

RELATIVELY SPEAKING
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Feature Articles

- Origins – Home Children Canada by Dave Lorente
Dave writes about the trials and tribulations of his father's experience as a Home Child, how this prompted his 1991 founding of the organization – Home Children Canada – and how this came about. He cites the various accomplishments of HCC ending with the comment that technology has dramatically reduced the time it took him to research this area. Dave has recently retired from active involvement in HCC.
- Canada's Commemorative Home Child Stamp by the Editors
This fall the Canadian government issued a commemorative stamp and poster honouring the British Home Child, an initiative begun in December 2009.
- Wartime Anguish & Elation by Leanne Balfour
Leanne shares an emotional letter she found in her collection of genealogical documents written by her great aunt to her mother, wherein the writer recounts delivery of a message that her son, who had been reported missing in action during WWII, had been located – alive and recuperating in hospital – assuaging their worst fears.
- The Ergonomic Genealogist by Lynn Fogwill
Lynn provides helpful tips for researchers who spend lengthy periods in front of a computer screen on how to properly position yourself and your equipment to avoid discomfort and possible injury.
- Harvest Camp by Valerie Swann
During WWII Valerie, along with so many other British children, was evacuated to the countryside. Valerie fondly recalls that experience.
- Researching My Métis Family by Dr. Thelma J. Chalifoux
Retired Senator, Dr. Thelma Chalifoux, briefly recounts her lengthy research into Métis ancestry, a task that has ensured that others have an easier path to travel in this pursuit. Accompanying this article the editors have provided a synopsis of the three research centres, located - in close proximity - in St. Albert.
- Salvation Army Ancestors? by Denise Daubert
Denise knew that her great uncle had, for a time, been a member of the Salvation Army. She recounts the information she gleaned from their archives and other sources, and how she did so, providing useful information to anyone wishing to use similar religious records.
- Addendum to Lifting Gayl's Ancestral Veil by Jim Lepp
This account demonstrates the useful links that often result between our authors and readers. Jim Lepp also includes the discovery of Gayl's grandfather's gravesite on Salt Spring Island.

- Hillcrest Mine Disaster by Belle Kovach
Belle is attempting to acquire information on the 189 miners who perished in the 1914 explosion at the Hillcrest Mines in Alberta's Crowsnest Pass for a 2014 Centennial Commemoration project. Some background, contact information, and a list of the men with their ages is provided for those who can assist.
- London Trippers of 2010 by Rita Thorson
Rita recounts the highlights of this year's excursion to London's genealogical research sites.
- Unlocking, Researching, and Sharing Family Stories by John J.N. Chalmers
John writes of his late father Jack's and his uncle Alfred's experiences in the RCAF during WWII. He used his father's memoirs and correspondence from his uncle to narrate this story. John tells us of his efforts to seek out helpful relevant information, his sources, the people he subsequently met, and the learning he acquired in sleuthing out this story.
- Navigator Brothers – book review by Hal O'Neil
This is the memoir, written by John J.N. Chalmers, that tells the tale of his father and uncle, both of whom served in the RCAF in WWII. John's father returned; his uncle did not – an emotional Edmonton story.