

Roots and Shoots

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Christmas Social

Yes, it is almost that time again, where has the year gone?

*Come join us on Thursday **December 12th** at **7pm** for a get-together with other family seekers. Bring a friend, snacks, photos or artifacts to share!*

Camrose County Agri Building.



Another New Addition to Newsletter

See Page 2 for the details about "Family Ties"!

DAYS AND LOCATIONS TO REMEMBER FOR CAMROSE MEETINGS:

Regular Monthly Meeting:
New day!! 2nd Thursday of each month, 7 pm. Held at Camrose County Agri Bldg. 4238-37 Street.

Organizational SIG:

1st Monday of every month, 1 pm. Held at Camrose County Agri Bldg. 4238-37 Street.

Military SIG:

3rd Wednesday of every month, 1 pm. Held at Camrose County Agri Bldg. 4238-37 Street. **(NO MEETING DECEMBER 2024)**

Writing Your Family History

SIG: Every Monday at 10 am; Second Session - held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 2-4 pm. Both sessions are held via Microsoft Teams.

Faye Carlson Friday Social

On the last Friday of the month we meet at the Days Inn (formerly Norsemen Inn) in the lounge at 5 pm for beverages and free snacks.

See you there!

****For December we will meet on the 13th instead of the end of the month.**



Old Barn in Camrose County

Message from our Co-President - Deb Trout

The Christmas season is upon us. The Camrose branch is hosting our annual Christmas Social on December 12th. It's a bring-a-friend night, and guests are welcome. We will have snacks and talk about genealogy (our favourite topic). Bring a family heirloom or photos and share the story. Come out to the Camrose County Agricultural Services building and check us out.

Since our last newsletter, we've had a busy season. We had our summer social at Ferry Point Church and Cemetery, Camrose Registration Night, the Writing Special Interest Group retreat to Delburne, and some interesting talks at our monthly meetings.

We have changed our meetings to the second Thursday of each month, which is working well. We continue to stream our meetings and the Military Special Interest Group. Contact us at camrosegeneo@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Family Ties section

Photos and stories about reconnecting with family members we haven't seen in a while or at all.

EMAIL either –
camrosegeneo@gmail.com
OR
moester56@yahoo.com

To add your Family Ties stories/photos or Brick Wall questions to the next newsletter.

In this issue, Members share the story of an ancestor they would like to interview. Have you thought of who you would like to talk to on a park bench for an hour or two?

Family ties: photos and stories about reconnecting with family members we haven't seen in a while.

We are taking hiatus for January and February. Meetings will resume in March with our Annual General Meeting and a presentation. Topic to be determined. We look forward to seeing everyone again in person or online.

The Camrose branch would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy holiday season and a Happy New Year.



Brick Wall HELP! section

If you are experiencing a "brick wall" (genealogist term for "I've run out of ideas/clues to research my ancestor")? Send it to Maureen to be added to the newsletter! We have so many research experts in the Camrose branch and folks love to help others with their mysteries.

In addition, Norm Prestage and Bev Webster (our Military Special Interest Group experts) have kindly agreed to assist you with military research brick walls.

Harry Bernard Trout

by Deb Trout



John E Trout



John F Trout



Harry Bernard Trout

Harry Bernard Trout, the youngest child of John Francis and Harriet Chambers Trout, was born at Kemble, Grey County, Ontario, on October 14, 1890. He is my first cousin twice removed.

His parents' marriage was not a happy one. John was away from the farm and the family a lot, likely involved in the Trout family business of lumbering, a store and a stage between Barrow Bay and Wiarton. John and Harriet separated in the 1890s. The farm was sold and Harriet returned to teaching.

