

Helen Backhouse, AFHS Chair

Men of Upper Canada, Militia Nominal Rolls, 1828-1829 Elliott, Bruce S., Walker, Dan, Stratford-Devai, Fawne Toronto: Ont. Genealogical Soc. 1995 AFHS call no. 971.3 ELLI 1995

Mabel Kiessling, AFHS Queries Volunteer

Reference binders of A-Z information gleaned from Dist-Gen: Since Dist-Gen began members have been posting helpful information and I have been printing those of interest. Eventually I indexed and put them in a binder, adding new ones regularly, making them really valuable when responding to Queries. Dist-Gen Archives website is <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dist-gen/>. Also helpful in responding to Queries is the *Index to Canadian Parliamentary Divorces 1867-1930*. By finding the divorce date here I can find the parliamentary entry for the divorce in the Canadian Gazettes and Statute Books (University of Calgary Law Library, lower floor) which gives the names and addresses of the parties and other personal information. One divorce from early in the last century involved a couple from Montreal and the entry revealed that (unknown to the family history researcher) one of the parties had moved to New York state. *Index to Canadian Parliamentary Divorces 1867-1930* by J. Brian Gilchrist & Nancy J. Duffy, Toronto: Audrey Gilchrist, 2001 ISBN 0-9698-3994-4 in the "Canada" section of the AFHS library, 2nd shelf - middle, across from the coffee cups.) call no. 971.GILC 2001 Soft (beige cover)

Dawn Kirkpatrick, AFHS Webmaster

Highlights from the AFHS website (www.afhs.ab.ca): Monthly programs and news items; News feed from Dick Eastman's Online Genealogical Newsletter; Search box; Getting Started (afhs.ab.ca/aids/starting); Publications (aka Periodicals); Table of contents for Chinook; Breeze publications coming soon; Cemeteries Project (afhs.ab.ca/publications/cemetery.html); Talks Page (afhs.ab.ca/aids/talks); Calendar: Click *Meetings and Events* tab, then on *Calendar*; Contact Information (afhs.ab.ca/society/contacts); Geographic Links (afhs.ab.ca/aids/geographic); Omnibus Research Aids (afhs.ab.ca/aids).

Donna Kirkwood, Celtic SIG

Useful websites: Scotland's People www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk and Talking Scot www.talkingscot.com which has a variety of information.

Marion Peterson, AFHS Program Committee

Pocket Genealogist Software on a PDA: **What is it?** A software program that allows you to upload your family file onto a PDA (or any Windows-based mobile device). **How do I use it?** I take the PDA with me on research trips and when I find a name that could be connected to my family, use my Pocket Genealogist to check. All my information, including notes & sources is there for me to see. It's quick and easy to use and more portable than a laptop. **Where do you get it?** <http://northernhillsoftware.com/> There is a 30 day free trial to see if you like it. There are basic and advanced versions - the basic one works just fine but I have the advanced version. Dick Eastman review at <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/PocketGenealogistReviewEastman.asp>

Ann Williams, English/Welsh SIG

FreeBMD [<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>] transcriptions of English/Welsh birth, marriage & death indexes (from 1837). Scroll down for "Search" tab. At the results screen, clicking on the district name leads to information on the district, clicking on the number shows other parties indexed under that number. The "Information" tab details how to order certificates. New transcriptions are regularly added and progress can be checked at the main page. Birth searches (after 1911) can be made on just the mother's maiden name and to find an unusual first name put an "+" before the name in the first name search box.

Jim Benedict, Computer SIG Chairperson

Jim shared an interactive family tree website at www.amiglia.com. His own family website is actually webber.amiglia.com, but this is password protected. He has placed photographs of members of his family on the website, as well as albums of photographs from family reunions. He believes this type of family website will appeal to the "Facebook" generation.