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3rd Tuesday of the month,
except July, Aug & Dec

7:00 pm at LDS CHURCH

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Tues. Wed. Thur.

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**We offer our condolences
to our fellow member,
JIM KIRKPATRICK
on the passing of his wife
ANN MARIE KIRKPATRICK
MAY 5, 2018**

PONDERINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT, Alice Hoyle

September is always a time to start anew: new projects, new goals, for the younger people – a new school year. For those who are gardeners, it's a time to finish off projects – finish all the canning, freezing, pickling and jam making that we have planned and put the garden to rest for another year.

Since our last newsletter was published, branch members have been busy. On June 25th, Sharon Aney and I, along with a contingent of our branch members, concerned community members and Rene Georgopolis, Executive Director for the Archives Society of Alberta attended the City of Wetaskiwin's council meeting.

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& 6:15 – 8:15 pm

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Sharon Aney

Make it a September to Remember!

Once more we have come through the "lazy, crazy, hazy days of summer"... this year they unfortunately were exceptionally hazy due to wildfires in BC! We can count our blessings that we were only dealing with smoke!

You will note from the table of contents that one of our members, Leroy Koop definitely has NOT been lazy! I have included his full reports on four research requests that were sent to our branch website. I encourage you to read them.

The requests were diverse, ranging from a need for land location, a paternity question, and for biographical information (Alberta based in the 1900s and Canada based in the 1800s).

In approaching these questions Lee gave careful thought to his approach and to resources that might hold answers to the various situations that were posed.

He then found those resources, gleaned the information and gave direction to the questioner (and now, you, the readers) on how to find them. Some resources had answers that led to further questions... he recognised that, and followed the chain of information.

By reading these articles and giving them thoughtful consideration you may well find a new path to follow in your own research.

I have been to workshops that were not as full of information. Thanks to Lee for these very educational reports! They are a genealogy workshop in a nutshell!

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PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS CONTINUED from page 1.....

Our purpose was to state our concerns about the future of the City Archives, and to reinforce to the council, the importance of keeping this facility open to the public. While we felt our presentations were well prepared and presented, Council accepted our presentation material as "information" only and did not give us any indication that they were committed to making sure the Archives continues to be a viable resource in Wetaskiwin.



Back: Danny Lucas, Robin Sheehan, Rene Georgeopolis (CEO Archives Society of Alberta), Bob Maynard,
Centre: Claudia Malloch, Carolyn Hill (former City of Wetaskiwin Archivist), Judy (Reynolds) Olson
Front: Sharon Aney, Alice Hoyle, Lorraine McKay, Mavis Nelson, Russ Aney
Missing: Marcella Ball, Leroy Koop, Carole Koop (Photographer).

We were advised that we may have to be making the same presentation in 4 years time when a new council is

elected. Not very encouraging, but I guess that means we need to keep all our contacts; keep being vigilant about the future of the Archives; and make sure that when the next municipal elections are held, we ALL attend public forums and ask each of the people running for office what their position is regarding the City Archives. Let's not wait to hear, after the election, that the majority of those elected don't care about preserving the Archives and the fabulous collections housed within.

After our June meeting I was able to meet with Jean Browse, our branch member who also received a 25-year membership certificate but was unable to attend the GenFair in Camrose. I presented Jean with her 25-year certificate; pictures were taken, and those photos have been sent to our Historian, Rosella Plaquin, for insertion in our album.



Several branch members were at the Millet Museum on September 5th to hear Rosella Plaquin's grandson speak on his trip to Europe earlier this year – a trip that saw him visiting several war memorials, including Vimy and Juno Beach. His presentation was very interesting, the photos gave depth to his narrative – an excellent evening hosted by the Millet Museum & Archives in conjunction with the Royal Canadian Legion, Millet branch. It was very encouraging to see a member of the 'younger generation' appreciative and understanding of the sacrifices made by older generations.

The AGS Annual Retreat for the Board of Directors will be held Sept. 28-30 and I will be attending.

I hope you are refreshed from the summer, and ready to tackle those tricky genealogy questions and brick walls that have been hounding you in the past. Our informative monthly presentations will be a source of information for everyone. A reminder that Claudia always welcomes your suggestions for topics to be presented at our monthly meetings.

Looking forward to Fall!

Alice.

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## **MEETING PROGRAMS**

### **May 2018**

Reconstruct your Ancestors World with Google - Lisa Louise Cooke This webinar presentation provided resources that are available free through Google. There is a great collection of free online tools which are powered by the same Google search engines. There are many "Hidden Gems" in each tool site. What a wealth of information for research!

