



ARMCHAIR GENEALOGIST

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HAPPY NEWYEAR

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 15th Regular Branch Meeting
Terri Chappell, SBSGS member, will speak on **"Making Treasured Heirlooms Part of Your Family History"**
- Feb 8th Saskatoon Heritage Festival at the Western Development Museum. 12:00 to 5 PM. Free Admission
- Feb 19th **Saskatoon Branch Open House & Genealogy Fair** from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Everyone is welcome.
- Mar 7th **Celtic Dance** : our 1st fundraising event of the year.
- Mar 19th Regular Branch Meeting
- Apr 22 -24 SGS Conference in Regina

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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>

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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 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 third Wednesday of the month prior to publication month.

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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 remove their street footwear at the 4th floor elevator entrance, so bring along a pair of indoor shoes or slippers.

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

Submitted by Tammy Vallee

Dear Members of the Saskatoon Branch, SGS

As some of you may be aware I have accepted a position with Metis Nation-Saskatchewan as their genealogist. This is an exciting time for the MN-S as they will be making real progress towards the future with the establishment of their Registry system. In joining the team as the genealogist, I will be kept very busy as we work towards achieving the goals ahead of us. This is a full time position that will also take me out of town.

The new job added to my family commitments leave me with little to no free time to maintain my volunteer roles in the community. With that said, **I am giving this Letter of Resignation for my post as President of the Saskatoon Branch effective March 19th, 2009.**

Although I will not be president, my experience and knowledge will be available if needed to brainstorm ideas, make contacts, answer questions, or just talk. As I can still be reached by email and phone, I will do what I can to pass what I have learnt to the new executive. **A new President will be required to step forward by March 19th or the process to close the Saskatoon Branch doors will proceed at the March meeting.**

The position of President does not require strong genealogical skills, but the person must be able to be organized. The Saskatoon Branch Executive Job Description states that the President:

- 1) Be responsible for the direction and control of the business affairs of the SBSGS,
- 2) Chair all Executive meetings, including preparing agendas and if possible, distributing to executive members in advance
- 3) Chair all General meetings, including updating branch members on significant branch business – i.e. seminar updates, fundraising events, Post-1906 census project, etc.
- 4) Set up the overall agenda for each monthly meeting in consultation with the program co-coordinator,
- 5) Attend SGS meetings or arrange for an alternate member of the executive to attend
- 6) Along with the executive, prepare an upcoming yearly budget,
- 7) Prepare documents and reports as necessary,
- 8) Hold copies of keys for the branch mail box, the meeting premises, and the branch cupboards,
- 9) Be willing to hear and as possible, address branch member's concerns,
- 10) Be an "ex-officio" member of all committees – ensuring that committees are progressing on tasks to meet their responsibilities and to meet deadlines,
- 11) Represent the branch with other heritage or municipal organizations

My Serendipitous Genealogy Trail

Submitted by Michelle Rusk

I have been very fortunate in the role serendipity – and yes, the Internet – have played in my genealogy research.

Those who have been in the branch for awhile have heard how fortunate I was that the town in Quebec to which my ancestors immigrated and stayed for a couple of generations celebrated their 300th anniversary by putting records online. My Dad's paternal family lived in Hemmingford, Quebec from the 1830's until the early 20th century when they made the westward trek with so many from Eastern Canada. Even his maternal line, the Logan family came west from Teeswater, Ontario to Carberry, Manitoba, and then Saskatoon. Eventually, parts of both the Cochrane and Logan families moved on to Vancouver by the 1920s.

I was fortunate that I learned about some basics from my father's 1st cousin, Jack Logan. The cousin who found my Dad more than 50 years after the maternal side lost track of him after his widowed father began moving him as a 4-year-old around western Canada to avoid a custody battle with Dad's grandmother Belle (nee Hooley) Logan. I learned more about the Cochrane/Cochran/ family from that Hemmingford website <http://hemcem.sharonmark.com/>, as well as the incredible number of records for Chateauguay County <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~qcchatea/> Huntingdon County <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~qchuntin/Default.htm>, and the church records transcribed at South-West Quebec Genealogical Resources <http://www.swquebec.ca/index.html>.

My genealogical research has admittedly been inconsistent due to other activities. Every now and then, however, it seems that my ancestors give me a little jab to keep me moving in the right direction! On one occasion while searching with Google for the name of a former acquaintance with whom I hoped to connect, a website popped up that I didn't expect – Mountainview Cemetery <http://vancouver.ca/commsvcs/NONMARKETOPERATIONS/MOUNTAINVIEW/burials/co.htm> and instead of showing the "Cr" page, it opened on "Co" and the first record staring at me was for Cochrane, Chamberlain L. I knew my grandfather had died in Vancouver in the early 1960s, but had no idea where he was buried. Since Chamberlain has never been a common name it seemed as though my grandfather wanted me to know where he was, and that this was his record:

COCHRANE, Chamberlain L Jan-19-1962 OLD/5/05/X/0015

Recently, he has apparently wanted some other acknowledgement, as while doing military-related research for a book, I again had an unexpected webpage open <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com:80/~abwcobit/SD/index.htm> and there he was again: Cochrane, Chamberlain L, only this time it was a list of obituary extracts from Edmonton Papers held by Shannon Cherkowski alberta.research@gmail.com from whom I received his obituary on January 10, 2009, as well as the recommendation for another researcher Don Crawford in Vancouver <http://members.shaw.ca/copies/> as well as a link for the Edmonton Henderson directories up to 1953 <http://peel.library.ualberta.ca/bibliography/2962.html>. While the obituary is not long, it did give me a piece of information, I had not known – my grandfather's oldest sister had still been alive in 1962 and still living in Edmonton.

COCHRANE — Passed away in Vancouver, Chamberlain L. Coch-rane, aged 66 years. He was born in Hemmingford, Quebec. He leaves to mourn his loss his son, Lloyd, three grandchildren and his sister, Mrs. E. A. Campbell, 8830 76 Avenue.

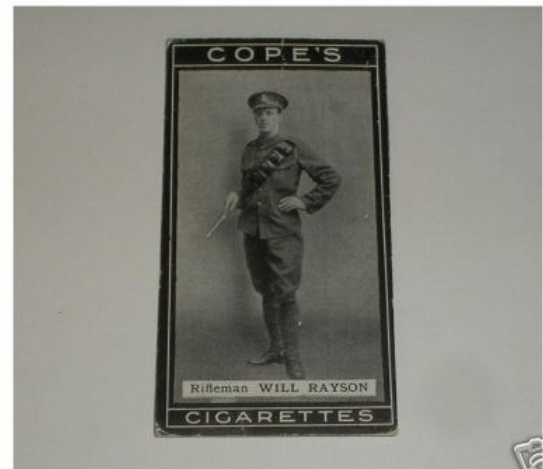
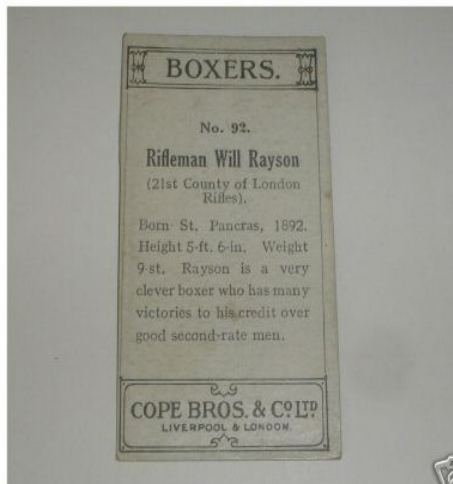
Edmonton Journal February 3, 1962 Page 32



Chamberlain Laine Cochrane c 1959

The additional information led to my returning to Shannon's web page where I learned that his sister, Mary Victoria Campbell also died in 1962. I am waiting for Shannon to send me a copy of her obituary.

Apparently, my maternal grandfather wants some equal time. As on the same day, January 10, 2009, I visited the MyFamily.com website for the family name "Rayson" for the first time in nearly a year. I rarely take the time to look at the photos, but on this occasion I did. I saw a photo posted by one member of individuals he didn't know with the surname Rayson from the first-half of the 20th century, a jockey, and a race-car driver. I added a query that if someone encountered a boxer circa 1910 by the name of William Rayson that I would be interested, as it was possible it would be my grandfather. Imagine my surprise when only a few photos later, I found a posting stating that someone had seen Cope Cigarette Boxing Cards from 1915 advertised on E-Bay for a boxer by the name of Will Rayson and that the sale would only last for 2 days. Sadly, the posting was from April 2008. My serendipitous luck was still with me, though, as the individual had made copies of the pictures and posted them. It was my grandfather and I now knew that he had been a rifleman in WW I, his regiment, and his height.



From an additional note posted by another member at MyFamily.com – Rayson, I also learned that he had 61 bouts and was active in the 1910s and 1920s. He then provided me with the link to Pre-War British Boxing <http://www.prewarboxing.co.uk/boxer%20lists/R%20list.htm> who also for a fee will provide copy of the full fight record showing details of each contest as well as detailed reports of as many as possible of these contests taken from original periodicals of the day. I've written for these and hope to receive them within the next month.

This wasn't the first time that my Grandpa Rayson surprised me online either. A couple of years ago when I typed his name into Google the website for an antique store in Georgia appeared, and there for me to view were photos of one of his boxing cups from 1908:



Nearly 100 years later one of his great-grandsons is an amateur boxer in Cumbria in Northern England.

Boxing was also a connection my maternal grandfather had with my Dad, C. Lloyd Cochrane whom he met when my Dad served overseas with the 16th Battery, 3rd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment of the Canadian Army's 2nd Division in World War II. Dad boxed during his teens, and then later won boxing medals in the army. For years, after learning that my Dad had served in the 3LAA, I would Google the regiment's name, but if I found anything it would be a one line entry in a military order of battle. In 2007, when I entered the name up popped the website for the Royal Artillery Regiment of Canada <http://www.artillery.net/English/engstart.htm>, opening on the Kit Shop page for books for sale. Staring at me for the price of \$5.00 was The History of The Third Canadian Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment: From 17 August, 1940 to 7 May, 1945 World War II. I, of course, ordered the book, which I avidly read. While my father was not mentioned, I learned more about where and in what actions his regiment had served.

In October 2007, I joined a World War II military forum, <http://www.ww2f.com/> and in August 2008, since the history of the 3LAA was not under copyright protection, I decided to transcribe the history there <http://www.ww2f.com/wwii-general/25386-history-third-canadian-light-anti-aircraft-regiment-3laa.html> Sometimes those random acts we make are repaid, as following my posting of the history, I heard from three other children of men who served in this regiment who had searched for a long time for any information on this regiment. Most thrilling was that the fathers of two had served in the same battery as my father, with one still living. While I have yet to receive the additional battery history or see the website the one son, Bob Sudbury is designing as a tribute to the battery, I do know that his father remembers my Dad and have learned that every spring the battery's surviving members meet in Vancouver. Last time, 8 of the 15 living made it to the reunion, to which the families of those who served in the 16th Battery 3LAA are welcome. Hopefully, I will be able to make it to meet these men who knew my Dad in such perilous times.

You never know where or from whom you will find information to aid in your genealogical search. I wish you the same fortune as I, in having the hand of fate direct you to the information that aids your search and keeps you thrilled to make new discoveries.

My Genealogical Story

Submitted by Tricia Heller

Back in 2004 I was contacted by a gentleman from my hometown who claimed that when my childhood home was being prepared to be demolished, he had the opportunity to go through the property and salvage anything that he thought was of any value. As he went through the home he found numerous family pictures to which he was sure someone from our family would appreciate. I arranged to meet him and pick up those pictures really not thinking much about it. I arrived at his home and collected a shopping bag full of pictures and made my way back home.

Once I had the opportunity to sit down and go through the bag I was shocked at what I would find. Inside were pictures that I had never seen before, pictures of my grandmother as a young professional ballerina in Britain, photos of my grandparents wedding day and numerous pictures of my great aunts and uncles, great grandparents and so forth. So I set out to find out more. Who were these people. What did they do for a living. And then it just snowballed and I became hooked. In September of 2004 a class was offered at the Medicine Hat College about researching your family history, so I enrolled and drove to Medicine Hat once a week to attend, and here I learned about the dynamics of researching your family history and how to do it spending minimal amounts of \$. In October of 2004 the Brooks and District Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society held an open house. I joined the Society that very day.

Currently I have been able to research my grandparents line of my family tree to the 1830's. I have to say that the personal excitement and joy that a person has when they "find" a family member is such an adrenaline rush. It becomes addicting very quickly and I personally find this hobby to be one of the greatest joys.

I have attached a picture that was included in the "shopping bag" this picture is of my great grandfather Edward Doyle and his brother's Peter and Mike in 1913 when they first left Dublin.

Please let me know if there is anything else that I can answer for you!



my grandparents engagement photo



The Sutherland School Voyageurs
and the
Saskatoon Branch of SGS
Invites you to an evening of
Celtic Entertainment

Saturday, March 7th, 2009

Sutherland Hall
1112 Central Ave

Entertainment by “Back of the Bus”



Doors open at 7pm

ADVANCED TICKETS ON SALE FEBRUARY 13TH
Adults \$10, Youth (6 to 13 yrs) \$5, Children 5 & under Free

Family Rate (2 Adults & 2 Youth) \$25

Call 668-1380 for more information

Cash Bar

Midnight Lunch

New Material in the Library of Saskatoon Branch SGS

- CAN F .113 FAMILY CHRONICLE. The Magazine For Families Researching Their Roots.
2009 – Jan/Feb
- MAN M 514.14 MENNONITE HISTORIAN. Published by the Mennonite
Heritage Centre and the Centre for MB studies in Canada
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FAM/COM D 15	THE DAYS OF OUR YEARS. A History of the Eigenheim Mennonite Church Community.1892-1992

Upcoming Events

The **Heritage Festival is on Feb 8th** at the WDM. Six volunteers will be needed to work the booth in shifts through out the day along with a minimal set -up and take down.

Our **Open House** will take place on our regular meeting night **February 19th**. All members are invited to set up a table displaying their history and/ or the research they have done. We have a lot to learn from the large turn out we had last year and any members who would prefer to volunteer instead of setting up a table please let us know.

Our next fundraising event is on **March 7th at the Sutherland Hall**. We will be rocking the night away Celtic style with Back of the Bus. The money raised will go towards helping the Sutherland Voyageurs Club with the expenses and gear for their annual canoe trip along and the Saskatoon Branch with it's programming. An evening of good music, drink and food for all ages is just the way to start off celebrating the upcoming St. Patrick's Day! If you are have any good Irish or Scottish recipes for goodies that can be served during the dance please let me know.

April 24th to 26th is the **SGS seminar** and the 40th anniversary celebration for the SGS. The early bird deadline for the registration is March 15th, 2009. The annual seminar is always a good way to meet fellow genealogists and chance to check out the new SGS headquarters. The book launch for **Women Pioneers of Saskatchewan** will take place that weekend.