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HAPPY NEW YEAR

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 20th General Branch Meeting**
Cheryl Brown, the Librarian at Local History Room of the Francis Morrison Library will discuss the treasures hidden in the bowels of the library which may be used for genealogical research.
- Feb 4th SBSGS Genealogy Workshop**
See page 12 for more info
- Feb 17th General Branch Meeting**
"Ancient ancestral roots discovered through DNA Testing" presented by Karl Lenz. Modern science allows each of us to take a personalized journey back in time to discover our ancient roots on this planet. The presentation will give an overview of DNA testing for genealogy purposes and will include my own specific story.
- Mar 17th General Branch Meeting**
"Organizing your Family History" presented by Bernadette Prokopetz and Terri Chappell.

OUR NEW MEETING LOCATION

Place: St. Paul Catholic School @ 1527 Alexandra Avenue

Time: The **Library** is open from 5:30 - 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 geographical workshops.

Dates: The 3rd Friday of each month except for July & August.

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

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MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTER INFO

Branch membership fees are \$15.00/ year for new members and \$10.00/year if you are renewing your existing membership. There is a \$15.00 charge for all NSF cheques. Joining the Saskatoon Branch (SBSGS) requires that you also join the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) which has an annual fee of \$38.00 (senior rate) or \$40.00 (regular rate). Branch 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 near the beginning of January, March, May, September & November, and it is available in either printed form or in a .pdf version 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.

**Articles are always required for the next issue and
future issues of the Newsletter.**

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Our branch will only remain viable if volunteers step forward with fresh new ideas to assist in the running of our society. So if you have some ideas on the direction the branch should take and are up to an interesting & rewarding challenge – Please VOLUNTEER!



THE FAMILY TREE

Housekeeping Rules:

Everyone must remove their street footwear at the front entrance doors, so bring along a pair of indoor shoes or slippers.

We must leave the facilities the same way we find them clean and tidy so please come prepared to help cleanup after each meeting.

The school doors will be locked at 7 pm, so come early.

Remember we are guests of the school and should act accordingly



WHAT'S NEW IN YOUR BRANCH OF THE SGS

Happy New Year to everyone.

Please welcome the new President of the Saskatoon Branch of SGS, **Karen Haffermehl**, and all the SBSGS Executive Committee members for 2006, as listed on page 2 of this Newsletter. The branch is still in need of a Vice President, another greeter and other committee members. So please volunteer, your branch needs you!

This upcoming year promises to be an existing on as the program committee of Bev Gutenberg, Terri Chappell & Bernadette Prokopetz have already met and planned the programs for the upcoming year.

Our branch has another Genealogical Workshop planned for February 4th at the Travelodge with guest speaker - Pat Ryan. We need 40 people to registered by January 20th or we will be forced to cancel this event. See page 11 & 12 for more info on this workshop and a copy of the registration form.

The Heritage Festival of Saskatoon is hosting their annual Heritage Day on February 5th at the Western Development Museum. This years event is entitled "Saskatoon: 100 years of History". Our society is an active participant in this event and gives us an opportunity to promote what we are about. See page 14 of this article for more information and how you can volunteer.

One of the topics that will be discussed at the upcoming branch meeting is how members who live close to each other can get together and form car pools so all our members can attend the branch meetings.

Our webmaster, Gus Morrow, has been making numerous changes to our branches website, so pay it a visit and send him your comments. Your feedback is always appreciated.

It is New Year that is going to be filled with new & old genealogical challenges and it is always more rewarding if you have someone to share those challenges with, so please consider becoming a member of your local branch of the SGS.

A couple of websites that might assist you in your research.

This first one is on Ontario obituaries : late 1990's to present.
A look up fee may be charged. <http://ontarioobits.com>

The other one is Alberta Homestead Index similar to Sask's SHIP.
<http://abgensoc.ca/homestead/search.php>

Genealogy and Our Medical History

Submitted by Delores Maduke

We have all been to visit the doctor for a complete physical, at some time or other. During the examination the doctor asks us specific questions about our family medical history. Some of the answers we readily know, others we don't know so well. Genealogy certainly plays a large part in filling in some of the answers to the questions we previously had no answers for.

