

# ARMCHAIR GENEALOGIST



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# HAPPY NEWYEAR

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 17:** Regular Branch Meeting:  
Featuring guest speaker  
Elaine Rohatensky on  
“Document Preservation”.
- Feb 21:** “Genealogy Open House”  
Come out and talk Family  
History with our members..  
Check out our lending library.  
and look over the items for  
sale in our Silent Auction.  
Everyone is Welcome!  
Library opens at 5:00 PM
- Mar :** **Beginners Genealogy Class**  
Presenter: Bev Gutenberg  
1:30 to 4:30 PM at the  
Alice Turner Library  
110 Nelson Road, Saskatoon  
Early Registration is \$15.00  
Walk-in Registration is \$20.00

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“Who do you think you are” is a CBC production on the genealogy of some famous Canadians and on January 10th it features Don Cherry.

### MEETING INFORMATION

- Place:** Albert Community Centre, 610 Clarence Avenue S.
- Dates:** The 3rd Thursday of each month except for July & August.
- Time:** The Library is open from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.  
The Meeting runs from 7:15 - 9:30 PM. Meetings start with the Presidents' report, followed by member interest discussions, guest speakers or genealogical workshops.
- Website:** <http://www.rootsweb.com/~sksgs>
- Library Website:** <http://www.sbsgs.org>
- Mailing Address:** Saskatoon Genealogy Society  
Box 32004  
3 – 402 Ludlow Street  
Saskatoon, SK S7S 1M7

## 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 as a Portable Document Format file (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. Please submit by the fourth Wednesday of the month prior to publication month.

### SBSGS 2007 BRANCH EXECUTIVE

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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. 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 is requested to assist with setup and re-stacking tables and chairs.

We must leave the facilities clean and tidy so please come prepared to help clean up after each meeting.

We are expected to set up and take down all tables and chairs for every event held at Albert Community Centre.

WE GRATEFULLY  
ACKNOWLEDGE THE  
FOLLOWING  
ORGANIZATIONS.



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Year! As most of you know for 2008 we have had some changes to the executive. Delores Maduke and I have switched roles, I am the President and Delores has stepped down to assume role of the Vice President. Michelle and Cliff Rusk have rejoined the executive. Michelle is working with Terri Chappell on programs and filling one of the member at large seats. Cliff has taken over the newsletter again and is working hard on trying to fill it with articles. Bev Gutenberg has stepped up to take on the secretary position and has also offered to be our Education Co-ordinator.

We had a great interest from the public in the classes that we offered in 2007, and many people are looking for more than the basic beginner class. This year we will work on offering classes on a variety of topics and levels of research. If there is an area or topic you would like to see covered please let us know.

As most of you know I am a strong promoter of genealogy. One thing that became evident as we talked to people who were interested in the beginner class is that they didn't realize Saskatoon even had a genealogy group. For 2008 I will continue writing for the Neighbourhood Express. For those who don't get it delivered it can be read online at <http://www.theneighbourhoodexpress.com/>. January 8<sup>th</sup> will mark the beginning of an eight week genealogy course that I will be teaching at the U of S through the Saskatoon Seniors Continued Learning (SSCL). I have also returned back to the Saskatoon Public School Board as a substitute Educational Assistant, not only do I get a pay cheque again but it also gives me a chance to talk with more teachers about genealogy in the school. If you have an interest in talking to grades 3 to 12 please let me know.

When we start on genealogy it can quickly become evident that some brick walls we face could have been overcome if we had only known to ask those important questions when we were younger. To help encourage the youth of our society Rene has been in contact with 4-H program about creating a genealogy course for them to use. Our Branch will get the credit but more importantly it is an amazing opportunity to provide a lesson that will guide new generations in the pursuit of their family history. If you are interested in helping out on this great project please let Rene or myself know.

As we move into a new year let's pull together to work at building a stronger future for our Branch and explore all the possibilities that are out there. The executive is always looking for new ways to meet the members' needs, to gain exposure for the branch and find new ways to promote genealogy. It is our members that define our group and any thoughts, suggestions, or comments you may have are always welcomed. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Fundraising Committee: this committee needs ideas and bodies. We rely on various fundraising events through-out the year to cover our annual expenses of approximately \$4000.00. Last year we managed to exceed our expenses by about \$370.00. Thanks to Delores Maduke, Past President, for all her hard work.

## ***Report on the Beginner Classes***

*By Tammy Vallee*

The Saskatoon Branch has seen great success from the beginner classes offered in 2007. The free air time on CKOM, the mentions in the Neighborhood Express and our regular word of mouth and flyers brought in calls from over 70 interested people. The October class was visited by a reporter from CBC radio. The interview was later aired during the following week at different times over the week.