### **June 2018**

Karen Aberle, Executive Director of the Wetaskiwin & District Heritage Museum, spoke to the our branch regarding activism in support of the City of Wetaskiwin Archives. She outlined ideas by which we could continue advocacy. She stressed that both Archives and Heritage Museum were instrumental in saving the history of Wetaskiwin and area.

Also, as is usual at the final meeting of the season, members recounted successes, challenges and plans regarding our family research. Carole is hoping to arrange a 1-day family gathering on the family farm in Manitoba...to celebrate 100 years since her grandfather settled on land next door to the current family farm. She also spoke of research in the Drouin Collection on behalf of a family member. She loved the ease with which French – Canadian generations popped up! Sharon spoke of current search to find documentation for a relative to claim Century Farm Status in Saskatchewan. Alice has been updating numerous family photos: removing from sticky albums, labelling, arranging in archivally safe albums. Rosella has been scrapbooking in preparation for a 50th Anniversary. Claudia spoke of a vacation to Nova Scotia to introduce 2 grandsons to their roots.. a very successful and enjoyable trip. Bob is entering his family tree into the FamilySearch website, and is planning to digitize some 150 letters from his mother, grandmother & aunts before filing them safely.

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THOUGHTS OF THANKSGIVING:

- For countless volunteers who have preserved, indexed, shared information, and in many other ways made our genealogical research possible.
- For ancestors who brought our families to North America for a life of freedom and opportunity
- For pioneers who developed communities and institutions that reflect and honour their and our aspirations.
- For friends that we have made along the paths of our genealogical journeys

The family story in the book also stated, "In 1918 Mr. Borseth sold the farm to **Mr. Nick and Mr. Mike Baker** and a friend, **Mr. Jo Ensing**, and went to the old home in Eau Claire, Wisconsin for a time." The 3 purchasers' names were found. From another local history book on the Gwynne district entitled, "**Treasured Memories - Gwynne and District**", Published by Gwynne Historical Society, 1977, Printed by Co-op Press Limited, the nationality of the 3 Borseth land purchasers was established as Dutch.

"**Mike Baker** was born at **Steggerda, Holland**, Sept. 19, 1890. In 1914 he came to Colorado, to join his **brother Nick**. They later moved to Alberta, working around Edmonton, then homesteaded at Rochester. In 1918, they moved to the New Norway district and bought a 1/2 section of land from Mr. J. J. Borseth and rented a 1/2 section from Mr. G. Meyer" (page 170).

"**Johan Ensing** was born in **Hoogezand, Netherlands**, 1880. He came to Alberta in 1912 from Holland and took up a homestead at Rochester, Alberta. After a number of years there, he moved to Edmonton where he worked for awhile, but decided the city was not for him. He then moved to the New Norway district where he joined the Baker Brothers in 1917" (page 185).

The Alberta Government Land Registry website SpinII (Spin2) at <https://alta.registries.gov.ab.ca/SpinII/logon.aspx>, offers copies of land titles at \$20.00 per name. This suggestion was given to Jan for her to pursue in order to possibly get more information on the 3 land buyers in 1918.

The County of Camrose map of land owners for 2018, found on the web at <https://camrosecounty.civicweb.net/document/1323>, states that the current land owners are (see above map):

NW 1-45-22-W4th - 2018 - owner Baker, M. & R.

NOTE: The current owner of the NW quarter is still a Baker, quite possibly a descendant of the Mike Baker who was 1 of the 3 purchasers in 1918.

NE 1-45-22-W4th - 2018 - owner Hutterian Brethren of Silver Creek

2) Battle River Cornet Band

Although history book resources in the City of Wetaskiwin Archives and our own branch resource library were scanned through, no band information was uncovered. The only source of information found online on the band was on the Humbke Family website at <https://humbke.com/www.humbke.com/tag/humbke-homestead>. There it states:

*"Most of their time was spent eking out an existence as homesteaders, but music was to provide an outlet for social activities, recreation and finding a spouse. In the early 1900's, the **Battle River Cornet Band**, consisting of four Humbkes (Dick – Leader, Ernst Sr., Alvina, and Emma), brother in law Carl Callies, **Dave** and Charlie **Widen**, Guy Suys and C. R. Wieberg, was formed. The band played at picnics and other social function in the local communities."*

Since Jan already knew the names of the band members, the only thing to do was give Jan the contact information for Roger Humbke, the owner of the website, for her to contact directly. Jan did contact Roger, who is currently out of the country, and he has agreed to look through his band material when he returns to Canada and arrange a meeting with Jan.