During the past year I have come to learn that there is some answers that I can now provide to my doctor. Am I fortunate, I would say so! Initially I remember my Aunt **Joyce Maduke**, as a vibrant woman, who lived life to the fullest, even though she had diabetes. She had developed diabetes while a youngster and was dependant on injections of insulin. Her vibrant young life was cut short when she died during her mid 30's in 1960 from complications due to her diabetes. In short she had kidney failure and there were no kidney transplants at that time. My grandmother had always maintained this was something passed down from my grandfather's side of the family.

This was the only medical history that I had been able to share with my family doctor. As time progressed, my father's parents **Stanley Maduke** and **Martje Swaan** both developed adult onset diabetes. My grandfather became insulin dependant, while my grandmother could manage her diabetes with medication. Of course, both were on diabetic diets. Then my father **Jack Maduke**, developed adult onset diabetes that he manages with medication and diet. Next my father's sister **Gladys** developed adult onset diabetes and controlled this with medication. Last, my father's youngest sibling **Stanley** got adult onset diabetes too. Stanley managed to control his with diet and medication.

All went well except for about 3 years ago both Gladys and Stanley were no longer able to control their diabetes with medication. Both are now insulin dependant. End of the story, not quite! Events took a turn for the worse, when about 2 years ago Gladys had to have part of one leg amputated due to complications of diabetes. Stanley developed problems with his one foot, which is the result of diabetic complications.

This is a serious medical condition that appears to run in this family. Is this scary for me, yes. More importantly where does this come from. Grandmother thought her husbands side of the family. Not so, as I was about to discover through the magic of genealogy.

While researching my grandmother Martje Swaan and her mother's side of the family I came upon some revelations. Too bad my grandmother is no longer alive to share this with her, but have been able to do so with other relatives.

Hendrik Kuijper was born in 1846 in Schoorl, Noord Holland; son of **Klaas Kuijper** and **Trijntje Van Lienen**. Hendrik married **Neeltje Broertjes** who had been born in 1851 in Warmenhuizen; daughter of **Pieter Broertjes** and **Neeltje Zwart**. All very fascinating so far, but just names and dates. Hendrik Kuijper and Neeltje Broertjes daughter **Jannetje** (my great grandmother) was born on August 11, 1881.

Neeltje died in 1888 of Tuberculosis, which was suspected of resulting from diabetes. Jannetje's youngest sister Pietertje, died at age 16 from complications of diabetes. Jannetje's two aunts died from diabetes. One died at age 34 and the other died from complications of having her leg amputated. Knowing the identity of these two aunts was important. Both of these aunts were Neeltje's sisters.

In looking at my family tree, I can see that Diabetes did not come from the lineage of Klaas Kuijper and Trijntje Van Lienen, but rather from the lineage of Pieter Broertjes and Neeltje Zwart. Three children of Pieter and Neeltje had died from complications of diabetes. As of this date, I am not sure of the source of the diabetes as coming through Pieter or Neeltje, but am confident that it has come down through this side of the family.

Genealogy has paid off big time, in that it has helped me identify a potential disease that can affect my siblings, cousins, my children and myself. This has made me more aware of the other potentials that remain hidden within my genetic make up, that will only be found through genealogy. This is something that I would urge everyone to be interested in and to look at carefully. Genealogy is not just about names and dates, it's about the daily lives of our ancestors, how they lived and how they died.

The Library Corner

With Georgiana Chartier

**Library hours on branch meeting nights are:
5:30 - 7:00 PM**

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

Rene Stock is working on a database that will contain a listing of all the holdings of our branch library, our intention is to have this list accessible on the internet. This way you will be able to search our Database from the comfort of your home and know exactly what book you want to book out before attending a meeting. Please check our website for further updates regarding Library hours and other branch news.

