

## RELATIVELY SPEAKING

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#### Feature Articles

- Newfoundlanders in the RAF – Letters Home from Arthur Brown by Lynn Fogwill  
In August 1940 the first draft of RAF volunteers left Newfoundland for Canada to begin training before being deployed to England. Lynn uses the letters her uncle sent home to chronicle his experience travelling by train across Newfoundland, being posted in Halifax, Derbert, Montreal, Toronto, and Summerside for training, then London, England, out of where he flew.
- The Story of a Homestead, Part Two: The Third Party by Frank Easton  
Frank continues the tale of Kate Easton, a feisty woman who took on the Dominion Lands Office in Edmonton and the Department of the Interior in Ottawa when her right to keep the homestead she purchased after the death of her husband was challenged following her marriage to Robert Easton. In this episode, neighbour James Jeffries further challenges the indomitable Kate.
- The Truth is in the Photograph by Debby Was  
Debby recounts her success in acquiring information that clarified earlier assumptions about an uncle. She contacted the British National Army Museum seeking information about the uniform her uncle was wearing in an old sepia-toned photograph in her collection. What she received helped her correct faulty data.
- From England by Sea: What do UK Ship Passenger Lists Reveal? by Marilyn Astle  
Marilyn had many questions surrounding ancestors who left Britain for Canada and Brazil. By searching online SPLs she was able to chart many of their voyages and, using information about the ships and the times, learn something about what their travel might have been like.

- What's That Uniform?  
The RS Editorial Committee has assembled a small collection of photographs showing military uniforms from several campaigns. We hope this may help others.
- Canadian Military Medals by Marilyn Hindmarch  
Marilyn gives a brief commentary on the new: Canadian Victoria Cross; Sacrifice Medal; and on the U.S. Medal of Honor that has been awarded to several Canadian military.
- "Mind The Gap" – Edmonton Branch Research Trip, London 2008 by Lynn Fogwill & Haydn Cracknell  
A two-page pictorial with comment on unique aspects of this trip.
- Why Keep a Daily Journal? by Jo. Nuthack  
Jo. began keeping a daily journal in 1975 so as to have a detailed documentation of the life of one man – himself - to pass down to future generations. Jo. provides guidelines to how he keeps his journal for those interested in starting their own. Recently the Provincial Archives of Alberta has agreed to accept Jo.'s collection.
- French Protestants in Alberta: The Rev. Dr. John Ezra Duclos – Part Two by Willa Duclos  
The conclusion of this article chronicles the Reverend's life and ministry in Bonnyville and Cold Lake, and his retirement in Edmonton. He was a man truly committed to his mission and the community of French Protestants in northern Alberta.
- First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton by Grant Nicol  
Grant outlines his involvement with this church from the time he first arrived in Edmonton from the small town of Belvedere. Grant was welcomed into the parish and the family of Dr. Edwin White, minister at that time. Grant continues to worship at this church.
- Book Review  
First Presbyterian Church: A History - 2004 by Grant Nicol