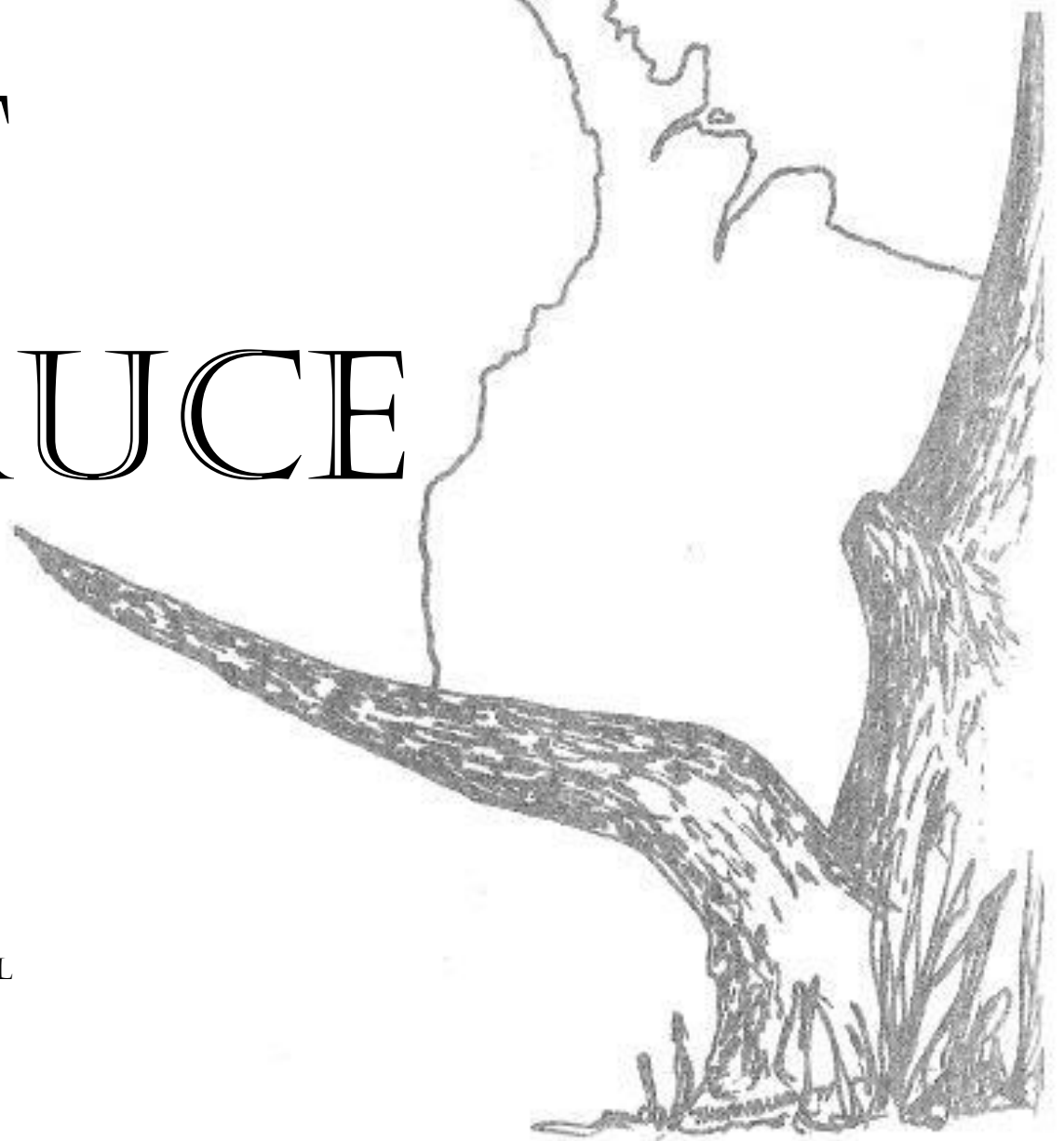


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QUERIES

My Grandfather, William Kerr, married Mary Simington (Symington) in Oneida Twp., Haldimand Co. in 1850, the family later moving into Grey Sullivan Twp., where they were in 1861 census. About 1864 William Kerr bought the land in Elderslie Twp. Mary Kerr died sometime between the 1861 and 1871 census. William Kerr appeared on the Elderslie tax rolls Lots 35 and 36, Con. 14, until 1884. They had a son James Kerr who died about 1900 – 1 while living in Chesley. A daughter, Jane Kerr, married George Williscroft and was living on the 9th – 10th Concession in Edlerslie, when she died about 1882 – 3, after childbirth . . . Wish further info re deaths.

JANIS KERR ARNOLD (Mrs. FORREST)
16025, 25th. Ave. S. W., SEATTLE, Washington, 98166.

JANUARY MEETING 22nd (Bruce Branch)

BRUCE COUNTY LIBRARY, GUSTAVUS ST., PORT ELGIN, ONT

Branch Meeting Notes

November Meeting - Grey-Owen Sound Museum

For the main part of the program guests were treated to a splendid display of old books, papers and pictures and were free to browse where their interests took them. One very interesting display belonging to Izetta Fraser, was a group of scrapbooks compiled from clippings of old issues of Owen Sound Times dating back to the early years of the century.

Delene Sampson reported again on the Meaford Tank Range. Five burial grounds, mostly lying near the north end of the Range, are being cared for. A map pinpointing the cemeteries is available, but people are not allowed on the range. (see list of names published elsewhere in this issue)

Izetta Fraser now has a list of Grey County Cemeteries which will be published in future issues of Branches of Bruce.

John Landon, Museum Curator, showed the group a large birchbark canoe that he is constructing at the museum in exactly the same manner used years ago.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BRANCH PUBLICATION EXCHANGE

1. THE HAMILTON BRANCH O.G.S., Vol. 4, No. 10 (Dec/73), Vol. 5, No. 1 (Jan/74)
2. BRANCH NEWS: OTTAWA BRANCH Vol. 5, No. 9 (Nov/73), Vol. 5, No. 10 (Dec/73)
3. NEWS AND VIEWS SIMCOE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, Vol. 3, No. 74 – 1
4. TORONTO TREE Vol. 4, No. 9 (Dec/73)
5. SASKATCHEWAN GEN. SOC. BULLETIN Vol. 4, No. 4 Fall/73
6. ALL WELLINGTON-WATERLOO Publications to date are in the library also

QUERIES

My ancestor, John Armstrong, carriage maker, lived in Tara, Bruce County his entire life, about 1858 – 1893. At present, I have no clue to John's parents' identity, names of any brothers or sisters or their descendants, but the fact that John was born in the Bruce Co. area must make his parents early settlers of the region.

I would welcome any additional information on John's wife Eliza Jane HILLS, too.

My next project will be the LEADER AND STRONG families in the Meaford, Grey County area where my father's ancestors settled. The Armstrong line is my mother's. It's odd the two lines started out in the same general region of Ontario and my parents met and married in Montana, two generations later. One of my father's ancestors was a carriage maker as was John Armstrong. For all we know the two families were acquainted back then, My interest in genealogy has really made me more aware of how small this world really is.

Additional notes received mention;

. I have since found out a little more about John Armstrong's brothers and sisters:

Agnes (m. Thomas Barber), Mary (m. John Dolphin), Janet (m. Archie McCrea), David (w. Isabel)

James (w. Agnes), Nellie (m. Walker) (Henderson)

Parents: James Armstrong, Agnes _____

A family Bible indicates James and Agnes were born in Scotland.

BEVERLEY J. MAGEL (Mrs. David)

4106, 219 St. S. W., Mountlake Terrace, WASHINGTON, 98043 U.S.A.

QUERIES

. wanting information on the family of WITHERS, particularly on John Wesley Withers and his wife Sarah CURTIS, born around 1850 – 1860 and lived in Bruce Co., later moving to Sarnia. Any help appreciated.

NORMAN WITHERS,

1471 Murphy Rd., SARNIA, Ont. N75 2Z1

HUNTING IN BRITAIN? GO PREPARED !!

By Tom Murray, Owen Sound.

Learn all you can about where the family came from with exact dates, names and occupations. Remember there are over 12,000 parishes in England and Wales alone and without a pretty good idea of the place to look you are licked before you start. MAPS are invaluable.

Ordinance Survey Maps available from - Edward Stranford & Co, 12-14 Long Acre, London, W.C. 2

County maps with names of all parishes available from – The Institute of Heraldic & Genealogical Studies, Northgate, Canterbury, Kent.

LOCATION OF RECORDS IN ENGLAND

(I) After July 1, 1837 Births, marriages and deaths, also all wills after 1858 - Somerset House, The Strand, London W. C. 2

Census Records 1841, 1851, 1861 & 1871, Public Record Office Chancery Lane, London, W. C. 2

(II) Before July 1, 1837 Church of England Parish registers of births, marriages and deaths are in the local parish churches. Some of these go back as far as the 16th Century and many have now been transferred to County Record Office for safekeeping. A number of registers have been printed and most have been microfilmed and are available from the L.D.S. Library at Salt Lake City.

BISHOP'S TRANSCRIPTS (copies) of C. of E. register entries – at Diocesan Registry Offices (some are now at County Record Offices) which also hold Wills probated in the Bishop's Courts prior to 1858 and Marriage Licenses.

NONCONFORMIST REGISTERS – most are at Public Record Office, London Genealogical Library of Society of Genealogists, 37 Harrington Gardens, London. S. W. 7, contains a huge

collection of genealogical books including copies of about 1/3 of all registers in England and Boyd's Marriage Index prepared from them.

IN SCOTLAND

Most records are in Edinburgh

(I) New Register House, Princes St. Births, marriages & deaths from 1885. Old parish registers of all parishes as far back as they go.

(II) Register House, Princes St. Wills, Deeds and s??ines. Additional parish records such as account books, session minutes and lists of church members.

NOTICE

Plan now to attend the O.G.S. Seminar in Port Elgin, May 24, 25 and 26.

Plans and complete programme will be in the mail shortly.

In response, to those of you who were wondering about the background of the 'Nodwell Indian Village', here are the important details:

The Nodwell Indian Village Site, Port Elgin, Ontario

Back in 1400 A.D. there existed an Indian Village of some 1000 inhabitants on the Richard Nodwell property at the top of Market St. near the lake. It was strongly palissaded, covering some two to three acres and within the long-houses were closely packed together. It is the only known fortified Indian Village in Bruce County and very important to our pre-history

These people were likely our earliest Farmers and grew corn, beans, squash and tobacco. They were ancestral to the later Hurons, Eries, Neutrals and Petun Nations. And the Nodwell site depicts a most important time of their development.

Every effort should be made to preserve the site against the threatened urban advance; historically it is irreplaceable and it warrants a very complete investigation and hoped-for later re-creation. It would be a first in Canada, an Indian Village on its original site and based on its original plan.

A great deal of interesting material has been found; Pottery, Pipe bowls and stems, annealed native copper beads, fish-hooks and awls, carbonized wood and seeds; even Elk and Bison (Buffalo) bones. There is evidence of Ceremonial burials and a well advanced tribal organization.

Just what happened to these people? Perhaps fear of attack finally made them move East again, a direction from which they seemed to have come. That this was a very real fear is evidenced by double palisades even on the most protected sides of the village. Or again it might have been exhaustion of wood supply; they required wood having the least smoke problems and easily handled. And for construction purposes poles (trees) not too large and requiring only minimum effort to fell. Virgin forest produced such trees, small in diameter and of great length. Also cedar and elm bark for house sheathing and roofing; and all of these more difficult to obtain as their cultivated fields extended outwards and supplies had to be brought from greater distances.

It is always somewhat startling to find a complete plan in evidence in the soil; each post

left its signature behind as a dark circle; and mapping these posts, recording with care, outlines the palisades and the house structures. Likewise dark discolorations indicate fire, food and storage pits. Thus a mapping of the Village Plan becomes possible down to the smallest detail.

Dr. J. V. Wright, Senior Archaeologist, National Museum of Man, Ottawa, undertook preliminary examination of the area in the fall of 1969. While but part of the Indian Village was excavated, enough was learned to indicate its size and importance. Many organizations and Individuals are co-operating to the furtherance of making the Nodwell Indian Village Site an Historical and Archaeological area; a Parkland, that will always remain as evidence of our Indian Inhabitants. Bruce County has no historical site developed and it seems fitting that an Indian Village be first.

As one prominent Indian remarked – “I surely hope that the white people will make the effort to preserve the location . . . to many nothing matters but money . . . they have taken the whole country from the Indian people, surely you would think they could consider saving a few plots at locations where the history of the Indian people can be preserved. . . such as the Nodwell site”

by Fritz Knechtel, Box 699, Hanover, Ont.

CEMETERY NO 1 – CAMP MEAFORD on the east side of 7th Line of St. Vincent

Solomn Robins, died Jun 21, 1866 in his 81st yr.

Hannah Johnson, wife, Daniel Johnson, died Dec. 19, 1900 age 79.

James & Margaret Carson & family,

June 3, 1885, July 24, 1890, Sept. 14, 1883, Sept. 14, 1877, May 31, 1879.

Dougherty, Howard & Olive, Sept. 20, 1901, Feb 8, 1893. Children Nelson Dougherty.