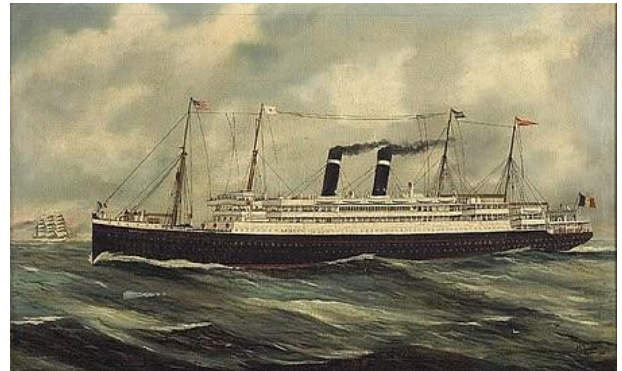
Bernard lived at times with both parents. In 1902 he was attending school in Purple Valley, Ontario where his father was running a small store. Later he attended high school in Wiarton, graduating with junior matriculation and honours in 1907.

Next was the Normal School in London, Ontario for 1908-1909 followed by teaching at rural schools near Wiarton for a princely annual salary of \$575.00. He received a Second-Class Certificate in 1911 and taught in Sault Ste Marie.

In 1914, he attended the Normal School in Toronto, receiving a certificate to teach 'Elementary Physical Culture' and a certificate of qualification as a Lieutenant in the corps of School Cadet Instructors.

Bernard joined the CEF on September 13, 1915, in Niagara Falls. He was enlisted as a Lieutenant, given the regimental number 409664 and was assigned to the 37th Battalion (Northern Ontario), an infantry battalion. He gave his home address as Richard's Landing where his mother was living.

The 37th sailed from Halifax on the S.S. Lapland on November 27, 1915, arriving in Plymouth, England on December 7.



SS Lapland

Bern was transferred to the 17th Battalion on April 1st, 1916, as Lieutenant. He immediately trained as an instructor in Musketry and Lewis Machine Guns, obtaining qualification as a Distinguished Instructor in September. He completed other courses throughout his service, including a bombing course at the Canadian Corps School and a sniper's course with the 3rd Division.

On October 9, 1916, he was taken on strength with the 42nd Battalion and sent to France, where he was attached to 'B' Company on October 19. During his service, Bernard suffered three wounds. On December 17, 1916, during a work detail, he received a gunshot to his arm. The wound wasn't debilitating, and he remained on duty after treatment. The next was a shrapnel wound, this time to the left forearm, on April 9, 1917, during the Vimy Campaign.

On April 26, he returned to his Battalion and assumed the duties of Battalion Scout Officer.

July 1917, H.B. attended Sniper School with four ordinary rank members. Snipers and Scouts were part of the same unit. In March 1918, along with Captain Topp, he supervised the creation of an SAP named 'Topp SAP'. The next day, he supervised reserve troops in creating the new 'Longfellow' trench.

November 5, 1917, he was appointed 'Acting 2 i/c' (Acting 2nd in command) for A Company. A promotion to Captain came July 17, 1918, along with a stay later that month in the General Hospital at Rouen, France, for Pyrexia (fever). September 29, 1918, he received a gunshot wound to his right arm, fracturing the humerus bone. The wound was dressed at the General Hospital, and he was sent back to England for treatment of the fracture, convalescing at the Matlock Hospital for Officers in Derbyshire. The bullet passed through his arm and into his chest. Because it was lodged near vital organs, the decision was made to leave it in his body. X-rays revealed its movement for almost twenty years.

Bernard didn't often talk about the battles he was in during the war, but he told his nephews about this experience. He 'recounted lying in a wheat field during the heat of a hot summer's day with bullets whining overhead and occasionally snicking the heads of wheat near him.'

SUPPLEMENT TO THE EDINBURGH GAZETTE, JANUARY 13, 1919. 311:

"Capt. Harry Bernard Trout, 42nd Bn., Can. Infy., Quebec R.

He led his company in a bombing attack over a difficult system of enemy trenches to the objective. Finding his flank exposed, he skillfully organised the defence and, getting into action some captured enemy machine guns, he repulsed two severe counter-attacks. Throughout the operations he exposed himself in gallant fashion, setting his men a splendid example of devotion to duty."

Capt. Trout was awarded the British Military Cross (M.C.) for this act of gallantry. The Military Cross was an honour second only to the Victoria Cross.

