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Postcard showing the sculptures at the Vimy Memorial. This group is at the base of the front of the memorial and is called "Sympathy for the Helpless."

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MICHELE'S MUSINGS

HELLO & WELCOME TO *CHINOOK* . . .

In the month of April, 100 years ago, Canadian soldiers participated in the Battle of Vimy Ridge. Much has been written about the significance of this battle and, like most historical accounts, there are various versions. However, the one truth that can never be disputed is the terrible loss of life and the serious injuries sustained. Our Canadian troops suffered 10,602 casualties: 3,598 killed and 7,004 wounded.

Michele Buhler

AFHS Chinook Editor

This issue's first story, **Marching with Jack** by Gayle V.R. Carlson chronicles the life of one young man who

left his family too soon. Another article, **Vimy Ridge Monument**, tells of the importance of the impressive, overseas structure that honours all Canadians who have fallen during wartime. Finally, **Battle of Vimy Ridge**, by Colleen P. Hetherington gives suggestions for those who wish to read and learn more about this important event.

The history of **Calgary's United Churches** continues to be explored in Ann William's article. Ann also asks readers to share their own "Calgary" stories by submitting their recollections of Calgary's past.

The biggest news in this month's issue is found in the Insider's Guide to the AFHS — the announcement of the **FamilyRoots 2017 Conference!**

Chinook's next issue celebrates Canada's Sesquicentennial Anniversary — **150 Years of Canadian Heritage!** Please send your story that demonstrates an incident, custom, or celebration of the uniqueness of this country we call home.

The last word goes to recognizing our outgoing president, **Bob Eccleston** who has steered the AFHS for the past two years. I have been impressed with his passion, dedication, and integrity. Bob helped create a strategic plan that sets forth a vision which was created with the full input of members and which, if realized, will put the organization on a solid foundation. The biggest impediment to success is "boots on the ground". One hundred years ago, Canadian men answered the call. Today, we are fortunate to be able to volunteer instead to our communities because we do not have to make the types of sacrifices of previous generations. Can you spare a couple of hours a week to benefit a cause you believe in? I know patriotic talk is not something we speak much of in our country, but I believe that sharing what we learn as genealogists is a gift not only to ourselves and our families but to future generations as well.

As always, **my inbox is waiting!** editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

HELLO EVERYONE . . .

All through my professional, corporate, small business, and volunteer career, I have enjoyed the challenge of working with and providing leadership to a wide-range of people in various industries, interests, and disciplines. I was reminded the other day that being a leader in a volunteer organization such as AFHS requires skills that are not necessarily learned in the corporate or small business world. So true.

Bob Eccleston

AFHS President

I was also reminded how important it is to bring "heart" to the job. For me "heart" embodies passion, compassion, energy, and time. I hope I have brought my "heart" along for the ride the past two years as your President. I have tried hard to bring to AFHS the skills and experience I have gathered through fifty years in my various business and volunteer roles, and I have acknowledged and learned along the way that there are always new and different challenges with each role. I've learned that I can't necessarily "assume" that the volunteer leadership challenges are or will be the same as those in my past corporate world.

For one, as a leader in a volunteer organization, you can't assume that your volunteers are on the same "journey" as you are; everyone has their own reasons for stepping in and offering their time. Thank goodness for that. And even if they do share your vision in general, their level of engagement and execution may be different. The energy that people are willing to commit to a task or a role will be different from yours, and you can't (again) assume anything.

Each volunteer brings their own "heart" to our Society and, hopefully, I have respected that. I appreciate all volunteers regardless of your participation, your energy and/or your commitment. Each and every hour you contribute is wonderful, as you represent the lifeblood and the "guts" of what we're trying to do. Thank you.

As Sheila Bjerreskov replaces me on April 3rd as your President, I wish her well. Sheila has my 100% support as she goes forward with new energy, new ideas, and new passion. We will also soon welcome several new Board and Committee members. Thank you for volunteering your time and energy; I look forward to working with you in my new role as Past President.

Thank you to all the folks who do their part to keep AFHS viable, fun, and valuable to our members. And thank you for the journey; it's been great fun. I've learned a lot and met some wonderful people with a whole lot of heart.

Bob Eccleston
President, AFHS

AFHS GENERAL MEETINGS

General meetings are held the first Monday of every month from September to June, unless they fall on a statutory holiday, in which case the meeting is moved to the following week.

If you are a member, feel free to send the Program Committee suggestions about topics, speakers, format and other matters. Contact the Committee with any ideas you may have. programs@afhs.ab.ca

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MARCHING WITH JACK

By Gayle V.R. Carlson

Every year on November 11, we come across the words of the poem "In Flanders Fields" and I remember that my grandmother knew that poem by heart and my mother learned to recite it also. For my grandmother, the poem spoke to her heart about her dear brother, Jack, who bravely marched off to fight in the First World War but never returned. It is for my grandmother who will always be a personal hero of mine that I have wanted to write the story of her brother. For now that she is gone and no one speaks of him anymore, how else will Jack be remembered?

Thinking of the hurt that war must have brought to many families, I realised that my other grandmother, my father's mother, also lost a very dear brother in that same war, and my great aunt Polly lost her husband. These were my family's lost soldiers of the Great War, WW1. They had no children of their own; they gave their lives too young. I would like to know that the newer generations of the families from which they came, and from which I came, will know their stories long after I am gone too. And so, I joined the Alberta Family History Society's writer's workshop facilitated by Chinook's editor, Michele Buhler, this past fall to begin my writing. I plan to publish a small book for my family which I think I will call "Our Soldiers – Family Treasures". Two of our soldiers fought and survived the battle at Vimy Ridge in April 1917. Although both were wounded, they went on to fight in other battles which followed over the next year, but both were eventually killed just a few months before the end of the war was declared in November 1918. Here is my first story to remember my Grandmother's dear brother who was killed during the preparations for the Battle at Vimy Ridge.



John Percival Mitcheson

June 16, 1892 - March 1, 1917

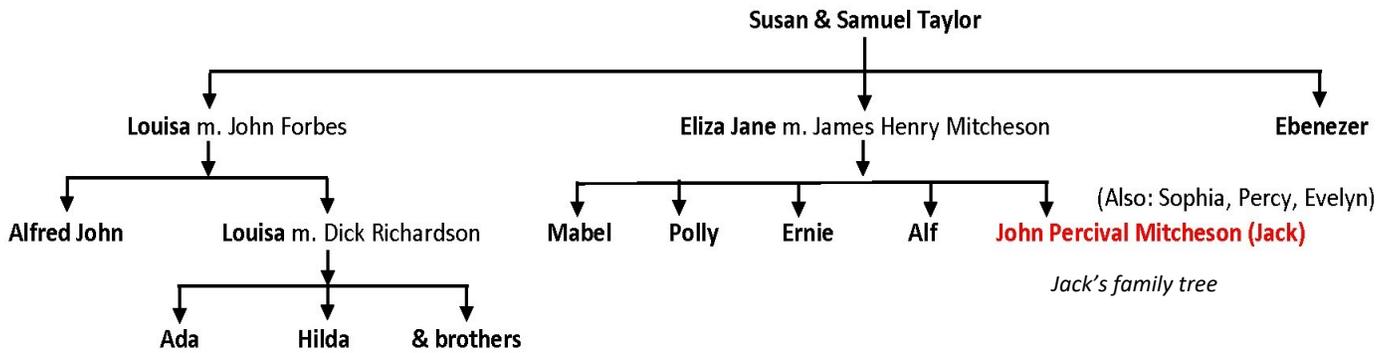
Enlisted March 17, 1916

CEF Regimental number 228184

Served in Canadian Infantry, 75th Battalion

Died age 24

"Buried" at Vimy Memorial, Pas de Calais, France



John Percival Mitcheson, or Jack, as he was always called, was born June 16, 1892, to my great grandparents, James Henry Mitcheson and Eliza Jane Taylor, in Toronto, Ontario. His parents met and married in Toronto, each having immigrated to Canada from England in the 1870's. Jack was a summer baby and would have been a great play thing for his two older sisters, Mabel (my grandmother) and Polly, then aged 7 and 8. He might have been an object of curiosity for his two older brothers too, Ernie and Alf, aged 9 and 11; but they were probably happy to leave him in the care of his sisters. His mother likely just hoped he would survive since she had already suffered the loss of her first dear baby, Sophia Mabel, at age 3, and then only the previous year both Percy, age 2, and Evelyn, at 1 year old, were lost. There was always a risk that some illness or accident would happen to steal a child away.

When Eliza and James were first married (Oct 31, 1879), they lived with Eliza's older widowed sister Louisa Forbes on Wellesley Street in Toronto. Louisa and her husband, John, a carpenter, had emigrated in the late 1860's. They had left their two young children, Alfred John and Louisa in the care of their grandparents in England, as they tried to make a start in Toronto. In June 1873, Eliza age 20 and her niece Louisa Forbes age 14 sailed to Quebec, listed as domestics. They were headed for Toronto to help the widowed Louisa. Her parents, Susan and Samuel Taylor, a brother, Ebenezer, and Louisa's son who had apprenticed as a carpenter in England and was now age 16 sailed to Canada in September 1874. Samuel and Ebenezer set up shop in Toronto in their trade as boot and shoe makers living at Louisa's on Wellesley Street, and Louisa supported herself by providing nursing services. In 1880, Louisa's daughter married Dick Richardson who was studying to be a lawyer, and they stayed on at the house on Wellesley Street starting their own family.

Eliza and James moved to a small house close by on Ontario Street as their family too was growing and James worked as a gardener, a sexton of All Saints Church and finally as a bank messenger for the Royal Bank. On Sundays, after church, the families would take a short walk down Wellesley Street to St. James Cemetery near Parliament Street and Gramma said that she and Polly would play hopscotch on the gravestones, while her mother and father would visit the family plot where their other babies were buried.

It is said that James Henry Mitcheson was a “gentleman” as he regularly received money sent from his family in London, England. James came alone to Canada in 1875 as a cabin passenger aboard the steam vessel, SS Thames, at age 23. His father, also named James Henry, was a master mariner and ship owner, so indeed his family did have some wealth. Although he was his father’s namesake, James Henry Mitcheson did not have the university education that his older brother, John Hopkins Mitcheson, received and who became a noted surgeon in London. All things line up to suggest that James was perhaps not the brightest young man and was cast off to the new world to make the best of his life on his own and with some family support to stay in Canada.

Grandmother said that when her father was looking to buy some land in the country, he had considered a parcel for sale to the west of the city proper. He passed up that opportunity as my grandmother sometimes sadly noted or they would have actually owned what is today Toronto’s High Park.

A great investment would have been in the farmland to the north of the city. Gramma said the city ended then at Bloor Street and from there it was all mostly farmland. In the mid-1890’s, Jack’s father found the farm he wanted near Oakville. Polly and Mabel had to walk to a country school trying hard to keep their white pinafores and school dresses clean. It would have been a hard life for their mother, Eliza, scrubbing dresses on a washboard, but young Jack probably had a great time playing in the fields. On weekends, Louisa and Dick Richardson’s children, Ada and Hilda and their brothers who were close in age to their Mitcheson cousins would come out from the city to have some fun in the country. Gramma said that when she was growing up she and Polly and Jack were considered to be the wealthy cousins with the country home, but time and circumstances later turned the table as Hilda married well and would pass down her older clothes for my grandmother to remake into dresses for my mother and her sisters.

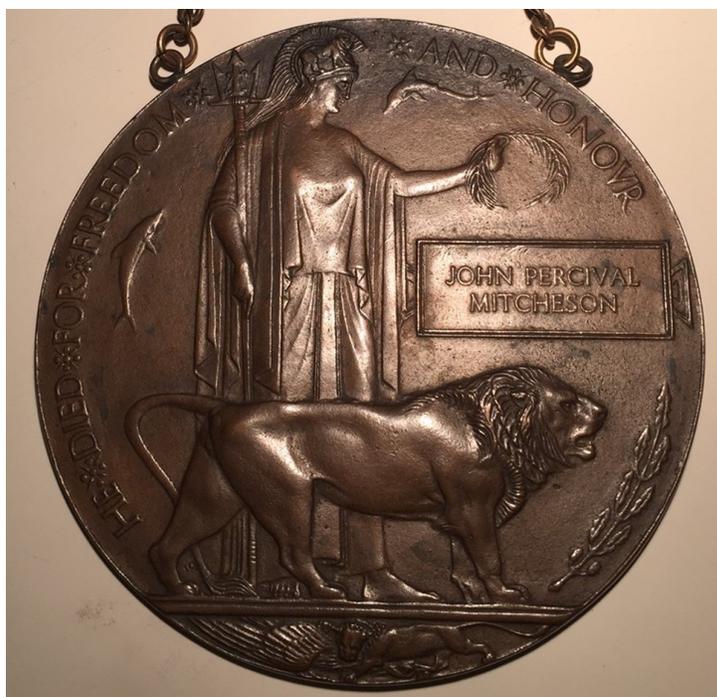
By 1901 Jack’s brother Alf had left the home in Oakville to join the soldiers of the Boer War in South Africa and 16-year-old Mabel had finished at the country school and moved back to the city, rooming with her Aunt Louisa and her grandparents, Samuel and Susan Taylor. Her grandparents passed away within three months of each other in 1903 both in their 90’s. (There must be a love story there.) Mabel took up a clerical job with a legal firm, but she really wanted to be a nurse like her Aunt Louisa. Polly had stayed on at the farm helping her mother with Jack and her older brother Ernie. Farming must have proven more difficult for his family than James expected or tragedy turned their hearts against the country life. Gramma had said,

“Willie drowned in the well.” James took up his job again in the city with the Royal Bank and by 1907 they had moved back and bought a three-story townhome at 271 Wellesley Street with a big bay front window. Eliza’s health was not good and she probably wanted to be close to her sister who was by then a well-respected nurse living at 255 Wellesley with her brother Ebenezer and his wife, and Louisa’s daughter and husband, the Richardson’s, with their children. So Jack had lots of family members living very close by. Gramma said they had lots of fun playing pranks and dressing up for costume parties. They loved books and music and had their own large Stella music box in the living room that they would wind up and listen to the magical notes produced by big round metal disks, playing: Faith of my Father, Rock of Ages, Abide with Me Lord, Annie Lorrie, and The Band Played On. I still have this music box.

Jack completed his schooling in Toronto at Winchester Street School, 15 Prospect Street, and his name was recorded on a remembrance plaque at the school for their boys who fought in the war. When Jack started working, he worked at the United Shoe Machinery Company. Perhaps he was influenced to follow this line of work by watching his uncle Ebenezer working at his trade.

I always thought Jack was just a teenager who was forced to join the army as Gramma had said he was so young and should never have gone overseas. Facts show that Jack was in his twenties. He likely got caught up in the excitement and thoughts of a short adventure to Europe.

His enlistment papers do not indicate that he was conscripted as I had thought and in fact, conscription in Canada did not take place until after August 1917. Jack volunteered to go overseas. He may have felt pressure from his father and older brothers and relations. His brother, Alf, who had served and returned unscathed from the Boer War had applied for and taken up a soldier’s land grant in western Canada. His sister Polly’s husband, Charles Foord, had signed up the summer before and his troop was about to ship out. Mabel had had her own summer adventure in England visiting with her aunts and cousins in 1912. She had also recently returned to Toronto from studying nursing in New York City and she was now making wedding plans for that summer. There was lots of excitement in the air. Maybe he told his sisters that he didn’t want to leave them, but he believed like others at the time that the war would be short and he needed to help in the Canadian effort to save Britain and have his own adventures.



Medal given to family in honor of Jack's sacrifice with the inscription:

"HE DIED FOR FREEDOM AND HONOUR"

JOHN PERCIVAL MITCHESON

Jack signed up on St. Patrick's Day, 1916, with the 201st Battalion which was said to be a Toronto temperance battalion of former school cadets. The 201st Battalion was broken up in Canada in September 1916 as they hadn't raised sufficient new recruits for a full battalion and Jack was transferred to the 170th Battalion and embarked from Halifax on October 25, 1916, aboard the *Mauritania*. There must have been calm seas as they arrived in England only six days later on October 31. In December, 250 men of the 170th Battalion were drafted into the 75th Battalion. Perhaps Jack had some choice in that assignment knowing that his brother-in-law, Charlie, had also been transferred from his original battalion, the 84th, into the 75th Battalion and perhaps he thought they might fight side by side. The 75th Battalion was sent to France in December 1916, where they were consolidating the Canadian battalions for a planned spring assault on Vimy Ridge.

As the story goes, the family never knew what actually happened to Jack, their beloved baby brother. They just got a notice that he was missing in action while serving in France. His military papers say he was at the attack southeast of Souchez on March 1, 1917; "Previously reported wounded and missing, now for official purposes presumed to have died on or since." For many years they hoped it was a mistake and Jack was wandering in Europe shell shocked and that perhaps he would come home someday. Many families would have hoped the same when there was no body found and no burial place. All the family had after the war was his military picture in a large oval frame and a bronze medallion honouring his service in the war.

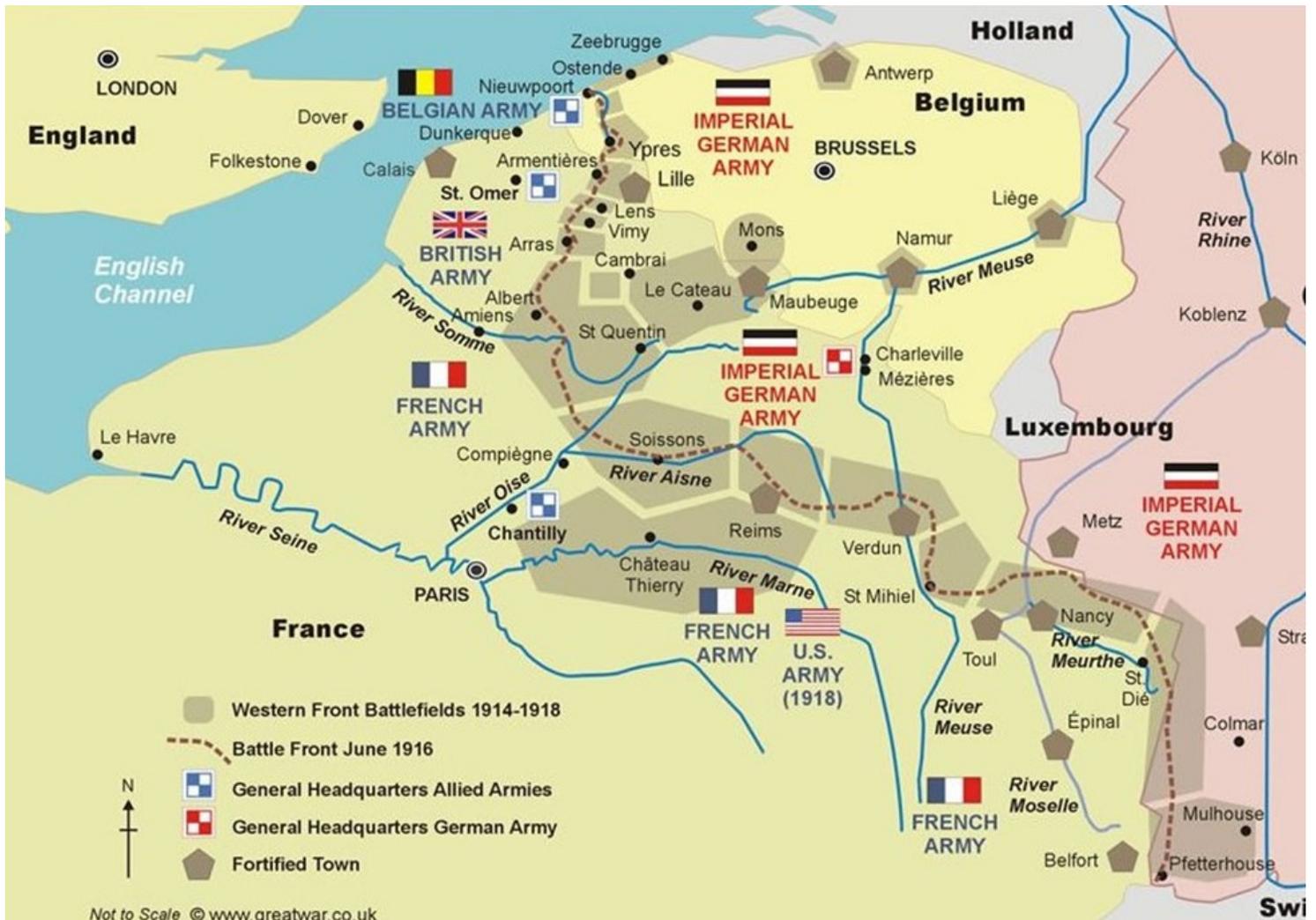
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Military papers reporting the death of J.P. Mitcheson

The war diaries have now been published, and I have found details which tell more of what were probably Jack's last hours.

He was serving with the Canadian infantry 75th Battalion in France as part of the 11th Brigade. An operation was planned to test the German defences on Hill 145 near Vimy. On March 1, 1917, gas was to be discharged in two waves at 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. toward enemy lines, intended to "incapacitate any Germans caught without masks. The remainder would have had their masks on for a long time, or would be caught by the 2nd wave [of gas] if they had taken their masks off."

Unfortunately a light wind came up and only two-thirds of the gas was let off at 3 a.m. and none at 5 a.m. At 5:40 a.m. 2000 Canadian soldiers moved forward, from the right the 12th Brigade with machine guns, trench mortars and rifle grenades and from the left, Jack's brigade, the 11th, moved forward but they were immediately detected and encountered heavy rifle and machine gun fire and red flares before they were even past their own wire under cover of their artillery barrages. All the same, it was reported that they penetrated the enemy support line and killed a large number in hand-to-hand combat. The release of the gas had not been effective, and in fact, had alerted the enemy to a possible forthcoming attack so that the enemy lines were strongly held and provided heavy opposition. It was reported that enemy casualties were thought to be heavy whereas "our casualties are not thought to be very heavy considering the wide frontage covered and the depth to which we penetrated his line." Most of the men returned to their own trenches as was planned after approximately two hours of combat,



Map of Vimy Ridge

There is no Canadian flag on this map. The Canadian soldiers were fighting under the Red Ensign and were supporting Britain. This is why history speaks of Canada's participation in the Great War as "the Making of a Nation". The battle at Vimy Ridge was the first battle where Canadian battalions fought together as one unit. France gave the land under Hill 145 to Canada in perpetuity. On the map above, Hill 145 is just a little to the east (left) of the dot which marks "Vimy" and there Canada built the Vimy Memorial to our Canadian soldiers. Now we can say Jack Percival Mitcheson lies buried on Canadian soil.

though firing continued throughout the day. Visibility was good. "So far a total of one officer and 44 other ranks have been reported as under." Ten of those men who fell were from the 11th Brigade. Jack was among them.

Private John Percival Mitcheson is listed on the Vimy War Memorial in France. His remains were never found. Gramma went to France in her eighties to see the memorial and to see Jack's name on it. She visited the monument with her youngest daughter, my Aunt Madeleine, who was spending some time in France with missionary work. It would have been a good opportunity for Gramma at that time to actually see the monument.



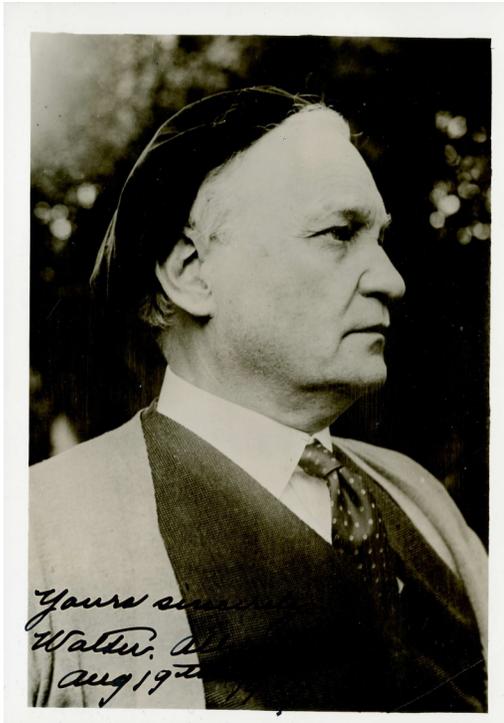
In 1978, Gramma had a bad fall down some stairs and broke her hip. As she lay in her hospital bed at age 92, I visited her and found her softly dreaming with a big smile on her face. I stroked her cheek thinking how soft her skin was and how beautiful she was still, even with some wrinkles. As her eyes flickered a bit, I said quietly, "Hi, Gramma, it's Gayle here to visit you. How are you feeling?" And she said, with eyes closed and still with the big smile, "I'm marching. Marching. I'm marching with Jack." Gramma died not long after my visit, obviously with her memories and the dreams of her treasured brother still very close to her heart.

[Above & below] Gramma (Mabel Elizabeth Mitcheson) at the Vimy Memorial & in the trenches in 1965.



Gayle Carlson grew up in Richmond Hill, Ontario, and completed degrees in English and Computer Science at York University. She moved with her husband to Airdrie, Alberta in 1979. Recently retired from a career as a Systems Analyst in Calgary, she is now fully enjoying her lifelong passion for horses and, as a member of AFHS, is exploring and documenting her English, Welsh and Scottish family roots.

VIMY RIDGE MONUMENT



Walter Allward George Metcalf Archival Collection
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Vimy Ridge in northern France is Canada's largest overseas national memorial.

The Memorial

Situated on land granted by France to the Canadian people, the memorial towers over the scene of Canada's most recognizable First World War engagement, the Battle of Vimy Ridge, fought from 9 to 12 April 1917. The imposing structure was designed by Walter Allward, one of Canada's most famous sculptors, whose commissions included the national memorial commemorating Canada's participation in the South African War (1899-1902).

Allward began work on the Vimy memorial in 1925 and completed it 11 years later at a cost of \$1.5 million. It is adorned by 20 allegorical figures representing faith, justice, peace, honour, charity, truth, knowledge, and hope. A key figure, "Canada mourning her fallen sons," speaks to the country's wartime losses. The Vimy Memorial is inscribed with the names of 11,285 Canadians who were killed on French soil and have no known graves.

The Legacy

The Vimy Memorial was unveiled in July 1936 to a crowd of more than 100,000, including 6,000 Canadian veterans who had traveled overseas for the ceremony. The Memorial survived the Second World War, despite fears that German forces would destroy it after France's surrender. Adolf Hitler visited and was photographed at the site in 1940. Since the Second World War, there have been several formal, and countless informal, Canadian pilgrimages to the Memorial and the 91-hectare park of Canadian trees and shrubs surrounding it.

In 2007, after several years of extensive restoration work, the Vimy Ridge Memorial was unveiled to dignitaries and several thousand Canadian visitors. It is the principal site of Canadian remembrance and commemoration overseas, and one of the most widely recognized symbols of Canada's military past.

Source: Canadian War Museum

BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE

By Colleen P. Hetherington

The Battle of Vimy Ridge is considered one of the most significant events in Canadian history. It took place from Easter Monday on April 9th through April 12, 1917 during the Great War, World War I. In this battle the Canadian Corps was successful in achieving a military goal where others had failed. The Canadian's success allowed the advancement of the British Third Army and prevented further German attacks in the area.



Painting "Battle of Vimy Ridge" by Richard Jack

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The significance of the Vimy Battle has inspired many fictionalized accounts and, of course, historical examinations. Some suggestions for further reading are provided below:

Fiction

The Stonecarvers by Jane Urquhart – This novel by one of Canada's preeminent authors traces the story of a Canadian family through three generations culminating at the construction of the Vimy Memorial.

<http://penguinrandomhouse.ca/books/182070/stone-carvers#9780771086397>

Non-Fiction

Vimy by Pierre Burton – The planning and events are recounted by a noted Canadian historian. <http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/131110/vimy-by-pierre-burton/9780385658423>

Vimy: The Battle and the Legend by Tim Cook – Recently published, a fresh look at the events and significance of Vimy.

<http://penguinrandomhouse.ca/books/547285/vimy#9780735233164>

Internet Links of Interest

The Battle of Vimy Ridge – The Canadian Encyclopedia

<http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/vimy-ridge/>

The Vimy Foundation – Dedicated to supporting awareness and importance of Vimy Day

<http://www.vimyfoundation.ca/>

Calgary Connections promotes stories of families and institutions in Calgary. Do you have a story to share with us? Is there a certain topic that you would like to read stories about?

Please e-mail your stories and suggestions to editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca

UNITED CHURCHES LISTED IN THE 1950 HENDERSON'S DIRECTORY CENTRAL UNITED & KNOX UNITED CHURCHES—PART I

By Ann Williams

Central United had its beginnings in the Methodist movement, Knox United was a Presbyterian Church but these churches supported each other, particularly in their early years. At the national level, discussions between Canadian Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists resulted in many churches of these denominations (including Central and Knox) coming together in 1925 to form the United Church of Canada, a religious denomination unique to this country.

Both Central and Knox United have material in Calgary's Glenbow Archives.



Present-day Central United Church

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH

Central United takes its ancestry back through three "generations" of worship and service to the community beginning with The McDougall Ministry of 1875-1883 (which from 1877 had its own log church just west of Fort Calgary). The next iteration was as the Calgary Methodist Church (1883-1905) which in its organization and attitudes was distinctively Canadian. The third iteration, made necessary by the founding of other Methodist Churches in Calgary, was as Central Methodist Church (1905-1925) which in 1925 became Central United Church.

Stepping back to 1883, the first Calgary Methodist Church was a wood and canvas structure near Fort Calgary which was physically moved to the corner of 8th Avenue and 4th Street East when Calgary's "downtown" was established. Three more locations for the Calgary Methodist Church followed: in 1884 a wooden building on the corner of 7th Avenue and 1st

Street East; in 1889 a brick building with seating for about 300 at the corner of 6th Avenue and 2nd Street West and finally the sandstone building, dedicated in 1905, which still stands at the corner of 1st Street and 7th Avenue SW which at the time of its construction was the largest structure in Calgary with seating for 1,975. Later renovations increased the capacity.

In 1975 Central United Church celebrated its 100th Anniversary. The Honourable E. Peter Lougheed was Alberta Premier at the time and his letter of congratulation begins:

"It is with a very deep sense of history that I extend greetings to all of the participants in the Centennial Celebrations of the Central United Church in Calgary. This year, 1975, marks the 100th anniversary of Central United – a church that had its proud beginning when Reverend John McDougal held the first service in the Northwest Mounted Police Barracks in 1875.

Apart from the fact that these celebrations mark an important milestone in the history of the Church in Calgary, this occasion also holds a very special significance for my family and me. My grandfather, Sir James Lougheed, and my grandmother, Lady Isabel Hardisty Lougheed, were active members of the congregation and, in fact, were married in the Church."

KNOX UNITED CHURCH

Knox United Church celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 1983, taking its founding back to a Presbyterian service held in the I.G. Baker store in June of 1883. By October of that year, Presbyterian services were being held in their own "Wooden Kirk".

The wooden church was replaced three years later (1886) by a freestone church at the corner of Centre Street and 7th Avenue South. This second Knox church was the first large stone building in Calgary and had seating for 330. The third Knox church was built in 1905 at the corner of Centre Street and 7th Avenue North. The present church at the corner of 6th Avenue and 4th Street SW was dedicated in 1913, its tower making it the tallest structure in Calgary at the time.

Alderman William Ross, great grandfather of Marnie Kelly, died in 1914. The funeral service was led by Rev. John A. Clarke, then Minister of Knox, who said of Alderman Ross that he was "one of the foremost



Present-day Knox United Church

and active members of the church". The widow of Alderman Ross later donated a bible for the Knox pulpit.

In 1925 the congregation of Knox voted on whether to join the United Church of Canada – the majority were in favour, but a minority voted to (and did) continue as Knox Presbyterian Church.



Rev. John A. Clark and his wife about 1915 in front of the splendid pulpit in the new Knox Church.

WELL-SPRING OF GOOD WILL

Both Central and Knox United Churches were important in the development of the Calgary we know today. The photographs below show only a sample of the roles in the governance of the city, province and country that people who worshiped at Central or Knox took on.



*Parliament Ottawa
Prime Minister R.B. Bennett
(Central United)*



*Alberta Legislature
Premier E. Peter Lougheed
(Central United)*



*Calgary Fire Hall #1
Fire Chief "Cappy" Smart
(Knox United)*



*Old City Hall
Alderman William Ross
(Knox United)*

As recorded in the 1950's Henderson's Directory, United Churches topped the list of religious denominations in Calgary:

18	United
15	Anglican
10	Roman Catholic
9	Baptist
9	Salvation Army
7	Presbyterian
7	Lutheran

Sources:

1950 Henderson's Directory (AFHS Library)

Guide to Family History Research in the Archival Repositories of the United Church of Canada compiled by Committee on Archives and History, The United Church of Canada pub. 1996 The Ontario Genealogical Society

They Gathered at the River 1875-1975 pub. Central United Church, Calgary, 1975 (AFHS library)

A heart that has a beat for 100 years; A rhythm with a firm foundation. Essay by Darren Takenaka (2005)

Website of Central United Church

Calgary Knox 1883-1983 by Charles W. Ross pub. 1983 (AFHS library)

Picture credits:

Rev. & Mrs. Clark in Knox United Church about 1915 – Duane & Marnie Kelly

Central & Knox United Churches, Calgary Fire Hall #1, Calgary's Old City Hall, the Alberta Legislature and the Houses of Parliament taken from the internet

DO YOU HAVE A STORY FOR CALGARY CONNECTIONS?

Below I've listed ideas for future '**Calgary Connections**' articles. Please take a quick peek at the list – I'd love to be able to include personal stories or photographs in these articles. I can be reached at englishwelshsig@afhs.ab.ca

- Early Churches in Calgary (ie: United, Baptist, Catholic, Moravian, etc.)
- Early Bank Branches in Calgary
- Early schools in Calgary
- Calgary Then and Now – photographs of the same site, perhaps with different buildings, larger trees etc.
- Remembered Tales of WW1 – WW1 is now out of living memory, but I'd love to hear of remembered family stories of those whose lives were disrupted by that war.
- Any topic that has relevance to the beginnings of our city.

Ann Williams has been a member of the AFHS for many years and is currently the co-ordinator of the English/Welsh SIG. Ann's family research is solely in England and Wales and she is also a member of the Sussex Family History Group, the Clwyd Family History Society and the Guild of One-Name Studies. Her current research obsession is the Canadian WW2 army while in Southern England.

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CALL FOR ARTICLES

We want your stories!

150 Years of Canadian Heritage

Submission Deadline: May 15, 2017



The land Canada calls home is ancient, but the country is still young – only 150 years! In such a relatively short time, Canada’s first peoples along with those who immigrated from all over the globe, have left a rich heritage for their descendants. There are many things that make us unique in the world – our culture, our people, our land, and of course our six time zones! (Surely, there’s a story about how everything is a half hour later in Newfoundland.) Many of our ancestors helped to form this new land and contributed to its heritage. Do you have a story you’d like to share with our readers?

For those worried about grammar, spelling or writing in general, editing and support are available!

Photo: Canada's first prime minister, Sir John A. MacDonal (Library and Archives Canada)

PUBLICATION & SUBMISSION DATES:

Theme	Submission Deadline	Issue Date	Volume, Number
150 Years of Canadian Heritage	May 15, 2017	July 2017	Volume 37, N. 3
Keeping in Touch—Mail & Telegraph	August 15, 2017	October 2017	Volume 37, N. 4
Education in a New Land	November 15, 2017	January 2018	Volume 38, N. 1
WW1	February 15, 2018	April 2018	Volume 38, N. 2

Please email editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca for more information or to submit an article!

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INSIDER'S GUIDE TO THE AFHS

Due to inclement weather in both January and February, the AFHS was forced to cancel two general monthly meetings! A rare happening indeed! Content for the "Insider's Guide to the AFHS" was scant, so it was decided that the space would be utilized to help fellow genealogists in their search for answers.

FAMILYROOTS 2017

Mark your calendars for September 23, 2017!

The AFHS is proud to present **FamilyRoots 2017!** This conference will have something for everyone - beginner to advanced! We are pleased to have secured two keynote speakers - Dave Obee and Lesley Anderson. The planning committee is in the process of speaker selection for the remainder of the sessions and the conference website is being designed. It's going to be a great conference!

HELP WANTED!

Do you like to take photos? Do you attend most monthly meetings?

The AFHS and this column, in particular, is looking for someone to take photos at AFHS events.

Do you attend any of the AFHS SIG meetings?

It's hard to be in more than one place at a time. If you regularly attend any of the AFHS SIGS and would be able to send photos and short descriptions of these events that would be wonderful!! Your editor will be forever grateful! Please speak to me at a meeting or email me at editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & SPECIAL RESOLUTION

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with AFHS Bylaws, 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 are available to members at the Alberta Family Histories Society Library and Office.

THE SEDDON FAMILY TAPESTRY

The tapestry on the right was donated to the Calgary Kerby museum years ago minus any family or ancestor information. Unfortunately, the Calgary Kerby Museum is closing in early 2017. The museum staff would appreciate reuniting this family heirloom with a member or members of the Seddon family.

Please contact Kerby Museum worker Bea at 403-295-2437.

Names stitched on the tapestry:

John Seddon married Alice Green April 27, 1840

Samuel Seddon born March 12 1843

Thomas Seddon born February 13, 1845

Mary Ann Seddon born June 3, 1847

Betsy Seddon born July 10, 1850

Alfred Seddon born February 23, 1852

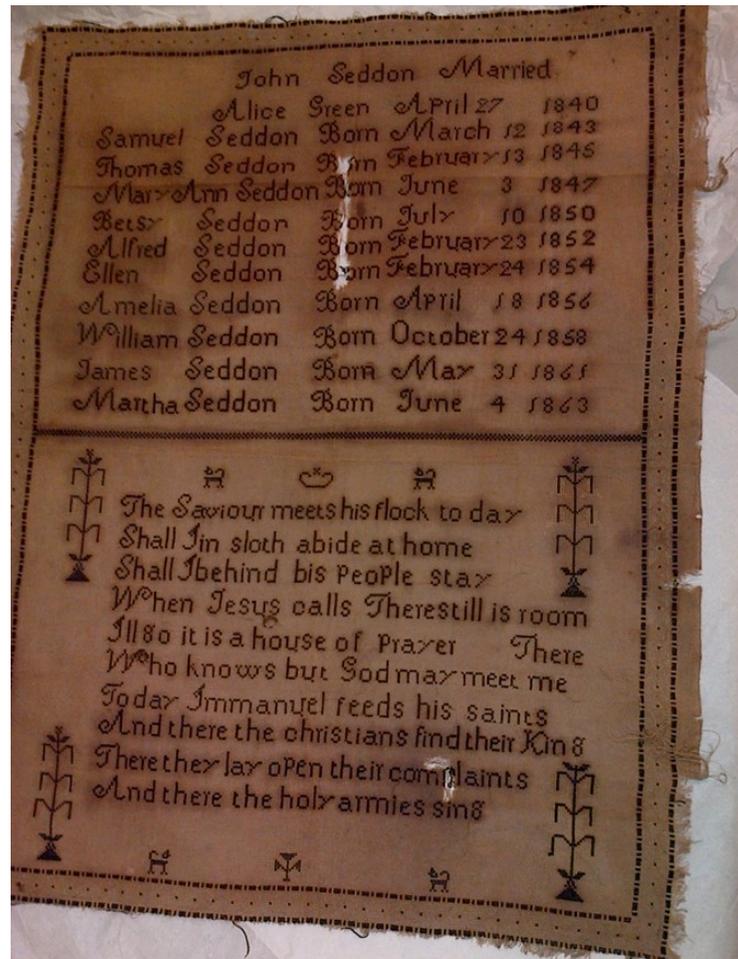
Ellen Seddon born February 24, 1854

Amelia Seddon born April 18, 1856

William Seddon born October 24, 1858

James Seddon born May 31, 1861

Martha Seddon born June 4, 1863



Poem stitched on the tapestry:

*The Saviour meets his flock today
Shall I in sloth abide at home
Shall I behind his people stay
When Jesus calls There still is room
Ill go it is a house of prayer There
Who knows but God may meet me
Today Immanuel feeds his saints
And there the Christians find their King
There they lay open their complaints
And there the holy armies sing*

CAN YOU HELP?

Elizabeth Davison is looking for information on **Naomi DALE** born in 1891 at Faversham, Kent (England). Her full name was Naomie Emmie Dale. She was a domestic servant who came to Canada in September 1927 as part of the Empire Settlement Programme. When she arrived she was staying at the Calgary Women's Hostel.

If you are able to help, please contact Elizabeth Davison at elizdav@aol.com

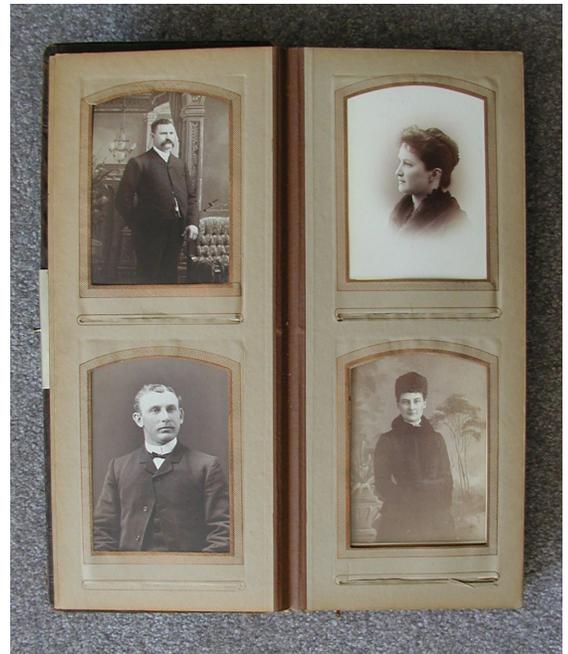


S ometime ago, and no one was able to give me even an approximate date, the Wetaskiwin Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society was handed an old book. A renovation crew, preparing to do some work on an old house in Wetaskiwin found this book in the attic. In fact, the son of one of our members was on that crew and he gave the book to his mom who passed it on to our branch. I have been unable to determine if this act was done for safe keeping or if the branch was to research the book. The book in question was not a written book, but rather a photo album dating back to 1893. Finding this album in our branch's library, I decided to research the album.

The album has a dark brown leather cover, is about 2 1/2 inches thick, and contains 64 cabinet card photos; 63 of people and 1 of a horse. I scanned the photos, front and back, if required, into my computer and then catalogued them with all inscribed information. Only 2

photos have names written on the back, and thus the need to try to identify, not only the names of the people in the photos, but the descendants who deserve to have the album. The main clue is found on the inside cover, where is written the name "*J. A. Arnold (John & Jennie)*" and in another's handwriting, "*Xmas 1893-From Grant's Ranch Boys*". Since cabinet card photos were popular in North America from 1870 to 1900, the time parameter is correct. Another trait of cabinet card photos is the printing of the photography studio's name on the card. Of the 64 photos, 59 have studio names along with their addresses; 30 from Ontario, 14 from Michigan, 11 from South Dakota and 4 from other states. I decided to research the Arnold family to see if, in fact, the migration pattern would follow the studio addresses.

My first task was to determine what Arnold family had resided in Wetaskiwin. From the AGS Cemetery Database I discovered that 8 Arnolds were buried in the two Wetaskiwin Cemeteries. Two were immediately of great



interest; John and Jane Arnold who had died two months apart in 1946 at age 84. From local history books I discovered that John and Jane were childless; that Jane was, at least among close friends, known as Jennie; and that in later years both had health issues. With no children, I decided to re-research the other 6 Arnolds in the Wetaskiwin cemeteries to rule out extended family ties to John and Jane.

Since the history books cited ill health, and since many farmers retire in towns with medical facilities, I approached the City of Wetaskiwin Archives to review the tax assessment roll for 1945/6 to see if John had purchased property in Wetaskiwin. I was lucky and found that he indeed had purchased property in the spring of 1946, only months before Jane's death in June. The City archivist was able to determine the address in our current system and also that the latest renovation permit was issued in 2003. Thus we now know where the album had been kept for 50+ years and we can assume that the album arrived at our branch after 2003.

I next checked online for John Arnold born about 1862. I found one born in 1882, 20 years younger. My heart skipped a beat when I came across a John A. Arnold with the wife's name of Jennie. He was born about 4 years after the John in Wetaskiwin, married 10 years later, with both he and Jennie passing away in the early 1940's in Ontario without any found descendants. After extensive research I found out that Jennie was earlier in her life recorded as Jane. I was left with one John Arnold, the one from Wetaskiwin, without an initial "A" and whose wife's name was Jane.

John Arnold was born about 1862 in **Ontario**. He was the 7th child of 8 born to William Arnold (b. abt. 1811, d. 1883) and Esther Payne (b. abt. 1825, d. 1883). William and Esther immigrated to Canada from England prior to 1849. They both died in 1883 when they were struck by a train. John's wife, Jane Leeson, was born about 1863, also in Ontario. Jane was the 2nd of 3 children born to Welburn (b. abt. 1833, d. 1920) and Sarah Ann (b. abt. 1835, d. 1919) Leeson, both born in England. Both Welburn and Sarah Ann died in Manitoba. John and Jane were married in 1885 and immigrated to **South Dakota** in 1891. They lived there until 1903 when a friend in Alberta encouraged them to come to Alberta where the farming was good and the land cheap. They took up farming southeast of Wetaskiwin.

John had 7 siblings, 3 older brothers and 4 sisters. His oldest sister, *Harriet* (b. abt. 1849, d. 1951), married a Robert Grant (b. abt. 1848, d. 1942) in 1874 in Ontario. They had one son, Carleton Wilmot (b. 1884 d. 1939),



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born in Manitoba. In 1901 they were managing a boarding house in Manitoba with 9 male and 2 female residents. It is highly likely that the album was gifted to John and Jane for Christmas in 1893 by Harriet and Robert Grant; thus the inscription "Xmas 1893-From Grant's Ranch Boys". Carleton married Anne Peckover (b. 1893 d. 1961) in 1925 in Manitoba. All four are buried side by side in the Brookside Cemetery in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

John's oldest brother, *Henry* (b. abt. 1850), married Lydia Bissell (b. abt. 1855, d. 1886) in 1874 in Ontario. They had 2 daughters, Hattie (b. abt. 1878, d. 1917) and Florence (b. 1880, d. 1922). Lydia passed away at age 31. Henry, whose occupation on the 1891 census was that of a traveller, seemed to have vanished by this time. The 2 girls were raised by a neighbouring couple. Hattie married a Dr. Jonas Thomas (b. abt 1877, d. 1958) in Ontario in 1902 and they immigrated to **Michigan** in 1903 where they had 3 children, Florence (b. abt. 1905), Dorothy (b. abt. 1907) and Arnold (b. abt. 1909). Hattie

passed away at 39 years of age. Both Hattie and Jonas are buried in Michigan. Hattie's sister, Florence, married William McKenzie (b. abt. 1863) in 1903 in Ontario. They were childless and Florence died in Ontario.

John's sister, *Mary* (b. abt. 1853, d. 1943), married William Merrill (b. abt. 1853, d. 1917) in 1877 in Ontario. Four children were born there. One daughter, Anne (b. 1881, d. 1881), died within 3 months of birth and the second, Clara (b. 1884), and although a birth record was found, no additional information was discovered. By 1901 the family, consisting of dad, mom and 2 boys, was farming in Manitoba. By 1906 the family was down to 3 persons farming near the village of Elnora, Alberta. The older son, Arthur (b. 1879, d. 1952), having stayed in Manitoba, also moved to Alberta sometime after 1921. The younger son, Earl (b. 1888, d. 1918), joined the Canadian Armed forces in 1918, only to die from influenza onboard the ship heading for Europe. Earl was buried at sea. Mary, William and Arthur are all buried in the Elnora Cemetery. According to Wetaskiwin Times newspaper articles, John and Mary visited each other on a frequent basis.

Brother *Frederick* (b. abt. 1855, d. 1911) married Issabella Beatson (b. abt. 1858) in 1879. They had 8 children; daughters, Albertha (b. 1880), Daisy (b. 1882, d. 1888), Elizabeth (b. abt. 1885, d. 1981) and Ethel (b. abt. 1891); and sons, Edwin (b. 1884, d. 1897), Emerson (b. 1895, d. 1918),

Glennervin (b. 1898) and Elvin (b. 1901, d. 1980). The family moved to Manitoba by 1906. Frederick passed away in Manitoba. Issabella married twice more after Frederick's death. Elizabeth married Walter Donnelly (b. abt. 1878, d. 1949) in 1906 in Manitoba. They had 2 daughters, Verna (b. 1910) in Manitoba and Dorothy (b. abt. 1916) in Alberta. Elizabeth and Walter are buried in Calgary. Elvin married Jessie Davis (b. abt. 1902, d. 1994) in Alberta sometime after 1921. Elvin and Jessie are buried in Nanton, Alberta. I do not know if they had children.

Brother *William* (b. abt. 1858, d. 1936) married Martha Jermyn (b. abt. 1861, d. 1942) in 1880 in Ontario. Their first son, Russell (b. 1881, d. 1898) was born in Ontario. The family moved to **South Dakota** in 1884. Their second son, Percy (b. abt. 1886, d. 1902) was born in South Dakota. This family of 4 is buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Clear Lake, Deuel County, South Dakota.



Sample #0063

John's sister, *Louisa* (b. abt. 1859, d. 1939) married Thomas Crary (b. abt. 1858, d. 1940) in Ontario in 1881. Their only daughter, Alice (b. 1883) accompanied her mom and dad when they immigrated to **Michigan** in 1884 and is shown in the 1910 USA Census. While in Michigan 2 sons were born, Harry (b. 1887, d. 1959) and Lloyd (b. 1894, d. 1971). In 1910 the family, consisting of dad, mom and the 2 sons, moved to a farm near Elnora, Alberta. Lloyd joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1918 and passed away in Cardston, Alberta. I do not know if he ever married.

Harry married Jessie Jardine (b. abt 1895, d. 1974) in Alberta where their daughter Louise (b. abt. 1913, d. 2009) and sons, Harry Jr. (b. 1914, d. 2000) and Richard (b. abt. 1919, d. 1986) were born. By 1930 Harry and family, and his mom, Louisa, and dad, Thomas, resided in Texas. Here Harry's son Robert (b. 1922, d. 1993) was born. By 1935 all had moved to Arkansas. Louisa and Thomas both passed away while in Arkansas. An interesting note is that Harry enlisted in the USA Armed Forces in 1918 while living in Canada and again in 1942 while in Arkansas. Harry is buried in Arizona. Jessie is buried in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Harry Jr. married Ethelene Price (b. 1921) around 1940 in Texas. I am unaware of any children at this time. Harry Jr. is buried in New Mexico. Louise married a widowed lawyer, Jay Rowland (b. abt. 1892, d. 1962) in 1943 while residing in Arkansas. Jay is buried in Arkansas and Louise in New Mexi-

co. I do not know if there were any children. Richard married Ruth Wall (b. abt. 1927, d. 2005) in 1948 in Arkansas. Richard died in New Mexico. Ruth died while residing in Texas. I do not know of any children. Robert married Bobbie Jean Arnold (b. 1928, d. 2012) in 1945 in Arkansas. [Note Bobbie's surname is that of the family I was researching.] Robert and Bobbie Jean are both buried in Hot Springs, Arkansas. I do not know if there were any children.

John's youngest sister, *Elizabeth* (b. abt. 1865, d. 1949), married Edgar Sells (b. abt. 1862, d. 1930) in 1889 in **Michigan**. Edgar and Elizabeth both died in Detroit. There were no children that I could find.

One last note. John Arnold rewrote his will on July 7, 1946 almost a month to the day of his own death. There were 3 beneficiaries in the will. John's sister, Harriet of Manitoba, received \$500.00 cash, and John's sister-in-law (Jane's sister), Maretta Willison (b. 1867 d. 1950), also of Manitoba, received all household articles, his tools and his 1927 Chevrolet sedan. All remaining assets were divided between Maretta and William Scot Allison (b. 1898 d. 1973), who was taken in by John and Jane as a teenager by 1916. John and Jane assisted William with his university education. William became a teacher.



John and Jane Arnold from *Pioneer Pathways*, 1981
~Book committee~

In conclusion I believe I can truthfully say that the ownership family of this album has been determined. The migration patterns coincide with the photo studio addresses. Unfortunately, regulations do not allow research on the next two levels of descendants, so actual family names that may want the album were not determined. The names of the people in the photos in the album, as of yet, have not been determined. With this I need help.

To John and Jane, I'd like to say that I feel that I know you, *but* we have never met. To the descendants of the extended family that may read this article, to you I say that I'd like to meet you, *and* to get to know you.

Note—All photos courtesy of Wetaskiwin Branch, AGS and Lee Koop. NOTE: a PDF version of this article, including a full index of names researched in this story is available by clicking on ["The Pedigree of a Book"](#).

If you would like to contact Mr. Koop, please email editor-chinook@afhs.ab.ca for contact information.

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WHAT'S OUT THERE?

By Linda Murray



Linda Murray is an active volunteer with the AFHS and is the Chair of the Library Committee. She loves working in the library and helping others to discover their ancestry.

Bringing Your Ancestors to Life

There are some good tips in this article to help you write a story of your ancestors that others will want to read. Cameron Davis tells us how to write a genealogical memoir and shares some fascinating examples from his own family history.

Your Genealogy, (2017, Jan/Feb), 2(6), 42-44.

DNA Mystery of Two HAMEL Branches

Bill AMELL of Lanark County, Ontario discovered he matched on 111 markers of the yDNA test to David HAMILL of South Carolina. The two men had different surnames and lived in different countries but the DNA tests indicated they were related so they set out to try to discover their common ancestor. This edition of Kingston Relations has two other interesting accounts of DNA test results received by members of the Kingston OGS Branch.

Kingston Relations: Newsletter of the Kingston Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society (2017, January/February), 44(1), 5-6.

Dorset Society Members' Interests

Do you have ancestors from Dorset, England? If so, check out some of the surnames being researched by members of this society: CAVE, DOWDING, DOWN, HANSFORD, INGS, LUSH, MERVYN, PETHEN, READ, REEVES, RYVES, VAK AND WEARE. Contact information for the members researching these names can be found in the article.

Dorset Family History Society Journal, (2016, December), 30(1), 29-30.

Do You Have a Non-Paternity Event in Your Family?

Janet A. Alpert is a past president and board member of the National Genealogical Society and has used DNA testing for fifteen years as part of her family history research. Many of us, myself included, dived into the world of genetic genealogy without really considering all of the possible outcomes of our DNA test results. If you are considering submitting a DNA test, you may just want to read this article first.

National Genealogical Society Magazine, (2016 October/December), 42(4), 24-27.

Harold Raeburn (1865 – 1926) and Other Mountaineers in Warriston Cemetery

Warriston Cemetery opened in 1843 and was the first garden cemetery in Edinburgh. At least three Scottish mountaineers are buried in the cemetery and here author John R. R. Fowler gives us details about the lives of Harold RAEBURN, Sheriff Alexander NICOLSON and Major Alexander WHITE and their climbing feats.

The Scottish Genealogist: The Journal of the Scottish Genealogical Society, (2016, December), LXIII(4), 129-131.

James Kirkness and Sarah Steinhauer: Two Edmonton Pioneers

This interesting account by Melanie Moore traces the lives of James KIRKNESS of Scotland and his wife Sarah STEINHAUER, the daughter of an Ojibwa Methodist minister and his Metis wife. This couple had ten children but only three lived to adulthood. However, the family were prominent pioneers in the province of Alberta and the city of Edmonton.

Alberta History: The Journal of the Historical Society of Alberta, (Winter 2017), 65(1), 13-18.

WHAT'S OUT THERE?

Tracing Your Agricultural Labourers

If you are researching family in the United Kingdom there is a good chance that one of your ancestors was listed in the census as an agricultural labourer or 'ag lab'. This term could cover a wide range of jobs including threshing crops, fencing, caring for farm animals, game-keeping, catching vermin, milling, brewing, cheese making and many other duties. This article by Penelope Hemingway has many useful suggestions on how to find further information about the life and work of your 'ag labs'.

Family Tree, (2017, February), 33(5), 40-45.

Weaving the True Story

Janice Davis explores the history of her Grandmother, Maggie Jane KERR of Northern Ireland and her Grandfather, William Preston DAVIS of England who both were sent to Canada as Home Children. She compares family stories to the facts found in the records and finds that they don't always match. Other surnames in her story include CONNOR, CUNNINGHAM AND HAVERON.

The British Columbia Genealogist: The Journal of the British Columbia Genealogical Society, (2016, December), 45(4), 118-122.

What is a Homestead?

Looking for a homestead record? Information on how to locate records in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta can be found here along with what types of information you might expect to find in these homestead files. Also included here are some stories of homesteading from members of the Red Deer Branch of AGS.

Tree Climber, Newsletter of the Red Deer Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society, (2016, November), 2-4.

After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research

Thomas MacEntee wants you to ponder the following questions: 50 years from now which item do you think will be more accessible? A printed photo of your parents OR that same photo in JPG format on a USB flash drive? In his free e-book, you will find valuable advice on creating a realistic plan to get your "genealogy affairs" in order.

To download the e-book click:

<http://geneabloggers.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e6b48e8de3ee2e5430b75a4d5&id=b7b6e9f83c&e=c73674ba87>

(Thank you to Jim Benedict for providing this suggestion.)

AFHS PUBLICATIONS

These publications provide information on personal data and local historical events. Many of the lists are fully searchable on the AFHS website and are available as paper prints. Prices represent reproduction costs only. All are printed in black and white on 8 1/2" x 11" pages and cerlox bound. Consult the AFHS website for descriptions of these publications.

Alberta Local Histories Listing (68 pages)	\$15.00
Births, Deaths, Marriages from Calgary Newspapers 1883-89 (40 pages)	\$20.00
Births, Deaths, Marriages from Calgary Newspapers 1890-99 (205 pages)	\$30.00
Nominal Rolls of 50th Battalion, CEF, 1914-15 (45 pages; also included in Digital Library Volume V)	\$20.00
Nominal Rolls of 3rd, 12th and 13th Regiments, Canadian Mounted Rifles, CEF, 1915-16 (70 pages)	\$25.00
Obituary Index of Turner Valley Oilfields Residents, Past and Present (35 pages)	\$15.00
South Calgary High School 1915-21, 1928-29 & Calgary Normal School 1929-30 Class Lists (44 pages)	\$15.00
The Barr Colonists 1903 (38 pages)	\$15.00
The MacDonald Family of Cochrane and Mount Royal Ranch (24 pages)	\$15.00

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SOUTHERN ALBERTA CEMETERY RECORDS

The AFHS has produced 15 volumes of records from Southern Alberta cemeteries. Each volume is individually priced and available for purchase. The volumes contain monument transcriptions, burial records and many photographs of the memorials. To order click <http://afhs.ab.ca/publications/cemetery.shtml#publications>

AFHS DIGITAL LIBRARY VOLUME I (CD)

PRICE \$30.00

This volume contains over 68,000 records from 69 cemeteries in Southern Alberta (consult the AFHS website for the complete list), including about 11,000 records from the Calgary Crematorium and 2,000 records from the Chevra Kadusha (Jewish) Society. Volume I was completed in 2001.

AFHS DIGITAL LIBRARY VOLUME II (CD)

PRICE \$20.00

Volume II contains 24,500 records from two cemeteries on Garden Road that straddle the eastern boundary of the Calgary city limits: MD of Rockyview Garden of Peace and Mountain View Cemetery. This volume was completed in 2003.

AFHS DIGITAL LIBRARY VOLUME III (CD)

PRICE \$20.00

This volume contains monument transcriptions, burial records and many memorial photographs from three cemeteries in Cochrane – St Andrew's, St. Mary's and Municipal – plus Westerdale Cemetery in Olds, St. Barnabas Anglican Churchyard in Calgary and two cemeteries in Hill Spring Cemeteries in Pincher Creek. Volume III was completed in 2004.

AFHS DIGITAL LIBRARY VOLUMES IV-X (CD)

PRICE \$25.00 (EACH)

Each of these seven CDs includes monument transcriptions, burial records and many memorial photographs from a particular area or section within Queen's Park Cemetery, Calgary. Volumes can be purchased individually or as a complete library in Volume XI. (Consult the AFHS website for a description of each volume.)

AFHS DIGITAL LIBRARY VOLUME XIII (DVD)

PRICE \$50.00

This DVD contains monument transcriptions, burial records and many memorial photographs for military markers in Burnsland, Queen's Park, St Mary's and Union cemeteries, Calgary. Many additional photos from the Military Museum, Peacekeeping Parks, Currie Barracks, Armoury, Memorial Drive and other areas are also included. Volume XIII was completed in 2010.

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