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ALBERTA FAMILY
HISTORIES SOCIETY

Society Meetings

Our Next Monthly Meeting: Monday, March 9

LOCATION: "The Village" at 4039 Brentwood Rd NW

TIME: 7 to 9 pm

Topic: Genealogy Travel

Speaker: Warren and Marion Peterson, AFHS Members

Warren and Marion Peterson will talk about their trip to Sweden and Denmark to explore the places of his ancestry.



Upcoming Meetings At The AFHS Library 712 - 16 Avenue NW Calgary

DATE	GROUP	TIME	TOPIC
March 8	DNA SIG	1:30 to 3:30 pm	Y-DNA Tests
March 14	Digital Genealogy SIG	10 am to noon	MyHeritage Colorize App
March 19	AFHS Board Meeting	7 to 9 pm	
March 21	English/Welsh SIG	10 am to noon	Home Children
March 28	Celtic SIG	10 am to noon	Irish pioneers in Ontario and Quebec
March 29	Legacy Users SIG	1:30 to 3:30 pm	Locations & To-Do List
March 30	Ontario SIG	10 am to 2 pm	Sharing Personal Resources
April 4	Family Tree Maker SIG	10 am to noon	

Next Monthly Meeting

Monday, April 6

Annual General Meeting

Germans From Russia presentation

Anne Stang and Mabel Kiessling from the Calgary Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) will do a presentation on Germans from Russia.

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>

Annual General Meeting

Call for Nominations for AFHS Board of Directors

Want to have more input into the operations of our Society? Looking to meet like-minded people? Do you have time and talents to share?

The AFHS Nominations Committee is looking for you!

Directors on our Board serve one-year terms, which means you do not need to make a long-term commitment. The only qualification is that you must be an AFHS member in good standing.

I have enjoyed being involved at the idea stage and helping new AFHS ventures grow. I've learned many new skills, from how to send a MailChimp campaign to how to update some things on the website. The best part is getting to know the other Directors. It has been a great experience being part of the AFHS team. I'll be letting my name stand again for another term. (Marion Peterson)

During my time on the Board, I found a group of dedicated, competent individuals who were passionate about genealogy, committed to protecting the assets of the library, and eager to promote the benefits of being a member of this respected society. I hope you too will consider contributing some of your skills to the AFHS Board. It will be time well spent! (Michele Buhler)

The Board is where you find out about the functions and activities of the AFHS Society. We have dedicated people passionate about their hobby who are very willing to contribute their talents. You can make a difference. (Jim Benedict)

Currently, the following members have been nominated for our election which will be held as part of the Annual General Meeting on **Monday, April 6:**

President – Jim Benedict

Vice President – none

Secretary – Jasmin Naglis

Treasurer – Bev Archer

Directors (maximum 6) – Don Duncan, Peter McKenzie, Iris Morgan, Linda Murray, Marion Peterson

We are still accepting nominees, especially for the positions of:

Vice President

Director with an interest in the role of Facilities

You may nominate yourself or another person (with their permission).

For more information, contact Peter McKenzie memberrelations@afhs.ab.ca

Ancestor Anecdotes

My Irish Great-Grandpa

Amber Godfrey

Many of my ancestors lived in Canada, New England and Britain, which means I'm blessed with access to good records, but it does make my research take very similar paths. I envy people with more wide-spread ancestors. In the quest to try research in another place, I remembered my father's Irish grandpa.

William Campbell was my father's step-grandfather. He married my great-grandmother Emma when my Nana was just a little girl, after her father died of pneumonia. William and Emma met and married in Manitoba in 1914 and had four children together. But, during the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, they moved to northern British Columbia, near my father's family. My father and his siblings grew up near their grandparents and spent a lot of time with them. When I interviewed my father about his life, he remembered stooking hay with his grandpa and even remembered a few Gaelic words his grandpa used a lot. Emma was from the Isle of Man and spoke Gaelic, so she and William could understand each other. They often spoke Gaelic when they didn't want their children to hear what they were saying.

I knew a little about William from information collected from my family over the years. One of his daughters said he came from County Tyrone and his death certificate listed his birthplace as "Reculpha." Northern Ireland and his parents as William and Mary Anne Campbell. Nana had given me a list of all his brothers and sisters (he came from a family of thirteen!) and about half of them immigrated to Manitoba with him. Then I visited one of my cousins, a granddaughter of William, who had a copy of William's birth certificate. It listed his birthplace as Racolpa, Omagh District, County Tyrone, Ireland, and his parents as William and Mary Anne Campbell. At last, a possible trail back to the old country!

I went to the National Archives of Ireland website, which has digital copies of the 1901 and 1911 Irish Census. I searched the 1911 census for William Campbell in Racolpa, Tyrone, in his

50s or 60s with a wife named Mary Anne but had no hits. Then I tried searching for a Methodist of that name who was married and living in Tyrone. There was one hit! It showed William and Mary Anne Campbell living in Fac-cary, Mountfield, Tyrone. At that point, only a few children were still living at home, so I checked the 1901 Irish Census for the same family at the same location. I found them and when I looked at the household return (Form A) it showed children of the right age and names to match the list my Nana had given me. I also confirmed that the Poor Law Union was Omagh, which matched William's birth certificate.

The Irish Census also includes a section called the House and Building Return. This form is split into Forms B1 and B2. The 1901 census only has Form B1 but it showed William Campbell owned his land, there were ten people living in a house with four rooms, there were three windows on the front of the house, and it was built of "stone, brick or concrete" with a roof of "slate, iron or tile." On the 1911 Irish Census, which included Form B2 that lists the other kinds of buildings on the land, William had a stable, cow house, pig-gery, fowl house, barn and shed.

Census records give us a chance to peek into the lives of our ancestors. We need to remember to check for extra census schedules as sometimes they have survived and let us see more details about how our ancestors lived. The Irish Census records for 1901 and 1911 are now available through Ancestry. They are still free to view at the National Archives of Ireland website too.

<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>



Flora, Mona, Emma, William and Johnny Campbell
ca. 1928, Manitoba

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 July and August. 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)

Meets every month on 4th Saturday from 10 am - Noon

DIGITAL GENEALOGY SIG

Meets every month on 2nd Saturday from 10 am - Noon

DNA SIG

Meets every month on 1st Tuesday from 7 - 9 pm (Oct.-Dec & Apr.-Jun.)

Meets every month on 2nd Sunday from 1:30 - 3:30 pm (Jan.- Mar.)

ENGLISH/WELSH SIG

Meets every month on 3rd Saturday from 10 am - Noon

FAMILY TREE MAKER SIG

Meets every month on 1st Saturday from 10 am - Noon

LEGACY SIG

Meets alternate months on last Sunday from 1:30 - 3 pm

ONTARIO SIG

Meets alternate months on 4th Monday from 10 am - Noon

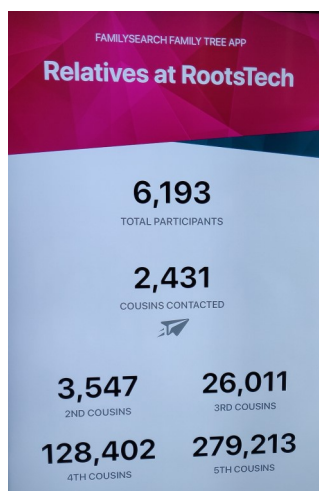
RootsTech 2020 - February 26 - 29

"It was an awesome, inspiring experience!"

Just ask Michele Buhler, Jasmin Naglis or Marion Peterson about RootsTech 2020 in Salt Lake City. The theme for this 4-day conference was "What's Your Story?"

Attendees from all over the world were inspired by incredible speakers who informed them about the latest tools, resources and methods available to uncover and share your family story. With over 300 classes taught by industry experts, it was difficult to choose. The huge exhibit hall featured more than 200 booths with demonstrations and hands-on activities.

It was an amazing opportunity to learn and connect with other family historians. If you have the chance, go!



The "Relatives at RootsTech" FamilySearch app allowed attendees to discover other relatives attending the conference.

Michele



Jasmin, Marion & Michele



Marion



DNA Discoveries

How DNA Testing Helped With My Nogler/Naylor Ancestors

Terri Scruggs

I remember attending a DNA talk at a church in southwest Calgary several years ago. At that time, there were people pushing the DNA test. It was pricey, and I wasn't convinced that my sample would be safeguarded and yield the promised results (connections to distant family members). So, I didn't do it at that time.

However, DNA research has developed and expanded enormously over the past decade and, eventually, I was convinced to try it. Since then, I have been more and more drawn in to all the benefits of DNA testing. Here is one example of the help the DNA test has given me.

