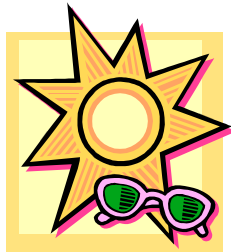




ARMCHAIR GENEALOGIST



Special Summer Edition

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept 18th: **Regular Branch meeting:**
Featuring SBSGS member Harold Baker with a presentation on "Self-Publishing My Family History". Here I am, with boxes of files, a computer filled with family history information, hundreds of relatives wondering whether they will ever hear from me, and asking myself, -- dare I wait any longer for those few tardy responses that just might lead to the perfection. I crave? My conclusion - It is time for action NOW and my timeline for publishing must be firm!
- Oct **Regular Branch meeting:**
The program planned is "How to professionally publish your own Family History"
- Nov 20th: **Regular Branch meeting:**
The program planned is "**How to take care of your Photo Collection**". Some of you may have some particular questions that you want answered. The Resource person is an experienced archivist, especially in cataloguing photographs. It would help the planning of this program if we knew what you would like included. So please forward your ideas to me, either in person or by e-mail at eritchie@sasktel.net

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 2008 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!

Branch Elections (Volunteer Night) will be held during the Regular Branch meeting this November. I urge every member to attend, and please volunteer for one of above committees. This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow genealogist and share your branch building ideas with everyone.



THE FAMILY TREE
 Our goal is to all find the missing nuts!

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 we hold at Albert Community Centre.

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS.



Special Interest Groups

A special interest group is a group of people who are interested in researching in a specific area of genealogy. It could be your ancestors came from England and you wish to concentrate on finding records there. You and others, who are also researching in England, would meet perhaps once a month to share resources and hopefully help one another problem-solve.

These groups would decide where they would meet and the way the group would operate would be entirely up to the group itself. It would be used to further one's own research. We are hopeful that an experienced member could act as resource person and more or less steer the group.

A survey was taken at the January meeting and a list has been generated of those who are interested in just such a group. We need about 10 interested people for each area in order to go forward with the creation of each group. The results of the survey indicated that we have enough people interested in groups researching Ontario and England.

If you didn't participate in the survey you can still get in on the action by emailing Bev Gutenberg at beverleygutenberg@sasktel.net or by giving Bev a call at 384-7509.

The following information is needed:

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|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Name | 2. Phone number |
| 3. Email address | 4. Country you are researching |

The other question we asked was are you interested in a class on a particular genealogical subject.

5. What kind of class would you like? This interest could be in a particular area of research or in a genealogical area such using a time-line to solve problems or how to source your material or perhaps how to write a family history.

GENEALOGY

A LITTLE BOY ASKED HIS MOTHER, 'HOW DID THE HUMAN RACE APPEAR?' HIS MOTHER REPLIED, 'GOD MADE ADAM AND EVE AND THEY HAD CHILDREN AND SO WAS ALL MANKIND MADE.'

A FEW DAYS LATER, THE BOY ASKED HIS FATHER THE SAME QUESTION. THE FATHER ANSWERED, 'MANY YEARS AGO THERE WERE MONKEYS FROM WHICH THE HUMAN RACE EVOLVED.'

THE CONFUSED LITTLE BOY RETURNED TO HIS MOTHER AND SAID, 'MOM, HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT YOU TOLD ME THE HUMAN RACE WAS CREATED BY GOD AND DAD SAID THEY DEVELOPED FROM MONKEYS?' THE MOTHER SAID, 'WELL, DEAR, IT IS VERY SIMPLE. I TOLD YOU ABOUT MY SIDE OF THE FAMILY AND YOUR FATHER TOLD YOU ABOUT HIS!'

The Saskatoon Branch Hosts SGS Conference 2011

Submitted by Michelle Rusk

The branch has an interesting, enervating time ahead as we plan and prepare to host the SGS Conference in April 2011. I have offered to Chair the Conference Committee and my husband, Cliff, has offered to head up the Program Committee.

To those who are new to the branch, working on the Program Committee for the seminar for 2003 is how we really got to know other branch members and learned about the administration of the local and provincial genealogical societies. That seminar, "Unearthing Our Ancestors: Finding the Skeletons!" was a tremendous success for the branch, financially, as well as with attendees and speakers. I can honestly say that for me working on the Seminar was a life-changing experience!

As I write this on July 1 2008, there is 1032 days, or 24772 hours until the conference on April 29 to May 1, 2011. In that time we will look to branch members to participate on various committees. Some committees will be most active just before and at the seminar, such as the Registration Committee and for others, such as the Facilities and Programs Committee, as well as the Fundraising Committee they need to start planning by September 2008.

