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*The newsletter that informs, educates,
enlightens and entertains*

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The Spring Newsletter

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Spring has arrived finally! Last week a hummingbird looked at me through our front window. When it tapped the window, I looked up to see this forlorn face looking for its feeder. I had to quickly make food while Rod brought out and cleaned the feeders.

Spring is my favorite time of the year. The leaves coming out in the trees, the grass is starting to green, and everything is clean with the gentle rains. The smells are refreshing, and new birds are arriving daily, entertaining us with their yearly rituals.

It is a time of renewal; renewal for us, our communities, and the future. Hope for the future without covid restrictions. I remain positive for a good year and being able to road trip to visit family and friends.

I would like to wish everyone peace and happiness as we emerge into new beginnings.

Our executive met and have come up with a startup plan to include safety protocols for our members and guests. They are looking for input such as speakers and educational programs. Please contact Lynne or any of the executive for your ideas and as always if you can serve on the executive.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 7, 2022, at 7:00 PM – Masonic Hall, Westminster Ave, Penticton – Round table discussion. Modified to meet Covid regulations

May 5, 2022, at 7:00 PM – Masonic Hall, Westminster Ave, Penticton

June 2, 2022, at 11:30 – 2:30 Skaha Lake Park



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*Executive positions

Please help us out – we are always looking for volunteers to fill vacant board position

- Submissions needed to fill our Grapevines pages – Stories, Ideas, and Brick Walls.
- We are looking for volunteers to fill vacant executive positions.
- We are looking for volunteers and ideas for workshop presentations

MESSAGE FROM LYNNE THOM - VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

Lynne sent out an email to all members regarding the upcoming dates and protocols to the end of the year.

A quick recap for anyone who might have not seen the email.

Covid protocols are decreasing. **This does not mean that Covid has gone away**, only that the Ministry of Health feels it is reasonably safe to reopen. Protocols are decreasing but may be reinstated at any time depending on what is happening.

Based on this SOGS is happy to announce we will be restarting our monthly meetings.

Regular meetings – start at 7 pm, Masonic Hall

- April 7
- May 5
- June 2 – 11:30 to 2:30 Picnic in the Park – Skaha Lake Park
- September 1
- October 6 – Annual General Meeting
- November 3
- December 1 – possible Christmas potluck – if not on this date will be Nov. 3.

Covid Protocol

Due to the age of our members, we feel it is prudent to choose to observe the following Covid protocols. This will help to decrease the chances of members contracting Covid from other members.

- Masks should still be worn
- Hand sanitizing should be continued
- Social distancing should be observed

Do not attend if you are:

- Feeling unwell - Cold, flu, runny nose cough
- Have tested positive for Covid in the last two weeks
- Are waiting the results of a Covid test
- Have been in contact in the last 14 days with someone who is feeling unwell, who has tested positive for Covid or is waiting for Covid test results.

Proposed topics for the fall

- DNA knowledge Difference between family members results
- Where to find more knowledge
- Old Cemetery headstone – Lynne and Lorraine to work on a presentation

Lynne Thom - SOGS Vice President / Secretary, lkthom@shaw.ca

REMINDER

*We are again **collecting membership fees.**
SOGS membership fees are payable by April 30
Yearly fees are \$30 for single and \$40 for couple
You can bring cash or Cheque to a meeting or cheque can be mailed*

Library Corner

By Nola Reid

Our Library is on the move once again and with the Covid upon us plus with all of the continuing changes, we have decided to just put everything into storage for now.



These pictures were taken in November of 2021, packing up with help from members.



At this date of March 12, 2022, we have some improvements in the regulation of Covid so maybe we can all feel more like normal. I think we all have enjoyed all of the online ways to still research and learning new ways

Newsletter Additions.

By Nola Reid

Abbotsford Genealogical Society V26#5-Oct-2021

- *Why You're Not Finding Death Records – lots of suggestion and ways to look elsewhere.
- *How To Remove Photo's Stuck to Glass – a link is given, and I am sure we all have had this problem.

Airedale & Wharfedale Family History Society, Issue 13- March-2022

- *Useful Addresses in the UK- these include Libraries, Land Records and National addresses.

Alberta Family History Society V3#10 Dec-2021

- *Tech Tips – a good article which will help you to understand Windows 11 + Updates.

