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BRANCHES OF BRUCE

ONTARIO
GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY

President's Message of Welcome

We have come to another milestone in our branch's history; The first edition of 'BRANCHES OF BRUCE'. Because we are new at this, we are feeling our way and welcome any helpful criticism from our readers. Also, would you please tell us – what you would like to see in our publication; - go a step further and send us articles!!!

Membership and interest in genealogy are growing steadily as we make our aims and desires of the organization – known and felt in this area. Although we had promised ourselves not to be overloaded with work, some of our projects have entailed a great deal of effort and time, and more is on the way!

I, personally, sincerely thank all those who have helped get our branch 'off the ground'; also those non-members in the district who have told us of 'lost' cemeteries and their 'family-trees'. KEEP THEM COMING.

One person that I believe deserves special mention here, is none other than Mrs. George Downey of R.R. 1, Tiverton, who has been a constant source of encouragement and guide, both in the organization of the branch and with the work involved. Many thanks, Hilda!

We look forward with eagerness to the years ahead, gaining in research experience and genealogical knowledge. The surest way that we know of preserving our heritage, is to have an extensive knowledge of the families who have founded our communities and made them the places they are today.

Join with us at our meetings, - you will be most welcome !

Mrs. Basil (Audrey) Underwood, President

P.S. The joke is on you! We want you to be especially mindful of the spelling of names, etc. in the news letter. Do inform us if errors have crept in, unawares. Thanks. Editor

Beginnings in Bruce Branch

Bruce Branch is unique, in that it has become a reality – not in a big city, but in the rural and small-town area of Bruce County; having only 3 O. G. S. members less than one year ago.

. . . . Our President, Mrs. Basil Underwood, attending her first seminar in 1969 had reason for concern – when all the records available from other areas were compared with the few that had come to light in Bruce County. Was there not some way to locate and preserve these records as well; before they were lost or destroyed? Would anyone attend a Genealogical Meeting?

The first meeting was called for March 20, 1970, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Underwood, R. R. 2, Port Elgin, with 12 people attending. The books, documents, family research papers, etc. displayed that night left no doubt in anyone's mind – monthly meetings must be held and as soon as possible! A number of projects were instigated and are listed elsewhere in this issue.

For variety, a tour was planned for July, through the cemeteries of Greenoch Township. An enthusiastic group of 10 located all the cemeteries and recorded several, completely.

With new material in hand, the fall session began in September, and by the October meeting it was noted that some ten members of our society had joined the ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. It was then decided to take on 'BRANCH' status for the New Year, in 1971.

In place of the regular meeting in December, a group of our members spent the day – (despite Bruce County weather), in the O.G.S. Library Archives in Waterloo. This proved a very profitable time in researching, and we look forward to the opportunity again.

(Please Note: For the Bruce County area; - the Ontario Genealogical Society Library Archives in Waterloo, are our nearest location for genealogical material of this sort.

'BRANCH' status for our BRUCE COUNTY BRANCH, was effected at a special meeting on January 12th, 1971, held in the Bruce County Library, at Port Elgin, Ontario.

Executive – 1971

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How tall – Is your Ancestral Tree?

Guessing is not one of the rules of the game of Genealogy. Myths and family legends may abound, but proofs are necessary – when you play this game.

Proofs like . . . Birth, Marriages, or Death Certificates; Family Bibles, Census Lists, Wills, Church Records, Military Records . . . even Tombstone inscriptions.

Time, patience and persistent digging – best describe this pastime that enthral's an ever-increasing number of folk.

Where to begin? How to begin? WITH YOURSELF, that's right ! ! ! Try it

List these basic facts for yourself: -

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Birthplace | 6. Schooling |
| 2. Birth date | 7. Marriage date |
| 3. Names of parents | 8. Marriage place |
| 4. Sisters | 9. Children |
| 5. Brothers | 10. Career |

Do the same for your parents, grandparents, even great-grand-parents. The first thing you know, you can hardly wait to tell the others all about it!

MAY WE SUGGEST that you bring your findings to our next meeting? Histories, cemetery recordings, pedigrees, maps, bring them . . . we want to learn all about them.

BRANCH MEETING NOTES: Jan. 19, 1971

First Branch Meeting home of Mr. & Mrs. John Underwood, Port Elgin.

Brief drawn up. . . present to Bruce Co. Library Chairman . . . re: retaining old and valuable books in stock, rather than sell them outside county.

Mrs. Geo. Downey gave excellent (illust) talk . . . 1969 trip to Scotland & Ireland. Also presented a paper on 'Preps. For Researcher's Overseas Trip'.

Pres. & Mrs. Downey reported on recent Exec. Mtg. – O.G.S., Kitchener.

Mr. Fortier reported 13 cemeteries compiled to date and Cemetery Map Listing progress. He is to be Editor of our newsletter – 'Branches Of Bruce'.

Have you made sure that your research will not die with you?
BEQUEATH A COPY OF YOUR FAMILY'S RESEARCH MATERIAL TO BRUCE BRANCH OF
THE ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – TODAY!

"O.G.S." WHAT IS IT ? ? ? ? ?

The Ontario Genealogical Society was formed to foster the study of genealogy and original genealogical research in Ontario. by:- collecting useful material in a library of archive, discovering relevant material preserved in other places, instructing members in ethical principals of compiling Family Histories, and by assisting persons to obtain aid if needed. Helpful information is published in the O.G.S.'s "BULLETIN", each quarter.

NEED AN ORDINANCE MAP (SCOTLAND)?

The man to write to is: - MR. JOHN BARTHELOMEW & SONS LTD, 12 DUNCAN STREET, EDINBURGH 9, SCOTLAND (Ask for a catalogue –available maps)

NEXT MEETING will be at CHESLEY Council Chambers Tues. FEB. 23, '71 8:00 PM

MR. ED. PHELPS, R.P.L.

Regional History & County Records - Librarian

INTERESTED? A WARM WELCOME IS YOURS

PROJECTS

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1. – Indexing of FAMILIES BEING RESEARCHED, by members.
 2. – Listing of RESEARCH REFERENCES (Books, Papers, Documents, etc.)
 3. – Listing of MAPS, DRAWINGS, ILLUSTRATIONS, etc.
 4. – Listing of CEMETERIES, BURIAL PLOTS (Family), etc.
 5. – Compiling a REGISTER OF INFORMATION GATHERED FROM: -
 - (i) Cemetery Stone Recordings
 - (ii) " Registers.

CEMETERIES COMPILED/BEING COMPILED

1. BERVIE ANGLICAN: Kinc. Twp, Lot 54, Con. 1, north - Durham Rd.
2. BERVIE METHODIST: Kinc. Twp: Lot 54, Con1, south - Durham Rd.
3. BERVIE PRESBYTERIAN: Kinc. Twp; Lot 60, Con. 1; north-Durham Rd.
- 4.. EARLY LEWIS; Huron Twp; Lot 14, Con 6, (Huron United Ch.)
5. "E" LOT 22: Con. 12; Huron Twp.
6. BETHEL METHODIST: Hwy 21; Pine River.
7. PINE RIVER UNITED CHURCH: Huron Twp. (Lurgan) Lot 20; Con 'A' (Orig. Presb)
8. ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN; Huron Twp Lot 20 ConA
9. VERDUN: Huron Twp; Lot 16; Con. 3 (Olivet United)
10. HOPE (not in Bruce Co; - Ashfield Twp)
11. LOCHALSH: Huron Twp; Lot 33, Con1 McKenzie
12. GREENOCH UNITED; Greenoch Twp, Lot 62; (formerly Methodist) Con1, Nth – D.R.
13. CARGILL; Brant Twp.
14. KINLOUGH METHODIST; Kinloss Twp L.10, C10
15. HOLYROD ROMAN CATHOLIC; Kinloss Twp; Lot (St. Patrick;s) 11, Con. 7
16. LURGAN BLACK ANGLE: Huron Twp. L 20, C 'A'
17. STARKVALE: Greenock Twp. Lot 15, (Valentine Survey; s.w. of Paisley)
18. PINKERTON; Greenock Twp. Lot 1, Con. 13
19. HENDERSON; Arran Twp; R.R.2, Tara
20. MEAUSETTE; Arran Twp; Lot 32, Con 6 (private)
21. JACKSON; Amabel Twp; Lot 12; Con. 11
22. SAUGREEN TWP. (River Range) 'A' Lot 1 & 2

MODEL CONSTITUTION – FOR BRANCHES ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

(As approved by the Executive Committee, Feb. 3, 1968)

1. This Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society will be known as the Bruce Branch.
2. The Constitution of the Ontario Genealogical Society and By-Laws which may be made there-under are acknowledged as the basic constitution and rule of this branch.
3. Membership in the Branch, in conformity to Article VI of the Constitution, will consist of members of the Society in good standing, including Honorary and Life Members, who may wish to participate in social activities of the Provincial Society.
4. Members of the Society who may wish to participate in Branch activities will pay an additional annual fee to cover costs of local mailing, rental of meeting places and sundry expenses; the amount to be determined by the Branch Membership at any regularly-called meeting.
5. Members of the Society who do not participate in Branch activities on an annual basis may attend Branch meetings or special events on payment of an assessment set by the Branch Committee to cover costs of the occasion.

