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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday February 6, 2011 Heritage Festival,  
Western Development Museum 12 PM—5 PM**

The SBSGS will be exhibiting at this event and we are still in need of volunteers. Please contact Bonnie Lymer, 880-2827 to offer your services, or obtain more information.

**Thursday February 17, 2011 regular meeting**

Member sharing, "The most helpful books I've found".

**Thursday March 17, 2011 regular meeting:** Our guest speaker will be Sheila Schmutz. This presentation was to have occurred in Nov, but has now been rescheduled. The topic will be "Y-DNA Research and Genealogy".

**April 29—May 1, 2011** The Saskatoon Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society is presenting "Beyond the Basics - Symposium 2011" at the Travelodge Hotel in Saskatoon.

**Thursday May 19, 2011 regular meeting:** Nadine Charabin, Chief Archivist for Reference Services at the Saskatchewan Archives Board presents "Taking Care of the Records That Reflect Your Life - A Home Filing Scheme."

*This Edition's Coordinating Editor is Bonnie Lymer*

MEETING INFORMATION

**Place:** Albert Community Centre, 610 Clarence Avenue S.

**Dates:** Third Thursday of each month, except 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 President's report, followed by member interest discussions, guest speakers or genealogical workshops.

**Website:** <http://www.sksgs.tk>

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## MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTER INFO

Branch membership fees are \$20.00/ year. 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 \$40.00 (regular rate) or \$50.00 (value-added 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 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.



### EDITOR'S REPORT Bonnie Lymer

I wish to start off by apologizing for the fact that we did not have a November/December newsletter. Time flew by, and unfortunately, my story ideas were slim.

I hope you missed the newsletter enough to consider contributing to it in future issues. This newsletter belongs to the Branch, and every one of you has at least one story in you to contribute. Please consider sharing your ideas.

We do have a number of interesting articles this month, including a contribution by a former member who shares his research on his uncle. We also have a number of articles from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter. I subscribe online to this newsletter, and always find stories to interest me. Hopefully, you will enjoy some of these as well.

Social network websites have been growing considerably in popularity the last few years. I decided to share some of my own experiences in that area.

I would also like to encourage you to offer your services at the upcoming Heritage Festival in February and the SBSGS Symposium in April. These events depend hugely on our members for their success.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and that you are all staying warm. Curl up in a cozy chair and enjoy the newsletter!

### Request

Please note that Tammy Vallee is working on compiling a list of ethnic groups in Saskatoon. Please forward names and contact information to [tamw25@shaw.ca](mailto:tamw25@shaw.ca)

### Regina Henderson Directories by Bonnie Lymer

The Regina Henderson Directory collection owned by the SBSGS now has a new home.

Because of the Branch's storage space limitations, this collection is now housed at the George Shepherd Library of the Western Development Museum. The George Shepherd Library, although a public library, does not lend out material. Materials may be consulted on site, and a reading room is available for researchers. Staff will respond to inquiries made in person, by phone, by fax, by e-mail or by regular mail service. They will also provide photocopy services (25 cents for black and white and 50 cents for colour) and scanning services (6 dollars per scan).

The library is located in the Curatorial Centre of the Western Development Museum in Saskatoon. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Further information is available from Warren Clubb, Exhibits Curator:

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Phone: (306) 934-1400 Fax: (306) 934-4467

