

CHINOOK ARCH

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ALBERTA FAMILY
HISTORIES SOCIETY

Society Meetings

Our Next Monthly Meeting: Monday, May 11

LOCATION: Online, using Zoom

TIME: 7 to 9 pm

Speaker: Christine Hayes

Topic: Epidemics and Our Ancestors - Christine will tell us about the epidemics our ancestors lived through and explain why we, as genealogy researchers, should know about these events. She will share sources for finding evidence of these epidemics and offer pointers on what (and why) we should be recording our experiences now for future researchers.

Upcoming Meetings

Virtually using Zoom until further notice. Contact the SIG leaders to receive an invitation link to the meeting.

DATE	GROUP	TIME	CONTACT
May 16	English/Welsh SIG	10 am to noon	englishwelshsig@afhs.ab.ca
May 23	Celtic SIG	10 am to noon	celticsig@afhs.ab.ca
May 25	Ontario SIG	10 am to noon	ontariosig@afhs.ab.ca
May 25	AFHS Board Meeting	7 to 9 pm	president@afhs.ab.ca
May 30	IrfanView Workshop	9 am to noon	vp@afhs.ab.ca
May 31	Legacy Users SIG	1:30 to 3:30 pm	legacysig@afhs.ab.ca
June 2	DNA SIG	1:30 to 3:30 pm	dnasig@afhs.ab.ca
June 6	Family Tree Maker SIG	10 am to noon	ftmsig@afhs.ab.ca

Next Monthly Meeting

Monday, June 8:

Tentatively via Zoom

Topic: TBD

Our 40th Celebration, Volunteer Appreciation and Annual General Meeting are postponed until September 13.

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>

AFHS Board Update

Your Board members have been very conscious about keeping the Society healthy and going.

We have successfully added a virtual meeting room for our various SIG groups and Board meetings. Hopefully, you have had a chance to attend one of the SIG gatherings and enjoyed the social aspect as well as the technique tips.

A thankyou is extended to Warren Peterson for setting up and managing Zoom. We now have virtually unlimited time, and up to 100 participants can join in remotely. The meetings have actually had a spurt in participation, with our out-of-town folk and those that are housebound joining in. Meetings can also be recorded for later viewing, in case you were not available at that time. Another thanks goes to Marion for coaching SIG leaders and newcomers and in preparing a users' guide.

As you know, the Annual General Meeting has been deferred to a later time, due to the COVID-19 situation. Our meeting place, The Village, has been contacted and they will look forward to hosting us again. The Board is looking at September as the likely month for the AGM, but that will not be determined until sometime in the summer. We do need to have a vote on our directors, but per our bylaws, voting has to be done in person. In the meantime, the existing directors have volunteered to extend their services until we can meet again, in person, for the election.

The Society remains viable, financially, for the balance of this year. Our main fund source, the Casino event, has been postponed indefinitely. We wait for an update from the AGLC, or "Alberta Gaming, Liquor & Cannabis," for when we get our next casino fundraising event. Meantime, we do have funds in the bank, in cash accounts and in investments.

Our library is locked and secure, waiting for members to return. And membership remains stable, at just over 200 and slowly increasing. Thanks, Heather. The society website is being upgraded with new features and should be available for your touring by this summer. Details to follow.

The *Chinook Arch* is still being published monthly, with our normal break over the summer months. Check out the articles in this issue which include an Ancestor Anecdote about a cherished family heirloom, a SIG group sharing some links to research your Home Child ancestor, suggestions for interesting genealogy-related novels to read, links to many virtual webinars and conferences, and requests for volunteer help you can do from the comfort of your own home.

So slide on into summer mode, enjoy an iced tea, sit back at your research desk and dig away for more family history and stories. We look forward to your new brags at the next meeting.

Jim Benedict
AFHS President



Ancestor Anecdotes

A Family Heirloom Travels from Wales to England to Canada

Ann Williams

I am lucky enough to be providing a home for the remaining pieces of a china tea set in "Original Bridal Rose" pattern, which has passed down through the eldest daughters of my mother's family for well over 100 years. The Maker's Marks on the underside of many of the pieces are only gold-coloured squiggles. Small, hand-written marks tend to indicate china made before 1800.