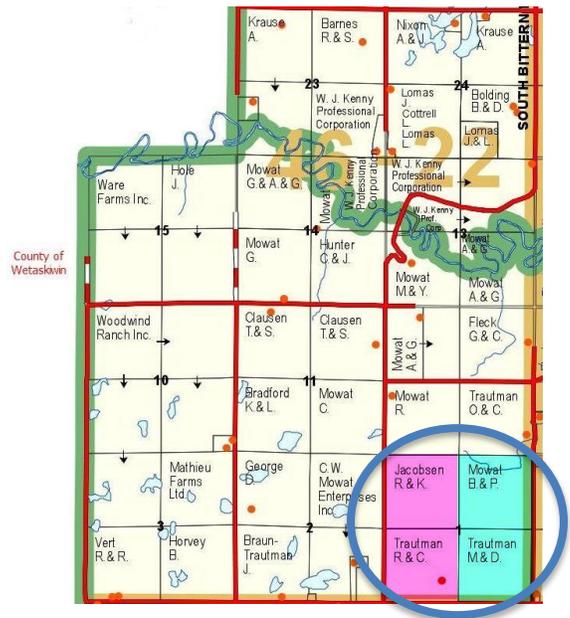
3) David Widen



Once again finding out where David's family lived in 1903 was the first priority. The Verdun School was in the Camrose County and is now a historical site. The Verdun School was originally named The New Berlin School. According to the Humbke Family website, "*The New Berlin School's name was given by Mr. and Mrs. Pehr Pehrson after the name of their previous home in Berlin, New Hampshire. It was built in 1902 at cost of \$700 and opened its door in 1903 and closed in 1952.*"

The Glenbow Museum Archives for CPR Land Sales showed that David's father, Charles M. Widen (a.k.a. C. M. Widen, Carl M. Widen and Rev. C. M. Widen) of South Dakota, purchased SE/NE 1-46-22-W4 on July 30, 1900 (see turquoise highlighted area). Charles, along with George D. Tanton, purchased SW/NW 1-46-22-W4 on March 18, 1901 (see mauve highlighted area). The 640 acres were bought at \$3.00 per acre. The purchase was paid in full and the section of land appointed to Charles Widen on October 30, 1901.

The search in local history books for the surname Widen yielded very little. One interesting note was found in "*Siding 16 Wetaskiwin to 1930 - pub. 1975, author Reynolds, A. Bert*", where it stated that Rev. C. M. Widen was instrumental in the organization of the Wetaskiwin Baptist Church in 1904.



To find out more about David Widen as a person, it was decided to look at the newspaper, *The Wetaskiwin Times*. To search the *Peel's Prairie Provinces* library website at peel.library.ualberta.ca/newspapers/ was the first choice.

Here are the results in chronological order:

- March 2, 1922** - D. E. Widen was elected as a councillor for the District of Montgomery.
- May 18, 1922** - D. E. Widen of the Duhamel District phoned in that one of his Barred Rock hens had laid an egg 8x6 7/8 inches and said he believed he was the champion large egg producer.
- Nov. 15, 1923** - D. E. Widen of the Duhamel District claimed to have record crop yields; Red Bobs (wheat) at 65 bushels/acre and fall rye at a little over 50 bushels/acre.
- July 9, 1925** - D. E. Widen became a director of the Wetaskiwin U.F.A.
- July 25, 1929** - Dave Widen was involved in discussions on the U.F.A. Cream Pool as a director and elected as Vice-President of the U.F.A later at the same meeting.

Aug. 1, 1929 - Dave Widen entered horses in the Camrose Fair. He was awarded first for a 1929 foal, second for a two year old, and third for a brood mare in the heavy draft horse class.

April 21, 1932 - D. Widen was appointed to the Board of the Wetaskiwin Community Hospital.

Aug. 18, 1932 - Dave Widen became a committee member for the newly formed Duhamel Historical Society.

From these few finds one could say that David Widen was a successful farmer, community minded and probably had a sense of humour.

Other notable Widen entries found in The Wetaskiwin Times/Peel Library Archives were these:

Jan. 13, 1921 - The obituary of Rev. C. M. Widen who passed away while in South Dakota with eventual interment in the Nashville Cemetery, Alberta.

