

Genealogy and Family History in the South Peace

South Peace Regional Archives website at www.southpeacearchives.org contains descriptions of all collections at the archives. Enter the name you are searching for in the “Google” box on the home page to find any information on that person in the archives. For photographs, click on the link to “Alberta InSight” on the home page.

Homestead records

www.lobstick.com for full application forms from 1910-1914

www.abgensoc.ca to search and order files from the Provincial Archives

Western Canada land grants on www.collectionscanada.gc.ca has copies of original land certificates awarded when land was proved up.

Census Records

<http://automatedgenealogy.com> to search for census records following the trails below:

1901 census/The Territories/Unorganized Territories/Athabaska A-4, pages 1-39

1906 census/Alberta/Alberta North District/Subdistrict 01

1911 census/Alberta/Edmonton/Enumeration District Number 45 (Townships 69...)

Vital Statistics

www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/VitalStatistics.cfm to search for birth, death and marriage certificates.

War Records

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/military-peace/index-e.html to search Databases for soldiers of the South African, First and Second World Wars.

Family records

Biography files and database contains news clippings, articles, transcripts of interviews, etc. Old-Timers Association records for those in the Grande Prairie District before the railway in 1916. Contains information about when they came, from where, where they settled. Sometimes includes articles/obituaries.

Cemetery Records and listings, mostly created by the Alberta Genealogical Society, are available for a number of the cemeteries in the south Peace. They are in the Communities Reference files.

Obituaries

1913-1960 Isabel Campbell files at Grande Prairie Public Library

1965-2009 <http://gp.abgensoc.ca/> link to “Obituary Indexes”

1978-1998 Hard copies in GPAGS collection (reference files)

Land Books from 1911-1960s record the names and dates of people filing on land W5th and W6th Meridian.

Tax Records from the Grande Prairie and MD of Spirit River give land locations for residences and businesses.

Metis Genealogy

Societe Historique et Genealogique de Smoky River

Charles Denney Collection at Glenbow Archives

Metis Scrip records at www.collectionscanada.ca, Canadian Genealogy Centre, Ancestors Search, Metis Scrip Records (under Land category).

Newspaper Articles

The Isabel Campbell Collection at the Grande Prairie Public Library has indexed references to papers from 1913 to 1962. Papers from 1913-1949 can be viewed on www.ourfutureourpast.ca by following these links: Early Alberta Newspapers / Grande Prairie / Grande Prairie Herald; or Northern Tribune; or Herald-Tribune.