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EDMONTON GENEALOGY FAIR - JOIN US!

Edmonton Family History Fair

Remembering

Saturday, Oct. 19 | 9:00am - 3:30pm

Join Us for an Exciting Day of Discovery!

Classes for All Levels: Whether you're a beginner or an expert, there's something for everyone.

Free Admission: Get one-on-one help from experienced genealogists.

Expert Assistance: Experts from AGS and Alberta Archives will be available.

Exclusive Resources: Learn from 16 different talks throughout the day.

Engaging Presentations: Discover your roots and uncover your family history!



Located at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Riverbend Stake Center | 14325 53 Ave NW, Edmonton



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OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Don't Miss This!
Scan Here for
Registration!



MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Visit the website for further details about classes and schedule. Click on the REGISTER NOW link and select the classes you are interested in attending. There will also be many interesting booths and exploration stations at the event.

<https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/edmonton-family-history-fair>

We need a few volunteers to act as Class Hosts. They will introduce the presenter at the beginning of each class session and assist the presenter as needed. If you are interested in volunteering please send an email to: newsletter@edmontongenealogy.ca

WE HAVE A WINNER!



Congratulations to Denise Daubert for finding 45 words in our contest.



LOST 'N FOUND

A Bible and its Journey Back to a Genealogist's Great Grandson by Deb Boelstler

I wanted to share a story with the Edmonton Branch about a bible that Arlene Borgstede took into our library and its remarkable journey back to the great-grandson in Ontario.

Arlene took in a donation of a bible that was presented to one John Tucker in Appreciation of his valuable services in conducting the singing and playing of the Harmonium Eckworthy Baptist Chapel in 1867 by the congregation. Not knowing what to do with this bible, it sat for many years in a box in the library cataloging area. We don't have the space available to store bibles and so I went off on a quest.

The Bible at one time was in the possession of John Tucker's granddaughter Mrs. Elizabeth Ferris of Calgary Alberta. Somehow when Mrs. Ferris passed away, the bible ended up in Spruce Grove when a B. Roberts donated it to us on November 6, 2019.

I looked on Ancestry and found a Bill Ferris who had a family tree set up for the Tucker Family. I contacted him through messenger and emailed him a detailed list of the family history of the Tuckers that was inset in the bible. Bill was excited and the bible was sent on it's way to him.

He was the son of Elizabeth Ferris and so the bible and family history information is now in his possession. Bill is a great grandfather himself and he also has the Ferris Family Bible.



LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and 3rd Saturdays, 10am-3pm.

Check the website for updates or call the office when extreme weather events occur as library may be closed.

<https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/library>

WAR HERO STORIES

LOOKING FOR short stories of war heros from your family for future issues. Please submit with a photo by Oct 1st.

newsletter@edmontongenealogy.ca



NEWSIES

Doors Open 2024 **THANK YOU!**

The following volunteers hosted the Doors Open Historic Festival July 9-13th and gave tours of our library.

Janet Nichols, Kit Hrushowy, Allison Akgungor, Claudine Nelson, Pam Forsyth, Pat Pettitt, Sheila Genaille, Lynn Fogwill, Marion Rex Howard, and Jock Howard.

A few of the non-member visitors became members and we welcome them!



Do You Know Someone Who Needs Help With Their Research?

Our experienced research team helps members and non-members in sourcing and finding key documents in their search for their family.

Please contact

research@edmontongenealogy.ca



Scottish & Irish SIG

A presentation by Gloria Cathcart "Lost Records, Found Legacy: The Life of Agnes Gregg". Pre-register for Zoom meeting Tuesday Sept. 10 at 7pm.

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcvcuyrrT4jHNZ_k9gdrikw-ce738u9ocC4

German SIG

Wednesday Oct 2 - Transcribe and Translation Apps, Zoom meeting.

Find out what online language transcription and translation tools you can use, to make sense of handwritten records.

Please contact

<https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/german-special-interest-group>

England Wales SIG

Our first Research Day in the Edmonton Branch Library was such a success we are going to do it again!