Internet Genealogy V14 #6-Feb/March-2022 (Subscription)

- *Courting in Days Gone By - courting traditions of your ancestors.
- *John Galt and the Huron Tract – colonization of Canada in the early 19th century.
- *Viewing Images from Multiple Angles – identifying relatives from different points and backgrounds.

Lancashire Family History and Heraldry Society V43#4-Nov-2021

- *Good articles on several family names – some of the name I had not every heard of.

Plymouth County Genealogical Inc. V21#3-Nov-2021 (USA)

- *Family Search Completes' Massive Microfilm Project - this actually began in 1938! WOW!
- *Baby Boomers Memories – the last of today's major collectors.
- *Opening Day of Walt Disney World – in 1971 was the big day and now it is celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Perth OGS County Branch, V39#4-Aug-2021

- *Vintage Games – brings back so many memories of what games we use to play.
- *Early Natives Designed Shoe shoes – this gives a history of some of the older designs.

A Few of the Newsletters we have received:

Abbotsford Genealogical Society
Airedale + Wharfedale Family History Society
Alberta Family History Society
BC Genealogical Society
Bruce + Grey Branch, OGS
Halton and Peel Lampton County Branch, OGS
Oregon Forum (USA)
Perth County Branch, OGS
Quesnel Branch, BCGS

The Lost and Found/Brick Wall

By Nola Reid

I have had a mystery for over 30 years, and I believe I now have the answers.

My grandmother Petria Marie Lauridsen was born in Denmark in 1877, she was the fourth child born to Martin Majland Lauridsen and Kirstina Hendricksen Skodt. Petria met my grandfather Valdemar Brolund about 1903 or 4 and they were married in April of 1905 at Esbjerg, Denmark.

Petria is Patricia in Danish and my brother's and I called her "Bestamo" which is close to Danish for grandmother. (Grandmother - Bedstemoder and grandfather was Bedstefader).

They lived in one large house in Esbjerg with her parents and one brother and his family, the men all worked for the City in several capacities until 1909 when Petrea and Valdemar immigrated to the USA with two small children, they ended up in Nebraska where Petrea's older brother and family lived, he had immigrated in 1892. They lived there for about 10 years with the addition of four sons all born in Nebraska, they moved back to Denmark in 1921 and only were there under a year then came to Canada in May 1921. The census had them on the USA, Danish and Canadian's census but different months of that year!

So, I was born into the family when one of the sons married and my father and grandfather half shared a farm in northern Manitoba. I grew up spending lots and lots of time with my grandmother Petrea, I attribute all of the stories she told me, letters read aloud and pictures to my beginning interests in genealogy. Petrea told me about her two older sisters' that went off to Australia about the early 1900's and I have been searching for them for all of these years.

I had my DNA test done a few years ago and low and behold I have a match from Australia!! Turned out that they got in touch with me, and they had never ever known where their grandmother was born or any of her siblings' names, absolutely nothing about any family history! So, I have been sending off lots of information and pictures as they have sent me copies of a few that they had. Now I see I have a nephew of my cousins in Australia that has been matched to me as well. Turns out that Petrea's sister went by a different first name and also last name which is an old family name of "Mailandt". So another Brick Wall solved in that every male member of the Lauridsen and my Brolund family have the same middle name and it's been anglicized through the years even down to my great nephews!!! I have found a great great grandfather with the name of Mads Martin Mailandt Lauridsen and his wife's or mother's maiden name was Mailandt!!!

This has been a very interesting journey and I have gathered so much history in the meantime and learned so much more. This proves you are never done so don't ever give up; it will come in due time.

LDS Family Search Centre – Closed due to Covid 19 until further notice

2946 South Main Street, Penticton, BC * Phone: 250.493.5580

Open September to December and January to June - Wednesdays & Thursdays from 10 AM to 4 PM

Thurs. Evening 6:30 ~ 8:30 PM - To make an appointment for other times, call during open hours.

