

The Alberta Genealogical Society
Conference 2011

Unlocking Doors to the Past

Saturday, April 16, 2011 and Sunday, April 17, 2011

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ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To Be Held in the Grand Ballroom
of the Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Centre
12:45 pm on Saturday, April 16, 2011

ALL AGS MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND



Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Centre
11727 Kingsway Avenue

Telephone: 780-452-7770
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Please mention "AGS Conference" when booking your room. Book before March 15, 2011 for "AGS Conference" rates of:

Queen single	\$104 a night
"New" King	\$119 a night
Double Queen (2 people)	\$124 a night

Additional charge of \$10 for each extra person

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PRE CONFERENCE TOURS

Bonnie Doon Family History Centre 9010 - 85 Street, Edmonton
City of Edmonton Archives Prince of Wales Armouries 2nd Floor 10440 - 108 Avenue
Edmonton Public Library 7 Sir Winston Churchill Square, Edmonton
Provincial Archives of Alberta 8555 Roper Road, Edmonton
Rutherford Library University of Alberta Campus
Ukrainian Canadian Archives & Museum 9543 - 110 Avenue, Edmonton

REGISTRATION FOR TOURS
Complete the reverse side of the Conference Registration Form

ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

2011 CONFERENCE

April 16 & 17, 2011

Saturday, April 16, 2011

REGISTRATION 7:45 am – 9:00 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS 8:45 am

SESSION A PLENARY 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Colleen Fitzpatrick

Genealogy and the Six Degrees of Separation

What if you could find anyone anywhere in the world? Wouldn't it make the "impossible" brick wall less daunting? If you are interested in exciting new ways of finding long lost cousins – or actually anyone, come hear this talk. The Six Degrees of Separation are History – we are closer than you think!

SESSION B 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Lisa Louise Cooke

B-1

Inspiring Ways to Capture the Interest of the Non-Genealogists in Your Family

If you are researching your family tree but haven't shared it with your family in a way that sparks their interest, then you are only experiencing half of the joy of genealogy! And if your descendants don't grasp the importance of their heritage, your hard work may tragically find its way to the city dump when you are gone. Don't just collect your family history and store it away in binders and files! Learn how creative displays and crafts can capture the imagination of your non-historian friends and relatives, while honoring your ancestors. These projects are guaranteed to inspire your family to ask you to tell them more about the family tree!

Pat Ryan - Internet Research

B-2

Finding New Friends and Old Relatives

I invite you to relax and follow me on my photographic tour of Germany, Austria and Czech Republic. During this presentation you will hear how my research into these previously 'unfamiliar' countries culminated in a month long ancestral visit & gave Canada two new citizens.

Dave Obee - Destination Canada

B-3

More than seven million people arrived in Canada from Europe, the United States and Asia between 1815 and 1930. This session deals with the wide variety of sources that deal with immigration to Canada, including ship passenger lists (available from 1865 through 1935), border crossing records, and naturalization and citizenship documents. Many of these sources have been indexed and placed online, making it possible to access them quickly and easily. It pays to know, however, the scope and limitations of those Internet resources, and how to obtain information from other sources. Includes a list of websites.

Deanna Bullock B-4 *What Are They Up To Now in Salt Lake City?*

FamilySearch is changing again. Come learn about the new changes to the FamilySearch website and how they impact your family history research. Learn to navigate through the site in the most efficient manner. Check out the FamilySearch Historical Records database where millions of names are being added each month as a result of the FamilySearch Indexing project.

Lunch 11:45 am – 12:45 pm

AGM 12:45 pm

SESSION C 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Lisa Louise Cooke

C-1

How to Save your Research from Destruction & Ensure It's Future Survival

Don't let your lifetime of genealogy research end up in the landfill! Lisa Louise Cooke will teach you the 7 key strategies to securing the future of your research including designating a "research keeper," setting up a *Genealogy Materials Directive*, and making donations with a *Deed of Gift*. Don't miss this class – your family research legacy depends on it!

Pat Ryan

C-2

Introduction to Scottish Internet Genealogy

This lecture provides instruction and money saving hints using Scottish Statutory records (1855 – 1905), Old Parochial Records (1553 – 1854), plus censuses 1841-1901. Participants can expect to leave this session with a clear view of which records to use, when to use them, and how to find them.

Session C - CONTINUED

Dave Obee C-3
Working Without a Net

OK, so you've been using the Internet for everything so far. News flash: You can't do it all on the Web. This talk includes information on a variety of sources that are not online. You will come to appreciate the value in going beyond the Net.