## 2011 - JANUARY - NEW MATERIAL IN THE SASKATOON BRANCH SGS LIBRARY

ALBERTA R 19	RELATIVELY SPEAKING. ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER. 1996 Volume 24, No. 2, 3, 4 1999 Volume 27, No. 1, 2, 3
MAN M 514.14	MENNONITE HISTORIAN. Published by the Mennonite Heritage Centre and the Centre for MB studies in Canada 2010 - Vol. XXXVI- No.3
HURON COUNTY ON HUR R 1	ROOTING AROUND HURON. The Huron County Branch OGS. 2010 Vol. 31, No. 3
SK U 1118.03	UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS, SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL BICHUK/VISNYK. 2010 - VOL. XXIV NO. 2
GB F 114	FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE 2010 Vol. 26 No. 12
USA/NORTH DAKOTA R 18	RED RIVER VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER Serving The Red River Valley Of The North Region Of North Dakota And Minnesota 2010 - July/Oct.
CAN B 1.8	BIOGRAPHICAL RESOURCES AT THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY ARCHIVES. Elizabeth Briggs & Anne Morton 1996 Volume 1; 2003 Volume 2
CAN B 1.313	BEFORE MODERN MEDICINE: DISEASES & YESTERDAY'S REMEDIES. Elizabeth Briggs & Colin J. Briggs.1998
CAN Y 6	YORK FACTORY MEDICAL JOURNALS 1846-1849. Colin Briggs & Elizabeth Briggs. 2000
FAM/COM A 9	ANERLEY INVICTA MONMAWALA SURBITON OF YESTERYEAR. Anerley S.D.No. 2277. Surbiton S.D. 3071
GEN D 8	THE DEAD HORSE INVESTIGATION. Forensic Photo Analysis For Everyone. Colleen Fitzpatrick. 2008
GEN D 77	DNA & GENEALOGY. Colleen Fitzpatrick & Andrew Yeiser. 2005
GB/ENG G 1181.2	A GUIDE TO ANCESTRAL RESEARCH IN LONDON. Phillip B. Dunn. 1992
GB/ENG M 1	MY ANCESTOR WAS A MERCHANT SEAMAN. How Can I find Out More About Him. 1987
GB/ENG M 2	THE MANOR OF BARROW. The Copyhold Tenance of the Royal Manor. Helen Gray & Neil Wilkyn. 1994.
GB R 18	RAILWAY RECORDS. A Guide to Sources. Cliff Edwards. 2001. Public Record Office Readers Guide
CAN F .113	FAMILY CHRONICLE. The Magazine For Families Researching Their Roots 2010- Nov./Dec.
OTTAWA/ON 07	THE OTTAWA GENEALOGIST. A Publication of the Ottawa Branch OGS 2 010-Vol.43-No.5
PERTH/COU/ON P 3	PERTH COUNTY PROFILES. Newsletter of the Perth Branch OGS 2010 - Vol.28, No.4
WELL/ON T 20	TRACES & TRACTS. Newsletter of the Wellington County Branch OGS 2010 - Vol.10,No.3
SK U 1118.03	UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS, SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL BICHUK/VISNYK 2010- VOL. XXIV NO.3.
SK SGS S 221	SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN 2010 Vol. 41 No. 3

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| SK P 18                    | POSTILLION - Der Rundbrief des Saskatchewan German Council<br>2009 - Winter  |
| USA NEW YORK<br>F 19       | FIRST SETTLERS OF SCHENECTADY NEW YORK 1662-1800 Jonathan Pearson<br>1976  |
| ENG<br>BRITISH DATA<br>F 9 | -1881 Census for Bethnal green (part) London Directory<br>-Kelly's Cambridgeshire Trade Directory 1937<br>-Phillimore Marriage Registers, for Pickwell, Frolesworth, Leire & Ashby Parva,<br>Leicestershire<br>-Back Issues FTM October 1988-PFH Aug/Sept.1997<br>-War Illustrated-Story of Neuve Chapelle, 3 Apr 1915<br>-Software-RootsMagic Essentials<br>-Plus-How to start your family history guide, printable charts, online family tree 7<br>More.<br>-PC & Mac Disc 50 October 2010 |
| ENG<br>BRITISH DATA F 9    | -1901 Census for Weymouth, Dorset Directory<br>-Kelly's Dorset Directory 1923<br>-Parish Records-Phillimore Marriage Registers for Litton Cheney, Burstock,<br>Charmouth & Stalbridge, Dorset<br>-War Illustrated Story of Battle of Heligoland Bight<br>-Back Issues FTM October 1989 - PFH October 2001<br>-Software-RootsMagic Essentials<br>-Plus How to start your family history guide,<br>printable charts, online family tree & more PC & Mac<br>-Disc 51 2010 FTM Volume 26, No.13  |
| EURO/GER D 15              | DEUTSCHES ORTSVERZEICHNIS - UNTER BESONDERER BERUICKSICHTIGUNG<br>DER ZUSTANDIGEN STANDESAMTER.<br>GERMAN GAZETTEER-WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE CIVIL REGISTRY<br>JURISDICTION BERLIN, 1930 REPRINTED 1978  |
| ENG/GB P 7                 | PRACTICAL FAMILY HISTORY<br>-THE MANCHESTER DIRECTORY 1772<br>-THE WAR ILLUSTRATED-EARL KITCHENER: A MEMOIR<br>-BACK ISSUES - PFH JANUARY 2002<br>-FTM JANUARY 2000<br>-SOFTWARE - WINGENEA (SHAREWARE)<br>BONUS -ESSENTIAL WEB LINKS PC/MAC   |
| ENG/GB W 4                 | WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? 2009 - FEBRUARY<br>-South Wales Ancestors<br>-Pigot's South Wales Directory, 1830<br>-Llanelly Directory, 1897<br>-Poor Law Union Records - South-west England, the Marches and Wales.<br>-Carmarthenshire Records including marriage index  |
| ENG/GB Y 6                 | YOUR FAMILY HISTORY. ISSUE 61<br>-How to Decipher and Study Old Documents<br>-Pigot's Directory of Wales 1835. Trade Directory<br>-the Family Tree of family 9.4. PC/MAC   |
| GB F 114                   | FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE 2010 Vol. 26 NO. 13   |

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URO/EE E 119	EAST EUROPEAN GENEALOGIST. 2011 - Vol. 19 No. I
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ONT O 71.19	OGS NEWSLEAF. 2010 - Volume 40, No. 4
ONT F 1.139	Families OGS Newsletter 2010 - Volume 49, No. 4
SK U 1118.03	UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS, SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL BICHUK/VISNYK. 2010 - XXIV-No. 4
SK SGS S 221	SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN. 2010 - Volume 41, No. 4.

