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WOW! 24 surnames on pages 1, 6 and 7.

Andy	Boldt
Bryan	Buehlow
Dankert	Dierlamm
Dietz	Fenske
Haller	Hauser
Johnson	Karstedt
Koelln	Krug
Meidelow	Milner
Pfaff	Quast
Ritter	Schroeder
Stade	Stewart
Stumpf	Weber

Can you make any connections ?

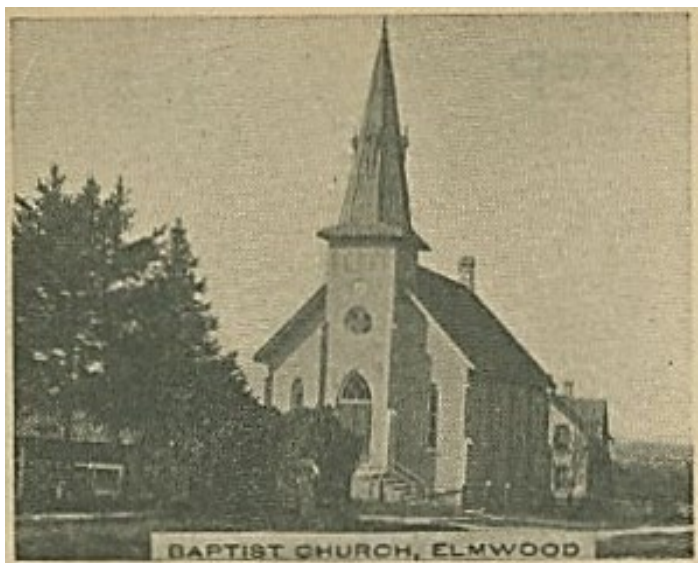
Early German Baptist Church and Cemetery

Information researched by Joan Hauser

In 1858 Rev. Alex Stewart began preaching to the Baptists in Bruce and Grey Counties. Since he could not speak German, in 1861, he was instrumental in bringing Rev. John Stumpf, a German Baptist pastor, to preach in Brant Township. English Baptists continued to be served by Rev. Stuart Andy and 1863 services were held on the Brant-Bentinck Townline near Elmwood. In 1864 the English Baptists formed a church at Kilbourne's in Brant with 15 members.

The German Baptists began work on a chapel in 1864 on lot 31, Concession 8. There were 28 charter members. Some of the families were: Stade, Schroeder, Fenske, Quast, Ritter and Haller.

The church was officially opened on July 10, 1866. Around 1889 this church closed and the members joined the Elmwood Baptist Church. *Story continues on page 6.*



Relatively Speaking

Kin connections in Bruce County submitted by Joan Hauser

My father was born and raised in Chesley, where he lived until joining the Armed Forces during World War 2. He was the son of John Hauser and Matilda Dierlamm, both of whose parents had emigrated from Germany.

The Dierlamms came from Schönberg, Röllshausen in Hessen in 1855, and the Hausers from Aldingen in Baden-Württemberg in 1870. The Dierlamms settled in Grey County, living on the township line between Normanby in Grey County and Minto in Wellington County.

Ursula and Christian Hauser arrived in Altoona, Pennsylvania in 1871 and 1870 respectively. Family legend states that Christian came first, established himself on the Pennsylvania Railroad and then sent for his sweetheart, Ursula in Aldingen. They made their way to Elmwood in 1876 where my grandfather, John Hauser was born, travelling with their young daughter Mary, 2 years old. They had been encouraged by a couple already in Elmwood, Friedrich Haller who was married to Agatha Hauser, to come to Elmwood. Agatha was the sister of my great great grandfather, Christian Hauser (father of Christian Hauser) and she and Friedrich had emigrated some years prior. *Relatively Speaking continues on page 7*

Message from the Society President

Webmaster Louise Stewart and Lolly Fullerton have loaded new content into the website.

Like our page on Facebook. Watch for photos, stories, links and events to be posted here.

