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received after this date will be held  
over until the next issue.*

# President's Letter

BY: RENE STOCK



A couple of weeks ago a power outage caused the Society's shared-access server to go down, and it seemed to like retirement, so it decided to stay down until a technician nursed it back to life. We apologize for the inconvenience this caused for ardent users of this service.

Over the next while one of the topics of discussion will be the value of value-added membership specifically, and the classes of membership in general. We want your input, so please give some consideration to what remote access to Find My Past, World Vital Records and Godfrey Memorial Library is worth to you. Another contentious issue is the restriction of availability of the Saskatchewan Residents Index, Burial Index, Obituary Index, North West Rebellion War Claims and Cummins Maps for Saskatchewan to value-added members only. It has been argued that members have contributed to that availability of these datasets through volunteer efforts, therefore they should be available to all members. The bigger question is how much information should be shared online with the public in general at no cost, while retaining the benefits of membership for those of us who pay to belong.

Please come to the Annual General Meeting on April 22 prepared to discuss these issues. If you can't make it, we will gladly accept your input in any method you wish to communicate with us!



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# Editor's Notes

**BY: DEANNE CAIRNS**

Executive Director

Spring is here! The deficit is gone!

Yes, thanks to your dedication and generosity and the work of the Board, staff and volunteers, SGS was able to eliminate the accumulated deficit ahead of schedule. Thank you everyone.

The Annual General Meeting is fast approaching – April 22 – and I hope to see a lot of you there. We have an interesting speaker that day and will also have resources on site to help folks that are having trouble getting on the remote access. We're also having a branch forum that day to give branch representatives and members of the Board the opportunity to discuss issues and share ideas.

We've recently done a soft launch of an online payment system. You can now purchase or renew a membership online using your credit card or your Paypal account if you prefer. It is easy to use and your financial information is secure and not shared with us. You can find instructions on how to pay online under the Membership and Donation tabs on the website. In the next few months we will be adding the ability to register for workshops, pay for research and make book or stock purchases.

The Beginner Genealogy workshop continues to be popular. The March workshop filled up quickly and again we have a waiting list. Another beginner workshop is being held later this Spring and based on the interest from those workshops a more advanced workshop is being planned. The workshops will be posted on our website and Facebook page so keep checking for new workshops. Another Legacy workshop is also in the planning stage.

The Salt Lake City Adventure is coming up quickly. It's June 4 – 11, 2017. I believe there may be a couple of seats left on the bus if you are interested. It's an excellent opportunity to further your family history research in a beautiful facility, learn new things, meet new people and see the sights.

We have two very dedicated genealogists who are volunteering their time and expertise in our library on a regular basis. We have the benefit of their genealogical expertise in our library most Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you have some questions or would like some help researching your ancestors (and can come in to the library) give us a call at (306) 780-9207 to book some time with either Celeste or Chris. Please let us know what you're looking for when you call so we can schedule you in based on your needs. We are also looking for other genealogists to volunteer their time and expertise for either a half or whole day. If you're interested, let me know. We'd appreciate your help.

If you have any questions or ideas you would like to share please feel free to call or email me. I'd love to hear from you. Enjoy the summer!

# Researching Your Ancestors in England and Wales in the Digital Age - Probate Records

**BY: RAE W. CHAMBERLAIN**



Another source which may help you unravel your family history is probate records. Probate is the term used for the court settlement of estates of deceased persons. Probate records include wills, testaments, codicils, administrations, letters of administration, or admons, admons with will, inventories, act books and bonds. Everyone did not leave a will. Prior to 1858 less than 10 percent of the heads of a household in England had a probated estate. About one-fourth of the population left a will or were mentioned in a will.<sup>1</sup>

Wills are proved by the court and administrations are made for people who died without a will. Not all estates were proved in probate courts, but those that were, probate records are some of the most valuable and useful records to a genealogist. They contain details of the deceased's family and friends, as well as of the residences. There are a few things to keep in mind when using probate records. A will "may not mention an eldest son who received his inheritance according to law, or others who had already received their inheritance or family members who had already died, it may not mention children from a spouse's previous marriage, mention a spouse who is not the parent of the children named and may give inaccurate relationships of people mentioned in the record."<sup>2</sup>

Wills were left mostly by the middle and upper classes, the nobility, gentry, merchants and tradesmen. Mostly by males with property. Prior to 1858 a women who died before her husband could not make a will without her husband's consent or under a marriage settlement created before her marriage. Letters of Administration were granted to the next-of-kin when a property owner died without leaving a valid will. Wills were sometimes probated many years after the testator's death. Prior to 1750 heirs did not prove wills in order to avoid court costs. Unproven wills may be found amongst family papers and some archives have unproved will collections.