The Cross was awarded on October 5, 1918. December 18, he was awarded the Bar for his Military Cross.

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No.	Rank	Name	Unit	Ledger
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	Capt.	TROUT	H.B.	42nd Batt.
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2	Bar to M.C.	8.3.19	3rd Div. Order 3754 L.G. 31219.	
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Harry Bernard was demobilized on January 27, 1919, and returned to Canada.

He and his brother Roy, also a WWI veteran, decided to go farming and took up land under the Soldier Settlement Board. They found land at Bawlf, Alberta. Their mother, Harriet joined them and was cared for until her death in 1921.

The farm was not prosperous, so Bernard taught in schools in and around Bawlf for extra cash. Following his mother's death, he decided farming wasn't for him and he returned to teaching full time. He sold his share of the farm, the equipment and the livestock to brother Roy for \$1.00.

In January 1922, Bernard became the principal of Round Hill School. In 1920, he met Grace Brownell at a teacher's convention in Edmonton and married her on July 4, 1923. Their honeymoon was spent in Edmonton where Bernard marked provincial exams. Later they were able to spend two weeks at YMCA camp in Jasper.

In August, the residents of Round Hill hosted a surprise party at the Trout's house to celebrate their marriage. They were presented with a set of Roger's silverware as a gift.

In April 1924, they welcomed their first daughter Kathleen, born in Drumheller.

At Round Hill School, he did much for the students. He rented films from the University of Alberta and hosted viewing events. He created a skating rink on a nearby slough and supervised the creation of a grass basketball court and a cinder tennis court. A student at the school stated in the local history book whenever Mr. Trout spoke to him, he was extremely nervous. This is likely due to Bern's tenure as an army Captain.

Bernard continued his education via summer classes and correspondence courses and had reached the point where if he wanted to advance further, it was necessary to attend university for a year. In June 1925, Bernard entered the University of Alberta, earning his Bachelor of Arts degree.

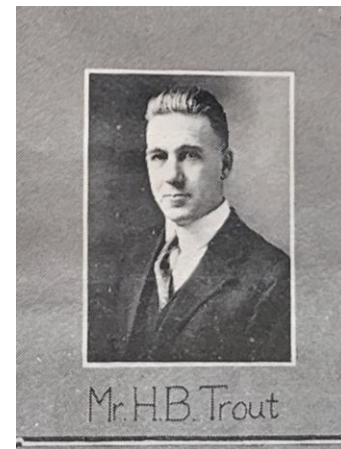
After getting his degree, he became the principal at the school in Grande Prairie and the next year taught English in the Calgary High School. This position lasted a year as in 1928 he was appointed to the Normal School in Camrose. 'Mr. Trout' as he was called, taught at the school from 1928 until 1932.

His subjects were Literature, Composition and Grammar. A second daughter, Joan, was born in Camrose on June 17, 1929.



Camrose Normal School

Photo from Yearbook



Due to the Great Depression, one of the three Normal Schools in Alberta had to be closed. Camrose was the one chosen. The staff with low seniority became school inspector for the Province of Alberta. This made it necessary for the family to live in numerous small towns and led to the purchase of their first car as Bernard had to travel some distance to the schools in his assigned district.

The Normal School reopened in 1935 until permanent closure came in 1938. When the school closed Bernard was transferred to the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. He was there only one year before he passed away. He and Grace lived at 11047 81 Ave, Edmonton, which is near the University.

Bernard passed away on September 2, 1939, at age 49. The copper jacket on the bullet in his chest had almost dissolved, but the effect of the absorption of the copper by his system led to cancer and the last three years of his life involved frequent hospitalization and heavy medical expenses. The bullet was finally removed in 1937 during gall bladder surgery.

Hector Trout (nephew):

Only by determination was he able to continue teaching, travelling to and from the school by taxi and taking to bed on return home.

Bernard is buried in the Edmonton Municipal Cemetery.



