



Saskatchewan Genealogical Society 2016 Conference  
*Diving Into the Genealogy Pool*  
 April 15, 16 & 17, 2016  
 Ramada Plaza  
 Regina, Saskatchewan

## AGENDA

### Friday, April 15, 2016

Time	Event/Speaker	Topic
4:00- 6:45 pm	Registration	
6:45-7:00 pm	Welcome	
7:00-9:00 pm	Alan B. Anderson	Saskatchewan 100 Years Ago During the First World War

### Saturday, April 16

7:30-8:30 am	Opening Remarks and Breakfast	
8:30-9:30 am	Tammy Tipler-Priolo	Tips to Prepare you for the Professional Genealogist Experience
9:30-10:00 am	Break	
10:00-11:00 am	John Althouse	Changing Map of Europe
	RUSI	Royal United Services Institute Library Collection
	Alan B. Anderson	What you Likely Don't Know About Saskatchewan Settlement
11:15 – 12:15 pm	John Althouse	But I'm Not a Writer!
	Tammy Tipler-Priolo	Ontario Vital Stats
12:15-1:30 pm	Lunch	
1:30-2:30 pm	Chris Krismer	Evaluating Sources
	Glenn Schwartz	Zichydorf Collection at SGS: Much More than just Zichydorf
	Catherine Holmes	Law and Order PAS
2:30-3:00 pm	Break	

3:00-4:00 pm	Tammy Tipler-Priolo	The Original People-Looking for the Illusive Aboriginal Ancestor
	Alan B. Anderson	Tracing Your Scandinavian Roots
	John Althouse	Searching for Your Volga German Relatives
5:00 pm-6:00 pm	Cash Bar	
6:00-8:00 pm	Banquet & Guest Speaker, Dale Eisler	Anton, a Young Boy, His Friend and the Russian Revolution

**Sunday, April 17**

8:00-8:45 am	Breakfast	
8:45-9:45 am	Tammy Tipler-Priolo	Success Using Scotland's Backdoor to Genealogy
10:00-11:00 am	John Althouse	Like Sowing Winter Wheat: Introducing Genealogy to Our Children, Grandchildren and Students
	Glenn Schwartz	Walk Where Your Ancestors Walked- Genealogical Touring in Europe
	Alan B. Anderson	In Search of Francophone Origins in Saskatchewan
11:00-11:15 am	Break	
11:15-12:15 pm	SGS Annual Meeting	
12:15-12:45 pm	Closing Remarks	



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## REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First and Last (as you would like it to appear on your name tag)

Organization/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (REQUIRED) \_\_\_\_\_ Email (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

Early Bird Registration: \$130.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(postmarked on or before February 5, 2016)

Regular Registration: \$160.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(postmarked after February 5, 2016)

Meals: (All meals are partially subsidized.)

Saturday Breakfast \$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Lunch \$15 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet \$28 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Breakfast \$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify any dietary restrictions.

Extra Syllabus: \$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(One copy is included with registration.)

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque (payable to SGS) \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

If paying by credit card:

Visa/Mastercard # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration Form to: Saskatchewan Genealogical Society  
PO Box 1894  
Regina, Saskatchewan, S4P 3E1  
or email [saskgenealogy@sasktel.net](mailto:saskgenealogy@sasktel.net)

### Cancellation and Refund Policy

Refunds will be granted for requests received in writing. Requests for refunds postmarked no later than February 5, 2016 will be refunded in full and any received after that date will be subject to a 15% administrative fee. No refunds will be provided after April 5, 2016.

### Select Your Workshops:

Please select and rank your workshop preferences using the letters A, B and C (with A being your first choice). If your first choice no longer has room you will be assigned to your second choice or third if necessary.

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10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	<i>Changing Map of Europe</i> by John Althouse
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	<i>Law and Order PAS</i> by Catherine Holmes, Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	<i>The Original People – Looking for the Illusive Aboriginal Ancestor</i> by Tammy Tipler-Priolo
	<i>Tracing Your Scandinavian Roots</i> by Alan B. Anderson
	<i>Searching for Your Volga German Relatives</i> by John Althouse
Banquet	<i>Anton, A Young Boy, His Friend and the Russian Revolution</i> by Dale Eisler

### Sunday, April 17, 2016

8:45 – 9:45 p.m.	Plenary: <i>Success Using Scotland's Backdoor to Genealogy</i> by Tammy Tipler-Priolo
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	<i>Like Sowing Winter Wheat: Introducing Genealogy to Our Children, Grandchildren and Students</i> by John Althouse
	<i>In Search of Francophone Origins in Saskatchewan</i> by Alan B. Anderson
	<i>Walk Where Your Ancestors Walked – Genealogical Touring in Europe</i> by Glenn Schwartz
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Annual General Meeting

Proceeds from Saskatchewan Lotteries ticket sales go into the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation and are in return invested into more than 12,000 sport, culture and recreation groups throughout Saskatchewan. SaskCulture distributes the funds from the Culture Section of the Trust. SGS is grateful for the funding and support we receive from these funding agencies.



