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The fascination people have about their family's ancestry, coupled with the burgeoning amount of census, birth, marriage and death information stored in computer databases and available over the Internet, has fueled a multi-million dollar genealogical industry. You can pay a user fee and log into Ancestry.ca, one of the giant accumulators of genealogical data, or you can do a little more scrounging and visit one of the thousands of free sites offering copies of old directories, cemetery records, parish records, etc.

But there is still room for on ground research. Not all births, marriages or deaths were recorded in the past. Names changed. It's often difficult to track families when they moved long distances. Not all records were transcribed properly.

The feature article this month is written by Karen Davidson Seward, the great-granddaughter of Samuel W. Gebo. Although she was able to do some of her ancestor research online, it was not until she visited the Crowsnest Pass, in June of this year, that she filled the gaps she had in her genealogy. I'm sure you will enjoy her journey of discovery.

FREE GENEALOGY SITES:

Library and Archives of Canada - Self Help Page:
<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy/index-e.html>

Latter-Day-Saints Web Pages: <http://www.familysearch.org>
 (guides and a huge database of individual submissions and parish records).

Peel's Prairie Provinces Collections at the University of Alberta -- Newspapers, directories, books and papers. Searchable online.

Alberta Families History Society:
<http://www.afhs.ab.ca/index.shtml>

Canadian Genealogical Records Online:
<http://www.genealogysearch.org/canada/>

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WHAT'S ON

FRANK SLIDE INTERPRETIVE CENTRE

Hwy 3 Crowsnest Pass 403-562-7388



Alberta Arts Days: Friday, September 17th – Sunday, September 19th.

The Frank Slide Interpretive Centre will celebrate Alberta Arts Days with a breathtaking visual art show and a chance to meet and hear readings by three distinguished Alberta authors. Throughout the weekend, the centre's talented historical interpreters will bring to life dramatic stories of tragedy and triumph in the shadow of Turtle Mountain. **Admission Free.**

Friday 7 pm - 9 pm - Opening of Crowsnest Interactive 2010, a watercolour exhibit by members of the Alberta Society of Artists featuring Deborah Lougheed Sinclair, Barbara Amos, Larry Cromwell, Morry Katz and Donna Miller. The show will highlight the beauty of the Crowsnest Pass and surrounding area. It continues until September 27.

Saturday 1 pm - 3:30 pm - Book reading and signing with Cathy Beveridge author of "Shadows of Disaster."

Sunday 1 pm - 3:30 pm - Lawrence Christmas, author and photographer of "Coal Dust Grins: Portraits of Canadian Coal Miners" will sign his book and give a presentation, "Stories and Slides of Mining Characters from Crowsnest Region, Alberta and British Columbia." Joseph L. Lothian, author of "The Grasshopper," will be on hand for a storytelling session and book signing.

WATERTON

Bison and the Prehistory of Waterton: Sunday, September 26th. 9:30 am - 12:00 am.

As part of Waterton's Wildlife Weekend, Dr. Brian Reeves, an acclaimed expert on the archaeology and ethnology of the Northern Rockies and Plains, will lead a tour of Waterton and talk on the significance of local wildlife to traditional Piikani (Peigan) culture. See and learn about bison hunting and sacred places in Waterton. **\$30.** Phone 1-800-215-2395 or register at <http://www.trailofthegreatbear.com/registration.html>

HEAD-SMASHED-IN BUFFALO JUMP (World Heritage Site)

Hwy 785 403-553-2731

Alberta Arts Days: Friday, September 17th - Sunday, September 19th.

Join Head-Smashed-In as it welcomes local artists and the international arts community. This special weekend features displays of arts and crafts and performances including First Nations drumming and dancing. **Admission Free.**

CROWSNEST MUSEUM

7701-18th Ave. Coleman 403-563-5434



Harvest of Memories Fall Festival: Saturday, September 25th. This gala event includes a fabulous dinner catered by Country Encounters, entertainment, live and silent auctions, raffles, door prizes and dancing. All proceeds go to the Crowsnest Historical Society and maintenance of the Crowsnest Museum. **Tickets: single \$40, couple \$70, table of 8 \$235. Contact the Museum (563-5434) or the editor of this newsletter (Claire at 562-2450) to purchase.**

WRITING-ON-STONE (Áísínai'pi)

Milk River, Alberta. 403-647-2364

Art Retreat: September Friday, 24th - Monday, 27th.