For the period 1858 to date there is a national index for England and Wales available online at <https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/#wills>. Searches can be made for Wills and Probate 1996 to present, Wills and Probate 1858 - 1996 and Soldier's Wills. Select the time period in which you are searching for a will and a search box opens asking for a surname and year. There is an advanced search where one can put in more information to narrow down the search to have fewer results to troll through.

For the period 1996 to present these search results show:

1. Surname
2. First Name or Given Names in some cases
3. Date of Probate

4. Probate number
5. Date of Death
6. Document Type (grant only or grant and will).
7. Registry

London is the principal probate registry along with eleven district probate registries: Birmingham, Brighton, Bristol, Cardiff, Ipswich, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Oxford and Winchester. There are 18 Sub-Registry offices in England and Wales at: Bodmin, Caernarfon, Carlisle, Carmarthen, Chester, Exeter, Gloucester, Lancaster, Leicester, Lincoln, Maidstone, Middlesbrough, Norwich, Nottingham, Peterborough, Sheffield, Stoke-on-Trent and York.

For one of my Devonshire relatives in this time period, he died in Devon and the will index shows his will registered at Bristol.

On the far right of the result line is a link to "add to basket" the entry for obtaining a copy of the will.

Searching the 1858 to 1996 period a search brings up a page from the register book which has the entry you requested.

This entry gives:

1. Surname and given names of deceased
2. Address of deceased
3. Occupation of deceased
4. Death date of deceased
5. Probate registry
6. Probate date
7. To whom probate was granted
8. Occupation to who was granted probate
9. Value of deceased effects.

This is the entry for my great-grandfather.

**1921, Page 460**

**Chamberlain**, William Henry of 21 Victoria road Exmouth Devonshire retired builder died 30 May 1921 Probate Exeter 3 September to Albert George Chamberlain stationer. Effects £558 8s. 1d.

A search of the Soldiers Index gives as results:

1. Surname
2. First Name or in some cases Given Names
3. Regimental number
4. Date of Death



On the results page of each database on the right side of the screen are blank fields to add the required information for ordering the will you want to “add to basket.” The fee for ordering a will is £10. According to the site it may take up to 10 days to make the will available and you will have access to the will online for 31 days.

For the pre 1858 period probate was the responsibility of the state church courts. The ecclesiastical court system involved some three hundred courts so research procedures are more complicated. In this period a will could have been proved in any of several church courts. The lowest level of authority where a will was proved was in the archdeaconry in which the testator resided. If the testator held property in two or more archdeaconries but one diocese to the value of five pounds or more, the will had to be proved in the bishop’s court. If the testator had property in two or more dioceses but one province, jurisdiction passed to the prerogative court of York or Canterbury. If testator had property in more than one province, Ireland, or abroad and for those who died at sea the Prerogative Court of Canterbury took precedence over all the other ecclesiastical courts.

The map showing the provinces of Canterbury and York and the dioceses is available online at <https://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/dioceses.aspx> and in *Your English Ancestry A Guide for North Americans* by Sherry Irvine, page 120-21.

In Wales in the pre 1858 period probate was also the responsibility of the church courts. Prior to 1920 there were four dioceses in Wales: Bangor, St. Asaph, St. David’s and Llandaff. These were all part of the Province of Canterbury

The National Library of Wales at <https://www.llgc.org.uk/discover/nlw-resources/wills/> has an online search facility for the wills proved in the Welsh Ecclesiastical Courts before 1858. If you have an ancestor who held land in more than one diocese in Wales then the will would have been proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

To search for a probate record in the pre 1858 period you have to know the parish where your ancestor lived or died. If you haven’t already determined the name of the parish consult a gazetteer such as Smith, Frank, *A Genealogical Gazetteer of England* or Lewis, Samuel, *A Topographical Dictionary of England*. Both of these books give the name of the archdeaconry and diocese the parish is in. Lewis’ *A Topographical Dictionary of England* 1831 and his *Topographical Dictionary of Wales* 1849 are available online at British History online at <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/>. Type “topographical dictionary” in the search box. The Welsh book doesn’t give the archdeaconry or diocese of the parish.

There is no national index for the pre 1858 probate records in England. Family Search has in the FamilySearch Wiki a lot of useful helps and links to help you search for a probate record. Look in the Wiki under England - Probate Records and under County - Probate Records. Here you will be guided step by step on how to locate a probate record with links to online databases including commercial websites and to films in the Family History Library collection. Almost all the pre 1858 probates for England and Wales are on microfilm at the Family History Library and can be ordered in on microfilm.