**PLEASE NOTE: All SGS events are smoke free and scent free.**

**Hotel Information:** A block of rooms have been set aside at the Ramada Plaza, call 1-306-569-1666. The Conference rate is \$134 plus applicable fees and taxes per night (regular \$170) for 1 Queen Bed/Non Smoking and \$144 plus applicable fees and taxes per night (regular \$180) for 2 Queen Beds/Non Smoking.

## Speaker Biographies and Session Descriptions

**Alan Anderson** is Professor Emeritus of Sociology and research Fellow in Ethnic and Indigenous Policy, Department of Political Studies, University of Saskatchewan.

A former president of the Canadian Ethnic Studies Association and vice-president of the Central and Eastern European Studies Association of Canada, he is a contributor to several ethnocultural historical societies in Saskatchewan, including French, German, Mennonite, Ukrainian and Scandinavian. The author of *Settling Saskatchewan*, published by the University of Regina Press (2013), he has been a contributing editor of the *Atlas of Saskatchewan* (2000) and *Encyclopedia of Saskatchewan* (2005) on the topic of ethnic settlements.

**Plenary: Saskatchewan 100 Years Ago During the First World War** (7:00 -9:00 p.m. Friday) A look back at the province's population during the World War I years, only a decade since the Province of Saskatchewan was founded in 1905. What was the population at the time? Who were the settlers of Saskatchewan, and where did they come from? The development of ethnic/religious bloc settlements will be described, as well as attitudes toward immigration and settlement at the time. Canada was in the heyday of British imperialism; a policy of anglo-conformity (rather than an appreciation of ethnic/cultural diversity) was prevalent; but ethnic/religious groups had their own agendas. While there was ample enthusiasm for enlisting in the war effort, there was also resistance to conscription and incarceration of "enemy aliens". Yet profound changes were to come: overcoming a backlash to immigration; promoting multiculturalism, bilingualism and biculturalism; an Aboriginal revival; a new sense of Canadian nationhood after the battle of Vimy Ridge; Depression and drought, depopulation and "de-localization" ....and finally, appreciation of our diverse roots.

**What You Likely Don't Know About Saskatchewan Settlement** (10:00 a.m. Saturday) The history of Saskatchewan is full of surprises. This informal talk will highlight some of these, in the process correcting misconceptions about our history, re-telling a few of the incredible stories of settlers' perseverance, and discovering why such a remarkable diversity of settlers came here, and why many felt obliged to leave.

**Tracing Your Scandinavian Roots** (3:00 p.m. Saturday) This workshop session describes the origins of Norwegian, Swedish, Icelandic, Danish, and Finnish settlers in Saskatchewan: where exactly they came from, why they left their original countries, how they got here, where they formed distinctive settlements, and how their cultural identities have been changing or persisting. Attention will be drawn to the challenges of genealogical research for Saskatchewan people of Scandinavian origins.

**In Search of Francophone Origins in Saskatchewan** (10:00 a.m. Sunday) The French-speaking population of Saskatchewan reveals very diverse origins: Metis, Quebecois, Acadians, French, Belgian and Swiss immigrants from Europe, Franco-Americans, and most recently French-speaking immigrants from Africa and the Caribbean. We will discover exactly where they originated before settling in Saskatchewan, where they settled, and learn how French language and culture have survived to the present day in Saskatchewan.

**John Althouse** is the third generation member of immigrant families who came to Canada around a century ago. John completed his education in Alberta, receiving degrees in Arts and Education from the University of Alberta. His career consisted of almost thirty-five years of classroom teaching for a major urban school board. In this work, he particularly loved assisting emerging young writers find their voice and the skills necessary to write meaningful and enjoyable pieces. Over the years, he has also enjoyed history especially that related to Canada's West. He is a member of SGS, MGS, and AGS where he is actively involved in a number of Special Interest Groups, and AHSGR. John believes that it is essential that we all learn and more importantly record the histories of our families, keeping them alive. He has written a number of short genealogy related articles which have appeared in "Relatively Speaking" and the "SGS Bulletin".

