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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JAN 12:** General Branch Meeting
"Computing the Family Connections"
Gus, Bev, and Lynda will share computer tips, techniques, and strategies they've been using for several years doing their genealogy research and more. They will also share the benefits and pitfalls of using the computer and Internet as a research tool.
- FEB 5:** Genealogy Workshop at the WDM with Dave Obee as our guest speaker.
"Researching Your Eastern European Roots"
- FEB 6:** Saskatoon Heritage Festival, 2005
WDM from 12 noon to 5 PM
"Telling Our Saskatchewan Stories"
- FEB 9:** General Branch Meeting
"Treasures to Explore at the U of S Library"

OUR NEW MEETING LOCATION

Place: St. Thomas School @ 3035 Arlington Avenue

Time: The Library is open from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.
The Meeting runs from 7:15 - 9:30PM. We start with the Presidents' report and this is followed by member interest discussions, guest speakers or geographic workshops.

Dates: The 2nd Wednesday of each month excluding July & August

Website: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~sksgs>

New Mailing Address: Saskatoon Genealogy Society
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MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTER INFO

The membership fee for our branch is now \$15.00 a year. There is a \$15.00 charge for all NSF cheques. Joining the Saskatoon Branch requires that you also join the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) which has an annual fee of \$32.00 (senior rate) or \$34.00 (regular rate). Membership also includes 10 branch meetings, access to our Saskatoon Branch Library, access to the SGS Library and a copy of this newsletter 5 times during the year.

This newsletter will be published 5 – 7 days prior to the general branch meetings in January, March, May, September & November, and it is available in either printed form or via Email. For those members of our local branch who wish to have a printed version of the newsletter mailed out— please bring a self addressed, stamped large (9x12) envelope to a general meeting or mail them to the branch or newsletter editor. The number of self-addressed envelopes determines how many times a year the newsletter is mailed out to you.

If you have a story, a genealogy related joke, a quip, a query, a quote or just a short note please send it to the editor for inclusion in an upcoming edition of the newsletter. Articles are required for the next issue and future issues.

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THE FAMILY TREE

Workshop on February 5th, 2005

For those of you who are planning to attend our workshop in February, why not pay a visit to the Interlink Bookshop or Genealogy Unlimited websites and browse through the online listing of books. If you find one that you want to purchase, just ask Dave to bring it with him.

<http://www.genealogyunlimited.com/>

<http://www.interlinkbookshop.com/>

Branch Members Birthdays that were recently celebrated:

Val Bruce	Dec 30
Myrna Sprecker	Dec 31

Special Get-Well Wishes for:

Myrna Sprecker
Jean Wallace

50/50 Draw Winners

Nov 10: Vern Sahli

THE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

By Cliff Rusk

At the November branch meeting Val Bruce, Georgiana Chartier and Michelle Rusk made a presentation on Military Genealogical Research . An interview in the first half with Gus Morrow actually kicked off this presentation as Gus described growing up in Ireland during World War II and the later impact of conflict on his family’s move to Canada. Val described the activities of her ancestor who was an official sketch artist during the North-West Rebellion and the information she found on him in the Local History room of the Frances Morrison Library. Georgiana detailed the military records she has obtained and where, including US Civil War Records, Canadian First World War Attestation papers, and her father’s Second World War military records. She also described the impact World War II had on her family from the time her father enlisted in the 1st LAA of the 1st Canadian Division and went overseas to his return from the Italian Campaign and her diary record of the very changed man he was from when she saw him leave.

Michelle spoke about campaigns she had researched and some of the books she had used in learning about military events in which her family members had participated including the Fenian Raids into Southern Quebec in the 19th century, as well as World War I and II. She described some of the experiences her parents had during the Second World War - her father as a gunner, signalmen, and dispatch rider in the Royal Canadian Artillery and her mother as a British civilian working in various War Departments in London and her subsequent experience as a War Bride to Canada. In all, the presentation put the human face on how military history impacted our ancestors and why it is a factor in genealogy research.

Our December meeting was our annual Christmas Pot-Luck Social with about 35 members and guests sampling the variety of taste tempting dishes that were prepared for all to enjoy. The evening was finished off with “Tales of Christmas Past” which proceeded to bring many a tear to our eyes as laughter filled the room. It was interesting to hear the stories of Christmases in different parts of Canada, the varying Christmas traditions, and how family Christmas traditions have both changed and stayed the same from generation to generation. Thanks to all those who attended.

In review, 2004 was a year filled with change for our branch. We moved to our new location in June and now have extended library hours. We also initiated our goal of ongoing fundraising events with two (2) BBQ’s at the IGA in Preston Crossing, a Craft & Bake Sale at the Co-op on 8th Street; and, the publication of 402 Heritage Cookbook’s for sale.