Colleen Fitzpatrick C-4
Not just the Facts Ma'am, Give Me the Big Picture

Individual facts only give bits of a story. But for best results, it is critical to knit those facts into what we call "information". Knowing where to look for facts is only the first step; knowing how to look at them is the key to success.

SESSION D 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Lyn Meehan D-1
Irish Resources: Locating tools

Irish genealogy can be challenging! To master it, family historians first need to understand the nature and lasting effects of key events in Ireland's history. After suffering the ravages of civil war, priceless legal and historical records were lost in the permanent destruction of Dublin's Public Record Office. Whether starting an Irish genealogical library or researching your family tree, join Lyn Meehan and acquaint yourself with books, periodicals, maps and electronic resources that will help you overcome the hurdles imposed by such tragic loss.

Susan Haga D-2
Analyzing your Ancestor's Handwriting

In this class you will learn about family members that you have never even met! By learning principles of graphology, you will not only learn about your ancestors but about yourself as well.

Deanna Bullock D-3
Are You Linked In, Hooked Up or Connected?

Are you interested in being Linked In, Hooked Up or Connected to those who are researching your families or those who can help you find the information you are looking for?

Colleen Fitzpatrick D-4
The Database Detective

Forensic Genealogy has used database mining to solve some of the most compelling mysteries of modern genealogy. It offers much insight on how to use materials you may take for granted. You may know where to look for information- but come to this lecture and find out how to look at it.

BANQUET
Cocktails 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 17, 2011

SESSION E PLENARY 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Lisa Louise Cooke
Google Earth for Genealogy

Google Earth is a 360 degree three dimensional way to view your ancestor's world! In this class you will learn how to identify old photos, plot and virtually visit your ancestor's homestead, and incorporate historic maps. Google Earth has the power to geographically document your ancestor's lives, and lends itself very well to collaboration with other researchers. It's one of the best online genealogical tools available, and best of all, it's FREE.

SESSION F 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Lisa Louise Cooke F-1
Tap into your Inner Private Eye: 8 Strategies for Finding Living Relatives

Learn the techniques that Private Investigators use to track down missing people. These strategies will help you find those elusive living relatives who just may hold the key to your brick wall or possess that treasured photo you've been looking for.

Pat Ryan F-2
Who's Your Momma?

This is a really fun way to learn the importance of developing research and critical thinking skills by not allowing ourselves to rush through our research. We learn to take advantage of many research tools we all have access to, and we learn why we must question as we go.

Session F - CONTINUED

Dave Obee F-3
Canadian Migration Patterns

People have been coming to this country for centuries. Understanding the flow of people will help you understand how your family fits in the history of the country. Look for specific sources and their locations, probable routes, places of origin for group migrations, and the influx of people directly from the United States, Europe and Asia.

Colleen Fitzpatrick F-4
Forensic Genealogy – CSI Meets Roots

Who? What? When? Where? Are these the words of a genealogist researching his family tree or a forensic scientist solving a mystery? Maybe someone who is both! You will arrive at this talk a genealogist; you will leave a forensic genealogist.

Lunch 11:45 am – 12:45 pm

TBA 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm

Session G 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Lianne Kruger G-1
Home Home on the Range ... but which Range Road was that?

You have a land purchase document for an ancestor. How do you figure out what it means, where was the family farm and what is on that land today? This session will explain how land was identified in US and Canada and with those coordinates how do you find it today. And of course, how does this help with your genealogical research.

Lyn Meehan G-2
Research Plans that Work

Preliminary research, course-plotting and charting are certain defenses for successful genealogy. If there's no strategy or intended course, frustration can easily offset any plans for resolution. Join Lyn, and learn how to keep focused by setting goals, thinking through purposes and procedures, too writing self-instructions piloting you along your research path to success!

Geoff Rasmussen G-3
Timelines and Chronologies

~VIA LIVE WEBINAR~

Secrets of Genealogical Success. Learn how to easily create an effective timeline using software. Learn the 6 elements of a good timeline and how timelines solve difficult research problems.

Colleen Fitzpatrick G-4
Lying with Wolves – Misha Defonseca Holocaust Fraud Exposed On February 28, 2008, Misha Defonseca admitted that her international bestseller, *Misha – Surviving with Wolves*, was "not the real reality". Misha's stunning confession was forced by determined forensic genealogists who discovered documents about Misha's childhood thought impossible to obtain. This talk will describe how we exposed Misha's international fraud.

Session H 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

John Althouse H-1
The Changing Map of Europe 1860 to 2011

Many of our ancestors migrated from Europe between 1860 and 2011. This was a period in which the map of that continent underwent some significant changes. In order to better understand the emigration of our families and to know where to search for records of their past, it is essential to be aware of how the map has changed through this century and a half.

