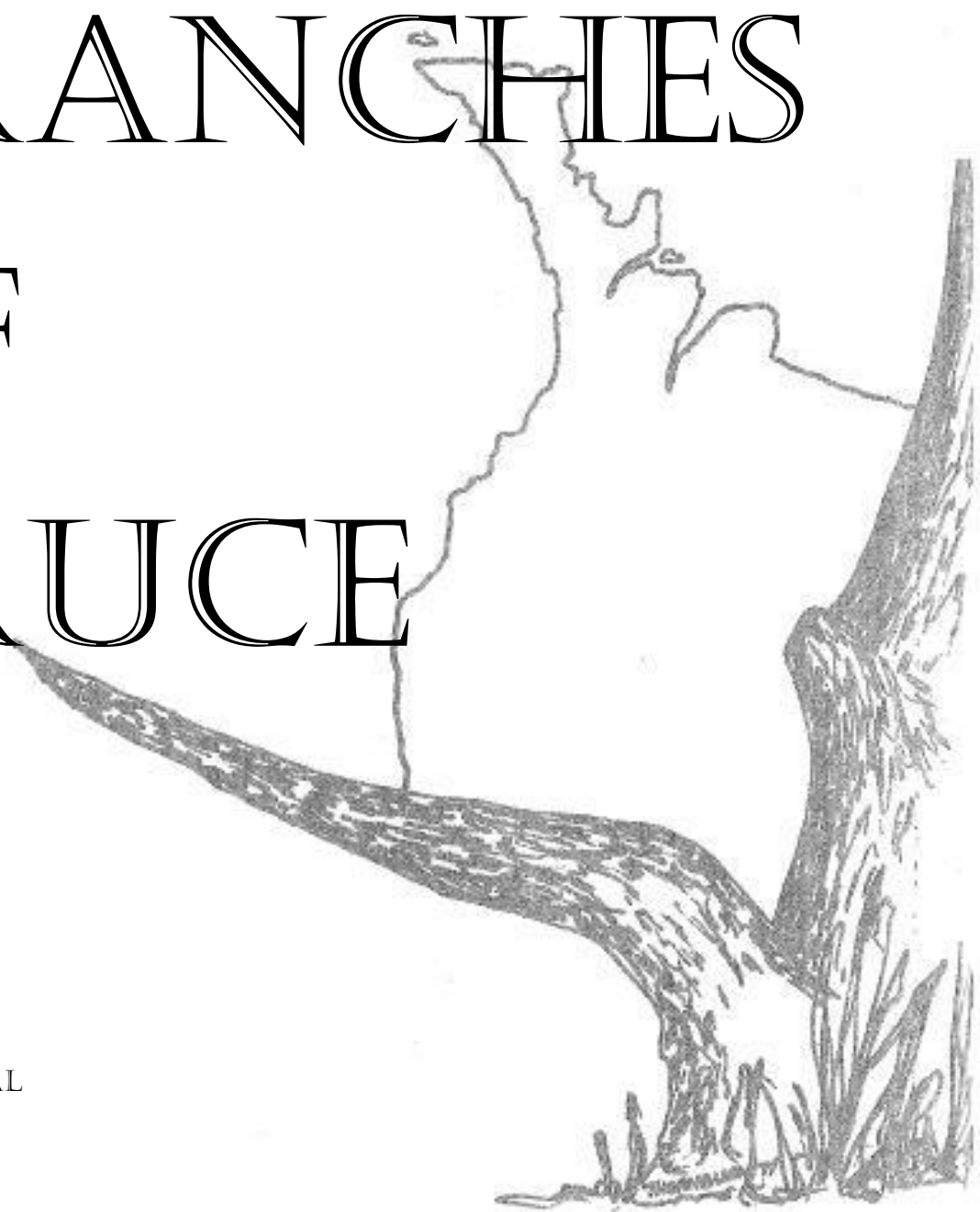


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INQUIRIES: Box 335 Magrath, Alta.,

. I have also uncovered a couple mysteries. One deals with the land dealings of John R. Burrison in 1836. I have been assured from two sources that there were no pioneer activities (or very little) in Brant township prior to 1845 yet you will note that dates for Burrison's land deals as 1836 and 1841. When my mother, Mrs. Lewis Lee of Elmira, Ontario, recently visited Walkerton, she was able to give locations and dates I had sent her for various various transactions in those early days, but no one ever had heard of the Burrison Family. I have been able to determine the names of at least six children of John R. Burrison and at least three of them held land in and around Walkerton, even as it was being organized. There are two other family names which

should appear on the list. One was James Bennie who married Subbald Burrison in 1854, Rev. Smith doing the service. He was Wesleyan Methodist. Also, John Richards who stayed longest in Bruce married Maudeline Timmermann and her parents were residing in Culross Township in 1860. They had at least one other child, as I found a marriage of one of the other children, but was unable to locate the item for this letter.

One final thing I would inquire about. The Richard's Family, never at any time stated where their home was in Wales. I am trying to discover this some way. One clue states that Mariah Richards was Baptist. As she was 74 in 1861, I am sure she died within a few years. Do you or any member know of a Baptist organization active in Carrick Township in the early 1860's? Just maybe a clue to their home in Wales, lays in the old Baptist records. Also I have no information about the death of John Richards who farmed on the 13th Concession of Carrick in the 1870's.

Almost two years of intensive research has failed to answer these questions. . . .

George W. Lee, Box 335, Magrath, Alta, T0K 1J0

BRANCH MEETING NOTES

Nov. 28 C. I. A. G. Building, Owen Sound.

Mrs. Roberta Gilbank brought in a report of the O.G.S. Executive Meeting in Toronto, stating that the O.G. S. Library – at the North York Public Library, will be available, as of December 2.

Mrs. George Downey ably commented on her maps, books, etc., and gave us many hints on research in Scotland – from her recent trip there.

Members are asked to work on the cemetery histories during the winter months and index (type-up, if possible) the cemetery recordings done this past summer.

Branch members please note: with a new executive coming up for office in April, we need willing workers for these positions. If YOU could work on the executive – please send us your name Don't be modest about it . . . We need YOU !!!

Only paid-up O.G.S. and Branch members are eligible. Branch 'subscribers', under the O.G.S. Constitution, cannot qualify.

The Dec. '72 NEWSLEAF informs us that "Wilf Kearns, O.G.S. 259 was presented a plaque and awarded a life membership in the Ottawa Branch, in appreciation of his contributions to the Branch as Founding Chairman. We are pleased that Wilf . . . is looking so well after his recent illness that prevented him from attending the Seminar in Ottawa".

Editor's note: On behalf of the members of Bruce Branch, these are our sentiments as well, Wilf.

FULL SCALE MAP – BRUCE-GREY . . . 75¢

A complete full scale map of the Counties of Grey and Bruce is for sale by the Owen Sound 'Sun-Times'. The townships, towns, villages, post-offices, and roads are all marked. Please add postage, when ordering by mail.

TAVERN KEEPER IN YOUR FAMILY TREE ? ? ?

Ontario Archives has a microfilm No. MS-251 on 'Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Records of Home District 1796-1849 and York County 1849-1899). It shows the granting of tavern licenses, licensees and townships.

Youngstown, Ohio, Dec. 14, 1972

Dear Sir:

I am trying to locate records of the birth of Eliza Smith (to find the name of her parents) born Stoney Island, Kincardine, Ontario, May 4, 1856. I wrote to the Clerk and he said possibly Cemetery board or a church would have them.

The Munroes (Jean Patterson) of Alvinston have this information. They do not know her father's name or mother's. She lived in Kincardine until 1896 and then moved to Euphemia Township. I visited the Cemetery at Smith Falls this summer.

Eliza and Mary are half-sisters of my grandfather John Smith, Aunt Bell Kiernan and Peter Smith. We are trying to establish what happened to Eliza's Father and Mother. The names should be on her birth record. John Smith was born in 1845, Isabel 1849, another brother Peter seems to have been in Scotland and we have no trace of him.

So we have to know my great-grandfather's name. He had Peter, John and Isabel to his first wife and when she died, remarried and had two daughters Eliza and Mary.

Eliza married Kenneth Munroe who was born in Asid, Scotland 1846. This is the only connection we have.

The Postmaster sent me the names of five churches. Perhaps if you have no records you might inquire at one of the churches.

Please advise. Thank You – if we can pick up one name we will have something to work with.

Yours truly,
Mrs. June Schuller, 112 Howard Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44515

'CHURCH LIFE IN GREY COUNTY' – compiled by Rev. J. A. C. Kell has been published by the Grey County Historical Society. It is a 26 page mimeographed study of the churches of the county, arranged by township and by denomination. The list gives dates and location of church and cemetery and a map. Though not completely finished, a copy to date may be had for \$1.00

Rev. Dr. J. A. C. Kell, 686 – 11th Street, Owen Sound, Ontario

Any Presbyterian Ministers in Your Family Tree ?

Mr. Case J. Vander Plas, 1210 York Mills Rd., Apt. 901, Don Mills, Ontario has a book entitled "HISTORY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA", by W. Gregg, D. D.; and it deals with its earliest history to approximately 1855.

He has kindly offered to zerox the list of ministers in the book, for anyone who feels there may be essential material there for them in their research; or any other material in the book, as far as that goes!

The following 3½ pages of important information were brought back from Scotland, by Mrs. Alice Cummings, a member of Bruce Branch, who lives in Port Elgin, Ontario.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, 1189 – 1971

Introduction

The history of the national archives of Scotland falls naturally into three periods based on the repositories in which they were housed. Throughout the first period the records were kept in Edinburgh Castle. In the second they were moved to the Parliament House in the High Street. The third period began with the erection of the Register House opposite the end of the newly-completed North Bridge, and now continues with the opening of the West Register House in Charlotte Square, which provides the Scottish Record Office with a second repository in Edinburgh.

Edinburgh Castle

In the early period the records suffered considerable losses, both from neglect and by two great dispersals at the hands of Edward I of England and Oliver Cromwell. As a result the earliest surviving Scottish public record is a letter, dated 1189, by Richard I of England restoring Scottish independence. The earliest extant Exchequer Roll belongs only 1326; the records of the Great Seal survive only from 1315; and, apart from a few early rolls dating 1292, the official records of Parliament begin in 1466.

