

Relatively Speaking 2020: WE NEED YOUR STORIES!

February: **Love Stories:** How did your parents meet? War brides? Mail-order brides? Box-socials, Barn Dances? Sadie Hawkins Day? Church group?
Deadline: December 15, 2019

May: **Royalty: Any Kings, Queens or Royals in your family.** Memories of Royal Visits to Canada/meeting Royalty or attending special Royal events.
Deadline - March 15, 2020

August: **Settling the West - When, Why, How did your family come to Canada?** Challenges for the immigrant family.
Deadline—June 15, 2020

November: **Genealogical Research: Stepping Stones, Stumbling Blocks and Family Secrets, Interesting relatives and their stories.**
Deadline September 15, 2020

Besides the themes you might also consider writing stories about:

- special heirlooms,
- homesteading,
- ancestors that were interesting in the fact that they had interesting jobs or professions or were instrumental in the growth of a town or village in Alberta.
- how people have done research on their family trees (besides ancestry.ca) – historical newspapers, going to archives or museums, checking with cousins on what they have for family memorabilia (due to sharing grandparents)
- Alberta settlement (as in towns/villages ... who they were named after, what year they started etc.).
- special scrapbooks or albums and what stories they “told”.
- How to articles – working with old photographs, making copies of documents for other family members etc.

Stories/articles submitted to rseditor@abgenealogy.ca should:

- be in **digital format** - 1000-2500 words (2-5 pages) preferably in “**Word**” format. Articles longer than 2500 words may be serialized.
- have separate **photos –about 4-6 per article** in 300 dpi JPEG format NOT embedded in the story. **Do not mail original photos or documents** as we
- cannot guarantee against loss. Please include origin/ownership of the photos/documents for copyright purposes.
- use Canadian Press Style guide and the Canadian Oxford Dictionary.
- be original work in your own voice and personal style. We may edit for clarity.
- include an Author Biography – 60-100 words and a head and shoulders photo of the author to accompany the story/article.

****We will select articles/stories on the basis of quality, relevance and space.**