NEW MATERIAL IN THE LIBRARY FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2006

PRINCE ALBERT PA H 59	HEIRLINES - Newsletter Prince Albert Branch of SGS 2005 – VOLUME 22, NO. 2
CAN F .113	FAMILY CHRONICLE. The Magazine For Families Researching Their Roots 2005- Nov/Dec
QUE P 13	POTTON METHODIST CHURCH RECORDS. 1837-1845 & 1852-1853. Extracted & Compiled by Wood Waugh, Pamela & Dean Wood, Shirley 1989 Volume 1
FAM COM W 16	WHERE THE PRAIRIE LILY BLOWS. A History of Rocanville and District. Donated by Heather Murray Volume 1 - 1997 Volume 2 - 1997
GB/SCOT INFO #7	INFORMATION HIGHLAND SCOTLAND BOOK #7 Donated by Heather Murray
ONT F 1.139	Families OGS Newsletter 2003- Volume 42-No.2
GB/ENG M 7	THE MANCHESTER GENEALOGIST. A Journal of the Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society 1987 – Vol. 23- No.2 1990 – Vol. 26- No.4
FAM/COM M 18	MEMORIES OF RURAL SASKATOON 1890-1982 BLACKKEY, GARDENVILLA AND KILMAURS HISTORY 1982
BC G 181.16	GRAPEVINES - NEWSLETTER FROM THE SOUTH OKANAGAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2005- VOL13, ISSUE 2-VOL.14, ISSUE 2
GB F 114	FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE 2005-VOLUME 21, NO.11
CAN L 9	LITTLE IMMIGRANTS, THE. The Orphans Who Came to Canada. Bagnell, Kenneth. 1980. Donated by Eleanor Ritchie
OTTAWA ON OTTA O 202.01	OTTAWA BRANCH NEWS. Ottawa Branch of OGS. 2005-Volume 38, No.5

GB/ENG BRITISH DATA ARCHIVE F 9	Census Surbiton & Esher, Surrey 1901 RG13/667-670 Parish Records Cambridgeshire Vol 1 (marriages) Back Issues Oct 2002 FTM & Oct 2004 PFH Bonus Intro to Roots Magic movie & demo Demo Legacy 5 Disc 14
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GEN F 20.13	FAMILY TREE MAKER World Family Tree Pre-1600 to Present Volume 1 1 CD Volume 7 1 CD Volume 2 1 CD Volume 8 1 CD Volume 3 1 CD Volume 9 1 CD Volume 4 1 CD Volume 10 1 CD Volume 5 1 CD Volume 11 1 CD Volume 6 1 Cd Volume 12 1 CD DONATED BY HEATHER MURRAY
USA F 1	FAMILY TREE MAKER FAMILY ARCHIVES 1937 - 1995 VOLUME 1 - A-L 1 CD 1937 - 1995 VOLUME 2 - M-Z 1 CD DONATED BY HEATHER MURRAY
USA V 18	FAMILY TREE MAKER VITAL RECORDS; SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH INDEX UNITED STATES 1937 - 1998 VOLUME 1 - A-K 1 CD 1937 - 1998 VOLUME 2 - L-Z 1 CD DONATED BY HEATHER MURRAY
GEN/USA F 113	FAMILY TREE MAKER FAMILY ARCHIVES MARRIAGE INDEX; IL,IN,KY,OH,TN 1720-1926
USA M 18	FAMILY TREE MAKER MILITARY RECORDS: U.S.SOLDIERS 1784-1811 1 CD
USA/INT S 9	FAMILY TREE MAKER SELECTED U.S./INTERNATIONAL MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1340-1980 1 CD
USA F 9	FAMILY TREE MAKER FAMILY HISTORY:SOUTHERN BIOGRAPHIES AND GENEALOGIES 1500-1949S 1 CD# 500
EUR W 6	FAMILY TREE MAKER WORLD FAMILY TREE EUROPEAN ORIGINS, VOLUME E.1 1CD

