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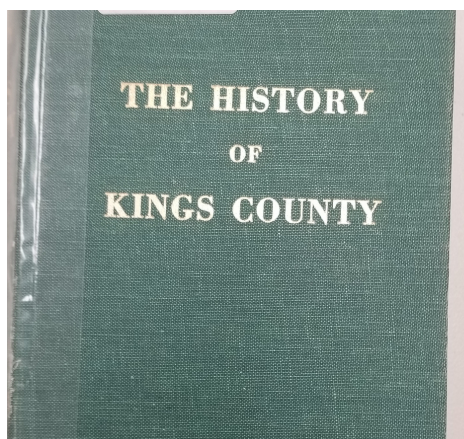
by Deb Boelstler, Library Chair

Why physical books in the AGS Library are so valuable to me.

One day while volunteering at the AGS Edmonton Branch Library, someone returned a book. I looked at the title, "The History of Kings County Nova Scotia" by Arthur Wentworth Hamilton Eaton, M.A., D.C.I.

I wondered if this book had any information about Oliver King, my several-times great-grandfather. Instead, I found a chapter entitled 'The Pineo Family' - my Pineo ancestors! To my great surprise what I thought might be Italian roots were Huguenot roots.

This was one of a few names in King's County that had Huguenot roots. The name was originally Pennau and the family came to Lebanon, Connecticut in 1717. One of the children, Peter Pinneo (Pineo) settled in Cornwallis. He married Elizabeth, daughter of David and Mary (Chaffin) Sampson. She was both descended from Myles Standish and John Alden of the Mayflower, and eventually Henry Sampson as well.



The book was set and I was on a whole different path in my genealogical research. For me, if the book had been a digital book, I never would have found out this information.

GENFAIR RED DEER

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Genfair in Red Deer Saturday April 27th. The event is free and registration is now open.

For details

<https://rdfamilyhistoryfair.blogspot.com/p/registration.html>

OPPORTUNITY



The retired teachers association has invited AGS Edmonton Branch to participate in it's Second Wind Conference on September 12th 2024.

The retired teachers association have requested we provide a speaker for their Second Wind Conference on Sept 12th. They would like a topic of interest to participants with little to no genealogy experience. This presentation is for one hour. We also need to create a display booth and staff the booth for the whole day.

We are looking for members who are willing to assist with this event, from potential speakers, to creative types that can put together the booth, and those willing to talk to participants who visit the booth.

Please contact -

newsletter@edmontongenealogy.ca

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Welcome, Art Taylor

Computers in Genealogy (SIG) Lead

Art took his Audio Visual Technician course at Cambrian College in Sudbury. After about 27 years working in Toronto, he moved to Hanmer.

While in Toronto, he served as Assistant Workshop Chair and then as Workshop Chair at the Toronto Camera Club. Later he was President of the Toronto Film & Video Club, Editor of the Club newsletter *Shots and Angles*, and founded and led the Desktop Video Special Interest Group.

Over the last 10 years he has done several live and virtual presentations, and monthly webinars. We are thrilled to have his expertise and grateful for his enthusiasm!



Welcome Kelcey Carlisle

Co-lead for Computers in Genealogy (SIG)

Kelcey started focusing on his family history research about 12 years ago. His training and work experience in the IT field has allowed him to effectively use computers and the internet for genealogy.

Edmonton and the surrounding area has always been home for Kelcey, and his parents and grandparents were born in Alberta or Saskatchewan. His research has spread his family tree from there into several US states, England, Germany, and Galicia.

Kelcey also enjoys collecting coins and banknotes from the times and places of his ancestors.

“There is something special about holding a physical item with a strong link to your family history.”

He is looking forward to sharing his passion and experiences, and learning from other members.



HELP NEEDED! Short stories are needed for future Twig issues. Capture and share a moment in your ancestor's life and include one photo.

Acceptance of submitted material is determined by the Editorial Committee. We do not assume responsibility for errors or opinions on the part of the contributors. Send to

newsletter@edmontongenealogy.ca

NEWSIES



WE NEED YOU!

Currently, there are several positions on the Board and Special Interest Groups (SIG's) open for 2024. Our Society depends on volunteers to provide the services, resources, support, and leadership that make us a leading provider of genealogy information and services. Please consider volunteering for one of the following roles. If you have already contacted [President Kurt Paterson](#) to volunteer for a position, a big thank you!