The tea set came to my mother, Blodwen, in England on the death of my Welsh grandmother, Elizabeth Roberts. I remember going to Bentalls Department Store, in Kingston upon Thames, with my mother to purchase a Welsh dresser and then helping her set out some of the pieces on the shelves. Other pieces were stored in the cupboard below. While we were doing this we talked of the tea set and its history. My mother remembered how her mother had received it upon the death of her own mother, Ann Lounds.



Blodwen Annie Lloyd

Almost forty years passed before the tea set and dresser were shipped to me in Canada on the death of my mother. It was then my turn to unpack the tea set and, with my daughter's help, arrange it on the shelves of the dresser.

With the arrival of my granddaughter, another link in the chain of tea-set ownership, I held a tea-drinking ceremony. Two-month old Emily smiled at her mother while Robyn and I drank from the tea cups and ate off the tea plates. A tape of the Froncysyllte Male Voice Choir played softly in the background as we turned the pages of my grandfather's Welsh prayer book. To conclude the ceremony Emily was encouraged to slobber over one of the cups.



Robyn, Emily and Ann

Future and current keepers
of the Original Bridal Rose tea set

Six generations of my family are known to have handled the tea set:

Ann Lounds, born 1861 Brymbo, Denbighshire, Wales, daughter of Elizabeth and Evan, married Robert Roberts

Elizabeth Ann Roberts, born 1883 Summerhill, Denbighshire, Wales, daughter of Ann and Robert, married Robert Lloyd

Blodwen Annie Lloyd, born 1911 Flint, Flintshire, Wales, daughter of Elizabeth and Robert, married Percy Astridge

Beryl Ann Astridge, born England, daughter of Blodwen and Percy, married G. Williams

Robyn L. Williams, born Scotland, my daughter, married S. Krause

Emily Ann Krause, born Calgary, my granddaughter

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

CELTIC SIG

On Saturday, April 18, 2020, the English SIG met via Zoom, the interactive on-line Chat Room. About 20 people signed in, and we even had guests from out-of-town.

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, and our need for social distancing and self-isolation, it was very nice to see some familiar faces and talk to folks that "speak genealogy."

Nola Gutsche had prepared an excellent presentation on Home Children. These youngsters, who were orphans, street children or from impoverished homes, were sent off to Canada, South Africa and Australia to seek a better life. As Canada needed farm workers, many of the young people sent here were employed on farms. Various charitable groups were responsible for their passage and later welfare.

Nola spoke of her grandmother's experience as a Home Child and showed us some artifacts of interest plus photos along with her PowerPoint. All who attended learned a lot more details about this period in Canadian history. Thank you, Nola.

Some of the sources she used to learn about Home Children are listed below.

Websites

Barnardo's

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/>

British Home Children Advocacy & Research Association

<https://www.britishhomechildren.com/>

British Home Children Registry

<https://www.britishhomechildrenregistry.com/>

British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa

<https://bifhsgo.ca/>

Library and Archives Canada

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/>

The National Archives (UK)

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

Books

Children's Homes: A History of Institutional Care for Britain's Young by Peter Higginbotham

The Little Immigrants: The Orphans Who Came to Canada by Kenneth Bagnell

Nation Builders: Barnardo Children in Canada by Gail H. Corbett

Labouring Children: British Immigrant Apprentices to Canada 1869-1924 by Joy Parr

Virtual Workshops

All of these online webinars are free, but most require you to register ahead of time. This is only a selection of the ones available. Many webinars are recorded and available to view later, for free, for a limited time. Please check the links given for more details.