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L 6 FAMILY TREE MAKER
LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORIES:
NEW ENGLAND, 1600-1900s 1CD # 449
- USA
P 9 FAMILY TREE MAKER
PASSENGER AND IMMIGRATION LISTS;
BOSTON, 1821-1850
1 CD # 256
- USA/EUR
B 18 FAMILY TREE MAKER
BIRTH RECORDS:UNITED STATES/EUROPE
900-1800 1CD #17
- CAN
F 1 FAMILY TREE MAKER
FAMILY ARCHIVES
CANADIAN GENEALOGY INDEX, 1600s-1900s
From The Genealogical Research Library
1 CD # 118
- USA
L 18 FAMILY TREE MAKER
LAND RECORDS: AL,AR,FL,LA,MI,
MN,OH,WI, 1790-1907
1CD # 255
- GEN
F 8 FAMILY TREE MAKER
FAMILY HISTORY: MID-ATLANTIC GENEALOGIES,
ORIGINS - ENGLAND,GERMANY AND IRELAND 1340-1940
1 CD # 156
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I 6 FAMILY TREE MAKER
INSTALLATION PROGRAM AND FAMILY FINDER INDEX VERSION 4.4
VOLUME 1 A-K 1CD
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- SASK M 8 MARR HOUSE: IT USE AS A FIELD HOSPITAL DURING
THE NORTHWEST REBELLION 1885
Talk given by Val Bruce September 14, 2005
- SASK A 18
Saskatoon ARMCHAIR GENEALOGIST: Saskatoon Branch Newsletter
2005 - Issue 44
- USA/MINNESOTA
G 3 9TH GATHERING OF CORNISH COUSINS. ELY MINNESOTA
CORNISH AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY.
1997- JULY 30-AUGUST 3
- ONT O 71.19 OGS NEWSLEAF
2005-Vol.35 - No. 4
- ONT F 1.139 Families OGS Newsletter
2005- Vol. 44 - No. 4

LONDON/MIDDLESEX ON LON/MIDD L 151.44	LONDON LEAF; THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONDON & MIDDLESEX COUNTY BRANCH OF THE OGS. 1997 – Vol. 24, No. ,3,4 1998 – Vol. 25, No. 1,2,3,4 1999 – Vol. 26, No. 1,2,3,4 2000 – Vol. 27, No. 1,2,3,4
ELG/CO/ON T 20	TALBOT TIMES Newsletter of the Elgin County Branch OGS 1996 – Vol. XV Issue 1, 2,3,4 1997 – Vol. XV1 Issue 1,2,3,4 1998 – Vol. XV11 Issue 1,2,3,4 1999 – Vol. XV111 Issue 1,2,3,4 2000 – Vol. XV1V Issue 1,2,3,4
GB F 114 went;	FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE 2005- - Vol. 22-N0. 2 This issue contains the following articles: Irish migration-when and where they Genealogy on a Mac ;Undertakers and funeral directors: Website for coalminers; New series – Top tips for absolute beginners; All about friendly societies.
GB/ENG BRITISH DATA ARCHIVE F 9	Census Dorset, Dorchester 186RG9/1353-1358 Parish Records Essex Vol.1 (marriages) Back Issues FTM Nov/Dec 1984 – PFH Dec 2004 Bonus Photoshop Elements 3 Demo Demo Roots Magic Version 3 Disc 16. For Reference Only
CAN/ONT H 1253	HISTORICAL ATLAS OF YORK COUNTY Illustrated. Miles & Company 1878 Donated by Bobby McMillan. For Reference Only

Looking for your school pictures? Check out the following Yearbooks

SASKATOON/SK H 14	HERMES, THE. NUTANA COLLEGIATE YEARBOOK 1965-1966
SASKATOON/SK B 1.8	BEDFORD ROAD COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE 50 TH ANNIVERSARY 1923-1973
SASKATOON/SK L 2	LANTERN. BEDFORD ROAD COLLEGIATE YEARBOOK 1963-1964; 1964-1965; 1965-1966; 1966-1967