**The Changing Map of Europe** (10:00 a.m. Saturday)

Where did your family originate? The answer to this question may not be as easy to answer as you might expect. During the period in which Western Canada experienced its greatest influx of settlers (1860 – the present), the nations of Europe had their borders redefined several times. This presentation will examine the significant border changes of the period with emphasis to those in Central and Eastern Europe.

**But I'm Not a Writer!** (11:15 a.m. Saturday)

Many pages of family history remain unwritten due to one simple phrase, "But I'm not a writer!" In this presentation, I will provide graphic examples of why this is a myth and why it is essential that each of us record the history of our families. The stories of our families need your assistance if they are to survive.

**Searching for Your Volga German Relatives** (3:00 p.m. Saturday)

My maternal family immigrated to Canada from a Volga German village. Developing a genealogy for German families of the Volga region is one in which there a number of pitfalls that require specialized techniques and resources to overcome. This presentation will examine the techniques and resources that enable the researcher to develop a more complete record for his or her Volga German family.

**Like Sowing Winter Wheat: Introducing Genealogy to Our Children, Grandchildren and Students** (10:00 a.m. Sunday)

This presentation examines why it is vital to introduce genealogy and family history to children and youth. We will examine some vital concerns which you must deal with when attempting this as well as methods that you may use in your home, school, or youth group to do this. This presentation will provide a cursory glance at what the Alberta Genealogical Society is doing in the area of developing resources to introduce genealogy to the children and youth of our province.

**Tammy Tipler-Priolo, BAsc, PLCGS**

Tammy Tipler-Priolo resides in Newmarket with her husband and daughter. She was born and raised in North Bay, Ontario, graduated from the University of Guelph with a BAsc Honours and received her PLCGS with Distinction from the National Institute for Genealogical Studies in partnership with FIS University of Toronto. She has 20+ years experience in the genealogical field, volunteering for the local FHC for nine years, opening her business 'The Ancestor Investigator' in 2000, consulting, researching, teaching, writing, publishing, creating and producing genealogy educational workshop tools, attending many seminars, as well as lecturing in Ontario and Internationally on various genealogical topics. She has written and published two Genealogy motivation books called *The Ancestor Whisperer* & *The Ancestor Whisperer Attic Treasures*. She is a member of the Association for Professional Genealogists (APG), Ontario Chapter APG, Ontario Genealogical Society, Genealogical Speakers Guild and an Ancestry.ca Advisory Board member. She specializes in Canadian, Ontario, Quebec, Native & French Canadian research with research also conducted in Great Britain, Ireland, USA & Italy. To learn more about her, check out her website at <[www.ancestorinvestigator.com](http://www.ancestorinvestigator.com)> or to read her articles check out [www.baytoday.ca](http://www.baytoday.ca)

**Plenary: Tips to Prepare You for the Professional Genealogist Experience**

(8:30 a.m. Saturday)

Are those daunting brick walls holding you back from pursuing your ancestor's records? It may be time to hire a professional genealogist. Trust, fees and how to approach a professional are all concerns. Have no fear; there are strategies available to guide you in the professional genealogist experience.

**Ontario Vital Stats** (11:15 a.m. Saturday)

This lecture will show you how to begin your journey of researching through Ontario Birth, Marriage & Death (BMD) records from offline and online sources. A basic understanding of what BMD records are, where to find them, what information they can hold, how to use them in your research, as well as cautions and disappointments when using BMDs.

**The Original People - Looking for the Illusive Aboriginal Ancestor**

(3:00 p.m. Saturday)

This lecture will show you how to research through records to find your illusive native ancestor from pre digital mode to digital versions. Come learn about the ever changing face of researching an aboriginal ancestor.

**Plenary: Success Using Scotland's Backdoor to Genealogy** (8:45 a.m. Sunday)

Learn the secret to the backdoor approach to finding one's Scottish Ancestors with photographs, illegitimate records, and forwarding tracing one's relatives. Information that seems to leads to Scottish brick walls may be the very information that can lead you to the backdoor of success into your Scottish Ancestors lives.

**Dale Eisler** is a senior policy fellow at the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Regina. During a 16-year career with the Government of Canada, he served as Assistant Secretary to Cabinet for Communications in the Privy Council Office., Assistant Deputy Minister with Natural Resources Canada, as well as Assistant Deputy Minister at Finance Canada and Consul General for Canada in Denver, Colorado. He received the federal government's 2013 Joan Atkinson Award for excellence in the Public Service. Prior to joining the federal government, Dale spent 25 years as a journalist.