To America and Back: Crossing the Pond with Your Swedish Ancestors

Family Search

Monday, May 11, 2020 1 - 2 pm MDT

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

The Ultimate Family History Interview

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6 - 7 pm MDT

<http://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars-multireg.php>

Immigration

BYU FHL Live Webinar

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4 - 5 pm MDT

<https://fh.lib.byu.edu/classes-and-webinars/online-webinars/>

Strategies for Using Civil Registration in the British Isles

Family Search

Thursday, May 14, 2020 1 - 2 pm MDT

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

Searching Databases on AmericanAncestors.org

AmericanAncestors.org

Thursday, May 14, 2020 1 - 2 pm MDT

<https://www.americanancestors.org/education/online-classes#webinars>

DNA Painter: Taking DNA Analysis to the Next Level by Visualizing, Mapping, and Recording Matching Chromosome Segments

Georgia Genealogical Society

Thursday, May 14, 2020 6 - 7:15 pm MDT

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4381907185354371597>

Getting Done Your Family History Projects

Heirloom Films

Friday, May 15, 2020 11 - 12:30 pm MDT

<https://www.heirloomfilms.ca/events/>

"Who Needed It Anyway?" Researching Around the Missing 1890 Census

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6 - 7 pm MDT

<https://wsgs.org/eventListings.php?nm=316>

Discover the Holdings of German Archives

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6 - 7 pm MDT

<http://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars-multireg.php>

Inheritance, Estate Settlements & Wills: Who Got What & Why

St. Cloud Area Genealogists

Tuesday, May 19, 2020 6 - 7:30 pm MDT

Email scag@stcloudareagen.org to register

Timesaving Apps for Busy Genealogists

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 12 - 1 pm MDT

<http://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars-multireg.php>

The Packet Ships That Brought Them to America

Southern California Genealogical Society

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 7 - 8 pm MDT

<http://scgsgenealogy.com/webinar/jes-index.html>

Mistrust Transcriptions: And Here's Why

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 12 - 1 pm MDT

<http://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars-multireg.php>

Using Non-Population Schedules for Context and Evidence

Florida State Genealogical Society

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6682448348431687948>

"What are the Odds?" An Online Tool That Can Help Solve DNA Puzzles

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12 - 1 pm MDT

<http://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars-multireg.php>

Check for more webinars at Conference Keeper Virtual Events:

<http://conferencekeeper.org/virtual/>

Library Highlights

Novels With a Family History Twist

Amber Godfrey

I know many of you are using this time to work on your family history research, which is great, but sometimes you just want to relax and enjoy a good book.

Did you know there are several series and many stand-alone novels that have a family history theme? Here are some of the books I have discovered. They are all available as digital books that you can download right now and read for free!

KINDLE UNLIMITED/KINDLE APP

Found through the Amazon website at www.amazon.ca, Kindle Unlimited is a subscription book lending service that you pay for monthly. If you have never tried it before, you can get a free, 30-day trial. After the 30 days, if you don't cancel you are charged \$9.99 per month (\$10.49 with tax).

This gives you access to over one million books and you are able to borrow as many as you want, while your subscription is active. The titles do change over time so make sure to check the ones I've listed are still part of the Kindle Unlimited collection when you join.

You can download the **Kindle** app for free from your usual app store on any digital device (iPads, iPhones, Android smartphones, etc.). This means you don't have to own a Kindle device to use the service.

- *The Forensic Genealogist* by Nathan Dylan Goodwin
- *Jayne Sinclair Genealogical Mysteries* by M.J. Lee
- *Jefferson Tayte Genealogical Mysteries* by Steve Robinson
- *Maze Investigations - The Genealogy Detectives* by M.K. Jones
- *Peter Sefton, Amateur Family Historian Mysteries* by Stephen Molyneux

CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY/LIBBY APP

If you have a Calgary Public Library card, you can access thousands of digital books using their free library app **Libby**. Information on how to download and set up the app can be found at <https://calgarylibrary.ca/read-learn-and-explore/digital-library/libby/>

If you need help with your library account, or have any other questions, you can contact CPL staff by phone at 403-260-2600 from Monday to Saturday between 9 am and 5 pm.

