



NOW AND THEN

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2205 Victoria Ave, Regina

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2311 12th Ave, Regina

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Sun May 31 2009 R.M. of Cupar
Contact Shelley Kloczko for information at
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Now and Then is a publication of the Regina Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society. It is currently published four times per year in February, May, September and November. Contributions on any genealogical topic are welcomed enthusiastically. Next deadline: September 11, 2009 Please contact the editor, Dianne Romphf with suggestions, letters or other contributions.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CEMETERY READING DAY

The Regina Branch of SGS reads cemeteries and submits indexes for the Saskatchewan Residential Index held by the SGS library. The Regina Branch reads cemeteries once annually and plans are underway for this year's reading.

The 2009 cemetery reading will be in the RM of Cupar, Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 9 AM. We will be reading the cemeteries in the vicinity of Southey and Cupar.

Can you help? Volunteers require no special equipment or knowledge. Come out for an hour or the whole day. We appreciate any time you can spare. If you are interested but unavailable May 31, you can read a cemetery on your own time.

Gathering cemetery records is a way of giving back to those that helped us with our research. Please contact the Cemetery Coordinator, Shelley Kloczko, for more information or to volunteer at sbkloczko@accesscomm.ca.

ENGAGEMENT

Barbara Thiessen, daughter of William Thiessen and Elma (Hiebert) Thiessen, and Nathan Adedeji Wessel, son of David George Wessel and Wilma Anne Bell Wessel announce their engagement to marry on 25 July 2009 at Steinbach Evangelical Mennonite Church, Steinbach MB.

BIRTH

Chandra Elise Teekasingh was born on 11 March 2009 at Saskatchewan University Hospital, Saskatoon, SK. She is the first child of Mohan Anil Teekasingh and Catherine Denise (Walker) Teekasingh, who are 42 and 43 years old respectively. Mohan and Denise were married in Regina at a Hindu ceremony on 21 July 2006 and an Anglican ceremony the following day. (Denise is the niece of Regina Branch member Wilma Bell Wessel.)

CONGRATULATIONS

A member of Regina Branch, Eileen Condon, had an article published in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* (September 2008 issue). She entered the article in their writing contest a couple of years ago. It was about her research of her great-grandmother and her attempts to identify her parents. Although it did not win, they asked her for permission to publish it in the *Quarterly*. SGS has a copy of the publication. Great job, Eileen!

50 YEAR REUNION MARTIN COLLEGIATE

July 3, 4, 5 2009

Information available online at: <http://mci50.ca>
Volunteer Help Appreciated
Planning meetings are the
1st Monday of every Month.

Martin Collegiate Resource Centre 7:00 p.m.

If any Regina Branch members are former students of Martin Collegiate, please check the website and register soon if you would like to attend. If you know someone who attended Martin, pass the information along to them.

DATABASES AT SGS WEBSITE

SRI and Cemetery Index now available online to members of SGS and more records are coming. These new services are available to all members of SGS. If you have not given them a try yet, go to the SGS website < www.saskgenealogy.com > and "Register" so you can make use of these valuable tools. Godfrey Memorial Library Online and other databases are available in the SGS Library as well.

LEGACY 7.0

Chris Krismer has some copies of the Legacy version 7.0 software that Geoff Rasmussen was selling at the seminar. Contact her if you are interested in getting one.
chris@krismer.ca

FEATURE ARTICLE

THE HUNT FOR FEMALE ANCESTOR LINES

Jean Ashcroft

One of the greatest challenges in family research can be the female line of our families. Our naming format and the fact that until relatively recently, women were not considered “people” in the legal sense are main factors in this genealogical issue. However, this does not need to leave these lines of our trees and portions of the family history vacant but may require some extra and different tactics than we have been required to use for the male lines.

Most of us have a generation or two of the female family history since often these sides of the family are often where close connections are kept. The sisters in the family were most often the letter writers – keeping in touch with family despite the distances. While not the case in my own family, they were often the diary/journal writers. They were also often in charge of and kept the family heirlooms and passed down the oral history. While these resources are very valuable, oral histories in particular to be taken with some skepticism as the focus and details of these stories in particular can change in time. For these resources we need to be in touch with other branches of the family, either to confirm or to obtain information. Other branches of the family hear variations of the same story or have information our own branch did not keep.

When we look at more formal documentation, we again find that following the female line can be challenging. Looking at census records we can get some help depending on the census. Look at the children’s names, particularly where there are names not part of the paternal family, this may give a glimpse into the female line. Often there is a son with a surname belonging to the mother’s family.