April 13, 1922 - The obituary of Olga Josephine Johnson nee Widen, daughter of Rev. C. M. Widen. She was buried in Ferndale, Washington, USA.

Sep. 8, 1927 - The obituary Charles Widen the brother to David Widen. Charles drowned while disembarking from a ship. He is buried in Vancouver.

In conclusion, it can be said that the names of the 3 gentlemen who purchased the Borseth farm in 1918 have been determined, and that they came from Holland. Although little information surfaced on the Battle River Cornet Band, Jan now has a contact who is a descendant of the Hunbke family that started the band. Hopefully some information will be forthcoming. David Widen, as a person, must have been an interesting and a dedicated individual.

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## 2. Cemetery Bankruptcy Leads to Exhumation

Leroy Koop

On 27 April 2018 the Wetaskiwin Branch of AGS received a query via our website from Julia D. Her request was: "**My father Charles James Hughes died 1964 in Wetaskiwin. I would like any information you might have for him. An obituary or memorial card would be wonderful.**" A simple request. At least, so I thought.

The AGS Cemetery Database recorded that Charles was born in 1922; and died or was buried on *31 December 1964* in the Wetaskiwin Old Cemetery in plot 3-16-2A. In the remarks section it said: "Father transferred from **Roselawn Cemetery.**"

On Ancestry.com Charles James Hughes showed up in the Alberta Death Index for 1964. Here it said that Charles died on *26 March 1964*. Why had it taken 9 months for him to be buried? My interest in this case increased.

In the Find-A-Grave index Charles' birth date is shown 30 May 1922 with Sedgewick, Alberta as the birth place. His death date is 26 March 1964.

On the Provincial Archives of Alberta website, the death index confirmed his birth and death dates as previously reported.

The Cemetery Plot Schematic for the Wetaskiwin Old Cemetery states that Charles was re-interred 31 October 1966, with the following remarks: "Body transferred from **Roselawn Cemetery in Camrose**, AB and reinterred on Oct. 31, 1966. Plot 3-16-2A in Old Wetaskiwin Cemetery. Permit to reinter did not indicate date of death nor age."

A trip to the Wetaskiwin Old Cemetery produced this memorial on Plot 3-16-2A.

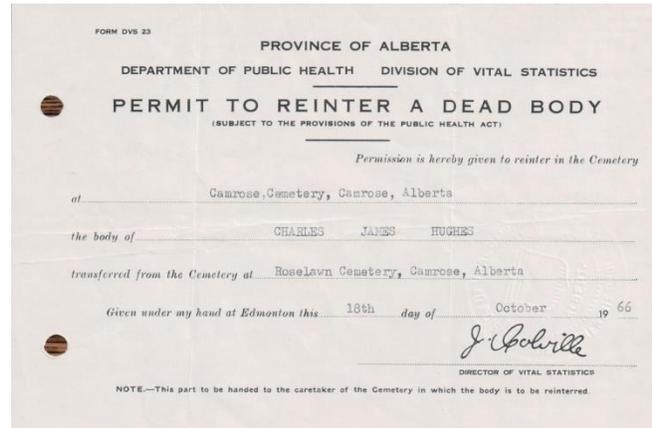


Father - Charles J. Hughes  
1922 - 1964  
Mother - Vivian K. Hughes  
1925 - 2010  
Son - James A. Hughes  
1948 - 1999

Photo taken 30 April 2018

The City of Wetaskiwin Archives provided the sought after obituary. Charles died in Wetaskiwin on 26 March 1964. His funeral took place in the First United Church on 28 March 1964 and his interment at **Roselawn Cemetery in Camrose**. Funeral arrangements were done by Baker Funeral Chapel, Wetaskiwin.

The second document found at the archives was a Permit to Reinter a Dead Body, that of Charles James Hughes, from the **Roselawn Cemetery in Camrose**. The permit was dated 18 October 1966 by the Director of Vital Statistics for Alberta. On the back of this permit was written the name, Burgar Funeral Home, Camrose. The city archivist said that was the party that did the exhumation.



So to recap, four documents show the cemetery of interment as the Roselawn Cemetery, three of which stating that the said cemetery was in Camrose. Two burial dates confuse the issue; 31 December 1964 and 31 October 1966, with both burials happening at the Wetaskiwin Old Cemetery.

The Roselawn Cemetery in Camrose did not surface in any search for it, either city or county of Camrose. The Camrose Branch of AGS was contacted, as well. No one there had ever heard of this cemetery.