Walter Head Stone

Melville J. A. Carson, Aug 9, 1899

Catherine wife David Carson June 21, 1901.

Julia MacLaren, Dec. 10, 1902

Emma Johnson, Apr. 10, 1870, 1 year.

Duncan McInnes, Apr. 1, 1900, 63 yrs.

Sarah McInnes, Dec. 4, 1892, 8 yrs.

Head Stone Flora

Kenneth Morrison, May 10, 1869, 53 yrs

Charles Cooper, Mar. 5, 1901, 1 yr.

John Cooper, July 2, 1891, 16 yrs.

Alex Anderson, Oct. 21, 1874, 38 yrs.

Duncan and Jennet McLaren, Sept. 15, 1881, Died Sept. 20, 1895 – 60 yrs.

Head Stones D. G. McL A. WM. McL

Margaret E. Holinshead Mar. 7, 1865

James Carson, Oct. 17, 1873, 13 yrs.

William Carson, Aug. 22, 1867, 20 yrs.

Head Stone, Eliza

W. B. & M. M. Vail, Oct. 29, 1861, 3 yrs.

Nov. 11, 1861, 5 yrs.

CEMETERY NO 2 - Camp Meaford – west side of 7th Line St. Vincent.
Webber – Robert Webber 1841 – 1914 his wife Flora Kennedy 1851 – 1918
Margaret 1875 – 1890 Stanley Webber 1881 – 1938
Head Stone Margaret

CEMETERY NO 3 - 450 feet east of 7th Line St. Vincent.
May William, June 26, 1890 Age 7 yrs.

CEMETERY NO 4 - follow 7th Line of St. Vincent north to the Lake Shore, then westerly along the Lake Shore to ruins at the top of hill.
David and Mary Doran, July 3, 1861, 45 yrs. Jan 28, 1862, 59 yrs.
Nancy Doran, 25 yrs. May 29, 1865 also Eliza Ann, Oct. 21, 1865, 5 mons.
Archelaus Doran, Mar. 29, 1900, 66 yrs.

CEMETERY NO 5 2/10 of a mile west of the 13th line of St. Vincent in Sydenham 1 ½ mile south of Georgian Bay.
Janet Ann McLaren, May 8, 1874, 19 yrs.

THANKS

A note to all who contributed to the 1867 Directory fund. We still need \$800 to wipe out the loan.
KEEP IT COMING

FROM THE WIARTON ECHO

SEEN AND HEARD

Mrs. Dale McArthur, informs us that she has received information about the family from Scotland that dates back to 1704. Research and an article was done by a Norman McArthur in Scotland.

Information shows the first McArthur came to Canada in 1852, his name was Angus. A newspaper clipping about the family was included in Mrs. McArthur's letter from the old country, it shows the names of the family back to the time of King Arthur.

CEMETERY RECORDING

Edgehill Cemetery, Colpoy's Bay twp. of Albermarle, Bruce Co. completed by Doris & Lorne Hambly – 16 pages with surname index.

Donation to Branch Library - Atlases Essex & Kent, Huron, Peel by the Cumming Family

QUERIES

..... info on my gr. Godparents re migration to Ontario, Carrick Twp, Bruce Co.
Melinda Cronin, 630 Gramatan Ave., Apt. 4A, Clinton Bldg., MT. VERNON, N.Y. 10552, U.S.A

A NEW BRUCE BOOK

Congratulations to Port Elgin Rotary Club on their publication of

REMINISCENCES PORT ELGIN 1874 – 1974, By Carman J. Levie

Hard cover, \$5.50 postpd, Port Elgin Rotary Club, Port Elgin

Space does not permit us to list many of the early businesses, etc., but a fine pictorial history.

The following quote might be of interest "Western Ontario was settled from the south - - the weaklings dropped out in the County of Perth, the stronger survived to get as far as the County of Huron and only the giants were able to win through to BRUCE." – attributed to Major Tolmie and quoted in Port Elgin Times, Sept. 6, 1939 by A. E. Nelson.

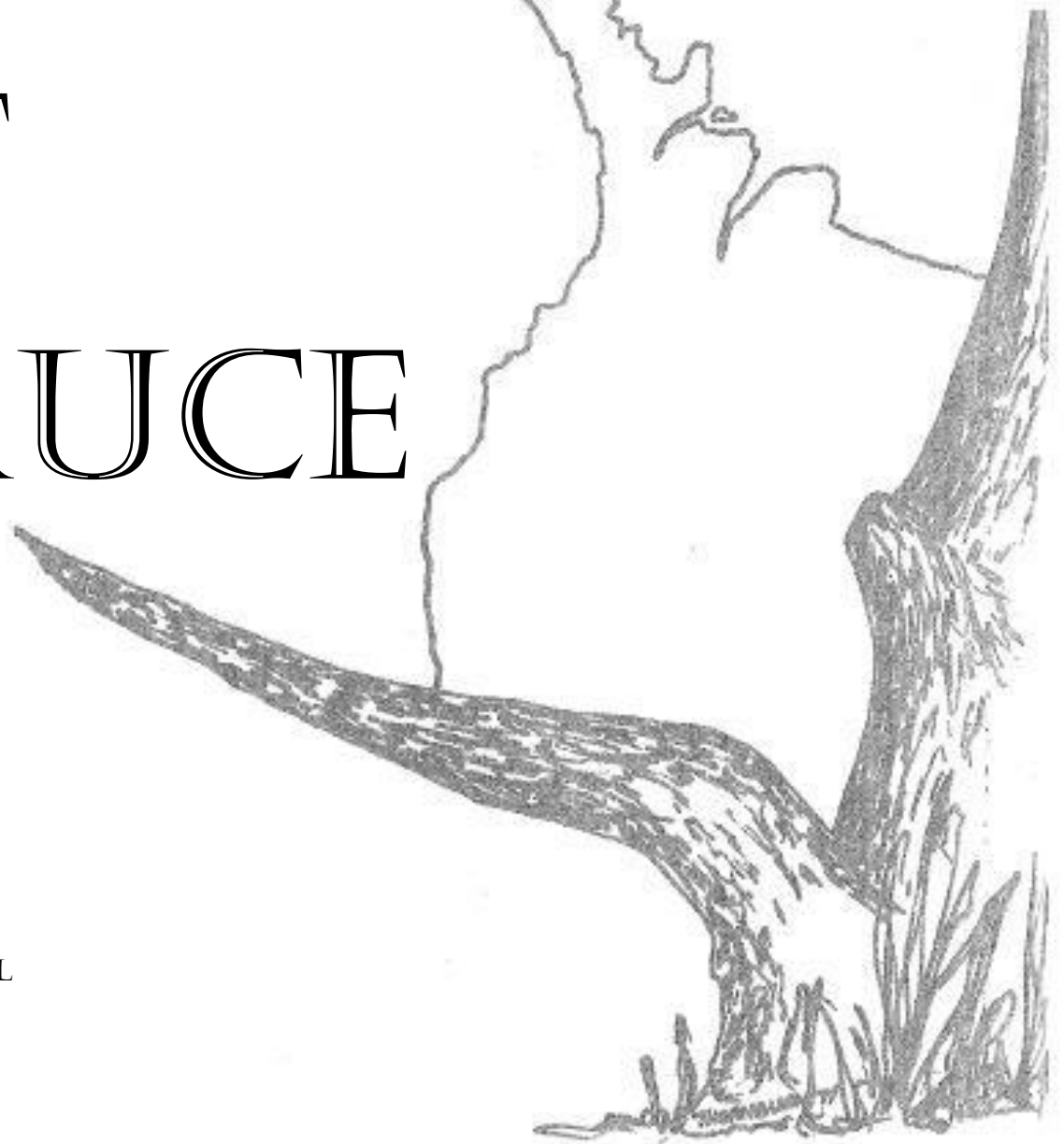
OUR FUTURE MEETINGS BECKON YOU . . . ! ! ! !

FEBRUARY 26, 1974	MARCH 26, 1974	APRIL 23, 1974
BRUCE COUNTY	BRUCE COUNTY	ANNUAL DINNER
LIBRARY "Roll – call: Share your Research names with us" 8:00 P.M. 'Starting Time'	LIBRARY Regular time 8:00 P.M.	MEETING United Church House Port Elgin (details later)

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If you pay in U.S. funds please add 50¢ to cover bank and other charges and mail to: - Ontario Genealogical Society, Box 66, Station Q, Toronto, Ontario, N4T 2L7.

Feel like getting involved ? If you have time or talent for a particular job, whether it be keeping records, scrapbook, or organizing cemetery recording sessions or tours. Write one of the following nominating committee

Mrs. Wm. Arnold, Box 35, Ripley, Ont.

Miss Izetta Fraser, 573, 4th Ave. W., Owen Sound, Ont.

Mrs. Fred Wuerth, Box 514, Port Elgin, Ont.

- 6 - 'Additions to the shelf-list of books in the O.G.S. Library' (March, 1973)
- 7 - Check – list of Census returns, New Brunswick 1851 – 1871, Nova Scotia 1871
(Manuscript Division) Compiled by: Public Archives of Canada
- 8 - The Fiddes Family History (1972) From: - Mrs. Marie Campbell, Walkerton, Ont.
- 9 - Duff Family (Arran-Sullivan Twsp) (1840's – 1960) Photocopy from: Dora Bingeman, 810
Frederick St., Kitchener, Ont.
- 10 - The Genealogy of Thomas Peat, (1803 – 1975), From: - Tom & Dot Peat, 11 Milligan Dr,
Flesherton, Ont. N0C 1E0
- 11 - Colonel Alexander MacDougall family tree (1825 – 1954), Compiled by: - Mary MacDougall
Scarrow, From: - Mrs. Russell Adolph, R. R. 3, Walkerton, Ont. N0G 2V0
- 12 - "Biographical index – Presbyterian Ministers labouring in the Dominion up to 1834; giving
place of birth, date of arrival, or ordination; and Provinces in which they laboured". From:
Mr. Case J. Vanderplus, 1210 York Mills Road, Apt. 901, Don Mills, Ont.
- 13 - Vansickle Family History, From: - Mrs. A. Johnson, 157 Pearl St. S., Apt. 200, Hamilton
- 14 - The Rise and Fall of a Prairie Town - Lauder, Manitoba. From: - G. G. Phillips, 929 Alpine
Ave., Ottawa, Ont. K2B 5R9
- 15 - Town Book – Township of Bayham (1826 – 1848), Edited by: - Horace B. Johnson,
Straffordville, Ontario.
- 16 - Southampton; Parish founded by a Celt. (newspaper article), written by: - Rev. John J.
Fenton from: - Gary Curran Husband, Richmond, B.C.
- 17 - Belden County Atlas Reprints, Huron, Peel, Essex, & Kent, Donated by: - Rev. & Mrs.
Ross Cumming, Port Elgin, Ont. N0H 2C0

DID YOU KNOW?

Some members have forgotten to renew their membership for '74. (This means that unless they renew their membership, this issue of the Branches of Bruce will be the last they will receive).

We suggest that you (if you've forgotten) WRITE – RIGHT, NOW

To: - Mrs. Russell Adolph, (Membership Sect. Bruce Branch, O.G.S.) R. R. 3, WALKERTON,
O.G.S. membership \$7.00 Bruce Br. Membership 2.00

QUERY - Mr. R. F. Wardell, 17610 Mayfield St., Burnaby 1, B.C. V5E 2J1

Has three generations of his family from Grey Co. He is interested in Thomas Wardell and descendents 1801 – 1898, although the Larters, Moultons and Drapers are also related. - -

Any information will be appreciated.

QUERY - U.V. Brernen, 74 Allan Brooke Dr., Islington, Ont. M9A 3N8 is trying to find the family of REID BARBER who lived in Port Elgin around 1890, engaged in the photographic business. Mr. B. has become interested in the history of photography through his research.

QUERY Judith Bushek (Mrs. Kenneth) 4215 W .Portage St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA 53209

I am interested in locating the ancestors or living relations of Alexander Morrow. He was born in 1817, died on June 4, 1864 and is buried in the Tara Cemetery. Alex did some farming in Tara and also in Hartney, Manitoba. He had a daughter Suzie and was married twice. His second wife was Mrs. McKeen. Any information would be appreciated.

FAMILY TREES WAITING FOR VIEWING AT THE GREY – OWEN SOUND MUSEUM

1. The N. American Descendents of William Cowie by George E. Sands, M. D.
2. The substance of things hoped for – The Story of Pioneers, Wm. & Margaret Pearse Williams. Their forebearers of faith and Heirs of Hope. compiled by Florence A. Fee
3. James Ledingham family tree, compiled by Fred M. Stephen, 381 Hayes Avenue, Santa Clara, Calif. U.S.A. 95051 (April 20, 1972)
4. Notes about the Nicol family – Through the Generations. And also Excerpts from the Stewart Succession. (compiled by Helen & Emily Young)
5. MacNab Family tree by Islay McNab
6. 1969 – The Bayley Family History. Edited by Ernest W. Bayley
7. Early Snider Family Tree. Written by members of the Snider family
Listings Contributed, Mrs. Gordon M. Bothwell, RR 1, Owen Sound, Ont N4K 5N3

Mrs. Wm. Arnold, Ripley, replied to a letter in “Home Loving Hearts” page of the Free Press Weekly re the Arnold family - she thought the other names might be of interest to our members.

COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM MR. CURTIS PATTERSON, BOX 241, GASPE, QUE

The History of the Arnold family in Gaspé is very brief.

Rev. Wm. 1804 – 1857 b. Black Rock, Ireland, was the second Anglican priest here. His parents, sisters went to Wellington Sq. Ont. while his brother Richard went to Toronto and Thomas to St. Catharines, later to Australia. Rev. Wm. married twice and had five daughters. The Arnolds went to Ireland from Germany where the name was at one time Arnmott, I am told.

Other names:

Robert BAIRD 1788 – 1871 b. Scotland arrived Gaspé 1810.

James BOYLE - - - d. 1819 b. Maas., arrived Gaspé 1792.

James NELSON b. 1789 U.S. arrived Shigawake, Que. 1815.

James PALMER 1822 – 1874 P.E.I. arrived Gaspé 1850.

John PATTERSON about 1735 – 1800 arrived Gaspé 1763 the first English settler.

Wm. PATTERSON d. 1816 arrived Gaspé 1798.

Wm. GRANT 1788 – 1870 from Parrsboro N.S. arrived Gaspé 1812.

Charles STEWART 1820 – 1913 arrived Gaspé 1810.

Abraham COFFIN 1750 – 1816 b. Nantucket, Mass. Arrived Gaspé 1779

Other STEWARTS, GRANTS, and PATTERSONS arrived at New Carlisle, Que. In 1784. Little knowledge of them.

FOR SALE

Bruce Co. 1867 Directory \$4.50 (includes Postage)

FROM: George Cluley, Box 24, Port Elgin, Ont. N0H 2C0

From member Mrs. Peter Merklinger of Kitchener comes this fine account of a family reunion:

Mclvor – Spencer Reunion

In 1853 Walter Brydon and his wife Eliza (Pringle) Brydon came to Canada with their daughters Belle & Ellen and son Walter, and a friend Wm. Mclvor. Three years later, Wm. Mclvor and Belle Brydon were married. They had a family of five – Eliza, Wm. J., Sarah, Ellie and May.

In 1862 Mr. & Mrs. John Spencer came to Shallow Lake, Ont. as newlyweds. There were five children of this union – Lucy, Mary, Fred, Allie and Stephen.

On January 1, 1884, Wm. J. Mclvor married Mary Spencer and on Christmas Day 1894, May Mclvor married Stephen Spencer, so the Mclvor and Spencer families were intertwined. Descendents of both families meet annually late in July for a picnic, usually at Harrison Park in Owen Sound. The first picnic was held in 1951 when Mr. & Mrs. Walter Mclvor of Seattle were visiting in Grey-Bruce after an absence of almost 40 years. Walter was the elder son of William J. and Mary (Spencer) Mclvor.

APRIL

BRUCE BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING

DINNER IN THE UNITED CHURCH HOUSE, PORT ELGIN

On

TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD

Interesting displays and YOUR pedigree charts.

Speaker

Election of officers

You must let our Secretary know by April 10 if you plan to attend the dinner.

A wonderful evening for \$4.

Dinner at 6:30

Summer and the time for family reunions will soon be with us again. Thought you might like to know about the reunions in our area. A clipping about each is held by the Branch, so if you are interested in a particular family, contact our Branch President.

AHRENS - - at Hanover Park
ACKERT - - 5th Con. Kincardine Twp.
ANDREW – LANE - - Ashfield Park
ACHESON - - Dundalk
ARMSTRONG – DICKISION - - Ashfield
AVERY - - Kincardine Twp.

HAMILL - - Chatsworth
HOLLIDAY - - Holstein
HEMSTOCK - - Owen Sound
HACKET - - 12th of Culross
HALDENBY - - Kinlough
HANNA - - Owen Sound

BUMSTEAD - - Harrison Park, OS
 BLYTHE - - Chesley
 BONNETT - - Kincardine
 BENEDICT - - Harrison Park, OS
 BYE - - Balmy Beach (near Owen Sound)
 BURT - - Kairshea Hall, Kinloss Twp.
 BARBOUR - - St. Helen's
 BARTMAN - - Hanover
 BARTLEMAN - - Walkerton
 BELL - - Purple Grove
 BEATON - - Durham
 BOYCE - - Durham
 CRAWFORD - - Harrison Park, Owen Sound
 COLLIER - - Hanover
 CAMPBELL - - Kincardine Twp.
 CALDER - - Holstein
 CARMICHAEL - - Owen Sound
 COCHRANE - - Holstein
 COURTNEY - - Reid's Corners
 COUTURE - - Owen Sound
 CARTER - - Kincardine Twp.
 CAMPBELL - - Kincardine (Alex & Abigail)
 DEAKINS - - Owen Sound
 DOWNEY - - Clavering
 DANIEL - - Millarton
 CLAN DONALD - - Kinloss
 DOBSON - - Thornbury
 DIXON - - Owen Sound
 ELLIOT - - Sullivan Mills
 EMERSON - - Kincardine Twp.
 EMKE - - Elmwood
 EMMERTON - - Reid's Corners
 FAWCETT - - Red Bay
 FIDDES - - Owen Sound
 FEATHERSTONE - - Owen Sound
 FARRELL - - Bruce Beach
 FORTUNE - - Scone
 FALCONER - - MCINNES - - Whitechurch
 FLEMING - - Paisley 1945
 FLOYD - - Durham
 FAIRBAIRN - - Holstein
 FLANNIGAN - - London (& Goderich)
 FRAZIER - - Ashfield
 GILLESPIE - - Wingham
 GAUNT - - Lonsboro
 GEDDES - - Purple Grove
 HEIM - - Kincardine
 HEDLEY - - Kincardine
 HALL - CUNNINGHAM - - Owen Sound

HARRISON - - Seaforth
 HARRON - - Port Elgin
 HAYE - MCCURDY - - Tara
 HENDERSON - FERGUSON - - Amberley
 HEWITSON - LENNOX - CRUICKSHANK -
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 HEWTON - - Ferndale
 HOWE - - Purple Valley
 HOWEY - Owen Sound
 IRWIN - - Brookeside Public School
 JOHNSTON 1952 - - Owen Sound
 KENNEDY - - Whitechurch
 LAMONT - - Owen Sound
 MILLER - - Keady
 MANNIG - - Bognor
 MILLS - - Paisley
 MAUER - - Elmwood
 MOFFAT - - Teeswater
 MCDONALD - - Reid's Corners
 MURRAY - - Owen Sound
 MAWHINNEY-MEWHINNEY - - ?
 MCLEOD - CRAWFORD - - Harrison
 MCEACHERN - - Priceville
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 SMART-STEVENSON-MURRAY &
 HASTING O.S.
 SHIER - - Owen Sound
 SHARP - JAMIESON - - Hampden Inst. Hall
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 SHEWFELT - - Kincardine
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 WEPPLER - - Hanover
 WHYTE - - Priceville
 WEBSTER - - Lucknow
 WALL - - Teeswater
 WALDEN - - ?

A delightful letter from Mr. Harry Oswell, Lion's Head, traces his family through the years.

"The Oswells went to England with William the Conqueror and were at the battle of Hastings in 1066. My uncle Edward, Eddi we called him did trace our ancestry back, but when he died no concrete records of his writings were found so it still remains a mystery whether or not the Oswells did make the journey with William. The ancestry has been handed down from father to son and my mother told me about it and all she knew about it. It appears the Oswells were not with the fighting force of the Norman army but were minstrels for the entertainment of the army in camps. Family history has it that after the Battle of Hastings the Norman soldiers made camp and drank a lot of the Norman wine they had brought with them and passed out of the picture temporarily and while they were sleeping it off as they saying is the Oswells, two of them wandered away into the country and decided to see the country to the north and east of the camp. I suppose they kept on wandering, because the first they were heard of they had wandered into what is now Norfolk and both married Saxon women and settled down around what is now King's Lynn because that is where the Oswells became known more than any other part of England.

Of course, as I say there is no concrete evidenced and very few could write at that time but the Oswells were no doubt minstrels and were musical. In my past generation three of my uncles were organists of churches in England. Charles at Nottingham, George at King's Lynn and Harry at Edinburg.

There were others who were musical but I never knew them. Eddi was not but two of his sons were. So the minstrel steak runs in the family. My brother was musical, a violinist and for myself I will soon be on my sixtieth year playing the organ at the Anglican Church here in Lion's Head.

Uncle Eddi was a writer and a newspaper reporter but during the depression, after the Boer War, lost his job and had a lot of time on his hands so he toured around and visited different places to get facts about our ancestry but evidently never wrote anything down and trusted to memory because he told my mother after he retired he would write it up but he never did and his family found nothing that he had written. So our history is still lost in the past and all we have is that which was handed down to us by word of mouth from father to son and in my case mother to son because my father died when I was four. So, the Oswell "minstrels" fade into the past with no concrete records of past history.

I will finish this letter by telling you that the Oswells, the two who wandered away must have married very buxom healthy women because it still shows up in the family. Two of my brother's children are six feet and weigh two hundred and two hundred and fifteen pounds. They are still living. They show the Saxon ancestry. I show the Saxon ancestry too, but my brother was a real dark Norman. I am seventy-seven in April".

With kind regards,
Sincerely, Harry Oswell

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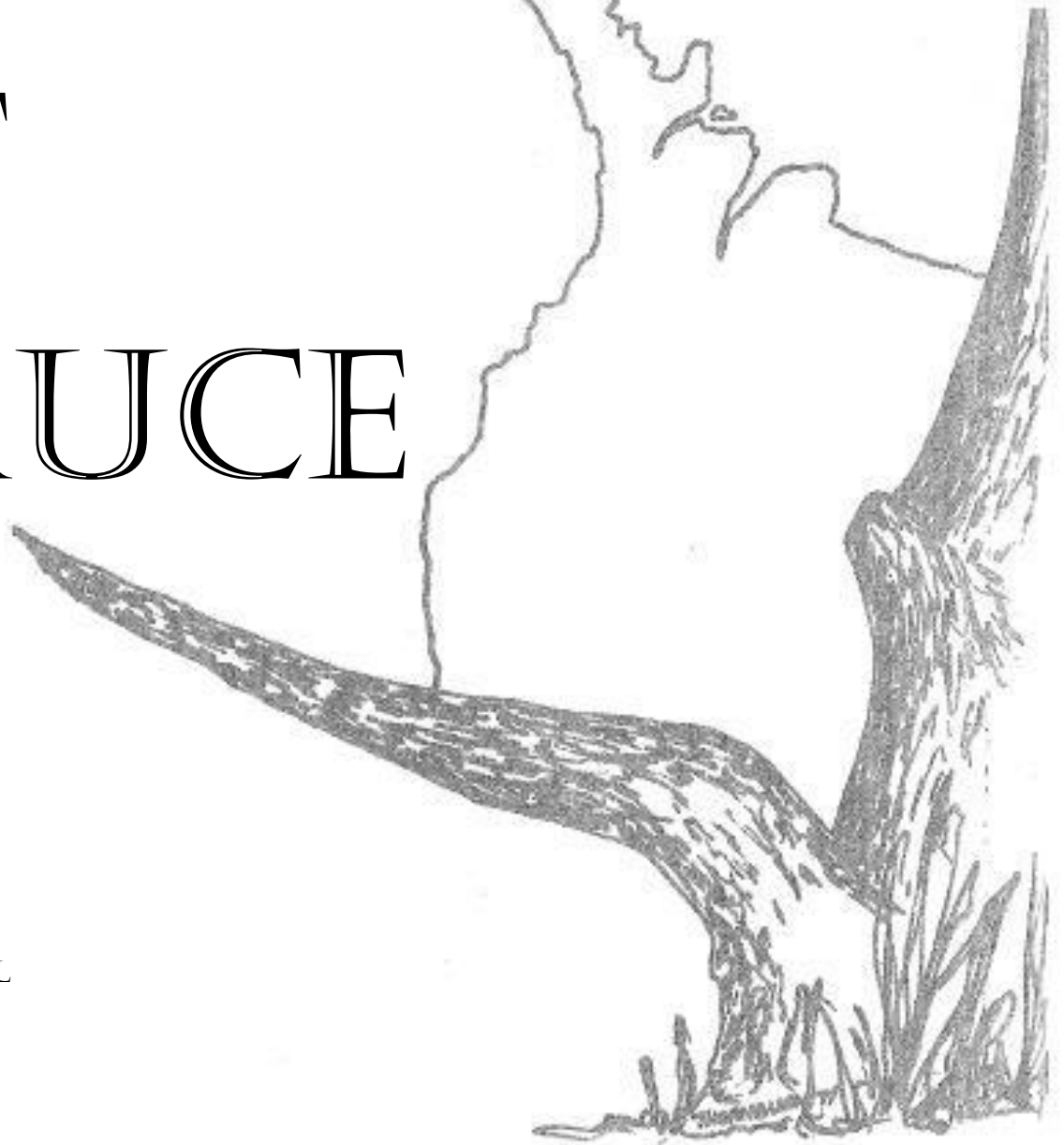
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No meeting July, August or December.

Dear Branch Members,

Let me take this opportunity to express to each of you, my heart-felt thanks for the support that you have given me during my four years as your Branch Pres. It has only been because of your continued co-operation, your interest, your wonderful letters of encouragement, we have grown from a handful of 12 at our organizational meeting to the 140 members that we now enjoy.