The closest to being a national index is the Death Duty Registers IR26 held at the National Archives at Kew. The Death Duty Registers cover the period 1796 to 1903 when a person left an estate over a certain value which was liable for death duties. The amount of tax varied over time. From 1858 forward any estate worth £20 or more was taxable. The National Archives has an online guide at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/> for these records. In the search box type in "estate duty registers." The National Archives have a searchable database for 1796 to 1903 at their site and findmypast.co.uk has a searchable index for the period 1796 to 1903.

Here are a couple of examples of what information maybe in a will. My great-grandfather, William Henry Chamberlain left a will which he had made after he retired and moved to 21 Victoria Road in Exmouth. I obtained a copy and learned the following information. He appointed three of his sons, Henry Chamberlain, Albert George Chamberlain and Fernley John Chamberlain to be executors of his estate. He called upon his trustees (executors) to sell, call in and convert into money all of his personal estate and from this conversion pay for his funeral and testamentary expenses and debts and in trust to apply the capital and income for the benefit of his dear wife Jane Chamberlain and went on to specify how his estate was to be divided up after the death of his wife. The will also mentioned his oldest son, William Edwin Chamberlain, my grandfather, who was at that time living in Saskatchewan. The will did not specify that his son was living in Saskatchewan. There was no mention in the will of his 4 daughters. The will was witnessed by W.R. Redway and Reginald W. Redway, both fish merchants at Exmouth. I know from the entry in the probate register the estate was valued at £558 8s.

I also obtained the will of my great-great-grandfather John Chamberlain, a tailor, of the parish of Cornwood, Devonshire. John's will was an Estate Duty Will copy as the original will was destroyed in the bombing of Exeter during the War. The will was probated by the Archdeacon's Court of Totnes 20<sup>th</sup> May 1847. The estate was valued under £200.

John bequeathed everything including his leasehold house and premises hereto belonging to his wife Annah Chamberlain as long as she lived. After his wife's death he gave to his daughter, Elizabeth, his best bedstead and furniture and five pounds per annum and after the death of his wife all his children were to share and share alike with the others. He made his will on February 3, 1842 and it was witnessed by James Hillson and John Ford. In this example only his daughter, Elizabeth and his wife Annah were named, no other family member's names are mentioned.

As part of your research strategy you may like to also look for wills for others of your surname in the area and for wills of individuals who lived where your ancestor lived. A friend or neighbour of your ancestor may have had reason to mention him in his will. Your ancestor may also show up as a witness on a friend or neighbours will.

By using probate records, civil registration, census records and parish registers all together or in conjunction with each other you will be able to reconstruct your ancestral families. These records will lead you to other sources you will have to search to be successful with your research

These books are in the SGS Library to help you learn more about probate records in England and Wales:

- Burchall, M.J., *Guide to Sussex Probate Records*
- Christensen, Dr. Penelope, *Researching English Probate Records*
- Collins, Audrey, *Basic Facts About .... Using Wills After 1858 and First Avenue House*
- Cox, Jane, *Introduction to Affection ... Defying the Power of Death. Wills, Probate and Death Duty Records*
- Dark, Arthur, *Beginning Genealogy Part 4: Wills & Administrations*
- Gibson, J. S. W., *Probate Jurisdictions: Where to Look for Wills*, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition.
- Gibson, J. S. W., *Simplified Guide To Probate Jurisdictions - Where To Look For Wills*,
- Herber, Mark, *Ancestral Trails, Chapter 12*
- Irvine, Sherry, *Your English Ancestry A Guide For North Americans, Chapters 6 & 7*
- McLaughlin, Eve, *Wills Before 1858*, 1989
- McLaughlin, Eve, *Somerset House Wills From 1858*
- Raymond, Stuart A, *Words From Wills and Other Probate Records*
- Raymond, Stuart A., *Surrey and Sussex Parish Registers, Monumental Inscriptions and Wills*
- Scott, Miriam, *Prerogative Court of Canterbury: Wills and Other Probate Records*, 1997
- Webb, Cliff, *Middlesex Wills, Marriage Licenses & Bishop's Transcripts*

## PROBATE INDEXES IN THE SGS COLLECTION

### ENGLAND AND WALES:

- Society of Genealogists (Great Britain), *Index of the Bank of England Will Extracts 1807-1845*. FICHE (Reference Only)
- Camp, Anthony J., editor, *An Index to the Wills Proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1750-1800*, Volume 1. A-Bh; Volume 2, Bia-Cez (Microfiche. Bound with Volume 1); Volume 3, Ch-G; Volume 4, H-M; Volume 5, N-SH and Volume 6, Si-Z.