Discussion with Baker Funeral Chapel in Wetaskiwin led to a name index book and then the ledger for 1964. Although Charles Hughes was registered there, it only showed that the interment

happened in Camrose. The Baker employee called Burgar Funeral Home in Camrose and they also did not know of a Roselawn Cemetery.

Julia D. was contacted and asked if anyone in her family knew the location of the Roselawn Cemetery, as no one seemed to have ever heard of it. Here is her reply:

"My dad was buried east of Camrose, just off Hwy 13, a new cemetery, in fact named Roselawn. A salesman had come to visit at our house and Dad and Mom purchased a double plot, don't think it was too much before he passed away. At the time of the funeral, there were others buried there and the sign, a black metal arch, had the name Roselawn Cemetery. We visited the site often and after a time the place started to look unkept, a big upset to my Mother. So we took on the task from time to time. She received a letter a few years after the internment, from?, assume lawyer, stating the cemetery had gone bankrupt and there would have to be a new site chosen. I didn't hear anything else about this except that there had been a few unnamed graves and Mom was concerned what would happen to these bodies."

Julia suggested that maybe land records would be able to provide the location. The Alberta Government was contacted through the website, AlbertaConnects@gov.ab.ca, asking for the location of the cemetery and whether all interred had been re-buried elsewhere. A reply was received within 24 hours. It stated:

"The cemetery you are enquiring about, the Roselawn Cemetery, is known to Service Alberta. It is identified in the Service Alberta Cemetery Registry as **Roselawn Memorial Gardens**. The history of this cemetery is unique and our department has written confirmation that there are no remaining graves located at the Roselawn Cemetery site."

Now the official name was known.

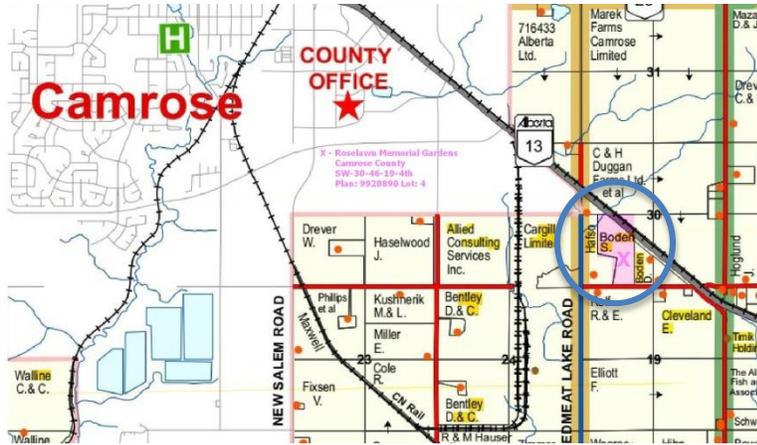
It was suggested that the question of location could be viewed on the website SPIN2 at

<https://alta.registries.gov.ab.ca/SpinII/logon.aspx>. Instructions as to how to navigate this site



were supplied. From this website it was discovered that the cemetery in question had been owned by Roselawn Memorial Gardens Ltd. and that the location was SW 30-46-19-4th, Plan 9920890 Lot 4, which is about 2 km east of the

City of Camrose's east boundary. A map was also available to view (see green X).



A current County of Camrose map online shows that the property is now owned by S. Boden  
 Now the actual location of the cemetery was known.

←----- (see pink X).

The reply also suggested contacting the Director of Cemeteries of Alberta for any further discussion.

From this office was received the following:

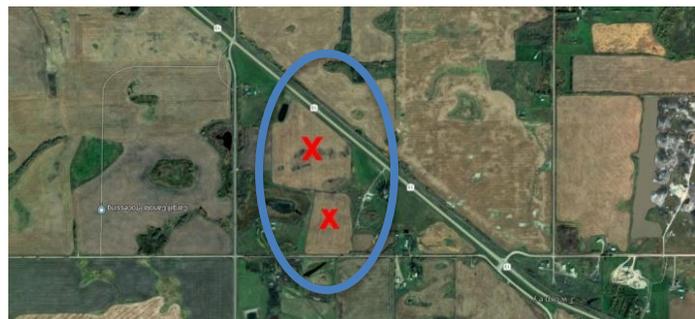
" The unique situation appears to be that 59 bodies were disinterred from the Roselawn Memorial Garden cemetery some time prior to November 1966 and moved to another location. It is unclear if they all went to the same place, but all the dis-interments were done with the consent of the next of kin for each decedent. It appears that the cemetery owners could no longer care for the cemetery and a court appointed liquidator confirmed that all decedents interred in that space were moved."

