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- Rock of Ages by Kalé Liam Hobbes
Gravestones and markers have changes often over the years due to availability of materials and technology. In this informative article Liam describes how one can approximate the era of a grave by using this information.
- Isn't This a Morbid Hobby? by Peter Staveley
Peter had the opportunity to interview Alison Glass, a graver extraordinaire, to learn why and how she pursues her fascinating hobby of recording grave marker inscriptions for the <http://www.findagrave.com> website.
- Cemeteries – Well Kept to Overgrown by Anne Baines
Continuing with articles pertaining to cemeteries Anne's brief story highlights how quickly an untended grave can fall into disrepair.
- Paupers From Dorset, England by Eileen Stahl
In uncovering the emigration routes of her Hayward family Eileen was surprised to learn they had left England as paupers, living in a Union Workhouse in Dorset. This raised a number of further questions for her and this article chronicles how she was able to unravel the details of this extraordinary story.
- Found in a Sock Basket — A Métis Adoption Story by Jeanette Sommers
Jeanette's article is a follow up to the November introduction to First Nation research, hopefully a continuing series providing assistance to people researching their aboriginal heritage. Jeannette knew she was adopted and that she was different from the others in her family but that was all. When her own son started to ask questions, now 40 years old, she embarked on a path to discover her past. This mission not only uncovered her Métis ancestry, but also resulted in her meeting her biological father.
- Fate's Destiny – Memoirs of a War Bride By Sharon Sullivan-Olsen and Jacoba (Co) Funnell
Sharon writes "This is my aunt's story and when I received it I was ecstatic." The story by her Aunty Co narrates her traumatic life in Holland during WWII and her befriending Bud, a Canadian soldier. This friendship would result in Co immigrating to Canada, to renew their relationship in Alberta as husband and wife.
- Genealogy Services at Library and Archives Canada
Genealogical Services, previously known as the Canadian Archives Genealogy Centre, include all onsite and online genealogical services of Library and Archives Canada. This segment describes how their vast holdings can be accessed to aid in researching ones heritage.

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Feature Articles

- Not Written in Stone by John Althouse
John stresses the importance of having an open mind when it comes to variations in the spelling of surnames which often differ from document to document.
 - Bert — A Loved British Home Child by Anne Lightfoot
Anne's story provides a glimpse into the life of one BHC and the loving family he was fortunate enough to be placed with.
 - A Lesson Learned — A Little Late by Marilyn Hindmarch
A reiteration of the importance of acting sooner rather than later to locate and preserve information relevant to our personal research.
 - From Pharaohs to Photographs by John J.N. Chalmers
John relates the elation he felt in uncovering newfound family photographs to what the Egyptians might have felt in unearthing long-buried treasures from the pyramids. John and his wife had earlier visited these Egyptian sites which provided the reference point for him when he sorted through a metal trunk in his parents' garage.
 - Meeting My Second Cousin by Miriam Roberts
Miriam chronicles the wealth of information she received, much of it unsolicited, from her two recently-found Welsh cousins whom she subsequently met when they visited Banff.
 - Unlocking Doors to the Past — AGS Conference 2011
Once again we have devoted the centrespread to the annual conference. *Awards conferred appear later in the issue.
 - Explore Your Personal History of Technology by Marilyn M. Astle
Putting our ancestors lives into context helps us understand their lives more fully. Marilyn tells us how she used technological change within her lifetime as a starting point to interview her family. She provides a list of sample questions to assist in encouraging family members in recalling their past.
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- Migrations Within The British Empire by Peter Williams
This is part one of a series Peter plans to write for RS. He begins with the historical need for migrations to have occurred, the type of migration that resulted and some of the locations involved. He also discusses the complexity of researching these immigration records.
- A Family 'Black Sheep' Memorialized in India by Hans-Henning Mündel
Hans-Henning's relates the story of his wife's great uncle, a colourful character according to family lore, and how they found — first the records, then on a trip to India — the WWI memorial on which his name is inscribed, proof that diligent searching does give results.
- Book Reviews
 - 1) Genealogist's Reference Shelf – this is a review of the first three books in this series:
 - Genealogical Standards of Evidence: A Guide for Family Historians
 - Genealogy and the Law in Canada
 - Conserving, Preserving, and Restoring Your HeritageThese provide advice that is helpful to all researchers.
 - 2) Family Histories: Preserving Your Personal and Family Documents – a little book published by the Government of Alberta that offers some excellent suggestions.

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Feature Articles

- Rebekahs in my Family by Marilyn Hindmarch
The theme for this issue focuses on Alberta women and their role in the building of our county. Marilyn's article leads this off as she describes the history of the Rebekahs. Her interest was piqued when she came into possession of her grandmother and great aunt's jewellery that included Rebekah pins and other memorabilia.
- Tips for Finding Females Who Matter to You by Julie Miller
Ten useful tips specifically for researching women are listed in this article. They were originally published online by Julie.
- Women Are Persons by Lesley O'Neil
This brief article highlights the Famous Five and their tireless fight to successfully establish the status of women as "persons."
- Henrietta Muir Edwards by Dorothy Smith
Dorothy describes the ancestry, history and colourful life of Henrietta, one of the "Famous Five" and her grandfather's first cousin.
- Ken Young Award – Best Newsletter Article
Each year AGS newsletters are reviewed for best local content, best articles and best overall. The 2010 selection of articles were judged by Rob Milson and he selected two that tied for first place; "A Missing Father and a Smudged Address" by Diane Bosman and "Genealogical Research in Germany" by Al Broming. Both articles are reprised in this issue.
- From Malta To Mayerthorpe – Our Grandmother's Journey by Shirley Roessler
We can learn a lot from Shirley's research as she learns of the life and travails of her grandmother. She describes how she was able to track her family's movements and their lives in Malta, England, France and Canada.
- Single Women Emigrants to Canada by Peter Williams
This is a continuation of Peter's informative review of Canadian immigrants, this time focussing on single women. Knowing the reasons behind the emigration of your ancestors helps in your research. In this article Peter describes the background to many groups of single women that left Britain to end up in Canada proving information on different organizations, ships etc.
- Alberta Women's Institute: Document Preservation for the Present and the Future by Mae Deans
AWI is another women's organization with branches on Alberta, this one preserving a treasure trove of diaries and files that can be an invaluable source of research. Mae describes the history of this organization, the records available and two of the prominent ladies that were members.
- More Migrations by Miriam Roberts
As an addendum to Peter Williams's migration article in the May issue of RS Miriam provides further insight into Welsh emigration including the experiences of her own ancestors.

Book Review

- Destination Canada A Genealogical Guide to Immigration Records by Dave Obee – reviewed by Hal O'Neil.

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Feature Articles

- The Nanton Lancaster Air Museum — Canada's Bomber Command Memorial by David Birrell
David Birrell was a founding director of the Nanton Lancaster Society and continues to be involved with the museum. In this article he shares his extensive knowledge of the Lancaster FM-159 and the significance of Nanton as the location for this museum and the Bomber Command memorial.
- Did One of Your Ancestors Own a Business — One of mine did by Denise Daubert
The occupation of an ancestor can reveal much information about that person and their family. Denise Daubert tells us how she came to learn more about her paternal family by pursuing various leads related to her grandfather's business — useful information we can all contemplate.
- Canada Remembers Those Who Served by Peter Williams
In this article, Peter Williams discusses several memorials, real and virtual, that commemorate Canada's losses in military engagements as well as the ongoing Canada Remembers Program. Perhaps one of these sites will prove useful in locating one of your ancestors.
- Finding My Canadian Bremners by David Bremner
David Bremner has written a book chronicling his paternal family in Britain and Canada. This article focuses on his Canadian roots, what he found, how he conducted his research here, and the help he was given in Strathcona County where a family home still stands as a historic site.
- Catching up with the Welsh Joneses by Terry Gregory
In Part I of Terry Gregory's Welsh Joneses, he tells of the initial fear he had of the difficulty finding a Jones in Wales — specifically Charles Jones in Cardiff. With diligence and effort though, he did succeed and here relates the steps involved in this quest.

- Book Reviews

- 1) Time Traveller's Handbook: A Guide to the Past
Archaic terms, social and cultural values are clarified in this publication.
- 2) Saddles and Service — Winston Parker's Story
Tales of a boy who grew up on an southern Alberta ranch, the prairie training centres he later experienced as a RCAF recruit, his WWII years and eventual return to civilian life and community service back in Alberta.
- 3) The Oxford Companion to Family and Local History
A treasure trove of information for those researching British and Irish ancestry as well as an A-Z of topics related to genealogical and local history of Britain and Ireland.