We hope you will volunteer to be an active part of planning the Conference. As well as committee members, we are looking for suggestions on the seminars theme (title), as well as the topics or speakers you would like to see the Program Committee work toward being part of SGS Conference 2011.

Please contact me at mac.rusk@shaw.ca or Cliff at c.rusk@shaw.ca to volunteer for a committee or with your conference suggestions.

HOW TO FIGURE A BIRTHDATE

REMEMBER THIS NUMBER: 8870

THIS IS NOT AN ERROR: IT IS THE NUMBER TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU WANT TO FIND THE BIRTHDATE OF SOMEONE WHEN YOU ONLY HAVE THE DATE OF DEATH AND AGE.

HOW DO YOU FIGURE THE BIRTHDATE?

SUPPOSE THE PERSON DIED MAY 6, 1889, AT THE AGE OF 71 YEARS, 7 MONTHS, 9 DAYS.

1. WRITE THE YEAR, MONTH, DAY AS: -----> 18890506
2. SUBTRACT THE AGE AT DEATH: -----> 710709
3. THIS GIVES THE FIGURE: -----> 18179797
4. NOW SUBTRACT 8870: -----> 8870
5. THE RESULT IS: -----> 18170927

YEAR 1817, 9TH MONTH (SEPT), 27TH DAY OR 27 SEPT 1817

SOURCE: PLATTE CO, MO HISTORICAL/GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Archives & You Conference

By Tammy Vallee

On May 24th & 25th the Archives and You conference was held at the Regina Inn. I made the trip down with Georgiana Chartier on Friday to check out the new SGS headquarters. Very nice, I must say! The conference didn't start until Saturday at 7:15 am, this would be our very early start to a very busy day!

The conference saw people from across Canada gather to speak and attend the events of the weekend. The speaker list included Ian Wilson from LAC as the keynote speaker, and The Hon. Lynda Haverstock giving a beautiful speech to end the day. The sessions in between included a series of round table talks, genealogy, Aboriginal Records, Privacy and Access, educating youth, and cultural organizations. A couple speakers were unable to attend; since some of the sessions were being presented by a few different people the sessions were able to be carried on.

This was a different conference for me to attend, in the past I have only been to the ones held by the genealogical community. The Archives and You conference had a wide variety of people in attendance from outside the genealogical community. It was nice to see some of the familiar faces but also meet some new people. Also nice to see us all gather with some type of common interest between us.

There were not many displays but the Saskatchewan Publishers Group was there. Needless to say our suitcases were a lot heavier on the way out! The Saskatchewan Council for Archives and Archivists (SCAA) have also put a guide: Directory of Archives in Saskatchewan, 2008. This book includes the archives that are members with the SCAA, their location, contact information and an overview of their holdings. The book is free and I have some extra copies I will drop off at the Frances Morrison Library, the Family History Centre and there will be a copy in our library.

Sunday morning was the start of our tours to the RCMP Archives, City of Regina Archives, U of R Archives, and the Saskatchewan Archives Board. Our transportation for the tour was a school bus, for some it took them back to their youth and for me I it was a new experience to only be on a school bus with just adults. Much quieter than riding with the bus with 30 to 50 school kids!

There was one last schedule stop on the tour agenda in Wilcox at the Notre Dame Archives and possible stop in Rouleau to see the Corner Gas set, if there was time. Georgiana and I opted to take the van and make our way to Rouleau, which was the highlight of my weekend, maybe even this last year! Although Rouleau was intended to be our last stop for the day a slight wrong turn took us in the direction of Moose Jaw instead of Regina! It was at Drinkwater we spotted a very unique and old barn that required us to make a pit stop, talk to the farmer and take some pictures before making our way back to Saskatoon.

Question from us men: "Did you stop and ask directions?"



GERMANS FROM RUSSIA

2008 Casper, Wyoming Convention

This site covers the AHSGR & GRHS

<http://www.germansfromrussia.net/>



"Celebrating Our Common Heritage"

GENEALOGY SUMMER CAMP 2008

[HTTP://WWW.SASKGENEALOGY.COM/EVENTS/GENEALOGY_SUMMER_CAMP.HTM](http://www.saskgenealogy.com/events/genealogy_summer_camp.htm)

Genealogy Summer Camp 2008 is sponsored by the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS) and is taught by a Certified Saskatchewan Instructor and Researcher.

Date: Tuesday, July 8 to Thursday, July 10, 2008

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS)
110 - 1514 11th Avenue, Regina
(Corner of St. John Street and 11th Avenue).

Registration Fee: \$60.00 / person

Textbook: *Tracing Your Saskatchewan Ancestors: A Guide to the Records and How to Use Them ...* \$23.40 (10% off of original price)