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To-date we have sold about 200 of these great Cookbooks which contain 268 tried and tested family recipes. Please contact Michelle or Cliff Rusk, Lynda Andrew, Gus Morrow or any other member of our branch executive or fundraising committee to purchase your own copy.

2005 promises to be another exciting year with our first one-day workshop on February 5th at the WDM with Dave Obee as our guest speaker. If you are planning on attending, please register soon. We have to confirm our numbers for lunch with the WDM by February 2nd. On February 6th, our branch will have a display and sales table at this years Heritage Festival, visit their website for further Information (<http://members.shaw.ca/HeritageFestival>) I am sure that the fundraising committee will be planning more great events during the upcoming year.

Upcoming speaking events ! Bev Gutenberg is presenting lectures at two events this spring, one for the Saskatchewan Librarians Association (SLA) and one for the public school board. Karen Hafermehl will be giving 2 presentations at the Guide Girls Seminar here in Saskatoon. Thanks to

On behalf of our branch , I would like to extend condolences to a long time branch member, **Isabel Lenz**, on the sudden passing of her son.

I hope that everyone will join us at an upcoming branch meeting, at the Workshop and at the Heritage Festival in February.

Best of Luck to All in 2005.

Volunteers Required

- The executive still requires a Branch Secretary as Jan Smithson is stepping down, another Greeter to assist Merle Ward at the main doors into the school and 2 Members - at- Large.
- We need 2 more people for the Refreshment Committee so we can continue to enjoy our coffee, tea and snacks at our general meetings.
- We really need to form a Branch Facilities Committee who will be responsible for the setting up and taking down of chairs, etc. at all general branch functions.
- The upcoming Workshop & heritage Festival will require volunteers to look after our branch sales and display table. Please contact Cliff or Michelle Rusk if you are willing to help out at one of these events.

**Please volunteer your help no matter how little it might appear.
Volunteers are the backbone of all organizations.**

Genealogy Indexes that are Available at Ancestry.com or the LDS

WUERTTEMBERG, GERMANY EMIGRATION INDEX

The Wuerttemberg Emigration Index is an eight volume work that represents the thousands of German and Prussian immigrants to the United States that made application to emigrate at Wuerttemberg, Germany. This collection, filmed at Ludwigsburg, contains the names of approximately 60,000 persons who made application to leave Germany from the late eighteenth century to 1900. The information supplied on each person includes: name, date and place of birth, residence at time of application and application date, and microfilm number.

Source Information: Schenk, Trudy and Ruth Froelke. Wuerttemberg Emigration Index - Vol. I-VIII (8), Salt Lake City, UT: Ancestry Incorporated, 1986- . Original Source: All information included in Wuerttemberg Emigration Index has been extracted from the original Wuerttemberg emigration records filmed at Ludwigsburg and available on microfilm at the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City or through its branch LDS family history centers. Although all of the records were handwritten by German speaking people, the spelling of names varies from one document to the other. In cases where applicants used their own signature, that spelling was used.

DAWES COMMISSION INDEX, 1898-1914

Commonly called the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, the Dawes Commission was appointed by President Grover Cleveland in 1893. In return for abolishing their tribal governments and recognizing state and federal laws, tribe members of the Five Civilized Tribes - the Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw, Chickasaw and Seminole - were given a share of common property. This database indexes the original applications for tribal enrolments under the act of June 28, 1898. It also indexes documents such as birth and death affidavits, marriage licenses, and decisions and orders of the Commission.

PERIODICAL SOURCE INDEX (PERSI)

PERSI is the largest and most widely-used subject index covering genealogy and local history periodicals written in English and French (Canada). The collection dates from approximately 1800. There are currently over 1.7 million searchable records and nearly 6,000 different periodicals, which library staffers at the Allen County Public Library have been compiling for over a decade. PERSI is widely recognized as essential for high-quality genealogy research. PERSI gives family historians access to materials they would otherwise not have available. Note that due to the taxing nature of this work, individuals mentioned in passing will not appear in PERSI; this is not a full-text index.

PERSI also organizes articles into locality, but only those where the geographic categorization is clearly valuable, e.g., cemetery transcription or newspaper extracts. Locality entries are classified by the type of record the article includes, e.g., biography, cemetery, census, etc., to indicate the content of the article to researchers.

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This is a free newsletter available to all subscribers.