Our new Pres. has the qualities for leadership that we need to surge ahead, as he so ably proved by the fine manner in which he executed his duties as Seminar "chief". So let's show Al that we are ALL behind him 100% as he goes into his term in office. Please volunteer YOUR time and YOUR talents!

THANKS again to all of you out there. Most Sincerely, Past Pres: Audrey.

BOOKS A valuable book for those interested in Huguenot, German, American & U.E.L. ancestors: General History of Dutchess Co., N.Y. 1877 by Philip H. Smith. Gives histories of townships and Communities. Many names included, also family genealogies of Akin, Belden, Brill, Cole, Ferris, Haynes, Holmes, Lattin, Pearce & Vanderburgh. Gives lists of those who signed a pledge in 1775 to abide by the Continental Congress.

This book may be borrowed thru the Inter-Library loan.

Address of second hand bookstore in Scotland: Mr. S. S. Stansfield, Bookseller, 3 Castle Street, Fortrose, Ross-shire, Scotland, 1Z10 8th.

Mr. Stansfield will send a list of out-of-print Scottish and others, free. He is obliging and the list is most interesting

Hilda Downey

MANY THANKS

Since the inception of the Bruce Branch, we have been fortunate in having as Editor, Rev. John Fortier of Tiverton. Rev. Fortier has a way with words and with setting up the format of the publication and it was with regret that the Executive accepted his resignation in March. On behalf of the Branch members, may we say a sincere thank you to John for doing such a fine job.

ANNUAL MEETING OF BRUCE BRANCH APRIL 1974

Port Elgin United Church House was the setting for the annual dinner meeting of the Bruce Branch on Tuesday April 23.

Members from Grey and Bruce counties found many items of interest in the large assortment of Genealogical books, maps, family trees and other items that were on display.

George Cluley conducted the installation of officers for the coming year, (see inside of front cover for a complete listing of officers).

Audrey Underwood, who first organized the Bruce Branch of O.G.S. reported a fairly lengthy list of accomplishments since the groups inception nearly four years ago. Membership has grown from 10 to 105 and reaches across much of the continent.

Guest speakers for the evening were Mr. & Mrs. Millar Peart, of Toronto who have done extensive research and are goldmines of genealogical information. They gave a lively and informal talk on methodology and personal experiences, and brought along a large display of their own books and material. All in all, a fascinating evening for genealogical bugs.

1974 SEMINAR REPORT - PORT ELGIN - MAY 24, 25, 26

Seminar '74 has come and gone leaving members of the Local Arrangements Committee in a state of weary satisfaction. The Seminar was a great success. One hundred and ninety eight people from Canada and the U.S. came to see what we had to offer. The weatherman provided generally sunny, albeit cool weather, and local women's organizations and restaurants provided meals that completely upheld their culinary reputations.

Friday evening started with a frantic rush as our first guests arrived at Port Elgin-Saugeen School even as the last students departed for the week-end. However, by early evening a mood of relaxed friendliness that was to prevail for the entire Seminar took over, and guests and locals alike browsed among the excellent displays, peered intently at the pedigree charts for a familiar looking name, and exchanged pleasantries and information with new found acquaintances. Mr. & Mrs. Glen Hepburn's pictures and talk on the Bruce Trail delighted the audience and it wouldn't be suprising if a number didn't return with their hiking boots.

Saturday was a full, busy day. Delene Sampson read Ken Emery's amusing account of collecting a pictorial family tree. Mrs. Earl Busch gave the background of the Bruce County Tartan, one of five authentic tartans in Canada. Professor Darrell Norris of McMaster University

spoke on the use of maps in research and used several illustrations from the Cumming Atlas reprints as examples of invaluable aids. The Peripatetic Panel in the morning was a decided success even though most of us had to rush for our dictionaries when Programme Chairman Roberta Gilbank first suggested it. Dr. C. B. Koester, University of Saskatchewan, was afternoon speaker and took his audience back to the good, old days in the West and the long hard trek there.

Dr. W. Stanford Reid, University of Guelph, was guest speaker at the Saturday evening banquet and spoke on the importance of History in giving meaning to genealogy. His talk was interspersed with many humorous asides. Joanne Boyd, accompanied by Jeanette Steeves at the piano, put everyone in the proper mood for Dr. Reid's talk with her delightful rendition of several musical numbers.

Sunday morning, over ninety people rose bright and early to attend the 8 o'clock service at the United Church conducted by Eldon Weber of Kitchener. Later, they enjoyed a continental breakfast at the Church House hosted by Rev. and Mrs. Cumming. Harvey Longboat, a member of the Six Nations Indian Reserve near Brantford, gave an interesting talk on the matriarchal lines of descent in the Indian family and stated they have been having troubles with Women's Lib for years. A good crowd remained for the O.G.S. annual meeting and the Seminar concluded about 1 o'clock. As the last guest departed, most members of the Local Arrangements Committee felt they would not have missed the whole experience for a million dollars. However, they probably would not take a million to go through the whole affair again.

Editor's Note: members of the Local Arrangements Committee were –

Audrey Underwood, Isobelle Underwood, Alice Cumming, Mary Jane Williamson and Al Williamson.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

With the retirement of our Editor, Rev. John Fortier, the publication of the Branches of Bruce will be handled in the interim by an Editorial Committee consisting of:

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Your publication will reflect the work that you, the members, put into it. We would appreciate contributions of material and ideas for future editions, together with comments on articles you like or dislike. Participate by sending your material or comments to any or all of the above mentioned.

FROM MY LIBRARY SHELF

"Upper Canada College" is the oldest residential school for boys to the west of Montreal, having been founded by Sir John Colborne in 1829.

The book *The Roll of Pupils of Upper Canada College, Toronto January 1830 – June 1916* is more than just a list of names – it is a fascinating document. However, it does list the

students and teachers for the years listed above. The pages of the book are too brittle to lend, but I will gladly look up a name if someone suspects they have an ancestor who went to U.C.C.

It is, of course, filled with well-known names. Dr. Scadding was the first boy to be enrolled as a pupil. Second on the roll of Jan. 4, 1830, stands the name of John Strachan, second son of the Hon. John Strachan, Archdeacon of York. Also included is a son of Sir Allan McNab.

Also represented are names of boys who come from many parts of Canada, the U.S.A., and other parts of the world. Some of their fathers were lumber-men, brewers, merchants, brokers, pork-packers, cabinet-makers, druggists – one was even listed as a comedian.

Some were from the Counties of Grey and Bruce. Representative of these was a James McLay from Walkerton and C.J. Boice from Meaford who attended in 1876. A G. S. Brown, son of G. S. Brown, a Miller in Meaford, was there in 1877. In 1874 – 75 W. Dick, son of Robert Dick, a merchant of Paisley, Ont., was there. In 1908 Alexander Murray McCrimmon, a son of Dr. John McCrimmon of Kincardine, is listed on the roll.

A fact that interested me was that various Indian Chiefs were enrolled between 1839 and 1847, it having been the policy of Mr. Jarvis, the chief Superintendent of Indian Affairs and of his successor Capt. Anderson, to have them trained like white boys of a good family.

So, if your ancestors were either doctors, lawyers, or Indian chiefs and went to Upper Canada College, we may be able to help you.

Alice Cumming, General Delivery, Port Elgin, Ont., N0H 2C0

QUERY - FAIRBAIRN, David, Bruce Co., d. Teeswater, Ont. Aug. 15, 1871. M. 1) Mary Kinnamount 2) Lucinda Simpson 3) Catharine Fulford. Children – John Kinnamount, Matilda, Margaret, Elizabeth, Thos. Percival, David, and Eleanor. Any info – contact C. Gordon Crouse, Box 528, Shawville, Que. J0X 2Y0.

QUERY - re: sisters, Mrs. Hanna Bushby & Mrs. Cheney, of Southampton, first part of 1900's. Contact Mrs. Chas. Wright, 69 Armadale Ave., Toronto, Ont.

“NEWS OF THE PAST”

Warton Echo - Nov. 14, 1879.

“District News – Lion's Head

The Steamer “Prince Alfred” arrived here on Saturday last, having on board about 15 settlers for this vicinity.”

Here is a chance for local members to do some genealogical sleuthing. What records exist of the arrival of settlers such as referred to above? Do such things as “Ships Lists” exist for arrivals to the Bruce? Can we rescue and preserve any lists that might still be available? Send any information you can gather to Al Williamson, Box 992, Port Elgin.

Note: We intend to run a short item entitled “NEWS OF THE PAST” in each edition of the Branches of Bruce. If you have an item of particular interest dated pre-1900, send it to a member of the Publications Comm. Share your find with the rest of us.

The following Birth, Marriage and Death notices have been copied from the "Wiarton Echo" by Bruce Branch members using the newspapers private files.

First published on July 4, 1879, the "Echo" has continued to publish a weekly edition to the present day. All copies from 1879 to 1930 have been microfilmed and are on file with the Ontario Archives.

If a particular issue is not listed below, . . . that issue did not contain any entries for that date. Missing issues will be identified in the event Branch members may be able to fill the gaps with personal copies.

It is our intention to expand the index to include as many issues of the "Echo" as physically possible, and to initiate similar recording projects for other newspapers in the Grey-Bruce area. From time to time, these records will be published in the Branches of Bruce but, for obvious reasons, not all records will be made available in this manner. As portions of the project are completed, indexes will be made available through the Branch Library and through publication sales.

Newspaper published at Wiarton, Ontario

4 July, 1879

- b: Webster – at Lyon's Head, on May 29th, the wife of Mr. Charles Webster, of a son.
- b: Hellyer – at Lyon's Head, on the 27th of May, the wife of Mr. Valentine T. Hellyer, of a son.
- m: Waugh-Lamont – at Wiarton, on the 16th ult, by the Rev. Geo. Dunkley, Mr. John Waugh, of Eastnor, to Jane, eldest daughter of Mr. Alex Lamont, of Sharon Pa.
- m: Everett – Stewart – at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. T. Leggatt, Mr. John Everett, to Eliza, eldest daughter of Mr. Wm. Stewart all of Eastnor.
- d: Huff – at Wiarton, on the 22nd. ult., Frederick A., son of Mr. A. W. Huff, aged 4 yrs 6 mos

25 July, 1879

- b: White – at Mar, on the 16th inst., the wife of Mr. Edward White, Postmaster, of a son.
- b: Whicher – at Colpoy's Bay, on the 24th inst., the wife of Mr. J. H. Whicher, Reeve of Albermarle, of a son.
- m: Ford – Crandon – at Trinity Church, Wiarton, on the 23rd inst., by the Rev. Wm. Stout, Incumbent, Mr. Sidney Lewis Ford, to Miss Harriett Elizabeth Crandon, all of Wiarton.

5 Sept., 1879

- b: Fothergill, - At Colpoy's village, on the 4th inst., the wife of Mr. Charles Fothergill, of a son.

12 Sept., 1879

- b: At Golden Valley, Albermarle, Aug. 1st., the wife of Mr. John Walting, of a daughter.
- b: At Golden Valley, Albermarle, Aug. 18th., the wife of Mr. Ambrose Parker, of a son.
- m: On the 1st. inst., by the Rev. Charles Fish, Mr. William Williamson, to Miss Ann Amelia Parker, all of Amabel.
- m: At the residence of the bride's uncle, T. A. Reeve, esq., Oxenden, on the 11th inst., by the rev. W. Hall, Mr. Robert Flarity, to Miss Diana Reeve, all of Keppel.

m: At the B.C. parsonage, Wiarton, on the 29th ult., by the Rev. Geo. Dunkley, Mr. Samuel Davie, of Orangeville, to Miss Barbara Cottrel, of Eastnor.

m: At the B. C. parsonage, Wiarton, on the 12th inst. by the Rev. Geo. Dunkley, Mr. Lachlin Taylor, to Miss Ann J. Benson, all of Keppel.

d: In the township of Amabel, on the 10th inst., the wife of Mr. Wm. Moore, aged 33 years.

26 Sept. 1879

m: Drew – Bingham - On the 17th inst., by the Rev. A. Browning, at the residence of the bride's father, Matthew C. Drew, Esq., Peter Street, Orillia.

m: McGarvey – Lenard, - At the Bible Christian Parsonage, in Wiarton, on the 17th inst., by Rev. Geo. Dunkley, Mr. Matthew McGarvey, to Miss Alvia J. Lenard, eldest daughter of Mr. A. Lenard, all of Keppel.

10 Oct. 1879

m: Tyndall – Shoan, - on the 5th inst., by the Rev. Wm. Hall, at the Rush House, Wiarton, Mr. John Tyndall, of Lion's Head, to Miss Elizabeth Shean of the same place.

17 Oct. 1879

b: Brown - In Keppel, the 10th inst, the wife of Mr Archibald Brown, Reeve of Keppel, of a son

b: Kyle, - On the 15th inst., in this village, the wife of Mr. A. J. Kyle, of a son.