There are still some spaces available at the 2010 Writing-on-Stone Art (WOS) Retreat, and they are calling for artists who wish to participate in this, their second Art Retreat. It is for adventurous and inspired artists who desire an unforgettable experience. The Retreat promises participants a unique mix of opportunities for personal growth, artistic expression, and experiential learning in an awe-inspiring setting. Áísínai'pi in southern Alberta is one of the most important spiritual sites for the Niitsitapi or Blackfoot People. It contains the largest concentration of rock art images on the Great Plains. These images are an expression of the meeting of this spirit world with the physical world of the Niitsitapi. **Contact Suzanne Lodermeier at 403-647-2364 ext. 229.** <https://sales.tpr.alberta.ca/WOS/select.aspx?item=827&sch=2977>

KOOTENAI BROWN PIONEER VILLAGE, PINCHER CREEK

1037 Bev McLachlin Drive 403-627-3684

Harvest Fest: Friday, September 17th - Saturday, September 18th.

Friday - Farmers Market 11 am-2 pm.

Friday - An Evening With Claude Choe, world acclaimed musical director, composer, conductor and performer. As a classical guitarist, Claude has been active in performances across North America, Europe, and Asia. Tickets are **\$10.00** per person and this show will be for ticket holders only. Doors close at 11 pm, so please come early. Silent auction fundraiser will be in progress during this event. All funds to go to the transportation exhibit at the museum. For more on Claude Choe, Please see his website at: <http://claudechoecomposer.com>. **For tickets contact 403-627-3684 or email tlucas.kbpv@gmail.com.**

Saturday - 10 am - 3 pm Musical performers: Friends In Sync, Phil Lethbridge, Don Brestler, Doug Rawling, Kevin Fitzpatrick in various venues on the grounds. Live music, artwork, bale maze, kids crafts, demonstrations, silent auction, farmers market, concession. **Twoonie Entry All Day!**

Extra show: Claude has graciously offered to perform a second time, on Saturday, September 18th, at 7pm. Priority Seating tickets for this show are now on sale at the Kootenai Brown Box Office. Claude has a special guest, Helene Mira, who will be performing on the "Jang Go", a traditional Korean drum. This is going to be a very exciting event. **\$10.**



Claude Choe performing.

REMINGTON CARRIAGE MUSEUM

Cardston, Alberta 403-653-5139

Alberta Arts Days: Friday, September 17th - Sunday, September 19th.

Remington recently unveiled a new statue, So Long Charley, on July 17. The statue depicts Cardston-born jockey George Woolf riding Seabiscuit to victory in the riveting 1938 race against War Admiral. This amazing statue, by Alberta sculptor Don Toney, is the centerpiece attraction during Arts Days, augmented by a show and sale of works from local artists. **Admission Free.**

BOMBER COMMAND MUSEUM OF CANADA

Hwy 2, Nanton 403-646-2270

Engine Run-up : Saturday, September 25th, evening.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Lancaster Merlin FM 159's arrival in Nanton, there will be an engine run-up and visit by the Porsche Car Club. Please phone on the day to confirm the run-up as the performance is subject to the engine being serviceable and other factors.

GALT MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

502 1st. S., Lethbridge 1-866-320-3898

Museum Community Day and Galt Hospital/Baby Birthday Party: Sunday, September 26th.

The Galt Hospital wing of the Galt Museum is 100 years old this year and they're throwing a Galt Babies Birthday Party with programs and activities throughout the day. The party is also a celebration of the opening of the new exhibit "Galt Hospital: 100 Years." **Free Admission.**

Cemetery Tours by Flashlight: October

Fridays, 1st, 8th and 15th - Saturdays, 2nd, 9th and 16th, and Thursday, 21st.