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**Library and Archives Canada Announces Launch of "Medals, Honours and Awards" Database**

As posted by Dick Eastman, Eastman's Online Genealogy

The following announcement was written by Library and Archives Canada:

Ottawa, December 9, 2010 – Library and Archives Canada is pleased to announce the launch of a new online database, "Medals, Honours and Awards".

Through this online database, researchers can access more than 113,000 references to medal registers, citation cards and records of various military awards. In addition to archival references, this research tool includes digitized images of some medal registers.

The database is available at: [www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/medals/index-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/medals/index-e.html)

**About Library and Archives Canada**

The mandate of Library and Archives Canada is to preserve the documentary heritage of Canada for the benefit of present and future generations and to be a source of enduring knowledge accessible to all, thereby contributing to the cultural, social and economic advancement of Canada. Library and Archives Canada also facilitates co-operation among communities involved in the acquisition, preservation and diffusion of knowledge, and serves as the continuing memory of the Government of Canada and its institutions.

The Genealogy Services ([www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/index-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/index-e.html)) include all physical and online genealogical services of Library and Archives Canada. They offer genealogical content, services, advice, research tools and opportunities to work on joint projects, all in both official languages.

The contributions of many Library and Archives Canada staff were instrumental in the success of this project, and their efforts are much appreciated. For more information, please contact [webservices@lac-bac.gc.ca](mailto:webservices@lac-bac.gc.ca)

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## Readex to Launch Ethnic American Newspapers from the Balch Collection, 1799-1971

As posted by Dick Eastman, Eastman's Online Genealogy

This is going to be a great resource for genealogists! The Balch Collection has long been recognized as one of the premier sources of information about immigrants but has been difficult to access. Now it is going online.

The following announcement was written by Readex:

Partnership with the leading ethnic research center in the U.S. presents new opportunities to explore the American immigrant experience

(NAPLES, FL) – Ethnic American Newspapers from the Balch Collection, 1799-1971, will be released by Readex, a division of NewsBank, in spring 2011. Featuring more than 130 fully searchable newspapers in 10 languages from 25 states—including many rare 19th-century titles—this online collection will provide extensive coverage of many of the most influential ethnic groups in U.S. history. With an emphasis on Americans of Czech, French, German, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Jewish, Lithuanian, Polish, Slovak and Welsh descent, this unique resource will enable students and scholars to explore often-overlooked aspects of this nation's history, politics and culture.

Spanning the Early Republic's Open Door Era to the Era of Liberalization in the mid-1960s, Ethnic American Newspapers from the Balch Collection covers two centuries of immigrant life in the United States. Nineteenth-century topics include the denial of citizenship to "nonwhites"; the founding of nativist political movements, including the anti-immigrant "Know-Nothing" party; the 1849 discovery of gold in California, which lured people from all over the world; New York City's place as the world's largest Irish city in 1860 with more than 200,000 Irish-born citizens; and the Immigration Act of 1882, which levied a tax on all immigrants landing at U.S. ports. In addition to the major contributions of immigrants to business, music, science, education, labor movements and war efforts, later topics include the Naturalization Act of 1906, which for citizenship required immigrants to learn to speak English; the 1921 Emergency Quota Act, which favored northern and western Europeans; the 1942 internment in "War Relocation Camps" of Japanese Americans, several of whom published newspapers; Truman's 1953 Commission on Immigration and Naturalization, which revealed the positive impact of immigrants; and much more.

"Ethnic American Newspapers from the Balch Collection opens a marvelous window into immigrant life in America," says James M. Bergquist, Emeritus Professor of History at Villanova University. "These newspapers of many different ethnic groups and diverse localities embrace over two hundred years of the American experience. In them we find many small but essential details of immigrant life, including their divisions, their controversies, and their struggles to adapt to the American environment."

"The level of perspective provided by Ethnic American Newspapers is remarkable not only in its depth, but also in its granular focus," says Rimmel Nunn, Readex Vice President of Product Development. "With this digital collection, researchers can look more closely than ever at each of twelve major ethnic groups in America's history—in many cases for the first time, as both leading newspaper bibliographers Brigham and Gregory failed to list many an ethnic title."

This new resource features newspapers from the former Balch Institute of Ethnic Studies—arguably the best known ethnic research center in America, which merged with the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in 2002—and the collection of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania itself, one of the largest and oldest family history libraries in the nation. Many of the early 19th-century newspapers were published solely in the native European languages of the publishers, but later many were published in both English and the native language of the ethnic group that formed its audience; in the 20th-century many publications—frequently pro-labor and communist papers—were published in English to reach a variety of European ethnic groups.