24 Oct. 1879

b: Doupe, - In Wiarton, on the 22nd inst., the wife of Mr. Adam Doupe, of a daughter.

m: Lee-Green, - At the B.C. Parsonage, on the 22nd inst., by the Rev. Geo. Dunkley, Mr. James H. Lee, to Miss Abigail Green, all of Albermarle.

m: Nicols – Coulson, - At the residence of the bride's mother, Scrope Street, Owen Sound, on the 22nd inst., by Rev. Canon Mulholland, Rector of St. George's Church, Mr. John Nicols, Barrister of Shelbourne, to Miss Sussie Coulson, eldest daughter of the late Mr. J. P. Coulson, Owen Sound.

31 Oct. 1879

m: Simonton – Stewart, - on the 26th inst., by the Rev. T. Legate, Mr. John Simonton to Miss Annie Stewart, all of Owen Sound.

m: Gibson – Milloy, - on the 23rd inst., by the Rev. T. Legate, at the Methodist Parsonage, Colpoy's Village, Mr. Wm. Gibson to Miss Elizabeth Milloy, all of Eastnor.

21 Nov. 1879

m: Dinsmore – Noble, - On the 12th inst., by the Rev. W. Hall, at the residence of the bridegroom, Mr. John Francis Dinsmore, to Miss Mary Jane Noble, all of Keppel.

d: Bingham - At Orillia, on the 15th inst., aged 1 year, 3 months and 28 days, Victor, youngest son of Mr. George Bingham of the Echo.

28 Nov. 1879

m: Matheson – White, - on the 19th inst., at the Rush House, Wiarton, by the Rev. Wm. Hall. Mr. Angus Matheson, to Miss Rhoda White, all of Albermarle.

5 Dec. 1879

b: Dalton, - on the 23rd of Nov., at Surry Place Farm, Eastnor, the wife of Chas. W. W. Dalton, Township Clerk, of a son.

12 Dec. 1879

b: Marshall, - In Owen Sound, on the 30th ult., the wife of Mr. J. J. Marshall of a son.

19 Dec. 1879

m: Insksetter – Thompson, - on the 17th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Copetown, by the Rev. Geo. Chrystal, Mr. James Inksetter, of Wiarton, to Miss Isabella Thompson.

19 Dec. 1879

d: Paskins, - On the 8th inst., in Amabel, Mrs. Elizabeth Paskings, aged 57 years, after a painful illness.

9 Jan. 1880

m: Spencer – McDougall - On Dec. 25th., at the Methodist Parsonage, Wiarton, by Rev. W. Hall, Mr. C. H. Spencer to Miss Agnes McDougall all of Keppel.

m: Dickson – Mallard - On the 18th ult., by Rev. T. Legate, at the Methodist Parsonage, Colpoy's, Mr. Wm. Dickson to Miss Mary Ann Mallard, all of Albermarle.

m: Longhead – Tackebury - On Christmas day, by Rev. T. Legate, at the residence of the bride's mother, Wm. H. Longhead, to Miss Elizabeth Tackebury, all of Lion's Head.

m: Bell – Watchorn - At Bradford's Hotel, Wiarton, on the 30th ult., by the Rev. Geo. Dunkley, Mr. Thomas W. Bell, to Miss Ann Watchorn all of Albermarle.

16 Jan. 1880

b: Freeman, - on the 25th ult., the wife of Mr. Wm. Freeman, Lion's Head, of a son.

6 Feb. 1880

d: Kelly, - 344 Grosvenor St., on the 24th ult., Mary Carter relict of the late John W. Kelly, and daughter of Mr. David Carter, all of London, Ont.

27 Feb. 1880

m: Ickler – Kerstedt, - On the 25th inst., at the residence of the Bridegroom's father, Wiarton, by the Rev. Geo. Dunkley, Mr. Peter Ickler to Miss Caroline Kerstedt. All of Amabel.

m: Shouldice – Perdue - on the 24th inst., by the Rev. A. Thibadeau, at the residence of the Bride's father, Mr. James Shouldice, of Elderslie, to Miss Mary M. E. Perdue, of Brant.

m: Mooney – Scott - at the residence of Mr. H. H. Perdue, Elderslie, by the Rev. A. Thibadeau, Mr. Wm. J. Mooney to Miss Elizabeth A. Scott. Both of Brant.

m: Bingham – Waite, - At Paris, Ont., by the Rev. Mr. McCloud, Mr. Hiram C. Bingham, of Hamilton to Miss Amelia Waite, daughter of Henry Waite, Esq., of Plattsville, Ont.

5 Mar. 1880

m: Tomlinson – Dixon, - by the Rev. W. Hall, Feb. 19th., 1880, Mr. T. H. Tomlinson to Miss Sarah J. Dixon, all of Keppel.

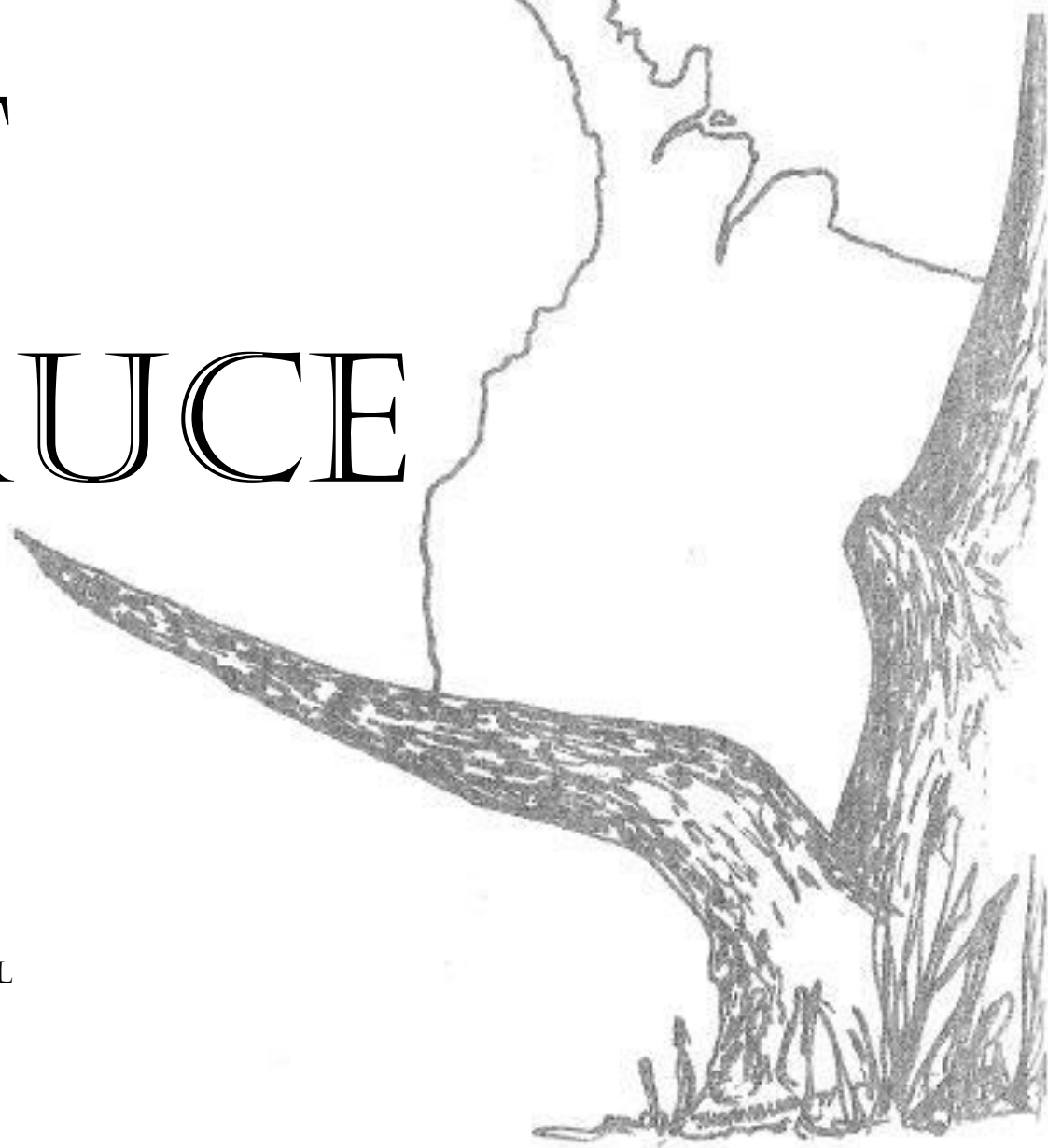
12 Mar. 1880

b: Waugh, - on the 4th inst., at Hope Bay, the wife of Mr. Thomas Waugh, of a daughter.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we begin a new season of genealogical activities, it seems proper to look ahead and decide what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Although each one of us has his or her own personal objective, whether it be trying to fit that newly-found Uncle Joe into the proper branch of the family or really putting on steam and tracking down that elusive Great Aunt Harriet, it is also necessary for us to have a common goal as a branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society.

As a service to ourselves and future generations, it is most important to preserve records now in existence. How many old church records have simply “disappeared”? How many irreplaceable newspapers, some dating from over a century ago, have been destroyed and the information they contained lost? How many burial grounds have been completely demolished in the name of progress and the valuable monumental inscriptions lost forever? As working genealogists, our main objective for the coming year should be to search out and preserve all such records. It is toward this goal that we should be expending our major efforts in the coming year.

Much work has already been done in this area in previous years as is evidenced by our growing file of cemetery monumental transcriptions, but there is much more work to be done. For example, how many members are compiling scrapbooks for inclusion in the Branch Library? How many family Bibles did you see auctioned off this summer not realizing the genealogical information that was being lost? If you are an active member of this Branch, you will be involved in some way in the coming year with collecting, transcribing, and indexing records. By all means concentrate on your own family history, but think also of the contribution you can make to future genealogists. See you this year – but have your pencil and paper ready.

BRUCE BRANCH O.G.S. JUNE MEETING

The June meeting was held in Bervie with the main topic being "Century Farms". Gladys Arnold and Kaye Thorburn presented a humorous skit in which they discussed some of the families, why they came to the area and where they settled. Some of the names to be found on Century Farm Signs are Emerson, Thompson, Collins, Fair, Stanley, Scott, McDonald, and Horn. The histories of the Hewitt and Bushell farms were also given.

Elder Longnecker who is working as a missionary out of Goderich for the Mormon Church spoke about the extensive records kept by his Church at Salt Lake City, Utah. Research can be done for you there or microfilm can be sent to the Latter Day Saint Library in Etobicoke.

Cemetery recording is continuing. Mark Lemon has done the 69 stones in the Vanwyck Cemetery, Grey County. Johnstone and Daywood cemeteries have also been done.

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FROM: -- George Cluley, Box 24, Port Elgin, Ont. N0H 2C0. \$4.50 includes postage.

BY POPULAR DEMAND

Following is the poem used by Dr. Koester at the O.G.S. Seminar in May which was omitted from the original write-up in the June issue.

Note nailed to the door of a deserted homesteader's shack somewhere in the Dakotas.

Four miles from a naybor
Sixty miles from a post ofis
Twenty miles from a ralerode
A hundred and atey from timber
250 feet from water
God Bless Our Home.

We have gone east to spend the winter with my wife's relations.

House of Commons Debates of the Dominion of Canada, 28 Feb, 1889, Vol. 1, p. 377.

LICENSE FOR MARRIAGE

(for marriage without bans) from records of Rev. D. D. Rolston, Methodist Minister.

1. Daniel Augustus Lowny (could be Lowry) of the village of Brussels, Co. of Huron, bachelor, and Elizabeth Krath of the township of Carrick, Co. of Bruce, spinster. given 1st March 1880 by M. Maclean, issuer of marriage licenses.
2. William Harry Thetford of the village of Mildmay in the Co. of Bruce, bachelor, and Helen Andreson of the same village, spinster, dated tenth day of January, 1879 (Toronto) and issued twelfth day of July, 1879 by M. Maclean, issuer of marriage licenses for Co. of Bruce. (written in) married July 15, 1879.
3. Joseph R. Pilgrim of Elderslie, Co. of Bruce, blacksmith, bachelor, and Ann Robb of same place, spinster. - issued 20th April, 1876.

4. Benjamin Legett, twp. of Brant, and Elizabeth Jackson of same. Given at Walkerton, 19th. January, 1864, by W. McLean.
5. Frederick K. Hagerman of the township of Elderslie, Co. of Bruce, bachelor, and Mary Ann Hanbidge, twp. of Arran, spinster. - issued 1st. March, 1880.

Audrey Underwood.

GENEALOGISTS

If you're going to be searching for Wills in Great Britain and don't know where to begin, perhaps the following two newly published books will interest you.

Wills and Where to Find Them by J.S.W. Gibson

Covers all the English counties with detailed sections on Wales, Ireland, Scotland, Isle of Man, & the Channel Islands. £ 3.50 (postage 20p extra)

Available from Phillimore & Co. Ltd., Shopwyke Hall, Chichester, Sussex, England.

Wills and Their Whereabouts by Anthony J. Camp

Revised edition of 1963 pub. Exhaustive guide to the probate records of the British Isles. £ 3.50 (postage 20p extra)

Available from Anthony J. Camp, 162 Westbourne Grove, London, W11 2RW., England.

Genealogical items sometime turn up in strange places. Looking through a cook book bought at a sale, in amongst assorted recipes & scribbled on a paper was the following information. –

“James McRitchie	born 16 Oct, 1815
Ann McRitchie	“ 14 Feb, 1817
Jane “	“ 12 Oct, 1818
Charles “	“ 3 Sept, 1820
George “	“ 2 June, 1822
Isabella “	“ 6 Apr, 1824
Alex “	“ 25 Oct, 1825
William “	“ 21 Aug, 1827
Elizabeth Reed McRitchie	“ 4 Oct, 1829
Maria G. McRitchie	“ 11 Dec, 1832

The above I have copied from the Family Records of the late Charles McRitchie and Jean Henderson, his wife. - J. Maitland, 23 May, 1876”

Further clues might be the names of former owners of this Home Cook Book of 1889. Names on the fly-leaf are Mrs. Margaret Harrison, Bentinck, Jan. 1, 1893 and Mabel Crozier, Chatsworth, R. R. 1.

Alice Cumming

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE GREY COUNTY HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE

1. A New History of Grey County by T. Arthur Davidson - \$12.00 – 433 pages
Order from Mrs. Gordon Bothwell, Rural Route #1, Owen Sound, or local bookstores.
2. History of Sydenham Township 1967 – edited by Vina Ufland - \$8.00 – 778 pages.
Order from G. M. Bothwell, Sydenham Township Clerk, Rural Route #1, Owen Sound, Ont.
3. History of Derby Township 1839 – 1972 - \$10.00 – 347 pages.
Order from A. W. Wilkinson, Derby Township Clerk, Kilsyth, Ontario.
4. St. Vincent Township 1847 – 1967 – edited by Vina Ufland - \$8.00 – 258 pages.
Order from James Foster, St. Vincent Clerk, Rural Route #1, Meaford, Ontario.
5. Sarawak Saga by Mrs. James McLeod – \$12.00.
Order from Gordon Cameron, Sarawak Township Clerk, Rural Route #2, Owen Sound, Ont.
6. Church Life in Grey County by Dr. J.A.C. Kell, @ \$1.00.
Obtainable from Dr. Kell, 685 – 11th Street West, Owen Sound, Ontario.

Copies of Grey County Atlas and Local Histories that are now out of print are kept in the County of Grey Owen Sound Museum Historical Files.

THE SCOTS IN THE QUEEN'S BUSH

In 1836 the Ojibway Indians surrendered to the Crown, title to the tract of land which became known as the Queen's Bush.

The population of Upper Canada was growing at a rapid rate, largely because of the increased number of immigrants. By 1848, it stood at approximately 723,000 as compared with about 486,000 in 1842. The demand for more land to be made available for settlers was growing.

In 1847 as the first step in the opening up and settling of this section of Upper Canada, a survey crew under Alex Wilkinson began work and the first survey marked out the farm lots on what is now the first concession of Huron and Kinloss townships. In 1848 the Government decided to build a road from Simcoe County to the mouth of the Penetangore River where Kincardine now stands. It was further decided that a free grant of a 50 acre farm lot on one of the 2 concessions north and south of this road be made to settlers. A.P. Brough was instructed to survey the western portion of the proposed road from Durham to the lake. (Durham Rd.)

In the summer of 1848, the first settlements were made at or near the present town of Kincardine. In settling a new area, people of one nationality or religion tended to settle in colonies and the settlements of the Scots outnumbered those of other nationalities in the Queen's Bush. In the Bruce County census of 1861, 19% of the inhabitants were of Scottish birth, 11% of Irish, 5% of English, 4% of German, 1% of United States, 1% of all other countries. The remaining 50% were Canadian born. One of the largest block settlements was the Lewis Settlement – from the Isle of Lewis in the outer Hebrides – in the centre of Huron Township, Bruce Co. Upon landing in Quebec, the group divided, most of the arrivals going to the Co. of Compton in the eastern townships, and the remainder going to Montreal by boat and then to Hamilton. Here many of them went to work on the Great Western Railway which was then under

construction. In the summer of 1852, 109 families gathered at Goderich and moved to Huron Township, founding the Lewis Settlement.

Further information regarding the immigrants from Lewis is taken from the June, 1968 issue of *The Scottish Genealogist*, Vol. XV, No. 2, p. 48 and was submitted by Mrs. G. Downey.

"It is estimated that 2,231 people emigrated from Lewis to Canada between 1851 and 1863. Professor Gordon Donaldson, in his book *THE SCOTS OVERSEAS*, p. 78, gives the number from the Matheson estates as 968, and Canadian sources say that Sir James Matheson spent £11,855 on passage money, inland railway fares, clothing and other furnishings. The families from Barvas and Shader, who sailed from Stornoway on 29th May, 1851, boarded the ships *Mary Blanche* and *Princess Alice*, both of which carries pig-iron. They reached Quebec on 4th August, 1851, one ship having been damaged during a storm. Those emigrants who settled in Huron Township included others who sailed in 1852 (name of ship unknown). Most families settled on 50 acre lots, for which they were charged \$2.50 per acre, payable in ten installments, the land to be cleared at the rate of 5 acres per year. The area is now neat farmland and owes much to the hardy settlers from Lewis, few of whom could speak English.

Among them were MacDonalds, MacLeans, MacLeods, MacIvers, MacLays, MacArthurs, MacRitchies, MacLennans, MacKenzies, Martyns, Murrays and Smiths."

In addition to the Lewis settlement the Highlanders are listed as founding the Highland Settlement in the Alps of Culross; the Colnsay and Argyll Settlement in Elderslie, N.E. of Paisley in 1853; and are said to have settled in S. Kinloss. The settlements of Lowlanders are Aaran, Kincardine, and Saugeen Townships.

A study of the History of these original settlements may provide many a lead to genealogists researching in the Queen's Bush.

M. J. Williamson.

References for preceeding article:

Brown, W. M. : *The Queen's Bush*, 1967, Richardson, Bond & Wright Ltd., Owen Sound, Ont.

Robertson, Norman: *History of the County of Bruce*, 1971, Richardson, Bond & Wright., Owen Sound, Ont.

QUERY - ALLEN; Thomas & family.

Lived Kincardine 1881, then to Powasson, Parry Sound Co. 1905. Who was wife? Chrn. Robt., David, Albert, Wesley Geo. (b. Nov. 15, 1881), Margaret & Annie. Robert moved to B.C. David also? Wesley homesteaded in Sask. 1908. Albert had 2 chrn. – Wesley & Ida. Where did they live? Margaret m. a Patterson. Believed some of family in or near Detroit / Pontiac Mich., 1956.

Any info – contact Mrs. A. W. Allen, 21107 88th. Ave., R.R. #5, Langley, B.C., V3A 4P8.

QUERY - STEVENSON & MCLARDY (McLarty?)

John Stevenson (1805/15 – 1884) m. Jane Gilchrist (1816 – 1872). Buried Toronto. Both born Kilsyth, Scot. & lived Toronto. Chrn. Robert S. & Marion (d. 1912) m. Wm. McLardy (d. 1892) buried Kincardine. Ida, dau. of Robert. S. m. Henry D. Holt in St. Louis. Infor re: - families & descendents sought by – Cdr. Joseph M. Hewlett, Jr., 161 Greenwood Ave., Wyncote, Pa, 19095.

PLACE NAMES

Several years ago at an international conference in Philadelphia my Canadian-flag button brought on a fast question-and-answer encounter in an elevator. Ontario? "Did you ever hear of a place called 'Bentinck'?" Among the couple of thousand delegates I was the only one from Gray Co., and of course I knew the Township. My Vancouver questioner's grandfather had been an immigrant stone-mason and had spent several years working on mills in Ontario – most of them, apparently, on the Rocky Saugeen. She had letters from 'Bentinck'. He had run or owned the 'Ravine Mill', from 1853 to 1857.

Between my trusty Saugeen Valley Conservation Report which has an excellent chapter on the mills of the watershed, and the Dept. of Transport Road Map of Bruce and Grey, I worked out quite a plausible background for grandfather. The road map DOES have a 'Bentinck' Provincial Land Surveyor M.C. Schofield had opened a country store on the Rocky Saugeen, in Bentinck, four miles north of the present town of Durham. In 1849 he was appointed postmaster. This could have been either Rocky Saugeen or Bentinck, but the scale on the mill map brings it to the present 'Bentinck' location, and there is a lone un-named sawmill site near that point – perhaps the Ravine Mill?

This particular road-map is valuable because it does mark early 'Corners'. In the horse and buggy days there had to be community services every five or ten miles – churches and cemeteries, mills, blacksmith shops, taverns. Highway widening have obliterated many sites, or they are marked by abandoned schools, cemeteries, stores . . . or a modern gas station. If my friend had asked about Buck's Crossing (Hanover), or Viel-Noethig (Neustandt) I would have been stumped.

We understand 'Corners' fading away, but we have chanted that 'Simcoe-Barrie, Grey-Owen Sound, Bruce-Walkerton' list of counties and their county towns for so long that we do not realize what the Regional Systems are going to do with our old records. The Bruce Peninsula townships seem safe enough in their names and boundries. We have our 'Durham', but the 'Regional Municipality of Durham' consists of 'the City of Oshawa', the town of Ajax, the town of Newcastle, the town of Pickering, (which used to be a township too), the town of Whitby, the township of Brock, the township of Scugog and the township of Uxbridge'. These townships used to be in Ontario County, and to confound the confusion, 'Scugog' now incorporates the Village of Port Perry and the former townships of Cartwright and Reach. Uxbridge township and the town of Uxbridge went together, but now includes the township of Scott. The former 'Brock' township amalgamated with the villages of Beaverton and Cannington, but also the township of Thorah. Try to straighten all that out to some Texan genealogist's inquiry to 'Durham' even ten years hence!.

The subheadings to 'Cambridge' will be needed for years. Do you know where Nanticoke is? It is the new Municipality made up of Port Dover, Waterford and Jarvis, and parts of the townships of Rainham, Townsend, Walpole and Woodhouse . . . which mixes up Norfolk and Haldimand Counties. But they have both disappeared – the Municipality of Norfolk – Haldimand. And the new Town of Haldimand takes in neighbouring towns, villages and townships. Other pieces of these townships have gone to Simcoe. (the town, not the county). The County of Simcoe has annexed the townships of Mara and Rama which used to belong to the County of Ontario.

The confusion is coming nearer. From now on some locations in the townships of Elma and Wallace will have the address 'Listowel'.

Did you buy the Township Index which Bruce Branch has for sale, so you will know which WAS what in 1970 or thereabouts?

Roberta Gilbank

"WIARTON ECHO" Births, Marriages & Deaths (cont'd)

19 Mar. 1880

m: Elliott – Moore, - on the 17th. inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Lion's Head, by the Rev. Thomas Legate, Mr. George C. Elliott, to Miss Catharine Isabelle, only daughter of Mr. George Moore, all of Lion's head.

26 Mar. 1880

b: Whicher – on the 17th inst., in the Township of Albermarle, the wife of Mr. Chas. Whicher, Township Clerk, of a son.

m: Hodgins – Paskins – at the residence of the bride's father, on the 22nd inst., by the Rev. W. Hall, Mr. John B. Hodgins, of Keppel, to Miss Martha Jane Paskins, only daughter of Mr. John Paskins of Amabel.

2 April 1880

obit: Conrod Crook of Albermarle, on Friday forenoon last met with an accident that cost him his life.

m: Kinch – Hopper – at the residence of the bride's father, Samuel Hopper, Esq., by the Rev. Wm. Stout, on the 25th ult., William Kinch Esq., to Miss Louisa Hopper, all of the Township of Keppel.

16 April 1880

b: Creighton - at Owen Sound, on the 9th inst., the wife of Mr. J. Farish Creighton, of a daughter

m: Lahey – Laughlin, - at the office of B. B. Miller, Esq., Wiarton, on the 15th inst., by the Rev. Geo. Dunkley, Mr. G. Lahey of Lindsay, to Mrs. M. McLaughlin (?) of Albermarle.

d: Case – in Keppel, on the 17th inst., Mr. Joseph Case, aged 57 years.

30 April 1880

b: Mclvor – At Mclvor, on the 9th inst., the wife of Mr. John Mclvor, of a daughter.

7 May 1880

b: Murray – on the 3rd Inst, at Elsinore, Amabel Twp, the wife of Mr. RH Murray, of a daughter

14 May 1880

M: Hogg – Clotworthy – at the Church of England Parsonage, Wiarton, on the 7th inst., by the Rev. Wm. Stout, Mr. Nathaniel Hogg, to Miss Ellen Jane, daughter of Mr. Archibald Clotworthy, all of the township of Amabel.

21 May 1880

m: Manahan – Goodfellow – at the Church of England Parsonage, on the 12th inst. by the Rev. Wm. Stout, Mr. William Manahan, of Keppel to Miss Sarah Goodfellow, fourth daughter of John Goodfellow, Esq. of Sarawak.

b: Glover – at Wiarton, on the 18th inst., the wife of Mr. F. Glover, of a daughter.

28 May 1880

b: Duke, - at Eastnor, on the 11th inst., the wife of Mr. Wm. Duke, of a son.

b: Paterson, in Keppel, on the 21st instant, the wife of Mr. James Paterson, jr. of a son.

b: Gilpin – in this village, on the 26th inst., the wife of Mr. Thomas Gilpin, of twins, boy and girl.