MR. HARRY BERNARD TROUT
 THE funeral service of Mr. Harry Bernard Trout of 11047 81 ave., who passed away in a local hospital on September 2nd, aged 49 years, was held on Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at Howard and McBride's chapel. Rev. M. S. Kerr officiated and interment took place in the Edmonton cemetery. The pallbearers were G. Fred McNally, Dr. H. C. Newland, C. W. Robinson, G. F. Hollinshead W. H. Swift and G. K. Haverstock. Many beautiful floral tributes were received. He is survived by his wife and two daughters Kathleen and Joan, both of Edmonton. Howard and McBride, funeral service.



British War Medal



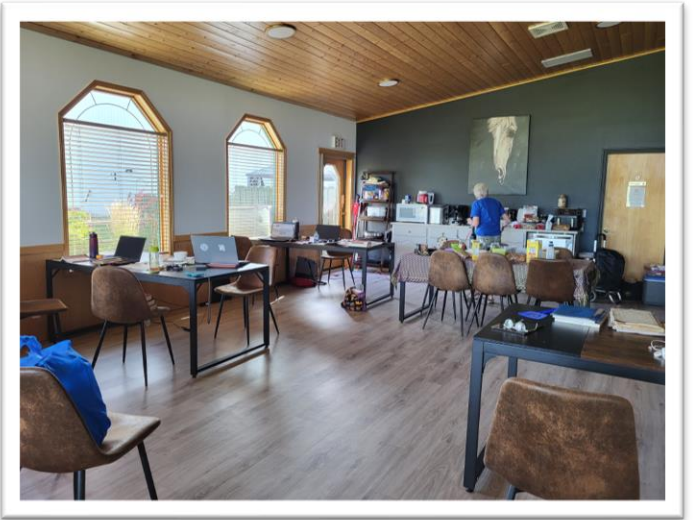
Military Cross



Victory Medal

Writer's Retreat – Writing SIG Group

Another successful Camrose Branch writer's retreat was had on August 26 & 27. Here's a couple of snaps of the ladies enjoying the lovely weather and the writing room at Fawn Meadow's Golf and Country Club in Delburne, AB.



Which Ancestor Would I Like to Interview by Camrose AGS Members

By Alora Nelson

The person I would like to interview is my great uncle Philip Wadsworth Forrest. Born 1888 in Vancouver, B.C. and died 1980 in Burnaby General Hospital.

For his working life he was a commercial travelling salesman in B.C., Alaska and the Yukon.

His 1st marriage was to American Zoe Elizabeth Rhinehard in 1913 in Vancouver, B.C.

By 1922 she was back in Seattle, WA and married to Raymond Cole.

Philip was remarried in 1921 in Bellingham, WA to Canadian born Pearl Beatrice McLeod. They had one son Robert Braidwood Forrest born in 1925 in Murrayville, B.C.

In 1931 they are living at 2208 W49th Ave, Vancouver.

Philip and Pearl divorce, and he next marries Lillian Bell Case on 08 Nov. 1941 in Burnaby, B.C. Lillian was born 1893 in Oregon, USA and she came to Canada in 1920.

On May 10, 1947, Lillian fell down the basement stairs of their home, fracturing her 5th cervical vertebra and dying.

They were living at 416 West 27 Ave, Vancouver, B.C.

Lillian is buried in the Masonic Cemetery, Burnaby and Philip is buried with her.

Philip then married May Blanche Curtis on 13 March 1953 in Seattle, WA. He was 64 and she was 38. May was looking after the accounts at Kelly Douglas, the last company Philip worked for.

Upon his death in 1980, he and May were still living at 416 West 27 Ave, Vancouver.

By Deb Trout

When the topic of which ancestor we would like to speak with came up at a recent meeting, I immediately thought of my maternal grandfather and great grandfather. They led interesting lives (to me anyway) and I have many questions.

Then I remembered a conversation I was a part of with three Shoemaker cousins and Janelle Maloney, the author of a book called *Emigrant Tales of the Platte River Raids*. The book takes excerpts from travel diaries of pioneers crossing through the plains of Nebraska, Wyoming and South Dakota. The Native Americans were threatened by these travellers who disrespected their lands and their ways and were fighting back.

