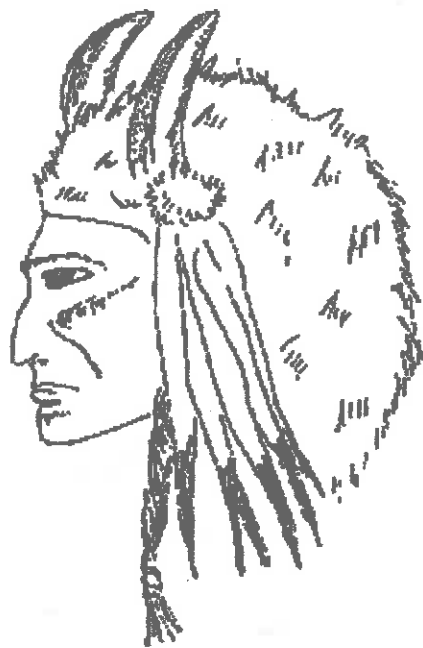


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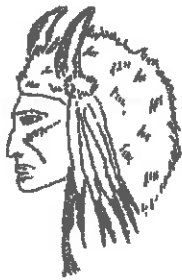
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MEDICINE HAT AND DISTRICT GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1995

We had a number of interesting and informative meetings over the past year. With an average attendance of 20 members and sometimes a few guests.

Our first meeting in our new location was in February and was well attended. We are better able to make use of the Library each meeting night.

We've had such topics as: form filling out night, where we went over various forms that help keep track of a person's research, another topic was a problem solving night where we divided into groups and discussed how and where to get help in our research, and then discussed it as a whole group. Land Records session. Library night. Research in Quebec. A session on Hereditary Diseases and Genealogy. Record keeping talk and demonstration put on by A. Borgesteade of Edmonton Branch. Show and tell (brag) night.

A group of our members went to Lethbridge to the LDS Family History Center to do research, which was enjoyed by all. We also had a Cemetery night, where we went to a local cemetery and were given a talk, by Marcel Dirk, on the different headstones and the information you can get from them.

We donated to the LDS Family History Center, here in Medicine Hat, \$200.00 for our members to order micro film in on a permanent bases.

We tried out, for the first time, having summer hours for the Library, which some of the members were able to take advantage of, to continue borrowing books over the summer.

Our elections were held in November and the following people are the 1996 Executive:

PRESIDENT	BETTY PADFIELD
1ST VICE	DEB PHILLIPS
2ND VICE	GORDON BRUINS
SECRETARY	MEMORY MEYERS
TREASURER	KATHY GLEISNER

The nominating committee was able to come up with a few names that would be able to run in 1997, but because of previous commitments now, they can't run this year. So Kathy Gleisner has consented to stay on as our Treasurer for another year.

Our December meeting will be another problem and discussion night, and our Christmas Social where we all get together and tell about our own research.

In summing up the past year, I would like to thank all the executive and committee people for all their help. I would especially like to thank Kathy Gleisner who has attended, on my behalf, meetings for AGS and the Conference 96 (which I have usually been unable to attend for one reason or another) and keeping us informed as to what is going on at AGS.

I feel we have a very strong membership who all pitch in and help when ever needed and making our group as good as it is.

Our common goal is to search for our ancestors and gather genealogical information that will help others in their research as well. But of course being a group of volunteers, family and family commitments come first.

I look forward to being your President again next year and hope to see informative and interesting topics to guide us in our quest and invite each and every one of you to give us your help and suggestions in this goal.

REMEMBER A SOCIETY IS ONLY AS GOOD AS ITS MEMBERS.

submitted by Betty Padfield President.

LIBRARY REPORT - DECEMBER 1995

We had a good year as far as the Library was concerned. We purchased a number of books and had a few donations. We also purchased a desk, card table, step stool and other Library supplies.

We also got a lot of work done, such as filing all the newsletters and sorting them into better order and labeling them for the members to better find the periodicals they are looking for.

Our members are making more use of the Library and were able to come in during our summer hours, which we tried for the first time.

Some of the new books we added to our Library this past year are:

Four updated versions of Angus Baxter's research books

1995 GRD

Alberta V.S. of B.M.D. indexes 1870-1905

Remember me as you pass by

Canadian Railway Records

Tracing Your Irish Roots

Directory of Ontario Genealogical Societies

Guide to Holding of Upper Canada Village

Great Hunger (Irish Immigrants)

Flight for Famine

Clans of Ireland

Historical Atlas for Germans from Russia

Glueckstat Colonies from Germans from Russia

Some donations were:

The Peigan Country

Edmonton - A History Vol. 1 and 2

Under Eight Flags (Milk River Country History)

The Weather Factory

Irvine Then and Now

Grace Lutheran Church History

1994 AGS Conference Videos

Dutch Research

Many thanks to all who gave us books.

