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November Meeting: The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the lower level of the Z.J. Loussac Library on Wednesday November 2nd 2005. Shirley Rogers, Mike Naumann & Nancy Ferko, will provide refreshments. Julia McDonald will bring the juice. The program to be presented will be discussing land records by Judy White.

October Meeting: There was a program presented by Barbara Samuels on publishing your research. There were 28 members and three guests present. Guests included Jane McGuire, Ann Ballow and Jane Cloe.

SAR Luncheon: There will be Sons of the American Revolution at the Anchorage Senior Center at 1 p.m. on the 12th of November. The speaker will be Bruce Merrell from the Alaska Section of the Z. J. Loussac Library. The fee for the luncheon will be \$20.00.

Mayflower Society: The General Society of Mayflower Descendants in Alaska will hold their annual luncheon meeting on Saturday October 29th at 12 noon in the Spenard Room of the Millennium Hotel at 4800 Spenard Road. Membership information will be available. For reservations call Ann at 346-1989. The fee for the luncheon will be \$20.00.

CD's: Review the CD's we have available by going to our web site at www.anchoragegenealogy.org complete the email form and the CD will be brought to our next meeting.

AGS Nominating Committee: Llana Markey is chair of the nominating committee for 2006 officers. Positions that are still vacant are: President, 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents and Publicity Chair. If you feel you would like to participate as an officer in the organization please contact Llana at 563-7741 or lmarkey@ak.net.

The "Genes" in Genealogy: By Claire V. Brisson-Banks, BS Beginning with Adam, each human being has come into existence in the 'likeness' of his or her parents. Even though each child is unique, they are essentially the combination of a father and mother, who were also combinations of their fathers and mothers. How is this likeness, comprised of genes and traits, inherited from generation to generation of ancestors? The answer lies in a genetic blueprint called Deoxyribonucleic Acid, more commonly known as DNA. Through genetic research, scientists have discovered the following:

- 1) Females produce eggs with X chromosomes
- 2) Males produce sperm with an X or Y chromosome
- 3) DNA is passed through these chromosomes

Common sources of DNA are hair, saliva, bones and blood. Any of these items can be broken down into a numeric code showing certain DNA markers. According to the Relative Genetics website

(<http://www.relativegenetics.com/blue.jsp?p=65>) there are three main kinds of genetic testing:

- . Y-Chromosome test
- . mtDNA test
- . Autosomal test

Research of human cells revealed that the DNA within each cell nucleus is arranged into 46 chromosomes. These chromosomes are broken up into 23 pairs. 22 pairs are identical, as each pair contains a chromosome from the mother and the father. The 23rd pair has either two "X" chromosomes or one "X" and one "Y" which determines a child's sex. So, how is this great feat accomplished? The DNA within these chromosomes contains inherited materials from both parents. DNA issues instructions to the proteins and to mitochondriaDNA, known as mtDNA, which also carries a very small piece of DNA. The full article of "Genes" in Genealogy by Claire V. Brisson-Banks is available in the November/December issue of Everton's Genealogical Helper-you don't want to miss it! Simply call 1.800.443.6325 to order a single issue or a full year subscription of the Helper. You can also go to www.everton.com and subscribe online. Don't forget to check out the Everton

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From: "Cynthia Van Ness" bettybarcode@yahoo.com. To: NYERIE-L@rootsweb.com.

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Oh, Canada! Memories of the Second World War are vivid for the Canadian men and women who served in uniform and for the families whose lives were profoundly affected by the conflict. In celebration of the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II and the Year of the Veteran, Library and Archives Canada is presenting "Written by War-Canadian Family Stories, 1939-1945," an exhibition that opened 6 June and runs until 4 March 2006 at Library and Archives Canada in Ottawa. The collection highlights various themes, all inspired by the experiences of Canadian families during the war. These include war brides and their adjustment to a new country, methods of communication between the home and battle fronts, contributions to the war effort at home and overseas, loss of loved ones, and return to civilian life. These stories and many others are told in the correspondence, personal records, photographs, telegrams, news clippings, artistic works and audiovisual components that make up the exhibition. <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/whats-on/written-by-war/014006-200-e.html> Previously published in RootsWeb Review: 5 October 2005, Vol. 8, No. 40.

Calling Family History Writers: The annual GENEii Awards, sponsored by the Southern California Genealogical Society, honor outstanding family history articles. The contest, now in its sixth year, offers cash awards. Entries must be received between 1 November and 31 December 2005. There is no entry fee and articles need not pertain to Southern California. Mail entries to: Southern California Genealogical Society; Attention: Writing Contest, 417 Irving Drive, Burbank, California 91504-2408.

For contest guidelines, visit the societies website:

<http://www.scgsgenealogy.com>, <http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/contest-cat.htm>.

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See You at the Meeting!