One of the travellers was a man called Mr. Shoemaker who was a teamster hauling goods, animals and food to settlements. Mr. Shoemaker turns out to be my second granduncle, Daniel. We don't know much about him other than he was born in Indiana in 1805, had been married and divorced. His only child died young.

I would like to sit down with Uncle Dan and talk about his journey in 1864. How did he survive the raids? Is he the Daniel Shoemaker, teamster, boarding at the Central House in Omaha in 1870? What other adventures did he have hauling goods and animals through the western states? Why did he and his wife divorce in the 1840s?

So many questions and so few records to find.

Which Ancestor Would I Like to Interview by Camrose AGS Members

By Lilyon Luntz

The person I would love to interview is my father. He died when I was 16, and although I certainly remember him, I have a child's memory of the time I spent with him. He was born in India in 1897, and it was always "cool" to relate that "my father was born in India".

I didn't realize until I was an adult, with a growing family, that I realized some of the hardships he faced. His father died when he was 7 and his mother trained to be a nurse to be able to support herself and her four children. This meant that Dad was educated in boarding schools that were very rigid. He didn't have bedtime stories and a mom to share his school day with, or a dad to kick a soccer ball with. The Hale family never had a house of their own, and Dad spent school breaks with aunts and uncles, or else, he remained at the school.

He was a small boy and was badgered and bullied. He learned to box to defend himself. He was musical and found a place in marching bands. He learned to play the violin – he brought his violin to Canada and played for school events after he became a teacher.

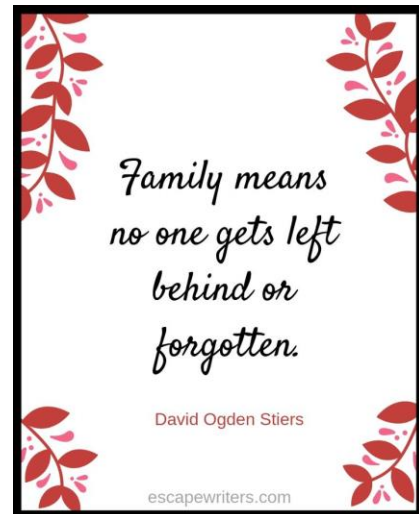
What I am curious about is his first wife! This was a brief marriage – she was 18 and he was 24. Her family sent her to England on "home leave" to forget him. He made a brief trip to England in 1924 to see her, and I imagine that her world included others. She filed for divorce in 1928 and Eric Hale, upon leaving India (for Vermilion Alberta of all places – quite the climate change!) swore everyone he knew to secrecy as to his whereabouts.

Forty years later, the beans were spilled to me, and this began my love of genealogy. I admire integrity, but even years after his death, "informants" honored their promise to him that they would never speak of his "disappearance".

Eric Hale "disappeared", and his first wife could not remarry until he hadn't been heard of in seven years. She did remarry in Bombay in 1936, and on her marriage certificate, she is listed as a widow.

Dad never had things handed to him on a silver spoon, and he imparted the value of hard work to his three children.

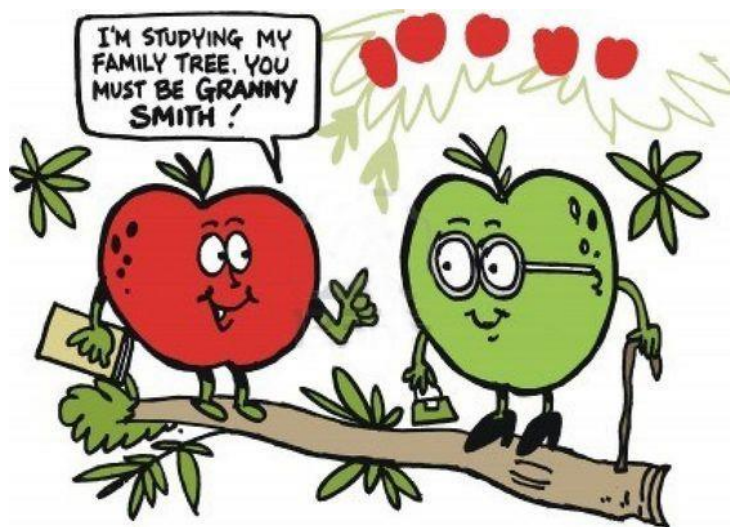
He worked hard and was playful, enjoying children. He only saw one grandchild, and I'm sad that he never met my husband or his other 7 grandchildren.