We made it! We made it through 2020 with few cases of the deadly Covid-19 virus in Bruce County. For this we can be very thankful as some of our fellow Canadians have not fared as well. Whatever you are doing right, continue to do it until such time as we are better protected and able to get back to whatever normal will be.

In the meantime, if you have taken part, you know that our Webinars are a success, attracting many more viewers that we ever did with live events. Until we can host our fascinating Cemetery Tours and In-Museum Presentations, we will continue to offer programming in this online format. Lolly continues to do an amazing job of

co-ordinating this new and necessary way of reaching out. Thank you, Lolly! Our Executive positions are at last full! For now, we'll meet through Zoom but as soon as we can safely meet at the Museum, we will. I miss seeing everyone!! Take Care and Stay Healthy,
Glenys Johnson
President

Our society benefits when members participate.

Join me in thanking Shirley and welcoming Diane and Jan

I am thrilled that we have the February Newsletter! I was worried that, when Shirley Moulton retired, after 15 years, we would be hard pressed to find someone to take on the Editor commitment.

With very little arm twisting, Diane Huber has agreed to be our Editor. Thank you Diane, and a huge thank you to Shirley for many years of service. Shirley continues to serve the Society as a

Director. Jan-Briggs McGowan has stepped forward to take over the duties of Membership Secretary from Anne Goeden. Thank you Jan and Anne. Anne continues to be our Treasurer.

ZOOM INTO UPCOMING WEBINARS

March 8—Loyalists

April 12— Research

May 10
"Family" History
Inspire your family, from the youngest to the oldest, to share in your genealogical experiences.

Monday, March 8 at 7 p.m. All Kinds of Loyalists

Kathryn Lake Hogan, the past Dominion Genealogist of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada will share tips and strategies for researching Loyalist ancestors. Approx. 35% of the people in the Thirteen Colonies were loyal to King George III during the American Revolutionary War. Was your ancestor one of them?

Monday, April 12 at 7 p.m. Eastern Europe Research

John Kaminski is a webmaster for German Galician Descendants and the author of a history book about Glamis. His presentation will show how Family Search can be useful related to ancestors in different areas of the world. Learn some Latin and German genealogical terms and about how borders often shifted and village names changed as John shares his personal genealogical quest.

To register contact: BCGSwebinars@gmail.com

Our friends at the Bruce County Historical Society invite us to log into their next event on **Thursday, February 25 at 7 p.m.** To register send an email to bchsregister@gmail.com

Dan Oatman, a member of the British Home Children Advocacy Assoc. will explore the topic of **British Home Children**, including some Bruce County individuals, who had been sent to Canada between 1869 and 1939 under child migrant schemes.

SMITH, KERR, McKAY.

I have been researching my family history for about 5 years. I have three families of direct ancestors who settled in Bruce County, two from the late 1840s and one from the early 1880s, all three with roots in Scotland. This year I hope to dig into the land records (mainly Brant and Carrick Townships), and explore what I can find out about their applications for land, as there are a number of Crown deeds (original grants) to members of my families.

I am interested in finding any on-line sources for newspapers for Walkerton and the surrounding areas (1850-1940s). Finally, I hope to visit in-person, when this is possible again, so I would like to know more about the holdings of the County archives and the Walkerton Library. I look forward to connecting with others researching the same Bruce County family lines as shown here.

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David Smith (abt 1803-1880), settled in Brant Township, Conc 1 SDR, Lot 22 (a 3x great grandfather); his sons David Smith (1827-1898) (a 2x great grandfather), William (1825-1921), and Johnston (1829-TBD). The family appears in the 1851 Census.

Duncan Kerr (1808-1892), in both Brant and Carrick Townships, appearing from the 1851 Census (a 3x great grandfather).

Donald McKay (1835-1899), a school teacher, who came to Walkerton around 1883 to teach mathematics at the high school. He later served as the Deputy Reeve (1895) and Reeve (1896) of Walkerton. He is one of my 2x great grandfathers.