ONT O 71.19	OGS NEWSLEAF 1995 – Volume XXV, No. 1,2,3,4. 1996 – Volume XXVI, No.1,2,3,4. 1997 – Volume XXVII, No. 1	1999 – Volume XXIX, No.4. 2000 – Volume XXX, NO. 1,2,3,4.
GB F 114	FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE 2006 – Vol. 22 – No.3 January West Country Websites; Census online 1851 from Ancestry.co.uk Ahoy! Merchant Navy Ancestors; Names! Over 1000 Free Church Musicians 8 Irish County Index Maps on New CD; Scots Launch 1861 census Online	

GB/ENG B.D.A. F 9	Census Sussex, Brighton, The Palace 1891(RG12/813-815) Parish Records Gloucestershire Vol. 1(Marriages) Back Issues FTM Jan/feb 1986-PFH Jan 2002 Bonus 8 Irish County Index Maps Demo Custodian 3 Disc 17; For Reference Only
GB/IRE I 189.200	IRISH ROOTS 2005 – Issue 56 This issue contains the following:: -Ireland and the EU flag; The Irish Navy in Britain; The Haberdashers' Settlement; Trafalgar and the Irish; The Great Book of Irish Genealogy; News from the World of Genealogy
NS M 116	MAPS OF NOVA SCOTIA COUNTIES. SHEET 1 OF 2 A. F. CHURCH COUNTY MAP CUMBERLAND 1973 SHEET 2 OF 2 A. F. CHURCH COUNTY MAP CUMBERLAND 1873 SHEET 1 OF 2 A. F. CHURCH COUNTY MAP QUEENS 1888 SHEET 2 OF 2 A. F. CHURCH COUNTY MAP QUEENS 1888 SHEET 1 OF 2 A. F. CHURCH COUNTY MAP SHELBURNE 1882 SHEET 2 OF 2 A. F. CHURCH COUNTY MAP SHELBURNE 1882 SHEET 1 OF 2 A. F. CHURCH COUNTY MAP YARMOUTH 1871 SHEET 2 OF 2 A. F. CHURCH COUNTY MAP YARMOUTH 1871 SHEET 1 OF 2 A. F. CHURCH COUNTY MAP QUEENS 1888 SHEET 2 OF 2 A. F. CHURCH COUNTY MAP QUEENS 1888

\$ OVERDUE BOOKS \$

- 1) Family Tree Magazine 2005 - Volume 22 No. 1 (GB F 114)
- 2) Family Chronicle 2005 Nov/Dec (CAN F 113)
- 3) Family Tree Magazine 2005 - Volume 21 No. 11 (GB F 114)
- 4) Families Newsletter 2003 - Volume 42 No. 2 (ONT F 1.139)
- 5) The Eleventh Report of the Okanogan Historical Society, Vernon B.C. (BC E 18)
- 6) East European Genealogist 2005 Volume 13 No. 3 (EURO EE E 119)
- 7) Irish Genealogy - A Record Finder (GB/IRE 189.9)
- 8) Journal of Birmingham and Midland Society 2001 Volume 13 No. 1 (GB/ENG M 941.21)
- 9) Journal of Birmingham and Midland Society 2001 Volume 9 No. 9 (GB/ENG M 941.21)
- 10) Narrative of a Voyage to Hudson's Bay (CAN N 1.18)
- 11) Not in Vain (EURO N 1520.9)
- 12) Saskatchewan Guide to Historical Sites of the North West Rebellion (CAN SK S 72.19)
- 13) Something Old Something New Scottish Customs from Cradle to Grave (GB/SCOT S 1513)
- 14) Virtual Roots (GEN V 1.8)
- 15) Handbook on Irish Genealogy (GB/IRE H 114)

Please return these books to the branch meeting in January .

