

ARMCHAIR GENEALOGIST



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Spring is just around the corner?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar 19th Regular Branch Meeting
Guest Speaker: Ken Dahl will do a presentation on the resources available at the Saskatchewan Archives Board. Always of interest to searching genealogists!
- Apr 16th Regular Branch Meeting
Program: TBA
- Apr 23 -26 SGS Conference in Regina
40th Anniversary Showcase
Genealogy Conference
<http://www.saskgenealogy.com>

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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

As we wait for spring it is nice to see the success we have had so far this year! I could not attend the Heritage Fair but hear it was a good turn out and Hooray to Eleanor for being quoted in the Star Phoenix! The Open House was a also a success with many tables set-up for displays for the members and about 40 non-members who came out. Thank-you to all those who volunteered! Our last big event planned is the Celtic Dance on March 7th, which I am sure will be a great turn out

The branch is still in need of volunteers to fill two main positions, President and Secretary. On March 19th I will be stepping down with great regret as my work commitments do not allow me to keep my position. We also need someone to step forward as the chair for the 2011 SGS Conference. This position can be covered by two or more people who are willing to work together as co-chairs.

To put you name forward for any of these positions or for more information call 668-1380 or email tamw25@shaw.ca.

Other stuff of interest:

The 1916 census is now available at the Frances Morrison Library.

The LDS Family History Library is looking for 2 to 3 volunteers for the library. You do not have to belong to the Mormon Church to volunteer at the centre. If you sign up you will be trained how to run the library and to help anyone that comes to the centre to start researching their family history. Depending on the shift this will involve 3 to 4 hrs of your time per week. If interested contact Elin Johnson at 343-0457 (home) or 343-6060 (FHC Library).

Upcoming Events

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.

The deadline for the early bird registration for the SGS 40th Anniversary Conference is quickly approaching remember to get in your registration in!!!

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2009 - Volume 39, No.1

Unexpected Connection

By Delores Maduke

I had always known that my WUTZKE family left Russia in 1900, settled in Neche, North Dakota and then came to Canada in 1905. They settled in the Bergheim District, which is located between Saskatoon and Aberdeen, Saskatchewan. My great grandfather Andrew Wutzke farmed in this area along with his uncle Andreas Wutzke, cousins and his sister and brother-in-law, Pauline and Martin Engwer.

In 2006 while researching church information from the Gretna Lutheran Church in Gretna, Manitoba I was provided with an interesting piece of information. That there was a Wilhelm Wutzke and Mathilda Harmel who had twins born Feb. 5, 1907. This same Mathilda Wutzke is listed as the godmother for Wilhelm Wutzke born 21 February, 1905 to Andrew Wutzke and Amelie Dreger. My great uncle and great grandparents respectively.

Who were Wilhelm Wutzke and Mathilda Harmel Wutzke? Some relation for sure. My mother had indicated that Andrew Wutzke would often visit with the Harmel family in Janzen, Saskatchewan. Must be some relationship I assumed. I was able to find that Andrew had a brother Wilhelm that I had not been able to find any information on, was this him?? I attempted to pursue this avenue by writing all of the Wutzke's listed in Manitoba with no luck.

While making a continued search for Andrew Wutzke and the passenger lists I came across an odd entry in the Odessa Digital Library. This was for a Wilhelm Watzka, with wife and children along with an Andreas. I thought I would look this one up. That was not the first time that another spelling has been listed for Wutzke. I have found it spelled as Wulzke, Wodzke, Wotzke, and Wudzke. So the spelling as Watzka came as no surprise.

Pursuing this avenue through the Library and Archives Canada I looked at the ship list for the SS Vancouver. There Andrew along with brother Wilhelm Watzka and sister Pauline Engwer are recorded as leaving Liverpool, England on 17 May 1900 and arriving Quebec 27 May 1900 on the SS Vancouver. I had finally found them.

This still did not get me any closer to finding Wilhelm and Mathilda Wutzke. Since 1995 I have been actively pursuing my genealogical history. While at times there seems to be more successes than failures, there comes a time when one needs to step back and let the ancestors direct the search. During a hectic period when I was involved in 3 household moves within a matter of months; I unexpectedly received an email in Oct 2008 that would change my research direction.

The email was from a lady who was helping a friend start her family tree. In essence it said that she has a family named Woodske who lived in Neche, North Dakota and are recorded in the 1910 census. She believed that the name in Russia may have been Wutzke. She found information on the death registration that indicated William was born May 18, 1877 and listed his father as Fred, that they had immigrated to North Dakota in 1900 and that Wilhelm/William had been married to Mathilda Harmal (Harmel) in 1896 in Russia. They had moved to Canal Flats, B.C. between 1912 and 1915. Did I think this could be part of my family?

Did I ever believe this was part of my family! The first clue for me was Neche, North Dakota, as that seems to have been the stopping off point of all my relatives and those that settled in the Bergheim District. Yes, we were related, no doubt in my mind. I had assumed this family had remained in Manitoba or North Dakota, never thinking to look westward. But then what would I have looked for, certainly not Woodske.

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I have since had contact with Irene in Vernon who is the lady doing her Wutzke family tree. Yes we are related. Irene and my mother Violet Wutzke Maduke are 2nd cousins, while I am the 2nd cousin once removed. Irene sent me a picture of herself and my mother thought that she bore a strong resemblance to another second cousin who resides in the Saskatoon area, but is descended from Andreas Wutzke and Theophile Friedenbergl.

Was I expecting that out of the blue family would find me. Not on your life. Am I excited, VERY!!! I can share my passion with a whole new audience, and learn more about another side of the family. I will have

SBSGS - Executive positions that need to be filled

The President shall:

- Be responsible for the direction and control of the business affairs of the SBSGS,
 - Chair all Executive meetings, including preparing agendas and if possible, distributing to executive members in advance
 - Chair all General meetings, including updating branch members on significant branch business - i.e. seminar updates, fundraising events, Post-1906 census project, etc.
 - Set up the overall agenda for each monthly meeting in consultation with the program coordinator,
 - Attend SGS meetings or arrange for an alternate member of the executive to attend :
 - Along with the executive, prepare an upcoming yearly budget,
 - Prepare documents and reports as necessary,
 - Hold copies of keys for the branch mail box, the meeting premises, and the branch cupboards,
 - Be willing to hear and as possible, address branch member's concerns,
 - Be an "ex-officio" member of all committees - ensuring that committees are progressing on tasks to meet their responsibilities and to meet deadlines,
 - Represent the branch with other heritage or municipal organizations
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- Record the minutes of the Executive and General meetings
 - Prepare and distribute all minutes to the Executive
 - Ensure that a copy of all minutes and financial reports is placed in the branch library
 - If directed, conduct correspondence on behalf of the SBSGS.
 - Hold the extra copy of the key to the branch mail box, and pick mail on a schedule as determined by the branch executive,
 - Turn over all documentation and records generated by themselves while secretary as a result of being secretary, to the new secretary,
 - Turn over all documentation and records they received as a result of becoming secretary, to the new secretary.