Now the last bit of information was available to successfully close out the research project. The two funeral homes were contacted with the proper name of the cemetery and the legal land description for their future use. The City of Wetaskiwin Archives was also given this information. The Camrose Branch of AGS was contacted so that they didn't waste any time on searching for information on this cemetery.

The final communication with Julia D. stated, in part: "I am writing to you this morning, more to give your Mom, & maybe you, too, closure to your concerns about the unmarked graves." The Director of Cemeteries' comments were quoted. Julia replied: " Right , a closure for sure. Thank you.... You have done me a wonderful service and I appreciate all your effort."

In closing I would like to say that I had never ever given a thought to a private cemetery as being a "for profit" enterprise. I did discover one in Alberta and it obviously filed for bankruptcy. No doubt it caused much un-needed anxieties for the next of kin who had to go through the ordeal of relocating their loved ones. So, watch out for salespeople coming to your door selling you cemetery plots.

Here is what the Roselawn Memorial Gardens looks like today, compliments of GOOGLE Maps (see red X).



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3. Cpl. Daniel Henry Daly, 1853 – 1907

by Leroy Koop

On August 1, 2018 a request was received from Jean H. who was attempting to verify that **Cpl. Daniel Henry Daly**, buried in the Old Wetaskiwin Cemetery, was indeed the father to 4 children that ended up at the St. Patrick's Orphanage in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan prior to 1906.

Jean supplied a great deal of research data that she had already compiled; such as, the Daniel Daly family with 5 children, all born in Ireland, on the 1901 United Kingdom Census for Hampshire, England; names of students at the St. Patrick's Orphanage in 1906; information on the lives of the 4 children; and, that Mrs. Esther Daly remarried in England after the death of Daniel in 1907.

Since Daniel Henry Daly arrived in Canada after 1901 and supposedly died in 1907, very little in the form of documents were available to search. Cpl. Daniel Henry Daly does appear in the Old Wetaskiwin Cemetery records with a monument inscription of “CPL Royal Army Medical Corps – Kitchener – at Khartoum 1881 Egypt”. He never showed up in local history books, nor was there an obituary in the City of Wetaskiwin Archives. (thanks to Alice Hoyle).

Daniel does not show up in the 1906 Alberta or Saskatchewan Censuses, nor in the newspapers in the PEEL Archives.

On August 4, 2018 I sent my findings to Jean H. with the following questions and suggestions.

1- Alberta Death Index

The ability to order Alberta Death Certificates for deaths over 50 years started in November last year. I am curious who supplied the info for the inscription on the memorial stone for Daniel Henry. Someone must have provided the info at the time the memorial was laid down. Unfortunately, I don't know when the memorial was placed, but if it was shortly after death, then there may be a name of the informant on the certificate. I also found out that a Rev. Dr. William E. Daly, from Ireland, was the minister for the Wetaskiwin Methodist Church during 1907, the year of Daniel's death. Was William Daniel's brother or relative? Was William the reason Daniel was in Wetaskiwin?

2) Saskatchewan Residence Index

What I find interesting in this index is that the place of death is listed as Prince Albert, SK. Why? I couldn't find a Daniel Henry Daly, born in Ireland, in the 1906 censuses for AB or SK. If you elect to join the society controlling this database, let me know how it went & what you discovered, as this is new to me. The SK government may have been monitoring Daniel because of children in an orphanage & references to his death in Wetaskiwin & the children may be on the document.

3) UK Death Index

I am assuming that Esther, who is shown as a widow in the 1911 UK Census, submitted this information. Since she remarried in 1912, I also assume she would have had to prove that her husband Daniel had passed away, especially as she got married in the same general location. The death registration may in fact state where Daniel died.

4) Find-a-Grave

If you look at the website for

(1) Cpl Daniel Henry Daly (1853-1907) take a look under "Flowers" for a Jessie Kelly's comments. She is pretty sure that Daniel is her g-g-grandfather.

(2) Daniel RWHGG "Dan" Daly (1889-1978) was born in Curragh Camp, County Kildare, Ireland. Was this an army camp? Was he born in an army barracks where his father, Daniel, was stationed? There seems to be some question about Violet, b. abt 1891 in the 1906 SK census, being a sibling. The 1901 UK Census shows a Kathleen being born in 1891 as well. Same girl? Possibly named Kathleen Violet?