The tours start at the St. Patrick's Cemetery gates on the far west end of 6th Ave., Lethbridge. The tours are offered at 8 pm and 9 pm. On the 15th and 16th there will also be a 10 pm tour. **Tickets are \$5** and can be purchased at the Galt Museum Store. These tours sell out annually.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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BELLEVUE UNDERGROUND MINE

Bellevue 403-564-4700

Halloween Howler: **Sunday, October 31st.**

HEAD-SMASHED-IN BUFFALO JUMP

Hwy 785 403-553-2731

Heritage Through My Hands: **Saturday, November 27th.**

PRAIRIES'N PEAKS QUILT FESTIVAL

PO Box 1226, Pincher Creek T0K 1W0, 403-627-3684

A juried and invitational show sponsored by the Crowsnest Museum and the Kootenai Brown Museum, including a showing of historic textiles. For more information go to <http://prairiesnpeaks.blogspot.com> : **Friday, June 30th to Sunday, June 19th 2011.**

GALT MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

Halloween Movie Madness: October 28th, 29th & 30th.

Featuring a Dracula Movie Marathon, a Zombie Movie Marathon and the cult classic "Rocky Horror Picture Show."

Gebo/Gibeau: Cousins reunited in the Crowsnest Pass

by Karen Davidson Seward, Lake Placid, NY.

My maternal grandmother was born in Frank, Alberta in 1901. She treated her childhood as a taboo subject and conveyed very little to her family aside from a vague notion of “the disaster.” Any line of inquiry attempted during Nana’s lifetime was thwarted. We gleaned it was a ruinous event for her father, Samuel W. Gebo, the founder of one of the original five towns in the Crowsnest Pass. From what I pieced together as a child—from hushed bits of adult conversation—there had been a terrible mining accident that took many lives and buried a fortune. Until recently, I knew few details of the disaster, not even where it occurred.

On my first trip to the Crowsnest Pass, in June 2010, I was in search of evidence for Sam Gebo’s innocence or culpability in the coal mining operations that may have contributed to destabilizing Turtle Mountain. What if some discovery could assuage the shame implied by my grandmother’s withholding?

What I didn’t expect to find was cousins. Ian McKenzie of the Crowsnest Heritage Initiative had sent me a clue: a porringer set donated to the Crowsnest Museum inscribed “Frank 1903.” According to the donor, Patricia Faber, the cup and bowl were a gift to her grandmother on the birth of her daughter a few months after the deadliest rockslide in Canadian history.¹ In the accompanying note, Patricia identified herself as the granddaughter of Henry Gibeau.² Henry was the first cousin of my great-grandfather, Samuel Gebo.

When Ian wrote to me about a second submission to the Museum from Patricia, I learned that cousin Henry grew up in the Outaouais/Ottawa region of Quebec... Bingo! I had been unable to track my family back to Canada until this point.

FACT #1: First cousins, born in Quebec, had fathers who were brothers and mothers who were sisters.

THE GEBO FAMILY
FATHERS: Frank Gebo 1827-1911
MOTHERS: Julia Prue Gebo 1830-1897
SONS/COUSINS: Samuel Gebo 1862-1940

THE GIBEAU FAMILY
 Jean-Marie Gibeau 1823-1904
 Lucie Proulx Gibeau 1832-1906
 Henry Gibeau 1865-1951

Cousins Samuel and Henry were babies in the mid 1860s when the economic imperative to pick up and move separated their families. Sam’s family emigrated to the United States across the St. Lawrence River at the Prescott Bridge.³ They settled where there was fertile land to farm near Ogdensburg, New York.

The Gibeau name morphed to Gebo and, as it turns out, first names were Anglicized too. Provincial records document the first ten of François/Frank and Julie/Julia’s thirteen children, including Seraphin/Samuel, were born in Quebec—St-Anne-des-Plaines, St. André d’Argenteuil and Aylmer, respectively. The pact the family made to give up a significant part of their personal and cultural identity when they moved to America—even where they were born—came as a surprise to me since most of the children claimed they were born in Ogdensburg on official US. records throughout their lives.⁴

FACT #2: The cousins worked their way West and got hitched.