The Library Corner

With Georgiana Chartier

Library hours for January are:

Jan. 8th 1:00PM-4:00PM

Jan. 12th 6:00PM-7:00PM

Jan. 15th 1:00PM-4:00PM

Library hours for February are:

Feb. 9th 6:00PM-7:00PM

Feb. 12th 1:00PM-4:00PM

Feb. 19th 1:00PM-4:00PM

Non branch members can make use of the library facilities on these extra days for a small fee of \$2.00 per visit.

Non SBSGS members can not check out any material from our library.

The following books are overdue! Please return to our branch library as soon as possible.

- 1) ANCESTORS, DESCENDANTS AND RELATIVES OF ALEXANDER MCKAY SUTHERLAND & CHRISTY CAMERON. Due Dec. 11, 2004
- 2) THE CLANS AND TARTANS OF SCOTLAND. Due Dec. 11, 2004
- 3) DICTIONARY OF SCOTTISH EMIGRANTS CANADA BEFORE CONFEDERATION. Due Dec. 11, 2004
- 4) IRISH MIGRANTS IN CANADA A NEW APPROACH. Due Dec. 11, 2004.
- 5) IRISH ROOTS. Issue 40 2001. Due Dec. 11 2004.
- 6) IRISH ROOTS. ISSUE 49, 2004. Due Dec. 11, 2004.
- 7) IRISH ROOTS. ISSUE 50, 2004. Due Dec. 11, 2004.
- 8) NOT IN VAIN. Due Dec. 11, 2004.
- 9) PIONEER YEARS: 1894-1914.
- 10) THE RICE FAMILY HISTORY. Due Dec. 11, 2004.
- 11) WRITING A FAMILY HISTORY. Due Nov. 10, 2004.

To keep up with all the events being held with-in our province, pay regular visits to the SGS website events page.

http://www.saskgenealogy.com/events/sgs_events.htm

CHRISTMAS POT-LUCK SUPPER 2004



Time to visit before supper begins.



Glen Young, Mabel Evans & Diane de Wall

Is it time to eat?



Checking out the food!



Great food followed by a great conversation.



Who's going for seconds?



Cliff & Michelle Rusk and Lynda Andrew talking about upcoming fundraising events and our Heritage Cookbook that is now for sale.

Somewhere in Saskatchewan...

Bev Gutenberg

There are whole communities that are interested in preserving the history of their community. One such community is Craik, Saskatchewan. Lucky, the individual who had family in Craik, especially if the family members were active participants in the community.

When I worked as program coordinator in Davidson, I had occasion to visit the community of Craik. I was amazed to discover what treasures they have preserved. Two organizations are especially involved: the Craik Branch of SGS and the Craik Oral History Society. The latter organization has preserved all the minute books of the local organizations as well as videotaping all potentially historic events such as archeological “digs” in which the high school students participate and 50th wedding anniversaries. They also interviewed on videotape the pioneers of the community.

The old town office was donated to the society and it is there where they store all the treasures in archival safe materials. This material is all indexed and coded so if your relative happens to have attended a meeting or function where the names were recorded they would have the information. Because my parents had lived in Craik for a short time, I asked for a demonstration. I know now my mother had attended a Homemakers’ meeting on such and such a date while they lived there and that my father was at the United Grain Growers annual meeting. The names were found on an index and the source was stored in another coded area in archival boxes. The archival collection of local history society includes 600 hours of audiocassette tapes, 500 photographs, 2,000 slides, video library, assorted documents and record books.

I was also given a crash course in revitalizing paper that was brittle with age and properly storing materials. These movers and the shakers are knowledgeable folks.

Craik is also unique in other aspects. They have created what they call a sustainable community, an ecovillage . They gave lots free of charge to individuals who wish to start their own business in Craik. Planning for a new sustainable housing development or ecovillage, consisting of 10 to 12 families living sustainably, was initiated during the summer of 2004. Participants in the ecovillage will build energy efficient housing and have access to small parcels of land, part of a 127 acre-plot donated by the Rural Municipality of Craik No. 222 to the project. They can use this land to generate part or all of their income in a sustainable way. This aspect of the project will be modeled after other successful “ecovillages “ that exist around the world. Further to this news that a hemp cloth manufacturing company is relocating to Craik. .

I wish other communities would take a page out of Craik’s book and embark on similar ventures before it is too late either for our history or for sustaining our environment.

Remember our “ **Heritage Cookbook**” can be ordered by contacting any member of the Fundraising Committee. They are a great way to hand down to the next generation, some of those family recipes that we all love to eat.

RESEARCHING YOUR EASTERN EUROPEAN ROOTS

The
SASKATOON GENEALOGY SOCIETY
is hosting a one-day Genealogy Workshop
on February 5th, 2005
at the Western Development Museum.

