

THE BREEZE



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HISTORIES SOCIETY

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Upcoming Events

Tonight's Program:



Finding Your Jewish Ancestors

with Ken Drabinsky

PROGRAM CANCELLED—BAD WEATHER

Ken Drabinsky will introduce us to resources Jewish genealogical research. Even if you don't have Jewish ancestors, the techniques and resources can be used by all genealogists. Ken has helped non-Jewish individuals by researching potential or suspected Jewish background.

Bio

Ken's expertise is historical research which began in geography and then in pure earth sciences. Since 2010, his passion is still utilizing his expertise in stratigraphy—the stratigraphy of families and the geography of family migrations—helping you to find closure about YOUR ancestral family and helping you establish linkages between the past and living family members. Ultimately, his goal is to help you define and promote your own family legacy for future generations.

Ken is founder of Ken Drabinsky Genealogy Research, Geospirit Writing and Editing, and Geospirit Consulting (Geology). He is also Board Director and Chair Genealogy, Jewish Historical Society of Calgary and Southern Alberta (2016). Recently, Ken accepted the position of Coordinator of Translation, Chodecz Book of Residents for JRI_P—an ancestral town of the Drabinsky family.

Upcoming Monthly Meetings

March 6

Ireland - Research as Easy as ABC (and D)

with Janice Cushman

Janice Cushman will cover a number of sources available to those of us searching for ancestors in Ireland. Sources such as BMD's, books, census records and familysearch.

April 3 - Annual General Meeting

"On Monday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm we will conduct our AFHS Annual General Meeting. At that time, we will seek members' approval for a slate of open 2017 Board positions, including the following:

Vice President (1)

Director-at-Large (1)

Finance Director (1)

We need volunteers to fill these positions. As well we're seeking two volunteers to be part of our Nominating Committee.

If you have interest in any of these positions, please contact Bob Eccleston, President at president@afhs.ab.ca. Nominating Committee.

THANK YOU

The board would like to thank everyone who helped at the casino. These funds are what keeps the AFHS running.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

2017 memberships are now due. We look forward to receiving your payment.
Membership

Special Interest Groups

CELTIC SIG (Ireland & Scotland)

Next Meeting: SATURDAY FEB 25 2017 @ 10:00AM

The topic will be "HOW : Headstones, Obituaries and Wills - what we can do with them".

Contact: Susan Butler celticsig@afhs.ab.ca

COMPUTER GROUP

Next Meeting: SATURDAY FEB 11 2017 @ 9:30AM

We will have a discussion on how to handle boxes of family photos; ways to digitize them and image manipulation, such as cropping, rotation, resolution, colour enhancement and file formats. We will explore the ways of uploading images from your computer into the TNG family tree. This session will be useful for people wanting to digitize and preserve photos.

Contact: jim.benedict@shaw.ca

ENGLISH / WELSH SIG

Next Meeting: SATURDAY FEB 18 2017 @ 10:00AM

Nola Gutsche will give a presentation on "Organizing Digital Information", an opportunity to learn, or brush up on, this important skill. Bring along your queries and/or suggestions for organizing family history materials. Everyone is welcome.

Contact: Ann Williams englishwelshsig@afhs.ab.ca

ONTARIO SIG

Next Meeting: MONDAY FEB 27 2017 @ 7:00PM

Ancestors who play Hide and Seek. Bring the story of that elusive Ancestor and the information about how you have already tried to find him/her and we will collectively try to help you come up with some different strategies.

Contact: Helen Backhouse and Lynn Brown at ontariosig@afhs.ab.ca

DNA SIG

Next Meeting: SUNDAY FEB 12 2017 @ 1:30 PM

We will be discuss topics including DNA blogs, testing companies, the benefits and pitfalls of DNA testing and how to make sense of your results. If you have questions about your DNA testing results, bring your your DNA kit number and your password. Contact: dnasig@afhs.ab.ca.

To receive our e-mail newsletter THERMOMETER email dnasig@afhs.ab.ca

FAMILY TREE MAKER USERS GROUP

Next Meeting: SATURDAY MAR 4 2017 @ 10:00AM

we will continue to explore the features of the Family Tree Maker Software at our next meeting.

Contact: Nola Gutsche at gutsche_gang@telus.net

LEGACY USERS GROUP

Next Meeting: SUNDAY MAR 5 2017 @ 1:30PM

We will finish our discussion of how to enter information (adoptions, twins, etc.) and then talk about one of the best features of Legacy – Sourcewriter.

contact Marion legacysig@afhs.ab.ca

REUNION USERS GROUP

Contact: Ken Bell kenrbell@telusplanet.net for more information.

