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EDMONTON FH FAIR 2024

Thank you for supporting this event and making it a big success!

Over 270 people participated in 16 classes covering a wide variety of topics, presented by experienced genealogists. Along with the classes, participants got one-on-one instruction on using a large book scanner, searching the 1931 Canadian Census, using FamilySearch Help, and asking questions about British Isles and German research.

Sylvia Hertling hosted the German SIG booth, Bev Wardell hosted the England Wales SIG booth, and Elly Vledder covered the AGS, Membership, and Volunteer booths. They were kept busy with many enthusiastic visitors.

Online registration, emails, and online links to handouts are a few of the things Kelcey Carlisle contributed to the high level of satisfaction expressed by many participants. Thank you everyone!

Keep an eye on the Edmonton Branch website for the next event in 2025.



NEWSLETTER EDITOR



I will be stepping down from Newsletter Editor position in February 2025 to take up a new challenge at AGS. Thank you to so many members that came forward with stories and contributions to The Twig. I have appreciated the support. We have learned a few things and had some fun!

Please contact president@edmontongenealogy.ca and volunteer to fill this position.



REMEMBERING

Poppies for the Unknown Soldier



REMEMBERING JOACHIM (JO) NUTHACK (1936-2024)

by John Althouse

When I became a member of AGS interested in tracing my German roots, I was woefully ignorant of what to do and how to do so. Jo was one of the few individuals who provided me with guidance in this, and I have come to know that many others who passed through the doors at AGS on this area of research benefited from his knowledge and willingness to share it.

I benefited from his thoughtful words of encouragement, accompanied by a bright, knowing twinkle in his eyes. I am eternally grateful for the wonderful mentorship in my personal German research and later for preparing and managing German SIG meetings and other events. I know that Jo will be greatly missed as a mentor, an inspiration, and a good friend by all who knew him.

Recently, AGS Edmonton Branch member Norma Wolowyk noted, "Jo was always such a positive person it was an honour to have known him and Judy and the kindness they both had for the Society and all members." Jo's positive example, his willingness to learn and share, and his active involvement should serve as a great example for all of us who had the pleasure of knowing him and working with him.

As a result of his many contributions to AGS, Jo received the President's Award. AGS President Susan Haga presented it and in her remarks she noted, that it was "in appreciation of his 41 Years of Dedicated Service to the Society." During these 41 years of membership Jo has served the society in many capacities-- he was Edmonton Branch President, he coordinated the "Tracing Your Family Tree" course for two years, assisted in the formation of the Special Interest Groups especially promoting German Research, He chaired the 2000 Bylaw revision committee and contributed to the committee over many years.



LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and 3rd Saturdays, 10am-3pm.

Winter Break: The last day the library is open is Dec 12 then it re-opens Jan 7th.

Check the website for updates or call the office when extreme weather events occur as library may be closed.

<https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/library>

WHAT'S NEW?

Watch this video to see the latest developments in the Family History Industry.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7AWu_KiUu9I



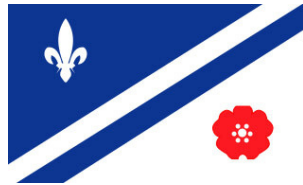
CALENDAR



Computers in Genealogy SIG

Thursday Nov 21, 7 - 9 pm, Zoom
Genealogy Data Backups presented by Kelcey Carlisle.
Tips and best practices for protecting your genealogy data (and other data) with backups.

<https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/computer-s-in-genealogy-sig>



French SIG

Thursday Dec 3, 7 - 9 pm, Zoom
How can Artificial Intelligence help with your French Canadian research, presented by Jean-Yves Vanier-Verbeek.

<https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/french-sig>



Scottish/Irish SIG

Monday Nov 18, 7 - 9 pm, Zoom & In-person
The Dulmages: Tracing an Irish Canadian Family presented by Dr Jane McGaughey. Follow them from the time they left Ireland until a century later on the eve of Canadian Confederation.

<https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/irish-special-interest-group>

Do You Know Someone Who Needs Help With Their Research?

Our experienced research team helps members and non-members in sourcing and finding key documents in their search for their family.

Please contact

research@edmontongenealogy.ca



German SIG

Wednesday Dec 4, 7 - 9 pm, Zoom
Christmas in the Old Country
Christmas and winter festival traditions are beautifully varied in the German speaking diaspora. Research and bring your family background food, feasts, fests and merry making stories or regional histories to share.

<https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/german-special-interest-group>

England Wales SIG

Thursday Nov 7, 7 - 9 pm, Zoom
Military Websites, Ancestors in Uniform
Register at



<https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/england-wales-sig-2>

LOOKING BACK

Novel 'prop' for a grandchild's photograph? Create a photo to showcase the bond between grandparents and grandchild!

By Denise Daubert

When grandchildren are added to our family tree, it is the start of a new generation! And ... photograph "opportunities" are all-important to record their growing up years for not just us but for future generations. We place photographs in albums/family history binders or create photo albums on our phones as these little ones grow up.

For breakfast cereal fans, General Mills have recently introduced a new "Cheerios brand" – Cheerios with Happy Heart Shapes (the ones in this photo are the chocolate ones).



The theme of this box is: My grandchild MAKES MY HEART HAPPY. This limited-edition cereal is part of a larger campaign for heart health to inspire us to make heart-healthy choices for those who are important to us. Other themes include Mom, Dad and Grandpa. For sure what a neat gift idea!