We also subscribe to Ontario Genealogical Society, Saskatchewan Genealogical Society and Manitoba Genealogical Society and the Journal of Canadian Queries newsletters. We exchange newsletters with branches in Ontario, Alberta, and Saskatchewan.

Our goal is to strive to keep our Library holdings informative and helpful to our members in the future, as it is for YOU, the members, we continually need your input and support as to what you want.

I would like to thank every one who has helped me in the past to keep our Library running as smoothly as it does.

Submitted by Betty Padfield

KRASNA

Submitted by : Ferdinand Schwab

Jacob Stock was born in Württemberg Germany. I do not know his exact birthday or birth place. However records show his age when he died. This gives his year of birth at about 1794. In 1800 to 1803 the Napoleon wars were raging in Germany. The farmers lost most of their possessions. About this time the King of Prussia invited farmers from Germany to settle in Poland. Poland had been divided by other countries until no more Poland existed.

I believe among these settlers was Jacob Stock and his parents. His father probably was also named Jacob! There

were many descendants with that name. After barely getting a good start in this new land, another war started. Napoleon again marched through this settlement, destroying everything.

In 1812 Russia got Bessarabia after defeating the Turks. Russia put out a call for settlers for this new country. They wanted mostly the German farmers from Poland as well as from Germany. In 1814, one group of 133 families left for Bessarabia from Poland. They were led by Matthias Müller and Peter Becker. They loaded their remaining property on wagons. Many didn't even have a wagon. They packed what they could on their back and walked all the way to Bessarabia. They did not all arrive at their destination at the same time. Some had to stay over winter in some established settlements. Some did arrive in the fall of 1814, the rest got to their new home in the spring of 1815.

By this time Jacob Stock would have been old enough to start his own farm. I don't know when he was married. However his first son was born in 1815. Therefore he could have been married in Poland. So far I do not have a record of his parents. Perhaps they also had come to Krasna. The church records of Krasna were lost or destroyed. The settlement was built near the river "Kögalmik". At that time the whole area was covered with tall grass and brush. There was also a lot of wild life.

Among the 133 families there were only 19 Evangelical families. These were settled at the "top" end of the (dorf) village. The other 114 families were Catholic. This difference of Religion caused several problems. Religious holidays were celebrated at different times. In 1825 they got permission to split up. The Evangelical got permission to join the new village of Katzbach. This was about 8 kilometers away from Krasna. They were allowed to settle at the "bottom" end of the dorf.

Our Jacob Stock was among the settlers that moved. They had at least two sons and a daughter born in Krasna. A fourth child Christina was born in Katzbach in 1826. So far I have found five children for Jacob Stock and his wife Christina Brosz. There were probably more.

AN UNFORGETTABLE GENEALOGICAL EXPERIENCE

by Mrs. Betty Padfield, Box 227, Dunmore, AB T0J 1A0

When searching for one's ancestors, whenever you find something out about them, it can be very exciting and rewarding.

There are so many sources out there that most of us have checked at one time or another, that we sometimes feel that there can't be any thing new to discover.

In Correspondence with a lady from Toronto, who is also searching the METZLER name, (my mother's maiden name), she came across an article in a book that mentions the Metzler name.

The book called LANDMARKS, HISTORICAL BUILDINGS OF NOVA SCOTIA, published by Nimbus Publishing Ltd., contained the following paragraph.

"While the cottage at 5476 Clyde represented a relatively humble beginning for Isaac Mathers, it was home for the mature years of GEORGE METZLER and his family. Metzler, a native of Lunenburg, was an experienced tailor with the firm of W. & C. Silver. George Metzler was also part of a tailoring dynasty. His older brother, Edward, was a tailor, who specialized as a "cutter" for Walter Barron & Company, a brother-in-law's firm; yet another brother-in-law, John Doyle, was also a tailor. It seem slightly heretical that only one of George Metzler's three sons became a tailor! Frederick Metzler, who also resided at 5476 Clyde, started as a tailor's "pressman", graduated to the higher position of "cutter", and finally reached the rank of "merchant tailor". As such, Frederick Metzler would

no longer have been part of the production line; instead, he would have been responsible for securing contracts to make garments".

In this one short paragraph, I learned several things about my relatives, the Metzlers: George was born in Lunenburg: he was a tailor: the firm he worked for: that he had an older brother, also a tailor: that he had two brothers-in law: and that he had three sons: also where he lived. The one that became a tailor was my grandfather FREDERICK METZLER. There was even a picture of the house.

What a genealogical find! Who would have thought that such information would come from this kind of book. It was certainly a thrilling experience for me and of course alerted me to the discovery of a new or different source to research.

Another aspect of this article is the possibility of now being able to search further records, such as tax rolls, electors lists, census, business records, apprenticeship records, land records and who knows what else!

I guess that's why our research is never ending, there are so many resources to be discovered, that may just have the information you are looking for.

QUERIES

LEPPER/LEPER/LIPER/LEPPER

LEPPER, STELLA IRENE - b. 21 Oct 1905 Medicine Hat Hospital
- m. MCCOY, DANIAL ROGER 16 Jan 1924, Los Angeles CA

parents: LEPPER, JAMES THOMAS b. 1867 Pickering Ontario
d. 28 Oct 1905

married 28 Feb 1899 Estevan, Saskatchewan

MUNDIE, ANNA b. 1878 Winnipeg, Manitoba -- (MONDAY/MINDAY)
d. 1964/65 Los Angeles, L.A. Co. CA

grandparents: LEPPER, JOHN b. (c.) 1825/28 Three Trees Co.
d. June 1873 (age 46) Duffins Creek

married 31 March 1854 St. John, Port Whit

HEAD, SARAH b. (c.) 1830/35 Ontario, Canada
d. Nov 1877 (age 43) Duffins Creek

MUNDIE, CHARLIE b. 1860's Belfast Ireland?

married in Canada?

JOHNSON, ESTER b. 1860's Ireland?

great grandparents:

LEPPER, FREDRIC b. (c.) 1800 (possibly) Three Trees
d. before 1850 (possibly) Three Trees

married before 1827 (possibly) Three Trees

____?____, JANE b. 1798 (possibly) Ireland
d. Nov 1880, Duffins Creek (age 82)

Anyone who has information on this line, please contact: Paul J Bunnell, F.A.C.G., U.E.

31 Timber Lane,

Marstons Mills, MA 02648

ONTARIO VITAL STATISTICS INDEXES

Ontario Archives have released one more year on microfilm to be added to the indexes. Although they have not yet been received at the Medicine Hat Public Library, they may be ordered.

They are: BIRTHS -- 1898 MARRIAGES -- 1913 DEATHS -- 1923

If you can't find a Birth Registration on the indexes (MS 931 Reels 1- 9) which are at the Medicine Hat Public Library, then you could check the following:

1. Birth portion of MS 938 Reel 1 -- Original Birth, Marriage, & Death Registrations for 1869, which is also at the Medicine Hat Public Library.
2. You can also check indexes MS 939 Reels 1 - 23 -- Additional Original Index Books, Births and Stillbirths 1869 -1897, which you can order from the M. H. P. L. through the inter-library loans.

If you can't find the Marriage Registration on the indexes (MS 934 Reels 1 - 10) which are at the M.H.P.L., then you could check these:

1. Marriage portion of MS 938 Reel 1 -- at the Medicine Hat Public Library
2. MS 941 Reels 1 - 20 -- Original Index books 1870 - 1911, to be ordered on inter-library loan through Medicine Hat Public Library.
3. MS 943 Marriages not registered, Book of marriages 1858 - 1897 1 reel, also to be ordered through the Library
4. MS 945 Reels 1 - 12 -- Marriage License books, also to be ordered through the Medicine Hat Public Library

If you can't find a Death Registration on the indexes (MS 937 Reels 1 - 10) at the public library, the check these:

1. Death portion of MS 938 Reel 1 -- Original Registrations Index at the library (only June thru December of 1869)
2. MS 942 Reels 1 - 14 -- Additional Original Indexes 1870 - 1911, to be ordered through the library.

There is a two volume finding aid on the Microfilm Cabinet at the Library, to be checked to order the correct film numbers.

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UNITED KINGDOM RESEARCH SEMINAR

The LDS Family History Library is putting on a research seminar for England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. The seminar will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1865 Division Avenue N. Medicine Hat AB. So mark the date APRIL 27,1996, on the calendar if you are researching in these areas.

Guest speakers will be Sherry Lynn Irving and Sue Olsen from Calgary. There will be a lecture from 9:00am to 12:00, lunch from 12:00 to 1:00pm, and a hands on help session from 1:00 to 3:00pm. Everyone is asked to bring their own lunch.

Registration is requested by April 20, 1996. To register, please contact Patsy Martin at 548 - 6926, or Coral Edwards at 529 - 2547.