(4) Mrs Esther Goodbun Gittens Dowle (1854-1926) was born & died in Dover, Kent. QUESTION: Did she every leave the UK to come to Canada?

The fact that Jessie is monitoring these 4 memorials, indicate to me that she is quite sure of her ancestry & she may have documented proof.

5) Salvation Army Invitation

In searching for info on ST. Patrick's Orphanage, Prince Albert, SK (not a very good reputation, eh?) I came across an archived document which states, "A proposal by the Salvation Army to transfer British widows and their families to the Dominions, such as Canada." Did all this start with Daniel seeing this invitation in the barracks back in Ireland? It couldn't have specified St. Patrick's (I can't read the document itself) because it didn't come into existence until 1903. So just a general invitation to Canada.

August 12, 2018

My theory is this, Jean.

Daniel brought his 4 children to Canada after reading the Salvation Army invitation at wherever his army posting was at the time. Perhaps, Daniel was ill, maybe from injuries from his army experiences. Maybe things were difficult in Ireland. Esther stayed in UK as it would be the only way to state, in Canada, that it was a single parent family. Daniel stayed in Canada but settled in Wetaskiwin. Once again, was Rev. William E. Daly a relative?

If you haven't already done so, ordering death/residence certificates/registrations & contacting Jessie Kelly through the Find-a-Grave website may supply the information you require to prove that indeed, Cpl. Daniel Henry Daly, now residing in Wetaskiwin, is the fellow who was the father of the 4 kids at St. Patrick's Orphanage.

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#### **THOUGHTS OF THANKSGIVING:**

- For farmers large and small for growing the excellent food we eat
- For teachers, health professionals and all others who work for our well being
- For police, fire fighters, military and all those who work for our safety
- For those in civic, religious and philanthropic positions for efforts to give us the best society

#### **4. Ancestors of Mary Robina Cochrane, 1859 – 1949**      **by Leroy Koop**

Linda H. contacted us through our website soliciting help in finding out more about her great grandmother, Mary Robina Cochrane, who married Andrew Sharpe in 1887 in Ontario.

Mary R. is listed in the 1861 Canadian Census for Ontario as a two-year old, with her parents, John and Martha Cochrane, and a one-year old sister, Elyza Jane. In the 1871 Canadian Census, John and Martha Cochrane are listed with four children, but 12 year-old Mary R. is not among them. In 1871 Mary R. is listed with the family of John and Elizabeth Hilland (Hillen). From the marriage registration it was determined that John and E. Hellen (Hillen) were the parents to Martha. So, for what ever reason, Mary R. was living with her maternal grandparents.

John and Martha Cochrane do not show up in the 1881 Canadian Census. After the birth of their last child, William, in Ontario in 1872, the family moved to the state of Iowa, USA. The family is listed in the 1880 USA Census with four children. Their oldest child, Mary R. remained in Canada. She is listed in the 1881 Canadian Census living with William and Eliza Ann Hillen. Beside Mary R.'s name, far to the right on the census page, is the word "adopted". Although not proven through any document, William is probably the sister to Martha, and thus Mary R.'s uncle.

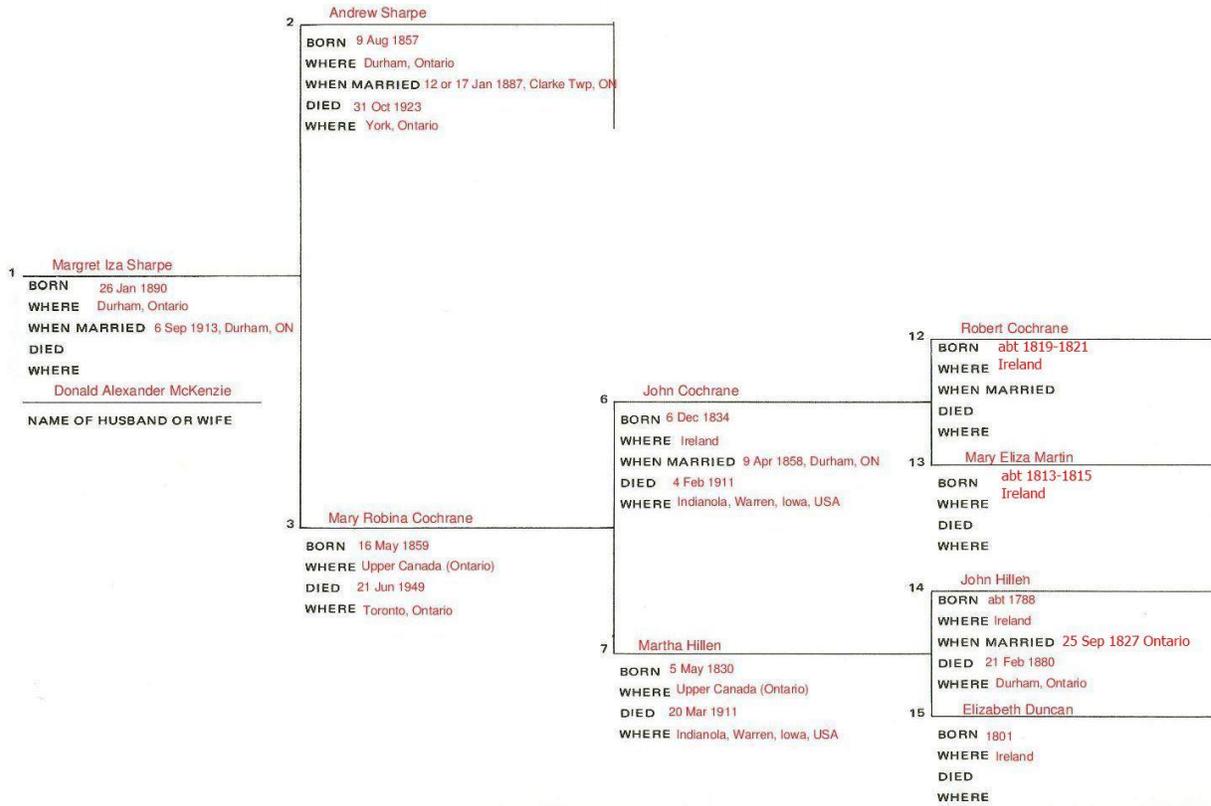
Mary R. Sharpe nee Cochrane had six children. On only one birth registration, that of daughter Margaret, did Mary R. submit her name as Mary R. Hillen. All others had her maiden surname as Cochrane. Of the three marriage registrations for her children found, only Margaret's shows the mother as Mary R. Hillen Sharpe. The other two state Cochrane.

The approximated year of birth for Mary R. found in nine Canadian sources range from 1857 to 1862. The 1861 Canadian Census, the closest source to the actual birth, states that Mary R. is two years old and thus estimates her birth year as 1859. Two sources cite that she was born on May 16. Comparing Mary R.'s estimated birth years with that of her husband Andrew Sharpe in the same sources, seems to indicate that Andrew was born two years earlier than Mary R. Both the 1861 Canadian Census and Andrew's grave maker indicate his birth year as 1857. Two sources show that Andrew was born on August 9. Without conclusive proof with birth registrations, one can only surmise that Mary Robina Cochrane was born on 16 May 1859 and Andrew Sharpe on 9 August 1857.

Mary R.'s paternal grandparents are listed in her father, John's bio on the Find-a-Grave website as being Robert Cochrane and Mary Eliza Martin of Ireland. Further research on this couple will probably prove difficult.

Mary R.'s maternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth Hillen. From a death registration of a James Hillen, Elizabeth's maiden surname was given as Duncan. John Hillen and Elizabeth Duncan appear on the Upper Canada (Central Ontario) Marriage Indexes as having married in the year 1827. The actual church record states that the marriage took place 25 September 1827.

Here is the partial pedigree chart for Linda H. who requested ancestral information on her great grandmother, Mary Robina Cochrane.



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The following is an excerpt from an EEGS posting on Sept 9, 2018

Re: 1926 Canadian Census

<https://mygenealogylife.ca/2018/09/07/hold-on-to-your-hats-the-census-is-coming/>

A comment on my blog indicates that the census has been passed to Family Search and their transcribers are working their magic to get the census in our hands.

Nancy states they are indexing

“Name, land description, relationship to head, sex, marital condition, age, place of birth (province if Canada, or Country) ethnicity and year of immigration. Not being indexed is Father’s place of birth and Mother’s place of birth, year of naturalization, mother tongue, and education.”

This is amazing news and thankfully Nancy took the time to give us an update. Hopefully, we will have access to this soon! A big Canadian thank you to Nancy and all the indexers at Family Search.

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