Ethnic American Newspapers from the Balch Collection is the third collection in the Readex American Ethnic Newspapers series, which also includes African American Newspapers, 1827-1998 and Hispanic American Newspapers, 1808-1980. It can be cross-searched with the aforementioned collections, as well as all other America's Historical Newspapers series, including Early American Newspapers and 20th-Century American Newspapers.

About Readex, a division of NewsBank

## The Search of a Personality: James Alpheus Glen

By Gordon S. Glen

My family history, which I researched and wrote up, was the outcome of a specific quest of the life of an uncle of mine - James Glen. I never had the pleasure of meeting my Uncle Jim. Through my research, correspondence and conversations with people who knew him, I now feel I know much about his personality.

This younger brother of my father was the eighth child of a family of ten. These were the Canadian-born offspring of Andrew Glen, a Scottish immigrant from Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, Scotland, and Ida Rowan, the daughter of Joseph Rowan, who came from Armagh, Ireland. They met in a Quebec lumber camp, were married, lived in Pembroke, Ontario, and then in southern Manitoba.

Jim was born 23 June 1890 on a farm south of Boissevain, Manitoba. He attended Fairburn, a one room rural school. In 1903, his parents and some of the children moved to Enderby, B.C. It was here he went to high school. He played trombone in the town's band. My father said, *"Jim liked to make that horn rip"*. An account in the local Enderby paper is a comment on his character: *"Jim spent his youth in Enderby and all who knew him then will remember with a smile the lively lad who made every occasion a time of light hearted fun"*. In the course of my research, I found he had a more serious side as well.



Fit Lieutenant James Alpheus Glen  
D.S.C. and Bar

We had a portable writing chest that had been my grandfather's. It was often a rainy-day activity to look through the things in "the chest". One item was my grandfather's Commission. There were 1916-18 letters from Uncle Jim to my father and to an aunt. Photographs included Jim in his Royal Naval Air Service uniform and one in his flying togs, taken on his 26th birthday at Manston. There were a number of pictures of biplane aircraft, mostly Sopwith types and of his flying buddies, all with comments written on the margins. These were clues to his character.

In WWI, there was no Canadian Air Force. To enlist in either the Royal Flying Corps or The Royal Naval Air Service, one needed to hold a "flying certificate" (pilot's license), obtained at one's own expense from a recognized flying school. Curtis Flying School was established in 1915 at a base in Toronto Harbor under J.A.D. McCurdy. The course was to be 400 minutes flying time at \$1.00 a minute, a fair sum in 1915. Curtis "F Type" aircraft were flown.

On a trip to Ottawa, at Archives Canada, I was able to view a number of documents about the Curtis School. There were 157 students accepted for Royal Naval Air service. Jim's name was on it. Other classmates were Raymond Collishaw, R. Leckie, and Fred Carr Armstrong, Jim's close friend, who lost his life when his Camel was shot down in flames in March 1918.

Due to inclement weather in the fall of 1915, the Curtis School closed. The students were sent for basic training (Royal Navy style) in Halifax and some, including Jim, went to Royal Navy Air Station, Chingford, England.

In April, 1918, the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Flying Corp combined to form the R.A.F. To obtain Jim's R.N.A.S and R.A.F. service record from the R.A.F in Innsworth, Gloucester, U.K., I had to supply a letter of permission from the oldest surviving relative. This I was able to do, and a large document with some very interesting information was sent to me. Now the WWI airman records are in the public domain in the Public Records Office in Kew, London, UK.

Some of the notes on Jim's service record concerned his being hospitalized for frostbite while flying his Sopwith Pup or Camel in the battle of the Somme. Another time, he was wounded in the face in aerial combat. His opponent was a German Albatross two seater, which he and others in his flight shot down. Jim was able to return to his base at Mt. St. Eloy and land safely. He recovered from his wounds to fly again.



Some comments on Jim's record were:

*"Hardworking, intelligent, expresses considerable force of character"*

-Signed by M.C.T. Dowding, who later, during the Battle of Britain, was to become Air Vice- Marshal

*"One of the most capable officers with who I have come in contact"*

-Signed by R. Leckie, who later in WWII headed the Commonwealth Air Training Plan in Canada



Jim in "Flying togs. Ramsgate, Kent.  
June 23, 26 yrs old today.

At the end of WWII, there was an attempt to establish a Canadian air force of two squadrons. Cap. J.A. Glen is shown as No. 1 Wing commander in November, 1919 and No. 2 Squadron Commander that same fall.

Jim and Robert Leckie were both seconded to the Canadian Air Board for two years and were mostly involved in pilot training at Camp Borden in Ontario. Jim retired from the R.A.F. in 1928.