Chasing Your Shadow – Rod Crawford

The Dancing Bear – A tale by Martha Jane Douglas – Grandmother of Rod Crawford

Story was from about 1907

I was in a little two-wheel carriage because I was puny but almost two. It was a traveller, or a hobo or a tramp or a tinkerer – he came through town with a dancing bear with which he would hold these little performances on the street. One of the performances was out in front of the boarding house, so all the boarders with Mom, Dad, Alta and I was out front to see this dancing bear. I was always a very timid child, scared of my own shadow because I was so weak and sickly. My dad could say with one look at me “I didn’t even get my seed back.” That’s an expression you give when you get a bum crop. I like to liken that when my father saw this puny little thing that he had begotten.

I can remember one of the boarders picked me out of the two-wheel carriage; he picked me up (because I was small) so I could see this bear. He had his arm around me and stood me on this fence post with a flat top. Here I am standing there right over this beast that is dancing around on the end of a rope. The tramp was playing a hand operated pipe organ and the bear was dancing. The bear was dancing round and round on its tether rope as the music played. I was just petrified with fear of the bear. I was trying to get away from this man and I wanted to get down. I was looking around fearfully – Where’s my mom? I thought I was going to be consumed by this animal. I remember the fear in me. When I told mom about this when I was grown up; she was awestruck – Martha you can’t remember that – That was before Asa was born, I was pregnant with Asa at that time. He is only two months and two years younger than me. I could not have been more than two at the most, but I remember this distinctly. I was still in a kind of baby contraption where I could be wheeled around because I was so weak and puny. Yes, I remember that.

Note: Years later Sharon (Daughter) and I went down to Nova Scotia in 1975. I went to visit people living on my grandparent’s farm, who were no relation. They had rented my father’s old farm. They found in the attic behind some boxes this old photograph. They showed it to me; my parents are standing there with a group of the boarders in front of the house that had just been finished (Douglas House). I asked if I could have copies of this as I don’t have anything like this in my procession. They said they would try and get me a copy. They stated that they did not know any of the people, they were all strangers. I said I would love to have the picture if it has no particular memory for you, because it has for me. These are

my parents. They said they wouldn't sell it. They found it in the house, and they wanted it to stay with the house – eventually a copy of the photograph was obtained.

1907 – Alta, Martha, Mom & Dad (from transcribed notes) the year was 1907 when I was about two years old. Asa was not yet born, and we lived in Moncton in a large frame house with a sign that said Douglas House. My father and mother had left the small village of Tatamagouche on the north shore of Nova Scotia where they had been born and raised, where their parents before them had also been born of those early pioneering families who had left Scotland on one of the first immigrant ships to set out for the new world – and who were to be the founding settlers of New Scotland. My father must have inherited something of that same spirit of adventure and daring that characterized those early voyageurs. For as long as he lived he kept moving on, never content to stay long in any one place, always following some dream or other of wealth and glory over the next hill. My blessed mother whether by choice or necessity must have shared at least a part of the dream for she followed him to the end.



The move to Moncton was only the first of many which were to bring them westward, away from the familiar surroundings of home and family, across the vastness of the continent, to come at last to rest in the village of Ladner in mild and magnificent British Columbia on the shores of the mighty Pacific.

Martha passed away in 2001. I was gifted a copy of the photo in 2012. In 2014 I was gifted my grandmothers journal and reflections. It was when I transcribed the works, at I realized that this was the infamous photo, and thankful she recorded her story.

FAMILY LORE by Sheri Crawford

Granny would tell us tales about her brother in laws after Grampa passed away. She especially liked to talk about our Uncle Charlie.

One story that kept popping up in memory is -

“One day the boys were in town doing what boys usually do at the local pub. After some prompting from his brothers, and not wanting to back down on a dare... he waited for an unsuspecting person to use an outhouse. Once the unsuspecting victim was inside Charlie roped the outhouse with the person inside. With a whoop and swing of his hat, he dragged it down Main Street. Sobering quickly realization must have stepped in. The yelling stopped as he thought that he had killed the man inside the closet.

Charlie loosened his rope and rode back to the ranch. In a bit of a panic, he packed a couple of things into his saddlebags and headed towards his Uncle Bill's place south of Kalispell, Montana.

The tale goes that along the way he got attacked by some of the local natives. I don't know if gun shot or an arrow that injured him; however, it caused him to fall into unknown river. Wounded and weak able to hold onto a log, hiding from an unseen enemy.