Saturday October 5th, 10:30 - 2:pm
162, 14315 - 118 Avenue NW.



Please register below so we can plan accordingly. Bring a bag lunch, your laptop, notes, and brick walls! Coffee, tea, and cookies provided. Register here:

<https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/england-wales-sig>



Helping Hands

Currently, there are several positions on the Board and Special Interest Groups (SIG's) open for 2024. Our Society depends on volunteers to provide the services, resources, support, and leadership that make us a leading provider of genealogy information and services. Visit our webpage.

<https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/volunteer-opportunities>

LOOKING BACK

Never Give Up by Linda Renwick

I recently had the pleasure of being 'gobsmacked'. The story begins in 1860 when my Great Grandfather Anton Sagenschneider was born in Fuerstenberg, Westphalia, Germany followed by his sister, Elizabeth, born in 1862.

A mere month after Elizabeth was born, their father (my 2nd GG) died. Four years later, in 1866, the widowed mother also passed. It is at this point that Anton, age 6, is sent to his godparents ("an Uncle that didn't want him", either a Sagenschneider or a Schmidt) and his sister, age 4, is sent to hers (either a Bruman or a Neuman).

I have followed Anton on his journey from Germany to Minnesota, USA in 1866, then North in 1902 to Windthorst, SK. where he remained on the same farm until his passing in 1941. I could find no further records for his sister – she was lost. So onto the Canadian census saga!

As we genealogy buffs are all aware, due to ESL challenges, Enumerators hard-to-decipher Cyrillic writing, and AI indexing, my GG's surname Sagenschneider got distorted as such:

1906 Sagenscraider (Anton is listed as 'Long' with his son also Anton listed as 'Lang')

1911 was typewritten = a real treat

1916 Sagenschneider (due to the prior typing)

1921 Sagenockneider

1926 Lozenschiader with his son indexed as

Sozeuschieder [my Vicq's were indexed as Vieg, my Morgan's as Organs, and on it goes]

The 1931 Canadian census was particularly difficult to crack so I went the 'hard' route. Library and Archives Canada has for each census lists of District Name / Number, Sub-District Name /

Number which I entered into the advanced search portion and then went image by image for the listings for Chester #125 until I found my GG by using his land description.

Imagine my delight to find listed Anton (71), his wife Elizabeth and another Elizabeth (69) listed as 'sister, visiting from Germany, Elizabeth Leuther'. With this newfound info Pat McNamee (Edmonton Branch Library volunteer) found her ship record for me. She came March, 1927 and stayed until November, 1931, then returned to Germany, followed by a return to Canada in September, 1932 'to stay'.

While I have not been able to find out any more information relating to her either in Canada or in Germany (the ship record listed a son in Paderborn), I find great comfort in the knowledge that two siblings who were separated at ages 6 and 4 reconnected again 65 years later at ages 71 and 69 as they were both close to the end of their lives.

What or who was lost is now found. I just want to say never give up on your hunt for supporting documents as you might like me find an unexpected treasure!

FORM 1B.		SEVENTH CENSUS OF CANADA, 1931		DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS - POPULATION		BUREAU FÉDÉRAL DE LA STATISTIQUE		SEPTIÈME RECENSEMENT DU CANADA, 1931				
Province: <u>Alberta</u>		Electoral District: <u>Rocky Mountain</u>		No. <u>2</u>		No. <u>125 Rural</u>		Page <u>3</u>				
NAME AND RESIDENCE		PLACE OF BIRTH	DESCRIPTION OF HOME	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	PLACE OF BIRTH	DESCRIPTION	NATIONALITY AND RACIAL ORIGIN	LANGUAGE	RELIGION	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT
NAME		PLACE OF BIRTH	DESCRIPTION OF HOME	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	PLACE OF BIRTH	DESCRIPTION	NATIONALITY	LANGUAGE	RELIGION	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION	EMPLOYMENT
1	Sagenschneider Anton	Germany			Germany		German	German				
2	Sagenschneider Elizabeth	Germany			Germany		German	German				
3	Sagenschneider Elizabeth	Germany			Germany		German	German				
4	Sagenschneider Anton	Germany			Germany		German	German				
5	Sagenschneider Elizabeth	Germany			Germany		German	German				

LINKING IN

FamilySearch - Introducing 3-Star Record Hints for Experienced Researchers

A hint is a possible match between a historical record and someone in the Family Tree—such as one of your ancestors. It is an invitation from FamilySearch to evaluate the information and determine if the person listed in the record is the same as the person in the Tree.

