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Upcoming Meetings and Other Events

Date: Monday, March 7, 2016 @ 7 pm

Place: Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre

Topic: Irish Famine and Resulting Immigrants to Canada by Patrick Kelly

Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 @ 7 pm

Place: Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre

Topic: Introduction to Family History and Genealogy

Date: Monday, May 9, 2016 @ 1 pm

Place: Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre

Topic: Surfing the Web - Anne Goeden

Highlights of Previous Meetings

November Members and guests of Bruce County Genealogical Society enjoyed a tasty and bountiful luncheon in the café in the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre on November 23, 2015. This was followed by a guided tour of the Bruce Remembers Military Gallery which Archivist Ann-Marie Collins conducted.

The program continued in the theatre where Ann-Marie gave a detailed and informative introduction to the new website Bruce Remembers.org. Five years of museum collaboration with Bruce County Public Libraries, Bruce Historical Society and also branches of the Royal Canadian Legion has resulted in the updated website. The project includes 4500+ names which can be researched by name, town, conflict, monument or cemetery. Researchers and genealogists now have access to a vast collection of military data.

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November Meeting Continued: Following a brief break, president Doug Lennox conducted the AGM. Minutes from the 2014 AGM were read. Anne Goeden provided the financial report. Sue Schlorff gave an update on the Women's Institute project to digitize branch minute books.

Current membership is approximately 120 members. Updating of transcriptions from gravestones in Sanctuary Park Cemetery, Port Elgin is in progress. Five regular volunteers working with Lolly Fullerton have completed photographing gravestones in Walkerton Cemeteries. The clippers have welcomed two new volunteers. Five research queries were responded to during the year. The newsletter editor welcomes contributions of articles for the coming year. Orders for publications were mailed.

Archives staff continue working to organize military history, the Krug collection and the Hilda Downey collection. Data collected indicates an increase in the number of researchers visiting the Research Room. The Bruce County Historical Society video project has secured funding and planning is proceeding.

The status of the West Brant Presbyterian Church as a possible historic site was reviewed. Names will be submitted for the annual volunteer awards. Audrey Underwood installed the executive for the coming year. Glenys Johnson has agreed to act as vice president.

QUERIES

VOGEL: I am hoping to find information on two Vogel brothers, Andre (born 1807) and his brother, January born in 1812 in Soufflenheim, Bas-Rhin, Alsace, France. They came to Canada around 1828 according to the Alsace Emigration Book, Vol 1 by Cornelia Schrader-Muggenthaler. January and

family is found on the 1851 census in Woolwich Township, Waterloo County. January and family are on the 1861 Census of Culross, Bruce. January Vogel, age 49, wife Magedelena age 42 (or Lena or Regina) (her maiden name is Lachen/Loger/Lachor) with their ten children Catharine 20, Andre 18, Elenor? 16, Joseph 14, John 12, Mary 10, Vertinant? 8, Xavier 6, Anthony 4 and Frances 2. Three of the above children married in Bruce. Catharine to Charles Baddenham (Bottenhorn) in 1862, Magdalena to Anthony Giesler (Gissler), and Joseph to Maria Heseh in 1867. January is found on the 1880 census of Decatur, Macon, Illinois living with his daughter and son in law (Katherine and Charles Bottenhorn) Any information I can get is greatly appreciated. Please contact Kelly Vogel-Cooper at cooperkvrs@verizon.net

DUNBLANE:

Can anyone help find these people who used to live at Dunblane on The River Road?

1. The family of **Dr Campbell** of Owen Sound who bought Lot 26 Con 7, The River Road back around the 1960s or 70s.
2. Also the family of **Clifford Shortt** whom I believe purchased the farm from the Campbells. I also want to be in touch with **Ilna Gruter** since she moved from her Southampton home I have lost touch. Any help would be much appreciated. These families all lived on Lot 26 Con 7 Saugeen.
3. Because the children from the Ebenezer area went to the Dunblane school, they too will be included. Help would be welcome for any of the following: Grant, Potts, Burns, Quigley, Thomas, Craig, McFaul, McDougall, McFadden, Daniel, Stark, Adams etc.