Charlie was eventually found by a family who nursed his back to health. He continued to Uncle Bill's ranch and stayed there working as a hand. He got word that the person in the outhouse was ok, and that his dad cleared everything up with the law. Charlie was free to come home.”

Was this a fabrication of my grandmother trying to make her stories exciting and memorable for her grandchildren or is any part of this true. It sounds plausible and likely seen at the local matinee when I was a child. No actual proof exists other than word of mouth.

Charlie had taken out a homestead in the Fort MacLeod area in Oct 1905 and abandoned the homestead at some time later. He was in Montana looking for work on two occasions and there is no mention of him being injured or ill. His letters were written 6 Jan 1909, to his parents “Visiting Aunt Charlotte south of Kalispell Montana”. and 18 Nov 1910 letter to his parents “looking for work at Thompson Fall, Montana”. He is not in the 1910 US census nor the 1911 Canadian census.

After starting this article, I had a query from a distant cousin on MyHeritage and was asking about by Bradwell roots. I went back and reviewed my notes on the Bradwell and Howe families. While reviewing my mother's two pages of notes I discovered that Alfred Howe died of wounds in Montana.

Alfred Howe was in Grizzly Gouch in Montana Territory during the 1880 census, while his brothers George and William on their farm in Illinois. Alfred married Sophie Eslinger 10 Apr 1882 in Grant County Wisconsin. The new couple took up ranching in New Chicago, Deer Lodge County, Montana shortly after.

The Probate papers stated that Alfred was on a “shopping trip” at Butte, Silver Bow, Montana and was a resident of New Chicago, Deer Lodge, Montana. The first date of medicines acquired along with hospital bills was 20 Oct 1882, and he died 15 Feb 1883 in Butte. The estate dealt with doctor, hospital, druggist, and funeral bills.

A newspaper article stated that Alfred and wife sold 160 acres of land to David M Dunkelberg 18 Nov 1882. Dunkelberg owned another quarter section close to this piece. The next newspaper articles were

to do with Probate and the estate. Probate did not mention any real estate only personal and farm movable inventory.

After scouring newspapers of the day looking for Alred Howe, (all combinations) deaths, attacks, etc. and other people came up but not him. I would think that would have made the papers or was this a common occurrence in Montana?

Did I combine both stories into one, or did Granny? Did the story of the outhouse happen really? Again, no stories in the Alberta newspapers for Charlie's antics. Was horseplay a common occurrence and did not make the papers. I would likely think it likely as newsworthy.

In my research I found that Charlie's dad George Howe was fined \$5.00 and had to pay \$7.00 in damages or 30 days hard labor for being drunk and disorderly in Fort MacLeod, Alberta in March 1903. However, no mention in the preceding papers of his indiscretion.

Family Stories are just that. Sometimes the story is true and can be verified and sometimes there is only a thread of truth. Was the person a storyteller that liked to entertain their grandchildren.

What stories have you told your children and what do they remember? What are they telling their children? Take some time every month and write a story or two for your grandchildren. Put the stories together and either give the book to your child or grandchild and hope that they pass down to the next generations. Post some of the stories online so they can be accessed for anyone interested.



Obituary

Richard Clements 94 a long time resident of Summerland died peacefully January 4 with family at his side. Survived by four children, nine grandchildren and three great great grandchildren and numerous relatives in England.

A celebration of life was held at Summerland Legion on February 5.

Dick was a member and supporter at SOGS for many years.

Do you have a brick wall? Send us an email with your problem. Give us as much information as you can, along with what you have researched. One of our readers may have a suggestion or even better yet, have this person in their tree.

THIS YEAR'S THEME

As a result, let's see stories on **FAMILY LORE – FACT OR FICTION.**

If your family is anything like mine, you should have interesting tales to share.

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON? Let us know and we will add it here. Feel free to share your brick walls, roadblocks, or triumphs.

Help us Help Others – Can you spare a bit of time to volunteer for SOGS?

HELP WANTED! We have a few positions open currently. The positions are Program Director, Publicity & Public Relations, Special Projects and Fund Raising. If you are interested in helping out – please contact Nola at sogsnola@shaw.ca for more information. We'll be very glad to hear from you.