Georgiana Chartier

The
SASKATOON GENEALOGY SOCIETY

Presents a one – day Genealogy Workshop

“RESEARCHING YOUR BRITISH ROOTS”

February 4th, 2006

**Travelodge Hotel
106 Circle Drive West
Saskatoon**

Our guest speaker is **Pat Ryan MCCSG**

President and owner of *Past Relations Research*

<http://ca.geocities.com/pastrelations>

Pat is a well known genealogy instructor, researcher and lecturer. She is a founding member of the College of Certified Saskatchewan Genealogists, and a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. She founded *Past Relations Research* in 1999 as a venue to provide quality and specialty genealogy classes. Pat has been a presenter at various seminars, while continuing to develop and teach her own classes in Regina, as well as at the University of Saskatchewan Regina, and on the Internet. She is a 1st generation Canadian with family roots and areas of expertise in British and North American records. These workshops will offer research tips using traditional records, but will also investigate those lesser known, seldom used & often misunderstood British records. Pat’s style is informal, humorous & entertaining. She invites everyone to join in and says that “With or without British roots, you can expect to learn”!

Cost for this one-day workshop is \$50.00 per person and includes speaker handouts, coffee break refreshments, and a soup and sandwich lunch buffet. SBSGS requires that 40 people registered for this workshop by January 20th, or this educational event will be cancelled.

“Researching Your British Roots”

Each session can be a stand-alone lesson, but to perform British research effectively you need to learn the basics of each country and how to use their records in tandem. This will be a unique experience - using ‘country specific’ records to follow one family as they travel throughout the British Isles. Whether you are a Scottish Laddie or Lassie, a shillelagh wielding Irishman, an English Limey or just a curious researcher, you are all welcome to join Pat and hear her tips, hints and secrets!

“When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this – you haven’t”. Thomas Edison

Session 1 – *Going Home to Scotland*©

Session 2 – *Going Home to Ireland*©

Session 3 – *Going Home to England*©

Session 4 – *the Agony & the Ecstasy*© [using databases & indexes - generic]

Visit our website for a registration form and any late breaking news.

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

Registrations are required to be in by January 20th.

Saskatoon Genealogy Society

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February 4th, 2006

“Researching Your British Roots”

with guest speaker Pat Ryan, MCCSG

at the

Travelodge Hotel

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT

Surname _____

Given Name _____

Street/P.O. Box _____

City _____

Province/State _____

Postal/Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email address _____

Please complete this registration form and mail it with your cheque or money order to:

(Please note : \$25.00 fee for NSF cheques)

Saskatoon Genealogy Society
Box #32004
#3 – 402 Ludlow Street
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
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The cost for this one-day workshop is **\$50.00** per person and includes speaker handouts (Syllabus) , coffee break refreshments, and a soup & sandwich lunch buffet. **FREE PARKING.**

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY:

Requests for refunds must be received in writing and postmarked no later than Friday, January 27th, 2006.

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<http://ca.geocities.com/pastrelations>

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

8:00 – 9:00 AM	Registration
9:00 – 10:15 AM	<i>Going Home to Scotland</i>©
10:15 – 10:45 AM	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:00 PM	<i>Going Home to Ireland</i>©
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch Time
1:00 – 2:15 PM	<i>Going Home to England</i>©
2:15 – 2:45 PM	Coffee Break
2:45 – 4:00 PM	<i>The Agony & the Ecstasy</i>© [using databases & indexes]
4:00 – 4:30 PM	Question & Answer Session

Registration deadline is
January 20th, 2006.

Answers Lead to More Questions

Submitted by Delores Maduke

My great grandmother **Emilie Donat Drager** was born in 4 April 1866 in Goren Maly, Gostynin, Warszawa, Poland to Heinrich Donat and Karoline Kroening. Information that is easy to follow, one would think. Emilie died 9, September 1940 at home and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetary, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, next to her husband Adolf. An alternate spelling for Emilie's maiden name was Doughnut, provided by one of her son's who had no formal education.