19 Things Only Genealogists Say at Funerals -

by Marc McDermott (<https://www.genealogyexplained.com>)

1. "Mind if I snap a quick pic of that headstone?"
2. "I'll need a copy of the death certificate. For my records."
3. "I've got a DNA kit. Who wants to swab?"
4. "Can I see the family Bible? I need to update our mortality records."
5. "Who's the oldest living relative now?"
6. "Does anyone have photos of the deceased from different decades?"
7. "Mind if I record the eulogies for our family oral history project?"
8. "Can we discuss any hereditary health issues while we're all here?"
9. "I brought my portable scanner. Anyone have old death certificates to share?"
10. "Who knows the story behind this family plot?"
11. "Was the cause of death the same as Great-Grandpa's? I'm tracking genetic patterns."
12. "Can I get everyone's birthdates before we leave?"
13. "I'm compiling last words of our ancestors. Any memorable ones from the deceased?"
14. "Who's handling the obituary? I have some fascinating ancestral details to add."
15. "Can we talk about the family's traditional burial customs?"
16. "Is it true that Great-Aunt Mabel was buried with her wedding ring?"
17. "Did anyone bring the family medical history chart?"
18. "Who wants to help me transcribe the epitaphs after the service?"
19. "Sorry I'm late, I got sidetracked at the cemetery next door."



Miscellany

Resource:

Norm Prestage (one of our military experts) owns an excellent book entitled **Canada's Sons on Kopje & Veldt** by **TG Marquis**. If anyone is interested in finding any information on Canadians that served in the Boer War, please contact Norm nprestag@telus.net

November in history:

American Revolutionary War

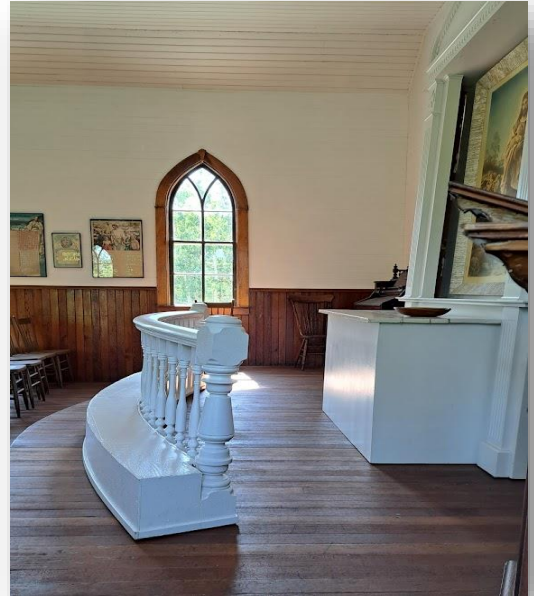
- **20 Nov 1767** The Townshend Acts go into effect. Laws were created to bring in revenue & gain more control over the Colonies. Include the: Revenue Act of 1767, Indemnity Act, Commissioners of Customs Act, Vice Admiralty Court Act, & New York Restraining Act.
- **14 Nov 1775** King George III notifies Lord North that he has contracted 4,000 professional German soldiers for Great Britain, mostly from Hessen. He originally wanted to hire Russian infantry from Catherine the Great but she rebuffed his request.
- **15 Nov 1776** Isle of New York. British engineers begin building artillery positions to provide fire cover for forces crossing the Harlem River as preparation for an attack on Fort Washington.
- **15 Nov 1777** The Articles of Confederation were adopted. After debating for 16 months, the Continental Congress agreed to adopt the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union. On March 1, 1781, the last of the 13 states, Maryland, ratified the agreement.