Bev Gutenberg presented the 3 hour length class to 32 people on October 27 and another 20 on December 1st at the Mayfair Library. There is a waiting list for those interested in another beginner class in 2008. Those who attend the class also showed an interest in taking a bit more advanced classes in the future. A big thank-you to Bev Gutenberg for all her work, Delores Maduke for manning the majority of the phone calls, Susan Leitch for coming out to the October class to help

answers questions and Georgiana Chartier & Tammy Vallee for helping out during both of the classes. If there is a certain area or topic that you would like to see covered in a future class please contact one of the executive.



## **Message from the out Going President**

*Delores Maduke*

Thank you to all for making this a memorable year for me. It is a large responsibility to be the President, which I tackled with enthusiasm. In the beginning, little did I know that as well as this position there were a number of other positions that would need to be filled by the president, such as secretary, fund raising, and facility coordinator. I found that my research and writing took a back seat to these positions. I would strongly urge all the members to volunteer. Many Volunteers means that everyone does a little. A little is not so tiring as doing a lot. Stepping down to Vice President will give me the time to further my genealogy research and writing. Once again thank you for the opportunity to be the President.

## IRISH GENEALOGY

*By Tammy Vallee*

We all know some countries are easier to research in than others. Ireland is not generally one of these. In Ireland most of the early census were destroyed, some on purpose some not, with the main surviving censuses taken in 1901 and 1911. Some of you may have heard of the Maple Leaf – Shamrock project. This is a project to put the 1901 and 1911 Irish census online like we have here in Canada. The Library and Archives of Canada has been working with the National Archives of Ireland to accomplish this. There are 4490 microfilms that cover the 1901 and 1911 census. Their goal was to launch free access to the digitized images by the Autumn of 2007. Only slightly behind schedule December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 was the website site's was official launched, with 1911 census of Dublin:

<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/> not only contains digitized images but they have made it searchable by name and / or address. As time goes by they will be adding more counties. The records for 1911 are being digitised first, then those for 1901. The order in which counties will be made available, starting in **December 2007**, with 1911, is:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| • Dublin                 | • Armagh              | • Monaghan               |
| • Kerry                  | • Carlow              | • Queen's County (Laois) |
| • Antrim & down          | • Cavan               | • Roscommon              |
| • Donegal                | • Clare               | • Sligo                  |
| • Cork                   | • Fermanagh           | • Tipperary              |
| • Wexford                | • Kildare             | • Tyrone                 |
| • Galway                 | • Kilkenny            | • Westmeath              |
| • King's County (Offaly) | • Londonderry (Derry) | • Wicklow                |
| • Limerick               | • Longford            |                          |
| • Mayo                   | • Louth               |                          |
| • Waterford              | • Meath               |                          |

The other main source of information we seek is in the Birth, Marriage and Death indexes. Down at the family history centre there have only been 10 of those 91 microfilms brought in that cover a time period of 1845 to 1921. Currently the Saskatoon Family History centre has Births from 1864 to 1870, and 1892/1893, and Marriages from 1906 to 1914. A slow process to order in each reel and have it permanently onsite, also the cost has risen to \$21 per reel. There is good news though the Family Search Indexing project <<http://www.familysearchindexing.org/en/index.jsp>> has added the Ireland Birth, Marriage and Death Indexes to its on going indexing projects. To sign up is free and indexing is very simple. Once the indexing is completed it is added to the familysearch.org website allowing you free access to the information.

Ireland Genealogical related web sites for you to browse through.

<http://www.cyndislist.com/ireland.htm>

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/>

<http://www.goireland.com/genealogy/>

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/ireland/>

<http://www.ireland-information.com/>

<http://irelandgenealogyprojects.rootsweb.com/>

<http://www.ukgenealogy.co.uk/ireland.htm>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/plantation/ulsterscots/index.shtml>

## NEW MATERIAL IN THE SASKATOON BRANCH SGS LIBRARY

### ON/LEEDS/GREN NEWS AND VIEWS

Leeds and Grenville Branch OGS N 22 2007 – Nov./Dec.