COUSINS: Samuel Gebo
MARRIED: Bertha Rachel Hall⁵ 1872-1905
LOCATION: Perham, MN, 26 Nov. 1891

Henry Gibeau
 Anne Bonner⁶ 1879-1963
 Pincher Creek, AB, 4 June 1902



Collection of Karen Davidson Seward



Courtesy of the Crowsnest Pass Museum

As a lad, Henry gathered timber for the E.B. Eddy Company—a thriving wooden match factory in Hull, across the river from Ottawa.⁷ In 1883, when eighteen, family lore has Henry in Manitoba helping cousins with horse handling. The following year he allegedly rode the rails to eastern Alberta to round up horses for Metis relatives who were aiding in the North-West Resistance.⁸ By 1889, Henry was settled in Calgary working as a blacksmith.⁹

When Sam was fourteen, he started West to seek his fortune allegedly with \$6 in his pocket, which he had earned as a farm hand “on the Black Lake Road some 16 miles from Ogdensburg.”¹⁰ By his own account, he spent five years mining in Illinois, Indiana, Alabama, Ohio and Pennsylvania. In 1880, as the North Dakota land boom began, Sam “drove the first hundred feet of entry ever driven at Sims, ND,”¹¹ at the first coal mine opened in that territory. He and his father, Frank, made the first homesteading claim in Becker County Minnesota in 1882,¹² not far from the rail line that became the Great Northern (GNRR) that went from St. Paul and entered “Dakota” near Grand Forks. The main line reached the Montana border in 1887. By that time Sam had worked at the first coal mine discovered in Montana, in the southern Wyoming coal fields—“when the entire field produced only 400 tons per day,”—in Rosedale, Oregon and in Washington State before he returned to Montana in 1889.¹³

NOTES:

1) Patricia Faber, note accompanying a porringer set donated to the Crowsnest Museum, Coleman, AB. Patricia came from Edmonton in 2001 to attend the Frank Centennial.

2) Born Honoré. Oct, 1865 Lockaber, QC. Died 2 Jan, 1951, Blairmore, AB.

3) As noted in Sam Gebo’s US passport issued in 1919.

4) Census records document the family farming in Hammond, St. Lawrence County, NY, southwest from Ogdensburg. In the 1880 U.S. Census, seven of their children were living at home, but the older children—Salina, John, Frank, Henry, and Sam—were already living elsewhere.

5) Bertha Rachel Hall, born 14 Aug 1872 Irving, Michigan. Died 10 Sep 1905 Fromberg, Montana. Buried 14 Sep 1905 Red Lodge, Montana.

6) British Columbia Vital Statistics claim Annie Bonner Gibeau was born 3 January 1879, in New Town Lesmanagow, Scotland and died 22 March, 1963 in Victoria, BC. Her father was William Bonner and mother, Mary Feeley. Note: FamilySearch has contrary spellings: Henry married Annie Bounar (father William Bounar, mother Mary Telly).

7) www.lib.uwo.ca/programs/companyinformationcanada/cccebddy.html.

8) David F. Faber correspondence.

9) Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants (SAPD) claims Henry settled in Calgary in 1889. http://www.pioneersalberta.org/profiles/g2.html#gibeau.

10) Canton [NY] Commercial Advertiser, January 1911.

11) Statement of Samuel W. Gebo, Esq. sent to members of the House of Representatives, Committee on the Public Lands, Coal Lands and Coal-Land Laws of the US Tuesday, December 18, 1906. p. 57

12) Wilcox, Alvin H. “A Pioneer History of Becker County Minnesota.” St. Paul, MN Pioneer Press Co., 1907. p. 659.

13) ibid. Statement of Samuel W. Gebo, Esq. p. 65.

14) The Detroit Record, from what is now called Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

15) Omaha World Herald, Omaha, Nebraska, "New Land Company," September 2, 1897, p 8.

16) Not to be confused with Henry Gebo, Sam's brother, who worked for a time in the Frank coal mine before returning to Bridger, Montana. Another brother, George, also worked in the Lethbridge area.

17) Ibid. Patricia Faber's undated submission to the Crowsnest Museum, with annotations from her son, David F. Faber.

