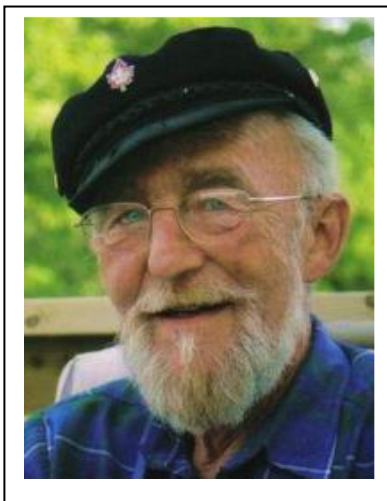


### Genealogical Highlights for 2007



Now that we are well into the new year, we can start penciling in important events that we don't want to miss. This year there are two major genealogical conferences/seminars in our region (Ottawa and Montreal) that you might want to attend. They will both take place in June but early registration is recommended and is a little less expensive.

In addition to what we can learn from the various sessions, these are wonderful opportunities to meet other researchers with similar interests and expand our own 'network' of resource people.

#### Ontario Genealogical Society

This year, Ottawa will be the venue for OGS's "Seminar 2007". It will be hosted by the Ottawa Branch of the OGS and held at the Woodroffe Campus of Algonquin College June 1 – 3. For participants who prefer to stay on-site, there is accommodation at the College residences and, of course, meals

and ample parking are available on the campus. If I have a choice, I usually prefer to stay on-site during a conference to spend more time with participants and not worry about driving.

The program is very extensive and has a solid roster of presenters. On Friday, June 1, you can select two out of eight workshops (at a separate fee). On Saturday and Sunday the lectures are each one hour long and you can choose seven out of the thirty-five that are offered. This can be difficult and usually my wife, Judy, and I spend some time planning who will attend which session in order to get the most out of the event.

All the details on this Seminar are available at their website: [www.ogsseminar.org](http://www.ogsseminar.org). You can even register there. I would suggest that you take a look at the program and give some serious thought to participating. It should be time and money well spent.

#### Quebec Family History Society

Every five years, the QFHS holds an international "Roots" Conference. This year it will take place June 15 – 17 at McGill University in Montreal. Accommodation is available at the Royal Victoria College but they only have single rooms available. There are also several nearby hotels and one of them is offering special rates for participants. Parking in downtown Montreal is a bit tight and there is none on the campus so staying on-site or within walking distance is a good idea. If you will be staying with friends in the city, then public transit is worth considering.

As with the OGS, the sessions are each one hour long and you can choose six from the seventeen that are being offered. If you had family in Quebec, there is plenty here for you. The topics range through censuses, Scottish immigration, military records, maps, Protestant Church records, Eastern Township Land Records, and more. The speakers are all recognized authorities and I have enjoyed sessions with some of them in the past.

Full information is available on their website at: [www.qfhs.ca](http://www.qfhs.ca). Judy and I attended the last one in 2002 and really enjoyed the conference and meeting old friends as well as making new ones.

#### Key Resource Reprinted

If you had ancestors in the Aylmer-Eardley-Hull area of Quebec, you will be delighted to know that a key book, *Pioneers of the Upper Ottawa*, by Anson Gard (1906) has been reprinted by Global Genealogy. The core of the book, and the justification for republishing it after so many years of neglect, are the genealogies which occupy the last third of the volume. All the earliest families are listed, with information about who married whom, where migrant children have gone and whose farms various descendants occupy now.

If you would like more information about it, you can visit their website at: [www.globalgenealogy.com](http://www.globalgenealogy.com).