- **19 Nov 1794** Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation, Between Britain & America, commonly known as the Jay Treaty, was signed. It was a very important and controversial foreign policy initiative in the post #RevWar period, especially among Francophiles.

Fall in Canadian history:

- **6 Dec 1917** At Halifax, the French munitions ship *Mont Blanc* collided with the Belgian relief ship *Imo*. The resulting explosion, the largest before the advent of the atomic bomb, killed more than 1,600 people and injured 9,000 in Canada's worst disaster.
- **Oct 24 1929** The collapse of the American stock market begins the Great Depression, which ravages the Canadian economy during the "Dirty Thirties." Life is especially harsh in the Prairies, where drought worsens conditions. The crisis inspires the creation of social welfare programs.
- **Dec 12 1938** Canada's first mosque, Al Rashid in Edmonton, was funded through initiatives from the Arab community, led by Hilwie Hamdon. The Al Rashid Mosque has played a significant role in the growth of the Muslim community in Alberta and across the country.
- **Nov 8 1946** Viola Desmond is dragged out of a Nova Scotia movie theatre and charged by police after she refuses to move from the main floor of the theatre to the balcony, where Black patrons were segregated. Her decision to fight her charges raises awareness of the racism experienced by Black Canadians.

Summer Social at Ferry Point Church and Graveyard – August 25, 2024, attended by members of Camrose Branch, AGS



Upcoming Online Events



Minnesota Genealogical Society

**Beyond the Book: Fun Ideas for Showcasing
your Family History Research**
By Janice Nickerson

December 4, 2024, 6 pm MST

<https://mngs.org/event-5871415>



**DNA Case Study: Reconstructing A Family Tree
Using DNA**
By Michelle Leonard

December 4, 2024, 12:00 pm MST

<https://familytreewebinars.com/webinar/dna-case-study-reconstructing-a-family-tree-using-dna/>



Where Have All the Obits Gone?
Presented
By Gordon McBean
(Durham Region Branch)

January 7, 2025, 5:30 pm MST

<https://ogs.on.ca/events/durham-virtual-meeting-where-have-all-the-obits-gone-gordon-mcbean/>



"Apparently there's no good or bad children anymore...only misunderstood!"



[Genealogy Gleanings:](#)

How DNA genealogy helped identify an officer from the Franklin Expedition

<https://canadiangeographic.ca/articles/finding-fitzjames-the-search-for-sir-john-franklins-senior-officer/>

Rural Diaries of Ontario by Rural Diary Archive

<https://ruraldiaries.uoguelph.ca/>

Online Tree or Genealogy Software: Where to Keep Your Data

<https://familytreemagazine.com/resources/software/online-tree-vs->

Using Local Libraries for Genealogy Research

<https://familytreemagazine.com/libraries-archives/using-local-libraries-for-genealogy-research/>

Adopted Ancestor? Here's How to Find Their Biological Family

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-resources/adoption-family-tree/>

Tips for Finding Missing Maiden Names

<https://family-tree-advice.blogspot.com/2024/02/maiden.html>

Fact or Science Fiction? Putting DNA Rumors to the Test

<https://familytreemagazine.com/dna/dna-fact-or-science-fiction/>

4 Easy Ways to Improve Your Genealogy Google Searches

<https://familytreemagazine.com/websites/improve-genealogy-google-searches/>

Find a Grave: Optimize Your Search Results

<https://familytreemagazine.com/websites/find-a-grave/>

Got an ancestor on the wrong side of the law?

<https://www.blacksheepancestors.com/>

The Family Tree Magazine Genealogy Podcasts

<https://familytreemagazine.com/genealogy-podcast/>

*****If anyone has found a link to a website you'd like to share, or any other items of interest, please send it to me for the next newsletter! camrosegeneo@gmail.com or moester56@yahoo.com**

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