18) The five children of Sam Gebo and his first wife, Bertha Rachel Hall (1872–1905): Frank A. Gebo (9 Dec 1894–8 Feb 1936), Chester H. Gebo (8 Mar 1896–Feb 1979), George "Dewey" Gebo (5 Feb 1898–15 June 1950), William M. Gebo (8 May 1900–10 Oct 1991), and my grandmother, Bertha May Gebo Ingwersen (19 June 1901–29 Aug 1994).

19) Patricia's comments are reflected in The Frank Slide Story by Frank W. Anderson, Calgary: Frontiers Unlimited, 1961, pages 47–48, which claims Sam was being treated for seizures due to fluid on the brain.

20) Ibid. Patricia Faber undated submission to the Crowsnest Museum.

21) According to FamilySearch/Canada Births 1661-1959, Frances Gibeau was born on 9 July, 1903.

22) Inventors of Alberta, <http://www.abheritage.ca/abinvents/database/description.php?ID=2>

23) Located in the last row on the left side as you enter the gate.

24) The inscription on the gravestone of Thaddeus Lebbeckous Hall in Gebo, Wyoming, father of Bertha Hall Gebo.

25) Photo from "Photo Companion: Crowsnest and its People," page 215, Crowsnest Pass Historical Society, Coleman, Alberta, 1990.

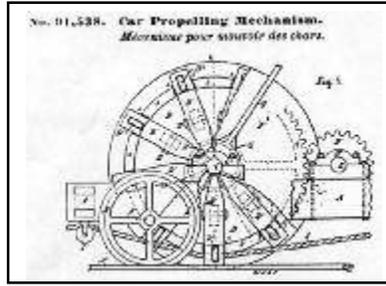
26) David F. Faber correspondence

27) If historians require three sources to corroborate a fact, my first was genealogist Rita Proulx Foran's, "Descendants of Jean-Marie Gibeau." I met Rita in the Aylmer Sector of Gatineau, QC (thanks to the lead from Patricia). Rita and I are related on both the Proulx and Gibeau lines. Her research is corroborated by Provincial documents. The second source Rita sent me is the 1911 census of Alberta. It lists Henry, wife Annie; children Frances, Samuel and Catherine, and sister-in-law, Sarah Bonner. My third source turned out to be the son of Patricia Faber.

28) Ibid. Rita Proulx Foran and FamilySearch/Canada Births. 1661-1959 corroborate Catherine Jeanette Gibeau was born June 1907 in Alberta.

29) David F. Faber on www.ancestry.com in search of more details about his mother. The post goes on to say that Jean Addison Vahey was born 1909 in Bridgeburg, ON, her last known address was 316-6th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

With an ulterior motive, Sam returned back East. On December 4th, 1891, the local Detroit Record reported, "On Thanksgiving day Mr. Sam Gebo, one of Frazee's former citizens, concluded he would not return to Montana alone, so he took Miss Bertha Hall to Perham [MN], had the nuptial knot tied strong and fast, and departed for the far west."¹⁴



Courtesy University of Alberta Library

After seventeen years with pick and shovel, Sam started opening and operating coal camps himself. In 1893, the first Gebo Mine opened one mile northwest of Fromberg, Montana. From 1895 to 1897, the Gebo Mine north of Thermopolis, Wyoming was financed and built. In 1897, The Gebo Land Company was incorporated with partners to "buy, sell and own lands, building, water works, irrigation works, and all business of a general land company."¹⁵ Sam's comings and goings started to make local news. By 1898, he was traveling between Alberta, Montana, Wyoming, New York and Paris in search of coal, to find investors, secure mineral rights and negotiate for spur rail lines.