**Anton, A Young Boy, His Friend and the Russian Revolution** (Banquet, Saturday evening )

From the germ of an idea to completion, Dale Eisler will talk about the research and writing of his widely acclaimed historical fiction novel, *Anton, a young boy, his friend and the Russian Revolution*, that was inspired by the experiences of his mother's family in a small German-speaking village in the Black Sea region of Russia from 1919-1925.

<p><b>Catherine Holmes</b></p>	<p><b>Law and Order PAS (1:30 p.m. Saturday)</b>          Civil and Criminal court records are a rich and under-used record source for family, local and Saskatchewan history research. Learn about the diverse collection of court records at Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan, and how these records can assist in genealogical and historical research.</p>
<p><b>RUSI Representative</b></p>	<p><b>Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) Library Collection (10:00 a.m. Saturday)</b>          In this session a representative of the Royal United Services Institute will describe the military footprint of the library collection. You will hear about the history of the collection, what's in it, how it's put together and how it is accessed.</p>
<p><b>Christine (Chris) Krismer</b>          Christina (Chris) Krismer was born and grew up in the farming community of Sedley, Saskatchewan. Her grandparents, Germans from Russia, came to Canada as young children in 1890.</p> <p>Chris is a graduate of the College of Home Economics (teaching major) University of Saskatchewan and a retired teacher.</p> <p>As a certified researcher and instructor, Chris has taught some of the SGS classes and conducted numerous workshops, has given genealogy classes through the Regina Public Library and has taught the certification classes for SGS. She wrote the Computer Corner column for the SGS Bulletin for many years.</p> <p>Chris is a member of the Saskatchewan Genealogical Society (SGS), as well as the Germans from Russia Heritage Society (GRHS) at the University of Bismarck, North Dakota. She assisted Michael Miller and staff of GRHS with the proofing and updating of the translation of Father Metzger's book, <i>Historical Sketch of St. Peter's Parish and the Founding of the Colonies, Rastadt, Kathrinenthal and Speier</i> and the making of the video, <i>Prairie Crosses, Prairie Voices: Iron Crosses on the Prairie Plains</i>.</p>	<p><b>Evaluating Sources (1:30 p.m. Saturday)</b>          Sourcing has evolved over the years from simply listing (or not) our sources of the information in our genealogical research to validating the information in that source. Reasons for sourcing, the need for accuracy and an explanation of the evaluation process to determine the validity of our data will be discussed.          Time permitting a case study will be used.</p>

**Glenn Schwartz** is a retired Air Traffic Controller who began his genealogical research in the mid-1980s out of curiosity about the continuous parade of acquaintances passing through his grandmother's home. He learned that they all shared a common immigration history from the vicinity of the German village of Zichydorf in today's Serbia. Further investigation led to several other researchers and to a large community of Zichydorf descendants in Regina and southern Saskatchewan. Glenn was among the founding members of the Zichydorf Village Association in 1996 and has been its president since a few months after inception.

**The Zichydorf Collection at SGS: Much More Than Just Zichydorf**  
(1:30 p.m. Saturday)

The Zichydorf Village Association is a small group without a physical location. For many years the SGS has housed the ZVA's collection of resources. While there are several items that pertain only to Zichydorf, most have much wider interest. Many items pertain to a wide variety of German villages in pre-World War I Hungary; there is a rare collection regarding Germans immigrating through Vienna to eastern Europe in the late 1700s; there is a broad collection about post-World War II forced migration; there are many personal stories about post war hardship; and several books of historical fiction pertaining to settlement along the Danube River in today's Hungary, Serbia, and Romania.

**Walk Where Your Ancestors Walked - Genealogical Touring in Europe** (10:00 a.m. Sunday)

This talk will draw on Glenn's experience planning and organizing four group tours through Germany, France, Austria, Hungary, Serbia, and Romania. It is not about research, but visiting ancestral villages and regions. It will touch on the planning and organization of the tours and describe some of the unforgettable experiences that the groups encountered.



## Hotels In Area

Ramada Hotel  
1818 Victoria Avenue (NW corner of Broad Street and Victoria Avenue)  
Phone: (306) 569-1666  
E-mail: [regina@saskramada.com](mailto:regina@saskramada.com)

Quality Inn  
1717 Victoria Avenue (SW corner of Victoria Avenue & Osler Street)  
Phone: (306) 569-4656

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel & Conference Centre  
1975 Broad Street (NE corner of Broad Street and Victoria Avenue)  
Phone: (306) 525-6767

Holiday Inn Express  
1907 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (SW corner of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Rose Street)  
Phone: (306) 569-4600

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