Lyn Meehan H-2
Building Evidence

As genealogists, we often find ourselves challenged by elusive ancestors and sketchy information. We gaze at our sources, whether records or photographs, hoping the information we seek will magically leap off the page. To build evidence, genealogists must evaluate each piece of information separately asking who furnished this information and why. Join Lyn, and learn the GPS of Information Processing. Demystify the definitions of sources, information, evidence and proof as she demonstrates through direct and indirect information how evidence analysis works.

Geoff Rasmussen H-3
Mapping your Ancestors Electronically
~VIA LIVE WEBINAR~

Using Software and the Internet. Learn about AniMap, Centennia, Map My Family Tree, Parish Locator Program and all the best mapping web sites.

Colleen Fitzpatrick H-4
The Hand in the Snow and the Crash of Northwest Flight 4422

As reported by MSNBC and hundreds of newspapers worldwide: Fifty years after Northwest Flight 4422 crashed in Alaska, a frozen human arm and hand was found in the wreckage by two commercial airline pilots. It would take ten additional years and a world class team of forensic specialists to make a positive identification of the remains. This talk tells our story.

***ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL BANQUET***

PLACE: Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Centre
Grand Ballroom

DATE: Saturday, April 16th, 2011

COCKTAILS 6:00 pm

DINNER 7:00 pm

EVENT: Stump the Panel

Featuring: Lisa Louise Cooke Lyn Meehan
 Dave Obee Pat Ryan

Bring your genealogy question to the banquet and challenge the experts to:

- provide a key
- unlock and open the door
- knock down your brick wall

A wonderful opportunity to get the advice that may lead you through the doors to your past.

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REGISTRATION FORM – One per person Please

You will not be notified in advance of the session you will be attending.
Your session schedule will be in the package that you receive at the Conference.

Cancellation policy – Cancellations will only be accepted in case of injury, illness, or death in the family.
Refunds will not be paid until after the Conference is over

DO NOT SEND THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO THE HOTEL

Please mark the session number of the talks that you wish to attend (eg. “B-4”) in the appropriate box.

Saturday, April 16th			Sunday April 17th		
Session A	9:00 am	Plenary for all	Session E	9:00 am	Plenary for all
Session B	10:30 am		Session F	10:30 am	
Lunch	11:45 am – 12:45 pm		Lunch	11:45 am – 12:45 pm	
AGM	12:45 pm	Annual General Meeting	Plenary	12:45 pm	Plenary for all
Session C	2:00 pm		Session G	2:00 pm	
Session D	3:30 pm		Session H	3:30 pm	

Please register for AGS 2011 Conference by providing the information required below. Please print!

Name _____ Phone no. _____

Email: _____

6 surnames / topics/ areas that are in your family and or research

PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR REGISTRATION

Morning coffee and lunches are included in the price

Two day attendance Paid on or before April 1, 2011 ___ @ \$90.00 per person \$.00
or Payment after April 1, 2011 ___ @\$110.00 per person \$.00

One day Saturday Sunday ___ @ \$55.00 per person \$.00

Saturday Evening Banquet ___ @ \$ 40.00 per person \$.00

Dietary concerns - please let us know on the reverse

Total payment submitted: \$.00

Cheque or Money Order enclosed for \$ _____

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PRE CONFERENCE TOURS

- You must be registered for the Conference to participate in the Tours
- You must register for the tours you wish to take
- Mark two choices: tours have limited space- space will be allocated on a first come first served basis
- You will be notified of placement/changes
- You will need to arrange your own transport

Please ensure that you are allowing yourself enough time for travel between tours.

Each tour is expected to last about one hour, and the average point to point travel within the City of Edmonton is about one-half hour. Please allow additional traveling time based on your own circumstances.

Friday April 15, 2011

Bonnie Doon Family History Centre	2:00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provincial Archives of Alberta	10:00 am	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bonnie Doon Family History Centre	3:00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provincial Archives of Alberta	2:00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bonnie Doon Family History Centre	4:00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Edmonton Public Library	10:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
City of Edmonton Archives	2:00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Edmonton Public Library	1:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rutherford Library U of A	10:00 am	<input type="checkbox"/>			

There is no charge for the above tours.

A fee of \$5 per person, payable at the time of the tour is required to tour the
Ukrainian Canadian Archives & Museum 1:00 pm

AGS/Edmonton Library & Research Centre will be Open on Friday April 15, 2011

Dietary Concerns:

Your question for the panel at the Banquet

Question:

Steps taken already to try to solve the problem:
