



Grande Prairie & District Branch Alberta Genealogical Society

**Heritage Seekers
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Bill's Blurb

Bill Lappenbush

As I ponder what to write for this edition, the first thing that comes to mind is the great success Gen-Fair turned out to be. Congratulations, gang! A job well done! I wish to express thanks to all who participated to make this a memorable weekend. A lot of work from so many, a time of camaraderie, sharing so many talents and so much energy.

The success of Gen-Fair was evidenced by the addition of several new memberships. A welcome to all new members.

In conjunction with Gen-Fair our branch hosted the AGS annual meeting and awards Banquet. Wow! Little wonder April seemed such a bus of activity. It was.

Following our regular April meeting, Mary Nutting, archivist from the Grande Prairie Museum, gave us an enlightening workshop and demonstration on "Archival Storage". And what genealogist couldn't use help here as we accumulate mounds of pictures and documents and treasures through our research?

Similarly, what genealogist doesn't require some form of organizing their records? Leita Askew addressed this in a demonstration of the efficiency of the system she uses, at our regular May meeting.

I would like to thank all involved in the organization and sales of tickets for the quilt raffle. It is through the efforts of VOLUNTEERS like you that build our library and resources and promote genealogy to the general public.

Our branch is still in need of a secretary. I wish to extend a special thanks to Maxine Maxwell who is currently doing such a terrific job fulfilling these duties.

Programming to look forward to, following our June meeting, "Introducing DNA & Genealogy" Speaker: Dr. Sean Irwin.

As we are approaching the suspension of monthly meetings for July and August, I wish you all a good summer.

Editor's Message

Judy Bradley

Summertime has once again arrived in the Grande Prairie area, and this issue of Heritage Seekers is filled with summer reading. It is devoted to remembering our past - in it we revisit some past issues of Heritage Seekers.

Which branch of AGS first published their own newsletter? If you said Grande Prairie and District Branch, AGS you would be correct. The first issue was published in April 1978. WAY TO GO GRANDE PRAIRIE! No wonder our branch is so strong - we come from good strong roots!

I would like to draw your attention to the article "Post 1901 Census Project".

I hope your summer is filled with genealogical finds. My plans are to find my genealogy and rescue it from its many piles! We can all use the time summer brings to organize our records - we all know how now.

Enjoy your family, past and present.

Please! Heritage Seekers - It's Time to Get A Cookin'

Fran Moore

Members of the Grande Prairie Branch, AGS, please send me your recipes, accompanying notes and 'your thumbnail sketch' to make our Cook Book a complete group production.

We have received quite a variety of materials and the cookbook will go ahead.

This is the LAST CALL! New members, old members, all members this will be a treasured part of your genealogy collections - your own cookbook. It will only truly be yours if you contribute.

Write up a recipe or food story from your family (yourself, parents, grandparents) and a note to tell its story. Write a 'thumbnail sketch' - a few paragraphs about yourself (who you are), and about your genealogical research areas.

Any kind of recipes: serious, tummy warming or 'just fun' foods. Include notes that connect these foods to your family. Chapters include; breakfast, breads/muffins, cookies/cakes/squares, soups, salads, munchies, beverages, main dishes/casseroles, fish/chicken, bison, side dishes, desserts, odds & ends, and thumbnail sketches.

- Special interest item. Did your mother make a special treat on bread baking day? Did she take a small piece of the dough, stretch it out and fry it in hot fat? If she did, what did she call it? I'm collecting stories and names about these treats, which were usually sprinkled with sugar.

September 16th is our final deadline for this cookbook. Items can be submitted at June meeting, left in my envelope in Isabell Campbell room or mailed or faxed to me - any time this summer. What isn't in September 16th, won't be included. Final typing and proofing will happen in late September, and printing will be in October.

This project will be an interesting, fun and 'delicious' offering - be part of it!

NOTICE

From
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
11212-102 Street, Grande Prairie

The Family History Center in Grande Prairie would like you to know that due to building renovation we will be closing 3 pm on Saturday April 26th, 2003 and hope to open again the first part of September. We would like to thank you for your patronage and for the help we have received on learning more about the internet. We thank you and hope you will have a nice summer.

Sincerely,
Verna Hockey

Correction to Heritage Seekers March issue - The Family History Centre has Ancestry.com on their computers, not Genealogy.com as we announced last quarter.