If so, you can attach the record to their person page on FamilySearch, and even discover added details about an ancestor or relative's story. I received this valuable note a few days back from Lynn Fogwill. Please note the following changes:

Until now, FamilySearch has only shared hints that are ranked as either 4- or 5-star quality. A 5-star hint is the strongest potential connection between a record and your ancestor. A 3-star hint is weaker because the information on the historical record and the potentially matching person page contains more differences and are more likely to not be a match.

With any hint, you should examine the record carefully to see if it is an accurate match. Because evaluating 3-star hints require more skill, they are not shown by default. We recommend that only experienced researchers and genealogists turn on access to them.

To access 3-star record hints, select your username in the top right corner of [FamilySearch](#), and then click Settings. Switch to the Account tab. Under the Family Tree Preferences section, toggle Expand Record Hints (Experienced Researchers Only).

3-star hints can connect you to records you might otherwise not come across. These hints may not be effective for everyone, but if you are an experienced researcher and looking for more leads, they could be exactly what you need to make your next family history breakthrough!

Family Tree Preferences EDIT



Show Romanized Script.

By default FamilySearch displays names from nonromanized languages such as Chinese, Japanese, and Korean in their native scripts. I can choose to display all names in a romanized (Latin) script.



Expand Record Hints (Experienced Researchers Only)

Expanding record hints will result in hints that may or may not match your ancestor. These hints will need additional review to verify accuracy.

Record Hint

Erik Ersson 1666–1748 • LHP7-CK3



Erik Ersson

Sweden Baptisms, 1611-1920



Erick Isaaksson

Sweden Marriages, 1630-1920

 Weaker Hint





10 Things You Are Probably Doing Wrong In Your Research Jenny Joyce RootsTech 2021

1. Not reading the Help for on-line searches.
2. Not using the Advanced Search function. Put full name in advanced search.
3. Not reading the Research Guides on websites. Mentioned National Archives of Ireland.
4. Not checking the dates on the current record set. If not the correct date range don't waste your time.
5. Not seeking the PROOF yourself. Check the facts. Don't take prior work for granted, and that includes books.
6. Not reading the introductions to books.
7. Not checking Jurisdictions and border changes. Learn these. Irish jurisdictions are different for probate records.
8. Not killing off your ancestors. You must find the death record for each ancestor. Remove all wrong data.
9. Worrying about one particular document. If no birth records are available there are many other types of records you can check.
10. Not recording source information so others can find it too. Cite Sources.

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<https://www.abgenealogy.ca/become-a-member>

and select Edmonton Branch.

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 And more!

It also makes a great gift!



FROM THE LIBRARY STACKS

by Kate Binder

The Bragg Creek and Greater Area Historical Society have published a history of Bragg Creek. "This book, Bragg Creek - Stories of Our Past, attempts to capture our history through a people-places-landmarks lens all woven together in the stories of the people who lived here." The book was donated by author Michele McDonald in appreciation of research completed by the Research Services Committee.



ANCESTRAL MATHEMATICS

In order to be born, you needed:

2 parents
 4 grandparents
 8 great-grandparents
 16 second great-grandparents
 32 third great-grandparents
 64 fourth great-grandparents
 128 fifth great-grandparents
 256 sixth-great grandparents
 512 seventh great-grandparents
 1,024 eighth great-grandparents
 2,048 ninth great-grandparents

For you to be born today from 12 previous generations, you needed a total of **4,094** ancestors over the last 400 years.

Think for a moment –

How many struggles? How many battles?
 How many difficulties? How much sadness?
 How much happiness? How many love stories?
 How many expressions of hope for the future?

– did your ancestors have to undergo for you to exist in this present moment...