The earliest information on the records is contained in an Inventory, drawn up by order of King Alexander III in 1282, which lists about 170 documents and mentions others not detailed, all kept in the royal treasury in Edinburgh Castle. In 1290 King Edward I of England was asked by the Scottish magnates to settle the succession, which was in dispute between rival claimants following on the failure of the heirs of King Alexander III, and in 1291 he ordered an investigation of the treasury for relevant documents which were removed to Berwick and sent to London in 1296. Two other Inventories, of 1292 and 1296, show that altogether there was a considerable body of record then in existence. There is also, at this time, the first reference to a record official when, in 1290, William of Dumfries receives payment of his fee as clerk of the rolls of the royal 'chapel' or chancery. This office was later to develop into that of Lord Clerk Register with extensive powers over the framing and custody of the public records and registers, both administrative and legal.

From the reign of Robert I (1306 – 1329) the national records began to accumulate again, and with their growth during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries it became necessary to build a 'register house' in the Castle between 1540 and 1542. There the records were safe from all dangers, except neglect, until the capture of the Castle by Cromwell's army on 3 December 1650. In terms of the surrender the Scots were allowed to move the records, which included those of the Kirk, north of the Forth and after many vicissitudes they were deposited in Stirling Castle in June 1651. When that too fell to the English in August some of the records were carried off by the garrison, some were rescued by the clerks in charge, but most were sent to London and lodged in the Tower.

Because of the great inconvenience caused by their removal, registers relating to private rights were returned to Scotland in 1657 but not until the restoration of Charles II to the throne in 1660 were the rest sent back. Packed in hogsheads and chests the records were loaded aboard the frigate Eagle which sailed from Gravesend for Leith in the second week of

December. Because of stormy weather and serious overloading, she was forced to seek shelter in Yarmouth roads where, on 13 December, the Elizabeth, a merchant ship of Burntisland, arrived and Major Fletcher of the Eagle ordered 85 hogsheads to be put aboard her, in spite of protests from the Clerk Register's deputy who was travelling with the records. The two ships were to sail in convoy but for some reason the Elizabeth set out on her own and the next day ran into heavy storms, sprang a leak, and on the 18 December John Wemyss, the captain, had to abandon his ship which sank almost immediately. He and his crew were saved and the Eagle reached Leith with the remainder of the cargo on 20 December. Fletcher and Wemyss were exonerated from blame, and the loss, although serious enough, seems to have been confined to papers and parchments.

The Laigh Parliament House

These records which had survived the voyage north were deposited again in Edinburgh Castle, but fresh movements – were soon to take place. In 1662 the registers of the Court of Session and those concerning private rights were transferred to 'two laigh rooms under the Inner Session house' where, after some juggling between the two repositories, the registers of Parliament and other records from the Castle came to join them in 1689.

The move was partly designed to promote access to the records, and surviving account books disclose a considerable traffic in searches and extracts. But the accommodation in the Laigh Parliament House was both unsatisfactory and inadequate. Contemporary reports speak of decay caused by dampness and of damage by vermin; the great fire of February 1700, which threatened the Parliament House, forced a temporary removal of the records to St. Giles Cathedral for safety. As the registers grew, many were retained by their clerks instead of being transmitted to the Clerk Register as statute required. Although by the Treaty of Union of 1707 the public records were to remain in Scotland in all time coming there was no public money available to provide adequate accommodation and supervision for them. The keepers did what they could to make the records secure and accessible, but twelve of the hogsheads of documents returned from London in 1660 lay still unopened in 1753.

The Register House

By the mid-eighteenth century the need to provide suitable accommodation for the public records was widely recognized and various proposals were made. But the main credit for achieving a proper repository must go to James, Earl of Morton, Lord Clerk of Register 1760 – 68, and his successor in office, Lord Frederick Campbell, 1768 – 1816. In 1765 Morton obtained a royal warrant appropriating £12,000 from the estates of Jacobites forfeited in 1745 towards purchasing ground and building a repository and appointing Trustees to administer the fund. After an unsuccessful attempt to find a suitable site in the Old Town, the Trustees in 1769 chose a site fronting the end of the North Bridge then under construction, lying partly on ground which the City agreed to give gratis. The architects Robert and James Adams were appointed to draw up a plan for a record repository, and Lord Frederick Campbell laid the foundation stone of the Register House in 1774. Building operations ceased between 1778 and 1785 because of shortage of funds, but by 1789 the records had been moved into their new home. The northern side of the Register House was completed in the 1820's by Robert Reid, also architect of St. George's Church, who added a large room to house the main national records. In 1847 Reid's record room was set aside for historical and literary searches. The post of Curator of Historical Records was established in 1864.

Lord Frederick Campbell's contribution to the records did not end with the attention he bestowed on the Register House. He was also instrumental in establishing the office of Deputy Clerk Register, to which Thomas Thomson, an advocate and a sub-commissioner of the Record Commission, was appointed in June 1806. Thompson's memorable term of office of 35 years resulted in the sorting, repairing and rebinding of the older records, the compilation of inventories and indexes, and the inauguration of series of record publications. Thomson was also actively interested in local records and family monuments.

Legislation in the second half of the nineteenth century added to the Deputy Clerk Register's functions. In 1855 he became Registrar General of Births, Deaths and marriages; in 1868 the Register of Sasines was centralised in Edinburgh; and in 1879 the authority as well as the functions of the Lord Clerk Register was transferred to his Deputy who, with a Deputy Keeper of the Records and the Curator of Historical Records under him remained the head of the Department until 1919. Increases in staff and accessions which resulted from these measures led to the erection of new buildings on the Register House site – the New Register House between 1859 and 1863, and the Sasine Office between 1902 and 1904.

The twentieth century has seen the disappearance of the office of Deputy Clerk Register and the distribution of its functions. In 1920 a separate post of Registrar General was instituted; in 1943, after twenty years during which the duties of framing the legal registers and preserving the public records were combined under a Keeper of the Registers and Records of Scotland, the Public Registers and Records (Scotland) Act provided for the appointment of a Keeper of the Registers of Scotland and a Keeper of the Records of Scotland. The 1948 Act paved the way for a marked development in the Scottish Record Office's functions. Accessions increased both in bulk and variety, and included large quantities of departmental records, local and church records and private archives; productions in the search rooms for legal and historical purposes also rose sharply; and a comprehensive system of records liaison was established with government departments, courts and local authorities and, through the National Register of Archives (Scotland), with private owners. The growth in the Scottish Record Office's activities produced a need for more accommodation and improved facilities, which has been met by the conversion of the former St. George's Church into West Register House.

The West Register House

The West Register House is a conversion of the former St. George's Church, in Charlotte Square. The history of the church goes back to the period of the building of the New Town of Edinburgh, the original plan for which envisaged a church at each end of George Street. Robert Adam, who designed the frontages of the houses in Charlotte Square, included a plan for a church in his drawings of 1791. Adam's plan, however was not used – because, it is said, of the expense it would have involved – and in 1810 Robert Reid, HM Architect and Surveyor in Scotland, was employed to make a new design. Reid's plan, embodying a dome modelled on that of St. Paul's in London, was accepted and the foundation stone of the church was laid in May 1811. The building, which cost £33,000, was opened for public worship in 1814.

In 1959 extensive dry rot was discovered in the church. The Kirk Session made a successful appeal for funds for its eradication, but in the course of this work structural faults were discovered and the cost of the repair rose to a figure that was beyond the means of the congregation. The church was closed to worship in May 1961. In 1965 the Corporation of the

City of Edinburgh, who possessed a right of pre-emption, purchased the building from the Church of Scotland General Trustees and let it to the Minister of Public Building and Works on a repairing lease for 99 years. The lease stipulates that during the tenancy the building shall be used only as a repository for public records, that no works involving alteration of the exterior shall be carried out except with the consent of the landlords, and that the tenant shall be bound to preserve the main dome of the building and the facade to Charlotte Square.

The conversion has involved the removal of the whole interior of the building and its replacement by a steel framework on its own foundations within the existing walls, supporting five floors of reinforced concrete. The total floor area is approximately 42,000 square feet, of which 65 per cent is devoted to storage. Public exhibition and search facilities, with associated staff offices, are provided on the first two floors immediately adjacent to the main entrance. The search room, which seats sixteen readers, has a special map table, an acoustic ceiling and four sound-proofed cubicles in which readers may use dictating machines or typewriters. Records reception and treatment areas, through which most of the accessions to the Scottish Record Office will pass, are situated at the rear of the building. These include a covered loading bay and drying and fumigation rooms. The storage area, which is of fire-resisting construction throughout, provides accommodation for about 63,000 foot-runs of records on mobile shelving. One compartment is equipped with special trays to accommodate maps and plans. The storage is air-conditioned to provide the conditions recommended for the archival preservation of paper and microfilm. The Scottish Record Office's headquarters and its principal search rooms remain in the Register House which continues to house the main legal records and the older historical records. The Record Office's Liaison Division, including the National Register of Archives (Scotland), is based in the West Register House. The main groups of records which have been transferred to the West Register House are – records of government departments, court processes and warrants of the legal registers, map and plans, and the microfilm collection. The Museum will be maintained at the West Register House.

NOT THERE ANY LONGER

Mrs. Blair Robertson, our Bruce branch Librarian, has been in the hospital for about a month; but is no longer there, she's at home.

We wish her. . . . a complete and speedy recovery ! !

WESTERN PIONEERS who came fromBRUCE COUNTY

In our secretary's collection of books, she has one called 'Leaves from the Medicine Tree'.

It seems that early in 1955, a committee of self-appointed historians, all members of High River Pioneers' and Old Timers" Association of Alberta undertook a Jubilee year project. They wished to record the life, industry and development of their area and to trace the history of everyone who lived or worked in the area prior to 1900.

These findings have been put in this book. But what interested her, most of all were the accounts of men who had left Bruce County to go West. A sketchy account of each is given below. If anyone is interested, we can supply further details.

JAMES HAMILTON MONKMAN: came west from Mount Hope, Paisley, Ontario, in the year 1890. Jim's five brothers followed him west.

KENNETH CAMERON: was born in Beanly, Inverness, Scotland. He married Elizabeth Carstairs of Edinburgh, after they had both come to Canada, and settled in Paisley, Bruce County, Ontario. Their family of seven children were born there.

Then there follows an interesting account of their trip west-ward.

DONALD and GRACE MORRISON: Donald, a well-known figure in the colonization history of Western Canada, was born at Kinloss, Ontario, in 1849. In 1872 he moved with his family to Manitoba. In 1880 he married Grace McRae, who was born at Kintail. Her grandparents coming to Ontario in 1816, named Kintail after their home in Scotland.

MR. and MRS. EDWARD FISK: left Walkerton, heading west in 1888. They carried their bedding and food for the journey in a huge clothes basket. The train car had a heater in one corner on which tea could be made, and a coal-oil lamp for light.

WALTER WATT: Walter Langmuir Watt was born on a farm at Kincardine, Bruce County, in 1866. In 1877 he 'came' west, landing in Calgary.

GEORGE GREIG: was the first of the Greig brothers to arrive from Bruce County in 1890. He was employed and brought to Alberta by the Bridge and Building Dept. of the C.P.R.

JOHN THOMAS COOPER: born in Bruce County, Ontario, February 27, 1872. John T. Cooper was the son of a pioneer. Mr. Cooper's grandfather migrated from Ireland to Ontario in 1825. His father, Robert, was in the California gold rush.

John T. Cooper migrated to Western Canada in 1891, where he became associated with the Dominion Land Surveyor.

JAMES ALAN (SAM) GREIG: arrived in the Mosquito Creek district from his farm home in Tara, Ontario, in 1892.

ALEXANDER ROBINSON GREIG: (The Greig brothers were all highly esteemed man in the Nanton community. Greig Street in town, was named after them.

Alex, the third member of his family to arrive in the west from Tara, came to visit his brothers in 1893. Later he went north and homesteaded at Lacombe.

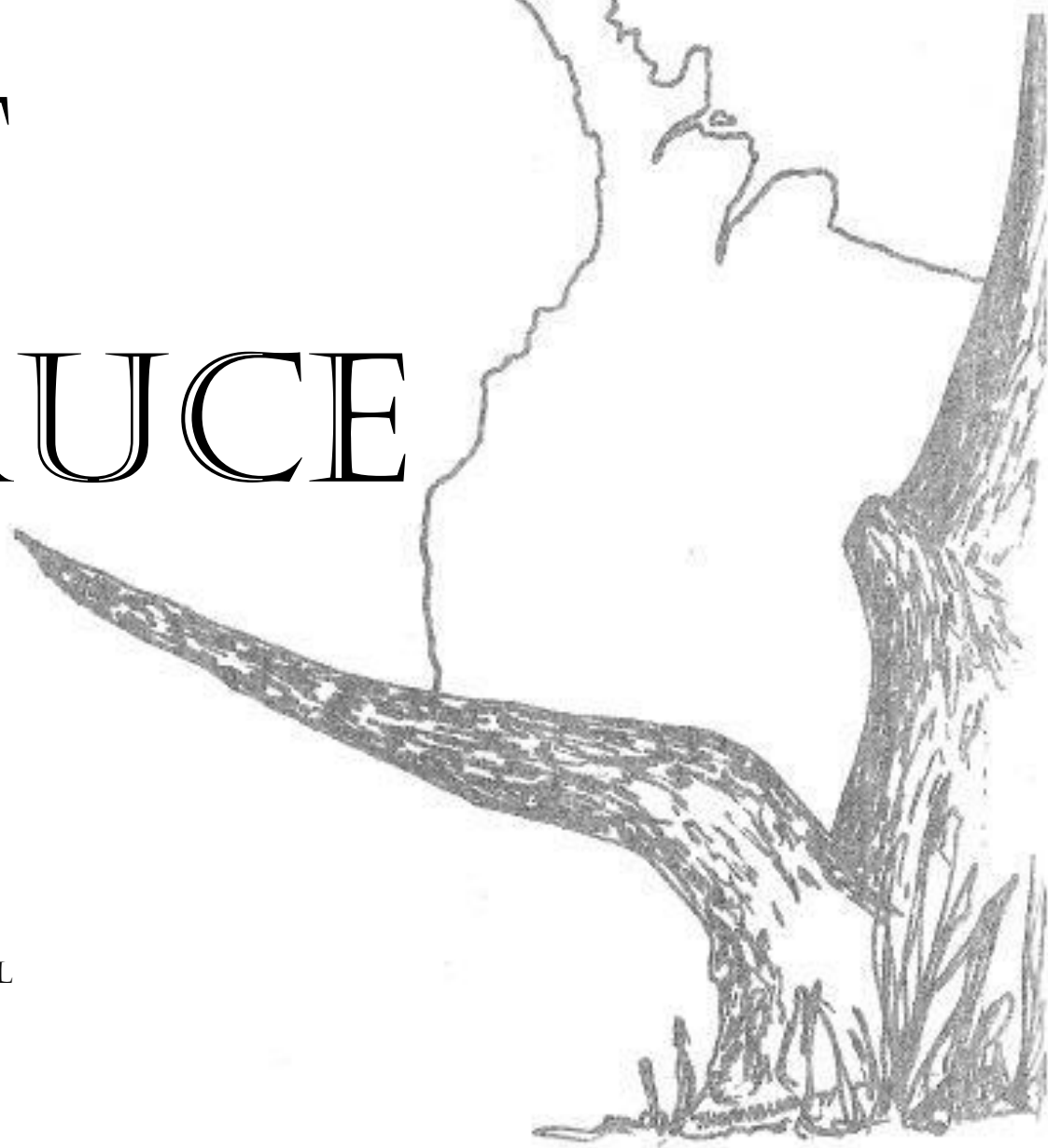
JOHN SPEERS: born in 1880, in Bruce County, he came with his family to Fort McLeod in 1890.

"For the past 20 years, Barbwire Johnny, as he is called, has lived like the mountain men of old. When darkness overtakes him on the trail, he beds down wherever he is. He takes his baths direct from Heaven, standing naked in the rain. His home is a log cabin tucked into the bank of a stream, recently renamed 'Barbwire Johnny Creek'

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 - 7 – Genealogical Periodicals/Family Newsletter Recommendation Sheet: Genealogical Comm.
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Received from: Mr. Grant Brown, President, Toronto Branch, O.G.S.
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Donated by Mr. Thomas Peate, Flesherton, Ontario.
 - 9 – COLONEL ALEXANDER MCDOUGALL (1825- 1954) FAMILY HISTORY
Donated by Mrs. Barb Adolf
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QUERIES

Mrs. Wm. (Gail) G. Clothier, 520 Mornington Avenue, Apt. 104, London, Ontario, N5Y 3E4 writes . . Desire info on George FIELD, Lot 9, Conc. 12, Elderslie Township. Born 1829, (at) Hertfordshire, England . . . Who did he marry, and who were his children? Have FIELD tree to the 1700's that family wish to share. Anxious to correspond with descendants.

Dear Rev. Fortier,

While reading the quarterly of the British Columbia Genealogical Society, I noticed that the Bruce branch is now exchanging bulletins. I am interested in knowing if there are any members of your society that are doing research on the names GILPIN or URQUHART. I am searching for information on the brothers and sisters of the following:

1. John Kyle GILPIN b. 5 Nov. 1856, Toronto, Ont., - son of John GILPIN and Elisa KYLE of N. Ireland. Married 12 March 1879, Assiginack, Algoma, Ontario, to: -
2. Annie URQUHART, b. 3 Dec. 1861, Owen Sound, Ont., - daughter of Alexander URQUHART and ____? Step-mother was Sarah Ann NOWLAN.

Both of the above died in Coquitlam, British Columbia. I have considerable information on the Descendants of the two, but have been unable to discover much information on the parents and brothers and sisters. I believe that JOHN KYLE GILPIN had 2 brothers – WILLIAM and HENRY, and two sisters – REBECCA and MARGARET. . .

Barbara A. Burrows, 5415 Patterson Ave., Burnaby 1, B.C

Annan, Ontario, N0H 1B0, Feb. 1, 1973

Dear Editor: (story about the Long-Atkin Road)

. . .Martin Long and his wife Margaret Atkins came to Canada, from Ireland in 1839. They settled on W½ of lot 24, Con. 8 of St. Vincent. In the spring of 1841, their son Joseph, and Messers Atkins were engaged to establish a trail to the new settlement in Owen Sound. Before this date, only an Indian foot path was in use. The Long party started out with three oxen and two sleds to widen this path to a trail from Cape Rich to Owen Sound. A trail had already been established from the mouth of the Big Head River (Meaford) to Mallory and Cape Rich. Skirting Mountain Lake and crossing Sucker Creek to the Sydenham – St. Vincent townline near Vail's Point, the trail was continued through Owen Sound, Johnson and Annan districts. It took five days to reach Owen Sound and two days to return.

We have the Post Office at Annan and this week the Winnipeg Free Press came wrapped in a few pages from the Manitoba Free Press, dated Nov. 30, 1872. One of the columns, headed 'News of the World' contained these items . . . The North Grey Railroad has been completed to Meaford . . . The last crib of the new pier at Goderich has been sunk by the contractor and vessels now cut through the new channel, the old being closed . . . Large numbers of the imported sparrows at Montreal have survived, and have so rapidly increased that there is little danger of their not becoming thoroughly established if some little protection is afforded them during the approaching winter . . . Mr. Wm. F. Hacking, Listowel, at the Stratford Assizes – received \$250. damages from the county of Perth for negligently leaving a tree cross the Logan gravel road, whereby the plaintiff was thrown from his buggy and seriously hurt . . .

Delene Simpson

BRANCH MEETING NOTES

Jan. 23 . . . Bruce County Library, Port Elgin.

The branch is growing at a very fast rate, as our treasurer Mrs. J. Underwood, reported a membership of ninety.

Mr. George Cluley, in charge of sales of the reprinted BRUCE COUNTY DIRECTORY (1867) reported that sales had been made to many parts of Canada and the U.S.A., and a copy had been mailed to France.

Mrs. B. Johnston volunteered to assist our Branch Librarian – Mrs. B. Robertson, who has been ill. As well, plans were made to have the Branch Library located in the Bruce County Library building, at Port Elgin.

Miss Izetta Fraser and Mrs. Roberta Gilbank commented on an executive meeting of the O.G.S. held recently in Toronto. A NAMES DIRECTORY of all O.G.S. members was a main item of discussion, as this would be a tremendous assistance to families desirous of sharing information with one another. It was also announced that a new branch – WATERLOO-WELLINGTON had been formed.

Mrs. Hilda Downey spoke on the Bruce County Historical Society's – NEW HORIZONS PROJECT, and inquired as to someone being able to help in interviewing senior citizens about local history. Mrs. J. Guthrie volunteered her assistance in the project.

Feb. 27 . . . Bruce County Library, Port Elgin.

Membership of 95 was reported by the Membership secretary.

A unique set of diaries, those of Mr. Joseph White – first manager of the House of Refuge, Walkerton, are now in the branch library.

Eight students – members of the 'Family Tree Activity', Saugeen Dist. H.S., Port Elgin, have applied for an Opportunities for Youth Grant. If approved, the group, under supervision of the Branch, will record burials and do historical research on Bruce County cemeteries.

Mr. Leonard Bruin (93 yrs) was in attendance in conjunction with the Historical Society's Horizon Project. His recollections of early life in Bruce County were heard on a tape recording.

Many letters of Inquiry were received and are being answered by the members and through the Branches of Bruce.

THE McVICARS OF LANARK AND BRUCE COS

Alexander McVicar, Jean Donald his wife, and their five children John, Elizabeth, William, Margaret and Sarah, came to Canada aboard the "Buckinghamshire" with the second group of Lanark Society Settlers in 1821. Although both father and eldest son (John) were located in Lanark Twp (Lot 1, Conc 8) only the son ever received his patent.

By 1830 the McVicars were among the first settlers in Pakenham Twp and neighbouring Fitzroy Twp. Alexander, or Squire, McVicar was one of the earliest J.P.s. He is perhaps best remembered as the J.P. who sided with the persecuted settlers in McNab Twp and who supported them in their grievances against the Laird.

In 1824 William McVicar married Mary Ferguson, daughter of Drummond Twp pioneer Peter Ferguson. To William and Mary were born seven sons and five daughters. The second

and third sons (William – 1828, and Peter – 1831) were destined to play their part in the development of Bruce Co.

In 1855 William and Peter went to Carrick Twp where they located at Lot 49, Conc C & D. Both brothers attended the first township meeting and Peter was elected Reeve. He served in this position for two years and then returned to Lanark Co. where he inherited his grandfather's farm in Drummond Twp.

The next record we have of William is as the proprietor of the 'McVicar House' hotel in Walkerton¹. The land on the south side of Durham Road and west of Victoria Street fronting on Colborne, had been owned by brother Peter since 1859 so perhaps this is when William went to Walkerton. At any rate he was in Walkerton in 1871 when he became its first reeve. In the 1871 census we find William – 43, his wife Lucy – 32, and children William – 9, Anne – 7, Gertrude – 5, Isabella – 3, and John – 1. In 1873 the land in Walkerton was sold.

We next find William and his son William in the peninsula² P.O. Stokes Bay. A search of the land records has failed to show that either ever owned land in the area. After William Sr. s wife died he lived with his brother Peter and is the only McVicar to be found buried in the cemetery at McVicar in the peninsula. He died Feb 2, 1897. No trace has been found of his children.

Twp, Lanark Co. Here he also served one or more terms as Reeve of the township. In 1872 disaster struck. Within a short time his wife (Mary White 1829 – 1872) died of consumption and his mills burned leaving him without resources. He and his son William are said to have escaped with only their lives and an axe. It is also reported that Peter's hair turned white almost overnight.

Meanwhile brother Peter was farming and operating a mill at Fergusons Falls in Drummond.

No knowledge of daughter Mary exists past this date. Perhaps some of her mother's family took her in when her father and brother left for California.

To recover his losses Peter went to California where he worked in the Forests with a broad axe. In 1876 he moved to Sullivan Twp and then to Elderslie (Lots 22 & 23, Conc 8)³

In Elderslie he formed a partnership with R.P. Bearman to deal in square timber.

In 1880 Peter brought the mill and timber limits of Messrs. Cockwell and Grant in the peninsula on the Crane River, a spot with today bears the name McVicar(s). In 1881 he built a mill and wharf at Johnstons Harbour. At times he also lived at Pine Tree. In 1883 he served as first Reeve of the United Twp of Lindsay and St. Edmunds. From 1896-1900 he served as treasurer. Certainly he has one of the most varied municipal service records I have encountered.

In 1901 Peter retired to Perth in Drummond Twp. but the last few month of his life were spent in Port Elgin at the home of his son William where he died Feb. 18, 1909. He is buried at Port Elgin. Peter had remarried, Rebecca _____ who survived him along with their adopted son Leslie. Leslie left home at an early age and joined the U.S. Artillery.

Peter's son William was also in the lumber business, first with his father and then with his own son William. He had the contract to cut the timbers for the first locks at Sault Ste Marie. It was this contract that really established him. As well as timber rights in the peninsula he had rights along the north shore near or at Algoma.

William was married in 1882 to Charlotte Legg, daughter of Aaron and Mary Legg of Arran Twp. They had six children of whom one still survives. Peter (1883 – 1947), William John

(1884 – 1920), Mary Rebecca (1886), Charlotte (1892 – 1956), Walter Charles (1893 – 1966) and Archibald (1898 – 1956).

As William McVicar and son prospered they moved to Port Elgin. Robertson's history reveals that on Sept 16, 1905 a bonus of \$7,000.00 was voted for Wm. McVicar and Sons who undertook to build a large sawmill and purchase the right of way for a spur line from the Grand Trunk Railway station to the harbour at Port Elgin and to provide a locomotive and engine house.

In 1910, when his bank failed, William lost everything but his house which was registered in his wife's name. He took to the bush for the winter to get some cash and the next spring the family moved to B.C. They settled in the Burrard Inlet area where the men were involved in taking out shingle bolts. After a full life Wm. died in 1939 and is buried in New Westminster.

No relationship has been found with other McVicar in Bruce Co., all of whom appear to have been born in Scotland (W. R. McVicar, brick mfg. of Carrick Twp, Archibald McVicar, coroner in Walkerton, James, William & Archibald McVicar in Brant Twp, John McVicar, tailor in Teeswater and John McVicar in Culross).

Mrs. D. H. (Louise) Hope,
R. R. 3, CLAREMONT, Ont., L0H 1E0

1 – 1867 Directory, County of Bruce p. 196

2 – 1886 Directory, Bruce, Grey, Huron

1890 Directory, Bruce, Grey, Huron

3 – Farmers & Business Directory, Bruce, Grey, Huron, 1886 – 7, Vo. 2, Union Publishing Co.

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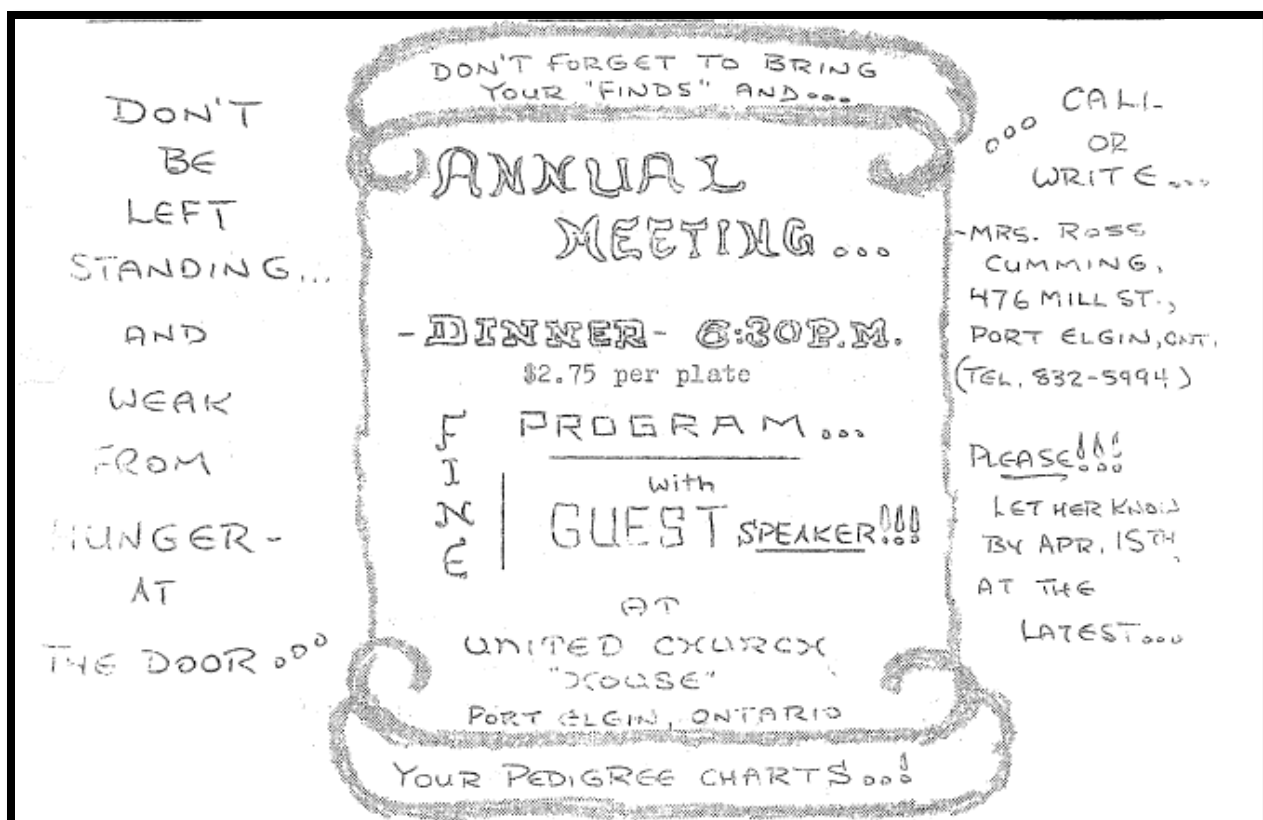
Our apologies for the delay with publication. Editor Fortier has been ill. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery and out thanks to Mrs. C. Shortt of Port Elgin who assisted in getting the job done.

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CALENDAR MINDER O.G.S. Annual Seminar, May 25, 26, 27, '73

BROCK UNIVERSITY, St. Catharines, Ontario.

Help Bruce Be there with your pedigree Chart



MEETING – NEXT WEEK BRUCE COUNTY LIBRARY,
622 GUSTAVUS STREET, PORT ELGIN, ONT.

8:00 P.M. (AS USUAL) but nothing usual about our speaker BRIAN R. CLEMENTS

Topic: - "PUBLISHING YOUR FAMILY TREE"

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IMPORTANT NOTICE Re: Membership renewal: - Our membership secretary is -

Mrs. Russell Adolph, R. R. 3, Walkerton, Ont.

. . . . and a new policy on membership OGS membership are for the calendar year and annual dues are payable on January 1 each year. New members joining after November 1 will, in future, be credited with membership for the following year, beginning January 1, unless otherwise requested.

MEMBERSHIP: 'Voting' - \$7 + 2 = \$9.00 'Subscribing' \$2.00

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

1 - THE HAMILTON BRANCH O.G.S. Vol. 4, No. 4 (April, 1973), Vol. 4, No. 5 (May, 1973)

2 - TORONTO TREE Vol. 4, No. 3, Vol. 4, No. 4, Vol. 4, No. 5

2 - BRANCH NEWS OTTAWA BRANCH, Vol. 5, No. 4 (April, 1973), Vol. 5, No. 5 (May, 1973)

4 - SASKATCHEWAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

5 - NEWS and VIEWS SIMCOE CO. HIST. ASSOC. Vol. 1, No. 73-4, Vol. 2, No. 73-5

O.G.S. has a new address

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The North York Public Library is located just north of Sheppard Ave. on Yonge St. From Highway 401 turn north on Yonge and left at Park Home Ave. to get to the large parking lot behind the building. Parking is free. By subway, exit at Eglinton terminal, take North York Street Bus 59E to Princess Avenue – 20 minutes from the subway and a bus every 10 minutes. When the new subway extension is complete this year, subway service will be available virtually to the door of the library.

BRANCH MEETING NOTES

March 27, 1973 Bruce County Library, Port Elgin, Ont.

(Attendance has been very encouraging during these winter meetings)

Part of the evening was spent enjoying a tape-recording which had been made by Mr. Bruin of Lion's Head, (in the Bruce Peninsula). Mr. Bruin who was present at the meeting, introduced the tape as a collection of memoirs of his early year's in Lion's Head.

This being our first venture of this type, we are looking forward to having many more recordings made, before all remembrance of earlier days vanishes from our midst.

April 24, 1973

United Church House, Port Elgin, Ont.

The annual meeting was an experience long to be remembered. A lovely new building, along with a very fine dinner and program, were part of the reason indeed.

Guest speakers were Mr. & Mrs. R. F. Kirk, of Streetsville, Ont., who lived up to their fine reputation of specializing on 'The United Empire Loyalists'.

1867 DIRECTORY - (County of Bruce)

Has been reprinted, and you had better get your own copy at least before the printing runs out.

QUERIES

Mrs. A. Bruce Steele, 1 El-Vedado Lane, Apt. 40, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93105

Steele, McNeill, Taylor, Parr

(Reid – John, - Angushire, Scotland) came to Quebec in 1847 with his wife and 3 of his sons. In 1854, James, (son of John) pioneered at Culross, in Bruce County. The Steeles came to Quebec in 1841, and in 1868 – most of the family moved to Culross, near Teeswater).

Could you put your 'Family Tree' on a chart and have it ready for display at this year's seminar? We are in need of any size chart you have already drawn or prepared. (Each Branch will have it's own little area for display). Any ideas you may have will be greatly appreciated.

If you have your chart ready, but cannot make the seminar, contact us and we will try to arrange to get it there.

LISTING OF CEMETERIES IN BRUCE COUNTY (Please keep for reference)

TOWNSHIP	NAME OF CEMETERY / LOCATION	INFO ON RECORDING
1 – ALBERMARLE	i – Colpoy's Bay Con. 8; Lot 34 – W pt; E.B.R.	C-3-1-1 No recording to date
	ii – Red Bay Con. 4; Lot 19 – W pt; W. B. R.	C-3-1-2 No recording to date
2 – AMABEL	i – Balsam Grove N.W. Corner – Oliphant plan	C-3-2-1 Recorded: 4 pgs typed
	ii – Jackson Con 11; Lot 12 – N pt	C-3-2-2 Recorded: 1 pg typed
	iii – Old Methodist Con. A; Lot 10 – SW pt (Allenford)	C-3-2-3 Recorded: 5 pgs typed
	iv – St. Mary's Roman Catholic Con. 9; Lot 10 – N pt	C-3-2-4 No recording to date
3 – ARRAN	i – Christ Anglican Con. 7; Lot 38 pt Pt Lots 38, 39	C-3-3-1 No recording to date
	ii – Elsinore Con. 13; Lot 14 – N.W. pt	C-3-3-2 Recorded : 13 pgs hand
	iii – Henderson (No location given – R. R. 2, Tara)	C-3-3-2 Recorded: 7 pgs typed
	iv – Hill Crest Con. 9, Lot 30 – pt Con. 10; Lot 30 – pt (Tara?)	C-3-3-4 No recording to date
	v – Mauseette Con. 6; Lot 32 – N.E. pt	C-3-3-5 Recorded: 3 pgs typed
	vi – Arran Lake Anglican (No location)	No recording to date
	vii – Old Methodist Con. 7; Lot 29 – pt Lot 40 – Reg. plan 15, Town plot	C-3-3-6 Recorded: 2 pgs typed of Invermay
	viii – Mount Hope United Ch. Con. 2; Lot 10 – N pt	C-3-3-7 Recorded: 16 pgs typed
	ix - Orange Con. 7; Lot 16 – W pt	C-3-3-8 Recorded: 1 pg typed (North of Arkwright corner)
	i – Baptist Con. 9; Lot 31 – W pt	C-3-4-1 (No recording to date)
	ii – (Glantz Corner – McDuff's Corner)	Recorded: 2 pgs typed
	iii – Old Bethel Methodist Con 1; Lot 14 – S pt (Cairn)	C-3-4-3 No recording to date
	iv – Brocklebank Con. 5: Lot 25 – S.E. pt.	C-3-4-3 Recorded : 4 pages hand
4 – BRANT	v – Calvary Roman Catholic Con. 3; Lot 26	C-3-4-4 No recording to date
	iv – Curtis (Lake?) Con. 6; Lot 34 – N.E. pt	C-3-4-5 Recorded: 2 pgs typed

5 - BRUCE	vii – Douglas Hill Con. B; Lots 17, 18 - pt	C-3-4-6	“ 38 pgs typed
	viii – Old German Methodist Con. 5; Lot 25 – N.E. pt	C-3-4-7	No recording to date
	ix – McLean's Con. 1; Lot 13 – N.W. pt S.D.R.	C-3-4-8	No recording to date
	x – North Brant Presbyterian Con. 10; Lot 25 – N. pt	C-3-4-9	No recording to date
	xi – St Michael's North Brant Con. 14; Lot 19 – N. pt	C-3-4-10	No recording to date
	xii – Old Presbyterian Con. 2; Lot 6 – N.W. pt S.D.R.	C-3-4-11	No recording to date
	xiii – St. John's Evangelical Lut Con. 9; Lot 34 – mid E. pt	C-3-4-12	No recording to date
	xiv – First St. Peter's Lutheran Con. 4; Lot 28 – N. pt	C-3-4-13	No recording to date
	xv – Second St. Peter's Luth Con. 5; Lot 31 – S.W. pt	C-3-4-14	No recording to date
	xvi – WALKERTON Con. 3; Lot 26 – pt; S.D.R.	A-C-3-4-15	No recording to date
	xvii – R Catholic (Abandoned) Con. ; Lot 22 – S.D.R.	C-3-4-16	No recording to date
	xviii – Early Settlers Con. 30; Park Lot 47 – pt.	C-3-30-1	No recording to date
	xix – Cunningham Farm Walkerton-N	Walkerton	Plan, N.D.R.Cairn) Recorded: 9 sheets hand
	xx – Old Presbyterian Con. ; Park Lot L – pt; south of entrance	C-3-30-2	No recording to date
	i – Evangelical United Brethren Con. 4; Lot 11 – N. pt.	C-3-5-1	No recording to date
	li – Inverhuron Lots 7.8,	C-3-5-2	Recorded
	lii – Lovat A Con. 8; Lot 34, N. pt	C-3-5-3	No recording to date
	iv – Port Bruce Con. 7, Lot D-E pt	A-C-3-5-4	No recording to date
	v – North Bruce (Queen Hill) Con. 14, Lot 18 – E. pt	C-3-5-5	Recorded: 7 pages typed
	vi – Willow Creek Con. 5, Lot 23 – S. pt	C-3-5-6	No recording to date
	vi – Turnbull's Farm Con. 10; Lot 15		No recording to date
	viii – H. Thede Farm Con. 14; Lot 14		No recording to date

6 - CARRICK	ix – Ken Thompson Farm Con. 2; Lot 32		No recording to date
	x – Tiverton W side King Street; Lots 54,55 –N.pt	C-3-29-1	No recording to date
	i – Balaclava Presbyterian Con. D; Lot 30	C-3-6-1	No recording to date
	ii – Emmanuel Evangelical Con. 7; Lot 27	C-3-6-2	No recording to date
	iii – Evangelical Con. 5	C-3-6-3	No recording to date
	iv – Immaculate Conception Con. A; Lot 32	C-3-6-4	No recording to date
	v – McIntosh United Church Con. 1; Lot 10 – S.E. pt	C-3-6-5	No recording to date
	vi – Neustadt Baptist Church	C-3-6-6	No recording to date
	vii – Reformed Lutheran Church Con. 4; Lot 33 – pt (Mildmay)	C-3-6-7	No recording to date
	viii – St. Francis Xavier Con. 15; Lot 30 – W. pt (Carlsruhe)	C-3-6-8	No recording to date

..... to be continued, next issue. Please check with Mr. Fortier before you do further recording, as he now has some 45 cemetery recordings registered and on file.