- Community Connector
- Courses
- Library Volunteer
- Programs
- Publicity
- Special Interest Group (SIG) Leader

Visit the Volunteer Page on our website for more information.

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

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.

Standard costs are charged for copies of documents and a request for a contribution to the Edmonton Branch is made in consideration of the volunteer time given to investigate. Please contact

research@edmontongenealogy.ca



Missed RootsTech 2024?

You can still view MANY of the videos that were presented for up to 3 years. Go to:

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/rootstech-on-demand-library>



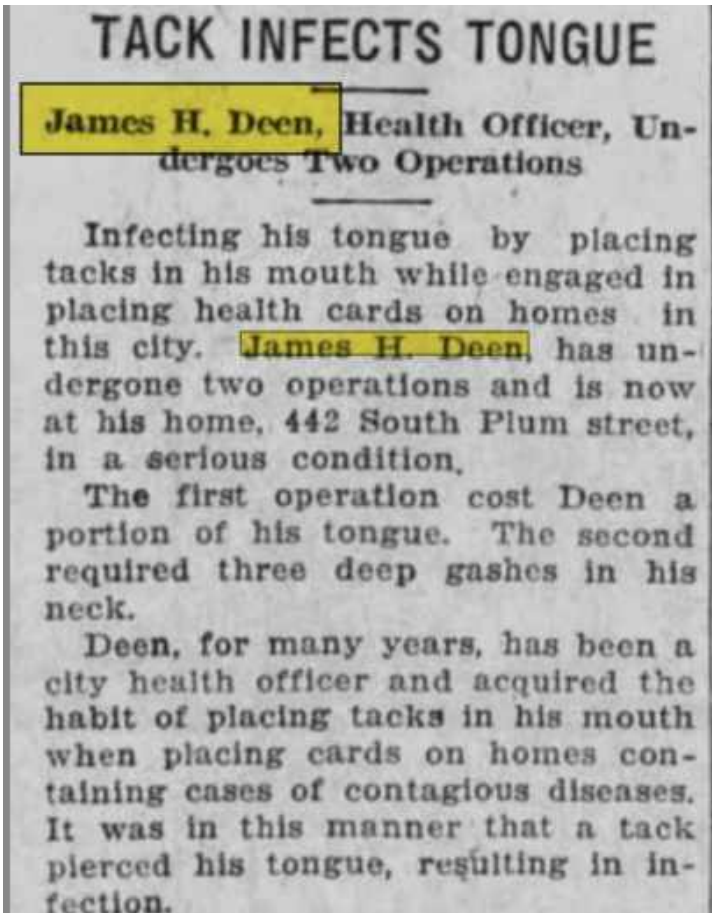
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LOOKING BACK

Unexpected, by Susan Laycock

In advance of Family Day I received an email from Ancestry with an offer of free access to Newspapers.com for the upcoming long weekend. This unexpected opportunity couldn't be passed up!

I had recently been working on the Deen family in Pennsylvania and decided to take a stab at it. For the next two days I was glued to my computer, downloading numerous articles on family members. The following 1923 Lancaster Pennsylvania article was particularly interesting.



Next year I will watch for this opportunity again and in the meantime, I am making a list of things I want to find.

Newspapers.com by Ancestry

Discover your family's stories with **FREE ACCESS* THIS WEEKEND**

Enjoy FREE ACCESS through Monday!

Search our vast collection of marriage announcements and much more to uncover the stories that make your family unique. Rediscover the romances in your family with free access to Newspapers.com™ now through Monday.

[Search for free](#)

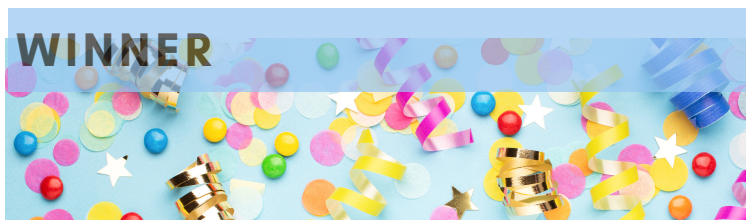
[Free access through this email only.](#)

*Access to all papers on Newspapers.com™ will be free until 19 Feb 2024 at 11:59 p.m. MT. Free access available via the links in this email only. Registration required. After the free access period ends, you will only be able to view papers using a paid Newspapers.com™ Publisher Extra® subscription. Terms and Conditions apply.

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TRACING YOUR FAMILY TREE (TYFT)

Welcome to Sheila Genaille who steps into the TYFT Coordinator role. Sheila brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm. Stay tuned for dates and details of upcoming classes. Register and bring a friend!



Congrats to Graham L. who won the Ancestry DNA kit door prize while attending the AGM on February 22.

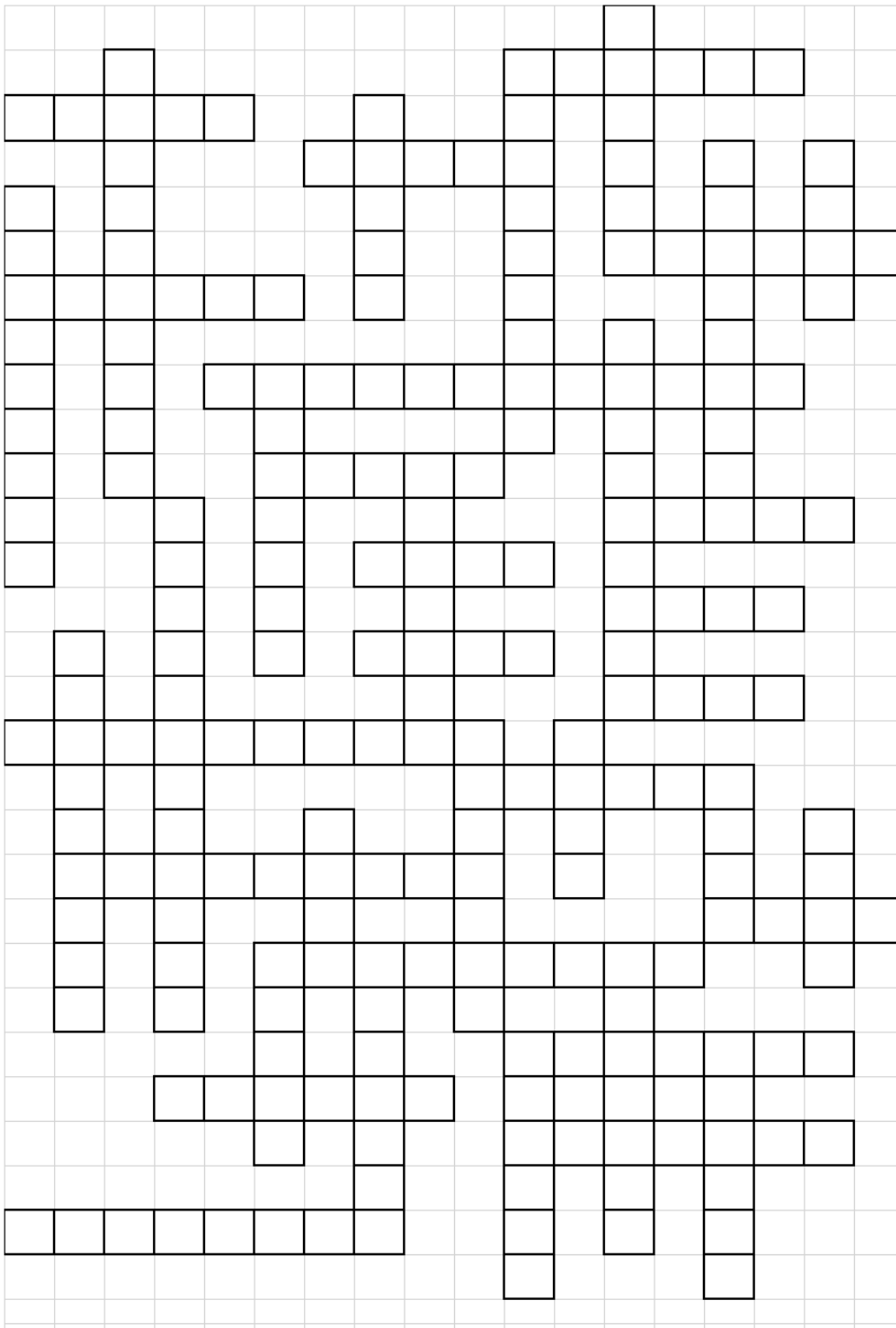




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PUZZLER

Fit the words into their proper place. Solution is on page 9.