Our guest speaker **Dave Obee**, of Victoria, is the President of the
FEDERATION OF EAST EUROPEAN FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES
and, is the owner of Interlink Bookshop & Genealogy Unlimited.
Lecture topics for this event include: Finding Places in Germany and Eastern Europe;
Stalin's Secret Files; Discoveries in the EWZ microfilms; and, Destination: Canada.

The cost for this one-day workshop is **\$50.00 per person**; and, includes a Syllabus,
coffee break refreshments and a soup & sandwich lunch buffet. Free parking too!

Registrations are required by Feb 2nd.

For further information visit our branch website or contact:

Cliff Rusk (384-8813 after 5 PM)

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Saskatoon Heritage Festival, 2005

Proudly presents on February 6th, 2005

from 12 noon to 5 PM

at the

Western Development Museum

“Telling Our Saskatchewan Stories”

This years' event will feature a variety of speakers who will entertain everyone,
young and old, with the oral & visual history of our province over the past 100 years.

FREE ADMISSION & FREE PARKING

For more information on this event please visit their website

<http://members.shaw.ca/HeritageFestival>

Genealogy: Magazines and E-zines

- [American Genealogy Magazine](http://www.genealogymagazine.com/) (<http://www.genealogymagazine.com/>) Information pertaining to books, databases and articles for tracing your family tree. Also includes access to The Teapot Genies - the first Internet genealogy television show.
- [Canada Tree Zine](http://canadatree.tripod.com/) (<http://canadatree.tripod.com/>) On-line ezine for fur trade and Metis family historians and genealogists.
- [Family Chronicle Magazine](http://www.familychronicle.com/) (<http://www.familychronicle.com/>) A genealogical magazine for people researching family trees, family history, their heritage and genealogy roots.
- [Family Research](http://www.lineages.co.uk/) (<http://www.lineages.co.uk/>) A genealogical E-zine for people researching English, Scottish or Irish family trees, family history, heritage and genealogy roots.
- [Family Tree Magazine](http://www.familytreemagazine.com/) (<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/>) Covers all the areas of potential interest to family-history enthusiasts, reaching beyond genealogy research to also encompass ethnic heritage, family reunions, scrapbooking and historic travel.
- [Genealogical Computing](http://ancestry.com/learn/library/article.aspx?article=gencomp) (<http://ancestry.com/learn/library/article.aspx?article=gencomp>) Published by Ancestry.com, this archive of articles includes tips on how to use computers and related technology to make genealogical research easier.
- [Genealogy Bulletin](http://www.genealogybulletin.com/archives/) (<http://www.genealogybulletin.com/archives/>) Genealogy Bulletin - Talk and Tips for Today's Family Researcher
- [Genealogy News - Topix.net](http://www.topix.net/hobbies/genealogy) (<http://www.topix.net/hobbies/genealogy>) News on genealogy continually updated from thousands of sources around the net.
- [Genealogy News Center](http://news.genealogytoday.com/) (<http://news.genealogytoday.com/>) Articles and news releases from various resources both at Genealogy Today and around the Web. RSS News Feed Available.
- [GenSuck.com](http://www.gensuck.com/) (<http://www.gensuck.com/>) Commentary, humor and information on controversial issues affecting genealogy.
- [The Global Gazette](http://globalgenealogy.com/globalgazette/index.htm) (<http://globalgenealogy.com/globalgazette/index.htm>) Online magazine with helpful tips on researching family history. Includes "how-to" articles and genealogy news as well as general genealogy information.
- [Heritage Quest Magazine](http://www.heritagequestmagazine.com/) (<http://www.heritagequestmagazine.com/>) Full-color bimonthly includes 128 pages of tips, covering engaging topics for family researchers. Searchable query database with 2,000 queries.
- [New York Pedigrees](http://www.newyorkancestry.com/scripts/N001.asp) (<http://www.newyorkancestry.com/scripts/N001.asp>) Series of publications containing pedigree charts from northern New York counties.
- [RootsWeb Review](http://e-zine.rootsweb.com/) (<http://e-zine.rootsweb.com/>) This weekly e-zine provides news about RootsWeb.com, its new databases, mailing lists, home pages, and websites. It also includes stories and research tips from around the globe.
- [IIGS Newsletter](http://www.iigs.org/newsletter/) (<http://www.iigs.org/newsletter/>) The monthly newsletter published online by the International Internet Genealogical Society.
- [Genealogy Newsletter](http://www.genealogynewsletter.com/) (<http://www.genealogynewsletter.com/>) Resources and research tips.
- [Stammbaum - Journal of German/Jewish Genealogy](http://www.jewishgen.org/stammbaum/) (<http://www.jewishgen.org/stammbaum/>) Established in 1993, this magazine focuses on Germany but also includes Austria, Switzerland, Alsace, Bohemia and other relevant areas. Published twice yearly.
- [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](http://eogn.typepad.com/) (<http://eogn.typepad.com/>) Popular newsletter for genealogy enthusiasts, written by Dick Eastman.