11 June 1880

b: Shannon, - in Owen Sound, on the 23rd inst., the wife of Mr. J.H. Shannon, of a son.

m: Kyle – Fairbairn, - at the residence of the bride's mother, at Teeswater, on the 16th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Cooper, Mr. E. Kyle of Kyle Bros., Hardware Merchants, Wiarton, to Miss Annie L. Fairbairn of Teeswater.

9 July 1880

b: Trout, - in Wiarton, on the 4th inst., the wife of Mr. H. Trout, of a daughter.

m: Rodgers – Stead, - on the 30th ult., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Thomas Legate, Mr. John Rodgers to Miss Margaret Stead, all of Lindsay.

m: Given – McMaster, - on the 5th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Thos Legate, Mr. Robert J. Givens, of Albermarle, to Miss Elizabeth McMaster of Eastnor.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

PLACE - Lee Manor, 875 – 6th St. E., Owen Sound.

DATE - Tuesday, September 24th.

TIME - 8:00 P.M.

OCTOBER MEETING

PLACE - Orange Lodge, Meaford (Left at IGA Store, across the bridge, first right)

DATE - Tuesday, October 22nd

TIME - 8:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER MEETING

PLACE - Food and Agricultural Bldg., Markdale

DATE - Tuesday, November 26th

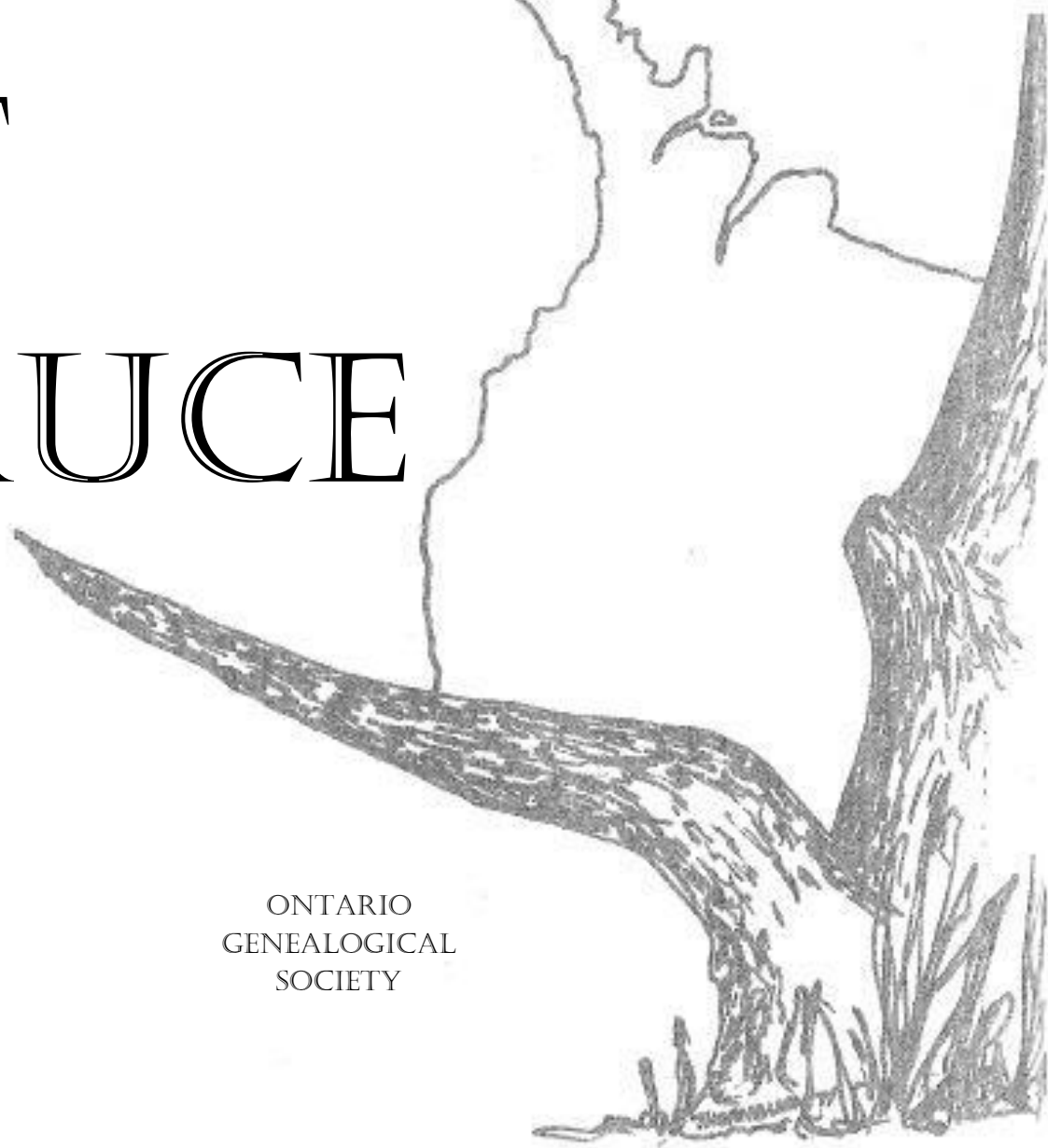
TIME - 8:00 P.M.

Interesting programs planned with emphasis on help for the beginning genealogist. Our program committee has arranged guest speakers with interesting topics for each meeting. Come and introduce a friend to genealogy.

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Membership to the OGS is \$8 per year and the Bruce Branch \$2 per year. - both are due January 1st. each year. In addition to the many Society benefits, your O.G.S. membership entitles you to voting rights within the Branch, permits you to hold Branch executive positions, and entitles you to reduced rates for Branch publications. The O.G.S. is attempting to co-ordinate and direct genealogical activity within the province of Ontario. Your \$8.00 membership provides the working funds for this activity. Preserve Ontario's Past - - - - - Join O.G.S.

Bruce Branch Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month.

No meeting July, August or December.

BRANCH MEETING NOTES

September 24th Lee Manor, Owen Sound

Guest speaker was Mr Ken Thompson who spoke on his now famous posters. The originals were discovered in bits & pieces behind the wall of an old building in Owen Sound which has once been the home of a printing business. They are a remarkable & very interesting record of local history.

An informative program of special interest to the beginning genealogist was arranged & presented by Betty Warrilow & Delene Sampson. Slides & accompanying narrative gave many useful hints on where to look for genealogical information.

October 22 Orange Lodge, Meaford

An interesting meeting with much local resource material on display. It was announced that the Emerson Quinton Collection is now in the possession of the University of Western Ontario & that our Branch has been asked to assist the Grey County Historical Society in setting up a cemetery recording program in the county.

Miss Vina Ufland who has written for the Meaford Express since 1910 was guest speaker. She spoke on the early history of Meaford with emphasis on the old families & old houses of the area. It is her opinion that "at least one in each generation likes to sit under the family tree and look up at its branches."

THE NAMES DIRECTORY is now completed and will be available shortly. Watch the next issue of Branches of Bruce for further information.

Many thanks to Audrey Underwood, Isabelle Underwood and Teresa Davidson for the hours of work that went into this project!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

New acquisitions for our library

- 1) South Lochalsh Cemetery, Hwy 86, Lot 6 Con XIV, Ashfield Twp – recorded & donated by Gladys Arnold. (13 pages)
- 2) Lewis Cemetery, Lot 14, Con 6, Huron Twp - recorded & donated by Gladys Arnold (5 pages)
- 3) South Kinloss Cemetery, Lot 14 Con 6, Huron Twp. – recorded & donated by Gladys Arnold
- 4) First St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Lot 28, Conc. 4, Brant Twp. – donated by Barb Adolph
- 5) Second St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Lot 31, Con 5, Brant Twp – donated by Barb Adolph
- 6) Elsinore Cemetery, Arran Twp HMS Lot 14, NW pt – recorded & donated by Audrey Underwood
- 7) "Wiarton Echo" Births, Marriages & Deaths, July 4, 1879 to Nov. 13, 1880 – compiled & donated by Al Williamson.
- 8) Ottawa Branch, O.G.S., Branch News, Vol 6, No 6, June 1974
- 9) Toronto Branch, O.G.S. Toronto Tree, Vol 5, No 5, May 1974, Vol 5, No 7, Sept 1974
- 10) Hamilton Branch, O.G.S. Branch News, Vol 5, No 6, June 1974, Vol 5, No 7, Sept 1974
- 11) Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Bulletin, Vol 5, No 3, Summer 1974

NEW BOOKS

An Historical Album of Paisley, Published by the Paisley Centennial Book Committee \$4.50

Indian Chief - Van Deusen, Published by Coles (reprint)

Indian Affairs in the Owen Sound – Southampton area around 1850 – 60 \$2.95

Both of the above books are available at quoted prices from: Cumming Atlas Reprints, Port Elgin, Ontario N0H 2C0

History of Fermanah from earliest times to 1969. Limited printing. Available from: Rev. P. Livingstone, St. Michael's College, Enniskillen, N. Ireland. \$20.00

BOOKS WORTH NOTING

Zetland Family History – Grant, Francis J. Published by T. & J. Manson, Shetland News Office, 1907.

This book was located in the Toronto Public Library. It is a reference book & must be read in the library only. For those with the following surnames – Adie, Barclay, Bruce, Cheyne, Craigie, Dick, Dunbar, Duncan, Edmonston, Gauden, Gifford, Goudie, Gray, Greig, Grierson, Haldane, Hamilton, Hay, Heddell, Henderson, Henry, Hoseason, Hunter, Ingram, Innes, Leslie, Mitchell, Mowat, Mouat, Neven, Nicholson, Norsk, Ogilvy, Pole, Robertson, Ross, Sandison, Scott,

Sinclair, Spence, Steward, Umphray – a check of the genealogical detail might be helpful. In addition, there is an index of incidental family references. This book covers a number of generations to 1907 & is based on information compiled from Public Records and other sources. (Scotland).

John Ramsay & Kildatltton – Ramsay, Freda, Published by Peter Martin Associates Lt. 1968

“Being an account of his life in Islay and including the Diary of his trip to Canada in 1870”. This trip included visits to the former people of Islay who had settled in Beaverton, Orillia, Oro, Barrie, Collingwood, Owen Sound, Keady, Southampton and Kincardine. An index & bibliography are included.

Book reviews by Betty Warrilow

Did you read the bibliography at the end of an article, booklet or book? Some of these references are very informative and can be borrowed from your library or through inter-library loan.

A shelf-list of possessions of our Branch Library is now complete & in the possession of our Librarian-Archivist. Material may not be removed from the library, but anyone is welcome to make use of it during library hours. For those not already familiar with the fact, the Branch Library is housed at the Bruce County Library, 662 Gustavus St., Port Elgin.

Genealogy is a fascinating hobby and a never-ending one. In the next few issues of Branches of Bruce, we will be running a series of articles which we hope will be of special interest to those of you who have just recently been bitten by the genealogy “bug”. It’s always easier when you “know the ropes”; so

Here
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HOW TO GET STARTED ON YOUR FAMILY TREE

List these basic facts about yourself: Birthplace, birthdate, names of parents, sisters, brothers, schooling, marriage date, marriage place, children, and career. Do the same for your parents, grandparents, even great grandparents. Guessing is not one of the rules of genealogy. Proofs are necessary when you play this game. Proofs such as birth, death and marriage certificates; census lists; wills; church records; military records etc. Check family Bibles and tombstones inscriptions.

Birth, death and marriage certificates dated from 1869 may be obtained from:

Dept. of Public Records and Archives,
Parliament Buildings, Queen’s Park,
Toronto, Ontario.

Visit County Buildings for land titles, copies of wills probated, assessment rolls, land transfers. Census records are available from your local Public Library or check with the Latter day Saint Church Genealogical Library for their microfilm lists by writing to 95 Melbert Ave., Etobicoke.

Check with the local Branch for their publication Branches of Bruce, vol. 2, No. 1 & No. 2 for lists of micro film pertaining to this area.

If your ancestors were United Empire Loyalists, you will find their records quite extensive and the National Headquarters is 23 Prince Arthur Ave., Toronto.

If great grandfather worked for Hudson's Bay Company, records from 1670 to 1900 will be available from the Provincial Library and Archives, Winnipeg, Manitoba after the summer of 1974. They were previously housed at Beaver House, London, England.

Don't overlook the Perkins Bull Collections at the Public Archives, Queen's Park. Toronto.

Read local histories, pioneer journals, or diaries. Pamphlets such as Tracing Your Ancestors in Canada are available from Information Canada Public Archives, Toronto.

A copy of How to Start Your Family Tree is available from Chatelaine Family Tree, 481 University Ave., Toronto, M5W 1A7

The O.G.S. Library is now located at North York Public Library, Canadiana Section, 5126 Yonge, St., Willowdale.

Your local Society has a list of families now being researched, a list of cemetery tombstone inscriptions, the address of other Societies, and a Genealogical Library at Port Elgin.

One of the Genealogical Society's greatest assets is people helping people; so do keep in touch with members and attend meetings whenever possible. Delene Sampson

WANTED: People who would be interested in recording the births, marriages & deaths from the very early editions of the Grey & Bruce newspapers, especially those which have not yet been microfilmed. Let us know which newspaper you'd be interested in doing (to avoid repetition).

