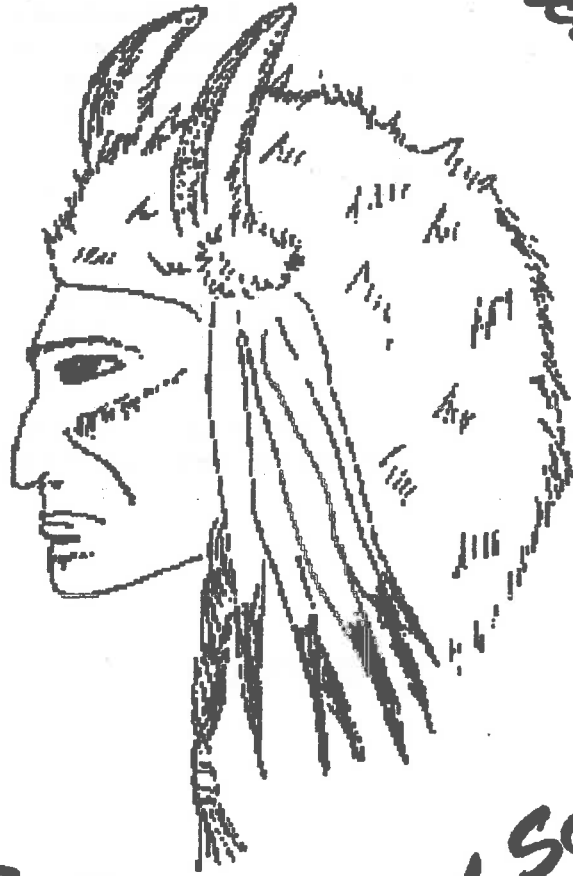


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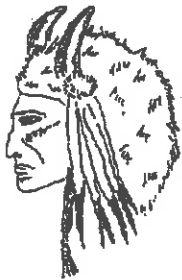
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Russian Records

The following excerpt, written by Armand and Elaine BAUER, was taken from The Heritage Review Germans From Russia Society Volume 23 , No. 4 - December, 1993

The Germans from Russia Heritage Society has been informed of the filming of Evangelical (Protestant) parish records located in the St. Petersburg (Russia) Consistorium, filmed through the Genealogical Society of Utah. It is our understanding that some records from Catholic Churches are included.

The Bishops' transcripts of births, marriages, deaths, etc. include the provinces of Petersburg, Novgorod, Olonec Jaroslavl, Kostroma, Pskov, Smolensk, Wolhynia, Chernigov, Podolia, Kiev, Polava, Bessarabia, Cherson, Taurien (Taurida), Jekaterinoslav, Stavropol, and the Don, for the years 1833 to 1877. The microfilms, catalogued as of 27 October 1993, are identified consecutively from B/1882642 to B/1884072. Also as of the same date, each microfilm has data associated with, or identified, only by year - and that for either one or two years only. No village names have, as yet, been associated with a microfilm number. Therefore, until such time that village names are associated with a microfilm number, ordering a microfilm would not necessarily yield the desired information. We understand that cataloguing will be completed by about Christmas 1993. Once completed, the information will be published in the LDS Family History Catalog. If given permission to do so, GRHS also will publish the same list of microfilm numbers in the HERITAGE REVIEW. We would expect these microfilms to designate the type of data for the village involved in a manner similar to those shown in MICROFILMS FOR BESSARABIA published in the 1992 DER STAMMBAUM (Heritage Review), volume 22, number 2, June 1992.



Success With the L.D.S. Ancestral File

by Deb Phillips

My great great grandparents are Robert BRYDGES and Ann SHAW, who lived in Ramsay twp, Lanark Co., Ontario. I knew from the 1861 and 1871 census, that they had at least six children, but I ran into a major stumbling block, because the 1841 and 1851 censuses are missing. They are believed to have been burned in the Parliamentary fire of 1916. I did gather some christening information and marriage information on the children from the Presbyterian church records. The BRYDGES families that still lived in the area did not know or would not share any information. I felt like I had hit a brick wall.

Two of Robert Sr. and Ann SHAW's sons seemed to have disappeared. they were no where on the 1881 or 1891 censuses, either in Lanark Co. or any of the counties that I searched. I knew that Robert died between 1871 and 1881 but could find no burial record. I was left with the barest of information. I knew that they were from England but had no idea when they immigrated or from where, in England, they had left.

I had decided to consider it a lost line and move on to another line when I received a very excited letter from my sister Evelyn. She said that she had received a letter from an Earl BRYDGES from Dallas, Texas, who wished to share his research on a BRYDGES family from the same area as our line. After a few letters back and forth it was determined that Earl was our father's second cousin! I couldn't believe it; we finally were getting some information, and from Dallas, Texas!

Earl lived in Barrie, Ontario, and spent his winters in Texas. While there he had dropped into the local L.D.S. Family History Centre. He had found Evelyn's name in the Ancestral File. I had almost forgotten that we had put our lines in the file some years before. At the time we entered the lines my two sisters and I were all doing research, so to avoid confusion, we entered all the lines with Evelyn as contact person. At the time we thought it was a very long shot!

Earl sent us some forty pages of research. Included in his information was the following:

1. Robert BRYDGES was from Suffolk, England and that he had been married and widowed before he married Ann.
2. Robert Sr. and Ann were married on October 7, 1883 in Redgrave, Suffolk, England. He enclosed a photocopy of the actual record!
3. That "Oh by the way" two of Robert Sr. and Ann's sons, Robert Jr. and William, had moved to Newago Co., Michigan!
4. That Robert Sr. and Ann had two other daughters, Ann and Amelia.
5. That Robert Sr. had worked with or for John GEMMILL (a very prominent mover and shaker of that place and time). That Mr. GEMMILL left land to Robert in his will and gave the land description.
6. Some birth and christening dates that I did not have.
7. A great deal of information on his great grandfather, Samuel, and his descendants.
8. The greatest of all: a copy of a photograph taken from a copper plate of Robert Sr. and Ann! You can imagine my reaction as I saw my father's features staring back at me.

The Ancestral File is a resource offered by the L.D.S. Church that is totally separate from the I.G.I.. The Ancestral File contains the pedigree charts and family group sheets of researchers. One problem associated with family research is the fact that we share our ancestors; the further back we trace our ancestry, the greater the potential of duplicating the research efforts of other contemporary descendants. In an attempt to help minimize duplication the L.D.S. Church has created the file, in hopes of linking researchers working on the same lines. If you are interested you can submit your lines at the Medicine Hat L.D.S. Family History Centre. If you have the Personal Ancestral File programme this is easily done from your family data disk. If you do not have the programme, contact the local centre for help.

The Ancestral File had proven to be well worth the effort and had cost nothing but a little time. I would highly recommend to everyone to put their lines in this file. It may prove fruitful a few years down the road. Remember that it may be some time before you get any results, but as I have learned you never know when you might get a letter or phone call from a distant place with the answers to questions that now seem unanswerable.

Query

Seeking any information on the name PADFIELD in Ontario. I am doing a one name study of this name and would like to correspond with anyone having information on this or any other related names. I have a lot of information and would be willing to exchange with interested parties.

Contact: Betty PADFIELD - Box 972, Redcliff, Alberta T0J 2P0.

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- 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
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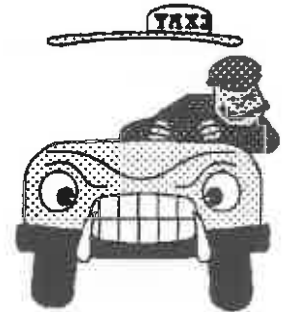


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Marriage Laws In Bessarabia

by Ferdinand Schwab

I have found some marriage certificates in the L.D.S. films of Bessarabia. Under the certificate it stated the laws of marriages. The following is a translated version of those laws:

Notice:

1. For marriage of a single couple, they must produce a Baptism Certificate if they were born outside of the present Church Parish. Also if not confirmed in this Parish, they must have a Confirmation Certificate.
2. By the re-marriage of a widower or widow, they must produce a marriage and death Certificate of the previous spouse, if the marriage and death had not taken place in the present Church Parish.
With the estate of the dead spouse a statement has to be produced of the Original or exact copy of it. The copy must state plainly, however, where the original is being kept. If there are no children living, then proof has to be provided from the previous village mayor and two trustworthy witnesses with a certificate.
3. Persons that have not lived a full year in the present Church Parish, will also have to provide a document from the Pastor or the Parish where the person previously was a resident.
4. A bridegroom may not get married before the age of 18 years. The bride must be at least 16 years old. A widower may not re-marry until six weeks after his wife's death. A widow may not marry before three months after her husband's death, if no other problems exist.
5. The banns are to be read in three successive Sundays in the Congregation of the groom or bride. If no other legal problems arise to any of the banns being read. These banns are legal only two months after they are read. To read the second and third banns on the same Sunday is only allowed under extreme circumstances. It is granted by a Pastor if a legal document is provided.



Library Report

by Betty Padfield

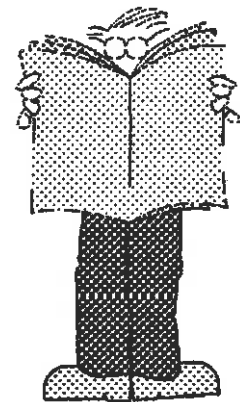
The following new books have been purchased for our library this year.

- An index to the 1891 census for the District of Saskatchewan.
- An index to the 1891 census for Assiniboia East.

The following are on order:

- An index of Birth, Death, and Marriage notices from Manitoba newspapers, 1882-1884 - Vol. #2
- 1994 G.R.D.

We were able to get a new library holdings list completed this year and also purchased some materials needed to organize the library. Our selection of newsletters from other societies in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario is growing and the members are getting more use of the material we have. Thanks to everyone who has helped me in the library during the meetings.



Computer Corner

by Gordon Bruins

PAF 2.3 Is Here:

The new release 2.3 of Personal Ancestral File for MS-DOS computers is now available. Enhancements include:

- improved printing capabilities such as the ability to print a three-generation-per-page chart.
- more powerful Focus/Design Reports feature.
- all functions listed on the Main Menu can now be performed in Pedigree Search and command functions are now highlighted. (See last month's Computer Corner to see just how useful this will be.)
- additional Match/Merge options.
- GEDCOM program improvements.

Registered users will receive an order form which must be used to obtain the upgrade for \$4 (US\$.) They will receive 3 1/2" and 5 1/4" diskettes and a README file explaining the improvements to the program.

If you are not a registered user you may order the complete PAF 2.3 with manual for \$35 (US.) by writing PAF Salt Lake Distribution Center, 1999 West 1700 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84104; or by calling 1-800-537-5950.

Shortcuts to Speed-up P.A.F

There are a number of hints that can speed up your data entry when using P.A.F. 2.2. First of all, when Configuring P.A.F. some options I would set are:

Screen 1 - Require a carriage return on menus? (Y/N): N.

This avoids having to press enter after selecting a menu item.

Screen 2 - Verify new names on data entry? (Y/N): N

This avoids having to type new names in twice the first time they are entered. A word of caution though. Spelling errors will not be brought to your attention so if you are prone to mistakes that you do not notice while entering your data you may want to answer Y.

Function Keys can be very helpful in speeding up your work:

F8 - (Ditto Previous) Copies the same field from the previous record. This is extremely helpful when entering a family who were all born in the same place. Eg. Assume you have entered data for the first child in a family and you are starting to enter data for the second child. When you come to the Surname press F8 and the surname jumps into the surname field. When you come to Birthplace simply press F8 and all Birthplace fields will immediately fill with those of the previous child.

F8 is also very useful for NOTES. I often use F8 to copy notes of the previous individual and then edit minor changes that apply to the new individual. The edited notes will then be copied if you use F8 on the next person.

F9 - (Ditto Down) will copy data from fields in the current record.

Refer to the **Key Assignments Chart** that came with your manual for keys to quickly move cursor to desired spot; to delete characters, words, lines or fields; to restore a field; to mark, copy, delete or move lines etc. As you become more familiar with the program you will be more comfortable using these shortcuts.

New Member Profile

My name is Memory MEYER (JACKSON) and I was born in Dundurn, Saskatchewan on December 13, 1930. I am searching the following names and areas:

JACKSON, Samuel

- Manitoba - Crandall - Mineota; Victoria, BC.
- married Florence May HUNT about the turn of the century in Manitoba.
- Occupation listed as "AGENT".
- Moved to Victoria, BC and worked in the Forests about 1908.

ROE, Alan

- Wilkie Saskatchewan 1930's and 1940's; New Westminster, BC.
- born about 1890 - 1895.
- married Annetta JACKSON about 1916 in Hanley, Saskatchewan. Both now deceased.
- Children: Everitt, Donald, Leonard, Clifford, Violet and Bernice.