Society Updates & Important Deadlines

A DEFINING MOMENT—VIMY RIDGE—100 YEARS LATER



In April 1917, the Canadian Corps seized Vimy Ridge. Many consider the Canadian victory at Vimy a defining moment for Canada, but it was attained at a terrible cost, with more than 10,000 killed and wounded. Many stories have been told of this battle; however, many remain untold or not well known. Please share your family stories so that they may be remembered. For those worried about grammar, spelling or writing in general, editing and support are available!

Photo: Canadian troops off for rest after Battle of Vimy Ridge May 1917 Source: By Castle, W.I. (William Ivor), official Canadian War photographer [Public domain], via Wikimedia Commons

FUTURE PUBLICATION & SUBMISSION DATES:

Theme	Submission Deadline	Issue Date
150 Years of Canadian Heritage	May 15, 2017	July 2017
Keeping in Touch—Mail & Telegraph	August 15, 2017	October 2017
Education in a New Land	November 15, 2017	January 2018

FAMILYROOTS 2017

FamilyRoots 2017 has booked Dave Obee as a speaker—more information on speakers to come.

We are looking for volunteers:

Goodie Bag Coordinator

Sponsorship Coordinator

Email famyrroots@afhs.ab.ca if you're interested

AFHS SCANNER USE

If you would like to make an appointment with a volunteer to use the scanner contact Marion at equipment@afhs.ab.ca

FAMILY HISTORY COACHING

Drop in for help with your genealogy on the 4th floor of the Central Library, 616 Macleod Trail SE.

Next Session: SATURDAY FEB 25 2017

10am — 12pm

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and SPECIAL RESOLUTION

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with AFHS By-laws, Article 7.1.5 and Article 7.3.2, of the Annual General Meeting of Alberta Family Histories Society which shall be held on Monday, April 3, 2017 at River Park Church, 3818 14A Street SW, starting at 7:00 pm, during which financial and other reports will be presented, business conducted and elections held. A special resolution to make changes to the bylaws will also be made and a vote taken. Copies of the proposed changes will be made available to members at the Alberta Family Histories Society Library and Office (712 16 Avenue NW) after March 1 and distributed in a Windsock email message in early March

LIBRARY INFORMATION

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE

Helen & David	Feb 9	10AM – 2PM
Jacque & Lorna H.	Feb 10	10AM – 2PM
Susan & Iola	Feb 11	12PM – 4 PM
Kay C & Ishbel	Feb 16	11AM – 2PM
Lorna & Millie	Feb 17	10AM – 2PM
Linda & Heather	Feb 18	12PM – 4 PM
Marion F. & Jackie D.	Feb 23	10AM – 2PM
Marion P & Rosemary	Feb 24	10AM – 2PM
Jacque & Betty Ann	Feb 25	12PM – 4 PM
Ann & Velma	Mar 2	10AM – 2PM
Linda & Sheila	Mar 3	10AM – 2PM
Judie & Marlene	Mar 4	12PM – 4 PM

VETERAN'S FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Thank you to all members who contributed funds and/or food donations to the Veteran's Food Bank at the December monthly meeting. Funds in the amount of \$932.00 were collected as well as some food items.

OTHER LIBRARY SCHEDULES

Calgary Family History Centre (LDS)

2021 – 17 Avenue, SW., Calgary
Tues. and Wed. 9 AM - 3PM & 7PM - 9:30 PM
Sat 9AM – NOON

Community Class: 7PM February 23, 2017 -
Finding New Relatives by Sourcing

Germans from Russia Library

1432 19 St NE (Ascension Lutheran Church)
Visit and see what we are about. Guests welcome, all meetings are in English.

Feb 25, 2017 - 10am-3pm - Annual General Meeting, tickets \$20.00, library open.

Apr 01, 2017 - 10 am-3pm - General meeting, cold potluck, library open. Mr. Kalashnikoff, a Doukhobor and his Siberian wife will be presenting. For more information on events and library see : <http://calgarychapterahsgr.ca/> or call 403-273-8178

OTHER EVENTS

APR 21-23, 2017 “Ye Olde Genealogy Faire”, in Edmonton. <http://www.abgenealogy.ca/2017-ags-conference>

JUN 4-11, 2017 *Salt Lake City FHL Trip* starting in Medicine Hat. <http://mhdgs.ca/>

Library Hours & Opportunities to Connect

Library Open Hours :

Thursdays - 10am to 2pm

Fridays - 10am to 2pm

Saturdays - 12pm to 4 pm

Opportunities to Connect:


MAR 6 Monthly Meeting 7pm to 9pm


APR 3 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7pm - 9pm (speaker that night too)


MAY 1 Monthly Meeting 7pm to 9pm

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