

CHINOOK ARCH

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ALBERTA FAMILY
HISTORIES SOCIETY

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Our Next Monthly Meeting: Monday, October 7

LOCATION: "The Village", 4039 Brentwood Rd NW TIME: 7 to 9 pm

Topic: Provincial Archives of Alberta Trip

Speakers: AFHS Members who visited the Archives in June

Upcoming meetings and events:

Saturday, October 19: English/Welsh SIG: 10 am to noon at the library

Saturday, October 26: Celtic SIG: 10 am to noon at the library

Saturday, November 2: Family Tree Maker SIG: 10 am to noon at the library

Tuesday, November 5: DNA SIG: 7 to 9 pm at the library

Digital Genealogy, Legacy Users Group and Ontario SIGs will not meet in October

Registration for the first Saturday Special Workshop opens on October 16. The subject is the Society's Family Genes project. See page 6 for more information.

Upcoming Monthly Meeting

Monday, November 18* - Jason Nisenson, Archivist, at the University of Calgary's Military Museum will tell us how the Museum can help us with our research.

***Note that November meeting was moved to November 18 due to Remembrance Day on Monday, Nov. 11**

LOCATION: 4039 Brentwood Rd NW

TIME: 7 to 9 pm



Join us and begin your journey to discovering your family history!

Member Benefits:

- Society events and activities
- Our member-exclusive email news bulletin *The Windsock* & newsletter *Chinook Arch*
- Full access to our Society's resources and library with lending privileges
- Opportunities to participate in our Special Interest Groups
- Gain new friends with similar research interests and have fun!

<http://afhs.ab.ca/membership/>

Thanksgiving Memories

Since there were no submissions for the topic this month, several of our Board Members kindly shared their Thanksgiving memories.

Please think about sharing your memories with us for future newsletters! This page is meant to be a way our members can share fond or funny memories of their past. Don't worry about how long your memory is or whether it is formatted perfectly. We can combine several submissions to make an article and are also happy to help you edit your submission. If you have a picture to go with your story that would be great but is not required.

Warren Peterson (Vice President):

Probably due to Scandinavian family roots, my parents and grandparents didn't grow up celebrating our Canadian-style Thanksgiving Day. My mom took it upon herself to adopt new family traditions that fit with our Canadian culture, centered around sharing a great meal (always with turkey) and being truly thankful for our safe, warm home and ample food. I'm thankful for them!

Marion Peterson (Director Communications):

I grew up on a dairy farm in southwestern Ontario, and the Dorchester Fair was always on Thanksgiving weekend. This meant that in addition to finishing the harvest, our focus was on preparing items to submit in Fair competitions and participating in the parade on the Saturday morning. I was a member of the Dorchester Lions Majorettes, so I marched the route as part of this group. By the time the fair was over and the Thanksgiving-themed Sunday service was done, there was no energy left for a big family meal. Just how many items were prepared for the Fair can be seen in this photograph of my mom taken the year she won the title of Baking Queen. Turkey with all the trimmings was much more likely to be served for Christmas.



Iris Morgan (Director Finance):

Thanksgiving with the Morgan clan out at Ghost Lake had become a tradition for at least the past 20 years. Thirteen family members and invited guests usually enjoyed beautiful fall weather, piles of leaves to jump into, an evening campfire and a marvelous meal. Setting up the cottage for this took days to prepare - we had to move furniture to make room for up to 24 people, scrounge up tables and chairs and most importantly decorate the table. Finding the largest free-range turkey was critical. Many hands helped in peeling or mashing potatoes and stirring gravy. I finally started using paper plates to make clean up easier. But time moves on and family numbers have been reduced. This year, Thanksgiving will be spent interring the ashes of a loved one in Ontario. However, the Thanksgiving tradition lives on in our memories.



Special Interest Groups

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs) are the ideal place to share your family history. The small-group setting allows for the exchange of information and suggestions on further avenues to pursue.

All SIGs are held at the AFHS Library located at 712 16 Ave NW and do not meet during the summer months. Check our website calendar for the most up-to-date information.

Please note: There are 6 parking spots behind the library building (2 rows of 3). Otherwise please park on neighbouring streets.

CELTIC SIG (Irish/Scots)

Usually meets 4th Saturday of the month from 10 am - Noon

DNA SIG

Usually meets 1st Tuesday of the month from 7 - 9 pm

ENGLISH/WELSH SIG

Usually meets 3rd Saturday of the month from 10 am - Noon

FAMILY TREE MAKER SIG

Usually meets 1st Saturday of the month from 10 am - Noon

LEGACY SIG

Meets 5 times a year on Sundays, usually from 1:30 - 3 pm

ONTARIO SIG

Usually meets 4th Monday of the month from 10 am - Noon

DIGITAL GENEALOGY SIG

Usually meets 2nd Saturday of the month from 10 am - Noon

FAMILY TREE MAKER SIG

September's meeting covered the topics of colour coding, exporting trees either as a GEDCOM or within your own Family Tree Maker (FTM) tree, hints from Ancestry and Family Search, and the release of Family Tree Maker 2019.