HERITAGE SEEKERS - Highlights from 1978

Judy Bradley

The following membership list appeared in our first issue of "Newsletter Alberta Genealogical Society Grande Prairie & District Branch"

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Carol Thomson
Don & Doreen Cooke
Merna Nelson
Colin & Paulette Hrychiw
Judy Brewster
Hettie Bidewell
Grant & Linda Finnen
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George Lapp
Harry F. Lehnern
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Pat Hewitt
Wanda Streeper
Dorothy Murphy

Jean Lowe
Elizabeth Turner
Dianne S. Bohnke
Catherine Phillips
Elizabeth (Beth) Sheehan
Margaret Owens
Ronald & Carol Allen

This is an impressively long list with only three members being from out of the district - one Whitecourt and two Edmonton. But of course it may have had something to do with the Membership Secretary - Paulette Hrychiw.

With the second issue came a new title The Heritage Seekers.

Annual fees for AGS membership were \$8.00 with the Branch membership being \$2.00 for the year. In the June 1978 issue was the following:

FINAL NOTICE! Any members, who have not paid their \$2 branch membership by June 30/78, will have their branch privileges, such as receiving THE HERITAGE SEEKERS, and use of the library, revoked. We need your support. Please pay your membership now.

Fund raising was a concern in 1978 as indicated by this entry in December 1978:

BOTTLES OF VANILLA can be picked up from Carol Thomson or Jean Bauer for sale. Proceeds to the Branch Library. Also, Judy Brewster is willing to collect bottles. If you have some, take them to 9813 - 93 St. When she has enough, she will take them to the Bottle Depot. Proceeds to the Library again.

Thumbnail Sketches were very prominent in our early issues. Here are a few from HS 1978 that I hope you find interesting.

THUMBNAIL SKETCH Carol Ann Thomson (nee Wardill)

Carol is our first and very energetic president. She was born in Grande Prairie, daughter of Tom and Lydia (nee Thomsen) Wardill of Yorkshire, England and Medicine Hat, Alberta, respectively. Carol attended school in Grande Prairie, Wembley and Hythe, Alberta. In 1967 she and John Cecil Everest "Buck" Thomson, a truck driver, were married. They have three daughters: Rhonda (10), Roxanne (8) and Peggy (2 1/2).

Carol is an avid genealogist, but her other interests include a scrapbook of the Royal Family which she started as a child, crocheting, knitting, liquid embroidery, a bit of ceramics, collecting greeting and postcards, and reading.

It wasn't until July 1976, after seeing a copy of information taken from the Wardill Family Bible in England that Carol started working on the history of the descendants of Great-grandfather John Wardill of the Brotton area of Yorkshire and her father's maternal family of Ewing, all of England.

When you marry, your relatives double (and sometimes more!) so Carol is also researching her husband's Thomson and Crichton families of Scotland. He was given his maternal grandmother's maiden name of Everest, and Carol is particularly interested in this name. They were from Surrey, England. Grandmother Ethel May Everest was taken in by Dr. Barnardo's Homes at the age of 13 when her mother died. She was sent to Canada at an early age under one of Dr. Barnardo's emigration schemes. Little was known of the rest of her family.

Then one time Carol sent to Scotland for the marriage certificate of another branch of the family and when she received it, lo and behold, the stamp on the envelope was cancelled with an address for Dr. Barnardo's Orphanage in Scotland! Well! She immediately wrote and explained her interest in Ethel Everest. A month later a letter came from Essex, England, where her letter had been forwarded. In it was information on Ethel's father, parents and uncles, a list of her immediate family with their ages at the time of their mother's death, and background material explaining

why Ethel was put in the orphanage and not the other children. So look at your cancellations, people. You never know where valuable information will turn up.

Carol's grandparents, the Harry Wardills, came to Canada under the sponsorship of the British Family Scheme, being one of the first four families to arrive in Grande Prairie.

These emigrants formed the United Empire Settlers League and Carol would very much like to hear from anyone knowing more about either of the groups.

Names and dates aren't enough. Carol wants stories and traditions so the people she finds on her family tree become real living people for her. Good searching, Carol.

THUMBNAIL SKETCH

Paulette Hrychiw (nee Pivert)

Our able Membership Secretary was born in Grande Prairie in 1943, bringing a roommate with her in the person of her twin brother Paul. Children of Andre and Marie Jeanne (Marcil) Pivert, they were raised on a farm in the Flying Shot Lake and Dimsdale area in the County of Grande Prairie, attending Lucky Tree, Harry Balfour County and St. Joseph's Separate schools.