Jim's first marriage to Josephine McEwen ended in divorce. His second marriage, which lasted until his death in 1962, was to Margaret (Babs) Capener, a movie actress, and took place in 1927 in The Chapel of Savoy, in London.

Two 1960s era Christmas cards to my aunt, one from "Babs" and one from a Muriel Stepney, provided some leads as to Jim and Babs' later life. I remember my father saying they had brought up two of Babs' orphaned nieces. One of the cards had a note that said, *"I miss both Babs and Uncle Jim very much. In many ways Uncle Jim was a second father to me"*. The postage stamp was from Sollihull, an outskirt of Birmingham. From the telephone directory, I found there were 25 Stepney names in the area. I wrote to all the addresses and got a reply from three people. One, a Jean Stepney, had known my Uncle Jim and Babs well. A comment on her letter read: *"I remember*

*your Uncle as a perfect gentleman and delightful person"*. Muriel had died, but Jean gave me the married name of Muriel's sister, the other orphaned girl. Correspondence with her husband, Albert Bentley, directed me to his son John, who had some of Uncle Jim's memorabilia.

I have met John twice when I visited the UK. He has been very gracious and helpful. One day, a package from him came in the mail. It contained originals of Jim's reports, his pilot's license, and his war medals - Distinguished Service Cross & Bar, Croix de Guerre avec Palme, 1914-1915 Star, British War Medal, and Inter-Allied Victory Medal.

In 1988, at the Southend on Sea Flight Centre, I checked out a Reims 150 aircraft. I wanted to fly over some of the area in Britain in which my uncle had flown. As I flew over the White Cliffs, I could see the coast of France over the Channel. When I squinted, off my wingtip, I thought I could make out a biplane, a Sopwith 1-1/2 Strutter, flying beside me. Was this the ghost of my Uncle Jim keeping me safe, as in Fredrick Forsythe's "The Shepherd"?

I wrote up my family history, entitled History of Glen Families, Descendants of Andrew and Ida (Rowan) Glen. One of the chapters is "James Alpheus GLEN, and Margaret Alice 'Babs' (Capener) GLEN". This contains a list of all sources referred to and about 50 pictures. Copies are in the Saskatoon Genealogy Library and the Local History Room of the Saskatoon Public Library.

Do I think I know better what my Uncle Jim was like? Yes, I think I do.



"First Three into Luxeuil (France) Glen,  
Dalison, Edwards" 1916

## Store Your Digital Data Forever

As posted by Dick Eastman, Eastman's Online Genealogy

Like every other dad with a digital camera, Kai Pommerenke started taking lots of photos after his daughter was born. But the more he researched, the less convinced he became that those pictures would still be around when she grew up. Hard drives crash. CDs and DVDs warp. Companies that store your photos online can go out of business. Pommerenke wanted a solution that would last forever.

"People definitely have a false sense of security," Pommerenke says. "Digital data is fragile. You have to do something active in order to preserve it." Pommerenke found a solution. His new non-profit organization reportedly will preserve digital photographs, audio, video, text, blogs, status updates, or anything else kept in a digital format, forever.

His service, Chronicle of Life, aims to ease his worries by devoting the same level of care to personal digital files that large institutions give to their own data.

Pommerenke says his service will perform daily, weekly, and monthly backups of all data to servers spread across the U.S. and in Ireland. Software checks all data regularly to make sure the files that users uploaded have not been corrupted.

If specific file formats such as the now-ubiquitous JPEG format used for digital photos ever become obsolete, Pommerenke promises that the service will convert all uploaded files to whatever the new standard has become.

Historically, the biggest cause of loss of photographs and other data has not been hardware problems. Most data loss is caused by humans; they lose the files or forget to copy them to a new computer or perhaps erase them accidentally. Then there is the problem of how to preserve these files for your family after your death. Chronicle of Life plans to solve all those problems.

Numerous companies claim they will store your data; but, all commercial companies also face the financial realities of making a profit for the owners. Chronicle of Life claims to overcome this problem by working as a nonprofit. While companies can change their business models at will if they're not making money, Chronicle of Life by law must commit all the money it raises to its promised mission of preserving data forever, Pommerenke says.

Yet even a nonprofit must raise enough money to keep operating. Chronicle of Life charges one dollar per megabyte of data stored, about the size of an average digital photo. Users must buy at least 10 megabytes. That's a huge markup over the cost of storage on today's hard drives or flash drives, which run to a small fraction of a cent per megabyte. For-profit companies offer online storage of photos and other data for much less.

Pommerenke believes the higher prices are justified because hardware costs are only a fraction of the new nonprofit's operational expenses. Three-quarters of all payments received go into an endowment that sticks to conservative investments like government bonds to make the service self-sustaining. The earned interest is used to pay for servers, high-speed Internet connectivity, and the personnel to keep everything running forever.

However, digital preservationists say that no one can really guarantee that data will be preserved forever. You do the best you can, the experts say, but check back in 100 years.