ABCs – Scanning Family Memorabilia by Rod “Scanman” Crawford

I scan all our family memorabilia and photograph the big stuff. That pile of stuff on the kitchen table does not take up much space when digitized. I usually have a phone or scanner or camera with me wherever I go...You never know when Aunt Jean will pull out that old shoe box and show you the long-kept treasures inside.

1. Decisions, Decisions, Decisions – The pile needs to be sorted such as by year, family, value and etc. You will need to ask yourself a few questions:
Does this have any genealogical value to me?
Should someone else love this piece?
How fragile is it?
Could it be used or shown by others – such as a museum?
Is it worth money if I sold it?
I am sure when you start to sort it will invoke memories and questions.
2. Resolution – Two things, you have to make a resolution to move forward with your project and at what resolution...DPI or dots per inch is the image quality for your scans. I prefer 300 for most of my scanning, but for smaller print or images go to 600. 300 dpi scans quickly, gives a descent copy and takes up little memory. Most scanners are capable of this.

3. Save as – Whoa, slow down a sec. Most photos are saved as a jpg and documents as a pdf. Jpgs are easy to share, but every time you share and save the file it will deteriorate a bit. New pdf programs will allow you to add a page and enter notes.
4. Let's get started. Not quite so fast, have you got a scanner? My multi-function printer has one. Something I would suggest only use the document feeder if the paper is in good shape. Fan through the document and make sure little souvenirs like staples, paper clips and other hidden gems are removed; I have four scanners, a pencil one for scanning books or articles and will fit in my pocket, a flatbed scanner that is the size of my laptop and runs off of computer power – it will run off of the computer battery, one for scanning negatives and slides and yes, the multi-function printer. The modern smart phone can scan and some apps I hear give good results. I also use my digital camera for large items such as wall maps and can mount my camera under my tripod to the floor for recording large or odd sized materials.
5. I know you are getting excited to start, but calm down a minute, a few things first. Make sure all the dust is removed from the scanner and the glass clean. Again, make sure all staples, paper clips and other souvenirs are removed. Old photos can be gently cleaned by sweeping with a soft brush from the middle to the edges then blown off with a blast of compressed air. Remember to handle old photos on their edges, finger prints can stain a photo. I sometimes wear cotton gloves when they are old and fragile.
6. Yawn, Boring...I know but you have to break the project into small manageable bites – make the piles sensible so that when they are filed, they fall into an order that is organized. Once this project is completed you will appreciate the effort, especially the next person to continue your project.
7. Are we there yet? Handle with care, yes, we are there. Begin scanning. It is a methodical process to gently scan the materials, to protect them from further damage. Turn pages carefully, ease the scanner lid onto the documents (some scanners have lids made to cover over uneven objects such as book spines and binders. Scanning black and white in colour mode will give a more clear image.
8. Note to self. Copyright protected...If the document or published material it may be copyrighted and do you have permission to use it. If you took it off the internet...it may be copyrighted. Who really owns your pile of goodies?
9. File the pile before you smile. As soon as I scan a document I name it in a chronological order – year, month, date, name or title etc. With photos I scan a glassful and then name them after the scan is saved. **If they have any details marked on the backs I record and save that information as an identical named index card.**
10. Beep, Beep Beep, we have all heard that annoying sound and look around to see what is backing up. Back up your files on a stick, external hard drive, the cloud, everything lost is nothing gained.

MEMBERSHIP

You are invited! Bring along your friends and join us at any of our meetings to find out more.

Meetings are held in the auditorium of the Penticton Museum and Library Complex on the first Thursday of each month. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. There are no meetings in July, August, December or January.

The SOGS Library is open one Wednesday per month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., September to November and January to June. (We are generally closed in July, August and December.)

We hope you'll want to become members of the South Okanagan Genealogical Society.

Application for Membership

Last name _____

First name _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Phone _____

Alternate phone _____

Email _____

Type of membership:

() Individual \$30 per year

() Couple \$40 per year

() Additional family members \$10

() Student \$15 per year

New membership fees will be pro-rated to reflect the month in which you join.

Fees must be paid annually to maintain membership (May-April).

Please pay by cash or cheque at the SOGS Library, or at our monthly meetings. Or mail this application with your cheque or money order (payable to **South Okanagan Genealogical Society**) to:

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- Collect and preserve information and material relevant to genealogical research,
- Publish and distribute information relevant to genealogical research, and
- Preserve local historical information

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