At one time, I knew that I had a great-grandmother whose maiden name was Naylor, sometimes written Nogler. I knew little about her family. When I contacted a possible Nogler DNA match, she declared that her Nogler family could not be the same as mine and, even if they were connected long ago, it would be too distant to trace anyway. I was a bit shocked at her reaction, but I was too much of a novice in genealogy and DNA research to contest her summary.

However, after more research, I learned that I had a third great-grandfather whose name was also Nogler. It was a connection from a different family altogether. As I did the research on that branch, I learned many things about the descendants of the family, information that I would never have discovered without DNA research. Now my former Nogler "match" became a friend. She is a fourth cousin (or so), has done much research and was willing to share what she had learned. And she was right, the connection between the third great-grandfather and other great-grandmother, whose names were both Nogler or Naylor, is too distant and complex to even contemplate at this time.

How DNA Got Me Around A Road Block

Kay Clarke

Some time ago, I asked my brother to take a FamilyTreeDNA Y-DNA test. We were at a road block with our great-grandfather and hoped DNA results might help. The answer, when it came back, was that there were no close relatives and that there probably had been a "non-paternal event." For those unfamiliar with the phrase, it means the person presumed to be an ancestor's father was not in fact their biological parent.

We needed another strategy. So, I got my daughter a FamilyTreeDNA autosomal DNA test for Christmas, and I took the Ancestry autosomal DNA test. My daughter and I both had many matches but, when we took a careful look at them, there was one that stood out. She was a relatively close DNA match with both my daughter and I, but no names in our trees which matched. I contacted her, and she quickly replied.

Through conversations, we determined that her father and his family had lived in New Brunswick, close to the place where my family had lived. We looked at census records and found that her great-grandfather, a forestry worker, and my Lester family lived within walking distance of each other. I had known for some time that my grandfather, who was the youngest of ten children, had a sister who was nineteen when he was born. Her mother was forty-five at the time. Was it possible that his sister was actually his mother? The DNA results seem to point to this being the case.

Back in the day, a daughter who found herself unmarried and with child had few choices. She could give the baby up for adoption or she could let the child be raised by her parents as their own. Many families chose the second option and we think that is likely what happened with my grandfather. Without the DNA tests and the connection we made through it, we may never have known the truth.

Library Highlights

Library Resources for Irish Research

The AFHS library has over one hundred books to help you with your Irish family research. A selection is listed below, but many more books, maps and CDs can be found in the library. Come and check out these helpful resources.

The library also receives two quarterly periodicals covering Irish research: *The Septs*, from the Irish Genealogical Society Int'l Inc. based in Minnesota and *Irish Roots* magazine from Irish Roots Media of County Wicklow, Ireland.

General Research

Irish Migrants in the Canadas - A New Approach by Bruce S. Elliot	941.5	ELLI	2004
Researching Your Irish Ancestors at Home and Abroad by David R. Elliott	941.5	ELLI	2012
Tracing Your Ancestors Irish Research: a practical guide by Maurice Gleeson	941.5	GLEE	2018
Famine Ships: the Irish Exodus to America by Edward Laxton	941.5	LAXT	1997
Flight From Famine - The Coming Of The Irish To Canada by Donald MacKay	941.5	MACK	1990
Ireland: 1841/1851 Census Abstracts (Republic of Ireland) by J. Masterson	941.5	MAST	REPU
Surnames In Ireland by Robert E. Matheson	941.5	MATH	1909
Archives of the Valuation of Ireland 1830-1865 by Frances McGee	941.5	MCGE	2018
Finding Your Irish Ancestors - A Beginner's Guide by David S. Ouimette	941.5	OUIM	2005
Tracing Your Irish Family History on the Internet by Chris Paton	941.5	PATO	2013
Irish Land Records by Chris Paton	941.5	PATO	2015
Irish Church Records by James G. Ryan	941.5	RYAN	2001
Irish Genealogy Guide by Claire Santry	941.5	SANT	2017
Alphabetical Index to the Townlands & Towns, Parishes & Baronies of Ireland	941.5	TOWN	1851
The Great Hunger, Ireland 1845 -1849 by Cecil Woodham-Smith	941.5	WOOD	1962