A CRY FOR 'HELP' FROM OUR BRUCE BRANCH LIBRARY

Please have ALL material returned immediately, as we are beginning to index our library holdings, and would appreciate your co-operation no later than the May meeting, if at all possible .

NEED THE ADDRESS OF THE BRUCE COUNTY REGISTRY OFFICE ? . . .

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The man to contact . . . Mr. Jack MacDonald

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- 1 – 'Branch News': Ottawa Branch, Vol. 5, No. 6 (June, 1973)
- 2 – Sask. Gen. Soc. Bulletin Vol. 4, No. 2 (Spring, 1973), Vol. 4, No. 3 (Summer, 1973)
- 3 – 'Toronto Tree' Vol. 4, No. 6 (Sept., 1973)
- 4 – 'The B.C. Genealogist' Vol. 2, No. 3 (May, 1973)
- 5 – 'News and Views' Simcoe Co. Hist. Association, Vol. 2, No. 73 – 6, Vol. 2, No. 73 - 7
- 6 – The Hamilton Branch: O.G.S. Vol. 4, No. 6 (June / 73), Vol. 4, No. 7 (Sept. / 73)

VOWS EXCHANGED AT 114 YR OLD LOG CHURCH

The marriage took place at 114 yr-old Dunblane log church on the banks of the Saugeen River on Saturday, June 2nd. at 12 o'clock noon of Miss Jeanette Marian "Jennie" Lynn, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Lynn, Owen Sound and Alan Victor Parish of Toronto.

Prior to entering the church, Rev. R. J. MacDonald of Port Elgin, (who officiated at the wedding) gave a short talk on the history of the church.

The church was decorated with baskets of white, mauve and purple lilacs.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length gown of white polyester textured-knit with jewel neck and full skirt. She carried a bouquet of lily-of-the-valley and blue bells freshly picked from the grandmother's garden at Inverhuron.

They were unattended. Mrs. Dorothy Rasmussen of Georgetown, sister of the bride and Garth Parish of Toronto, brother of the groom were the signing witnesses.

The bride and groom spent the week at Inverhuron and then left for Toronto for the groom's graduation from law school at U. of T., June 17. They are then taking a trip to the Maritimes including the Cabot Trail.

QUERIES

(1) Dear Rev. Fortier; -

For several years now I have been attempting by correspondence to trace my French – Canadian ancestors through Ontario and back to their origins in Quebec.

I am related to all of the following early settlers in Bruce County, either through marriage or directly; Chartreau, Ayotte, Rondeau, Valad (Valland), St. Louis, Neveu, and Caskanette (Castagnet).

Mrs. Underwood has informed me that insofar as she was aware no one had previously done work on the French settlers in Bruce Co. I furnished her a copy of some of my original findings there.

Since your name is obviously French, I am turning to you in the hope that you may be able to advise me on locations of records concerning the old French settlers and that you may already have some knowledge from your own research. By the way, are you related to the Fortier who lives in Somerset, Manitoba?

My direct ancestors are as follows: -

Pierre Chartrand

Leonard Ayotte

Pierre Chartrand

John Ayotte

Pierre Chartrand, died 1865 at Riversdale

Mary Chartrand (Chartreau)

John Daniel Chartrand, apparently born out of wedlock in 1861 in Ontario

Mathilda Ayotte

Agnes Rose Chartraw

Myself

We would enjoy hearing from you. Respectfully,
LeRoy L. DuBois 54 Suzanne Ave., St. Paul, Minn., U.S.A. 55110

(2) Dear Rev. Fortier: -

I'm looking for birth record of Lyman Andrews born Ontario or Scotland March 25, 1783. Wife Hannah, maiden name unknown, one son I located,

Zenas Andrews born 1814, Ontario.

Lyman Andrews died July 29, 1842 Dadswell, Que.

Information on birth record who his parents were when born. There may have been other children. I did find this son Moses Andrews born 1809 at Dadswell, Que.

Zenas Andrews, my great grandparent, wife Hilda M. Main of Dadswell, Que. Zenas died Gratiot Co., Michigan, 1874, age 60 – 6 mos. 15 day, death record show him born in Ontario. Lyman Hannah unknown.

Any information will be welcome locating his birth place.

Marie Britson, 4718 So. Reade, Tacoma, Wash. U.S.A., 98409

(3) Dear Rev. Fortier;

I have had a number of letters following one I had published in the Winnipeg Free Press. Here is a list of names from researchers for the query column of the Branches of Bruce:

Carson – one married a Vennard – possibly James

Coleman – James & his son James Amos; also Stanley Coleman born near Elmwood.

Harrigan – (now Haigen) come from Ireland to Napanee later to Bruce. (Kept the Black Horse Tavern near Bervie).

Moore – Cornelius, come to Huron Co. possibly Tuckersmith, son of John Moore, grandson of Cornelius Moore from Penn. U.S.A.

Mrs. Earl Sampson, Annan, Ontario

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6 – CARRICK	ix – St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Con. 8, Lot 20 – N.E. pt; (Mildmay)	C-3-6-9 No recording to date
	x – St. John's Evangelical Luth. Con. 10; Lot 17 – pt; (Ayton) (<u>NEW</u>)	C-3-6-10 No recording to date
	xi – St. John's Evangelical Luth. Con. 11; Lot 20 – S. E. pt (<u>OLD</u>)	C-3-6-11 No recording to date
	xii – St. John's Lutheran Con 2; Lot 18 – N.W. pt (Mildmay)	C-3-6-12 No recording to date
	xiii – St Paul's Evang. Unit Breth Con. D; Lots 28, 29 – pt (Mildmay)	C-3-6-13 No recording to date
	xiv – Salem Evang United Breth Con. 11; Lot 21 – S.E. pt (Mildmay)	C-3-6-14 No recording to date
	xv – United Church Cemetery Con. 15; Lot 26 pt (Abandoned?)	C-3-6-15 No recording to date
	xvi – Sacred Heart Roman Cath. Con. 7; Lot 11 – W. pt (Mildmay)	C-3-20-1 No recording to date
	xvii – St. Matthew's Lutheran Con. 7; Lot 11 – N pt (Mildmay)	C-3-20-2 No recording to date
7 – CULROSS	i – Culross & Teeswater Con. 5, Lot 19	A-C-3-8-1 No recording to date
	ii – Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Con. 5; Lot 15 – (Teeswater)	C-3-8-2 No recording to date
	iii – Smith's Con. 11; Lot 11 – S. E. pt (Formosa)	C-3-8-3 Recorded: 11 pgs typed
8 – EASTNOR:	i – Eastnor Con. 4; Lot 20 – N pt	C-3-9-1 No recording to date
	ii – Stokes Bay Con. 3; W.B.R.; Lot 39 – N pt (Eastnor)	C-3-9-2 No recording to date
9 – ELDERSLIE	i - Ebenezer United Church Con. 7; Lot 16 – W pt	C-3-10-1 Recorded: 4 pgs typed

10 – GREENOCK	ii – Paisley	C-3-10-2	No recording to date
	iii – Rusk's Con. 10; Lot 6 – W pt	C-3-10-3	Recorded: 8 pgs typed
	iv – St. Andrew's Con. 4; Lot 23 – N pt (Chesley)	C-3-10-4	Recorded: 9 pgs typed
	v – Salem Presbyterian Con. 10; Lot 15 – W pt Con. 10; Lot 14 – E pt (Dobbinton)	C-3-10-5	Recorded 7 pgs typed
	vi – Vesta United Church Con. 1; Lot 15 – S.E. pt (Paisley)	C-3-10-6	Recorded 7 pgs typed
	vii – Town of Chesley Second Street, Pt of PARK LOT P	C-3-7-1	No recording to date
	i – Greenock Baptist Con. 1; N.D.R.; Lot 47 – Sth pot	C-3-11-2	No recording to date
	ii – Campbell & Thompson Con. 6; Lot 34 – N.E. pt	C-3-11-1	No recording to date
	iii – Greenock United Ch (Meth) Con. B; Lots 17, 18 - pt	C-3-11-3	Recorded 3 pgs typed & hand
	iv – Holy Trinity Anglican Con. A; Lot 23 – E. pt (Cargill)	C-3-11-4	No recording to date
11 - HURON	v – Mary Immaculate R.Catholic Con. 7; Lot 4 – E pt (Chepstow)	C-3-11-5	Recorded: 9 pgs hand
	vi – “ “ “ “ (old) Con. 6; Lots 6.7 pt (Chepstow)	C-3-11-6	No recording to date
	vii – Pinkerton (abandoned) Con. 13; Lot 1 – E. pt	C-3-11-7	Recorded: approx 1 pg hand & typed
	viii – Purdy's (Cargill) Con. 14; Lots 14,15 – pt	C-3-11-8	Recorded: 6pgs hand and typed
	ix – St. Ann's Roman Catholic Con. 1; S.D.R.; Lot 27 – N. pt	C-3-11-9	No recording to date
	x – Starkvale Con. 22; Lot 15 – pt Valentine Survey (Paisley)	C-3-11-10	Recorded: 14 pgs typed
	xi – Jackson (Family) Con. 20; Lot 3 – N. pt	C-3-11-11	Recorded 2 pgs hand and typed
	xii – Old Presbyterian Con. 20; Lot 3 – N	C-3-11-12	No recording to date
	i – Early Lewis (Huron United Ch) Con. 6; Lot 14 – E pt	C-3-13-1	Recorded: 3 pgs hand
	ii – Early McKenzie (Lockalsh) Con. 1; Lot 33 – pt	C-3-13-2	Recorded: 3 pgs typed
	iii – Verdun (Olivet United Ch) Con. 3; Lot 16 – N.W. pt	C-3-13-3	Recorded: 1 pg typed
	iv – Ripley Con. 7; Lot 17 – W pt	C-3-13-4	Recorded: 35 pgs typed

	v – Pine River United Church Con. A; Lot 20 – pt?	C-3-13-5	Recorded: 6 pgs typed
	vi – St. Luke's Anglican (Lurgan)	C-3-13-6	Recorded: 3 pgs typed
	vii – Lurgan 'Black Angle' Con. A; Lot 20 – W pt	C-3-13-7	Recorded 1 pg typed
	viii – Pollock (Family) Con. 12; Lot 22 – E 1/2		Recorded pt. 1 pg typed
	ix – (Bethel Methodist) Abandoned – South of Church, in field owned by Creechs, several burials		No Stones Recorded: 1 pg typed
12- KINCARDINE	i – Armow (Methodist) Con. 6; Lot 16 – N.E. pt (Cairn 24 stones)	C-3-15-1	Recorded: 2 pgs typed
	ii – Bervie Methodist, 'old' Con. 1; Lot 54 – N. pt; S.D.R.	C-3-15-2	Recorded: 3 pgs typed
	iii – Bervie Presbyterian 'old' Con. 5; Lot 23 – S. pt	C-3-15-3	Recorded: 1 pg typed
	iv – Bervie Anglican (St. John's) Con. 1; Lot 54 – S pt; N.D.R.	C-3-15-4	Recorded: 4 pgs typed
	v – KINCARDINE Con. A; Lot C – pt	C-3-14-1	No recording to date
13 – KINLOSS	i – Kinlough Methodist (old) Con. 11; Lot 10 – N pt (Holyrood)	C-3-16-1	Recorded: 1 pg typed
	ii – Holyrood Roman Catholic Con. 7; Lot 11 – N pt (St. Patrick's)	C-3-16-2	Recorded: 3 pgs typed
	iii – South Kinloss Cem. (corp) Con. 2; Lot 11, 12 – pt (Lucknow)	C-3-16-3	No recording to date
	iv – Langside (C-3-16-4 – 'Tiffins') ? Con. 4; Lot 27 / Con. 4; Lots 29, 30 – pt.		Recorded: 7 pgs typed
14 – SAUGEEN	i – Burgoyne Con. A; Lot 35 – S.E. pt	C-3-25-1	No recording to date
	ii – St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Saugeen St., Lots 56-59 (Southampton)	C-3-25-2	No recording to date
	iii – SOUTHAMPTON North Patrick St.; Lots 45 – 58 South Patrick St.; Lots 34 – 38	C-3-25-3	No recording to date
	iv – 'Old' Southampton (Port Elgin) North Saugeen St.; Lots 48 – 55 South Saugeen St.; Lots 61 – 65		No recording to date
	v – Brown (Family) Con. River Range A; Lots 1,2		Recorded: 1 pg typed
	vi – Sanctuary Park Block 92; Lots 28 – 35 Block 112; Lots 62 – 69 Con. 9; Lot 11 – pt	C-3-22-1	No recording to date
15 – St. EDMUND	i – McVicar Cemetery Con 2; Lot 7		Recorded 2 pgs typed

Additional Recordings received (not of Bruce county)

HURON COUNTY	Ashfield Township: - 'Hope' Cemetery Con. 14; Lot 5 – W. pt (sth. of hwy 86)	Recorded: 3 pgs typed
GREY COUNTY	Bentinck Township: - 'Elmwood' Cemetery South of Elmwood village, east side of road to Hanover.	Recorded: 14pgs typed

Editor's Note: A lot of hard work has gone into gathering this material for the Branch. Please forward any recording you may have on hand, as this material can save others a lot of wasted time and effort.

Thanks

PUT THESE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW

Next OGS Seminar will be at Port Elgin on the Blue Water Highway in Bruce Co., a choice Ontario resort area. Dates will be May 24-26, 1974.

In 1975, May 16-19, OGS Seminar at Trinity College, Toronto

OF SPECIAL INTEREST !! (Part of the Nodwell Family History will be in the next issue

Dear Mr. Fortier

Mrs. Bruce Nodwell, 6408, 58th. St. N.W., Calgary, Alta., T2M 4N3 is compiling a history of the Nodwell Family. I suspect by her name that her people may have originated in Bruce. I am enclosing correspondence with her that will acquaint you with the background. Please return this to me. She would welcome any information as to Nodwells in Bruce or to your knowledge. It would seem a fair number are out west.

You will note I have sent letter copies to Mrs. Underwood, Hilda Downey, etc. I thought this might make a subject to put into your Branches of Bruce. I read and enjoy that.

Since the 600 year old Indian village on the Port Elgin "Nodwell" farm is being re-created; it would be interesting to know the family history of the Nodwells; when they took over the Nodwell farm at Port Elgin, etc. The name will become known far and wide archaeologically and historically and thru the medium of tourist promotion etc.

You will be interested to know the Nodwell Indian Village project is very active and reaching towards finalization. The palisades are up; this year the long-houses; and further development is in view. It is worthwhile seeing. It will be a monument to the Nodwell family, our Indian heritage and an historical and educational undertaking that will be of lasting local benefit.

I understand the Ontario Provincial Government will be erecting an historical Plaque on the site come summer; this is to occur on Sunday July 15th. of this year. This will do honour to the first known village in Bruce; our first farmers in the area (corn & tobacco); and the only Indian village erected I believe on the original site and plan.

I am sure Mrs. Bruce Nodwell would appreciate any information your members would care to contribute. I am sending her copy of this.

Sincerely,
Fritz Knechtel, 85-10th. Street, Hanover, Ont. N4N 1M9

GOT YOUR PEN, PENCIL, QUILL OR 'WHAT HAVE YOU' READY?

CIRCLE THESE DATES ON THE CALENDAR

SEPT 25, 1973

At the home of Mr. & Mrs. Lorne
Hambly R. R. 2, Warton, Ont.

Go 1 mile east on Frank St.
(the road to the airport)

8:00 P.M.

OCT 23, 1973

At the Annan United Church

Questions & Answers on

"Research in England"

8:00 P.M.

NOV 27, 1973

At the Grey-Owen Sound
Museum

(Work-Shop meeting)

N o t e T i m e !

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BRANCHES OF BRUCE

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BRUCE BRANCH ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Membership Information

The Ontario Genealogical Society's membership, along with that of Bruce Branch, is for the calendar year.

Annual dues are payable on January 1st, each year; \$7.00 for O.G.S., and \$2.00 for Bruce Branch. Both may be paid through our branch's Membership Secretary, who will then forward your \$7.00 along to O.G.S.

New members – joining after Nov. 1st, will in future be credited with membership for the following year, beginning January 1st, unless otherwise requested.

Speaking of membership !!! 'WELCOME' to Kingston Branch

Now joining the ranks We hope that time will prove us – a big help, to one another.

While we're on the theme of membership, the Executive of Bruce Branch would like to acknowledge the very fine support they have received, in support of their recent letter, to all members. A word of encouragement to those of you who have not seen your way clear, as of yet.

E're we go any further and forget,
MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

We haven't a chance to say it at the December meeting, because there is NONE.

Branch Meeting Notes

September 25th Home of Mr. & Mrs. Lorne Hambly, Wiarton, Ontario

Feature speaker was Mr. Hambly himself, who has published his family history and written 'The History of Purple Valley'.

He shared with fellow genealogists his experience in gathering, compiling and publishing his material.

Vice- president, Al Williamson announced that arrangements have been completed to have issues of the PORT ELGIN TIMES, from 1877 to 1930, - microfilmed in the near future.

October 23rd The United Church building, Annan, Ontario.

Mr. Ken Emery gave an interesting, as well as humorous talk, on his experiences while assembling a pictorial family tree.

The completed tree is on a hand carved frame measuring 53 inches by 43 inches. The result is very beautiful, with the different family branch names being in different colours

Tom Murray gave a very informative talk on 'Research in England', having made three trips, in research, himself. He stressed the importance of adequate preparation for such a trip. On display, were copies of many items which he had been able to acquire during his research.

He was guided, during part of his research in England – by a diary which his grandfather had kept, when he made a trip there in 1896.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Branch Publications Exchange

- 1 – 'The B. C. Genealogist' Vol. 2, No. 4 (August, 1973) and Surname Index – 1973
- 2 – The Hamilton Branch O.G.S Vol. 4, No. 8 (October, 1973), Vo. 4, No. 9 (November, 1973)
- 3 – 'Branch News' Ottawa Branch Vol. 5, No. 7 (Sept, 1973), Vol. 5, No. 8 (Oct, 1973)
- 4 – 'News and Views' Simcoe County Historical Association Vol. 2, No. 73 – 8 (Oct., '73)
- 5 – 'Toronto Tree' Vol. 4, No. 7 (October, 1973)

QUERIES

Dear Mrs. Arnold,

I wish to thank you for replying to my letter with the information & offer of help.
I shall try and give you as much information as possible.

Locke Amsley Bradley and Jane Floyd Bradley were my maternal grandparents.

Locke Bradley's grandparents came from Ireland to settle in the New England States and fled to Canada due to the American Revolution. The information I have from my baby book; they settled in Haldimand, but from an aunt (nee Bradley) they lived around Woodstock. So

thought if I gave a good radius around there could be some information on that branch of the family.

Jane Floyd came from Samplough – Cumberland (?) England.

The Bradley's were either Presbyterian or of the Baptist Church. Locke Bradley & family were Presbyterian. They moved from Ont. to Portage la Prairie about 1895. At the time of their move there were four children. Enclosed is a family tree in case there is any more information you need.

Jane Floyd's brother or cousin was a Presbyterian minister in the Portage la Prairie area. Locke Bradley died around 1912 – 14 and Jane Floyd in 1950.

Due to 'my mother's' death in 1946 I have lived with my father's sister & have just a little information with which to work.

My Aunt (Mrs. B. Land, nee Bradley) who lives in Winnipeg has given me most of the information which I have given you.

I'm sure if there is any more information, Mrs. Land would be happy to get it as much as I. I hope this information can be of help. Is there any charge to place questions in your Bulletin? If so, bill me.

Yours sincerely, Margaret Williamson
4167 Grand Blvd., Montreal, Que. H4B 2X4

Owen Sound Sun Times, Dear Editor; -

I have an excerpt from your June 30 issue, page 9, entitled "North Dakota man guest of Bruce Genealogists". I am particularly interested in the last paragraph – "Russell Adolph of Walkerton found a small cemetery near Carlsruhe".