- *Alpine Escape* by Mary Daheim
- *Aunt Dimity and the Family Tree* by Nancy Atherton
- *Coronets and Steel* by Sherwood Smith
- *Deadly Descent* by Charlotte Hinger
- *Deception* by Michael Meehan
- *Drawing the Line* by Judith Cutler
- *Family Tree* by Barbara Delinsky
- *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton
- *Legacy* by Danielle Steel
- *Murder Once Removed* by S.C. Perkins
- *Possession: A Romance* by A.S. Byatt
- *The Quieting* by Suzanne Woods Fisher
- *The Roots of the Olive Tree* by Courtney Miller Santo
- *Suzie Fewings Genealogical Mysteries* by Fay Sampson (only the last three books)
- *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield

ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITON

Also, don't forget that while the CPL libraries are closed, you can access **Ancestry Library Edition** free at home with your library card until at least May 31 (and possibly longer). You simply need to go to the library website, www.calgarylibrary.ca, sign into your account and click on "Search our Website" (looks like a magnifying glass), then enter Ancestry as your search term.

Upcoming Events

Family History Coaching Program *AFHS Volunteers & CPL Staff*

**CANCELLED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

America: Our Records and Our History **Virtual Conference**

Pima County Genealogical Society

June 6, 2020

<https://azpimagensoc.org/>

AFHS IrfanView Webinar

Would you like to learn about a free photo-editing software that can do typical genealogy tasks? Warren Peterson will describe how to install and use IrfanView to crop, extract headshots, adjust colour, sharpen details and improve the legibility of the scanned text in digital images.

DATE: Saturday, May 30

TIME: 10 am via Zoom

COST: Free (AFHS Members Only)

Space is limited to 100 attendees. To register, email vp@afhs.ab.ca by May 28.

A Summer of DNA Virtual Conference

Family History Fanatics

August 8, 2020

<https://www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/econference>

UGA Summit of Excellence: **Virtual Conference 2020**

Family History Fanatics

September 11 - 12, 2020

<https://ugagenealogy.org/>

SGS 2020 Spring Virtual Seminar *Seattle Genealogical Society*

May 16, 2020

<https://seagensoc.org/>

Genealogy Illumination Weekend *AHSGR Edmonton and Area Chapter*

September 11 - 13, 2020

<http://www.german-russians.info>

2020 "Echoes of Our Ancestors" *National Genealogical Society*

May 20 - 23, 2020

NOW VIRTUAL

<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>

VGA Annual Virtual Conference *Virtual Genealogical Association*

November 13 - 15, 2020

<https://virtualgenealogy.org/annual-conference/>

Ontario Ancestors Conference *Ontario Genealogical Society*

June 5 - 7 2020

NOW VIRTUAL

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

2020 Vision: Seeking Ancestors Using **DNA and Digital Tools**

The Saskatchewan Genealogical Society

Postponed until Fall 2020 or Spring 2021

princealbertgenealogy.wordpress.com/

Volunteer Opportunities



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 September. 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? Now would be a good time to work on a presentation for future meetings. Please contact Christine at programs@afhs.ab.ca

Looking For A Project?

Transcribers needed for New Brunswick museums! The Fredericton Region Museum is at capacity for transcribers but has suggested other museums that need help:

Île Beaubears Island, Miramichi, NB
Shawn McCarthy, Executive Director
info@beaubearsisland.ca

New Brunswick Aviation Museum, Doyle's Brook, NB
Kevin N. Anderson, CD, Captain (Retired), Executive Director
nbamdirector@outlook.com

Restigouche Regional Museum, Dalhousie, NB
Bill Clarke, Executive Director
restigoucheregionalmuseum@gmail.com

Maison Doucet Hennessy House, Bathurst, NB
info@doucethennessy.com

Library Hours & Opportunities to Connect

Library Open Hours

Closed until
further notice

~~Thursdays — 10 am to 2 pm~~

~~Fridays — 10 am to 2 pm~~

~~Saturdays — Noon to 4 pm~~

Get in Touch with us!

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AFHS Library & Office location:

712 - 16 Avenue NW Calgary

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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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