Members may be contacted through the Branch - P.O. Box 971, Medicine Hat, AB T1A 7G8

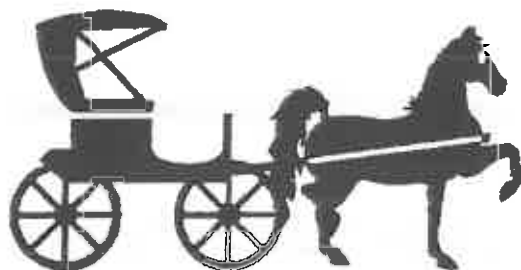
Business Directory Empress, Alberta

The following is a business directory taken from a local history book of the Bindloss, Cavendish and Empress areas entitled "Golden Memoirs 1912-1963".

1913 Business Directory

Auto Liveries	Frank OLDROYD, S.F. PERTERSON, G. W. SEELEY, J. C. BEATTIE, W. SPARLING.
Bakeries	J. MACKIE, W. G. O'PAUL.
Banks	Union Bank - R.E. MUNDEL, manager; Quebec Bank - A. McDONALD, manager.
Barbers	E. LEONARD, J. E. McCUNE, Joe RANDALL.
Blacksmiths	OSTROM and SETRAN, LUNDE and SKJVELAND.
Butchers	F. X. LAMBERT, M. MARTIN.
Contractors	SIMMONS and HANDLEY, D.WATT, E. ALLEN, FISHER Bros., CARNIE-HENDERSON Land Co., E. HAUSER, G. HUSSE.
Cement Contractors	Concrete Block Manufacture, LOEB and AUGER.
Dairies	E. J. LACEY.
Dray Lines	D. McARTHUR, J. McCOLEMAN.
Drug Stores	George L. BROWN, SHEPPARD and McEACHERN.
Flour and Feed	McKELVIE and ROBSON.
Furniture Store	N. D. STOREY.
Garages	OSTROM and WILLIAMSON, BOYD and COZART.
General Merchants	HARPER and MAY, LAMB and KIRNER, COLE and BELFIE.
Gent's Furnishings	H. P. GREGG, G. G. PETERS.
Hardwares	M. BOYD, PETERS and MALTON, N. D. STOREY.
Harness	M. and O. LANGE.

Hotel Royal George.
 Ice Dealers S. TRAIL, BISHOP Bros.
 Implements and Auto . R. G. McINTYRE, J. DENNIS.
 Jewelry Store M. A. McCOLL, B. L. DAWDY and Co.
 Lawyer D. J. CAMPBELL.
 Livery Stables LOUCKS and SANDERS.
 Lumber Revelstoke Sawmill Co., Empress Lumber Co., STRITZEL Lumber
 Co., MOREHART-BRODERICK Lumber Co.
 Laundries SONG Bros., How FONG.
 Newspaper Empress News - A. HANKIN.
 Painting F. E. WEIDLICK.
 Physician Dr. J. C. EAGER.
 Pool Hall J. ANDERSON, HARNETT and BUTCHARD.
 Real Estate HAGGINS and BLODGETT, Empress Realty Co., F. BOTSFORD, A. MONTE,
 Pioneer Real Estate Co., CARNIE-HENDERSON Land Co., J. M. SCHILTZ.
 Restaurants LINDSTROM and KEIL, W. NELSON, LEE JIM, G. LEIGH.
 Rooming Houses Mrs. TRAIL, H MATTRESS.
 Tailor S. J. MERRIFIELD.



Queries

GOHNER (GENERT) and related names

Johannes GOHNER (born July 12, 1825 in Wittenberg, Bessarabia) married Christina WIDMER (born January 24, 1825 in Wittenberg, Bessarabia) in February 1846. Also searching names: RATH, SULZ, STUBER, KAUTZ, KRAHN, ZAIZER.

Contact: Adele Johnson c/o The Saamis Seeker.

CHRISTIE or CHRISTY, William George (of Scottish decent) - came to Medicine Hat area in about 1920. He was a sheep rancher in the Suffield, Alberta area in the 1920's.

Contact: Adele Johnson c/o The Saamis Seeker.

FYFE, Earl Norman - Son of J.A. FYFE and Alice HOULE. Moved from Calgary, Alberta to the Coutts, Alberta area in 1922. He left Coutts in June 1928 and was not heard of again. Replies from any FYFE appreciated.

Contact: Adele Johnson c/o The Saamis Seeker.

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