Thanks to anyone for any info you could share. Please email Audrey Underwood aumelrosefarm@bmts.com

A Surfeit of Wives

By Robin Hilborn

While writing *Heart of the Great Lakes: Lake Huron and the Saugeen to 1850*, I found it easy to confuse different generations of people with similar names. My solution was to give birth and death dates, when known, throughout the book, including the index. Referring to the index, for example, one can differentiate John Askin (1739-1815) from his son John (1762-1820).

Here is a sampling of family names with multiple entries in the index: Askin, Belhumeur, Brant, Cadotte, Cameron, Gonneville, Gooding, Johnston, Lamorandière, Longe, McGregor, McKay, Mitchell, Sayer.

In addition to birth and death dates I was able to provide family trees—ancestors and descendants—for the prominent players in Lake Huron history. Most often these are fur traders, thanks to the genealogical research of Patsy McArthur at the office of the Historic Saugeen Métis in Southampton. (Many independent traders were Métis.)

You can find family histories for traders with these names: Cadotte, Gonneville, Gordon, Johnston, Lamorandiere, Longe, Loranger, McGregor, McKay, Normandin, Piché, Rastall, Sayer, Wallace.

The story of Alexander Murray McGregor (1795-1863) was particularly tricky to unravel. Both a fur trader and a fisherman, he lived in at least five places in Upper Canada—Sandwich, Zorra, Goderich, Newash and Birch Island—and had four wives and 13 children ... with the result that the McGregor/MacGregor name is widespread on the east shore of Lake Huron, both in family names and in place names.

He first married Nancy Chisholm (1801-1883). Their children were Gregor,

John and Alexander Murray (1823-1905, the lake captain). Alexander the father settled at Goderich at the town's founding, traded at Saugeen and fished at the Fishing Islands from 1831 to 1833.

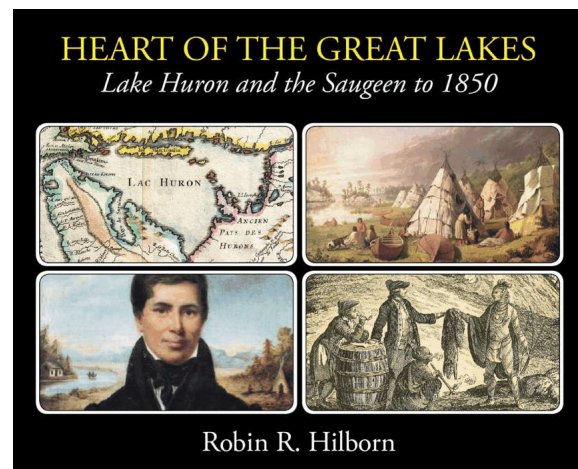
To that point Alexander was doing well—he had a wife, children and a store in the thriving village of Goderich, and a contract to sell salted fish to Detroit merchants. Then his old friends in town (led by Goderich founder Tiger Dunlop) turned against him and took over his fishing station on the Fishing Islands.

Alexander's life veered off course. He took three wives from among the daughters of Ojibway chiefs, and two of his sons became chiefs. He squatted on Ojibway land, fished in Ojibway waters, paid for Ojibway goods with whiskey—all illegal in Upper Canada. The colonial government warned him that he was breaking the law but he carried on regardless.

Alexander McGregor departed this life in 1863, at Birch Island, leaving behind four wives, 13 children and assorted grandchildren. Count yourself lucky you don't have polygamy to complicate your family tree. (Or do you?)

Copies of *Heart of the Great Lakes* are available at:

- Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre, Southampton
- Robin Hilborn, www.familyhelper.net/huron



How Do You Know Your Information is Right?

By Mary Mackay

In the last two newsletters I have been telling you how I solved the puzzles about the McC Calder family from Elderslie. Hopefully it gave you a few encouraging ideas about attacking your own brick walls. With Anne Goeden's help we found the death registration of Catherine McC Calder. Although it said she was 90 years old and living in Detroit it proved to be the lady I was looking for although the age was out a bit.

The unusual bit of info we found was that she had registered the birth of her son Malcolm, in Detroit, Michigan about three months before she died. Even if she was only 85 instead of 90 it is most unlikely she was still having babies (because her name is not Sarah).

Maybe you've already guessed the explanation. When we printed the original birth registration information it was what I call 'a late registration' Obviously Malcolm had not been registered when he was born and for some reason at 56 years of age needed proof of age. I've had cases of this before when an older sibling could give proof of birth date but Malcolm was lucky his mother was still living and who would be more knowledgeable than a mother ?