COLOUR CODING

There are 4 options in colour coding, each containing 8 colours. The options are:

- **Current Person**
- **All Ancestors (1 colour)**
- **All Ancestors (4 colours)**
- **All Descendants**

When working on a large tree, colour coding helps to see lineages at a glance. FTM allows you to use the colours to mark all the direct-line ancestors and descendants of any given person in your tree. The colours show on the index window and the pedigree window. Colours can be added to a certain criterion, like all persons who served in the military or who lived in a certain location. The colours can be turned off or on at any time.

EXPORTING TREES

Sometimes your tree can get quite large and you want to break it into smaller pieces. Or you may want to share your tree, or portions of your tree, with others. You can export a specific branch from your tree for a specific person to either start a smaller tree within your own software or to give it to someone else. Password protecting the exported files is also an option.

When sharing with others, the program allows you to choose how much or how little information is given. The options you can choose to share or choose not to share include Private Facts, Private Notes, Media Files and Tasks. These options all work when you are starting another tree or if the person receiving the information also has FTM software but some are not available for GEDCOMs.

ANCESTRY & FAMILYSEARCH HINTS

If FTM finds records or trees on Ancestry or Family Search you will see a "hint" icon - either a green leaf (Ancestry) or a blue square (FamilySearch). To view Ancestry hints you will need an internet connection and a subscription to view the actual record and images. To view FamilySearch hints you only need an internet connection.

FAMILY TREE MAKER 2019

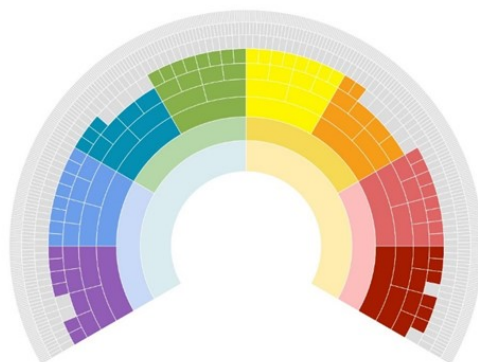
Unfortunately the newest version of FTM was not yet available at the time of our meeting. We are hoping it will be available by our next meeting.

Ancestral Trees

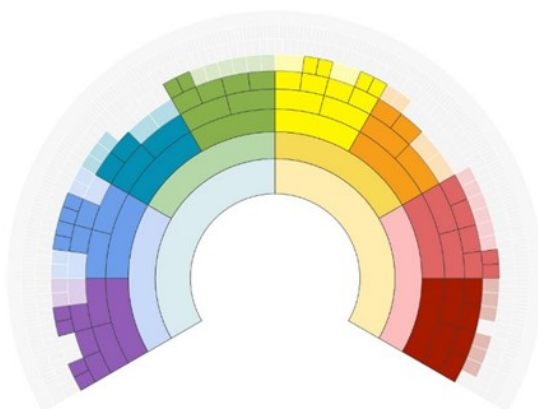
Marion Peterson

Jonny Perl, the developer who created the DNA Painter website <https://dnainter.com/> and the "What are the Odds" DNA relationship tool, has released another tool for the genetic genealogist.

Ancestral Trees allows the user to create a pedigree chart (either manually or via GEDCOM) and analyze the completeness of the tree. Up to 5 generations can be uploaded without a subscription, so I did this using a GEDCOM. I can now view my tree in three different ways – a pedigree chart, a fan chart or a text file. I am fortunate to have the names of 100% of my ancestors up to the 3X great-grandparent level, then 77% of my 4X great-grandparents. I would be able to add three more generations by upgrading to a subscription.



This tree is based on my paper trail. By marking the ancestors which are genetic ancestors based on DNA matches, the following diagram is the result. The colour fades for the ancestors that are not part of my genetic tree. One of the branches would have been almost blank if I had not used genetic genealogy. The rest of my branches are matching up nicely with near and distant cousins.



It is also possible to create a chart showing X-inheritance and your mitochondrial line. Jonny Perl has plans to add more functionality in the future. For those of us who like to see our progress in a visual way, this is a simple, effective tool.

Thanksgiving 1919

Amber Godfrey

How did Calgarians celebrate Thanksgiving 100 years ago? I looked through copies of the *Calgary Daily Herald* from the week before Thanksgiving 1919 to see what was familiar and what might be different.

While Thanksgiving has been officially celebrated in Canada since November 6, 1879, the date could vary and was often celebrated on the third Monday of October. The second Monday in October didn't become a standard date until January 31, 1957. In 1919, Calgary was celebrating on Monday, October 13 with many events and sales listed in the newspaper.

The war in Europe was over and the soldiers who lived through it were home again. Everyone was happy to be moving on from the hard war years and wanted to celebrate. Some people had dinners at home with friends and family while others went out to dances or parties.

Local churches offered "Union Services" in the morning which involved two church congregations combining with both ministers officiating and included "special music programmes." The offerings collected that day were called a "thankoffering" and went toward relief work carried out by the Great War Veteran's Association. This group was one of several that were formed after the First World War by returning soldiers. Eventually the groups combined into the Royal Canadian Legion which is still active today.