My grandmother was born in Carrick Township in 1893 to **David Smith** (1857/8 -1897) and **Ida Theresa McKay** (1863-1921). David Smith was the son of David Smith (1827-1898 and **Mary Kerr** (1833-1870).

MEET A NEW MEMBER.

I was born on the family farm at Pinkerton, went to SS#5 Greenock and WDSS. My wife is from Kincardine. Her mother is Wanita Fletcher Hollands, the editor of Toil, Tears and Triumph: the history of Kincardine Township—a book we spent hours proof-reading. I have only gotten deeply into genealogy since August 2020. My Covid hobby has become

very addictive. I can trace my family back to the late 1700's when folks came from Ireland to take up Crown Land near what is now Ottawa. They moved to Pinkerton in the mid 1800's. My data has been confirmed by at least two sources as well as official documents such as census, voting, marriage, death and birth records. I have found so many interesting people

during the past six months while searching for information, reconnecting with people I hadn't talked to for 45 years, finding distant relatives and meeting so many on line. I am looking forward to participating in BCGS activities and hope to attend a live meeting soon.

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Has your research brought you to a brick wall? Other BCGS members might be able to help. Reach out to members via this page in the May issue of the Bruce Bulletin. Refer to the back page for information about how to do this.

ANGUS McDONALD—Yours? Mine? Or Ours?

I have a third generation family of mine in the 1861 census living in Huron Township. The head of the family is Angus McDonald. There are two Angus McDonalds listed and there doesn't appear to be a way to distinguish them.

Neither Angus is found in the 1871 census for Huron Township. 'My' Angus McDonald moved to Kinloss in 1870 and I do find him in the 1871 census there. I'm wondering if anyone also has Angus McDonald (either one) in their family tree.

Maybe with your help I can determine, perhaps by process of elimination, which Angus in the 1861 census is mine.

'My' Angus in the 1871 census is shown as Angus McDonald (36) with his wife Catharine (36) and their children: John (12), Neil (10), Murdoch (8), Margaret (5) and Angus (1) also listed.

Thanks.
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BRUCE COUNTY
museum & cultural centre

Discover the on-line resources

[Collections.brucemuseum.ca](https://collections.brucemuseum.ca)

The Online Collections homepage includes links to popular searches, such as Furniture, Downtown, Railways and WWI and WWII artefacts, images and records.



A993.022.0240, Downtown Kincardine, Circus, J.H. Scougall

BRUCE REMEMBERS is Growing

Over 5,000 images are viewable on this site, including over 750 newspaper clippings attached to various soldiers' records.

Over 7,370 Bruce County-connected soldiers and military personnel are now recognized on bruceremembers.org

In 2020, the Battalions section was expanded to list 34 battalion pages enabling researchers to discover other Bruce County soldiers with whom your family members enlisted or served. (As soldiers often transferred through multiple battalions, the battalions recorded here are generally those with which the soldier enlisted).

Please contact the Archives at archives@brucecounty.on.ca to provide information about your Bruce County family members who served in the military, and to learn how to donate images or items for inclusion in Bruce Remembers and Online Collections. Thank you to all contributors of information, items and news clippings!

Chronicling Community Experiences

Visit brucemuseum.ca/shareyourstory for details about Bruce County's Covid-19 project. The Museum is accepting writings, photos and/or videos reflecting the experiences of community members and visitors during the pandemic. They will be creating content too via interviews across the County.



EXPLORING BRUCE COUNTY IMAGES

In 2020 volunteers and staff completed the addition of photographs taken by Kincardine photographer and town clerk John H. Scougall (1850-1922), with 1,350 of these images now online: [J.H. Scougall images](#); added more Port Elgin area photos taken by Lindsay Thornburn (1910-1995), with a total of over 900 now online: [Thornburn images](#); added a collection of Wiarton area images (ca. 1910s to 1935) with 200 now online: [A2011.007 Wiarton area images](#); and added a collection of Lion's Head area images (ca. 1940s) to the collection, with 120 now online: [A2009.045 Lion's Head area images](#)