6. The Officers of this Branch will be a Past President, a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian-Archivist, and an Editor. These officers will together constitute the Branch Committee.
7. Branch Officers will be elected by the participating members present at the annual business meeting, - quorum for the purpose being four members in good standing.
8. The Secretary of the Branch will notify the Provincial Secretary of the Society of the names of members who are participating on an annual basis in this Branch Membership; and will request the Provincial Secretary to notify the Branch of any changes in status such as lapsed membership or resignations.
9. The President of the Branch will present a brief general report of the Branch activities during the past year to: - (a) The Annual General Meeting of the Society and (b) The Annual Business Meeting of the Branch; or he/she may delegate a deputy to present it to either meeting.
10. The Branch Committee will appoint annually someone as News Reporter to the Editor of the 'BULLETIN', to publicize the activities of the Branch through this media.
11. The regular meetings of the Branch are to be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

This Constitution (as presented above) was accepted at the Inaugural Meeting of the BRUCE BRANCH of the Ontario Genealogical Society, January 12th, 1971, at Port Elgin, Ontario.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS TO 'BRANCHES OF BRUCE

We hope that you are enjoying our branch news. Anyone wishing to continue receiving it, is invited to subscribe by becoming a member of our branch.

(\$2.00 covers a year's membership and subscription !!!)

No better time – than right now..... Send your \$2.00 to: -
MEMBERSHIP – BRUCE BRANCH, ONT. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY,
BOX 234, PORT ELGIN, ONT.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Front Cover; Kindness of Mr. Kenneth Thornburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thornburn. Ken attends College of Arts Oakville, and is a graduate of Saugeen District High. (Our 'Thanks' Ken). Islington, Ont: (from WEEKLY GLOBE, May 4, 1877). . . . (at the age of 86) "DIED . . . On the 20th of March, Alex Rattray, in the Township of Elderslie, County of Bruce, formerly of the parish of Rattray, town of New Rattray, Perthshire, Scotland. He retained his mental faculties to the very last and for some time before he died he could read small print with the naked eye....

BRANCH MEETING NOTES; Feb. 23, 1971

Chesley Council Chambers with guest speaker - Edward Phelps, R.P.L., University of Western Ontario library staff.

All family and area histories, and records, should be copied at least 3 times, and microfilmed, Mr. Phelps said.

Reports and stories should be mailed to the Ontario Genealogical Society for duplication; - to prevent any duplication of projects and to guarantee preservation. (see details this issue)

Available by mail from the Queen's Printer, Ottawa; price 25 cents; Catalogue No. SA 2-4769
CHECK-LIST of PARISH REGISTERS, Micro-film reel numbers included
Compiled by Marielle Campeau PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF CANADA Manuscript Division, Ottawa
- 1969

PREPARATIONS FOR RESEARCHER'S (OVERSEAS) TRIP

When making a visit to your ancestral home

1. Do as much family research as possible beforehand.
2. Read the history of that country, particularly the district where your family lived.
3. Purchase good ordnance maps and become familiar with them.
4. Use 3 x 5 (inch) index cards for memo cards. Use a stenographer's notebook for additional notes as it has a good hard cover.
5. Number each picture you take, and make an identifying note as soon as you take it. Do not skimp on pictures, you may never return for more.
6. Travel by car. It is definitely worth the extra expense.
7. Plan your route at home, but be ready to change it whenever necessary.
8. Begin your route by visiting the registry office (such as New Register House in Edinburgh). Hire a researcher to help you in this office as she will save you time, and therefore money.
9. Keep a diary.
10. Never, never say, "I'll go there next time", or "I'll do that next time". If at all possible, do these things when you think of them.

THIS MAY BE YOUR ONLY TRIP !!!

Submitted by Mrs. George Downey

EARLY ONTARIO ATLAS REPRINTS

*'Belden' – BRUCE County Supplement (1880)

- GREY County Supplement (1880)
- SIMCOE County Supplement (1881)

**'Walker & Miles' – PEEL County (1877) (Edition Limited); 1000 numbered copies

***'Page & Co.' – MUSKOKA & PARRY SOUND

ATLAS AND TOURIST GUIDE BK. (Edition limited); 1500 numbered copies

For Information, write;

MARK CUMMING, PORT ELGIN, ONTARIO.

ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 'BULLETIN' TAKES NEW NAME – 'FAMILIES'

Though the 'bulletin' has a new name, the 'policy of printing articles of interest and value to genealogical researchers, both amateur and professional' remains the same. "All researchers, society members or not' are invited to contribute articles.

In order to be "as useful, stimulating, and authoritative as it is possible to make it" they suggest the following guidelines for kinds of materials: -

1. The family history of every member of the society, one by one, as we can get them, for publication. Hopefully, each member will have done his 'homework'; and can supply the

genealogy complete with supporting documentary references. I look to the members of the publications committee to assist members with initial preparations for publication.

2. The family histories of prominent or famous families, or families on whom members of the society might currently be researching. Members should be advised to work with publication in mind.
3. Genealogical research on any family, even if only a few generations old. But if so, encourage people to include as much interesting social history of the family as possible.
4. Lists of source material useful to members and researchers:
 - cemetery lists, particularly if unpublished, or from sources not generally available members.
 - military lists, ship lists, provision lists
 - lists of documents
 - baptism, marriage, death records – whether from family bibles, church or civil records, especially if unpublished, or from rare sources.
5. General Articles by members with genealogical know-how. “How-to” articles which could later be extracted and reprinted in sellable pamphlet form.
6. Bibliographies of material in special research areas.
7. Documents themselves, especially if interesting or unusual. These can be photographed and run as they are. They could include anything from interesting letters, to special marriage certificates - anything at all that has a genealogical flavour.
8. Photographs – especially if an ancestor is involved in some historic photo, or if the photo shows an interesting historical scene other than just a photo of the ancestor.
9. Speeches given to the society, or to other historical societies, which contain material of genealogical significance. These should be roughly whipped into shape by whoever has taken them or acquired them, and passed on to the editor for finishing. Please make a special effort to acquire such easily had material.
10. Maps of genealogical significance, or with a social history referent pertaining to genealogy.
11. Reprints of material from other societies, but only if of special interest to members, or from journals not regularly seen by members. Please do not send long reprints for filler. The ‘bulletin’ – FAMILIES wants original material.
12. News items from branches, if genuine news of general interest. Regular news items from papers, if material of genealogical significance. Editor will rewrite as necessary.
13. Book reviews. Anyone should feel competent to submit such material, especially if it covers an area with which the person is familiar. Please give the NAME OF THE BOOK, AUTHOR, PUBLISHER, PRICE, and WHERE AVAILABLE at the beginning of each review.

14. Interesting family stories, even family myths, if sufficient documentation can be achieved to show that there is more than a suspicion that the story is true. However, family stories for which positive identification and documentation is available are very much preferable. The story should be written interestingly by the person whose family or ancestor was involved.

Please note: (when sending in your material)

| <u>'ISSUE'</u> | <u>PUBLICATION DATE</u> | <u>DEADLINE FOR ALL MATERIAL</u> |
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| Winter – | February 1 | January 1 |
| Spring – | May 1 | April 1 |
| Summer – | August 1 | July 1 |
| Fall - | November 1 | October 1 |

Manuscripts should be typewritten, double-spaced, with adequate margins and addressed to:
THE EDITOR: 'FAMILIES'

ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY,
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THOSE 'IRISH' NAMES !!!

"Nine-tenths of the surnames at present borne by the Irish people are incorrect, as being mere mutilations of the original forms" says Dr. O'Donovan, an authority on Gaelic nomenclature. "No ancient Irish surname is perfect unless it have 'O' or 'Mac' prefixed, excepting in those instances where the sobriquet or cognomen of the ancestor is used as the surname. Irish family names, or hereditary surnames, are formed from the genitive case singular of the names of ancestors who flourished in the tenth or beginning of the eleventh century-by prefixing 'O' or 'Mac' (as 'O'Neil', 'Mac'Carthy).

The prefix 'O', otherwise written na, literally signifies nepos, or grandson, in a more enlarged sense, any male descendant. 'Mac' literally signifies son, like the Anglo-Norman prefix Fritz. The only difference therefore to be observed between 'O' and 'Mac' in surnames, is that the family who took the prefix 'Mac' called themselves after their father, and those who took the prefix 'O' formed their surname from the name of their grandfather, or a remote ancestor"

(This is just the opening paragraph to a simply tremendous article by that eminent Gaelic scholar, the late Dr. John O'Donovan.

DID YOU KNOW THAT - THE ROPPELS came originally from Hatheroth, Kurhessen Province, Germany, in 1863, and settled on the Fourth of Bruce: They spent many weeks on the ocean, and when they reached Goderich by train, they took a boat up the shore of Lake Huron to Port Elgin. Then they had to walk to their farm lot, - the last three miles along a trail through the bush.

Miss Emelia Roppel of Underwood, Sixth Concession of Bruce, has many very interesting stories about her family, that were told to her by her parents.

Mrs. Silcox, wife of Mr. A. Philips Silcox of Port Credit – President of the Ontario Genealogical Society, is a member of the Roppel family.

 “ERRORS, CREPT IN, UNAWARES.....” Volume 1, No. 1

(i) Our President informs us that her name is spelled (z) not (s) Mrs. Bazil Underwood (Boy.....is my face red !!! – Ed.)

(ii) #13 in the cemetery listing.....CEMETERIES COMPILED / BEING COMPILED; (instead of “CARGILL; Brant Twp;) should read “PURDY’S (Cargill); Greenock Twp; Con. 14; Pt.- Lots 14 and 15”.

(iii) #21 in the cemetery listing (as above) ... (instead of “JACKSON; Amabel Twp; Lot 12; Con. 11”) should read “JACKSON FAMILY; Greenock Twp; Con. 20; Lot 3”.

Our ‘thanks’ to those who took the time and trouble to make more certain the accuracy of our publication.

Only one’s imagination can describe the disappointment, the loss of time and expense, - in useless research based on inaccuracies.- Editor

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| O I R A T N O | GENEALOGICAL McMASTER MAY 7/8 Annual Seminar | S O C I E T Y U N I V E R S I T Y |
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The 1971 Seminar is to be published my mailing the Seminar Brochure and the new Membership Brochure to organizations and persons having an interest in genealogy and history.

How often have you wished that your friends, the history teachers in your schools, and the librarian in your area were more interested and more knowledgeable about your hobby?

The names of such persons, will be added to the mailing list, if you will forward their names, addresses and positions to –

MAILING LIST,
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FAMILY HISTORIES received

- (1) 'NEEDHAM'; donated by Mrs. George Young, R. 4, Kincardine, Ont.
- (2) 'STRINGER'; also donated by Mrs. George Young, R. 4, Kincardine, Ont.
- (3) 'GALLOWAY' donated by Colonel Strome Galloway, Ottawa, Ont.
- (4) 'GOWANLOCK'; donated by Mrs. Grant Grieve, Burgoyne, Ontario, and Mr. Andrew Gowanlock (father).
- (5) 'CALHOUAN'; edited by Mr. Orville O. Calhouan, 128 Durham St., Cobourg, Ontario.

'COUNTY ATLASES OF CANADA'; A Descriptive Catalogue; 1970. (This is a bibliography of Canadian Atlases); it was donated by Ottawa Branch O.G.S

Those who saw the 'HISTORY FAIR' – a Centennial project of the Sacred Heart School, Walkerton, really partook of a treat. Over 20 Family Histories were displayed, and we include them for your benefit in this issue: -

'BRUNTON FAMILY HISTORY – TARA'; by Mrs. Gilchrist Funston.

'THE COLLINS FAMILY'(History Fair cont)

'(Bruce Family Histories) CORAM FAMILY' by Alice Coram Esdon.

'THE CROZIER FAMILY-FORTY-FIVE YEARS IN BRUCE'

'CUYLER OF CANADA AND OTHER PLACES' by Averil Holness Cuyler.

'THE DESMONDS REACH CANADA' by J. C. Donnelly, 32 Rotherham Avenue, Toronto

'GEDDES FAMILY HISTORY' by Mrs. Wm. J. Arnold, Ripley, Ont.

'GRANT – A PIONEER FAMILY" by Florence Grant, Apt. 1212, 310 Tweedmuir Ave., Toronto

'THE FAMILY HISTORY OF JOHN HEMSTREET OF TRAFALGAR TOWNSHIP.....' by Winnifred M. Rosewarne, 475 Broadview Ave., Ottawa, Ont.

'THE HILL FAMILY OF BRUCE' by W. Grant McGregor, 630 Westview Ave., Ottawa 3, Ont.

'HISTORY – MACINTYRE FAMILY–BRANT TWP' by Mrs. Harvey Brocklebank.

'ROBERT MAWHINNEY' by Mrs. L.P. McLaren, Rockhaven, Sask.

'THE MCGREGORS OF BRUCE' by W. G. McGregor, 630 Westview Ave., Ottawa 3, Ont.

'RODERICK MCKENZIE (1826-1912)' by Mrs. Christina Ibbotson, R. R. 5, Kincardine, Ontario

'BYGONE DAYS IN BRUCE' (McLay) by Annabel (McLay) Hadley

'MUNRO SETTLEMENT – KINCARDINE – 1848' by Cora Robertson.

'HISTORY OF THE RATTRAY FAMILY' by Pearl McKelvie Paterson Kerr.

'SCOT-IRISH ORRS (1785-1967)' by Mrs. Wm. J. Arnold, Ripley, Ont.

'THE PERCY FAMILY HISTORY (1830 – 1963)' by Hazel Percy Hodgins.

'FAMILY TREE – ARCHIBALD SHEWFELT & CATHARINE MCDIARMID' By Gordon Archibald Shewfelt.

'A STORY OF A PIONEER FAMILY OF PURPLE GROVE (1824 – 1966)' (Stanley); Ont. by Irene Harnwell Halliday, Walkerton.

'THE STURGEON PIONEERS OF BRUCE COUNTY' by Margaret E. Sturgeon

'THE WESLEYS – NEWSPAPER FAMILY FOR OVER A CENTURY' by Harold Wesley, Walkerton, Ontario

BRANCH MEETING NOTES

Port Elgin United Church S. S. Rooms . . . April 27. (Dinner Meeting) . . .with O.G.S. Pres. – A. Phillips Silcox, as Guest Speaker.

Mr. Silcox related 3 personal experiences of overcoming 'unsurmountable' barriers in your researching. This was a great encouragement to many present.

Amberley . . . home of Mrs. Duncan Thorburn. . . May 25. The highlight was Index Records from Arran Twp (1890 – 1901) – births, deaths, and marriages.

An exchange of OBITUARY NOTICES (relatives – Sask. And Western Canada) with Sask. Gen. Society was initiated. 50th Wedding Anniversaries are to be recorded.

1971 – Seminar – Hamilton

Six Bruce' members attended. . . wearing Bruce Tartan Name Tags with a small map of Bruce County in the top left corner. Distant members also shared the name tags, making themselves readily identified with the Bruce Branch.

Besides excellent speakers, browsing through books and displays, a side trip to Dundurn Castle was enjoyed – 'thanks' to Mrs. Steve Baker (Hamilton). (We enjoyed meeting you, Helen, and the hospitality was out of this world).

Something so thoroughly enjoyed is always looked forward to with great interest. And so it is hoped that we can renew friendships next year at the Seminar in Ottawa.

**GENEALOGICAL SOURCES AT THE REGIONAL HISTORY COLLECTION
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO LIBRARY, LONDON**

(Taken from notes prepared by Mr. Edward Phelps, Regional History Librarian, 1971 Seminar).

SUMMARY OF HOLDINGS: (as pertains to our area)

BRUCE COUNTY: No local records have been deposited from Bruce County, but significant material is found with Huron County (see next).

(HURON COUNTY: Municipal and court records deposited here about 1940 have been extensively arranged and in some cases indexed, as several histories and theses have drawn on these papers. Assessment lists for the years 1842-49, and the Census of 1848 and 1850 for the District, are available. The Marriage Returns for 1841-1970 have recently been listed although a nominal index has not been prepared. (Bear in mind that HURON DISTRICT was, up to 1849, a UNION OF HURON, PERTH and BRUCE Counties; PERTH withdrew in 1853 and BRUCE in 1867, so that records of these jurisdictions prior to date of withdrawal are filed with HURON.)

You are advised to check with the university librarian, for the latest information – on records recently filmed. Also, our readers are advised that many of these records may be read through the facilities of the Church of the Latter Day Saints Library, in Etobicoke.

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RECORDS AND ARCHIVES
14 QUEEN'S PARK CRESCENT WEST,
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, TORONTO 5, ONTARIO**

(Listed below – is a partial listing of genealogical sources available)

1. R G I, CROWN LANDS PAPERS
 - A) Township Papers for Huron, Kinloss, Culross, Carrick, Greenock, Brant, Kincardine, Bruce, Saugeen, Elderslie, Arran, Amabel and Lindsay Townships. (Material like correspondence, deeds, location tickets, etc.)
 - B) Series A – II – 2 There are volumes with lists of settlers and information on settlement 1851-1858
 - C) Series A – I – 6 Correspondence to the department is catalogued by name and subject.
 - D) Series A – V Survey diaries are available for Bruce and Brant Township for 1850-1851.
2. SURROGATE COURT REGISTERS; Indexes and copies of Wills on microfilms, by the Genealogical Society for 1867-1900.
3. INDEX TO PATENTS
4. ABSTRACT INDEXES TO DEEDS; Microfilmed by the Genealogical Society – giving the history of land transfers up to 1900 for each lot.

5. R G 2 1 MUNICIPAL RECORDS: Includes such things as County Council Minutes, Assessment Rolls, etc.
6. MARRIAGE REGISTERS (30) for 1858 – 1896
7. MAPS AND HISTORICAL ATLAS (1800) Includes names of lot holders.
8. CENSUSES – 1851, 1861 and 1871 on microfilms.
9. NEWSPAPERS from Walkerton, Kincardine (scattered issues) and the Warton Echo and Canadian on microfilm, for 1879 – 1930.
10. BIOGRAPHICAL and GENEALOGICAL CARD INDEX (by name).
11. VITAL STATISTICS INVENTORY – for Marriage Records, Cemetery Records, etc

FAMILY BIBLE 'TREASURE' – 1815

Mrs. Harry MacDougald, Matilda St., Tara, Ontario, has a family bible dated 1815, with the name CHARLES EWER, 1817 stamped on the cover. The bible was printed for W. Lewis & Co., 2 Ivy-Lane, Paternoster-row, by W. Flint, Old Bailey. The bible has many interesting notes recorded within its pages and we feel that sharing these with our readers will help to make us more aware of such treasures.

“EWER THOMAS of Sheley burie during reign of Charles 1st died.....(faded).

EWER HENRY of South Mynes, Middlesex died Nov. 20, 1641

EWER Henry Died....(faded) Reign of Charles 1st. A member of the house of Commons and of the High Court of Justice consisting of 67 members – signed the death warrant Jan. 27th, 1649. Henry being the 37th member to sign. South Myers?, Middlesex (It is known that he died about 1715).

PHILEMON

Reign of George II. Shipbuilder; built seven ships of war for His Majesty; Navy monument (?) erected Bursladen (?) Church, Southampton. Died 1750.

PHILEMON

Reign of . . . (blank) Died 1792.

PHILEMON

Reign of . . . (blank) Died about 185?.

CHARLES

Reign of Victoria. Died 1869.

FREDERICK EDWARDS

Reign of Victoria. Born May 16, 1857. Died June 11, 1944. (Edward 7 & 8, George 5, George 6).

FREDERICK EDWARDS

Reign Edward 7th. Born May 24, 1882

FREDERICK EDWARD

Reign of George V

(recorded in another section)

CHARLES EWER born April 28th in the year of Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen. Died the 19th of May, 1819.

AMELIA EWER born May 3rd in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen. Died the 19th of May, 1819.

GEORGE EWER born May 9th in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty. Baptised May 14th, 1820.

HENRY EWER born February 2nd in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Two. Baptised February 3rd, 1822.

William Ewer born July 3rd in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty three _ _ _ Baptised July 30th 1823 at the Chapel Royal, Bright (?).

RICHARD EWER born April 23rd in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty five – Baptised May 18th, 1825, at the Chapel Royal, Baythelmiton (?).

2nd CHARLES EWER born April 29th in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Seven. Baptised June 1st, 1827 at the Chapel Royal, thelmtton(?) (faded)

FREDERICK EDWARDS EWER born Feb. 7th in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty. Baptised March 5th, 1830, at the Chapel Royal, Brighthelmtton (Died Sept. 5, 1901) – written in pencil.

This is just a sample of the material available in this one bible ! ! ! !

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THOSE 'IRISH' NAMES ! ! ! cont. from Vo. 1, No. 2

"In the Anglicization of Gaelic names some wonderful changes were made. For example, Geraghty – as an Anglicized form of a Gaelic name, and it is still further changed to HARRINGTON. Below are a few of those remarkable changes and the causes leading to them, as given by that eminent Gaelic scholar, the late Dr. John O'Donovan.

Writing of the altering of names, he states; 'The families among the lower ranks who have translated, Anglicized, or wholly changed their ancient surnames are very numerous and are daily becoming more so.

Besides the cause already mentioned, two reasons may be assigned for this desire which prevails at present among the lower classes for the continued adoption of English surnames: First, the English language is becoming that universally spoken among these classes, who now believe that many Irish surnames do not sound very euphoniously in that tongue; Secondly, the names translated or totally changed are, with very few exception, of no celebrity in Irish history, and then they do not sound well in English the owners wish to change them to respectable English or Scottish names, in order that they may obtain English or Scotch armorial bearings and cause to be considered as of plebeian Irish blood'.

This was written by Dr. O'Donovan about twenty years ago, and refers to people in Ireland.

A volume might be written today of the additional changes Irish names have undergone in this country. Here the causes for the change are pretty much the same as in Ireland. The prejudice, real and imagined, which exists against – in some minds a name with a suggestion of Irish in it – has tempted the descendants of Irishmen to hide their descent, not by assuming

entirely new names, but by twisting its alphabetical construction round so that its own father would not recognize it.

Some well-known changed names are MURPHY, O'BRIEN, McRORY, MULLIGAN, and KELLY. Murphy has been Americanized into Murfee, Morphy and Morley. O'Brien has been changed into Orban. Mulligan is Normanized into Molineaux.

Here are some examples of Gaelic surnames mentioned by Dr. O'Donovan that have been metamorphosed: In the west of the County of Galway the ancient name of MacCONRY is now always made KING, because it is assumed that 'ry', the last syllable of it, is from 'righ', a King. This is a gross error, for this family took their name from CUROI, a name which forms Eouroi in the genitive case, and has nothing to do with righ, a king. The townland of Ballymacoury in Connemara has also been changed to Kingston.

Sir Thomas King, one of this race, was the first to make this change a century since – made a fortune, and was knighted, and the poor relatives adopted his name, thinking they, too, might get rich if they rejected their old surname.

O'Mulmoghery is now always translated into EARLY, an excusable, but not correct translation of the new name. MacRory is made RODGERS, through a mistaken idea that it is the same in Gaelic as the Christian name in English. O'Mulclohy is made STONE, because of incorrect translation.

Here are a few specimens of Irish surnames which have been assimilated to English or Scotch ones from fancied resemblances: - O'Shaughnessy to SANDYS. O'Brollaghan is now doing duty under the names of BRADLEY and BRODIE. O'Fergus is now FERGUSON. MacCarrell is CANFIELD. MacTeighe would hardly be recognized in MONTAGUE. MacCurtain to CURTAIN; O'Sewell to SEWELL and WALKER; MacTyre to WOLFE; O'Sasnan to SEXTON; O'Kinsellagh to KINGSLEY; O'Mulfaver to PALMER; O'Kentoy to KEATING; O'Turran and O'Trehy to TROY; O'Naghton to NORTON; O'Mulligan to BALDWIN; O'BARRAN to BARRINGTON; O'Ahern to HERON; O'Connoghan to CONWAY; O'LUANE to LAMB; O'Laghny to LANE; MacGuiggan to GOODWIN; MacForbes to FORBES; MacConin to KENYON; MacNamee to MEATH; O'Heyne to HINDES; O'Hiskeen to HASTINGS; O'Mulvihill to MELVILLE; O'Nin to NEEDHAM and NEVILLE; MacGillyfinem to LEONARD; O'Gueere to AGNEW; O'Rourke to ROOKE; O'Cornain to CORBETT; MacCouboirne to BURNES; O'Floinn to LYNN; MacOscar to COSTELLO; McBrehon to JUDGE; MacGolderick to GOLDERICK and GOLDING; O'Houlahan to HOLLAND; MacGunnshenan to NUGENT.

Some of the present Irish names in which the change came about in a natural manner are the following: - The O'Rourkes were lords paramount of County Leitrim: three of the family were kings of Connaught; in Gaelic the name was spelled Ui-Ruaric. Moran was formerly O'Mughron. Geraghty – Gerraty; and McGeraghty is the English form of Mag-Oireachtaigh. Gaffney and Keveny in Gaelic are spelled O'Caibhdeanaigh. Brophy in Irish is O'Broithe; in some parts of Ireland it is still pronounced O'Broghia. Brennan was anciently known as O'Braonain. Delaney in Gaelic was O'Dubhshlaine. Fitzpatrick was Macgiollaphatriac before it was Anglicised. Cregan comes from O'Criodain. Largan is an Anglicized form of the ancient O'Lairgnen. Long and Lanyan both come from O'Longain. Devine and Devin are descendants of the family Claun-Dainvhin. Mahan, Mahon and Mogan all come from the unpronounceable Irish name O'Mathghamhna. Connor and O'Connors derive their name and descent from Conchobhar, King of Connaught, who lived in 971 “ (Taken from the NEWARK SUNDAY CALL). (No date).

EARLY ONTARIO ATLAS REPRINTS

'Belden' – BRUCE County Supplement (1880)

- GREY County Supplement (1880)
- SIMCOE County Supplement (1881)

'Walker & Milos' – PEEL County (1877) (Edition limited); 1000 numbered copies.

'Page & Co.' – MUSKOKA & PARRY SOUND

ATLAS AND TOURIST GUIDE BK. (Edition limited); 1500 numbered copies.

For information, write: - Mr. Mark Cumming, Port Elgin, Ontario

History – A Life SAVER ! ! !

The Rev. Dr. A. A. Rattray, of Victoria, B.C. is a Presbyterian minister who on the advice of his doctor took up the therapy of writing. It has been truly a lifesaver to him, this spring. His book is entitled 'BLOOD ON THE HEATHER', and is a tale of the Battle of the Red Harlaw, near Inverurris, in Aberdeenshire, on the 14th of July, 1411, during the turbulent Regency period of Scottish history. (The retail price of the book is \$ 4.50, but is can by orderd through Dr. Rattray at a saving of 33% for one to four copies; or 40% for five or more copies). If you would like a copy, write to Dr. Rattray, but send no money. The book will be mailed to you from the publisher, with the invoice attached. His address is: -

Rev. Dr. A. A. Rattray, 3937 Telegraph Bay Road, VICTORIA, British Columbia

OUR NEXT MEETING JUNE 22

Stumped – on a particular problem? Bring it with you to: - WALKERTON at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell ADOLPH R. R. 3, Walkerton Regular time – 8:00 p.m. with something DIFFERENT ! ! ! "QUESTION and ANSWER" TIME

JULY MEETING

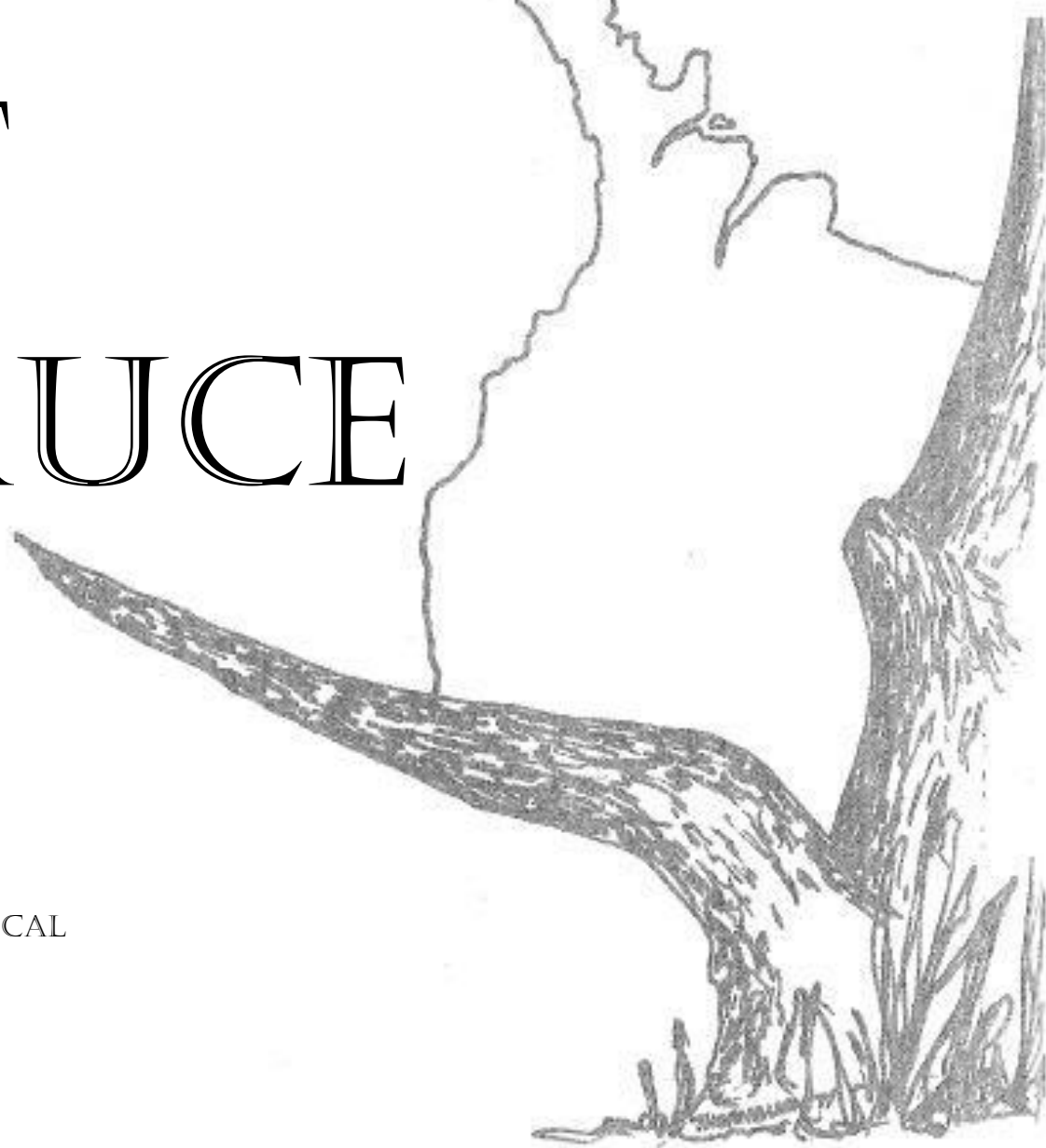
Reserve the 28th . . . for our CEMETERY RECORDING visit In BRANT TOWNSHIP.

For full particulars. . . . Contact: MRS. ORVILLE MONK, R. R. 2, ELMWOOD, Ont.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

1 Family Histories

THE CARR FAMILY; edited and donated by Mr. David Carr, 9 Southgate Street, London

KIN OF ADAM; by Gordon H. Aiken, Q.C., Gravenhurst, Ontario (a fascinating story with excellent genealogy; includes family names such as – BOON, WILSON, DEAN, CHRISTIE)

FAMILY TREE OF ANNIE BROPHY & EDWARD KING; donated by Anna Meyer, Wingham, Ontario (C.K.N.X.)

THE JOHN MCFADDEN FARM HISTORY; donated and written by Russell McFadden, Port Elgin, Ontario. (story of son of James McFadden came from Fermanah, Ireland (1832) to Dummer Twp; then Arran Twp (1852)

BARTLEMAN FAMILY TREE; prepared by J. Stewart Bartleman (1903-1823) and loaned to our president by Allan Brockleman, R. R. 1, Walkerton, Ontario. (this genealogy takes her back 6 generations and show 5 generations of Peter Bartlemans. Other names connected with this family are; LEGGO, FINDLAYSON, BLAIR, MCRITCHIE, TATE, HALIDAY, CLARKE, COOKE, GEDDES, SIMPSON, WHITE, MCTAGGART, and LANG. Peter Bartleman was the man who built Haddington Tower – with a clock on the tower of his barn. This is written up in the 1968 Year Book of the Bruce County Historical Society).

2. LIST OF BURIALS; Old Record Book, St. John's Bervie; in possession of James Ferrier; donated by Mrs. W. J. Arnold.

3. LANGSIDE CEMETERY, Con. 4, Lot 27; this cemetery recorded by Mrs. Arnold.

Have available . . . FREE . . . to subscribers copies of –'PREPARATIONS FOR RESEARCHERS (OVERSEAS) TRIP', prepared by Mrs. George Downey.

Send stamped, addressed envelope to: EDITOR: 'BRANCHES OF BRUCE'; BOX 99, TIVERTON, ONTARIO.

BRANCH MEETING NOTES

June 22 . . . home of Mr. & Mrs. Ross Adolph, Walkerton . . . Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. D. Thorburn presented a skit on Cemetery Recording which was tremendous. Contact these ladies for full particulars.

Mrs. Arnold also showed a Tweedsmuir History book, and explained the use of mactac (a transparent material) – perfect for preserving clippings and pictures). The best types of paste to use was also discussed.

The CARR family history was also displayed and Mr. Carr is to be congratulated on a very beautiful volume, which is of special interest to our area – as part of the family settled in Derby Township, Grey Co.

July 27 . . . CEMETERY RECORDING DAY (Brant Township) . . . Our thanks to Mrs. Orville Monk, R. R. 2, Elmwood, for planning the day as well as the superb picnic lunch.

The trip started at Douglas Hill Cemetery – on the Elora Road (south of Paisley), with stops at Brocklebank cemetery, 2 Lutheran cemeteries (both called St. Peter's) and almost completely in German – so not recorded. Then on to Curtis Lake Cemetery on the County Line. It is being cleaned up and recorded. Then a final stop at the Baptist Cemetery on Concession 9, also mostly in German. It is very small and restored.

On her way home, our president tells me that she viewed St. Michael's Roman Catholic Cemetery on Concession 14, where there is a very beautiful church going to ruin, although the cemetery is in good condition itself.

P.S. - The Brocklebank cemetery mentioned above, is there the first Warden of Bruce County – James Brocklebank, is buried. (Mrs Basil Underwood, R. R. 2, Port Elgin, Ontario has the complete story on this, if you care to write to her).

15 members and friends felt that a good time was had by all, as 5 cemeteries were recorded in full, leaving us only 10 more to record in Brant Township (including the Town of Walkerton, itself).

EVER FEEL STUMPED? JUST CAN'T SEEM TO BREAK THROUGH? CAN WE SUGGEST

amongst of course – elderly relatives, family bibles, and cemeteries, the following –

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| diaries | newspapers | census records |
| wills | wedding invitations | obituaries and funeral cards |
| gazetteers (Archives) | Register General | church records |
| school records | assessment rolls | directories (county etc) |
| farm abstracts | township records | registry office |
| historical atlases | inventories of estates | genealogical societies records |
| letters | agricultural census | historical societies/publications |
| scrapbooks | diplomas | certificates of baptism |
| testimonials | insurance records | marriage certificates |
| church archives | photographs | maps – Tremaine, 1861 and others |
| postcards | crown land papers | fly-leaves of old books |
| bills of sale | | |

How about a few addresses? ? ? Like . . .

North American Genealogical Society, 507 – 30th Avenue S. W., (L.D.S.) Calgary, Alberta

La Centre Canadien de Recherches Genealogiques, Case Postale 845, Haute-Ville, Quebec 4, Quebec.

U.E.L. Association of Canada, Dominion Council, 21 Prince Arthur Avenue, Toronto 180, Ont

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HOW'S THIS FOR A 1503 WAR ? ? ?

WAR BETWEEN THE DOUGLAS'S AND THE JOHNSTON'S

On the Twentieth of May, One Thousand, Five Hundred and Three Years: -

'We, Thomas, William and James Douglas, sons of the departed Thomas Douglas, of Brushwood Haugh, in the Parish of Drysdale, and Shire of Dumfries, left our native place for the reason here assigned viz: - Defending our just and lawful rights against our unjust neighbour Johnston of Greenstonhill, who being determined to bring water to his mill through our property, and having obtained leave of his friend the King, began his operations on Monday 16th May. We prevented him by force. The next day he brought twenty of his vassals to carry on the work. We, with two friends, and three servants (eight in all) attacked Johnston with his twenty, and in the contest, fourteen of his men were killed, along with their base leader. A report of these proceedings was carried out to the King, and we were obliged to flee (the tocsin being sounded).

We took shelter under the shadow of the Ochil Hills, in a lonely valley on the river Devon. After having lived there full two years we returned home in disguise, but found all our property in the possession of Johnston's friends, and a great reward offered for our lives. We, having purchased a small shot (sp?), called the Haugh of Dollar, and changed to the name of our native parish, are clearly in mind to spend the residence of our days under the ope of the Ochils, and wish the name of Drysdale to flourish in the lonely valley. The King passed through this with his court on the 12th. June, 1506, going from Stirling to Falkirk – dined on Halliday's Green, and Eastern neighbour, but we were not known'. (The Editor wonders if it should read 'shop')

The above as been preserved among the descendants of Thomas, William and James Douglas (now known by the name of Drysdale) copied at several times by different individuals – first by:

Symen Drysdale of the Haugh of Dollar in the year 1620.

By Robert Drysdale of Tillcoultry, A.D. 1703.

By John Drysdale, Dunfermline, 1835.

By John Drysdale, Montrose, 1841.

By John Drysdale, Coalsnaughton, A.D. 1860.

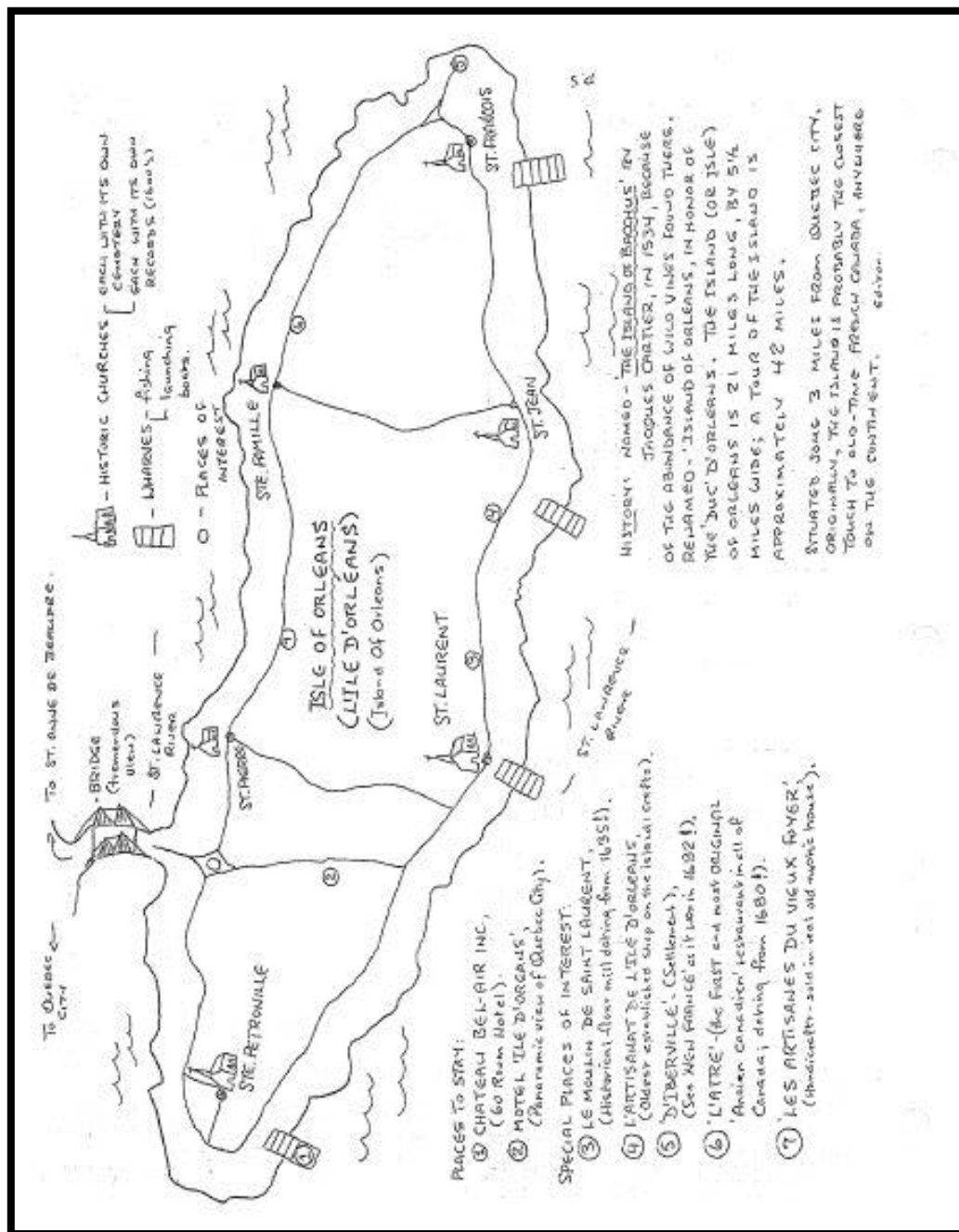
By Thomas Drysdale Gillespie, Kilbirnie, Ayrshire, November 1869

and printed in this form by James Winton, son of Mary Drysdale, Alva 188

By Captain Alex. Winton, Grangemouth, 1902

By Dorothy Winton, wife of Thomas, son of above January 1949.

You can imagine that plans are in the wind for next summer again. One day, just isn't long enough to even begin to appreciate all that this little island has to offer to the genealogist.



MEMBERS HAVE YOU REMEMBERED ?

- - - - to record that local small cemetery that you intended to do this summer. . . . There's still time, but the cold weather is coming br !!!

May we suggest that you be sure to INQUIRE TO SEE IF YOUR CEMETERY HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN RECORDED.

Contact - Rev. John Fortier, Cemetery Records Convenor; Tiverton, Ontario

Please forward your recorded material as soon as possible, to avoid any duplication of cemeteries. Thanks.

GENEALOGICAL SUPPLIES

The following companies and individuals engaged in supplying genealogical materials such as Family Group Sheets, Forms, Pedigree Charts, etc. are listed below with the intent that you be informed of their catalogues and sample forms which are available.

Everton Publishers, Inc., P.O. Box 368, Logan, Utah, 84321.

Roydan Publishers, Logan, Utah, 84321.

The Family Tree, 1960 Wadsworth Blvd., Denver, Colorado, 80215.

Genealogical Society, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 107 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111.

Seattle Genealogical Society, Inc., Box 549, Seattle, Washington, 98111.

C. Gordon Crouse, G. R. S., Certified Genealogical Record Searcher, Box 528, Shawville, Que.

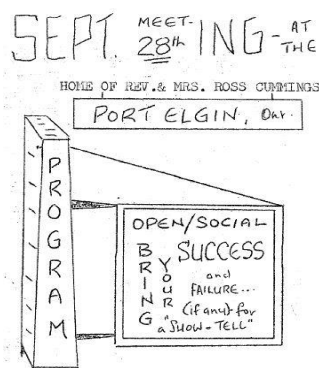
John G. Campbell, Box 586, Station 'K', Toronto 12, Ontario.

Hazel Kraft Eilers, 2522 Thayer St., Evanston, Illinois.

Peter Hanlon, 23 Bond Crescent, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Editor's Note: The above names and addresses were originally published in the Bulletin of THE SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, (Volume Two, Number Two; April 1971 issue).

Along with the above list was the name of Capt. Gilles Nadon, formerly of Saskatchewan (Moose Jaw), now transferred to the Montreal Air Force Base. The editor does not have his address, at present.



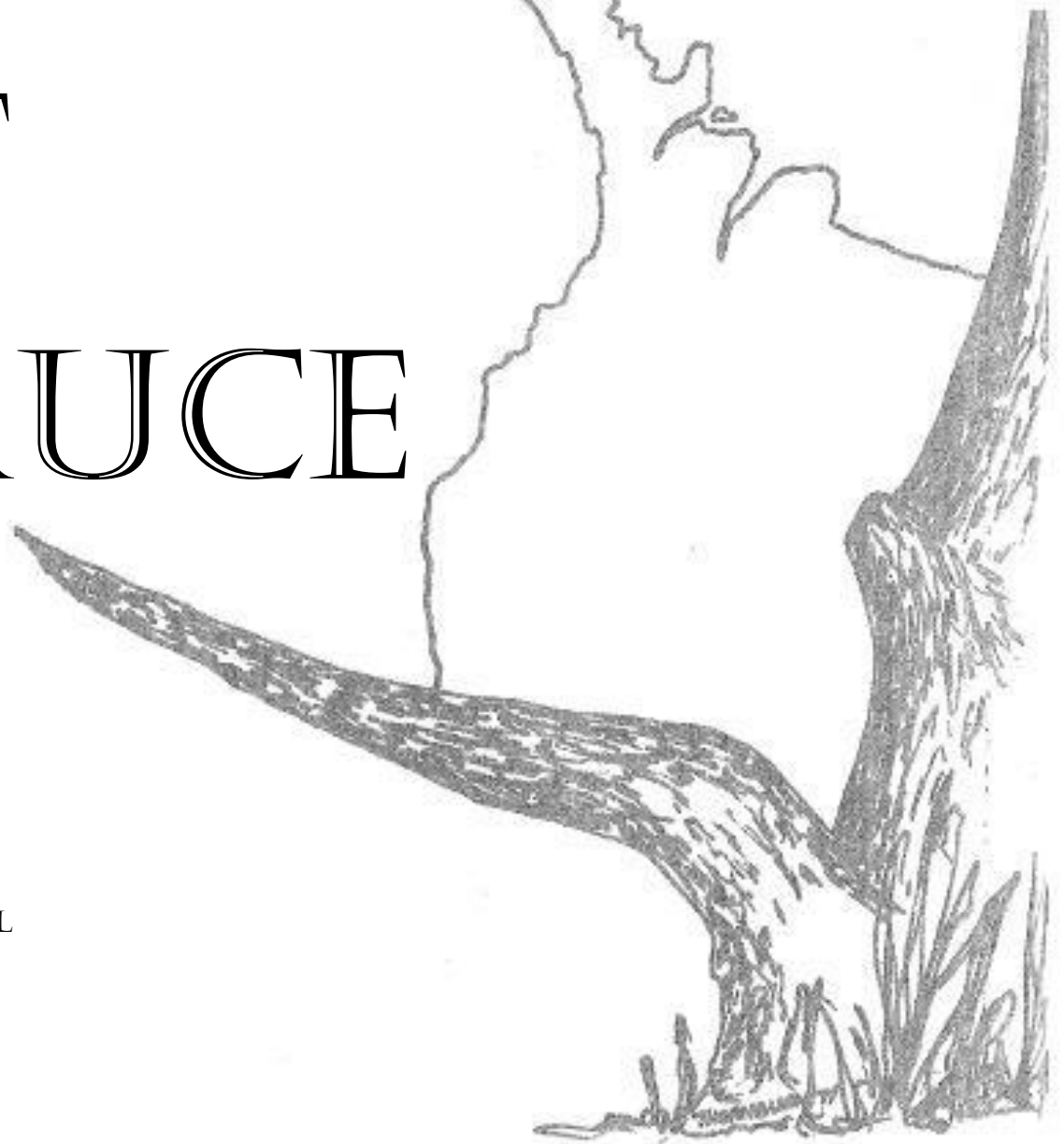
GO NORTH, ONE BLOCK PAST RED LIGHT; TURN LEFT, STOP AT THE - FIRST HOUSE IN THE THIRD BLOCK. (476 Mill Street)

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| THESE MEETINGS – Bruce County Library | | |

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Fees for '72 DUE NOW. Avoid Christmas Rush.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- 1 - ARMOW CEMETERY; N.W. Pt Lot 16, Con. 6; Kincardine Township (Cemetery Listing).
Received from Mrs. W. J. Arnold, Box 35, Ripley, Ontario).
- 2 – (Booklet) 'RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND CONDUCT OF
THE DOUGLAS HILL CEMETERY' (1903) from Mrs. James Cullen, RR1, Paisley
3. - "IN MEMORIUM" – (JAMES YOUNG); Received from Mrs. Cullen, also
- 4 – "THE MUIRS"; compiled and donated by Isobel (Muir) Merklinger, 946 King Street West,
Kitchener, Ontario

QUERIES

“ . . . my great-grandfather BURGESS and family came from Scotland and settled at Claremont, north-east of Toronto, in the 1800's. Just before the turn of the century his son Alex Burgess lived at Weston. If anyone has any knowledge, however little, of these families, I would be deeply grateful if they would drop me a line”. Mrs. Doris Hambly, R. R. 2, Warton, Ont

Can we suggest a good book perhaps? 'THE SETTLEMENT OF UPPER CANADA' by William Canniff, M.D.

(Originally published in 1869; reprinted 1971; special reference to Bay of Quinte; contains 100's of names and stories). Available from the County Library in Port Elgin, Ontario.

CAN YOU BEAT THIS ! ! ! - Brian Gilchrist, of Toronto, 15 years old, is researching the McClure family. He started at the age of 10 ! ! !

Mrs. Harry Prior, 400 Detwiller Lane, Bellevue 98004 (Washington State) has travelled in her researching – all the way from Seattle through to the east coast, up to Toronto, and now into the Bruce Peninsula. She is working on the families of LEEDER, GREER and BRYCE.

BRANCH MEETING NOTES

Sept. 28 . . . at the home of Rev. & Mrs. Ross Cumming, Port Elgin, Ontario.

Very informal - each had an opportunity to add to the excitement of sharing their summer 'finds'.

Our slate of projects was reviewed and in some cases revamped. Originally they consisted of the following:

1. INDEXING OF FAMILIES BEING RESEARCHED BY MEMBERS.
2. LISTING OF RESEARCH REFERENCES: SUCH AS BOOKS, PAPERS, DOCUMENTS, etc
3. LISTING OF MAPS, ILLUSTRATIONS, DRAWINGS, etc
4. LISTING OF CEMETERIES, BURIAL PLOTS – (FAMILY, INDIVIDUAL), etc
5. COMPILING A REGISTER OF INFORMATION: THROUGH
 - (i) CEMETERY STONE RECORDINGS
 - (ii) CEMETERY REGISTERS, etc

The following have been added to the above, namely: (CLIPPINGS)

- (i) FAMILY REUNIONS
- (ii) 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
- (iii) OBITUARIES

Our readers are reminded to keep these projects in mind, especially during the winter months ahead.

Oct. 26.... United Church Hall, Lion's Head, Ontario

The program for this meeting was a presentation, by a panel consisting of Mrs. Dale McArthur, Mrs. Ross Cumming, Mr. Brian Clements and Mrs. Percy Warrilow, on the theme WHERE TO GET HELP FOR RESEARCH. Besides being enjoyed by all, it proved of much benefit to the newcomers in the group.

Branch Pres. . . . Mrs. Bazil Underwood reported on the Executive Meeting, held in Ottawa on Oct. 2nd.

Following the meeting, many viewed and appreciated the research materials which had been displayed.

HAVE YOU MATERIAL – THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEXT ISSUE? (ALL MATERIAL IS RETURNED, IF SO REQUESTED) Editor.

1 – DO ANY OF OUR READERS HAVE (OR KNOW OF) ‘FAMILY TREES’ WITHIN THEIR FAMILY CIRCLE, AND WOULDN’T MIND SHARING THEIR WEALTH OF RESEARCH WITH OTHERS OF A KIDDRED SPIRIT, BY MAIL, OR OTHERWISE. . . .

- (OR) -

2 – DO ANY OF OUR READERS KNOW OF FAMILY HISTORIES IN THE PROCESS OF FINAL COMPLETION, BUT LEFT UNCOMPLETED, DUE TO OLD AGE, ETC. . . .

- (OR) –

3. DO ANY OF OUR READERS KNOW OF ‘FAMILY TREES BEING COMPLETED – WHERE THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE IS AN EXTRA COPY AVAILABLE FOR THE ARCHIVES OF OUR BRANCH

- IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO HAS INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE AND WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS MATERIAL AVAILABLE TO US, KINDLY CONTACT . . .

MRS. BAZIL UNDERWOOD, R. R. 2, PORT ELGIN, ONTARIO.

(OR)

MRS. W. J. ARNOLD, BOX 35, RIPLEY, ONTARIO

(OR)

MRS. ROSS CUMMING, PORT ELGIN, ONTARIO.

BETTER STILLBRING THEM TO OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING!

PLEASE !!! LET US KNOW WHAT ‘RECORDS’ ARE IN EXISTENCE THROUGHOUT THE VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTY

TYPE ? (A) MUNICIPAL

- CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY WISE.
- MINUTES, REGISTERS, RECORDS, LEDGERS, NOTEBOOKS, ETC.

(ANY TYPE OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENT DEALING WITH PEOPLE)

(B) CHURCH AND/OR SCHOOL

- SYNOD, PRESBYTERY, CONFERENCE CONGREGATION, (PARISH), BOARD, ETC.
- REGISTERS (BIRTH, MARRIAGES, DEATHS); MINUTES, RECORDS, ETC.

(ANY TYPE OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENT DEALING WITH PEOPLE)

PLACE? WHERE LOCATED

- ARCHIVES, CHURCH BUILDING, PERSONAL HOLDINGS.
- WHEN OPEN AND MATERIAL ACCESSIBLE FOR RESEARCH, ETC.

PERSON? AUTHORITY

- WHO TO CONTACT FOR ADMISSION TO BUILDING, AND MATERIAL, ETC.
- HOW TO CONTACT; (PHONE, LETTER, PERSONAL).

Contact any member of the executive with information on the above.....

Kincardine May 29th 1852

My Dear Sir

These 11 marriages I send by the in-
closed with 2/6 as your fees for transcribing
them into the County Register ...
1850

- 1 September 30th Married to day by license William
L Samuel of Kincardine & Sarah M Fairman
of the same place in presence of David
Lalor & Mr Wemyss both of Kincardine
- 2 Nov 18th Married to day by license Thomas
Brookland of Kincardine & Christy Sheffelt
of the same place in presence of William
& Joseph Sheffelt of Kincardine
- 3 April 19th 1851
Married to day by license John M
Lean of Kincardine & Mary Pearson of the same
place in presence of James Pearson & John
Mc Kee of Kincardine
- 4 May 13th Married to day by proclamation
of James Kenneth Mc Kender of Kincardine
& Catherine Cairn of the same place in pre-
sence of Murdoch Mc Lead & John Mc Lead
of Kincardine
- 5 Sep 1st Married to day by proclamation of
James Henry Daniel & Jane Thornton
both of Kincardine in presence of James
Looney & James Walter both of Kincardine
- 6 Nov 12th Married to day by proclamation of
James Joseph Sheffelt & Agnes Robert
son both of Kincardine in presence of John
Taylor & John Robertson of the same place

- 10 Mar 8th Married to day by proclamation
of banns Samuel Shotton & Ann Rowe both
of Rincardine in presence of James Baser
& William Young of the same place
- 8 Dec 23rd - Married to day by proclamation
of banns Donald M. Donald & Elizabeth
M. Rindgen both of Rincardine in presence
of John Rowan & Murdoch M. Lead of the
same place
- 9 - 1852 Jan 8th Married to day by pro-
clamation of banns Mrs Mankill of Rincardine
& Miss Catherine Remington of Rincardine
in presence of John Fraser & A. Mc Lellan
of the same place
- 10 Jan 13th - Married to day by license Robin
Rowan & Annabella Morrison both of Rincardine
in presence of James & Duncan Rowan
both of the same place
- 11 April 14th - Married to day by license John
Cameron & Ann M. Rindgen both of Rincardine
in presence of Hugh M. Cree & John M.
Phee both of Rincardine —

These eleven marriages have been duly solemnized by
me according to the form of our denomination
& the foregoing Statute

William Baser
Baptist Minister

Editor's Note: This letter is just an example of why many inaccuracies
arise in the 'special hobby' of researching names.

NEW ISSUES !!!

EARLY ONTARIO ATALS REPRINTS; - -

'Beldon' – CARLETON COUNTY (inc. Ottawa (1879); 104 pages; facisimile edition; 1500 numbered copies.

'Walker & Miles' – HALTON COUNTY (1877);

(omitting the few pages which do not deal directly with Halton County); 72 pages.

Contact: Mr. Mark Cumming, Port Elgin, Ontario

A. PHILLIPS SILCOX

Died Sat. Nov. 6, 1971. 65 yrs. of age

A. Phillips Silcox was a Toronto born grandson of the Talbot Settlement. All his grandparents were born in Southwold Township, Elgin Co., Ont. At least one U.E. Loyalist from New Jersey, via New Brunswick, to the Long Point Settlement (about 1790) is among his ancestors. And one great great grandfather who came to Port Talbot, from Connecticut in 1808 has a proven ancestry of some 6 generations, drifting back to 1595.

Other early arrivals were among the victims of the Yankee raids on Port Talbot in 1814. A Scottish great-grandmother was born in Glengarry County; two families came from Wiltshire – Somerset borders; and in 1833 a well Anglicized Huguenot great-grandfather came from London, England, of a Canterbury family.

Mr. Silcox served for six years in the United Church ministry, saw service in the Northeast Europe campaign as an – Army Chaplain for four year; was Assistant Superintendent at the Burwash Industrial Farm for six years; and since 1953 had been a Probation Officer in Metropolitan Toronto.

He leaves to mourn – his wife, and four sons, now living in Mississauga.

IN MEMORIUM

The Bruce Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society joins its sister branches, in this time of sorrow, in acknowledgement of a life which has left its imprint upon the lives of many, in such a gracious manner.

Member – O.G.S. 1962 -; Director: 1965; Vice-Pres. 1966; President: 1967-71.

WINTER MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT

Bruce County Library
Port Elgin, Ont.
8:00 P.M. Sharp.