In 1902 Henry Gibeau married a Scottish lass, Miss Anne Bonner, at Saint Michael's Catholic Church in Pincher Creek. Henry¹⁶ joined his cousin Sam in his fledgling Alberta mining town and had a liquor store in Frank until he realized "miners were spending their money on liquor and not on food for their families."¹⁷ He gave up the business. In Patricia's note to the museum, we learn, on the night of the April 28, 1903, Henry's wife was nearly seven months pregnant. Henry and Anne were staying at Sam's—the company director's mansion—across the railroad tracks north of town, caring for their cousin's children.¹⁸ "Sam Gebo was in Montreal for medical treatment."¹⁹ When startled awake by a loud rumbling, Anne woke Henry and urged him to check the furnace. On his way downstairs, a knock at the door delivered the shattering news of the slide.²⁰

FACT #3: Three Gibeaus are buried in Blairmore.

FATHER:
DAUGHTER:
SON:

Henry Gibeau 1865-1951
Frances Marie Gibeau Russel 1903-1990
Samuel/Sammy Gibeau 1905-1920

Misspelling

Ian McKenzie serendipitously spotted a probable misspelling in the Alberta cemetery records. A visit together to the Municipal offices confirmed two listings for "Cibeau" and none for "Gibeau." In addition, on the Blairmore Catholic cemetery map, a third person was buried in plots 4–6, Row 13, Section A.²³ Henry Cibeau, Sammy Cibeau and Frances Russel. The solitary gravestone in the family plot on the hillside cemetery overlooking the town of Blairmore is surrounded by a decorative chain. The initial capital letter on the family name is delicately carved, which may have contributed to the misspelling in official records.

Henry's obituary in the Lethbridge Herald corroborates Ian's hunch. Thursday, 4th January, 1951. "MACLEOD PIONEER: Former resident of Blairmore and Macleod, Henry Gibeau, 86 of Calgary, died in a nursing home there Tuesday. Mr. Gibeau lived in Macleod from 1890 to 1908 [sic] when he moved to Blairmore. Funeral services and burial will be held in Blairmore."



PHOTO by author

"Gone but Not Forgotten"²⁴

At the Holy Trinity Church in Blairmore there is a stained glass window moved from St. Anne's Church since amalgamation. Father Thomas identifies St. Joseph standing with a lily, the symbol of purity, over an inscription, "In loving memory of our boy, Sammy Gibeau." Sammy died 10th December, 1920, one day after his fifteenth birthday.

Mistaken Identity

In the "Photo companion to Crowsnest and Its People," a girl is identified as "Frances Gibeau (daughter of Sam Gibeau)."²⁵ Initially I wondered if Frances was a mysterious daughter of my great-grandfather, Sam, or if she was the daughter of Sammy Gibeau? The confusion of this caption is now a mute point. Neither is true. Frances was Sammy's sister, the daughter of Henry and Anne. She taught school in the Crowsnest Pass and married Ernie Russel. Together Frances and Ernie owned various hotels and inns in Southern Alberta.²⁶

Ian's premonition, therefore, lead us to two realizations: Henry was buried with two of his children, one of whom was Frances Russel. Bev Cole at the Municipal Offices in Coleman kindly changed Cibeau to Gibeau in the Crowsnest Pass records and annotated Frances' record.

FACT #4: Henry had a second daughter who was 20 when Patricia Faber was born.

SECOND DAUGHTER:
HENRY'S GRANDDAUGHTER:

Catherine Jeanette Gibeau 1907-1990²⁷
Clarice Patricia Faber 1927-²⁸

So how does Patricia Faber fit into the story? Converging details caught my eye: Catherine lived for a time in Trail, BC and an online post states Clarice Patricia Faber—born 30th April, 1927 in Trail, BC—was put up for adoption. Her birth mother, Jean Addison Vahey, listed her last-known address on Patricia's birth certificate. The father's name was scratched off.²⁹



Frances Gibeau (daughter of Sam Gibeau)

Courtesy of Crowsnest Museum

30) *ibid.* David F. Faber. David grew up in Calgary and now lives in Vancouver.

31) *ibid.* David F. Faber.