You can learn more about Kai Pommerenke's new non-profit at <http://www.chronicleoflife.com/> and especially at the "About Us" page at <http://www.chronicleoflife.com/aboutus>

## Long Form Census by Tammy Vallee

Well folks, it is that time again; soon we will be filling out the 2011 census. Stats Can has these dates on their website:

- Early enumeration starts February 2011
- Recruitment for 2011 census jobs are in late spring 2010 to July 29, 2011
- 2011 Census collection begins May 2, 2011
- 2011 Census (reference day) is May 10, 2011
- Collection activities will be completed July 29, 2011
- Major Releases of 2011 census data will be February 2012 to November 2014

The time has come to start raising public awareness and talking to our family and friends about checking YES to have their information released in 92 years!! I think anywhere we can put this out to the general public we should be

## Social Networking and Genealogy

by Bonnie Lymer

In recent years, social networking sites, such as Facebook, My Space, and Twitter, have sprung up and have become increasingly popular. It is hard to find someone who has not had at least a small amount of exposure to such sites.

Does social networking have a role to play in the world of genealogy? I believe that it does.

Wikipedia offers this definition of the term “social networking”: “A social network service is an online service, platform, or site that focuses on building and reflecting of social networks or social relations among people, e.g., who share interests and/or activities. A social network service essentially consists of a representation of each user (often a profile), his/her social links, and a variety of additional services.”

This is a broad definition, and can certainly be applied to websites not often thought of when the term social network is brought up. Using the definition above, even Ancestry can be viewed as a social network. When setting up an account on Ancestry, you are asked to set up a profile and to provide your areas of interest. Ancestry provides community groups and message boards for specific interest groups and it definitely meets the criteria of a social network.

Ancestry has been useful to me in terms of making new family connections. About two years ago, I was attempting to find information about my great-grandmother. I knew that she had immigrated to Australia with her second husband in the early 1900s, a few years after having to leave her daughters (one of whom was my grandmother) in an orphanage. I knew her name and that of her second husband. From Ancestry records, I was able to find both of their names in the Australian electoral records in the 1930s. I had determined my great-grandmother's date of death, and even knew the names of the children she had with her second husband after moving to Australia. However, I wanted more. I left a message on one of the Ancestry boards indicating that I was looking for any descendents of these people.

After six months, I received a response from an Ancestry member who told me that the family I was looking for was his wife's family. Cliff and I began corresponding and sharing information, stories, and photos. He also passed my story and information on to other family members. I have now discovered a whole new set of cousins in Australia. We stay in touch on a regular basis and I am enjoying getting to know them.

Last year, I received a message through Ancestry from the grandson of my great-aunt (i.e. my grandmother's sister, and one of the two girls left in the orphanage). This has also been a wonderful source of information and we have shared family pictures and stories.

I believe that sites such as Facebook, although not generally thought of as genealogy tools, can also be used to further one's research.

The most common purpose of these sites is, obviously, to stay connected with family and friends. The key to success in this area is to ensure that your privacy settings are right. Although it is important to protect your privacy, it is also important to make yourself somewhat available, in order to make the contacts that you need.

One area of my profile that I have always left open to public view is that photos that I post (i.e. any “friend” of a “friend” on Facebook may view my photos). This is a setting that I will likely never change, because I have discovered many long-lost relatives by not having high privacy settings.

I have a large collection of family photos posted on my Facebook page. Many times, these photos have been viewed by persons with whom I had a mutual friend. This has resulted in many of these persons commenting on my photos, or asking questions, and I have discovered relatives that I did not realize were out there, including first cousins once or twice removed. This connection, through pictures, has often led to these persons asking for more family information. They are often willing, as well, to provide me information on their branches of the family, which definitely aids my research.

As anyone who has spent any time on Facebook knows, recommendations of potential friends are often suggested, based on mutual friends on your profile. This has also helped me in connecting with long-lost relatives. In one instance last winter, I was on Facebook and noticed a friend suggestion. This person was known to me, as she was a co-worker of mine. I drilled down to see who our mutual friends were, fully expecting that our

two mutual friends were other co-workers. In fact, only one of these mutual friends was another person from the office. The other mutual Facebook friend was one of my first cousins once removed. I sent a message to my cousin, asking how it was that she knew Annie, my co-worker. To my surprise, Annie was her first cousin and my mother's first cousin as well. That triggered a memory of a time when I was young and looking at family photos with my mother. I recalled a picture of my mother when she was about 15, sitting with a young girl on her lap. I had asked my mother who the girl was, and she told me at that time that it was her cousin Annie. When I mentioned this to Annie, she recalled the picture and said that although she never knew my mother well, the picture of the two of them together had always meant a great deal to her. Without my Facebook connections, I would probably have continued working alongside Annie, never knowing of our familial relationship.