There are now almost 22,000 Archival Collection images online.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE ARCHIVAL COLLECTION

Huron-Kinloss

- Photographs of WWI soldier Thomas Tweedie and Lucknow Pipe Band

Kincardine

- Photographs of WWI soldier William James White; Tiverton Continuation School; Giesz Bruce Township family
- Begg family history information
- "Historic Queen Street, Kincardine" book
- Military Honour Rolls from Wesley United Church, former Bruce Township

Northern Bruce Peninsula

- St. Edmunds Township land patent
- "Anglican Church, Lion's Head" postcard

South Bruce Peninsula

- Painting of Colpoy's Bay
- Hepworth Furniture Co. Ltd. Notebook

Saugeen Shores

- "Paddy' Paddon: Scoring Star" booklet and related drawing
- Papers, newspapers and souvenirs of the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, attended by Lucile and William Rae Tomlinson (former Mayor Port Elgin and MP for Bruce)
- Port Elgin Lawn Bowling Club newspaper clippings and photographs
- Southampton Public School class photograph, 1949

South Bruce

- Fisk Family history booklet
- Mildmay Creamery & Teeswater Creamery envelopes
- "Oliphant Coastal Stewardship Plan"
- "The Old Convent, Formosa, Ont." post card

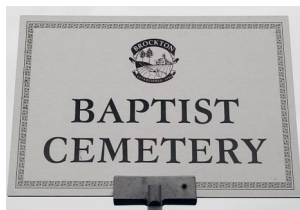
Visiting the Archives & Research Room

Visit brucemuseum.ca/welcome-back/ to review the updated visitor policies and hours and to understand the steps being taking to ensure that we are all safe to explore Bruce County history! Access to the Research Room & Archives is by appointment at this time. Contact archives@brucecounty.on.ca or 226-909-2890 to schedule an appointment to visit for research or to make a donation of artefacts/archival materials. We are very appreciative of all the assistance and support the Society receives from the excellent Archives staff.

Deb Sturdewant, Archivist

Sue Schlörff and Krista Keller, Archival Assistants





To find it—Grey Rd. 10 south from Elmwood, then west approx. a mile on Conc8.



Today the cemetery remains with a number of tombstones neatly placed on a cement base. The grounds and fence are well-kept.

The following notes are from the Bruce County Museum Archives collection

A2014.003.0548 – Bruce A. Krug, Brant Township Scrapbook Index Notes • Page numbers were added by Archives. • Many events in this scrapbook refer to the town of Walkerton • Indexed by Volunteer Robin Hilborn, 2014

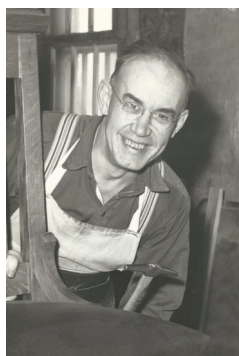
312 Ms., 6 pp. [1954] “German-Baptist Cemetery, Brant Tp., Ontario”. “On the thirteenth day of December ...”, 1864, deed for a site for the German Baptist Congregation of Brant, “in connection with the regular Baptist Church of Canada.” Mrs. Mary (Hauser) Krug [mother] walked from Elmwood to attend church at the site. Dense undergrowth; “This is the way Harold Krug and I found the site on Sunday morning of May 23rd, 1954.” [313] Transcription of gravestones. Buehlow. Dankert. [314] Pfaff. Stade. [315] Boldt. Karstedt. 15 Schroeder. Holler. [316] Quast. Schroeder. Ritter. [317] Ritter. Meidelow. Stumpf. Quast. Schroeder.

318 Ms., 1 p. “August 7, 1953”. “Today Jack Graper and I visited the Baptist Church cemetery ... Brant Twp.... Mother recalls attending church here when she was a girl and they would walk out from Elmwood.” Church description. Cemetery neglected. Five gravestones transcribed; Stade, Meidelow, Ritter, Schroeder, Quast.