I knew that Emilie's sister **Pauline Donat Schaler** had lived in the area of Neche, North Dakota. The same area in the United States that my great grandparents had initially settled, prior to their coming to the Bergheim District of Saskatoon. The Schaler's were family members that I had never met, but were always discussed and my grandmother would go to visit her sister Juliane (Julia) who had been raised by Pauline Donat Schaler.

After my grandmother's death and her possessions being dispersed, I acquired her baptismal certificate that documented her date of birth, place, parents and godparents. Her godfather is listed as being **Ferdinand Donat**. I could only speculate that he was a brother to Pauline and Emilie, but could not find out further information on him.

While pursing information on my mother's father's side of the family I stumbled across a web site that contained information about the Gottlieb Dreger family. It was while looking at the Canada Census of 1901 that I made an astonishing discovery. Listed with Gustav Dreger (as head) were Gottlieb and Julia Dreger (parents of Gustav), 2 of their children, and a **Rudolph Donit** age 6 and is a nephew of Gustav Dreger (1901 Census, Franklin Municipality., Provencher Co., MB, Dist. C2, p4). In order for Rudolph to be the nephew of Gustav, he would have to be the son of one of Gustav's sisters. Eliminating all the sisters whose spouses I knew left me with 2 possibilities, either Augusta, or Anna. But this remained a mystery. Any descendants of Gottlieb and Julia Dreger, were not aware of Rudolph Donit. Some information did arrive from a descendant of Gottlieb and Julia. Lorraine in Beausejour, Manitoba sent me some information she had received from another lady in Maple Creek who was doing Dreger research. That information listed Anna as being married to a Donit/Donart.

I asked numerous questions of relatives, none having heard of Rudolph. I decided to pursue the family of Julia Dreger Henschel, my grandmother's sister, who was raised in Neche, North Dakota by their aunt Pauline Donat Schaler. I received a large envelope in the mail from one of Julia's daughters, which contained a number of pictures, a lot of them originals from 1903 and up. What a treasure trove. Not only did Martha send me, a total stranger (albeit a relative) these pictures, but she identified everyone in the picture. There was two pictures that she had identified for me, one indicating 2 of my great aunts and **an Emma Hasse** wife of **Rudolph Donat**. The other picture was taken in 2004 and was all of Julia Henschels surviving children along with a Martha, daughter of Rudolph or Roy Donat.

I checked out the Manitoba Vital Stats website and found there were a number of Donats, who had married in Gretna, Manitoba. This was the location of the Lutheran Church that my ancestors had attended. No reason not to believe that these were related. I knew that the records for this church were kept in the Lutheran Church in Rosenfeld, Manitoba. This was information that I had read in one of the many issues of the Wandering Volhynians newsletter.

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I had purchased all of the copies of the Wandering Volhynians from the Historical Society of Germans from Poland and Volhynia, located in Edmonton. I became a member of this group after finding a long lost relative. I wrote to the Lutheran Church in Rosenfeld and to date have not received a reply. I made numerous phone calls to this church without ever getting an answer. I emailed my mother's cousin in Emerson and asked him about these Donat names, none of which were familiar to him. Unbeknownst to me, he drove over to the Lutheran Church in Rosenfeld and made an attempt to find the information that I wanted. He informed me that he had no luck finding the names or the dates. Do not know why this occurred, as I am positive this information is there somewhere. I decided to break down and sent off to the Manitoba Vital Stats for marriage certificates of the following:

Hollinger, Jacob and Donat Carolina	July 29, 1908
Donat, Ferdinand and Whl Catharine	December 25, 1903
Stelzer, Frederick and Donat Catharina	January 1, 1911
Donart, Rudolph and Hasse, Emma	March 14, 1920

With this list of names, I thought I had more Donat's than I knew about. Little did I know. I waited patiently for these certificates to arrive, it took 7 long weeks. They arrived just before Christmas, and what a surprise they contained.

