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**23 February
2009**

PUBLISHING YOUR RESEARCH: HOW TO STAY ORGANIZED AND SANE

Bill Gladstone, Author of One Hundred Years in Canada: The Rubinoff-Naftolin Family Tree (<http://rubnaft.com/>)

Bill will discuss the many challenges he faced in writing and publishing this book. He addresses such topics as: how to write a gripping narrative; producing scalable family charts using his preferred family tree software; the importance of proofreading; enhancing and repairing old photographs in Photoshop; designing a book using a professional design program; and the joys of working with an American POD (print on demand) printer.

Mini-Presentation

Susan Fisher: Researching a Divorce in Late Nineteenth Century England

**23 March
2009**

DEVELOPING A RESEARCH STRATEGY TO FIND THE NEXT PIECE OF THE PUZZLE

Brian Gilchrist

Brian will present options to be based on a review of your notes and learning how to ask questions of people who will help.

Mini-Presentation

Joan Beckley: Alice Who? The search for an elusive maiden name in early Ontario records

**27 April
2009**

MARIE RICHENET'S LIFE IN SWITZERLAND AND IRELAND: DEFYING THE MYTH THAT WOMEN'S STORIES CAN'T BE TOLD

Elayne Lockhart

Mini-Presentation

Sue de Groot: Identifying Mrs. Andrew Surerus: The Photograph

Visit www.torontofamilyhistory.org/meetings at any time for news of meetings and other events.

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ANCESTOR'S WW1 SILVER MEMORIAL CROSS FOUND ON eBAY

Marcia Cuthbert, OGS 13789

On July 28th, 2008, I was Googling some of my ancestors with unusual names to see if anything new had been added to the Internet since my previous regular search. To my amazement I found an advertisement on eBay from someone in Minnesota who was selling the Killed in Action Canadian Memorial Cross of my uncle, Augustin Hague. The ad was accompanied by several photos of the silver medal, now heavily patinated, showing Augustin's name and service number, and stamped "stirling," on the back, with a pin converting it into a brooch, instead of the usual pendant suspended from a purple ribbon. It seemed that the sale had already ended before I came across the eBay item, and so I wondered if it would still be possible to track down the vendor and, through him, the successful bidder.

The person who was selling the item had written on the eBay site that he had purchased the medal with the intention of adding a KIA Memorial Cross from a Minnesotan to his collection. But after doing some research on the Internet he learned that Augustin was a Canadian from Winnipeg, and so he decided to pass the medal on to someone else.

Augustin was killed at age 17 in WW1 in 1916, and his Memorial Cross—also known as the Silver Cross and

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