Traditionally, dinner included a turkey or goose but a combination of an early Thanksgiving date and a late season for turkeys and geese that year meant these usual Thanksgiving dinner options were not readily available. The scarcity of stock also raised prices to 60 cents per pound for any that could be found. For comparison, the Hudson's Bay Company advertised Choice Pot Roast for 14 cents per pound or Lamb Shoulder Roast for 25 cents per pound. Many families probably chose a cheaper meat option that was easier to obtain.

Housewives that wanted to freshen up their Thanksgiving tables could find white damask tablecloths for \$1.95 each or a dozen "Union napkins" made of Irish Damask for \$5.75 at the Hudson's Bay Thanksgiving Sale. Young ladies planning to

dress up for the occasion could visit Parker's Limited whose ad offered a store "Full of Good Things for Feminine Adornment" including coats for \$37.50, new blouses for \$10.00 and silk hosiery for \$1.59 per pair.

Husbands and sons may have spent part of the day watching rugby at Hillhurst Park. A match between the champion Hillhurst Canucks and a team made up of players from the rest of the Calgary League (called the Tigers) promised to be an exciting match with all money raised going to charity.

For ladies and gentlemen that chose to go out, there were dinners, dances and films to attend. An ad for Thanksgiving dinner at the King George Hotel Grill included a rich assortment of entrees, sides and desserts on a special menu for \$1.50. Some of the more exotic fare included Potage Princess, Breaded Veal Sweetbread Cutlets with Stamboul Sauce, Wild Duck with Jelly and English Plum Pudding with Prohibition Sauce.

Harvest dances at Al Azar Temple, the Columbus Hockey Club and the Canadian Tennis club all boasted live orchestras to provide music for dancing. The Order of the Eastern Star Unity Club held a card party for members and their friends.

Movie theatres offered silent films including Cecil B. DeMille's "Don't Change Your Husband" at the Bijou, Charles Ray in the comedy "Bill Henry" at the Allen (billed as "Ambitious Country Boy Tries to Make Fortune Selling Electric Vibrators") or famed actress Nazimova in the Chinese epic "The Red Lantern."

So while some things may have changed, Calgarians a hundred years ago also enjoyed a day of feasting and fun with friends and family. And the ones who went to the dances afterwards probably had the right idea, to dance away the rich meals they had just eaten!



Society Updates

Family History Coaching Program

AFHS Volunteers & CPL Staff

This drop-in program offers help with genealogy research in partnership with Calgary Public Library. It is held the last Saturday of the month except for December, July and August. Registration not required.

DATE: Saturday, October 26

PLACE: Central Library (800 3 Street SE)
Level 4, 4-20C

TIME: 10 am to 12 pm

SAVE THE DATE

FamilyRoots 2020 Conference

*Alberta Family History Society will be
40 years old in May 2020!*

As part of the celebrations, we are planning a conference. It will be held at the Calgary Holiday Inn South on October 3 & 4, 2020.

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming Chinook Arch Themes:

November - War and Peace

December - Holiday Gatherings

January - Snow Stories



Director of Facilities: The AFHS Library is the central hub of our Society: where we gather to discuss and brag about our latest research finds, where we find that book or website that breaks a brick wall, and where many of our volunteers share their precious time and talents. This Board-level position runs until our next AGM in April 2020. If you are interested in overseeing the operation of the building and serving as liaison with building owners, contact Jim Benedict at president@afhs.ab.ca

Meeting Summaries: Our meetings have interesting speakers and topics and we want to share that, particularly with our members who can't attend. Write some notes about the presentation, speaker, questions, handouts or other resource links. This information would be published on the AFHS website. Please contact volunteer@afhs.ab.ca

Saturday Special Workshop

Just beginning or struggling to figure out how to use Family Genes? Family Genes is a Society project for the preservation of members' family tree studies. Using a web-based application, known as TNG, our members can upload, display and archive their family information. Contact events@afhs.ab.ca to register.

DATE: November 30, 2019

TIME: 9 am to Noon

COST: \$15 (coffee and tea provided)

Space is limited! Registration begins on **October 16**.

Library Hours & Opportunities to Connect

Library Open Hours

Thursdays - 10 am to 2 pm

Fridays - 10 am to 2 pm

Saturdays - Noon to 4 pm

Get in Touch with us!

Email: info@afhs.ab.ca

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Board Meetings

Next AFHS Board Meeting will be held at the AFHS Library on **Monday, October 28**.

The Windsock

Watch for our monthly email update, for members only, distributed on the first day of each month.

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Chinook Arch

Watch for our newsletter distributed by email monthly, on the Saturday before AFHS meetings, from September to June. Paper copies are available at meetings and at the AFHS Library.

Submissions are welcome for the Member Memories, DNA Discoveries and Calgary Connections pages. For a copy of the *Chinook Arch* Submission Guidelines, contact Amber at the email below.

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