1. Carolina Donat was a widow in her 60's marrying Jacob Hollinger. Witnesses were Rudolph Schaler and Ferdinand Donat. Who was this woman??
2. Ferdinand Donat was listed as the son of Henrich Donat and Caroline Kroening marrying Catharine Uhl (not Whl). Witnesses were Jacob Kuhn and Adolf Drager (my great grandfather).
3. Catharina Donat marrying Frederick Stelzer was a widow and the parents were the same as for the Catharine Uhl who had married Ferdinand. The witnesses were Rudolph Schaler and Emil Meoz. I assume this is the same woman.
4. Rudolph Donart lists his parents as Anna Dreger and August Donart (deceased). He lists his place of residence as Walhalla, North Dakota. Emma Hasse lists her parents as Ferdinand Hasse and Julia Schmitke. (I also have Schmitke's in my family tree). Witnesses were Albert Steinke and Albert Hom(p)el. I assume that August Donart was the son of Heinrich Donat and Caroline Kroening.

I put this information on a couple of lists for Germans, and North Dakota. I received a number of replies. I did not receive any information about Rudolph Donart/Donit/Donat. I did find out that Carolina Donat was my great great grandmother and that she was deceased in 1922. From the Pembina County, St. Joseph Township 9th June 1900 Census I found that:

Henry (Heinrich) Donat was the head of family, white male, age 60 born Dec 1839. Carolina – wife, age 57, born 1843, married for 40 years, had 14 births, 3 living children.

Ferdinand – son – born 1883, age 17

The family came to the United States in 1898, had applied for Naturalization, could read and write, but not speak English. They owned land, had a mortgage.

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On the census I recognized the names of their neighbours, and looked at a map of Neche, North Dakota and area that lists the landowners in 1905. There is was all the time just down the road from Rudolph Schaler. Henry Doughnut my great great grandfather. I had seen that on a number of occasions, but it just never clicked. Why did my mother and her sisters not know that their great grandparents had immigrated? So many mysteries.

On the 1910 census it lists Kate Donnett as head of family on the same property. She is age 23. Son Henry is age 5 and daughter Margaret is age 2. Also listed is a servant John Ouhl age 16 (I assume this is her brother).

Both Heinrich and Ferdinand Donat need more exploration and that is what is progressing. I have sent for their death certificates from North Dakota. These can be ordered on line, as there is a website available.

I contacted Martha in North Dakota to ask about the pictures she had sent me, and to inquire of a phone number for the Martha Donat (daughter of Rudolph) in the picture. I received this information and phone Martha Donat/Donart in Benton Harbor, Michigan. We had a lovely chat about the relatives. She knows that she is related to the Dreger/Henschel clan. The only way that this can be is if Rudolph Donart/Donat is the grandson of Henry and Caroline Donat. I am going to send her information and she is going to go thru her father's papers. So many questions to ask and be answered, who raised Rudolph Donart/Donat, what happened to his parents and why do none of the relatives from the Dreger/Wutzke side know of this person when some of the relatives from the Drager/Donat side know of him.

This is a large ball of string and many ends to unwind. That is what genealogy is about, following the trail.

The Heritage Festival of Saskatoon

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From 12 pm - 5 pm on February 5th at the Western Development Museum

This will be a celebration of the city's Centennial in a festive historical atmosphere. Elements of the fair will include costumes, displays, demonstrations, entertainment, sleigh rides, a box-social raffle, children's games and activities of 1906 (crokinole, checkers).

The Saskatoon Branch of the SGS has been asked to participate at the special event by hosting an exhibit. Where possible we are asked to incorporate the 100 years theme. Since our focus is the past, this should be an easy task for us. Our display will need to be interactive. There will also be a box social raffle, whereby a festively wrapped box, which contains some items that reflect our group will be included. This could be one of our cookbooks, the latest issue of Armchair Genealogist, or a beginner's kit. Volunteers and ideas are needed for this day. If you are interested, please contact: Delores Maduke

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