewan - Josephburg History book Committee.

Our side of the hills : a history of Robsart, Vidora, Consul, Senate, Govenlock and area - Reno History book association

History of the Golden Prairie Community

Early history of Saskatchewan churches (grass roots) : Book 1 - Meredith B. Banting

ALBERTA LOCAL HISTORIES

Bethany Lutheran church, Tilley, Alberta 1930 - 1980

The best in the west by a damsite : 1900 - 1940 - Bassano history book club.

As a tree is planted by the rivers of water : United church history of Brooks, Alta. - C. Wesley Hutton

Alberta's local histories in the Historical Resources Library - Provincial Archives of Alberta.

Brief history of Foremost 1913 - 1963

Burdett prairie trails - Burdett history book committee.

Fading memories - Kamala Mahadeva : local history of Brooks, Alta.

Fort Macleod: the story of the North West Mounted Police 1874 - 1904: Royal North West Mounted Police

1904 - 1920: Royal Canadian Mounted Police 1920 to present time.

Long shadows : a history of Shortgrass country - Shortgrass historical society.

Owen Hayden Lake : autobiography and people I have met along the highways and byways - Owen Hayden Lake
(Frontier and pioneer life --Duchess history)

Prairie crucible : roads of history 1891, 1941, 1991 - Prairie sod history book society (Iddesleigh, Jenner history)

Scandia since seventeen - Scandia historical committee

Silver Sage - Bow Island history.

Skiff : in the prairie wind - Skiff history book committee.

Tilley trails and tales - Tilley historical society.

These are only a sampling of what is available through the library. If you don't see the area you need, check at the library, they probably do have it.

ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE ' 96

The AGS ' 96 conference theme - Finding and Preserving our Family History. Many of the workshops will be based on this theme.

Conference ' 96 will have some innovative changes that will whet members appetites. Two 'hands - on' workshops will offer participants the opportunity to learn some basic calligraphy for enhancing family charts, and to actually encapsulate a small document. Two others will give ideas on making gifts for your family from your research and on making a video on living ancestors. Writing and publishing family histories will be covered as will how to document family heirlooms and searching English military records. Other tentatively scheduled sessions include Mennonite research, CNR/CP railway and NWMP records, using old catalogues, interviews, diaries and letters as research sources, computer programs, and of course, a session for beginners.

Registration and other costs will be kept as low as possible to encourage maximum participation.

Mark the dates on your calendar Friday and Saturday, April 26th & 27th, 1996
Conference to be held at Chateau Louis Convention Centre

Rooms can be had at the hotel for \$55.00 a night, and registration fees will be \$55.00 to \$60.00.
Watch for more details in *Relatively Speaking*. You won't want to miss this one.

GENEALOGY ANYONE ?

Taken from Post Script - Submitted by Adele Johnson

Established in 1963 The PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA has assembled numerous collections of both published and unpublished material. Some information available at the Provincial Archives of Alberta may be very relevant to genealogists.

RECORDS OF GOVERNMENT

Vital Statistics' civil registers (1870 - 1983) can be examined after reading and signing an agreement covering use.
No photocopying is permitted.

Immigration Branch Records on microfilm provide data on immigration policy and movements of ethnocultural groups rather than information on specific individuals.

Census of Canada records (also on microfilm) contain information for Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Manitoba, Northwest Territories, and British Columbia for 1666 - 1901.

Passenger Lists (1865 -1921) for various ports of entry are on microfilm.

Border crossing lists are also available.

Metis land claims (1870 - 1906) are indexed to last names, for claims in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

Homestead Records (c.1865 - 1930) contain information about individuals who obtained land under the Dominion Lands Act. Name indexes list land locations, there is a guide on how to use the records. There are some other land records, including school land sales, mineral rights, and tax arrears. Irrigation projects, seed grain relief and agricultural relief loans are documented. Many are organized by name or have name indexes.

Legal records of civil and criminal cases heard in Alberta courts. Attorney General's criminal case files, inquest files and coroners' files (there are restrictions on the use of coroners' files).

Orders in Council and Public Accounts (1905 - 1956) has some information about public servants. There is a guide to the government records in the reference room.