Submitted by Joan Hauser: with her note that the name “Holler” is transcribed incorrectly and should be “Haller”. Cemetery photos (above) taken by Glenys Johnson. Other photos this page from the collection of Diane Huber (Harold Krug’s granddaughter and the Dankerts’ great granddaughter).



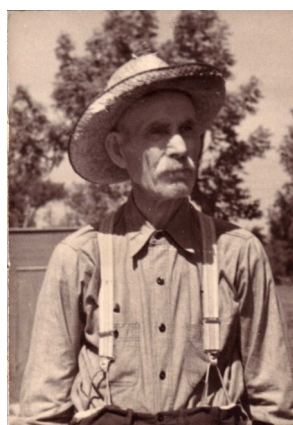
Bruce Krug (1918-2013) and Pal, undated Christmas postcard.



Harold Krug (1906-1962) working at the Krug Brothers Factory in Chesley, mid-1950’s.



The headstone of John’s father, Johann Dankert Sr. 1828—1890, German Baptist cemetery.



Johann (John) Dankert Jr. 1863—1939 Photo taken by Harris Veitch in 1938.



Elizabeth (Bessie) Schroeder Holman Dankert 1868—1936

Bessie’s father, Michael Schroeder 1837-1912, was likely a charter member of the German Baptist Church. He and his wife, Louisa are buried here. John and Bessie attended the German Baptist Church as children. Harold Krug is their son-in-law.

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Agatha and Friedrich attended the German Baptist Church near Elmwood and when that church closed, the members joined the Elmwood Baptist Church.

In 1883 Ursula and Christian moved back to Altoona where two more sons were born. They came back to Chesley and then later moved with the two younger sons to Charles City, Iowa, where they established a furniture store and the Hauser Funeral Home.

Ursula and Christian's daughter Mary, remained in Chesley and married Christian Krug of the Krug Brothers Furniture Co. Ltd. in Chesley. Two of her sons, Howard and Bruce, were good friends with my father, enjoying canoe trips on the Saugeen River.

My grandparents, John Hauser and his wife Matilda, remained in Chesley and had four other children, one of whom, Percy, remained in Chesley his entire life.

About Joan ... This issue's *Relatively Speaking* submission and the story of the Early German Baptist Church and Cemetery are from Joan Hauser. Joan's family spent many summers in Port Elgin and often made trips to Chesley to see family there. She retired from a lengthy career in healthcare as a cytotechnologist at two hospitals and with LifeLabs. Her interest in genealogy took root when her father, Major Rollin Hauser, researched his ancestors during an overseas posting. Retirement meant Joan could be much more active in discovering her family history. She's been able to travel to Scotland and Ireland, visiting the towns of her maternal (Pauline Crawford) ancestors, and Germany to explore places connected to her paternal ancestors. Her research has resulted in the writing of three family tree books, two on her paternal side and one on her maternal side. Joan lives near Ottawa.

Notes on the back of this photo were written by either Bruce or Howard Krug. Transcribed below.

NEAR ELMWOOD. IT WAS AT THIS TIME THAT LOUISA DIETZ LOOKED AFTER THE BABY MARY HAUSER. THE HAUSER FAMILY RETURNED TO ALTOONA AFTER A SHORT STAY AS THE FARM WAS SO STONEY TO BE A POOR PRODUCER. MARY HAUSER RECALLED SEEING HER AUNT'S FINGERS BLEEDING FROM PICKING STONES.



Friedrich and Agatha Haller. They are buried in the German Baptist Cemetery. (photo from the collection of Joan Hauser)

Uncle and Aunt .. Holler of Mrs Chris Krug (nee Mary Hauser). They lived on Lot .., ..Con Bentinck Tp and coaxed Mary Hauser's parents to move from Altoona, Pennsylvania to this farm near Elmwood. It was at this time that Louise Dietz looked after the baby Mary Hauser. The Hauser family returned to Altoona after a short stay as the farm was so stoney to be a poor producer. Mary Hauser recalled seeing her Aunt's fingers bleeding from picking stones. The Hollers attended the Baptist Church in Brant Tp 1 1/2 miles south of Elmwood and 1 mile west, Mr and Mrs Holler are buried in this cemetery.