Paulette's husband, Colin Hrychiw, a heavy-duty mechanic, was born and raised in the Lake Saskatoon district. They have lived in the city of Grande Prairie since their marriage in 1963 and have four daughters - Colleen, Karen and Glenda (twins) and Lynette.

Other than genealogy, Paulette's interests are sewing and related crafts, with dolls being her big love. She has a library of books on dolls-antiques, period costumes, how-to-make, and related subjects-and has taken a course in repairing and restoring dolls. With four daughters she has a hard time collecting dolls of her own.

At about age 15 Paulette became interested in genealogy when she saw a family chart made by a relative. Research until recently has been in Alberta, Quebec and France, then she took a jump into Madagascar, looking for her paternal grandmother's death certificate. After sending as much information as she had to the Madagascar Embassy, she was given the address of the French Consul in the town in question. She sent a \$6 money order to cover expected expenses. Three months later she received two death certificates, one for her grandmother and one for her stillborn child. An accompanying letter stated that the Consul was pleased to send the certificates free of charge and that he had burned her cheque for safety's sake! She is now in the process of trying to get a refund on her money order. This is one of the interesting sidelights of family tree climbing for Paulette, along with getting French letters translated.

Paulette is researching the names Pivert and Pouteau in France; Marcil, Gibeau and Thibert in Quebec. She is particularly interested in the picture aspect of her genealogy. Is she finding any outstanding physical characteristics in common?

THUMBNAIL SKETCH

Merna Nelson (nee Cook)

Our proficient treasurer was born in Calgary, Alberta, the daughter of Charles and Edith (Brown) Cook of Floss Township, Simcoe County, Ontario, and Merid, Saskatchewan. She and her husband Lorne, have four children - Scott (1956), Ritchie (1957), Jeffrey (1958), Patricia Dawn (1960).

Merna is a history buff, especially enjoying regional histories. Her scrapbook of items gleaned from many sources, covers announcements of anniversaries, homecomings, reunions, and local history books, and could be valuable to researchers now, and more so as the years go on.

Presently Merna is the historian for the Grande Prairie Ladies Curling Club and is in desperate need of early history of the Club. Vera Pezer, three times Canadian ladies' curling champion is compiling a history of curling in the prairie provinces and has asked for a contribution from Grande Prairie. But sadly, when work was progressing on a new curling rink in 1977, trophies, minutes and records were destroyed in a warehouse fire. Merna would be grateful for any help. Write to her at 9919 - 85 Ave., Grande Prairie, T8V 0A1.

While acting as secretary-treasurer for an art club in Drayton Valley, Merna took up painting, and especially likes cartooning. We will be expecting one for publication in HERITAGE SEEKERS, Merna!

For ten years or more she has been collecting data on her father's Cook/Dwinnell (Simcoe Co., Ont.) families, and her mother's Brown/Montgomery (Wellington Co., Ont.) families. She has a birth record of her grandfather, John Scott Brown, born May 6, 1877, Guelph Twp., Wellington Co., Ontario. His father was John Brown who died about 1920, and his mother was Mary Wickson. She died about 1885, but their ages and their birthplaces were not recorded on their son's birth record, and so Merna is trying to trace them. Scott was the youngest of eleven children, being approximately 8 years old when his mother died. An older sister raised him.

The Montgomery and Dwinnell/Dwindle families are being traced by relatives and Merna hopes to benefit from their searches. She's really in luck on the Nelson side of the family too, for their family history is due to be in print some time next year.

THUMBNAIL SKETCH

Laura Turnbull (nee Krause)

Laura is our very willing Secretary. She was born to Reinhold and Martha (Bauer) Krause in Medicine Hat, Alberta, and lived on a farm at Hilda, fifty miles from there. She went to a one-room school two miles from home, where Grades 1 to 9 were taught to about 20 students.

Laura later trained for teaching and her second teaching position brought her to Grande Prairie in September 1971. It happened that Bill Turnbull, a young single man, was also teaching here, and since July 1972, the Krause-Turnbull families have had their roots entwined.

Laura taught until December 1976, when she switched to accounting and is presently working for Tissington Homes in Grande Prairie.

"I can remember my father always being able to talk of relatives, both in Canada and Germany," she said, "so gradually I became interested in doing some organizing of the information. Father's father had a book with pedigrees, and birth, marriage and death certificates, all in German. This went back five generations from my father's age."

"Interest in family heritage has been building so that now both of my grandfathers - Alexander Bauer and Christian Krause have capsule histories written about them."