County or Parish Specific Research

Portrait of a Parish: Monsea & Killodiernan, Co. Tipperary by Daniel Grace	941.5	GRAC	1996
Tracing Your Kildare Ancestors by Kiely, Corrigan & Durney	941.5	KIEL	2014
Martin's Belfast Directory 1841 – 42 by Mid-Antrim Historical Group	941.5	MAR	1841
Researching Armagh Ancestors by Ian Maxwell	941.5	MAXW	2000
Tracing Your Cork Ancestors by Tony McCarthy & Tim Cadogan	941.5	MCCA	1998
Guide to Tracing Your Donegal Ancestors by Helen Meehan & Godfrey Duffy	941.5	MEEH	2008
Family Names of County Cork by Diarmuid O' Murchadha	941.5	OMUR	1986
Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors - Early Modern Ulster, 1600-1800	941.5	ROUL	2005
Tracing Your Dublin Ancestors by James G. Ryan & Brian Smith	941.5	RYAN	2009
Guide to Tracing Your Mayo Ancestors by Brian Smith	941.5	SMIT	1997
Tracing Your Clare Ancestors by Brian Smith & Gerry Kennedy	941.5	SMIT	2013

Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona duit!

Upcoming Events

Family History Coaching Program

AFHS Volunteers & CPL Staff

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

DATE: Saturday, March 28

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

TIME: 10 am to noon

Weekend Workshop: *IrfanView Workshop*

Warren Peterson will lead you through how to crop, extract headshots, adjust colour, sharpen and improve the legibility of scanned text in digital images using IrfanView.

Registrants may use their own laptop or an AFHS computer. A set of provided images will be used for a hands-on experience.

DATE: Saturday, May 30

TIME: 9 am to noon

COST: \$15

LOCATION: AFHS Library, 712 - 16 Ave NW

Space is limited so sign-up soon. To register, contact events@afhs.ab.ca

Follow Your Ancestors' Footsteps

Calgary Holiday Inn South

8630 Blackfoot Trail SE

October 3 & 4, 2020

Featured Speakers

- **Cyndi Ingle**
- **Dave Obee**
- **Christine Woodcock**



Conference website: <http://afhs.ab.ca/calendar-events/conferences/>

Red Deer Family History Fair

LDS Red Deer

March 28, 2020

3002 47 Ave

Red Deer, AB

Registration is free but you must register at the website to attend.

One-on-one help will be available.

<https://rdfamilyhistoryfair.blogspot.com/>

2020 Vision: Seeking Ancestors Using DNA and Digital Tools

The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society

April 17 - 19, 2020

Coronet Inn

Prince Albert, SK

<https://princealbertgenealogy.wordpress.com/>

Vision 2020: Finding The Past, Moving Into The Future

The Ontario Genealogical Society

June 5 - 7, 2020

Hamilton, Ontario

<https://conference2020.ogs.on.ca/>

Harvest Your Family Tree 2020

Kelowna & District Genealogical Society Conference

September 25 & 26, 2020

Speakers:

Chris Paton

Angie Bush

Cyndi Ingle

Janice Nickerson

Volunteer Opportunities



Family Roots 2020 Marketing: Our conference is approaching quickly, and we need help with the marketing! Please contact Marion at communications@afhs.ab.ca

40th Anniversary Celebration: 2020 is the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Alberta Family History Society and we need people to help with the celebration in June. Please contact Marion at communications@afhs.ab.ca

Library Volunteers: The AFHS library needs volunteers to help staff the library during our open hours. Please contact Linda at library@afhs.ab.ca

Like To Read? AFHS has a library full of great materials - help us tell our members and the world! Write a short review of one of our helpful resources for the library page of our monthly newsletter. Please contact Marion at communications@afhs.ab.ca

Presentation Speakers: We are always looking for people to speak at our monthly meetings. Do you have something genealogy related that you are passionate about that you would share with us? Or do you know someone else who would be a great presenter? Please contact Christine at programs@afhs.ab.ca

Provincial Archives Trip Organizer: We need someone to be the key organizer for a potential field trip to the Provincial Archives in Edmonton, possibly in June. Please contact Marion at communications@afhs.ab.ca

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

Call the library or check the online calendar before you visit to check for last-minute closures due to weather or other emergencies.

<https://afhs.ab.ca/>

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AFHS Library & Office location:

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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.

We are looking for short articles and copyright-free pictures. Favourite relatives, fond family memories, great research tips and tricks, new genealogy technology you love or any related topics are accepted.

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