Her adoptive parents—Catherine Gibeau and Clarence Patrick Reddick—certainly named Clarice Patricia after her hockey Dad who played in the Kimberly/Trail area of southern BC. She learned she was adopted when she was sixteen, some time after Catherine and Clarence divorced in the mid-1930s. Apparently Catherine then hooked up with a Mr. Beatty, briefly moved to Carson City, Nevada and remarried George Dahlgren, an electrical engineer for Cominco Mines. Catherine and George retired to Victoria in 1949. After George died in 1968, Catherine married another retired Cominco engineer, James McKay.³⁰

Neither Frances Russel nor Catherine McKay bore children of their own. The sisters died within a few months of each other in 1990. Their parents, Annie and Henry, separated but never divorced. Henry retreated to the back country in the Crowsnest Pass. He died in 1951. Annie moved to Victoria and lived with Catherine until her death in the early 1960s. Patricia is still alive and living in Edmonton.³¹

Unraveling evidence that cousins persevered after the disaster, and were part of the fabric of community life in the Crowsnest Pass is a welcome addendum to the family legacy in the shadow of Turtle Mountain. Still, I can't help but wonder if Nana ever learned about the mountain's unstable geology, it might have tempered her father's responsibility in her eyes. At the end of her life, when I asked her if she ever went back to Frank, she conceded, "Why would I? There's nothing left." If only she had known, among other things, she still had family there.

Karen Davidson Seward is the great-granddaughter of Samuel W. Gebo who founded the first coal mine in the Crowsnest Pass in Frank, Alberta with his financial partner, Henry Frank. Sam, a prospector, promoter and mining engineer, had numerous other business interests in the western US and eventually in Guatemala. The Gebo brothers' mineral claims in Gebo, Wyoming and Gebo and Lewistown, Montana are well documented. In his lifetime, Sam had some success at securing the rights to coal lands, finding financial backers, and spawning the mining towns that supplied pioneering families with jobs, the railroads and the energy they needed to help settle the West.

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CROWSNEST MUSEUM

The Crowsnest Museum Operations Manager/Curator, Wendy Zack, has resigned from her position effective September 26th, 2010. The Crowsnest Historical Society's Board of Directors' strategic planning process is ongoing and the position may be restructured. Stephanie Hamilton, currently Secretary for the Board, will temporarily step down from the Board and act as interim Operations Manager until a permanent candidate is chosen. Michelle Cavanagh's position is not affected. Over her 11 years of service to the Museum, Wendy has made major contributions to its organization and exhibits, and steered it through the intensive review process of becoming an Alberta Recognized Museum.

The Booze and Bars Lecture Series: A very successful inaugural evening was held at the Tin Roof Bistro on August 28th. To a full house, James Phelan and Stephanie Hamilton gave entertaining and interesting talks on the Alberta Hotel and Picariello. There was live music, a museum display of artifacts related to the Hotel and a silent auction. A good time was had by all. Picariello would have been proud!

100 YEARS AGO: 1910

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- September 29th: Two emigrant trains passed through here [Burmis] on Monday forenoon, and quite a number of our male sex were at the station to catch a glimpse of the Donkhobor's fairest. Blairmore Enterprize, Burmis Notes.
- On October 10th Coleman was incorporated into a town with Alex Cameron as its Mayor.
- On October 11th the first meeting of the Coleman Town Council received a petition by deputation to assist the Temperance and Moral League in preventing the granting of Wholesale Liquor License in the new Town of Coleman and to stop the peddling of liquor from door to door.
- Mrs E. Kidd, proprietress of the Cement Lodge advertised room and board at 28 dollars a month and single meals for 25 cents.
- According to the Blairmore Enterprize, the Coleman Miner appeared on time!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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CROWSNEST MUSEUM EDUCATIONAL TOURS

Stephanie Liane-Hamilton (403-563-5434), a local historian and director on the Historical Society Board, has worked hard to modernize the Museum's tour offerings for school groups of all ages. She is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to work with her running tours and keeping the curriculum fresh and exciting.

CROWSNEST MUSEUM ARTIFACT CATALOGUING

Michelle Cavanagh, the Crowsnest Museum Archivist, is looking for volunteers willing to comit at least one day a week to help catalogue the Museum's vast collection of objects and photographs. Volunteers will be trained to use the database and use specific scientific terminology. This takes takes time, so Michelle requests that only people willing to make a serious commitment to the task, apply. If interested, please contact Michelle at 403-563-5434.

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