Descendants of Anton Dewald, Laura's maternal great grandfather, decided to have a family reunion in July 1978. It was held on his old homestead near Medicine Hat, with over 200 descendants attending. Each line of his children were represented, with the result that a family a family book called The Dewald Family, with short histories and pictures, has been printed by Medicine Hat Printers.

Laura wants to go back further though, and to include her husband's family in her research. Some of the surnames she is looking for are: From Germany - Krause, Hannemann, Bauer, and Dewald. From England - Turnbull, Jones, Forryan. Good luck searching, Laura, and it is great to hear that the Dewalds did something about their history NOW.

Members of the branch wrote articles of interest to fellow researchers. One such article was written about the magical attic of an unmarried aunt. Although the writer didn't see the attic for herself, she saw many of the treasures it held. Read it for yourself!

AUNT ELEANOR'S ATTIC

by Jean Lowe

Our search for family roots led to Aunt Eleanor in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Unmarried, she lives in one side of a duplex built about 100 years ago by her father and uncle, H. & S. Lowe. The house is three stories, plus attic. It is tall and narrow with wonderful woodwork, which indicates the skill and craftsmanship of her father and grandfather - but that's another story.

Invited into the back parlor, we noted a light bulb on the table. Aunt Eleanor explained that electricians were rewiring the house and had found that the light bulbs installed in the attic were hand-blown glass with tungsten filaments. They asked for one for the Electricians' Museum.

We told her of our interest in genealogy and asked what she remembered of her father and grandfather. She excused herself, returning with a two by three-foot portrait. "That's the old gentleman himself," she said, meaning my husband's great grandfather. Again she left, this time coming back with a portrait of the great grandmother.

She pointed to an end table recently brought from the attic, telling us that Great Grandfather Hudson had brought it to P.E.I. from Spanishtown, Jamaica.

During the evening several more trips were made to the attic, to bring more treasures for viewing: a small wooden flute brought from Holland by Great Grandfather Stromberg; a picture of my husband's great uncle and namesake, John Stromberg with his bandmen and their instruments - which he provided them with - (Aunt Eleanor casually mentioned that all these instruments except the violin and clarinet were stored in her attic!); three family Bibles; original drawings of buildings her father had built in P.E.I., including St Peters Church and All Souls Chapel, which impressed us greatly.

It was time to go when Cousin Anne, also visiting, mentioned a trunkful of letters in the attic! We never did get to the attic but our curiosity and desire for more was certainly whetted. What ecstasy to spend some time in Aunt Eleanor's attic!

In December's issue of The Heritage Seekers Mrs. Gwen Turner is listed as Grande Prairie's 48th member.

I hope you enjoyed revisiting Vol. I of our newsletter. The membership in the past have been a hard working devoted group of genealogists. I sincerely hope we can maintain the eagerness and enthusiasm shown in the first pages of The Heritage Seekers.

Old Newspapers

B. Joan Bowman

Births, marriages and deaths as contained in the "Grande Prairie Herald" newspaper. Continued from the March 2003 issue of "Heritage Seekers".

Sept. 21, 1925 Issue:

- "Born to Mr. and Mrs. Pat ROONEY of the Smokey River on Aug. 31, 1925, a daughter."

Sept. 28, 1925 Issue:

- "Born to Mr. And Mrs. H. Dewar THOMPSON of Grande Prairie at the Montreal Maternity Hospital, Sept. 20th, a son."

Oct. 5, 1925 Issue:

- "Funeral in Montreal recently of the late G.M. BOSWORTH, chairman of Canadian Pacific Steamships . . . "

Oct. 12, 1925 Issue:

- "Clifford TURNER passes away in Edmonton Sept. 30th . . . Son of Mr. and Mrs. S.J. TURNER of DeBolt, AB . . . "

Oct. 19, 1925 Issue:

- "The funeral of the late Mrs. Mima WEBB, wife of Mr. Galvin M. STEPHEN died at Grande Prairie Oct. 11, 1925 . . . Rev. G.A. GRAHAM conducted the service . . . Born at Uxbridge, Ontario in 1884, coming to Grande Prairie in 1917 with her husband and family. Leaves to mourn her husband, two daughters Iola and Metta, her mother and father Mr. And Mrs. G. WEBB of Blue Sky, a sister Mrs. W. WATSON of Saskatoon, Sask., two brothers Wilfred and Oscar of Edmonton, AB and Keeler, Sask. respectively. Interment in the Grande Prairie Cemetery . . . "

Oct. 26, 1925 Issue:

- "Died: Miss Frances JOHNSTON of Wanham, AB. at the Grande Prairie Municipal Hospital in Grande Prairie Oct. 17, 1925. Miss JOHNSTON was twenty four, born in Franks, AB., came to Grande Prairie recently and was employed at the Grande Prairie Hotel. Sister: Mrs. WILSON of Eresham, Sask . . . Body shipped to Wanham, AB." - "In loving memory of John WATSON who passed away Oct. 26, 1924 . . . "

- "Wedding Oct. 19th, when Pearl HUSINK married William SHANNON, Proprietor of the „Farmer's Barn%. The wedding was held at the Catholic Church . . . "

- "Mr. Robert Duncan THOMSON passed away on the 19th . . . of heart trouble. Mr. THOMSON was born in Litchfield, Quebec in 1855 . . . Came west in 1913 and to Grande Prairie in 1915 . . . Funeral held at Christ Church with Rev. C.H. QUARTERMAN officiating assisted by Rev. Graham of St. Paul's United Church. Leaves: a widow, a son H. Dewar THOMSON in Eastern Canada, a daughter Mrs. C.C. FLEMING, and a daughter in Palmerston, Ontario Mrs. W. J. BAUGH, a sister Mrs. N. DURRALL in Ottawa. Interment in the Grande Prairie Cemetery." - "Notice to Creditors and Claimants in the Estate of Thomas Samuel POLLOCK late of the village of Clairmont, AB. Farmer, deceased . . . Died 2 April 1925 . . . "

- "Charles L. CHAMPAGNE, age 76, former Secretary of Louis Riel dies in Montreal . . . "

Nov. 2, 1925 Issue:

- "Drowning of Mr. LEMAIRE and son Hector in the waters of the Wapiti River." - "On Oct. 29th, Rev. Father BOCQUENE married Miss Viola GORDON, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. GORDON, to Mr. H.A. BRICK, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. BRICK of Edmonton, now of the Dominion Lands Office staff. Bridesmaid: Mrs. George PIPPIN and Mr. G.H. CRISIFIED as best man." - "Notice to Creditors and Claimants, in the Estate of Horace C. KNIGHT, of Grande Prairie, AB., clerk, deceased . . . Died 25 Feb. 1925."

Nov. 9, 1925 Issue:

- "Died: Mrs. Charlotte L. GEDDIE of MacKenzie, widow of the late Malcolm MACKENZIE. Born at Summerside, P.E.I. 76 years ago and came to Western Canada 18 years ago settling in Edmonton and for the past four years has resided in Grande Prairie. Mr. A.B. HEDMAN and Mrs. Frank MACDONALD of Grande Prairie are daughters of the deceased. Two sons: James in New Brunswick, and Bertram in Wanham, AB. Funeral Oct. 31, Rev. GRAHAM officiated. Interment in the Grande Prairie Cemetery." - "Wedding at the home of Mr. And Mrs. Frank MCDONALD on Nov. 4, when Mrs. V.M. JORDON, former postmistress of Goodwin, AB., became the wife of James PLATT, also of Goodwin . . . "

From the Stacks

Gail Schau

June is almost over and its time to tally up your volunteer hours for the months of April, May and June (or in some cases January to June). You can email them to me at gmathom@telusplanet.net or fill out the form in the conventional way and deposit it in the completed volunteer hours file in the filing cabinet at the library. I need to hear from everyone!

Books New to the Library

These books should all be on the shelves by now even though I haven't listed their catalogue numbers

-donations from the AGS library:

Handbook on Irish Genealogy
Irish Migrants in the Canadas

-purchases at Genfair

Your English Ancestry
Irish Family History on the Web

-Diver in Ireland: Dever in Canada - another book by Patricia Greber on her family. Thanks for the donation. Coincidentally, an article by Patricia is featured in the current Relatively Speaking magazine. Keep up the good work, Patricia

We have received a memorandum from the Public Library regarding the new library. Since we are considered stakeholders, our input will be considered when planning the new Isabel Campbell Room. Their early recommendations on our behalf included 45 more feet of shelving, more room for sitting, and computers with internet access. As well, storage area has been arranged for us so we can store some of our older publications in the basement. This will free up valuable shelf space for more current materials.

If you have any ideas about our space in the new library or our current collection, please let me know

Good Luck to everyone on their summer research.

Help Offered

Are you researching in Wright County, Minnesota? Judy Bradley has a collection of history books for Wright County, and is willing to do look-ups for you. In her collection are:

The History and Business Directory of Wright County 1857 (Gray)
Story of the Fair Wright County 1869-1893
History of Wright County 1880 (D.R. Farnham)
History of Wright County, MN 1881 (Winchell, Neill, Bryant)
The Great Northwest Magazine Wright County 1909 (Wescotts Publishers)
History of Wright County, MN 1915 - Vol 1&2 (Curtis-Wedge)
The Compendium of Plagues, Politics, Disasters and People,
Places, Events of Wright Co.

New Member's Interest

HODGSON Red River Settlement, MB 1800 to 1870
MAJOR Elk Lake & New Liskeard, ON 1890 to present
KALUTICH Brest area, Byelorussia 1900 to 1935
GUBERAVICH Brest area, Byelorussia 1900 to 1935

I have been researching my family tree since 1984 mainly focusing on my paternal line - Red River Settlement of Manitoba and the Hudson's Bay Company. I would like to get started on my maternal line but haven't done much because the area my grandparents came from was Byelorussia. I would appreciate any advice in doing research in this part of the world.

Thank-you. Sophie Major

POST 1901 CENSUS PROJECT

Open the door to Canada's Historic Census

Seeking access to 1911 Census Records

The date of the National Census of Canada for 1911 was effective the first day of June. The Privacy Act and Regulations attached thereto specify that records of Census may be made available to any person or body for purposes of research, 92 years after collection. Therefore, records of the 1911 National Census of Canada should be made accessible to the public after 1 June 2003. It is believed this is unlikely to happen at this time therefore it is suggested that those interested in accessing these records submit an Access to Information request to Statistics Canada.

Under current legislation, only those people resident in Canada are eligible to make a request under ATI. An Access to Information request may be made simply by writing a letter, however there is an Access to Information Request form available by clicking this link. [Editor's note. You can access it by using http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/gos-sog/forms/Acc-pri/350-57_e.rtf] The form may be filled out while online and then printed for mailing, or may be printed out and completed manually prior to being mailed.

It is not necessary to provide a great deal of information regarding your request. Something along the lines of the following should be sufficient. Feel free to use your own wording:

As a family historian and genealogist I have a requirement to view and obtain information regarding my ancestors from Historic Census Records. The Privacy Act of Canada, and Regulations attached thereto, provide that information from Census may be made available to any person or body, for the purposes of research, 92 years after collection. This message is to be considered my request, under the Access to Information Act, for access to schedules of the 1911 National Census of Canada. Thank you

There is a \$5.00 charge for making a request under Access to Information. Enclose a check made out to the Receiver General of Canada with your request. Based on past performance, Statistics Canada will not refund this payment if the request is refused. Mail your request to:

Pamela White, ATIP Coordinator
Statistics Canada
R.H. Coats Bldg., 25th floor
Tunney's Pasture
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6

Statistics Canada is required to respond within 30 days of receipt of an ATI request. It is expected that all request made at this time for the 1911 Census records will be refused. On being advised of this refusal, the next step will be to submit a complaint to the Information Commissioner. There is no charge for submitting such a complaint.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner should detail when your request was made, specifically what was requested, and the date of refusal. Quote any file number included in the notice from Statistics Canada. Mail your complaint to:

The Information Commissioner of Canada
Place de Ville, Tower B
112 Kent Street, 22nd Floor
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1H3

It would be appreciated if you would send copies of your ATI request, response received from Statistics Canada, and your complaint to the Information Commissioner to:

Gordon A. Watts
1455 Delia Drive
Port Coquitlam, BC V3C 2V9

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AGS is Thirty Years Old!

This item included photos in the print version included the following captions:

- Margaret Kay did a superb job as Mistress of Ceremonies at our awards banquet at Grande Prairie Inn. Erica makes the lucky draws for the prizes given.
- Erica cuts our anniversary cake-AGS is 30 years old!
- Paulette stands beside the quilt she made for our raffle. Pat Hewitt, Edmonton member and Grande Prairie charter member chats about genealogy-everyone's favourite topic. Gwen Turner joins in the conversation. Notice Patricia Greber and Bill Lappenbush keeping their eye on the clock and making sure everything is "going good."
- Charter members Paulette Hrychiw, Merna Nelson and Laura Turnbull display long term membership certificates from AGS. Missing is Carol Ann Thomson. They each have 26 years of membership.
- Paulette presents Gwen Turner with a certificate from AGS marking 25 years of membership.
- Robert's Research Service was a popular table! Notice some of our branch members' displays on the screen behind.

Meetings

are held at the
Grande Prairie Public Library
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Grande Prairie, Alberta
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Except for July, August, and December

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