A HISTORY OF SUFFIELD ALBERTA

taken from 'A History of Suffield Alberta, prepared by David Armitage 1984

The town of Suffield was first established in 1884, as a watering point on the CPR rail line. It was named in honor of Charles Harbord, Fifth Baron Suffield. The town remained a CPR siding until 1909, when Canadian Wheatlands Co. purchased 64,000 acres, which included the townsite, from the Southern Alberta Land Co. A condition of the sale was that irrigation water be supplied to all suitable farm land.

The town was surveyed into 880 lots. By December 31 of 1909, 241 lots had been sold, the majority were to people in Britain who never occupied the lots. Construction began in 1910, with a number of residences, business blocks, a two storey school, a Bank of Montreal, and three hotels. The prospectus for Suffield in 1910 claimed it to be the fastest growing town in the west.

In 1911 the Brick Block was erected. The ground floor being occupied by a general store, 'Suffield Trading Co.' operated by Colonel Iles. The second floor was used as living quarters for the engineering staff of the Southern Alberta Land Co. Other businesses in Suffield included McGregor Hardware, operated by Jack Reid. A Chinese laundry and restaurant, a pool hall and barber shop, confectionery, meat market, two lumber yards, and the post office operated by Kate and Jack Roberts. The original post office building is still standing, but unoccupied.

There was also in 1911, a stock yard and four grain elevators, only three of which were on the railroad siding. The other one, operated by Claude Miller, was some distance away.

Mr. Grace built the three storey 'Alamo Hotel' in 1910. It was an impressive building with its maple floors, oak furnishings, lace curtains, and hot and cold running water. People drove from Medicine Hat to dine at the Alamo from 1910 - 1912.

Suffield unfortunately, thrived only until the outbreak of WWI. Without the British backing money, the irrigation project was abandoned, the land reverted to pasture, and the town quickly decayed. There was a rejuvenation with WWII, when in 1941 the Suffield Experimental Station was established. April 30 1947 saw the Defense Research Board take over the operations of the Suffield Experimental Station. The town of Ralston was built on the base as living quarters for the military encampment. Suffield benefitted from being the nearest civilian outlet for services, with some military and civilian personnel choosing to retire to Suffield.

The present population of 200 is less than half of what it was 70 years ago.

STRAYS

MACKINNON, MALCOLM EUGENE son of Malcolm and Dena Maria - b. Boston Massachusetts

d. Sunday May 27, 1990 Medicine Hat, AB - leaves wife Bileen and son Malcolm

SCHUSTER, RICHARD son of Gerhardt and Louise - b. August 20, 1905 Iowa, USA - d. Tuesday May 15, 1990

Medicine Hat, AB - leaves wife Ethel, son Richard, daughters Doreen and Betty

GRIMM, HANNA daughter of Nick and Marion Bischoff, wife of Mr. Cleo Grimm - b. 7 March 1911 Krasna

- d. 26 Jan 1989 Medicine Hat AB - leaves sons Ken and Ed, daughters Josephine and Beatrice

SMITH, WINIFRED daughter of Hubert and Mary Turner, wife of Albert Smith - b. 21 Dec. 1918 Newcastle-on-

Tyne England - d. 30 Mar. 1991 Medicine Hat, AB

MARTIN, EMMA nee Oswald, wife of Charles Martin - b. 10 Mar. 1900 Odessa, Russia - d. 10 Nov. 1990

Medicine Hat

JONES, DAVID HUGH, - b. 5 Aug 1906 Carndiff Wales - d. 26 Apr. 1991 Medicine Hat, AB

COMPUTER CORNER

by Gordon Bruins

PAF for WINDOWS?

Are you a Windows user who is waiting for Personal Ancestral File (PAF) to develop a Windows version? Well, the LDS software people have no such plans in the works, but there is an answer to your prayers.

ANCESTRAL QUEST is that answer. Ancestral Quest has been developed to perform most of the time proven features that PAF users have enjoyed. It is so similar to PAF that it will even use the same data file interchangeably without having to use GedCom to transfer your data. This will enable one member of your family to add data using the DOS version of PAF and another member of your family who is more comfortable using Windows to add to the same database using Ancestral Quest.

Ancestral Quest works off the pedigree chart just like PAF. It is reported to be faster and easier to enter or edit data and has a number of improved display features that make it a pleasure to use. I have just started using it so I have not entered any new individuals to date. The cut and paste features of Windows enables you to export or import notes from other windows applications. It will also allow you to copy a portion of the notes from one individual to another without the problem of having to copy all of the notes as happens when you use the F8 copy feature in PAF. Notes are not limited to 80 character lines like PAF, but include an automatic wrap that enables you to continue typing paragraphs. There is also a notes organizer.