Office Depot - Preferred Customer Card

The Genealogy Society now has a discount number that can be used by all members at Office Depot on Circle Drive. Please make sure that you give the cashier our Number when they you through the checkout, the amount of discount varies but is usually 15 % . According to the information we have received the branch should also get a refund or gift certificate at the end of each Quarter. A great way to save money and contribute to the branch at the same time.

The Number is **1104950751**. and it will show up as the Saskatoon Branch of SGS

The Genealogy House Rules:

Now that we have moved into our new location.

- 1) Please remove your wet or dirty footwear at the entrance, as we are responsible to ensure that we leave the school in the same condition we found it.
 - 2) There is **NO** food or drinks allowed inside our main meeting room , the school Library.
 - 3) Please assist in setting up before our meeting and cleaning up after our general branch meetings.
 - 4) Make sure you turn in your name tags at the end of every meeting.
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Information Required:

I am producing a film on the early Swedenborgians in Canada, primarily Saskatchewan and Southern Ontario. Rosthern had the first church in the west. I am wondering if there are any photos that we might use in this film that you may have from the Rosthern area between 1890 and 1915.

Looking forward to your reply.
Cheers. Michael Hamm

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QUERIES:

I am trying to get information on the **Digness** family of Star City, Carrot River and/or Porupine Plaine, SK. I have very little. John (Jack) Digness and his wife Mary or Jenny were born in Norway. John maybe 1870. They came to Canada in 1902, with a daughter May (Hedvig) and had some children in Star City. in 1912 they had a son John Clifford in Hanna, Alberta but soon when back to Star City.

Please contact Levi Adam at Levi.adam@Juno.com if you have any information.

" Seeking descendants of Martin Engwer. Homesteaded on SE quarter of Section 22 in Township 38, Range 3, West of the 3rd meridian. Settled there in Dec of 1904 and got his homestead papers in June 1908. He came with his wife and two children. Name of wife unknown, daughters Huldine and Wilhelmine. Attended the St. Paul's Bergheim Evangelical Lutheran Church, with Huldine being confirmed in 1918 and Wilhelmine in 1921. One son William buried July 27, 1908.

Martin Engwer's homestead would have been 6 miles east and 2 miles north of Sutherland, across the fence from E. Friedenbergh. This is where it appears on the 1920 Cummins Map. The 1930 Cummins maps indicates this quarter is held by M.S. Schindle.

The reason for seeking this family is that Huldine Engwer is one of the witnesses on my grandparents (Gustav Wutzke and Augusta Draeger) marriage certificate dated June 21, 1920. My great uncle William Wutzke, deceased on December 13, 2002 had told me that Huldine Engwer was his cousin. I regrettably was not into genealogy at that time and did not question him further. Family members that I have questioned since, do not know of this family and are unable to provide me with any information."

Please contact Delores Maduke at deloresstevens@sasktel.net if you have any information.

CAN YOU HELP?

I am looking for information relating to my husband's family, the Proctors and/or Longs.

The Proctor's arrived in Canada at Quebec City, Quebec on the Montrose (CP Ship) on May 21, 1927, which sailed from England on May 13, 1927. This would have been Fred Charles Proctor (father), Minnie (mother), and three daughters; Doris, Minnie and Freda (my mother-in-law). Freda would have been 81/2 years old at the time. Minnie and Doris were older.

They were in Arborfield, Saskatchewan on Dec. 2, 1927 when Reta was born. When Reta passed away there was mention of a sister Carolyn. No one in the family knew about her. We're not sure when and where she was born and died. The family moved to Canada sometime in 1928 and the parents divorced.

The only other thing we know about their time in Arborfield is that they stayed with a lady whose first name was Sally, not sure of the relationship except Freda called her 'Aunt' but we have no last name. We don't know if she was related to the Proctor family or to Minnie's family, the Longs. In pictures of Aunt Sally it looks like she may have been Minnie's (mother) sister or cousin.

Minnie's (the mother) parents were John William Long (around 1857-1927) and Mary Ann (Neave) Long (around 1848-1925).

If anyone can help us fill in the blanks on this family,
please contact Susan Laurendeau at slaurendeau@telusplanet.net or call me at 306-651-0395.
Thank you so much.