### ONT O 71.19 OGS NEWSLEAF

2007 – Volume 37, No. 4

### HUR R 1 HURON COUNTY ON ROOTING AROUND HURON

The Huron County Branch OGS. 2007 – Vol.28, No.2,3,4

### ONT F 1.139 Families OGS Newsletter 2007 Volume 46, No.4

### SK SGS S 221 SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN

2004 – Volume 35, No. 2

2005 – Volume 36, No. 2,3,4

2006 – Volume 37, No. 1,2

2007 – Volume 38, No. 2,3

### SASK A 18 ARMCHAIR GENEALOGIST

Saskatoon Branch Newsletter 2007 – Issue 53

### BC C 14 CARIBOO NOTES

Quesnel Branch British Columbia Genealogical Society 2007 –Vol.24, No. 3

### BIG B 97 BIGGAR ROOT BOOSTER

Newsletter Biggar Branch of the SGS. 2007 – Vol. 13, No.4

### REG N 15 NOW AND THEN

Newsletter Regina Branch of SGS 2007 – Vol. 25, No.4

### MAN M 514.14 MENNONITE HISTORIAN

Published by the Mennonite Heritage Centre and the Centre for MB studies in Canada  
2007 – Vol. XXX111 - No.4

### R18 USA/NORTH DAKOTA RED RIVER VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Serving The Red River Valley Of The North Region Of North Dakota & Minnesota 2007– Oct.

### CAN F .113 FAMILY CHRONICLE

The Magazine For Families Researching Their Roots. 2008 – Jan/Feb

- County court Days. What you can Learn From One of Genealogy's Richest Resources
- What's In Your Attic?
- Been to Your Local Family History Centre Lately?
- English Parish Marriage Registers.
- Setting Sail to New England: The Great Migration.

**GB/IRE I 189.200 IRISH ROOTS** 2008 - Issue No.64

- Finding the Old Homestead.
- The Jewell Brothers in Bristol and Derry.
- Research on Old Irish Genealogies Part 11
- The Demise of the Big House in Ireland
- Index to Volume 4 of Irish Roots Magazine
- News from the World of Genealogy

**GB F 114 FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE** 2008- Vol.24, No.3.

- Census Success!
  - Friends & Neighbours
  - Place of Birth
  - Names,Ages,Addresses
- Soldier,Sailor,Nurse..
- What was Working Life Really Like?
- Apprentices
- Army Organization
- HMS Lancashire
- Country School Teachers
- Red Cross Workers
- Wills – Everything You Need to Know.
- 1922 Census Latest

**GEN E 225 EVERTON'S GENEALOGICAL HELPER** 2007 Nov/Dec

- The Lost Colony: Was it Really Lost?
- The Story of William (McIn)Tosh: He was forced to become an American.
- Canadian Ancestors – Finding Canadians in the States.
- Dream It, Plan It, Build It: The Ohio Genealogical Society Prepares for a New Library
- A Gift That Keeps on Giving: What will you leave for the next generation?
- Scandinavian Research.- On writing to family farms in Norway.
- Net family History – The Best Foreign Map & Gazetteer Internet Sites

**GB L 2 LOCATION OF BRITISH ARMY RECORDS,THE.**

A National Directory of World War 1 Sources.

Norman Holding.1984

Federation of Family History Societies

**SK SGS S 1900.98 SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR SYLLABUS.**

2003 Annual Seminar. SGS and Saskatoon.

Unearthing Our Ancestors: Finding the Skeletons!

- GB/ENG**      **1871 Census Cardif St.John, Glamorganshire Area**  
 F9              BRITISH DATA ARCHIVES RG10/5356-5359 PC & MAC  
                  Parish Records – Thorton,Buckinghamshire  
                  Back Issues FTM January 1999 - PFH January 2003  
                  Software Family Historian Demo PC  
                  Bonus Nottingham 1881 Trade Directory  
                  PC & Mac: Disc 41    January 2008
- SK A 19.14**    **AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM.**  
 Saskatchewan Remembers its War Dead.    Bill Barry. 2005
- SK G 141.9**    **GEOGRAPHIC NAMES OF SASKATCHEWAN.**  
 Bill Barry
- SK U 3**        **UKRANIAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN SASKATCHEWAN.**  
 Anna Maria Baron 1977
- CAN C 8**        **CATALOGUE HOUSES. EATONS' AND OTHERS.**  
 Les Henry. 2001
- EURO W 5**      **WESTERN EUROPE. 23<sup>rd</sup> Edition.** Wayne C. Thompson 2004
- MONCTON/ONT**    **RESURGO. The History of Moncton. Volume Two.**  
 R 8              E.W.Larracey 1991
- OTTA/COUNTY/ONT**    **OTTAWA COUNTY,THE.**  
                  A Historial Guide to the National O 3 Capitol Region.  
                  Courtney C. J. Bond. 1968

Many thanks on behalf of the Saskatoon Branch SGS Library to the following people who donated books to the library.