Local government records include counties, municipal districts, school divisions and districts, some towns and villages. These may include tax and assessment rolls and school attendance registers.(There is a list of school districts whose records are available).

CHURCH RECORDS

Anglican Church - parish records showing baptisms, confirmations, marriages and burials from the Dioceses of Athabasca, Edmonton and Mackenzie River. Also registers of Indian residential schools (the more recent ones give birth dates of pupils). The Diocese of Mackenzie River have many Inuit and Dene names and date back to 1859. Athabasca and Edmonton records date back to 1875 and 1893 respectively. (Diocese of Calgary records are held in the Library of the University of Calgary)

Roman Catholic Church - of interest are two series kept in each mission or parish: the Liber Animarum (Book of Souls) and the Codex Historius (a journal kept by each priest) these records are in French. The Oblate archives include records of Metis land scrip applications of 1876 and 1885. Applicants for scrip had to give birth date, parentage and marital status as proof of Metis ancestry. The Soeurs de l'Assomption de la Sainte Vierge were a teaching order whose records include material on schools they operated in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and give information on students' birth and confirmation as well as useful data concerning the parents.

United church of Canada - records of the Alberta and Northwest Conference include those of the Methodist, Congregational, and Presbyterian churches prior to 1925. Of interest are the baptism, marriage and burial records for each church, and are indexed by church locality. Other record may also contain data of potential value.

Lutheran Church - The Alberta Synod has deposited records of congregations which have disbanded. Certain active congregations have also deposited records. Most congregations were established by German and Scandinavian immigrants, their records may include births, baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and deaths. Some Scandinavian registers also include place of origin, arrivals in North America and local parish.

AUDIO VISUAL RECORDS

Oral History Recordings - A collection of over 3000 tape recordings many reminiscences of pioneers, politicians and early residents of Alberta.

Photographic Collections - Ernest Brown, Alfred Blyth, Robert Hoare and Harry Bamber are some of the collections at the Archives.

PUBLISHED MATERIAL

Book Collection includes some 2800 local histories of Alberta communities. "History of Alberta" by A. O. MacRae (2 volumes) 1912, and "Alberta Past and Present" by John Blue (3 volumes) 1924, have a lot of

information of interest to genealogists. "Alberta History" (formerly "Alberta Historical Review") has many articles on pioneers, early communities, and general history, and is indexed for the years 1953 - 1977. City Directories at the Archives include Edmonton 1907 on; Calgary 1908 on; Lethbridge 1911 on; Medicine Hat 1913 on; Red Deer 1965 on; and Grand Prairie 1978 on. Henderson's Gazetteers and Directories for Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, and Alberta 1881 - 1908. Alberta Directories for the years 1911, 1914, 1920, 1922, 1924 and 1928 - 1929. For Saskatchewan and Manitoba communities 1880 - 1953. Cummins Rural Directory are maps showing land owners for the years 1923 and 1927. Telephone Directories 1903 - 1988 are on microfilm. Newspapers both daily for Major centers, and weekly for smaller communities are available on microfilm. The Legislature Library has a nearly complete collection of weeklies from 1905.

This is just some of the materials that are available at the PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF ALBERTA that may be useful in your research. The Archives are located at: The Provincial Museum
12845 - 102 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta

Their hours are:	Monday	Closed
	Tuesday, Wednesday	9:00 am to 9:00 pm
	Thursday, Friday	9:00 am to 4:30 pm
	Saturday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
	Sunday	Closed

ORDNANCE SURVEY MAPS OF BRITAIN

British Ordnance Maps are now available from
Roberts Research Services in Edmonton.

These include 1:250 000 Travelmaster maps, 1:50 000 Landranger maps, the highly detailed 1:25 000 Pathfinder maps
Scottish "Victorian" Ordnance Survey maps (1896) and 1815 - 1825 Scottish town maps.
Also available: Gen-tote (carry bag), 1903-1906 Edmonton Journal Extracts, Genealogical Records Diary.

For more information send a **SASE** to:
Roberts Research Services, 8616 - 176 Street, Edmonton, AB T5T 0N3
or call Rob Milson at (403) 487 4581.