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- CHAT
- DEAD
- DOOR
- HINT
- KNOW
- NEXT
- OPEN
- SITE
- TOOL
- WIKI

7 Letter

- ACCOUNT
- COVERED
- ENHANCE
- OPERATE
- RECOVER
- SESSION
- SHARING

9 Letter

- BEGINNING
- DISCOVERY
- DOCUMENTS
- DUPLICATE
- LIBRARIAN
- NEWSPAPER
- RELATIVES

12 Letter

- FOUNDATIONAL
- STORYTELLING

5 Letter

- BEFORE
- DRAFT
- ENTER
- GROUP
- MARKS
- MERGE
- TRACK

6 Letter

- ACCESS
- DEEPEN
- EXPAND
- GUIDES
- READER
- REWIND
- UNREAL

8 Letter

- GUESSING

10 Letter

- OBITUARIES
- ORGANIZING

LINKING IN

Blog Recommendation provided by Kurt Paterson

I went to this site and clicked on 'About' to learn more. Thanks Kurt!

"Welcome to RETROactive, a blog maintained by the Historic Resources Management Branch of Alberta, Culture and Status of Women. Program information and staff activities shared on RETROactive will highlight our commitment to preserve and protect Alberta's historic places and showcase the future of Alberta's historic places."

Posts from 2011 to 2024 cover a wide variety of topics which can be searched. Look for the Sign me up button and get started on a fascinating read!

They support local efforts to preserve Alberta history through Heritage Grant Funding from which AGS has also benefited.

<https://albertahistoricplaces.com/popular-posts/>



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Enter your email address to receive notifications of new blog posts.

Sign me up!



TECH TALK

A RootsTech presentation by Miles Meyer titled *Google Tools for Research* introduced a number of tools that can help us find clues in our family research.

He explored the use of the following:

books.google.ca - search for information in books. It has 25% of the world's book titles (40 million). Books out of copyright can be read on line or downloaded. It includes a lot of local histories, and year/ alumni yearbooks.

scholar.google.ca - search for text in published scholarly literature.

patents.google.com - search by name of inventor.

images.google.ca - search for places, people, and events to find relatives or put context to their lives.

maps.google.com - place your ancestors in context with their surroundings. What was the nearest church, town, or other landmark near where they lived. Mr. Meyer explained the process to use google maps to trace our ancestors migration pattern.

CALENDAR

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

England Wales SIG

Research Day in the Edmonton Branch Library, 162, 14315 - 118 Avenue NW. Saturday, 1 June from 10:30 - 2:00 pm.

EWSIG members will meet to collaborate on research. Please register below so we can plan accordingly. Bring a bag lunch, your laptop, notes, and brick walls! Coffee, tea, and cookies provided. Register here

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

French SIG

A comparison of the digitization of Quebec parish registers (1634-1940). Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Register for this Zoom presentation here

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



Doors Open 2024

by Deb Boelstler

Watch for details of the upcoming Doors Open event July 7 - 14. This year's theme is Innovation and celebration of 100 Years of the RCAF.



New Member Meeting - Making the Most of Your Membership

Zoom meeting on Monday April 22 at 7pm.

<https://www.edmontongenealogy.ca/membership-meeting>

LIBRARY HOURS

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

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

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

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Let's Talk



Have you been unable to participate in AGS events held via Zoom? Would you like to meet with an instructor and learn how to use the software?

Send a request to

membership@edmontongenealogy.com



MEMBERSHIP

terms and benefits

Membership Term: 1 January to 31 December.

Included with all memberships is a digital copy of the AGS publication *Relatively Speaking*. There is an additional \$10.00 fee if you want to receive the publication in print form.

Individual or Family \$50.00
Senior (65+) \$45.00
Young Adult (age 18-23) \$25.00
Student (grades 1-12) \$5.00

Contact:

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

and select Edmonton Branch.

Membership Benefits:

New Member Kit with research resources.
Access to online library edition databases.
Daily use of library at no charge.
Member pricing for courses and seminars, including participation in our Special Interest Groups (SIG's) focusing on research in specific countries.
Email notice of upcoming events + more!

It also makes a great gift!

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Ukraine - **vacant**