Connections ... Agatha Hauser was a sister to Christian Hauser (born 1822), both born in Aldingen, Baden-Wurtemberg. This Christian Hauser was Mary Hauser Krug's grandfather and Joan's great grandfather. Agatha was Mary's great Aunt (Joan's great great aunt). Mary was Bruce Krug's mother. And from our President Glenys—"my husband, Robert's Aunt Mabel "Burdell" Koelln married John W Dierlamm after the death of her first husband Robert Johnson in 1929. John's wife Ida Weber had died in 1938. John died in 1939 so Mabel married again. This time it was to John Hauser (Joan's grandfather) who's wife Matilda Dierlamm had passed away in 1938. John Hauser died in 1946. And because Aunt Burdell loved being a wife, she married her 4th husband, Willaim H. Bryan from Michigan, also a widower. His first wife Hazel Alice Milner is actually related to my husband's Milner line of ancestors. Are you dizzy yet?"

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Our newsletter is published quarterly:
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Relatively Speaking articles,
research interests, comments,
appeals for help and other content
suggestions can be submitted to the
Editor for consideration by email to
newsletterbcgs@gmail.com
or by calling 519-386-5944.

The Bruce County Genealogical Society appreciates and acknowledges the generosity of donors to our Society in 2020. Their donations enable us to provide genealogical programs throughout the year as well as contribute toward equipment purchases that benefit staff at, and researchers who use, the Bruce County Archives.

Barbara Aitken	Ruth Bainbridge	Allister Campbell
Catharine Cluley	Pamela Cooper	Dorne Fitzsimmons
Lolly Fullerton	Anne Goeden	Rita Greig
Colleen Hauswirth	Walter Heathers	Joyce Howlett
Linda Huber	Heather Ibbotson	Anne Judd
Patrick Kelly	Irene Liddle	Florence Mackesy
Max McDonald	Susan McKenzie	Donald Meyer
Joseph O'Hagan	Margaret Pook	Elizabeth Reid
Ernest Stepan	Patricia Stevens	William Stewart
James Struthers	Estate of Helen Wuerth	

Lives Remembered. Facts Recorded. Photos Found.

Member Appeal for Help with Names.

George Thompson, his wife **Mary Ann Wilson**, six sons, and one daughter emigrated from County Leitrim, Ireland to Masham, Quebec in approx. 1847. In time, three of George and Mary Ann's sons, their daughter, along with several of their grandchildren migrated to Elderslie and Paisley, Bruce County.

Prior to 1871, **Robert Thompson**, his wife **Ann Boyd** and seven of their children moved to District No. 52, North Bruce, Township of Elderslie, Division No. 2. They are buried in Paisley Cemetery. Robert Thompson has two headstones and it is through the inscription on one of the headstones that I learned the Thompson family originated from County Leitrim.

The obituary for **William Thompson** states he and his wife **Jane Shouldice** and their six children moved to Bruce County in 1876. On the 1881 census they were living in District No. 77, North Bruce, Township of Elderslie, District No. 1. They are buried in Salem Presbyterian Cemetery at Gillies Hill.

Between 1881 and 1891, **Alexander Thompson**, his wife **Elizabeth Hall** and five of their children moved from Quebec and were living in District No. 53, Bruce Township. They are both buried in Starkvale Cemetery, Paisley.

By 1881, their sister **Mary Ann** (widow of **James Bryce**) was living in Paisley with all six of her children. Later, she lived with one of her daughters and is buried in Westminster, Middlesex, Ontario.

A picture held by our family is thought to be of Robert, William, or Alexander and his wife. The photographer was C. Colville, Paisley, Ontario. How wonderful it would be to have it identified. Do you recognize this photo? Do you know the names of these folks?

I am thrilled to become a member of the BCGS and continue to explore my family roots in this area of Ontario.

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