The birthplace of the mother and that of her parents are of value. Again while these can be valuable, use them with some flexibility as with all census information, the provider and recorder of the information may have not ensured the information is accurate. I have an ancestor whose birthplace and those of the parents change slightly from New Brunswick, P.E.I., Quebec and England depending on the census. Quite a challenge if you use this information alone. Census can also give us occupations of female ancestors, particularly if they are widowed and age (sometimes inaccurate). For those of you with US ancestors – you will appreciate census where the number of years married and live children vs births has been added. While this information alone is not always helpful, it provides you with another avenue to search out information on this mother such as birth records of children where a maiden name is often recorded. This may involve obtaining birth records of siblings if no record or incomplete record exists for your particular ancestor.

I was following one of my female relatives and found in the 1901 Canadian Census she was still alive and living with her son-in-law but the children in the household had a different last name. In looking at the Ontario BMD, I found that this son-in-law had married my ancestors daughter after her first husband had died. Note that in the marriage record, she used the last name of her first husband – so without the children in the Census record, I might have overlooked this connection. In another case the widowed female and her two children returned for one census to live with her brother in Ontario from Saskatchewan giving me her maiden name.

Newspapers of the local area can be very informative in filling out and providing more clues about your female ancestors. Newspapers – while not usually indexed

except for obituaries – are very valuable. More and more are available digitized on line where you can search for particular words/names. Microfilm copies are still the most useful particularly for small towns. These are often time consuming searches but usually very fruitful in growing the family history as well. Once you start looking at the paper, you will find they generally are static in how they present information and in what spot you need to look. In small town Canadian papers for early years, there is generally a column for each area of the community where local news was recorded – who visited who, who was sick, who died and who did what in the community. The visitors and visits are most interesting as often involve family – another way to find female line family.

Published family and community histories are helpful. Again, be open; not all families contributed and what is published may not be totally factual. In these community histories, look beyond just the family name in the family history sections. These histories were submitted by members of a family and if no one submitted one or if they did not know much – the information or lack thereof will be evident. Read through the front sections on the community as your ancestors may have been active in the community and its organizations. You may find a picture including your ancestors. It doesn't hurt to browse through other family histories since while your family didn't submit a history, others may have included mention of the family in their history. Cousins, friends and neighbours may have included information you were unaware of.

Other sources for women include homestead records, city directories, voters lists. While these alone will not generally provide a maiden name, it will provide you with a location once a husband has left or died. The reason for staying in a location once a widow may be family and so having a location may

provide you with clues. Wills of deceased husbands can also provide clues. Sometimes it is brother-in laws or sons-in-law who are mentioned rather than wives or daughters, again providing clues.

If you do have a last name and siblings – in order to fill out the family history of your female ancestor, look at the records of siblings or parents. Wills/probate records of parents or siblings can add a dimension, sometimes not just financial. Often older wills, in particular, add comments which will provide insight into the family dynamics. Sisters may also be mentioned in military documents of unmarried brothers.

While female ancestors can be challenging to follow back and may require more work than our male lines, they can also be the most rewarding – the hardest hunt provides the most satisfaction on success. Be open to taking some side-tracks along the way.

Jean Ashcroft is a long time member of Regina Branch.



FEATURE ARTICLE
USING THE DROUIN QUEBEC
COLLECTION FOR ANGLOPHONE
RECORDS

Marian Powell

Most Canadian genealogists are familiar with the Drouin Collection of Quebec records. The Drouin Collection is a microfilm copy of church records of baptism, marriage and burial located in Quebec courthouses and microfilmed by the Drouin Institute in the mid-20th century. The earliest records are very early indeed, some going back to the 1620s. For example, the earliest record for Notre Dame (Quebec City) lists the marriage of Guillaume Couillard and Guillemette Hebert, 26 August 1621, witnessed by Samuel de Champlain. Available records vary by individual churches and locations, but the collection covers all denominations.

What many may not realize is that these Quebec records are not confined to Roman Catholic church records or to French-speaking peoples. Those of us with ancestors in the Eastern Townships and other English-speaking communities and churches throughout Quebec can find it a real gold mine of records. It is useful to note that the collection is not confined to church records, but may also include some municipal and regimental registrations.

By way of illustration I have selected the community of Inverness, Quebec. The modern community of Inverness lies 35 miles south west of Quebec City in a rolling landscape of the Appalachian Mountains. The first significant immigration group was Scottish settlers arriving in 1829 from Arran, supplemented by more Scottish settlers and some Irish settlers in later years.

The Drouin Collection includes the following church records for Inverness as well as Inverness Municipal Council Registrations.

Anglican Church, 1859-1925.

Baptist Church, 1871 – 1872.

Leeds, Inverness, New Ireland, Halifax. 1829 – 1831.

Church of Scotland 1848-1849, 1852 – 1857.

Holiness Movement Corporation of Millfield Church, 1902, 1906, 1911 and 1913.

Methodist Church, 1859 – 1925.

Presbyterian Church, 1856 -1942.

Standard Church of America Mission at Millfield, 1927 – 1928.

St. Athanase, 1859 – 1940.