Not all PAF features are included in Ancestral Quest, but you can still use your PAF for Focus/Design Reports and other reports that are not available at the present time.

Family group records, pedigree charts etc are similar to PAF charts with a different style or appearance. The ancestry chart can efficiently display numerous generations of your family on one or two pages in a very appealing format.

A book writing feature enables you to print information on births, christening, marriages, deaths and burials in a very neat and readable narrative format, with notes and index optional. The Ahnentafel version of the book lists ancestors starting with a selected individual, with each individual numbered and each generation separated. The Modified Register prints the book report of descendants of an individual, with each generation separated. This is an excellent way to send some of your data to a relative who is not familiar with pedigree charts and family group sheets or use it to prepare a book of your whole family.

For further information, there are two software reviews on Ancestral Quest 1.0 in "Genealogical Computing, Jul/Aug/Sept 1995." Ancestral Quest requires at least 2 MB of RAM and 1MB of hard disc space and Windows 3.1 or higher.

If you are looking for Windows genealogy software, and are happy with what PAF can do for you, Ancestral Quest can fit the bill.

Ancestral Quest costs \$49.95 US and can be ordered by writing Incline Software, P.O. Box 17788, Salt Lake City, UT 84117 or by phoning 1-800-825-8864.

Success is relative.

The more success, the more relatives.

MEMBERS ANCESTRAL RESEARCH AREAS

Memory Myers	Box 154, Ralston, Alberta	T0J 2N0	AGS # 3149
JACKSON, Memory Velma, Elmer David	Dundurn, Sask; Hamiota, Man.		1995 - 1872
	Samuel, David	Toronto, Ont.	
ATKINSON, Martha		Toronto, Ont.	1870
ROE, Donald, Alan		Wainwright, Alta; New Westminster, BC;	
		Wilkie, Sask; Hanley, Sask.	1968 - 1920
Rosina Braun	129 Burns Cres. NW, Medicine Hat, AB	T1A 6W2	AGS # 868
SCHAFFER, Gottlieb, Christoph		Gluckstal, Russia; Germany	1936 - 1800
WITTICH, Christina		Gluckstal, Russia	1860 - 1800
OELKE, Jacob, Wilhelminia		Alt Elft, Bessarabia; Germany	1860 - 1801
NURRENBERG, Katherine		Alt Elft, Bessarabia	1860 - 1801
Ruby Engler	145 Burns Cres. NW, Medicine Hat, AB	T1A 6W2	AGS # 631
PERRY, John & Elizabeth		Cookstown, Innisfil twp, ON;	
		Queens Co. Ireland	1782 + on
THOMPSON, James & Martha		Thompsonville, ON	1825 +
GRAHAM, John & Eliza		Nicolston & Brampton, ON	1862 +
Debra Phillips	219 Fairchild St. SW, Medicine Hat, AB	T1A 7Z6	AGS # 3022
BLACKBURN, Julia		Lanark, ON; Wicklow, Ireland	1901 -
ANDREWS, Julia, Thomas, John Thomas		Pakenham, Lanark, ON; Armco, Ireland	1901 -
BRIDGET, John, Thomas		Almnte, ON; England	1860 - 1821
BRYDGES, Robert, Robert, Robert, Robert		Norwich, Norfolk, England	- 1700
John L. Layton	Box 697, Medicine Hat, AB	T1A 7G6	AGS # 3227
LAYTON, Helen		Lethbridge, AB	1919 - 1931
LAYTON, Richard		Lethbridge, AB; Flint, MI, USA	1928 +
LAYTON, Lavender (male)		England, Surrey Co.	1770's
Helen M Young	72 Stratton Way SE, Medicine Hat, AB	T1B 3L4	AGS # 3225
ZISTERER, Andrew & Mary		Perth Co. ON	
ZISTERER, Jack, Mary(ANDSTAD), Minnie(PATTY DOWNS)			
ZISTERER, Leander		Ireland; Canada	1840 - 1915
ZISTERER, Charlotte (nee BREVIA)		Berlin, Germany; Chepstow, ON	1845 - 1928
Adele M Johnson	218 Muir Cres. NW, Medicine Hat, AB	T1A 6W5	AGS # 1819
ADDIMAN, William, Frances		West Riding, Yorkshire, England	1700 +
ANDREW, John, Mary		St. Hilary, Cornwall, England	1833 - 1860
ANDREWARTHER, John		St. Hilary, Cornwall, England	1800 +