We are making a family tree; and this small town has no Gen. Society. Our roots come from Ontario, my mother's dad (Kraemer) came from St. Clements and Walkerton, my dad's dad (Kolhmstedt) from Dumerton and Mildmay, my dad's mother (Hoffeley) was born in Carlsruhe in 1866, but that is absolutely all the info we have on her, hence my interest.

Would you please either send me the address of the sec'y of the Bruce Society, or else send my letter on to someone who would care to answer it? It would be very much appreciated.

Thank you, Respectfully. (Mrs.) Margaret A. Kerrobert, Sask.

CEMETERY RECORDINGS: rec'd to date

Please check Branches of Bruce – Vol. 3, No. 3 (May, 1973)

Insert "Recorded, 1 pg typed" opposite Red Bay Cemetery, Albermarle Twp. Bruce Co.

Insert "Recorded, 2 pgs typed" opposite Baptist Cemetery, Brant Twp, Bruce Co

Insert "Recorded, 2 pgs typed" opposite Old Presbyterian Cemetery, Brant Twp, Bruce Co.

Insert "Recorded, 4 pgs typed" opposite St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, Brant Twp, Bruce County.

Along with the recent recordings above, make certain that two other previous recordings have been inserted in the LISTING OF CEMETERIES IN BRUCE COUNTY: Branches of Bruce Vol. 3, No. 3: (and Vol. 3, No. 4)

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“Recorded, 18 pgs typed” opposite WALKERTON, (add ‘Sacred Heart’ to the A-C-3-4-15 listing. This is still Brant Twp, Bruce County.

Editor’s Note: Please do not pass your material (Cemetery Recordings), on to anyone else, before having it registered with myself, as Cemetery Recording Co-ordinator. A duplication of recording has already resulted because of this.

WATCH !!! for the JANUARY Issue of ‘BRANCHES OF BRUCE’

It promises to be a ‘REFERENCE’ tool with it’s “SHELF LISTING OF BOOKS, etc. IN BRUCE BRANCH

‘New on the scene? see the inside of the front cover, for information re: - subscriptions and membership.

NORTH BRUCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Queen Hill, Bruce County, Ontario

The first settlers in the Queen Hill community arrived in the year 1853 & one of their first duties was to establish the family altar in their homes. The first public church service was held in June 1854 in the bush opposite the home of the McKinnon family and was conducted by the Rev. Peter Currie. It is recorded that worship services were held in the McKinnon home until a log church was built in 1856, some 60 feet to the east of the present site. These services were conducted in the Gaelic tongue and the singing of the Psalms was led by a precentor.

It is interesting to read of the furnishings of this early church. The light fixtures were boards shaped like tennis racquets, sticking out from the walls about 7 feet from the floor on which tallow candles stood. The pews were planks laid on blocks of wood, until some families made more comfortable seats with backs. The pulpit was a square box about 4 feet square with a door to it, a ledge in front for the Bible and Psalm Book and a board at the back for a seat. There was also, under this seat a small moveable platform about 6 inches high, which could be pushed out & utilized should the preacher be of the stature of Zaccheus.

The neighbourhood at that time was almost entirely Presbyterian, and it is recorded that there was no remembrance of even one family that did not go to church. The congregation of North Bruce and Centre Bruce were organized as a pastoral charge and the Rev . . . Matheson was the first minister to be inducted to this charge in 1862. In 1866 a large frame church was built and a manse was later built on the adjoining property in 1875.

In September 1877, the North Bruce congregation and St. Andrews became a pastoral charge under the ministry of the Rev. Dr. John Scott. For many years services were held in both English and Gaelic – the English in the church building and the Gaelic in the woods across the way. In Dr. Scott’s time the Gaelic was dispensed with, but Communion was observed in both languages. Communion season was a time of self examination, service & prayer, beginning on the Thursday and continuing until the afternoon of the following Monday. Work, no matter how

pressing, was laid aside throughout the neighbourhood, and young and old from every home were present on the Sabbath.

Among the early members of session were John Beaton, Christopher McRae, Archibald McGillivray and Donald McGillivray. These were men of deeply set convictions, and as deeply grounded faith in their system of theology as the saving power of God unto Salvation through Jesus Christ as Saviour. They were giants in religious discussion, and woe betide the minister who was not true to the tenets of Calvinism and the ring of whose words betrayed an uncertain sound.

The duties of precentor were faithfully attended to for 42 years by Angus McKinnon and his sons John and Donald, first in the Gaelic language and later in English. After the death of the McKinnons, this position was ably filled by Alexander Brunton until 1910. At this time an organ was installed in the church, but only after years of heated debate and discussion. Organists who ably assisted in the services of praise were: Misses Margaret and Elizabeth Lamont, Mrs. Donald M. Lamont, Mrs. Jas. Brunton and Mrs. Jas. McEwing.

Following the church union vote in 1925, the members of the North Bruce and St. Andrew's congregations who remained with the Presbyterian Church in Canada continues to worship in the North Bruce church under the ministry of Major, the Rev. J. C. Tolmie. A new pastoral charge was formed with the Port Elgin congregation. This arrangement continues until 1960 when the North Bruce congregation was amalgamated with Port Elgin, the North Bruce church having been completely destroyed by fire in October 1959. Ruling elders at this time were James Brunton, Clerk of Session; Donald M. Lamont and William Waring, Sr. From the faithful presentation of the claims of Christ by faithful ministers coupled with a Christian home training, fifteen have gone from this congregation to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ. They are: Margaret McKellar, J. R. McLeod, David Finlay, John K. McGillivray, Angus H. McGillivray, Alexander J. McGillivray, Donald McGillivray, Malcolm McGillivray, John McGillivray, Neil D. McKinnon, Gillies Eadie, Malcolm A. Campbell, D M. McIntosh, H. Douglas McCulloch, D. B. Smith and Archibald Bell, it is noteworthy that two of these later became Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada – Rev. A J. McGillivray, D. D. in 1926 and the Rev. Malcolm A. Campbell, D. D. in 1936.

Dr. Margaret McKellar served for many years as a missionary in India and Dr. Donald McGillivray will long be remembered for his work in translating Christian literature into the Chinese language while serving in Shanghai.

'These ministers served the congregation in their day and generation:

Rev Matheson	1862 - 1870	Rev. E. J. McKay	1922 – 1924
Rev. John Scott, D.D.	1875 – 1885	Major, the Rev, J.C. Tolmie	1926 – 1928
Rev. A. McLeod	1877 – 1877	Rev. Douglas C. Hill	1928 – 1931
Rev. John Eadie	1889 – 1893	Rev. J. K. MacLeannan	1931 – 1937
Rev. Hector McQuarrie	1894 – 1907	Rev. John M. Andreson	1941 – 1942
Rev. John Foote	1907 – 1911	Rev. John Hart	1943 – 1952
Rev. E. H. Sawers	1911 – 1916	Rev. Hugh Wilson	1952 – 1956
Rev. Maurice D. McNabb	1917 - 1921	Rev. R. D. MacDonald	1957 – 1971
Rev. John McDougall, D.D.	1972 -		

‘NODWELL FAMILY HISTORY’ (as promised in last issue)

It is unfortunate that the writing of this history has been neglected for so long and that the writer has to depend for his information, mainly, on the rather hazy remembrances of the younger members of the third generation.

We know that they came from County Londonderry, Ireland, and that LImavady was a nearby town. The Town-Land was Anaghmore and the name of the farm is believed to have been Rusky.

We learn from history that early in the reign of James 1st a large part of the North of Ireland was confiscated to the Crown and the land was divided up among English and Scottish Protestants.

The fact that the Nedwill's (the original name) were Presbyterian suggests that they belonged to the Scottish side of this immigration. This point must be left to some member of the Clan who visits Ireland and looks up the old records. This information can be inserted in this history later.

William Nodwell was married twice and his eldest son, William was still in Ireland at the time of his Father's death in 1845. All the second family came, eventually, to Canada and settled in Erin and East Garafraxa Townships.

His second wife (Letitia Dunn) was of Lowland Scottish descent.

Loss of a valuable stock of horses by Anthrax seems to have had an influence in the decision to come to America. All the second family, except Andrew (who will be referred to later) landed in Quebec in the fall of 1838 and are said to have travelled all the way to Erin in wagons drawn by oxen.

Coming to Toronto William Nodwell looked at a farm on Yonge St., also the Henderson farm on 7th line west of Georgetown but came on to Lot 24 – 8th Concession, Erin. We have heard that he paid the same price per acre as that asked for the others.

Misfortune again struck for within a year their house and all its contents were burned, which explains why we have no old records for use in this sketch.

He then sold the north east half of the lot to Mr. Angus McMurchy and thus a friendship began that has lasted through the succeeding generations.

A new log house, barn and stables were built near the site of the present farm buildings.

A new frame barn and shed was built in 1957 and added to from time to time to form the present outfit.

A new brick house was built in 1864 and is now occupied by Mungo Carrick Nodwell a great grandson who is now directing the business of the old farm.

William Nodwell died in 1845. His will, written by the late William How and a splendid specimen of simple, exact, English, divided the farm land between his sons Robert and Thomas, 55 acres to the former and 45 acres to the latter. The other members of the family received their share in the estate largely in cash.

Robert Nodwell purchased West ½ lot of 1 Concession 14 in East Garafraxa and exchanged it for the 45 acres owned by his brother Thomas and thus became owner of the old farm.

Samuel settled on lot 14 Concession 15, East Garafraxa.

The eldest son of the second family, Andrew was already married before the rest of the family left Ireland but came to Philadelphia the following spring. After living there three years he was on the point of purchasing a 6 acre plot but objected to the oath which bound him to support the Govt. and people of the U.S. against the machinations of Queen Victoria. This land was sold in 1876 for \$6,000.00. He came to Erin and settled on Lot 22, Concession 8.

William Nodwell was a Free Mason and held strong views re Democratic forms of Government, Free speech, Government by properly constituted authority, etc.

These questions were real issues in those days. Today these questions are not discussed but just taken for granted.

NOV. 27, 1973 at the Grey-Owen Sound Museum (Work-shop meeting) Notice time !!!! 7:30 P.M.	JAN. 22, 1974 at the Bruce County Library Port Elgin "QUERIES, ANYONE?" 8:00 P.M.	FEB. 26, 1974 at the Bruce County Library Port Elgin (Regular time) 8:00 P.M.
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