QUERIES AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. A. Mott has offered her assistance to anyone who has ancestors coming from Argenteuil County, Quebec. She has collected material on different families and has recorded some of the cemeteries there. She would like to hear from people with the following surnames: - Mott, Gunn, Calder, Gilmour, Beattie, Lister, Vary, Coombes, MacLean, MacVicar, Williams and Dockstader. Her address is: R. R. #2, Brownsburg, Quebec, J0V 1A0

Mrs. Eleanor Nielson, R. R. #6, Forest, Ont., N0N 1J0 has been recording cemeteries in Plympton township, Lambton Co. and has offered her assistance to anyone from our Branch who may need information on burials in that area.

She would appreciate any information re: William Sparling, died July 7, 1890, burial place somewhere in the Flesherton area. Also Christopher Sparling & wife Ann, possibly buried near Seaforth.

Mrs. C. Gerlach, Box 69, Stettler, Alta., T0C 2L0, requests information on James Hogue (Hogg) b. 1834, Kildare Co., Ireland, d. 1929. Lived near Melancthon, Wiarton, or Lionshead. Also info on Mary Jane Blair Armstrong b. 1834, Scotland. Her family lived near Melancthon.

Anna-Jean Jensen, 3324 Overlander St., Kamloops, B.C. is the maternal grand-daughter of a Jean Bruce who married a Waldie. Info wanted on this family.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

Even with inflation, the Bruce Branch membership is still only \$2.00 for '75. Annual dues payable Jan. 1st each year; \$8.00 for O.G.S. and \$2.00 for Bruce Branch. Both may be paid through our Membership Secretary who will forward your \$8.00 to O.G.S.

So, don't put it off until "tomorrow"

Sent RIGHT NOW to: - Mrs. Russell Adolph, R. R. #3, Walkerton, Ont. N0G 2V0

"NEWS OF THE PAST"

Warton Echo – Oct. 2, 1880

"District News – Chesley Our village constable has lately got married and there is decided improvement in the appearance of his dwelling."

Editor's note: It's unfortunate that no names were mentioned. If the bride had been YOUR great-grandmother, you could deduce a bit of information regarding her character from this tidbit.

The following article concerns a source of genealogical information that may be overlooked by a great number of researchers. In fact, some genealogists may not know of its existence. It must be confessed that your truly was one of this group until a couple of years ago. After reading this article, if anyone asks you, "What in the world is a Tweedsmuir History?" you'll have all the answers!

TWEEDSMUIR HISTORIES

During Lord Tweedsmuir's term as Governor-General of Canada, Lady Tweedsmuir took a deep interest in the Women's Institutes in our country & stressed the need for preserving the history of our villages, communities, and the people who developed our land. In 1940 Institute Branches were asked to begin village history books and by 1945, with guides to follow, the Branches had launched the "Tweedsmuir History" campaign. In 1947, Lady Tweedsmuir donated a silver cup as a prize for a national competition, and, across the nation, women began digging up the history of their communities.

Lady Tweedsmuir had suggested that the village histories would be the basis of accurate facts, much valued by historians of the future. These words have proven true and in the new manual, Mrs. R. C. Walker Prov. Curator states that these histories are now recognized by the Ministry of Education of Ontario, and should be used by students for research purposes. Therefore, the necessity for authentic detail has proven well founded.

In 1962 the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Canadian Historical Association for their "outstanding contribution to local history in Canada". The Women's Institutes merited a similar award for preserving local history in 1949 from the American Association of Local and State History.

Since 1962 each Institute has had a Curator and a committee to help research and compile the book. In 1972 there were approximately 1300 of these Tweedsmuir Histories in Ontario. Many Institutes now have several volumes and, as each becomes full, it is sent to the Ontario Archives for microfilming. This film can then be borrowed from the Archives by a researcher. Some histories have also been published in book form.

The Tweedsmuir books are divided into sections of chapters as required by the individual Branch. These may include maps of the area; general history and early settlement; farm histories (including many family trees); church, school, library, cemetery & village histories; local industries, past & present; clubs & organizations; war records; 50 & over wedding anniversaries; personalities, noted & diminutive; Added to this are many, many PICTURES!

Mrs. Walker emphasises in the manual that "the construction, organization, and all the material should be distinctive to each community and authentic in its detail". She continues, "the compilation of these histories is the greatest & most extensive project the Women's Institutes of Ontario have ever undertaken, and the contribution to Canadian History, in these permanent records of local communities, will always be treasured by the local people, researchers, and historians alike".

Audrey Underwood

In the next issue we hope to have a listing of the Curators and Branch Curators of the Women's Institutes for this area.

this inscription hangs in the log cabin on the grounds of the St. Edmund's Twp. Museum on Highway 6 in the Bruce Peninsula.

"1875 In that year, only eight years after Confederation, when Tobermory boasted two families, the Earl's and the Devises, this house was built by Jacob Belrose.

Jacob Belrose was born in Brittany in 1834 and married a Scottish lass, Agnes Biggar, who had presented him with five sons, Andrew, John, Edwin, Harvey and James and a daughter, Margaret, before this house was built. Margaret, born in 1875, was the first white girl born in Tobermory. A second girl, Mary Helen, first saw the light of day in this house. Descendents of the Belrose family still live in Tobermory and the Bruce. In 1969 the house was given to this Museum by Wm. Willaughan and was moved to its present location."

The O.G.S. recently undertook the task of co-ordinating all cemetery recordings done in the province, both by various Branches and by individuals. Copies of Cemetery recordings which we do will be sent to the O.G.S. library & it is hoped that a standard format will be adopted throughout the province. This O.G.S. action certainly seems to be a step in the right direction.

Many thanks to Rev. John Fortier, our Bruce County cemetery co-ordinator, who has just completed the listing of Bruce cemetery recordings by township so that they may be placed in the Branch Library. There are many cemeteries still to be recorded, but we feel a good beginning has been made.

BELL David, d 19 July 1866 age 75 y

CURRIE John, d 1865 age 20y

MATHESON Mary (no further info)

MARTYN Margaret, wife of Donald Martyn d 8 May 1877 age 35 y

FEATHERSTONE ? d 22 Mar 1862 age 2 d; John d 9 Sept 1863 age 6 m 21 d; Margaret Ann d 14 May 1864 age 25d; Margaret Ann d 17 Oct 1865 age 7 m 2 d children of John and Margaret Featherstone

MARTYN Murdock, hus of Christy Martyn d 1 Mar 1867 age 42y Native of Scotland

McAULEY Mary, wife of Donald McAuley d 9 Feb 1881 age 84y

McCASKILL Kenneth, d 28 June 1889 age 58y Native of Scotland

McCONNELL Robert James, son of John and Catherine McConnel d 15 July 1882 age 2y

McDONALD Donald, d 15 Mar 1861 age 65y and Mary his wife d 7 Jan 1877 age 65 y Natives of Ross-shire Scotland

McDONALD Catherine McLennan wife of William McDonald d 12 Sept 1880 age 43y; also Isabella d 4 Jan 1882 age 1y; also Ann d 15 Sept 1878 age 1y 3m; daus of William and Catherine McDonald

McDONALD John, d 29 Mar 1889 age 78y; Effie d 15 June 1905 age 95y Natives of Scotland

McDONALD Malcolm, d 18 Apr 1863 age 48y; Flora Martyn d 11 Sept 1899 age 68y

MCD. A. Katherine on footstone

McGREGOR Catherine, d 3 Mar 1895 age 22y 2m; Norman d 17 Nov 1897 age 25y; John d 10 Aug 1880 age 4m; children of Duncan & Isabella McGregor Duncan, d 3 May, 1905 age 68y 3m

McGREGOR Christy McKay, wife of Malcolm McGregor d 27 Aug 1884 age 82y Malcolm, d 25 Apr (y missing) age 75y 9m

McIVER Norman, hus of Ann McIver d Jan 5 1881 age 45y; Archy d 9 Jan 1871 age 7y 8m; Archy Adam d age 1m ()d; Children of Norman and Ann McIver

McIVER Annie Matheson, wife of Malcom McIver d 20 May 1888 age 62y, Native of Stornoway Rossshire Scot, Daniel, son of above d 22 May 1871 age 20y; Sarah Ann, their dau d 12 May 1869 age 18y

McKAY Kenneth, d 22 Apr 1902 age 32y 1m 7d; Norman, d 21 Jan 1897 age 69y

McKAY Maria, wife of Angus McKay d 1 Aug 1872 age 63y Native of Scotland

McKAY Murdock (date missing) . . . hus of Sarah McKay d 7 Jul 1869 age 49y; John d 10 Nov 1877 age 24y 5m; Johnny d 10 Aug 1863 age 1y 5m; Sons of Murdoch and Sarah McKay Natives of Lewis Island Scot

McKENZIE Donald, d 21 Nov 1879 age 85y, Native of Lewis Island Scotland

McKENZIE Roderick, d 26 Apr 1876 age 19y

McLARTY Malcolm, d 15 Jan 1861 age 1y 7m; Son of John & Mary ? McLarty

McLARTY John, d 19 May 1865 age 80y 5d; Mary his wife d 26 Jul 1859 age 57y; Duncan son of above d 15 Nov 1864 age 20y

McLEAN Donald, d 30 Dec () age 17y; also Angus d Aug 1866 age 2m Sons of Malcolm McLean and his spouse Jane McDonald, Natives of Ross-shire Scotland

McLEAN Malcolm, b Bragir, Parish of Barvus Lewis Scot 1823 & d Ripley 2 Mar 1899 age 78y Ordained an elder in Huron cong. 24 Sept 1889 which office he held until his death. His children Angus d 1865 age 3m; Donald d 1876 age 17y 2m; Sarah McLean McDonald d 1893, age 25y

McLENNAN Malcolm, d 3 Apr 1885 age 76y, Native of Rosshire Scot Thomas, d 22 Dec 1858 age 1m 4d; William John d 14 Mar 1861 age 2m 8d

McLENNAN Murdoch, d 10 Mar 1885 age 92y; his wife Jessie d 19 Sept 1875 age 94y

McLEOD Malcolm, d 19 Feb 1880 age 60y Native of Scotland

McLEOD John, d 4 Jul 1893 age 83y Sarah, d 12 Feb 1899 age 87y John – native of Lewis Scot

McLEOD Donald, son of Malcolm and Ann d 22 Mar 1890 age 18y 6m Killed by misfall of a tree

McLEOD Malcolm, d 28 Dec 1890 age 59y Native of Rosshire Scot Annie, d 4 Feb 1908 age 57y Jane, d 14 May 1912 age 79y Mary, d 15 Aug 1878 age 79y Native of Rosshire Scot; Catherine d 20 June 1864 age 23y dau of John & Mary; John Sr. d 1872 age 80y Native of Lewis; John Jr. d 1870 age 42y Native of Lewis

McLEOD John St. d 1890 age 46y; Sarah d 1877 age 24y

McLEOD Bella Smith, wife of Malcolm McLeod b in Twp of Huron d in village of Ripley 30 Apr 1898 age 40y

McLEOD Angus, son of John McLeod Jr d 1 Jan 1874 age 30y Native of Rosshire Scot

McLEOD John, d 10 May 1858 age 38y Bella, his wife d Apr 1867 age 51y father & mother of Murdoch McLeod

McLEOD John d 12 Aug 1889 age 59y Native of Lewis Parish of Culluhud? Scot; Christine, d 29 Sept 1883 age 85y Native of Lewis

McLEOD Kenneth, d 1895

McLEOD Annie, wife of Duncan McLeod d 25 Oct 1874 age 43y

McLEOD John, d 20 Jan 1888 age 65y

McMILLAN (MILLAN) Donald, d 9 June 1859 age 48y Native of Argyleshire Scot; his wife Alexandrine McIntosh d 19 Aug 1880 age 58y Native of Invernesshire Scot

McTAVISH Hugh, d 8 Nov 1893 age 70y Isabella, d 9 Nov 1888 age 19y dau of Hugh and Isabella

ROBERTSON John, d 29 Jan 1906 age 68y Margaret, wife of John Robertson d 14 May 1887 age 41y; their children Jane d 12 Mar 1869 age 4y; Mary J. d 26 Aug 1875 age 1m; Malcolm d 10 Feb 1882 (78) age 6y; Mary d 17 Apr 1887 age 1y; Catherine d 1887

ROULSTON Susannah, wife of David Roulston d 21 Apr 1873 age 44y; Hannah her dau d 17 Dec 1870 age 6y

SAUNDERS Ellen, d 8 Mar 1885 age 21y Henrietta, d 30 Nov 1874 age 12y

SMITH John, b Lewis Scot Rosshire d Twp of Huron 19 Jul 1896 age 83y

SMITH John, hus of Eliza Smith d 1872 ? Mary, age 10m

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UP-COMING MEETINGS

November 26th Food & Agricultural Bldg., Markdale, 8:00 P.M.

“County Atlas Reprints” will be the subject. Rev. Ross Coming will be the speaker.

Promises to be a very informative & entertaining evening. DON'T MISS IT!

NO DECEMBER MEETING

January 28th, 1975 Bruce County Library, Port Elgin, 8:00 P.M.

"Cemetery Recording – The How's & Why's" Work session to follow.

BRING YOUR FAVOURITE EPITAPH

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HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR