

ARMCHAIR GENEALOGIST



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 15th - Open House at our library, St. Francis School, 2141 McPherson Avenue, Time 7-9 pm.

Feb. 21st - Presentation & tour at the LDS Family History Library, 1429 - 10th Street East. Time: 7-9 pm. Some time for research and ordering of materials.

March 14th - Presentation on the resources at the Saskatchewan Archives Board. Always of interest to searching genealogists!

OUR MEETING LOCATION

Place: St. Francis Catholic School @ 2141 McPherson Avenue

Time: The Library is open from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

The **Meeting** runs from 7:15 - 9:30PM. We start with the Presidents' report and followed by member interest discussions, guest speakers or genealogical workshops.

Dates: The 2nd Wednesday of each month except for July & August.

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Library: <http://www.sbsgs.org>

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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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MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

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.

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Year to All!

This is the time of year that we say goodbye to our past president Karen Haffermehl and thank her for her generosity, helpfulness and dedication in continuing the work of the branch. We take the time to welcome our new president of the Saskatoon Branch of SGS, Delores Maduke, and all of those members who have volunteered to be on the SBSGS Executive Committees for 2007. Volunteers are still needed.

The past year has been an eventful one and no doubt all are looking to having an exciting and eventful new year. In the coming year the Heritage Festival of Saskatoon is once again hosting their annual Heritage Day at the Western Development Museum. Our society is an active participant in this event and this gives us an opportunity to promote what we are about. Val Bruce is on the Heritage Festival Board this year and would welcome any volunteers to assist her. Val will be keeping us updated.

Gus Morrow remains our Webmaster and continues to maintain changes with our website. Visit the website and send your comments to Gus. He will appreciate your feedback.

The opinions of the membership are important. If you have ideas, suggestions or comments please let us know, by submitting them to any member of the executive. We want this to be a year that you are excited to be a member of the Saskatoon Branch of the SBSGS.

This is the 35th Anniversary of the Saskatoon Branch of the SGS and we want to acknowledge the following long-standing members, who have dedicated their time, energy and assistance to making the branch a success. Thank you.

ANDREW, Lynda 10+ (12 years)	BLAIR, Don & Joan 10+ (13 yrs)
BYRNES, Lorin 15 yrs	CHARTIER, Georgiana 10 yrs
DeCOURSEY, William 10+ (12 yrs)	EVANS, Mabel 15+ (18 yrs)
FALK, Vera & Werner 20 yrs	JUNGWIRTH, Matt & Isabel 20+ (21 yrs)
LENZ Isabel & SAHLI Vernon 20+ (21 yrs)	LENZ, Karl 10+ (11 ys)
PARADIS, Cindy 10+ (11 yrs)	PEAKE, Dorothy 15+ (19 yrs)
SCHNEIDER, Alice 10 yrs	SHANKS, Jaclyn 20+ (21 yrs)
SLATER, Rosemary 10+ (13 yrs)	SPRECKER, Myrna 10+ (13 yrs)
WARD, Merle 10+ (11yrs)	YOUNG, Glen 10+ (10 yrs)

Youth & Adult 1-Day Workshop Proposal

My suggestion is that we host a youth & adult workshop together. I am very eager to work on the youth section but do require assistance with the planning, organizing, and overall help to put together a workshop. I will speak more on this at the meeting, but if there are any members who feel that they can lend their knowledge and volunteer their time or are able to attend and would like more information please contact me. I need the members' help to make this workshop more than just a just an idea!

Tammy Vallee, Vice-President, Phone 668-1380 Email tamw25@shaw.ca

Missing for 100 years

By Tammy Vallee on behalf of the City of Saskatoon Police

June 29, 2006 brought a lot of excitement to the Sutherland area of Saskatoon. Crews were in the process of removing the gas bar from the Macs' Store at 708 Central Avenue when they uncovered the remains of a human body in a well. The Saskatoon City police were called to investigate. They have released the following information:

The remains are those of a female, approximately 25-35 years of age. She was Caucasian, approximately 5 feet and 1 inch tall and had active periodontal (gum) disease. There is no apparent cause of death, although this incident is being investigated as a Homicide. The elapsed time of death is considered to be about 100 years based on examination of clothing and glass bottles. Clothing suggests pre 1920 for a range and circa 1910 more specifically. The glassware indicates a time period from 1920 – 1924 in a general way but this is still being investigated. The individual can not be identified at this time. A Mitochondrial DNA sample was obtained from the remains. A gold chain located with the remains has been identified as an 18 karat gold, cable link design and likely had a pendent of some type attached to it at one time. Most likely from Europe or somewhere that has a European influence like Montreal. The chain most likely did not originate in Western Canada.