Lorin Byrnes  
 Mabel Evans  
 Eleanor Ritchie  
 Rosemary Slater

**Genealogy** (from Greek: γενεα, genea, "family"; and λόγος, logos, "knowledge") is the study and tracing of family pedigrees. This involves the collection of the names of relatives, both living and deceased, and establishing the relationships among them based on primary, secondary and/or circumstantial evidence or documentation, thus building up a cohesive family tree. Genealogy (often misspelled "geneology"<sup>[1]</sup>) is often also referred to as family history, although these terms may be used distinctly: the former being the basic study of who is related to whom; the latter involving more "fleshing out" of the lives and personal histories of the individuals involved.



## Free Genealogy On-Line Newsletters

### Introduction

A number of philanthropic individuals and organizations offer free genealogical newsletters by email to anyone who cares to subscribe. Subscribing, like subscribing to a mailing list, involves simply sending a message in prescribed form to a particular email address. Your subscription is normally acknowledged immediately by the computer hosting the newsletter, and from then on (until you choose to unsubscribe) you will automatically receive copies of the newsletter by email as they are issued. Some such newsletters are listed below, with instructions for subscribing to them. In one or two cases, voluntary donations are requested to help cover the cost of providing the service or for a more comprehensive version of the newsletter, but there is no compulsion to contribute.

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### Eastman's On-Line Genealogy Newsletter

The Eastman newsletter is compiled and issued weekly by Dick Eastman, genealogy author and CompuServe's resident genealogist. If you only subscribe to one genealogy newsletter, it should be this one. It regularly contains reviews of the latest genealogical software, announcements of meetings in various parts of the world, personal reports on major genealogy conferences, lists of personal web sites and other news of interest to genealogists. Everyone interested in genealogy and family history should receive this

newsletter. The newsletter is now available in two editions. The standard edition is available for free viewing at <http://www.RootsForum.com>. The Plus edition is issued approximately weekly (minimum of 12 issues per 3 months), about 24 hours earlier than the standard edition, contains additional material, no advertising, and is sent to subscribers by email. However, it is now necessary to pay a small subscription to receive this larger edition, either \$3.00 for 3 months or \$10.00 for 12 months, to be paid by credit card via a secure server. To subscribe, go to <http://www.RootsForum.com/plus>. Both the free and paid for forms can also be

accessed on-line and can be received by RSS feed. There are also a variety of discussion forums (accessed through the web site, or using links in the newsletter) on topics raised in the newsletter.

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### Treasure Maps Newsletter

This monthly newsletter, like its associated web site ([Treasure Maps - The How To Genealogy Site](#)), is aimed at beginners and those with some experience but short of being an expert. It concentrates mainly on tutorials, telling the reader how to make best use of various genealogical resources. It is produced by Robert Ragan. Voluntary donations of any amount are invited to help defray costs. In return for donations of \$20 (USA) or more a complete set of back numbers will be supplied - and it started in 1995.

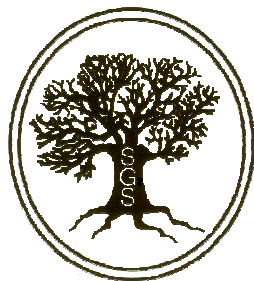
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## Anyone Researching in Ireland

The Family History Centre (FHC) has informed us that there are more Irish films, births to 1875 and marriages for 1852-1853 and 1856 to 1857 that can be purchased. Please note that these films are only for use in their research library. Effective Nov 8, due to a strong Canadian dollar the price of ordering film is now \$6.25 and fiche are \$0.20.



# Saskatchewan GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society is moving and has leased a new space  
for the Library and Research Room and the SGS Office

at

1514 – 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Regina, Saskatchewan

The present Library and Research Room and SGS Offices will  
close for the move from January 15 to February 4, 2008  
and will be Reopening on February 5, 2008.

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## Making Net Gains in Genealogy

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Annual General Meeting & Seminar

Hosted by the Prince Albert Branch

**April 18 – 20, 2008**

Masonic Temple, 292 Fifteenth Avenue East  
Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

### PROGRAM AND EVENTS

The Internet has radically altered our ability to overcome the obstacles of time and distance in genealogical research. At this seminar we have arranged for a number of **VIRTUAL\*** speakers. They will deliver a PowerPoint presentation live using a microphone for their commentary. There will be a facilitator on site. The facilitator will be able to relay your questions and comments to the speaker in real time.

Check out the following website for more information on this event

[http://www.saskgenealogy.com/events/Seminar\\_2008\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.saskgenealogy.com/events/Seminar_2008_Brochure.pdf)