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## NEXT SOCIETY MEETING

**Monday, May 12, 2025**

**Topic:** AFHS Annual General Meeting & Murder and Consequences

**Speaker:** Ron Gilmore

**Location:** In-person and Zoom (register on website calendar)

**Time:** 7 – 9 pm

## FUTURE MEETINGS

**Monday, May 19, 2025**

**Topic:** Chit Chat Session

**Hosts:** Linda Murray and Kelly Southworth

**Location:** Zoom (link on website calendar)

**Time:** 7 – 8:30 pm

**Monday, June 9, 2025**

**Topic:** Discoveries with DNA

**Speaker:** Michele Buhler & DNA SIG

**Location:** In-person and Zoom (register on website calendar)

**Time:** 7 – 9 pm

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## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Watch for our newsletter, *Chinook Arch*, distributed monthly by email from September to June.

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

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## President's Message

### Gordon Lane

We are now in our new Resource Centre, and it would not have happened without the sterling efforts spearheaded by Marion and Warren Peterson and Dorothy Clements. There were multiple facets for this move: painting, building a kitchen, packing the library, bringing across multiple items from the old space that were not part of the moving contract, unpacking the library and setting up multiple areas in the Resource Centre. If you want more information on the Resource Centre, there was a description in the April *Chinook Arch*.

We had a successful ribbon cutting event, even though there are still many tasks to complete. As of right now, we are still waiting for Rogers to come and set up the internet connection. Around 28 members came to see the new space, and all the comments I heard were very positive. Jim Benedict has been taking a series of videos from the start of the move until now, and they will be ready soon.



Whilst the move was going on, volunteers were promoting our Society at the Unison Seniors' Expo. There were a lot of visitors, some of whom had been actively involved in their genealogy. We had a few who showed interest in knowing more and were interested in visiting the new Resource Centre.

May 12 is our Annual General Meeting, and it is being held both in the new Resource Centre and via Zoom. If you find the sudden urge to be part of the Board, please put your name forward. There is also the chance to do so in person at the meeting. We'd love to have new members as part of our leadership team!

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with AFHS Bylaws Articles 7.1 & 7.4, of the Annual General Meeting of Alberta Family Histories Society which shall be held on Monday, May 12, 2025, at Suite 251S in Heritage Square (8500 Macleod Tr SE, Calgary and via Zoom (a hybrid meeting), starting at 7:00 pm, during which financial and other reports will be presented, business conducted and elections held. A Special Resolution will also be made on amendments to our bylaws. A copy of the proposed changes will be distributed to AFHS members via a *Windsock* message prior to the Annual General Meeting.

*The Alberta Pioneers page will alternate with the Ancestor Anecdotes page. Please submit your stories for either page!*

### The Wade Family of Hanna, Alberta

Shelley Lunney

Dr. George Wade arrived in Alberta in 1909 and became a resident of Hanna on August 6, 1913. While practising medicine for many years, he was also mayor from 1922-1934.

George Harrison Wade was born near Brighton, Ontario on May 21, 1862. His father, John Wade, emigrated from Yorkshire, England, in 1837 while his mother, Ann Simpson, was a United Empire Loyalist descended from Obediah Simpson, one of the first settlers in the district.

George married Jennie Beatrice Anderson on September 18, 1885 at her parents' home near Stirling, Ontario. She was born to Mark and Maria Anderson at Chisholm's Rapids, Ontario, in 1864. George and Jennie had just one child, a son. Joseph Roscoe Everett Wade was born in Stirling, Ontario, on May 4, 1886.

Dr. Wade completed his education in Brighton and taught school for ten years before studying medicine. He graduated from Trinity College in Toronto in 1897 and practised medicine in Ontario until 1909 prior to relocating to Calgary.

The August 14, 1913, *Hanna Herald* newspaper announced his arrival stating that "Dr. Wade has had a wide medical experience and has been one of the most successful physicians practising in Calgary."

On June 16, 1916, George enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force as a Medical Officer in the 175th Battalion, spending 2 1/2 years in England and France before returning to his practice in Hanna in November 1918. He had previously been a Medical Officer with the 40th Northumberland Unit in Ontario.

His son Joseph was a prominent citizen of Han-

na. He married Maude Nettleton and they had three children: Jean Elinor Wade (1915), Col. George Kenneth Wade, DSO CD (1917) who graduated from the Royal Military College in Kingston, and Joseph Roscoe Wade Jr. (1924). Records indicate that Joseph Wade Sr. applied for a homestead at NW 27-28-14-4 in 1909 but later resided in Hanna where he was employed as the Municipal Secretary. He was well known through his farming, business and municipal endeavours. Joseph Sr. died in Hanna on July 11, 1940 due to post-surgical complications from appendicitis. A long procession of vehicles followed his funeral cortege from Hanna to Calgary, where he was interred in Burnsland Cemetery.

George and Jennie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Hanna in September 1935. In 1938, he retired from his medical practice, and they moved to Chilliwack, British Columbia, in 1940. In retirement he was keenly interested in municipal affairs and aided with the organization of the British Empire Service League, now known as the Canadian Legion. Jennie suffered from ill health in her later years and passed away in Chilliwack on April 19, 1948. George passed away at his brother's home in Brighton, Ontario, on July 18, 1949. His death notice indicates he is interred in Mount Hope Cemetery, Brighton, but he is listed on Find a Grave with his wife and grandson at Chilliwack Cemetery.



## Special Interest Groups

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs) are a major benefit of being an AFHS member.** The small-group setting is the ideal place to expand your knowledge and share your own family history challenges. SIGs provide the opportunity to ask questions, obtain help from more experienced researchers and get to know other AFHS members.

If you are an AFHS member and would like to be added to a SIG distribution list or if you would like to attend a SIG meeting as a guest before joining AFHS, please contact [communications@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:communications@afhs.ab.ca)

**SIGs are now being held in three formats: in-person only, Zoom only or a hybrid version of both.** Check the calendar on our website for up-to-date information or email the SIG leader. The SIGs do not meet during July and August.

SIG GROUP	NEXT MEETING	TIME	CONTACT
BASICS	TBD	TBD	<a href="mailto:basics@afhs.ab.ca">basics@afhs.ab.ca</a>
CELTIC (Irish/Scots)	Saturday, May 24	10 am – Noon	<a href="mailto:celticsig@afhs.ab.ca">celticsig@afhs.ab.ca</a>
DIGITAL GENEALOGY	Saturday, May 10	10 am – Noon	<a href="mailto:familygenes@afhs.ab.ca">familygenes@afhs.ab.ca</a>
DNA	Tuesday, May 13	7:00 – 9:00 pm	<a href="mailto:dnasig@afhs.ab.ca">dnasig@afhs.ab.ca</a>
ENGLISH/WELSH	Saturday, May 17	10 am – Noon	<a href="mailto:englishwelshsig@afhs.ab.ca">englishwelshsig@afhs.ab.ca</a>
FAMILY TREE MAKER	Saturday, September 6	10 am – Noon	<a href="mailto:ftmsig@afhs.ab.ca">ftmsig@afhs.ab.ca</a>
LEGACY	Tuesday, May 27	7:00 – 9:00 pm	<a href="mailto:legacysig@afhs.ab.ca">legacysig@afhs.ab.ca</a>
ONTARIO	Monday, May 26	1:30 – 3:30 pm	<a href="mailto:ontariosig@afhs.ab.ca">ontariosig@afhs.ab.ca</a>
WRITING	Friday, May 9	9:30 – 11:30 am	<a href="mailto:writing@afhs.ab.ca">writing@afhs.ab.ca</a>

The AFHS Resource Centre is located at **Suite 251S, 8500 Macleod Trail SE** and all in-person SIG meetings are held there. Members are encouraged to stay after meetings, when possible, to browse the collection!

Our collection has over twelve thousand print items and many are available to be borrowed for a one-month loan. Electronic resources include computers, a multi-function printer, scanners (flatbed and overhead) and a microfiche reader. Journals from around the world are available to view in either print or digital formats. As a **FamilySearch Affiliate Library**, visitors can now view additional FamilySearch digital records at the AFHS Resource Centre that they can't see at home. We also have a subscription to the Canadian newspapers on Newspaper Archive.

## SIG NEWS

Our members can watch recorded sessions of past Society and SIG meetings and view handouts at the AFHS website. You must be **signed in to the website** to access them. Go to Resources, then click on Meeting Videos & Handouts.

Check back often as new content is being added regularly!

- The English/Welsh SIG is having a presentation by Bev Smith on UK Census Records on May 17.
- The handouts from the April English/Welsh SIG presentation on "Border Reivers" are available in the Meeting Videos & Handouts section.

### The Provincial Archives of Alberta

Amber Godfrey

Anyone doing research on their ancestors who lived in Alberta should become familiar with the Provincial Archives of Alberta. Located in Edmonton at 8555 Roper Road, it is open Tuesday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. If you are visiting in person, be aware that archival material is not retrieved between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm or after 3:30 pm.

**Tip:** To make the best use of your time, read through the section on the website called Search Your Genealogy. It lists some of the most popular genealogy sources that they have, gives you tips on which indexes to search beforehand and explains things to know before you go.

<https://provincialarchives.alberta.ca/index.php/how-to/search-your-genealogy>

If you can't make a visit to the Archives in person, you can still use the resources available online. One of the most popular online resources is the historical Vital Statistics index. You can search for birth, stillbirth, marriage, Indigenous marriage or death records that have become available to the public. Births are currently available from 1870 – 1905, stillbirths from 1914 –1949, marriages from 1870 – 1950, Indigenous marriages from 1914 –1949 and deaths from 1870 – 1875. New records are released each year, so check the website to see if there are more available.

Once you have found a record you want, use the Vital Statistics Request form to order the record. A digital copy costs \$5.25 and a photocopy is 79 cents (plus \$3.15 postage for Canada or \$6.30 for international postage).

**Tip:** Be aware that the marriage indexes are organized alphabetically by surname but then each letter is further subdivided according to the first vowel in the surname (e.g. Andrews is under Ae, McLean is under McE) and Y is not considered a vowel (Hyde should be under He).

<https://provincialarchives.alberta.ca/how-to/find-birth-marriage-and-death-records>

[https://provincialarchives.alberta.ca/sites/default/files/2020-07/how-to-order-vital-statistics-online-v2\\_1.pdf](https://provincialarchives.alberta.ca/sites/default/files/2020-07/how-to-order-vital-statistics-online-v2_1.pdf)

A great way to learn about new collections added to the Archives is to check out the What's New section of the website. It lists upcoming events, current exhibits and a New to the Archives section with information about what has recently been added to the collection.

<https://provincialarchives.alberta.ca/whats-new>

The Archives has tips on how to preserve your own historical artifacts and sells archival preservation supplies in their store.

<https://provincialarchives.alberta.ca/who-we-are/we-preserve/personal-archives-preservation-guide>

<https://atms.alberta.ca/paa/store/default.aspx>

If you have a delicate conservation project that you would prefer a professional handle, they offer that service (for a fee). To ask questions and get a quote, contact [archivestore@gov.ab.ca](mailto:archivestore@gov.ab.ca)



# Library Highlights

## **A Big Thank You To All the AFHS Volunteers Who Helped With The Resource Centre Move!**

### **Resource Centre Move Team**

Warren & Marion Peterson, Dorothy Clements, Linda Murray, Gordon Lane, Anna Babaeva

### **Resource Centre Move Volunteers**

**Quotes from Movers:** Linda Murray, Marion Peterson

**Budget Planning:** Dorothy Clements, Anna Babaeva

**Planning of Layout:** Marion & Warren Peterson and Dorothy Clements with input from Library Committee

**Buying New Chairs/Bookshelves:** Dorothy Clements, Marion Peterson

**Book Sale:** Dorothy Clements, Bev Swan, Karen Palmer

**Removing Window Logo at 16 Ave.:** Bev Archer

**Painting at Heritage Square:** Dorothy Clements, Steve Henley, John Palmer, Marion Peterson, Gail Ames, Warren Peterson

**Tech Takedown, Moving & Set-Up:** Warren Peterson, Steve Henley, Marion Peterson

**Packing Library Books:** Linda Murray, Lorna Laughton, Dorothy Clements, Lorna Hawley, Marion Peterson, Christine Hayes, Marg Crumb, Tracy Burr, Jim Benedict

**Detaching and Reattaching Bookshelves:** Warren Peterson

**Setting Up New Bookshelves:** Linda Murray, Marg Crumb, Don Peters, Dorothy Clements, Doug McCannel, Brian Glendinning, Marion Peterson

**Unpacking Library Books:** Linda Murray, Lorna Laughton, Dorothy Clements, Lorna Hawley, Marion Peterson, Christine Hayes, Marg Crumb, Jane Hillsden, Judi Steele, Sharon Corbeill, Sharon White,

**Assembling New Chairs:** Doug McCannel, Dorothy Clements, Linda Murray, Marg Crumb, Sharon White

**Packing, Transporting & Unpacking Kitchen Items:** Dorothy Clements, Lorna Hawley

**Donation & Delivery of Fridge:** Dorothy Clements, Keith Clements

**Donation of Desk:** Joanne & Bruce Johnson

**Transporting Desk:** Warren & Marion Peterson

**Assembling Desk:** Doug McCannel, Ron Gilmore, Marion Peterson

**Transporting Bookshelves from Basement:** Dorothy Clements, Judi Steele, Keith Clements

**Transporting Archives & Other Assorted Items:** Marion & Warren Peterson

Thanks also to the volunteers who will be doing repairs and cleanup at the 16th Avenue location.

We'd also like to thank the employees of Premiere Office Movers and Heritage Square.



## Upcoming Events

### CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### Family History Coaching

In-person at Central Library

**Calgary Public Library**

May 31, 2025 1:00 – 3:00 pm

<https://calgarylibrary.ca/events-and-programs/programs/family-history-coaching>

### UPCOMING EVENTS

\*all times listed are in MDT

#### Secrets for Success: How to Harness the Power of FamilySearch's Full-Text Search

Virtual

**Legacy Family Tree Webinars**

May 31, 2025

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/secrets-for-success-how-to-harness-the-power-of-familysearchs-full-text-search>

#### Foundations in DNA 3 of 5: Understanding Autosomal DNA

Virtual

**Legacy Family Tree Webinars**

June 4, 2025 Noon

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/foundations-in-dna-3-of-5-understanding-autosomal-dna>

#### Beyond Names and Dates – Weather's Role in Your Family's Story with John D. Reid

Virtual

**Bruce County Genealogical Society**

June 9, 2025 5:00 pm

<https://brucecountygenealogicalsociety.ca/upcoming-meetings-events>

#### Exploring Library and Archives Canada Online

Virtual

**Legacy Family Tree Webinars**

June 20, 2025 Noon

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/exploring-library-and-archives-canada-online>

#### The Precarious Lives of 19th Century Black Canadians with Janice Lovelace

Virtual

**Ontario Ancestors**

July 3, 2025 5:00 pm

<https://ogs.on.ca/july-webinar-the-precarious-lives-of-19th-century-black-canadians-janice-lovelace>

#### Dream Genealogy Vacation - Salt Lake City Research Week

In-Person

July 7 – 12, 2025

<https://ancestorseekers.com>

#### Rockbound Roots Conference

In-Person

**The Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador**

July 25 – 27, 2025

<https://rockboundroots.com>

#### Top Newspaper Sites That You MUST RESEARCH!

Virtual

**Legacy Family Tree Webinars**

July 30, 2025 Noon

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/top-newspaper-sites-that-you-must-research>

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## About Our Society

**Alberta Family Histories Society** is a registered non-profit organization that welcomes anyone interested in genealogy and family history! For over 40 years, we've helped people grow their family trees and discover the stories of their roots. We have substantial resources about Calgary and southern Alberta but can help you research your roots worldwide. Our website is <https://afhs.ab.ca>.

We learn from each other in a variety of settings – Society meetings, **Special Interest Group** meetings, workshops and biannual conferences. For up-to-date meeting information, see our website calendar at <https://afhs.ab.ca/calendar>.

Visit one of our most valuable resources - the **AFHS Resource Centre**! While our collection has an emphasis on materials pertaining to Alberta and Canada, we also have basic genealogy books and information from around the world. AFHS is a **FamilySearch Affiliate Library**, which gives you access to FamilySearch records you can't view at home. Our volunteers look forward to showing you what we have to offer for your genealogy research! You can view a catalogue of our holdings at <https://afhs.ab.ca/library>.

Documenting local historical records is part of our mission. **Alberta Ancestors** is a special project to showcase cemetery records at <https://albertaancestors.ca>. Our site features 330 cemeteries and over 250,000 names.

Members have a wealth of opportunities to share strategies, struggles, successes and stories with others who appreciate the challenges of this hobby. One option is for members to share family tree projects and to post stories online as part of our **Family Genes** website at <https://www.familygenes.ca>.

We welcome visitors, so please drop in at a meeting and introduce yourself. Come see how our services and programs can fit your needs. We hope you will join us either in-person or virtually! To receive a guest Zoom invitation to one of the **AFHS Society Meetings**, contact Marion at [communications@afhs.ab.ca](mailto:communications@afhs.ab.ca).

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## AFHS RESOURCE CENTRE

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Calgary, AB T2M 0J8**

### May and June Hours

Thursday, 10 am - 2 pm

Friday, 10 am - 2 pm

Saturday, Noon - 4 pm

*Check our website calendar for any time changes or closures.*



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**Instagram:** abfamilyhistoriessociety



### Land Acknowledgement

In the spirit of reconciliation, we would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather and where we work to preserve the records and family history of those who came before us are on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprising of the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani First Nations), the Tsúut'ínà, the Stoney Nakoda (including the Chiniki, Bearspaw and Goodstoney First Nations), the Métis Nation (Districts 5 & 6) and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.