Who indeed!

The Declaration in the Matter of Registering a Birth that was made out in Detroit on December 28th 1926 gave Malcolm McC Calder the birth date of October 29, 1874 and he used this for every form requiring age for the rest of his life . Signed by his mother so it must be correct.

But I beg to disagree. Malcolm was born when his parents lived in Elderslie. His name first appears on the 1871 Elderslie census as 5 months old. The 1871 census was taken April 2, 1871 which means he was born about the end of October 1870. So maybe the month and date is right but he was not born in 1874.

Now don't put forth the argument that maybe the Malcolm who was born in 1870 died and another Malcolm was born in 1874. Not possible. Malcolm (born in 1870) appears on the 1881, 1891 and 1901 census age 10, 20 and 30 so he didn't die. His sister Janet was born in 1872. However according to the Paisley Advocate there was a child born in 1874 who died at birth.

So who are you supposed to believe? an 85-year-old mother? The census taker who got the info from a young mother about her first baby? Or a Genealogy buff who searched the records 140 years after the fact?

It all means you can never be sure of anything. Not even a birth registration, a census record or a mother's memory.

Now guess what? After all the trouble to find his birth we can't find Malcolm's marriage or death date but we did find out who his wife was. Tune in next time for how we did that.

Vacation Research

submitted by Audrey Underwood

In November 2011, my niece informed me that she had her DNA tested and lo and behold she had a genealogy match!! Who and where I asked, but she had not followed through. I urged her to do so and before long we had a name and, as we had done some work on my great grandmother's James family, Louise was not long informing this lady of her branch of the family, along with a contact email. It was now nearly Christmas and it was exciting to find a new cousin by DNA!!

As I was planning Christmas in Calgary with a granddaughter and her family, I decided, being so close to BC, that I should book a ticket to Victoria. If I was in Victoria for a few days, why not see if I could catch up with Underwood cousins from Seattle that I had not been in touch with for many years. As the older generation had passed on, I knew only the names of the three children of one family. I thought it would be simple to get a phone # for the male in the family. Once again I contacted Louise who

seems to be rather a genius for finding people on the computer, gave her the three names and once again she comes up with a married name, address and phone # of one of the sisters! I dialed the #, asked if she was Megan, explaining that she didn't know me, but I was a cousin from Ontario, and were her parents Martha and Jack? All questions were positive, but yes she did know who I was as she and her sister had just been perusing her grandmother's copy of my book on the Underwood family "CHIPS from the UNDERWOOD TREE"!!

What luck!! We exchanged emails, and to finish up on this story, those two young ladies made the trek on the Victoria Clipper from Seattle to visit for a day with me in Victoria!! Talk about a great vacation!!!

My research was going well, thanks to Louise, so I thought that while in Calgary I would travel to Edmonton to visit my niece and family. Thinking the days would be long and cold there, why not spend some time in the Library trying to find the descendants of another James cousin, whose ancestor was actually a sister to the new DNA cousin, and to my own great grandmother. This family and been traced to Barrhead, AB. Now that I was on a roll with Louise, once again a request went out to her. I can't say how dumbfounded I was when the reply came back "I think you should get in touch with this lady", complete with name, address, and phone number. Once again I picked up my phone and dialed. Once again I explained that I was a cousin from Ontario and did she have a connection with the Rowland family in Collingwood? Her positive answer told me she too indeed was a new-found cousin. Hurrah!! I needn't go to the library after all! Doreen and I had a day together in Edmonton where she showed me pictures of family that I recognized but she had no idea who they were. Later she told me that she totally believed that she had no cousins except her father's Italian family in California. What a surprise she was in for as I showed her the huge extended James family!!

In September Doreen made the trip to

Ontario where we had a wonderful time going to Collingwood where we visited the original James farm there, with possibly the original James house, the Anglican Cemetery where she saw not only the graves of her James ancestors, but also all her Rowland family. Some time in the beautiful new Library there later brought many essential documents of births marriages and deaths. It was indeed a treasure hunt!!

My continued visit in Edmonton, brought me time with many of my Mother's Stanton relatives. A much younger cousin drove me all over the city, communicating the many family truths and legends of her branch of the family. We arrived at Little Mountain Cemetery to photograph the numerous graves of the Hutchings family. Who says you can't have fun in below zero weather sweeping off tombstones to read those family names??

There is no doubt that had I been there in the summer I would not have visited nearly so many cousins. It was a trip I will never forget, and I haven't even told you yet about going north from Victoria to meet more Stanton, Underwood and Webster relatives!! But I have to leave something for my trip back in 2013!

Bruce County Strays as found in Victoria Daily Colonist, Victoria, BC

Compiled by: Leona Taylor

Died May 6, 1936 at Victoria, BC, Miss Mary 'Mollie' Jane Davey, 78, born in Kincardine, Bruce County, Ontario, coming with her parents resident here 56 years. Pallbearers: W Swire Mitchell, William White, William Savage, R H Green, William Craigmyle, Robert Peden. Family plot, B 095 E 28.

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Died May 15, 1936 at Victoria, BC, Donald McKay, 68, born at Underwood, Bruce County, Ontario. He entered the tire business at an early age, and at the time of the great fire in San Francisco in 1906 he was sales manager there for the Diamond Rubber Company. He came to Victoria in 1918 and joined the staff of Thomas

Plimley, as head of the tire department, retiring in 1928. Leaves 3 sisters, 2 brothers. IOOF. ROBP

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Died June 6, 1936 at Victoria, BC, Charles Walter Macintosh, 64, born in Kincardine, Bruce County, Ontario, he learned telegraphy in his father's post office in Ontario. He came west, where shortly after his arrival he joined the staff of E&N Railway at the Victoria station. After spending a short time here he was transferred to up-Island points. In 1896 he was appointed local agent in Victoria. Coming here just prior to the Klondike gold rush he played an important part in the development of the city in those days in his capacity as a railway employee.

He was intensely fond of yachting and boating and was a member of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Oak Bay, for many years. Mason. Leaves brother, Santa Monica, California, and a sister in San Francisco. June 20, 5 - funeral... Cremation. R 076 E S

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Died June 9, 1936 at Victoria, BC, John Wesley Robb, 55, born in Paisley, Bruce County, Ontario, late of Tisdale, Saskatchewan. Leaves widow, 2 daughters, 4 sisters. ROBP

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October 4, 1936, 10 - Mr J C Wilson, eldest son of late Horace A Wilson, who conducted a drug store at Walkerton, Bruce County, Ontario, visits after absence of 51 years... Met old friends, Norm Fox, Dr H H Sinclair. He was accompanied by his wife and youngest sister, Edith. A brother, Arthur, died suddenly at San Francisco two years ago. Wilson is a close relative to the late Sir Arthur Knyvet Wilson, who succeeded Lord Fisher as First Sea Lord of the British Navy.

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Died October 23, 1936 at *Max-Holm*, Esquimalt, BC, John McGillivray, 71, born near Port Elgin, Bruce County, Ontario, he farmed at Pense, Saskatchewan from 1888 to 1919, when he came to Victoria to make his home. Leaves widow, sister, 2 brothers. Colwood.

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Died November 13, 1936 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Mary Comer, 59, born in Chesley, Bruce County, Ontario, she came to Vancouver Island when only a baby with her parents Thomas & Margaret Graham. Leaves husband, Francis Bertie, son, 7 daughters, 2 brothers. [She was the widow of William Joseph Copley when she married Comer]. Mill Bay

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Died January 9, 1937 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Sarah Maria McGregor, 72, born in Paisley, Bruce County, Ontario, resident here 61 years. Widow of Alec, she leaves 3 sons, 2 daughters, sister, 2 brothers [Graham]. Pallbearers: C Pearson, Inspector Robert Owens, Alderman J A Worthington, W P Worthington, J Speed, H Brown. Family plot, R 074 W M.

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January 31, 1937, 3 - James E & Emma Thomas celebrate 50th wedding anniversary - she was born in Bideford, England, nee Glover, they came to Canada when she was a child to Invermay, Bruce County, Ontario. He was born at Bolton's Village, Ontario, and with his parents moved to Tara, Bruce County, where he later learned his trade as stonemason and bricklayer. They married at Invermay.

When they came to Victoria he entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, George Glover, a firm that was identified with much of the early building in Victoria. The Colonist block was erected by this firm, and in 1896 they were the contractors for the foundations of the present Legislative Buildings. From 1899 to 1903 Thomas was in Rossland, where he superintended the building of the Courthouse and Bank of Montreal there. For a time he was a member of the firm of Martin & Thomas, contractors, from which he retired in 1915. They had 4 children

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News from the Bruce County Archives

Ann-Marie Collins, Archivist
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More Bruce County Images

We continue to collect images that are useful to our researchers in many ways. In the past few months, a number of images related to the Walkerton area have been donated, including:

- Photograph of Walkerton Public School students, 1913, with identification



Walkerton Public School 1913

- Photograph of Walkerton Public School students, 1950
- 31 digital images created from postcards and photographs of the Walkerton area, including images featuring: the Citizen Ban, Truax employees, Truax farmers, aerial views, train station, Durham Street, Hartley House, Canada Packers, Walkerton Garage, Jackson Street, Walkerton from Clay Banks, Saugeen River, Gold and Country Club, Canada Spool Bobbin Co. Plant, Cenotaph, Walkerton Methodist Parsonage, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Carnegie Public Library, Baptist Church, Bruce County Building, and "I've lots of Friends in Walkerton."

Other Photographs, postcards and digital images new to the collection include:

- Fitton-Parker Furniture Ltd., Southampton, Ontario, May 1950
- Fitton-Parker Furniture Ltd., Southampton, Ontario, November 1953
- River Dock at Mouth of Saugeen River, by W. Blake Dobson
- Building the short dock with lumber mill in background, by E. Hart
- Building the short dock Gilphie and Range light on Island dock in background, by E. Hart

Additions to the Research Room Library

"Heart of the Great Lakes—Lake Huron and the Saugeen to 1850" was created by Robin Hilborn as a prequel to his previous book:

"Southampton Vignettes," and was meant to fill in the missing history of the town of Southampton before 1850. Titles consist of:

1. Mappers of Lake Huron
2. Fur Traders of Lake Huron and the Saugeen
3. Saugeen Ojibway and missionaries
4. The Fishing Islands

Family Heritage Day

February 15

10:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Share in an exciting day of fun and exploration designed for the whole family at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre. On-site activities and demonstrations include sled dogs, hand spinning, model railroading, lace making fiddle making, ole' time music, and much more. Lunch counter with hot food and drinks available, cash only. **10% off Family Memberships THIS DAY ONLY!** *Members free. General Admission applies.*

Archives Awareness Week

April 4 - 9, 2016

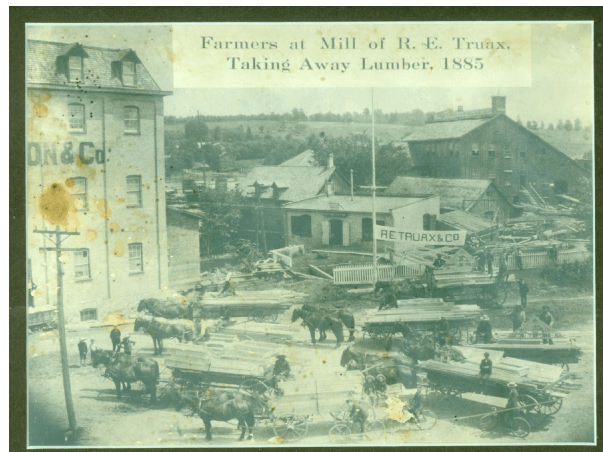
Has a Bruce County or family history question been stumping you? Admission to the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre's Research Room is free all week and staff are happy to help you with your query. Also, enjoy a free and informative afternoon with an introduction to Genealogy, including how to get started and using Ancestry.com, an update on the Bruce County Historical Society's Bruce County Heritage Documentary Project (a video to premier in 2017 to celebrate the County's 150th anniversary) and a guided tour of the Bruce County Museum's Research Room and a rare behind-the-scenes tour of the Archival storage area.



Truax Employees

Archives Hours

The Research Room is open Tuesday to Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please check our website for holiday hours and call ahead if you are planning to view items stored in the archival storage area. The Bruce County Archives is part of the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre, 33 Victoria Street, Southampton, Ontario, N0H 2L0 Phone: 519-797-2080, ext. 129



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