Jeff O'Brien, the archivist for the City of Saskatoon Archives, has been working with the police to give some history on that site.

The Canadian Pacific Railway branch line between Regina and Edmonton reached Saskatoon in 1907. The "CPR" chose an area on the east bank of the river, three miles from the city, to build its station and rail yards. Once the rail facilities were in place, various merchants and other entrepreneurs descended on the new community. By the spring of 1909, Sutherland had a population of 102, with more than half the residents being connected to the "CPR" in some way. Jeff believes that the "Shore" hotel was built in 1912 on the site where the human remains were located. It was on Lot 1, Block 2, Plan G122, which is the lot paralleling Central Avenue south of 108th Street. There were 4 long narrow lots, 35 ft. wide, fronting on what was then 8th Street and running 140 ft. south. As far as he can tell nothing was built on that site prior to then. The plan for G122 appears to have been drawn up and registered in 1911 and does not appear on the tax rolls until 1912. Sutherland had water supply issues until November 1914 when the pipe from Saskatoon was connected. People had water trucked in, often melted snow for washing and laundry and bought drinking water "by the jar". The water question was a big issue in the 1912 Town Council debates.

Jeff advises that it appears that the "Shore" hotel was sold for taxes as indicated on the 1920 Sutherland tax roll. The Henderson directories show the "Shore" hotel as closed until 1925. The "Shore" hotel stood empty from at least 1919 to at least 1927. In 1927 - Part of the property on which the "Shore" hotel was situated was sold. The South 48 ft. of lots 1 – 4 were sold. In 1930 the rest of lots 1 and 2 were sold for the purpose of building a gas station.

As genealogists we are the most likely to know who is missing from our family tree. If you believe you have any connection or information on this woman contact Sgt. Russ Friesen # 356 with Major Crimes Section of the Saskatoon City Police, phone 306-975-8300.

Aberdeen – Belke Family Cemetery
NE-20-38-3-W3
 By Delores Maduke

Upon looking through the website of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society I found some information pertaining to the small cemetery located on the NE-20-38-3-W3. Information contained in the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society records¹ indicate that the first burial took place in 1917 and that there were only 4 burials. This information was recorded in 1994. While visiting the site of the cemetery it is easy to see why one would assume that there are only four burials, as there are only four tombstones.



The Belke Cemetery is located on land donated by the Johann Belke. The location of the cemetery is on the far northeast corner of NE 20-38-3-W3. The members of the surrounding community were German people, immigrants from Volhynia, Old Poland or via the USA. The majority of the settlers within this community arrived between 1903 and 1908.

Settling into this community was important for these Germans as they could retain their former relationships for their social lives and meet together in respective groups for religious practises².

In the early years, from 1903 to 1912 there was no church facility for the German Lutherans of this community. It was not until 1919 that St. Paul's Bergheim Evangelical Lutheran Church was built³. Prior to the building of the church the members of the congregation took turns hosting the Sunday services within their homes. These services alternated between the homes of John Belke, William Jabusch, Fritz Schroeder and Andrew Wutzke⁴.

Where there is life, there is also death, so saying, this necessitated the formation of a cemetery. Since there was no official Church building as yet, and no cemetery, a place needed to be found for the deceased members of this Lutheran congregation and community. This is when John Belke, kindly and in religious belief and fellowship, donated a small corner of his farmland to serve as this function.

The first recorded burial in the register of St Paul's is listed as William Engwer⁵. I was not able to find a cemetery plot for this individual within the official cemetery, connected to the St Paul's Bergheim Evangelical Lutheran Church. I was informed of the cemetery on Belke's corner by my Mother and there found Julia Dreger, died in 1917, my great great grandmother⁶.