Facebook also has many special interest groups which can aid in genealogical research. A simple search of the word "genealogy" generates several different groups that one can join. Facebook searches will also often generate lists of groups that focus on specific family names.

Facebook and Ancestry, while two of the more popular websites, are certainly not the only ones to offer social networking opportunities. The possibilities of potential sites and the opportunities available for the genealogist are endless.

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## Preserve Your Family History for FREE at BackupMyTree.com

As posted by Dick Eastman, Eastman's Online Genealogy

BackupMyTree is a FREE, automatic backup service that is focused exclusively on genealogy files. I have written before about BackupMyTree at <http://goo.gl/gn4IO>. However, the online service has matured significantly since my earlier article. New features have been added and one or two shortcomings have been corrected.

I was impressed to learn that BackupMyTree now backs up more than three terabytes of family tree data for more than 16,000 registered users. I decided to try the newest and latest version of BackupMyTree.

What happens to all your genealogy data when your hard drive crashes? Note that I wrote "WHEN your hard drive crashes," not IF it crashes. All hard drives will crash sooner or later. If you have a recent backup available, a hard drive crash can be inconvenient. If you do not have a recent backup available, the same hard drive crash will be a disaster.

BackupMyTree is designed to save you when your hard drive does crash. BackupMyTree backs up your data NOW to multiple hard drives under control of the company. Even if one of the company's hard drives later crashes, your data remains safe and secure on the remaining drives. You can restore your data at any time.

In short, BackupMyTree works with many of today's most popular genealogy programs, although not with all of them. It is an automatic backup program to preserve your data and allow you to retrieve that data at any time. BackupMyTree automatically finds and backs up industry standard GEDCOM files as well as data files created by Family Tree Maker, Personal Ancestral File, Legacy Family Tree, RootsMagic (version 4 or later), Family Tree Builder, Family Tree Legends, Ancestral Quest, Ancestry Family Tree, Reunion for Mac, and GenoPro. Note the inclusion of Reunion for Macintosh. The rest are all Windows programs.

When your hard drive crashes, you first repair the damage. Then you log back onto the BackupMyTree.com service and download any or all of your genealogy files. Your genealogy information is preserved.

Of course, BackupMyTree has many other uses besides recovering from hardware failures. First of all, it protects you from the "OOOPS Factor." That is, the accidental deletion of information. Security experts tell us that more data is lost by human error than by all the hardware failures combined. BackupMyTree provides protection against both problems. In fact, BackupMyTree stores previous versions of your family tree file should anything become corrupted. This feature can also come in handy when you accidentally add or delete data and need to revert to an earlier version of your own files.

Another use of BackupMyTree is when you are at a friend's house or even at a genealogy conference. You can easily grab that family tree file you left at home from anywhere you can access a web browser.

Note that BackupMyTree is designed to back up only your genealogy files, not everything on your hard drive.

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The thing that fascinates me most about BackupMyTree is how it automatically finds and backs up your files. With most other online backup products, you have to specify what files or folders to back up. Of course, these other products assume you are a knowledgeable computer user and that you know where every file of importance is stored on your own hard drive.

BackupMyTree takes a different approach. When the software is installed on your computer, it (optionally) searches for every GEDCOM file and every file created by any of the software products mentioned earlier. All of the files it finds are added to the list of files to be backed up. While I always know where my primary databases are stored, BackupMyTree is really good at finding those miscellaneous files I had forgotten about. I didn't remember that small GEDCOM file a cousin sent me by email but BackupMyTree found it in my email program and backed it up, all without any intervention by me.

Of course, there are many options. I have described the default actions. However, each user can override most of the default settings and customize BackupMyTree as he or she pleases.

In fact, it isn't even necessary to install software in your computer. I suspect that most users will install the BackupMyTree software for Windows. After all, it provides the most convenient use of the service. However, for those who wish to do everything manually, you can upload files using the manual upload system. BackupMyTree will store the files for you with all the same protections as if you're using the software.

One of the recent changes to BackupMyTree is the ability to exclude groups of files. Previously, you could only exclude files one by one, a tedious process if you had hundreds of files. The latest version now includes a checkbox that says: Allow Multiple Selections, allowing the user to easily exclude or include multiple files in a much easier way.

The online service also recently added the ability to upload genealogy files that are ZIP'd. The code is intelligent; you can put as many trees into a ZIP as you like. This is great for users who use the manual upload function and who don't want to install the Windows software client.

Security of your data is an issue with any online backup service. With BackupMyTree, your family tree files are protected by 128-bit SSL security during transfer from your computer to the servers. Nobody can intercept your data while it is being sent via SSL encryption. Next, your family tree files are stored on Amazon's S3 storage infrastructure so you can be sure it's safe and secure. Amazon even stores multiple copies of all data so there's no risk that a file will be destroyed by a hardware failure in a server. For a detailed explanation of the security being used, read Overview of Security Processes at <http://aws.amazon.com/articles/1697>

The use of BackupMyTree is automatic. If you install the software and use the default settings, the software will automatically make frequent backups of your genealogy data. The first backup will take several hours if you have a lot of data. Later backups will perform quickly as they only back up the new information recently added. The previous information is already resident on the servers so there is no need to keep backing up the same information time and time again. Should you need to restore the data, BackupMyTree will automatically retrieve what information you specify and assemble it into one dataset. You never have to combine retrieved files to get what you want; BackupMyTree does that for you automatically.

