

RELATIVELY SPEAKING
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Feature Articles

- Lieutenant Addison Lowe of the 47th: Scion of an Irish Military Family by Diane Granger
Addison Lowe, born in Ireland in 1787, like many other young Irishman of the 18th and 19th centuries, joined the army and participated in conflicts far from home. The author shows, after much sleuthing on her part, how his life was intertwined with the events of the Napoleonic era and the expansion of the British Empire as revealed in his military records.
- A Great Romance by Lesley O'Neil
In this one-pager, Lesley O'Neil recounts the endearing tale of how her parents met.
- Entertaining Angels by Mary-Ann Neal
John Patrick Gillese was, in his lifetime, a well-known and much respected Edmonton-based author. His daughter, Mary-Ann Neal, tells of a chance encounter that, although John Patrick considered unremarkable, resonated with her. Through her telling of this event we all have the opportunity to appreciate the personality of this man who contributed much to this city and our province.
- How a Dead Poet Helped Me with My Family History Quest by Allison Akgungor
Allison drew inspiration from a poet who had spent her early years in the same part of Nova Scotia that Allison's ancestors came from and had written about that place. Allison visited Great Village, NS in 2011 to attend an arts festival celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of the poet, Elizabeth Bishop. On that trip she uncovered a treasure trove of information about her family and how they lived, showing us the rewards to be gleaned from travelling to our ancestral home.
- Walk Down The Aisle With Me by Denise Daubert
Denise recalled her daughter's recent wedding, as a tribute to Father's Day, describing the bridal bouquet that contained small framed photos of her deceased grandfathers; these are also pictured for anyone wanting to replicate this idea.

- Discover Your Roots; Share Your Stories Conference 2015 coverage by Carolynne Ross & Pam Forsyth, conference co-chairs

As is our usual practice, we have again devoted the centre spread to the AGS bi-annual conference. The co-chairs prepared the text, with photos by Lesley O'Neil and George Cathcart.

- A Ten-Day Sergeant by Marilyn (Hanson) Lappi

At the end of WWII, LAC Alton Hanson was given an unexpected overseas posting to India, with the elevation of rank to sergeant for the duration of this 10-day posting. Marilyn has transcribed some of his letters home during that time. These shed light on a different sort of war experience, his excitement and observations throughout, but also his longing to be home with his wife and young son.

- Rolling Pins and Pastry Delights – un patissier on my family tree by Denise Daubert

One of the author's great uncles was a pastry chef who worked in the kitchens of several CP hotels in the west, including the iconic Banff Springs Hotel. Denise remembers this man from her childhood and has put together the story of his life from diligent research through records, photos, and memorabilia now in her possession.

- Book Review

The Munro Family from Longlac, reviewed by Grant Nicol

Dr. Kenneth Munro, a professor emeritus of history at the University of Alberta tells the reader of the trials and tribulations of his father's immigrant family with interesting accounts of the lives of many descendants in Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. This 536-page family history is enhanced with photos from his own collection and from other relatives.

- Visiting Alberta's Past

1) The Churches of Lamont County

The 47 churches of this county can be visited as a self-guided tour. These and a number of other sites and museums chronicle the history of this part of the Northeast Settlement Block.

2) Fort Saskatchewan Mural a Historic Showcase

Just 16 km northeast of Edmonton, this city was incorporated in 1985. Its rich history includes the fur trade, aboriginal peoples, NWMP, and homesteaders. Murals in the downtown showcase this historic past.

- From the Branches

News from the following branches:

- Drayton Valley
- Edmonton
- Wetaskiwin

- Library Notes

Claudine Nelson lists the publications of major societies currently in the library. She asks for feedback from readers on local histories that the AGS does not have.