I went in search of some further information with regards to this cemetery, knowing that there were not just four burials that had taken place there, but that the cemetery was full. One has only to look upon the depressions and hills to see this. The reason given for only being four headstones, was that other plots had been marked with wooden markers and that at some point there had been a grass fire, thus burning the wooden markers. This had been in the days when the fence around the cemetery was barbed wire and not the stonework that remains today⁷. This information came to me via my mother, whose grandfathers Andrew Wutzke and Adolf Draeger were among those instrumental in the formation of St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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Since this is being written from the perspective of my family research, I do not want to forget any of the voting members of the congregation. These voting members consisted of: John Boekle, Rudof Betker, Joseph Dembik, Herman Deimert, Adolf Draeger, Gustave Draeger, Martin Engwer, Fred Hartig, William Jabusch, Samuel Jabusch, Ferdinand Kinas, Karl Mantei, Michael Mantei, Ferdinand Schmidt, Godfred Schroeder, Albert Wudrich, Andrew Wutzke, August Zirk and Christian Zirk⁸. If not for them there would have been no religious connection to the Lutheran Church, nor any cemetery to visit.

Visiting the Church one fall morning I had the privilege to look at the records that are kept within the church. There I found that the first recorded burial was that of Wilhelm Engwer born 24 May 1908 and buried 27 July 1908 in Belke Cemetery. The second recorded burial was that of Pauline Engwer (mother of Wilhelm), who died 12 Nov 1908 and was buried on 14 Nov 1908 in Belke Cemetery⁹. These are 2 more names to be added to those that are inscribed on the 4 tombstones in Belke Cemetery. How many other names will eventually be added?

The Engwer names were important to me as Pauline Engwer was Andrew Wutzke's younger sister. The information about the Engwer family had come to me during a visit with my great Uncle William Wutzke which took place in 2001. I can ask him no further information about the Engwers as he has since become deceased.

The quest for the names of the residents of Belke Cemetery will continue. Their names need to be known, to ensure that they are not forgotten; that they are remembered and still loved.

¹http://www.saskgenealogy.com/cemetery/cem_rmname.asp

²'Aberdeen' Aberdeen Historical Society, 1982

³50th Anniversary of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church". August 5th, 1962

⁴50th Anniversary of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church". August 5th, 1962

⁵"75th Anniversary of St Paul's Bergheim Evangelical Lutheran Church". 1987

⁶Recollections of Violet Wutzke Maduke

⁷Recollections of Violet Wutzke Maduke

⁸"75th Anniversay of St. Pau's Bergheim Evangelical Lutheran Church" 1987

⁹Bergheim Church records

The Finnish American Heritage Center at Finlandia University (Hancock, Michigan) collects obituaries of Finnish-Americans and Finnish-Canadians.

We rely on people across the continent to be watchful of them in their local papers, clip, mark what paper, date them and send them for the obituary collection.

Several Finngen subscribers are among our faithful clippers, for which we're grateful.

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Saskatoon LDS Library Information

By Cindy Paradis

The following is a list of Cemetery fiche for Grey County, Ontario, that were brought in by me several years ago to the LDS in Saskatoon. They are there permanently, and can be found in the fiche collection.