### MIDDLESEX

- Webb, Cliff, *An Index of Wills Proved in the Archdeaconry Court of London 1700-1807*

### SURREY

- Webb, Cliff, *Index of Surrey Wills Proved in the Archdeaconry Britain Court 1752-1859*
- Webb, Cliff, *Index of Wills Proved in the Archdeaconry Court of Surrey 1752-1859*
- Webb Cliff, *Index of Surrey Wills Proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1650-1700*
- Bax, Alfred Ridley & Webb, Cliff, *Surrey Administrations in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1760-1781*
- Webb, Cliff, *Index of Surrey Wills & Administrations Commissary & Peculiar Courts 1752-1858*

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# Cousins for Mum

**BY: HOLLY SCHICK, PLCGS, MCCSG**

I don't know why I never noticed that my mother had no cousins. Perhaps it's because my dad had so many that there always seemed to be cousins aplenty to add to the family tree. Perhaps it's because I never expected any cousins on Mum's side of the family. Her dad was an only child. He did have a stepfather who had children from his first marriage, and there were a couple of step-cousins that Mum knew in that family.

Mum's mother was one of the home children and came to Canada when she was 13 years old. She had 2 half-sisters and a half-brother, but they were a bit older and stayed in England. As far as I know, Grandma never had any connection with them after she came to Canada, so no known cousins there. However, I knew these half-siblings of Grandma's held the key to possibly finding some cousins for Mum.

I set about to find out what happened to Grandma's half siblings – Esther, Selina, and Charles Cartwright. It turned out that Esther was particularly easy to trace. She married a man named Walter Ingram and they did indeed have several children. At last, cousins for Mum! One of these cousins was particularly interesting because she was just a few months younger than my mother. I couldn't help but imagine what it would have been like if they had the opportunity to know each other and play together. It turned out that tracing this cousin led me to a sad story and two resources I had never used before, one of them I hadn't even heard of.

Dorothy Ingram was born on December 13, 1919. I couldn't help but smile when I realized that she was born on my grandparents 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. I know the date of Dorothy's birth because she appears in the 1939 Register where she is living with her parents and several siblings and is listed as a laundress.

The 1939 Register is a very interesting resource. It is very similar to a census record. The outbreak of WWII in 1939 led the government of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to create a National Register listing personal details of all citizens living there. It played an important role in the war effort as the basis for issuing identity cards, organizing rationing, and generally keeping track of the population. It includes the name, address, date of birth, marital status and occupation of each person listed, including adults and children.

Today it is a wonderful resource for historians and genealogists. It serves as an important census substitute for England and Wales because the 1931 census was destroyed during a 1941 air raid on London and the 1941 census was not taken because of the war. The 1939 Register has been released online by Findmypast, working in partnership with The National Archives. The index can be searched at no cost, but the really important images of the records themselves can only be viewed if you pay for them through purchased credits or a subscription to their service.

The second resource Dorothy led me to was one that is a testament to the tragic effects of war on the civilian population. It is the UK WWII Civilian Deaths 1939-1945 which is a listing of the

civilians killed during the Blitz. This resource is available from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and on Ancestry.

I found the information on Ancestry to be very interesting to use. It is based on information originally available from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, *Civilian War Dead in the United Kingdom, 1939–1945*. 7 volumes. 1954-1957. London, United Kingdom: Peter Singlehurst. Because it takes you directly to the pages of those published volumes, it is possible to look through the actual pages. This allows, for example, looking through the section on Wimbledon to find others who died in that same air raid.

The information on CWGC site doesn't seem to readily allow paging through the actual volumes. However, because the information on Ancestry is based on particular published volumes, it is important to note that additional information may have become available since that time. More names have been added there as they have become available. Therefore it is a good idea to check the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website. More names may have been added to their records since the original publication. Also, the CWGC site allows you to download a certificate commemorating that person.

As genealogical resources for those with family affected in this way, these records are wonderful. They give the name, age, date of death, next of kin with address, and the place of death. Sadly, Dorothy appears there. Her listing reads "INGRAM, Dorothy, age 20. Daughter of Walter and Mary E. Ingram of 1 Caroline Road. 17 November 1940, at Hartfield Road." I was also able to find a record of Dorothy's burial in records for Gap Road Cemetery. She was buried on Nov. 21, 1940. That record lists her place of death as "Shelter, Hartfield Road" indicating she died in the air raid shelter.

An additional sad footnote to the story of my search for Mum's Ingram cousins is that I also discovered that one of Dorothy's brothers was serving in the military and he also died serving in WWII. Knowing something of their stories, while tragic, provides an important piece of the family history picture.

The listing I found for the family in the 1939 register lists a number of other children in the family - more cousins for Mum. I will continue to pursue finding out more about their stories. Perhaps some of them or their descendants are still alive – a delightful thought.



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### Notes

1. FamilySearch Wiki England Probate Records Genealogy, n.p.
  2. *ibid.* n.p.
- All website links downloaded October 27th & 28<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Be sure to borrow some books and enjoy the benefits of your SGS membership. Next time I will cover some other records which may help with your English and Welsh research.

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# Do You Know Me?

An SGS member purchased two old oval picture frames from an antique shop in Regina. Photos were left in the frames and she would like to return to the owner. Below is the one photo and the other is the cover photo. On the back of the cover photo it says (#4138 2126-8 Southey). Please contact our office if these belong to you or you know who they belong to.



On the back of this photo it says 83 Southey

## Ordering Copies of Historical Birth, Marriage or Death Certificates for England and Wales

Ancestry makes it very convenient for you to order certificates through the Ancestry Shop on their website. They charge \$22.99 regular shipping or \$39.99 express shipping per certificate.

At a considerable saving you can order directly from General Register Office (GRO) [www.gro.gov.uk/content/certificate/default.asp](http://www.gro.gov.uk/content/certificate/default.asp). They charge 9.25 GBP (about \$1.50) regular shipping and 23.40 GBP express shipping per certificate.

*Information provided by Leverne Baxter*

# SGS News

## Salt Lake City Adventure

SGS and the Medicine Hat Branch of the Alberta Genealogical Society are hosting a genealogy bus trip to the Family Search Centre, Family History Library from June 4-11, 2017

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held:

**Saturday, April 22, 2017**  
Fellowship Room  
Westhill Park Baptist Church  
8025 Sherwood Drive  
Regina  
(Use South West Door and Parking Lot)

12:30 p.m.	Registration
1:00 p.m.	Greetings from SGS President René Stock
1:05 p.m.	<i>Digital Heirlooms and Photos on the "Cloud"</i> by Wanda MacDonald
2:00 p.m.	Refreshment Break
2:15 p.m.	Annual General Meeting

## Certified Saskatchewan Record Searcher Course and Certified Aboriginal Researcher Course

Continue to be offered by E-course.

[www.saskgenealogy.ca/saskrecordsearcher.htm](http://www.saskgenealogy.ca/saskrecordsearcher.htm)

[www.saskgenealogy.ca/aboriginalresearchcourse.htm](http://www.saskgenealogy.ca/aboriginalresearchcourse.htm)

## Library Closures

A list of closures for 2017 is available on our website under Library and Catalogue.

## In Memory Of

- Tom and Eileen Atkins of Hardisty, Alberta. Eileen on 26 July 2016 and Tom on 17 December 2016. When Tom lived in Regina he was well known to members of our organization as he was one of the original members who started up the Saskatchewan Resident's Index.

# What's New?

## Government Increases Fees

Effective April 1, 2017 the Government of Saskatchewan increased the fees for vital event certificates by \$5 to \$15. The cost for genealogical photocopies of birth, death and marriage registrations will increase by \$5 as shown below. For a look at the complete Vital Statistics Registry Services Fee Schedule check out the eHealth Saskatchewan website at [www.ehealth.ca/residents](http://www.ehealth.ca/residents).

<b>Service</b>	<b>Current Fee</b>	<b>New Fee</b>
<b>Birth</b>		
Certified copy, photocopy, extract or genealogical photocopy of birth registration	\$50	\$55
<b>Marriage</b>		
Certified copy, photocopy, extract or genealogical photocopy of a registration of marriage	\$50	\$55
<b>Death</b>		
Certified copy, photocopy, extract or genealogical photocopy of a registration of death	\$50	\$55

## Family Tree Maker Software Still Alive

Following Ancestry's December announcement that the company would no longer support the popular PC software *Family Tree Maker*, the program has been acquired by Software MacKiev. Currently the company is working on the stability and speed of both the PC and Mac versions of the program. No upgrades to the program have been announced. *Information originally posted in Nanaimo Family History Society Ancestry, Volume 37-1, Spring 2016.*

## Ye Olde Genealogy Faire

Alberta Genealogical Society 2017 conference takes place from 21 - 23 April 2017 at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Centre in Edmonton. Notable authors, historians and specialists will enlighten you with presentations on DNA, technology and more. Further information available at <http://www.abgenealogy.ca>.

## British Columbia Genealogical Society Seminar

Takes place on 10 June 2017 in Coquitlam, British Columbia. Will be celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Information will be available soon at <http://www.bcgs.ca>.

## Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) Conference 2017

This conference will be an event to remember and is coming back to Ottawa for its sixth time to celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting this great event 15-18 Jun 2017 at Algonquin College, near the heart of the city. Visit their website, facebook, instagram or twitter for further updates. <https://www.facebook.com/OntarioGenealogicalSocietyConference/>



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***Northwest Half-Breed Scrip - 1885*** by Gail Morin. Published in 1997 and reprinted in 2015. Soft cover, 288 pp, \$39.95 plus shipping. Land scrip refers to a certificate entitling the holder to obtain a certain portion of the public land either by entry or the payment of a portion of the price. This book covers awards made in the future provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and a portion of Manitoba to heads of household and minors who were born there before 1886. Scrip certificates of 160 acres or \$160 were awarded to qualifying heads of household, and 240 acres or \$240 to eligible children. In all, nearly \$280,000 in money scrip was awarded to qualifying Métis. The purpose of the Scrip policy, which extended over several decades, was to eliminate whatever remaining claims Canadian Native Americans might make on the land.

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# ***What a Wonderful Story!***

**BY: ROBERT PITTENDRIGH**

For years I have studied my father's family as the name is very different. The names on my mother's side, the Welsh side are very common. Her surname was Lewis and her mother was a Thomas, two very common Welsh surnames. My mother's account of her family was quite accurate except for a great uncle that the family had lost track of. I mentioned the problem to a Welsh cousin, a retired school teacher, who was in the habit of writing long interesting letters. The following is a fascinating story relayed to me by this cousin Tudor (Samuel) Jones<sup>1</sup>.

Evan THOMAS was born ca. 1819 in the parish of Llangwad, Carmarthenshire, Wales. He and a brother Thomas Samuel THOMAS were accused of being members of a group called the daughters of Rebecca. They were groups of Welshmen who in 1843 gave violent expression to the popular demand for the abolition of tolls and turnpike gates. During one of the night forays, the two brothers were hotly pursued by the military and Thomas was caught. Evan escaped, but house to house searches were done so often that he thought it prudent to move on. He fled as far as Glamorgan, and when he got to Cowbridge he stopped running and took a job on a farm. Shortly after arriving in the area, Evan THOMAS got to know of the passage of government coaches through Cowbridge from the riot areas in west Wales. These coaches carried captured rioters to the port of Cardiff where they were embarked on board ship which transported them to Australia. Evan knew his brother had been captured and took to watching these coaches at a spot called the Golden Miler near Cowbridge. As one coach approached with its mounted outriders, Evan caught sight of his brother as it passed. Evan told his daughters how his brother was in chains, seated with the others in the coach, his hands on his knees, his head slumped forward, and he would show his daughters how he sat. It seems he was very tall and was easily picked out from his fellow prisoners. The daughters showed their families how Thomas sat, and so the story was passed on. Thomas was never heard from again.

The family has hoped that he passed his days in far off Australia, married, and passed the remainder of his days as a happy man. They have always wondered if this happened to him.

What a wonderful story! Further research failed to find mention of a Thomas Samuel Thomas for that time period ever being transported to Australia. In fact there was never any mention of any Thomas Samuel Thomas being in Australia. Was this tall fellow in shackles some one else who resembled Thomas Samuel Thomas? Unfortunately my cousin has passed on and I was not able to question him further about his account. This wonderful account remained as an explanation for the disappearance of Thomas Samuel Thomas for over twenty years.

There is a wonderful feature in the family history software called Legacy where you can search for family information submitted to the Mormon data. While looking for more members of this family in Familysearch.org, the name Thomas Samuel Thomas popped up. There was also a picture of Thomas Samuel Thomas and his wife. There was a simple reason for him not appearing on any shipment of humans to Australia, he was not captured as a criminal and was not sent to Australia.

He was caught up in the huge missionary efforts of the LDS Church in the 1850's. He actually went to the USA.<sup>2</sup> In 1853 eight ships left Liverpool with Mormon converts for New Orleans. Among them was the ship Jersey on which was a passenger named Thomas Thomas age 26, and a young lady named Mary Anthony age 17 with her mother age 44.

Quoting from the Mormon site:

"They joined the Mormon Church under trying circumstances, migrated to America, endured the loss of children to disease, and later thrive. Their son, has a near death experience and gives them a revelation of hope.

37-year-old Thomas Samuel Thomas, of Monmouthshire, England, heard the gospel for the first time in 1843. A devoted member of the Baptist Church, Thomas was uncomfortable with the doctrine of Mormonism and was rather reluctant in accepting all that he heard about the Mormon religion. Walking down the street one day while contemplating what he had been taught, a voice came to him saying, "Keep thyself for thou must yet stand for me." Thomas was overcome by the spirit, and fell to his knees weeping because of the lack of faith that he had had in the past. He pleaded with the Lord for forgiveness. He eventually joined the church and was baptized in 1851.

Mary Jane Anthony was born, December 11, 1838, at Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorganshire, Wales. She was thirteen years of age when Latter-day Saint missionaries came to her town preaching the Gospel. She had heard many tales about the Mormons and thought very poorly of them. One evening she joined with two girl friends to go throw rocks at the missionaries while they preached on the streets. When the girls arrived on the scene the missionaries were beginning to sing a hymn. Mary, being a good singer, joined in the song. After the hymn concluded the missionaries began to pray. As Mary listened to the prayer she became so interested that she let the rocks she had collected roll out from her apron. Her girl friends were angry and begged her to throw the rocks at the Elders with them. She said, "No, I can't see anything wrong with them." From that time on she attended meetings regularly. On a cold, December morning, in 1845, Mary was baptized a member of the Mormon Church in an icy river.

Mary's parents were angry with her because of her interest in the Mormon Church. They tried to prevent her from leaving the house to attend meetings by starving her and hiding her clothes. Undeterred, Mary did not give up her faith. Instead she left her home to live on a farm with her uncle. A few years later her mother, Alice, decided she wanted to find out what it was about the church that attracted her daughter so much. Alice attended one of the Latter-day Saint meetings. After which she also received a testimony and was baptized, in 1849. Mary's father never did join the church.

Thomas and Mary met each other in 1853, on board the ship "Jersey" while sailing for America, to join the other Latter Day Saints in Utah. They were married by the captain during their voyage. They settled in Utah, had their marriage sealed in the Salt Lake endowment house, and would have six children.

Twelve years later, diphtheria broke out among their children. The youngest boy, Samuel became ill and died in four days. When Thomas and Mary returned from the cemetery they found two more children sick. They completed their moving into their new home in Ogden, Utah, thinking that the higher ceilings in the new home might be beneficial to the children.

However, the next morning their son, John, passed away. A short time later the oldest boy, Tommy also contracted the disease.

When Tommy was at his lowest point, his parents thought he had died. But, the boy rallied and regained consciousness. He told Thomas and Mary that his two deceased brothers had come and taken him with them. However, he had refused to go any farther with them unless they let him return to his parents, promising to go with them as soon as they came for him again. Upon hearing this, Mary choked up. With tears streaming down her face she said, "Well, if it is the Lord's will, we shall have to let you go, but don't let them come for anymore." Thomas asked the boy what he should do with his heifer calf, and the boy said "give it in for tithing." Thomas and Mary were in such despair they lamented that that the entire family was going to die. Tommy said, "You are not all going to die. Father will come first and Mother will live to raise Alice [their young daughter] to be a woman."

Within a few days the son said, "Here they are, I shall have to go," and he passed away. Mary was holding him on her lap. After he died she laid him on the bed. Thomas felt so bad at losing his last and oldest son that he lay on the bed with the boy in his arms and sobbed out his sorrow. Eight days later their daughter, Mary also succumbed and died.

Thomas and Mary moved with their remaining two children to Samaria, Idaho. While there, Mary happened to be reunited with her two childhood rock throwing girl friends. They too had joined the church, married and resettled in Idaho. Thomas and Mary had two more children and thrived in Idaho. As their dying son, Tommy had revealed to them years earlier, Thomas died first in 1873. Mary died in 1920, after raising Alice and her other children to adulthood.

#### **Source:**

Margaret Davis Paul, "History of Thomas Samuel Thomas and Mary Jane Anthony"

#### **Footnotes:**

- <sup>1</sup> Tudor was in the British Air Force. His family name was Samuel, a very common Welsh name. Samuels is a very common Jewish name. Tudor was advised to change his name in the event of him being captured in the Middle East, he would not be believed as being anything but Jewish which could prove difficult. He elected to use his mother's maiden name, Jones.
- <sup>2</sup> [http://mormonhistoricsites.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/MHS\\_Fall2003\\_1853-Mormon-Immigrants.pdf](http://mormonhistoricsites.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/MHS_Fall2003_1853-Mormon-Immigrants.pdf)



## COLLEGE OF CERTIFIED SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGISTS

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### CCSG NEWS

CCSG 2017 Annual Meeting will be held May 6, 2017.

### Genealogical Proof Standards

At the most recent quarterly meeting of the College a round table discussion was held relating to genealogical proof in a case where no record has been found, but other evidence seems to point to a conclusion. Readers may be interested reading articles that can be found on the Internet regarding "preponderance of evidence" and the Genealogical Proof Standard of the Board of Certified Genealogists (USA).

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# Zichydorf Village Association

BY: GLENN SCHWARTZ, President, ZVA  
<http://zichydorfonline.org>



## Grabatz Church Records

Thanks to Liz Grob-Hugel, we have acquired the Grabatz church records for baptisms 1768-1841; marriages 1768-1852 and 1857-1880; deaths 1768-1848 (631 MB). Ordering details for these and many other village church records are on our site at <http://zichydorfonline.org/genealogy/3-genealogy/288-church-records-digital-images>

## Gross Betschkerek Familienbuch

The new Gross Betschkerek Familienbuch by Marco Leidl and Rudolf Müller is now in the library. It consists of two huge volumes. Gross Betschkerek was one of the larger towns in Banat. This Familienbuch compiles 19,205 families from its Catholic Church records and adds almost 500 more listings of conversions and unattached individuals. Unusual for a Catholic Familienbuch, it also has a list of Jewish burials and conversions. Also unusual is a list of people who left for Canada and the USA, along with some of their passenger list details. It also includes maps, a history, and several lists and indices. This work is in German, although the lists are easily usable by English speakers.

## Moritzfeld Familienbuch

The two-volume Moritzfeld Familienbuch 1786-1990 by Anton Neff is also in the library. This book contains almost 7,000 family groups in more than 1,800 pages compiled from church records. It includes a couple of maps, a history (in German), and indices of wives' surnames, place names, and an index of occupations.

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### **Old Cemeteries**

*A truly Happy Person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour. And, one who can enjoy browsing old cemeteries ...*

*In a London, England cemetery:  
Here lies Ann Mann, who lived an old maid  
but died an old Mann. December 8, 1767*

# The Twisted Family Tree

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If you think your family tree is straight forward, think again. There are so many outcomes to a family history you never know what links you to the past. Yes, many people do have family trees that neatly lineup generation after generation all in a row, but as most of us have ancestors that come from other countries the twists and turns the branches of our tree might take can be quite amazing. If you watch soap operas, you will indeed note the crazy upside down and backwards connections a family can have. Someone maybe adopted into a family and not know it, what a surprise addition to the family tree for sure. A distance cousin of my husband was apparently kidnapped in the early 1930's in Southern Ontario and I can't find any information at all on this cousin or the kidnapping.



One of the most interesting twists I have found in my family tree is cousins marrying cousins. I am my own cousin several times over because of one ancestor by the name of Helen Desports, in my French Canadian history. She has so many descendants who have married each other I can't keep it straight in my head. My tree twists so badly with this lady I am my own cousin several times over on my mother's side as well as finding that my father and mother hookup to this lady making them 8<sup>th</sup> cousins. Maybe that's why I am my own best company. When you find cousins marrying cousins, as a genealogist this is exciting, as you only have to work on that line to complete several lines. This is what they call in the genealogy world a collapsed pedigree.

When family members refuse to share what they know about the family or worse lie or distort the truth that is a twist for sure. Especially if rumors are running amuck and no solid proof can be found. Is the information you hear correct or incorrect. Is the evidence you find in documents sound. Nurturing your family tree is a bit like individuals who proudly prune and primp their bonsai trees. If you do not give it enough detailed attention, it will wither and die. Give your family tree enough care & time and watch it burst forth with new growth from its roots and budding from its tips. Each twist of your tree only makes it more intriguing and appealing to all family members and for the generations to follow.

I like my twisted and knotty family tree. I have so many nationalities in me I might as well be apart of the United Nations. It certainly makes for interesting reading indeed. No one can accuse me of being straight laced with the family tree I have. That is not to say I don't behave myself because I do, however being a little twisted is really not that bad. Give your tree a little twist hold the ice and no lemon on the side please.

Happy Hunting!!

## Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Branch Contacts & Meetings

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<b>Central Butte</b>	<p>PO Box 298, Central Butte SK S0H 0T0  Contact: Joanne Berg at (306) 796-2148  E-mail: <a href="mailto:barry.berg@sasktel.net">barry.berg@sasktel.net</a>  Meet 4th Wed. (except July, Aug. &amp; Dec.) 7:00 pm at Ivermain Place on lower level</p>
<b>Grasslands</b>	<p>PO Box 220, Aneroid SK S0N 0C0  Contact: Della Sanders at (306) 588-2576  E-mail: <a href="mailto:jsanders@sasktel.net">jsanders@sasktel.net</a>  Meet 3rd Wed. (except July &amp; Aug.) 7:30 pm at Mankota RM Office</p>
<b>Moose Jaw</b>	<p>PO Box 154, Briercrest SK S0H 0K0  Contact: Marge Cleave at (306) 799-2004  E-mail: <a href="mailto:grcleave@sasktel.net">grcleave@sasktel.net</a>  <a href="http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~skmjbsgs/index.htm">http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~skmjbsgs/index.htm</a>  Meet 4th Tues. (except July, Aug. &amp; Dec.) 7:00 pm at Moose Jaw Public Library (Herb Taylor Room)</p>
<b>North-East</b>	<p>PO Box 100, Melfort SK S0E 1A0  Contact: Ron Unger at (306) 752-4080  E-mail: <a href="mailto:r.a.unger@sasktel.net">r.a.unger@sasktel.net</a>  Meet 1st Tues. (except June to Sept.) 1:30 pm at Kerry Vickar Centre (Drycraft Room)</p>
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