Here is a photograph taken in mid August 2024 of our youngest granddaughter, Emma. A perfect prop for her to be holding (and note her winning smile!). Of course, this will be placed into the Daubert Family binder along with notation of date taken and how old Emma was when it was taken.

Just check in the cereal aisle of your grocery store to buy a box for your own photo shoot. A bit of history about Cheerios – this cereal was first introduced in in 1941. With their new campaign about heart health - thumbs up to General Mills!

In closing a "note to self": remember to take the same photo of our other two granddaughters holding the Special Edition Cheerios box.

GOOGLE WORKSPACE TRAINING

Invitation from Maxine Maxwell president of AGS Grande Prairie & District Branch.

We have arranged with our technical person, Jeannine Younger to do a virtual presentation/discussion on Google Workspace, an Introduction on Sat. Nov. 16, 2 pm.

The invitation is out to all interested persons from AGS Branches, Executive, Office, and Committees. Please reply to me/Maxine providing your email address in order to receive the Meeting Link.

president@grpr-abgenealogy.ca



LINKING IN

Newfoundland Researchers Take Note Contributed by Lynn Fogwill

Family History Society of Newfoundland & Labrador (FHSNL) Conference July 25 - 27 2025.

I think the conference will be exciting and useful to those with Newfoundland roots and the fact that they are holding it at The Rooms adds a bonus to the experience. I will be going!

For further details email emailconference@fhsnl.ca or visit their website.

<https://rockboundroots.com/>



SECOND WIND CONFERENCE



Elly Vledder created, organized, and hosted the AGS booth at the September 12th Second Wind Conference. Many people stopped by to chat and take in her fascinating antiques. Copies of the AGS pedigree forms were handed out, and a one-year membership was donated as a door prize. Great job! Thank you Elly.

HELPING HANDS

There are several positions on the Board and Special Interest Groups (SIG's) open for 2025. Our Society depends on volunteers to provide the services, resources, support, and leadership that make us a leading provider of genealogy information and services. Visit our webpage.

<https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/volunteer-opportunities>



EXPERIENCE OUR VOLUNTEERS



Hi My name is Barry Gionet. I was born in London England and came to Canada in Nov. 1946. I started doing my genealogy search about 2 years ago. With families in Canada and England, I had a lot of information from memory. It was suggested I join the Alberta Genealogy Society by the staff at the Edmonton Public Library.

With the information I had, I visited AGS and talked to the people there. The wealth of information and knowledge helped me more than I could have imagined. Two years later, I am still a member and visiting AGS on 118 Avenue, two to three times a month. I enjoy the help and the people that help me find information on the sites that are available to us. Thank you AGS for being there for me.
BARRY GIONET

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Ukraine - **vacant**





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Terms and Benefits

Membership Term: 1 Jan. to 31 Dec.

Individual or Family \$50.00
Senior (65+) \$45.00
Young Adult (age 18-23) \$25.00
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Contact:

<https://www.abgenealogy.ca/become-a-member>

and select Edmonton Branch.

Membership Benefits:

Access to genealogy subscription websites.
Access to FamilySearch Affiliate Library Resources.
Daily use of library at no charge.
Borrow library books.
Member pricing for courses and seminars, including participation in our Special Interest Groups (SIG's) focusing on research in specific countries.
Digital copy of *Relatively Speaking* quarterly journal. Printed copy is additional \$10.00.
Email notice of upcoming events.
And more!

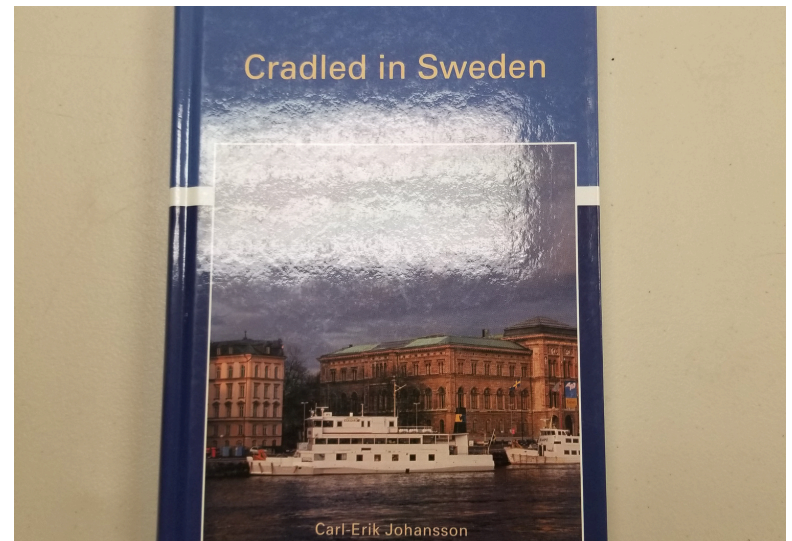
It also makes a great gift!



FROM THE LIBRARY STACKS

by **Kate Binder**

Swedish researchers who have not mastered the language can find help in the pages of *Cradled in Sweden* by Carl Erik Johansson, as it guides you through the millions of Swedish records available at the Family History Centres and in FamilySearch.



A hand holding a dried, orange fern frond against a light blue background. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Earn a chance to win your 2025 AGS Membership!

Renew before November 30th, 2024 to enter!

www.abgenealogy.ca/renew-your-membership