<u>FICHE #</u>	<u>CEMETERY NAME</u>
6038650	Owen Sound Greenwood Cemetery, Vault Range
6038651	Owen Sound Greenwood Cemetery, North Extension
6038652	Owen Sound Greenwood Cemetery, North East Extension
6038654 & 6038655	Owen Sound Greenwood Cemetery, Memorial Gardens
6038657	Owen Sound Greenwood Cemetery, South Extension
6100756	Owen Sound Greenwood Cemetery, West Extension
6101373	Hamilton Cemetery, Lot 4, Con 1, Derby Township
6101414	Owen Sound, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery
6101762	Boyle Family Plot, Meaford Tank Range, Con 9, St. Vincent Township
6101811	Hutton Hill Cemetery, Lot 55 Con 3 WGR, Bentinck Township
6101813	Rody's Evangelical United Brethren Cemetery, Lot 11 Con 8, Bentinck Township
6101814	Evangelical United Brethren Cemetery, Lot 5 Con 11, Bentinck Township
6101816	St. George's Cemetery, Lot 16 Con 1 NDR, Bentinck Township
6101818	St. Peter's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Con 2 WGR Lot pt/56, Bentinck Township
6101819	St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Lot 13 Con 8, Bentinck Township
6104582	Jackman's Cemetery, Lon5 Con 6, Barber's or St. James Cemetery, Lot 7 Con 3, Hamilton's on #10 highway, Derby Township
6104586	Barber's or St. James Cemetery, Lot 7 Con 3, Derby Township
6104600	St. Michael's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Lot 27 Con 5, Sydenham Township
6104601	West Bentinck Cemetery, Lot 11 Con 9, Bentinck Township
6104603	Daywood Cemetery, pt/Lot 27 Con B, Sydenham Township
6104604	Hatton Cemetery, Lot 23 Con 10, Sydenham Township
6104605	McLeans Cemetery, Lot 1 Con 2, Sydenham Township
6104606	Johnstones Cemetery, Lot 11 Con C, Sydenham Township
6104608	Menary's Cemetery, Lot 7 Con B, Sydenham Township
6104609	Quacker Cemetery, Lot 15 Con 1, Sydenham Township
6104610	St. Mathew's Cemetery, Lot 9 Con 2, Sydenham Township, North of Bognor
6104612	Early Cemeteries, Fleming Cemetery
6110756	Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Lot 13 Con 3, Sarawak Township
6117433	Jackman Cemetery, Lot 5 Con 6, Derby Township
6117678	The Tenth Line Cemetery
6117684	St. Paul's Cemetery, Lot 4 Con 2, Sydenham Township
6117685	Van Wyck Cemetery, Lot 8 Con C, Sydenham Township
6117691	Lakeview Cemetery, Meaford, Ontario
6117989	Harris Cemetery, (Meaford Golf Course), Lot 17 Con 6, St. Vincent Township

NEW MATERIAL IN SASKATOON BRANCH SGS LIBRARY*Submitted by Georgiana Chartier*

- FAM COM A 25.6 AFTER THE DUST. A History of Leoville & Community
Leoville, Laventure, Ranger, Junor, Penn, Chitek Lake, Pelican Reserve, Spruce Creek, Timberland, Timberlost, Capasin. 1979
- CAN T 25 TRACING YOUR ABORIGINAL ANCESTORS IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES. A Guide to the Records and How to use Them.
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- Naval Ancestor - Drowned at Sea
- New Family Tree Mapping Software reviewed
- BRITISH DATA ARCHIVE
- F 9 Parish Records Norfolk Vol. 9
1851 Census Hitchin, Hertfordshire HO107/1709-1710
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 - The Last Connaughton in Argentina
 - The Wexford Family that Built California
 - Bridging the Gap series: England and Wales
 - News from the World of Genealogy

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 PFH January 1999
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BC THE OKANAGAN RESEARCHER. Newsletter of the Kelowna
 O 18 and District Genealogical Society
 2006-Vol. 23, No.2

Queries

Seeking any information about the following village, located in the Ukraine: Krzywcze Górne, (Kryvche), Borszczów, Tarnopol, Ukraine. Contact Delores Maduke - deloresstevens@sasktel.net

Seeking anyone with information or descendants of individuals buried in Belke Cemetery, located within the RM of Aberdeen. This cemetery is located at NE 20-38-3-W3. Contact Delores Maduke - deloresstevens@sasktel.net

35 Years of Saskatoon Branch History

First of a series submitted by Tammy Vallee

The following is a reprint from the March/April issue of The Armchair Genealogist.

Through the Years: A History of the Saskatoon Branch, Saskatchewan Genealogical Society, 1971-1994, by Evelyn Ballard, 1994.

"The organizational meeting of the Saskatoon Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society was held on January 23rd, 1971 in the Saskatoon Public Library, starting at two o'clock. Some twelve people were in attendance."

This quote is the first paragraph of the minutes recording the birth of the twenty-three year old active and progressive branch of the S.G.S. in Saskatoon.

Of the twelve attending, six became members, James W. Harcus was chosen chairman and Robert M. Black had been appointed secretary treasurer by the Society Executive prior to the meeting. The other charter members were Miss Louise Maclean, Mrs. Donalda McClung, Mrs. W.M. Barker and Mr. H.M. Drinkle. Miss Dorothy Lee is the only present member who joined later that year. Dorothy also holds the honour of joining the S.G.S. the year it was organized in 1969.

Mrs. Helen Boomer, President of the S.G.S. and Captain Gilles Nadon, a director of the Society came from Regina and helped organize this branch in Saskatoon. Membership fee at that time was \$0.25 per year, non members \$0.50 per meeting with an S.G.S. fee of \$5.00 per year.

From the six charter members we have grown and to date there are 350 names on the total membership list. Present membership is 91. Our peak yearly membership was in 1991 when we came within three of reaching our goal of 100 members. There have been 17 presidents, 14 vice presidents, 7 secretaries and 14 treasurers.

Donalda McClung was the first to represent our branch on the S.G.S. Board of Directors in 1972. Later years we were represented by Delma Bradley, Leith Shearer, Dorothy Lee, Lorne Paul and Georgie Katrusiak. When the regional divisions were organized, Barry Evenson was the first chairman for the Northern Lights Region No. 6. Others to follow were Art Harris and Donna Sealey. John Nickel is the present chairman.

The first major project was hosting the Provincial Seminar in 1975, held at the Saskatoon Public Library. Registration fees were \$5.00, banquet \$5.00, lunch \$1.50. Hosting four more seminars (1978, 1981, 1986 and 1992) were challenges to present suitable and different ideas but they were rewarding experiences. We appreciate knowing that some of the basic ideas we introduced are still being used in other ways. Our branch has always supported the other seminars and meetings by members attending, showing displays and participating in other competitions and events.

The proceeds from the first seminar financed the basis of our Branch Library in 1977 with Georgia Katrusiak our librarian. Each year we have tried to add books, microfiche and periodical subscriptions as our finances allow so now we have a good variety of material. Jaclyn Shanks is present librarian with Dorothy Lee her assistant.

Members received their first Branch Newsletter in 1977 with three issues that year. The format has changed several times from a one page (8½" x 14") to ten issues of eight pages (7" x 8½") per year. After hosting the

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1986 seminar we adopted our theme and logo "Armchair Genealogist" for our newsletter title. Each member receives a copy, courtesy copies are given to several archives and libraries as well as copies exchanged with other S.G.S. branches.

We are still working on the Cemetery Recording Project which started in 1977 when Mrs. Cline and her son recorded the Nutana (Pioneer) Cemetery. Leith Shearer supervised our work for several years and recorded many in this area as well as his personal project. Our recordings are gradually being put on computer.

Another ongoing project has been teaching classes for beginners in genealogy. Marion Ghiglione, Maureen Anderson and Marlene Mahoney taught the first class at the Community College in 1984. In recent years Donna Sealy, with the help of other members have taught classes at Kelsey Institute.

In 1983 we contributed to the City of Saskatoon Time Capsule Project. The Branch enclosed several of our early documents including a membership list and a summarized history of the branch. This capsule is to be opened in 2032.

The Source Books from the project introduced by Marion Ghiglione in 1983 are still popular with members. They share and keep them updated with current information.

In 1991 our 20th Anniversary was observed with a special cake at our January meeting. The former members living in the city were invited. Dorothy Lee and Evelyn Ballard, longtime members, were presented with Certificates of Appreciation. Special souvenir bookmarks were distributed to all members.

Several booklets and leaflets have been compiled and printed for the benefit of members. A booklet, "Saskatoon Sources" was published in 1989 for regular distribution. A few years earlier a book of members' pedigree and family unit charts was presented to the Saskatchewan Archives Board, Saskatoon Branch. More recently D'Arcy Hande of the Saskatchewan Archives Board and Debbie Moyer of our Branch indexed the "Change of Name" section of the Saskatchewan Gazette 1917-1950. This has been published by S.G.S. Publications.