United Church, 1926 – 1942.

Inverness Municipal Council 1913 – 1930, 1940. The Register certifies that these registers record the baptisms, marriages and burials made and celebrated at the Municipal Council of Inverness Township.

The subscription service Ancestry.ca. provides a name index and the digitized microfilm images on their website as *Quebec Vital and Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1621-1967* [database on-line] www.ancestry.ca . The Regina Public Library offers access to the Ancestry.com library package.

Marian Powell is the President of Regina Branch.



WEBSITES

<http://home.byu.net/ks4>

This site offers many links to genealogical websites of interest to many areas.

<http://www.ipl.org/div/subject/browse/hum03.65.55.90.75>

This website links you to any of the U.S. State Archives.

Genealogical Travel Sites:

<http://www.ancestortravel.com>

<http://www.eurofocus.com>

<http://family-roots.in-russia.com>

<http://homepage.eircom.net/~plmckenna>

<http://www.routestoroots.com>

<http://www.genealogytravel.com/aboutus.html>

REGINA BRANCH INFORMATION

1891 CENSUS OF THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES

Index Volumes

Saskatchewan	\$20.00
Assiniboia East	\$20.00
Assiniboia West	\$20.00
Alberta	\$25.00

Set of 4 volumes \$80.00

To Come: Unorganized Territories 2009

Available from the Regina Branch SGS

Contact: Robert Ewart
2818 Sinton Ave.
Regina, SK S4S 1K3

Website:

www.rootsweb.com/~canrbsgs/index.html

LIST OF CEMETERIES RECORDED BY REGINA BRANCH

R.M. 128	Gray, Riceton
R.M. 129	Buck Lake, Wilcox
R.M. 130	Briercrest, Rouleau
R.M. 156	Indian Head, Sinaluta
R.M. 157	Avonhurst, Edgeley, McLean, Qu'Appelle
R.M. 159	Riverside
R.M. 160	All Saint's, Cottonwood, Stony Beach, Poplar Grove, Battrum
R.M. 189	Lumsden, Regina Beach
R.M. 190	Bethune, Findlater, Keddleston
R.M. 218	Bethlehem, Cupar, Wheatwyn
R.M. 220	Silton



1916 CANADIAN CENSUS TEMPLATE

Regina member, Shelley Kloczko, was so anxious to find her relatives in the 1916 Census record that she found it necessary to develop a 1916 Canadian Census form. She wanted to share it with others so it appears on the next page. You may find it helpful when checking for your ancestors. Thanks, Shelley!

BRANCH POLICY**REGINA BRANCH RESEARCH**

Our branch has developed a research policy in order to address the requests that we receive from various sources. Branch members who are Certified Saskatchewan Researchers will complete the research.

Types of research:

Basic Search - \$39.00 CAD / \$39.00 USD / £22 UK

Homestead Records, Maps, Local Histories, Cemetery Records, Obituaries, Newspaper Records & Saskatchewan Research Index

General Research - \$29.00 per hour

Estimates will be given based on the information that is being requested.

Cemetery Search - \$3.00 / \$10.00 per name

If the cemetery is known, the SGS Cemetery Index would be checked (\$3.00). All cemeteries within an R.M. would be checked if the cemetery is not known (\$10.00).

For Regina Branch Members:

All cemeteries that have been recorded by the branch would be checked for no charge.

SRI - \$5.00 per surname

The Saskatchewan Research Index and the SGS Library would be checked and this cost would include a printed list.

Cemetery/Historical Photos - Min. \$10.00

A branch member would take photos of a gravestone in the cemeteries located in Regina. Cost would vary if the cemetery is located outside of Regina.

For Regina Branch Members: \$5.00

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MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships in Regina Branch and the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society are due on December 31 annually. Regina Branch members must be members of SGS. Membership fee rates:

SGS Regular Family	\$40.00
SGS Senior	\$38.00
Regina Branch Membership	\$10.00

Name _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____

Telephone Number _____

E-Mail _____

Please answer these questions. It will help us in planning programs and events.

Name the family tree(s) you are working on

Country or regions you are researching

Would you be interested in finding out more about, or volunteering for, an Executive Position or committee?

Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, Which one(s)? _____

COMING EVENTS

Seminar Momentum

A group discussion about the SGS Seminar that was held the previous weekend.

Tue Apr 28 2009 7:00 pm SGS Library
 110-1514 11th Ave, Regina

Sports Hall of Fame Tour

Join Branch members in a tour of this interesting museum. If you have an individual or team that may be in the Hall of Fame, please advise me ahead of time and the staff will look up specific information. (729-3033 or dcromph@sasktel.net)

Fri May 22 2009 Time 1:00 pm
 2205 Victoria Ave, Regina

Prairie History Room

May Chan will show us what the Prairie History Room has to offer in services and programs. We will meet there, rather than the SGS Library.

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