Backups are performed simultaneously while you are using the computer for other tasks. The backups might slow the computer down slightly while a backup is in progress. However, most users report they don't notice any change in computer operations.

Did I mention that all of this is FREE?

OK, now what is your excuse now for not backing up the genealogy files that required hundreds of hours for you to research and create?

BackupMyTree is supported on Windows XP, Vista, and on Windows 7. It reportedly works on earlier versions of Windows as well but is not officially supported on those older products.

BackupMyTree provides fast, automatic backup and off-site storage for all of your family tree files. All of the most popular family tree file formats are supported. You can retrieve any or all of your files at any time. It is FREE, simple, easy, safe and secure.

I rarely recommend specific products but I am recommending this one. BackupMyTree should be installed on every genealogist's Windows computer.

You can learn more about this great free service at <https://www.backupmytree.com>

## Symposium 2011 April 29–May 1

### Saskatoon Travelodge

The Saskatoon Branch of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society is celebrating its 40th Anniversary by hosting the 2011 Symposium, entitled "Beyond the Basics". It will be held at the Saskatoon Travelodge from April 29 to May 1.

The organizing committee is pleased to announce a speaker lineup to suit genealogists at all experience levels and covering a considerable range of geographical regions, ethnical groups and historical periods.

### About our Speakers:

**Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak** is a genealogical adventurer who loves solving mysteries, making unexpected discoveries and pushing the boundaries of conventional genealogy. Since 1999, she's worn many hats in the family history world, including Chief Family Historian and spokesperson for Ancestry.com, the largest genealogical company in the world, creator of RootsTelevision.com, a pioneering online channel of free videos and winner of four Telly Awards, and founder of UnclaimedPersons.org, a volunteer group that assists coroners and medical examiners. Her most recent book is *Who Do You Think You Are?: The Essential Guide to Tracing Your Family History*, companion guide to the NBC series.

**Dr Fraser Dunford** grew up near Peterborough, Ontario, the fifth generation of his family to do so. He has been involved in genealogy for about 30 years, has written four books and many articles, and has often been on radio. He is the webmaster for the site FindingPhotographers, coordinates the Dunford mailing list, and is settler sheet co-ordinator for Kawartha Branch, OGS. He has the Professional Learning Certificate in Genealogical Studies (Canadian and English specialties) from the National Institute of Genealogical Studies and is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. He edited NewsLeaf (the OGS newsletter) for seven years, was on the OGS Board for two years, and has been Executive Director for over 4 years.

**John D. Pihach** was born in Yorkton. He received a B.Sc. degree from the University of British Columbia and also studied studio fine arts at the Vancouver Community College. In his youth, he spent many years wandering about Asia and Europe and has made a dozen trips to Eastern Europe. He has conducted genealogical research at the archives in Ukraine, Poland and Vienna. He was the library chairperson for the East European Genealogical Society for eight years. John is the author of eleven articles on East European genealogical subjects and author of the book, *Ukrainian Genealogy*

**Marilyn Lappi** has had a life-long interest in family history beginning when her grandparents told her stories about "the olden days". She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Saskatchewan and spent much of her career in the U of S library system. She currently lives in Edmonton and is a member of the Edmonton Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society where she is a library volunteer. She recently retired after eight years as the Genealogist for the Edmonton Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada

**Denyse (Saint-Georges) Smith** is Past President of the AGS Branch in Lethbridge, AB. She has worked at the Family History Centres in Calgary, Lethbridge, and Raymond, AB. She was Director of the Family History Centre in Saskatoon. Denyse has done extensive research in Québec, including her doctoral thesis, for her Ph.D. in History.

**Bonnie Wagner** received a Master's degree in History from the University of Saskatchewan and her area of specialization is Saskatchewan history. She has been a Reference Archivist in the Saskatoon office of the Saskatchewan Archives Board since 2007.

**Dr. Brenda MacDougall** is currently the Chair for Métis Studies at the University of Ottawa, where she is engaged in Ontario-based Métis historical and community research. She has worked extensively with Métis communities in Saskatchewan documenting their history. Brenda has taught in the Native Studies Department at the University of Saskatchewan. She has published papers on her research and last year her book entitled "One of the Family" was launched.

Word of mouth is still the best advertising, so tell your friends and relatives about this rare opportunity!

Watch the website <http://www.sbsgs.org> for topics, schedule, registration and accommodations information.