Workshops or speaker presentations have been the basis format for the educational segment of our regular meetings though on several occasions we have changed to planned tours to libraries, museums and other places of interest to our group. The list of program topics we have heard from guest speakers and our members sharing their knowledge and experiences, shows we have had interesting presentations.

The present ongoing projects are indexing District History Books for the SRI project, clipping obits for S.G.S. from *The Star Phoenix* and rural newspapers, as well as recording cemeteries. The projects indexing "Western People" and the earlier issues of *The Star Phoenix* are on hold at the time of writing.

Some of our members have their own genealogy projects. They have published Family History Books, located new relatives, visited ancestral homes, volunteered their time to other sources and are always ready to promote genealogy.

We are indebted to the six charter members who laid the sturdy foundations we inherited.

We are indebted to the executives and members who followed. It is through their efforts and dedicated interests that we succeeded in accomplishing so many worthwhile achievements.

We are indebted to our present Executive and members who are steering us into an exciting and progressive future, continuing the challenge of our aim to help encourage our fellow members to continue searching and to share our knowledge with others.

Which Bridget Quinn?

Submitted by Rene Stock

John Stock was the second of five sons who emigrated with their parents James and Grace, from Chorley, Lancashire, England to Mimico, where the Humber River meets Lake Ontario, in 1830. He was eleven years old at the time. His teenage years would have been spent working with his father and brothers on the family land grant, creating a viable farming operation. Besides the offer of free land, it is likely that among the reasons influencing the family's decision to leave England was to enjoy freedom of religious practice (they were considered non-conformists, being Catholic), and a new political landscape.

The government of Upper Canada did have an elected legislature, but the real power lay with the Family Compact, primarily with Bishop John Strachan of the Anglican Church. It was rivalry between William Lyon Mackenzie and his Reform Party, and the Family Compact that led to the 1837 rebellion, and eventually to a more democratic form of government. The Stock family of Mimico were staunch Reformers.

John and his younger brothers Peter and Joseph took employment building the Grand Trunk railway from Toronto to Stratford. On completion the three decided to take land grants near Stratford, in Ellice Township close to the community of Kinkora. John married Bridget Quinn, and the couple had five children, James Edward, Ellen, Charles, Mary Grace and Sarah Ann. When I began my research, this was the only reference to my great-great grandmother, Bridget Quinn. The source is the Ellice Township history book, *Echoes of Ellice*. Who was Bridget?

James Edward was born in 1846, so Bridget and John would have been married in the early 1840's. Civil registration of marriages in Ontario/Upper Canada began in 1869. Ontario Archives has microfilms of County registrations from 1858 to 1869, and District registrations from 1780 to 1858. But which District, as there was no reference to Bridget's home District? Fortunately for me, Ontario Archives also has microfilm of Roman Catholic marriages from 1828 to 1870, which has been transcribed and is for sale by Renie Rumpel of Waterloo, a copy of which is now in our library.

According to the book, Bridget Quin of Albion Township, Peel County, married John Stock of Etobicoke Township, York County, at the Gore Mission, St. Patrick's, Wildfield on 16 Sep 1844, witnessed by John O'Reilly and John Quin. No parents were named. On the same page were Ann, Hugh and John Quin, all of Albion Township.

Where next? The Gore Mission records had been microfilmed by the LDS, so in the hopes that Ms. Rumpel had missed something in her transcription, I ordered it in and located the record. Exactly as Ms. Rumpel had transcribed. Bridget appeared to have been very active in that church, having witnessed a number of baptisms.

The Rootsweb message boards for the Quinn surname, and for Peel County were my next stop. The only family of Quinn's that I could find, that were located in Albion was that of Laughlin Quinn and Ellen Moore, originally from Offaly (King's County), Ireland.

A posting by Yvette Dwyer of San Antonio, Texas listed the children of this couple (that were known to her) as Elizabeth Mary, born 1807 in Ireland, Catherine 1808 Ireland, Charles 1813 Ireland, John 1819 USA, and Ellen 1835 Canada (quite a gap!). Her husband had descended from Elizabeth Mary. A correspondence from her indicated that Laughlin had petitioned for land on 17 Nov 1819, and in the petition he stated that he had 5 children. All that I had as an indicator of Bridget's age was census records which had her one year younger than her husband John who had been born in 1819. Thus the birthplace as stated in the census records could not have been Ireland, or else she was older than stated, and was one of the five immigrants.

Another of Laughlin's descendants did have a Bridget in that family, but had flagged her as the Bridget Quinn who married Henry McCabe at St. Paul's, Toronto on 31 Jan 1839. I was still stumped.

Further research on the Albion Township brought the William Perkins Bull archives to my attention. I corresponded with the folks at the Region of Peel Archives in Brampton, where these archives are held. Archivist Brian Gilchrist and Researcher Carol Williams found my Bridget in the baptism notations of the Perkins Bull collection. Finally a confirmation of my suspicions!

Of course, every answer brings up more questions. John Quinn, brother of Bridget, had married Jean O'Hara. John Stock's brother Edward's wife's name was Harriet O'Hara. Were they sisters?

My family has now expanded to include the surnames Carroll, Killeen, Wallace, Mulloy, Malone and Dwyer, among others related to the Quinn's.

Great-great grandmother Bridget died in 1876. Her husband John lived on the farm with his son James Edward and his family, until his death in 1897.

Membership Questionnaire

It has come to the attention of the new executive that many of the members of the Saskatoon Branch feel that the society provides a good social arena, but has many shortcomings in assisting them in their individual genealogical research.

Please complete and return the following questionnaire, in order to aid the executive in developing a more relevant offering for current members, and to help to spark renewed interest in joining the society.

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| 1. Library | | |
| • Are you able to easily determine what content the library holds? | ___ | ___ |
| Comments: _____ | | |
| • Does the library hold content that is of assistance in your research? | ___ | ___ |
| Comments: _____ | | |
| • Are there periodicals or books that should be added to the library? | ___ | ___ |
| Comments: _____ | | |
| • Do you require more library time? If so, please provide preferences. | ___ | ___ |
| Comments: _____ | | |
| 2. Newsletter | | |
| • Does the newsletter provide content that is of assistance in your research? | ___ | ___ |
| Comments: _____ | | |
| • Would regular topics (book, CD website reviews, how & where to find) be useful? If so, please indicate your suggestions. | ___ | ___ |
| Comments: _____ | | |
| • Should members surname interests/member profiles/road blocks/birth, marriage & death announcements be published in the newsletter? | ___ | ___ |
| Comments: _____ | | |
| • Should committee reports/project progress be published (i.e. cemetery)? | ___ | ___ |
| Comments: _____ | | |
| • Would you consider contributing articles, either regularly or irregularly? | ___ | ___ |
| Comments: _____ | | |
| 3. Website | | |
| • Is the branch website updated frequently enough? | ___ | ___ |
| Comments: _____ | | |
| • Should there be more member interest content than there is? Or should the website be restricted to branch event dates/times? | ___ | ___ |
| Comments: _____ | | |
| • Should the website be more interactive in nature, i.e. allowing for Forums? | ___ | ___ |
| Comments: _____ | | |

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Yes No

- Should there be a page of links to genealogical sites?

Comments: _____

- Do you need a better guide/instruction set to use the library website?

Comments: _____

3. Branch General Meetings

- Are you satisfied with the format of general meetings (library time, short branch meeting, coffee, informational session)? What changes would you like to see?

Comments: _____

- Do you have any programming/information session suggestions?

Comments: _____

- Do you require notice of meeting cancellation due to extreme weather?

Comments: _____

4. Workshops

- Should the branch be holding more workshops? If so, how many per year?

Comments: _____

- Do you have a top suggestion for a workshop?

Comments: _____

5. Services

- Do you feel that the branch deals with outside requests for assistance in a courteous and professional manner? If not, how can we improve?

Comments: _____

6. General Comments

- What geographical region and era makes up the bulk of your research?

Comments: _____

- Do you consider yourself a beginner, intermediate or advanced in genealogical research?

Comments: _____

Please make any additional comments and suggestions below.

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Or leave with a member of the executive. Anonymous responses are welcome!