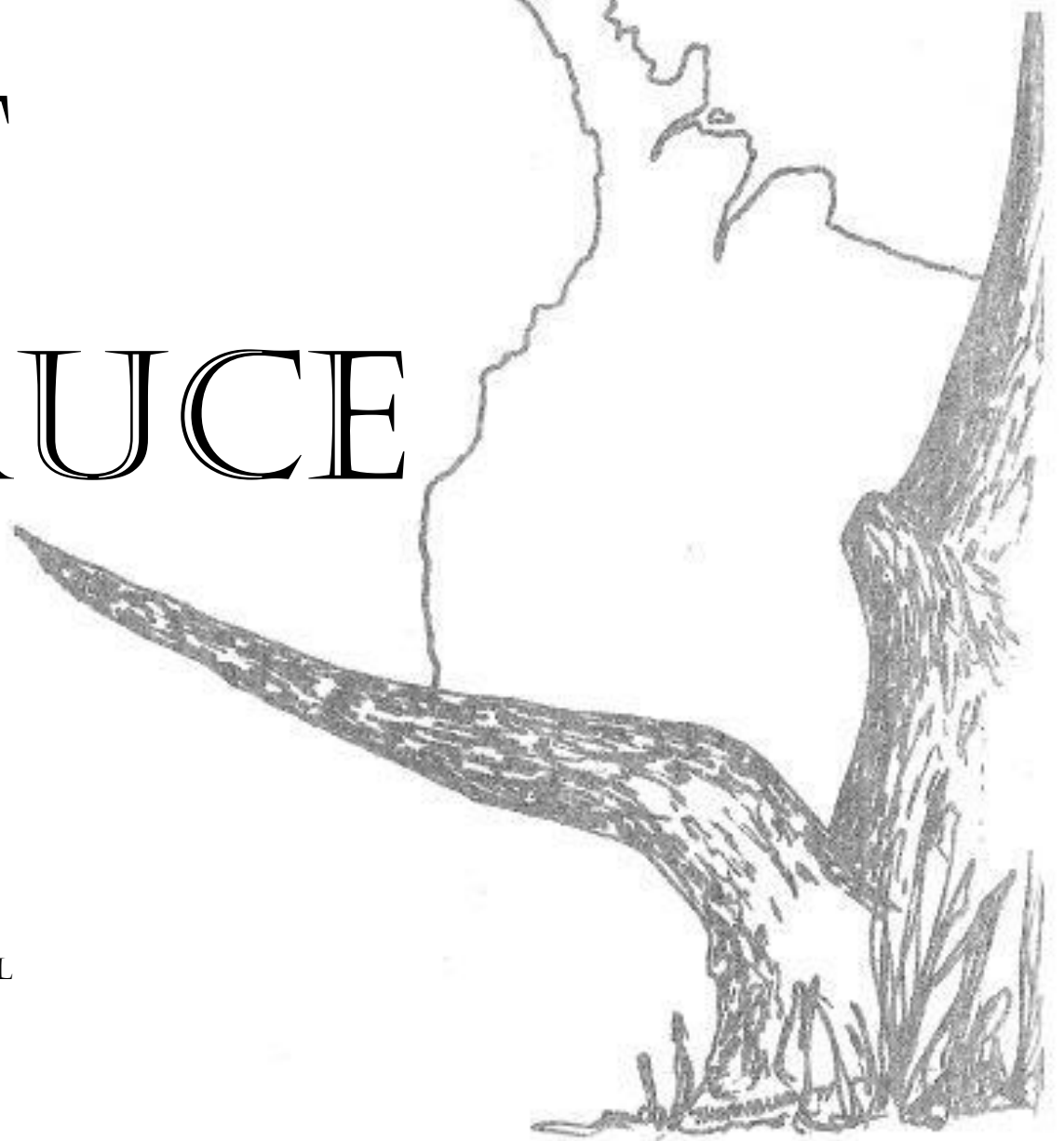


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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

New acquisitions for the library:

- 1) 1856 – 1962, A Souvenir of S.S. No. 3, Huron – donated by Gladys Arnold.
- 2) 1856 – 1965, SS No 4, Huron Twp. A Souvenir of Bygone Days. – donated by Gladys Arnold
- 3) Geddes Family History - donated by Gladys Arnold
- 4) The British Columbia Genealogist. Vol. 3, No. 3 & 4, 1974
- 5) Simcoe County Historical Association, News & Views, Vol. 3, No. 74-5, 74-6, & 74-7. Vol. 4, No. 75-1.
- 6) Family Trails, Michigan Jewish Family History, Dept. of Education, State Library Services. Vol. 4, No. 3, 1974.
- 7) Cummins Rural Directory Map. (1924 issue) - donated by Audrey Underwood

OUR APOLOGY . . In the last issue, we gave the incorrect address for obtaining birth, marriage, & death records from Toronto. You do NOT write to the Dept. of Public Records and Archives
The CORRECT ADDRESS is: Office of the Registrar General, McDonald Block, Parliament Buildings, Toronto 5, Ontario.
Sorry if we caused any inconvenience.

NOVEMBER BRANCH MEETING

A good turnout at the November meeting in Markdale had the pleasure of hearing Rev. Ross Cumming give a very interesting talk on the various types of maps available for genealogical research. An excellent set of slides accompanied the talk, illustrating everything from the very earliest maps of Canada to the very detailed precise maps of later times. As many of you know, Rev. Cumming is deeply involved in the reprinting of County Atlases, as so was able to give us some of the history of these valuable records of the 1870 – 1881 period. During these years, publishers such as the Belden Brothers produced a number of these county publications. For \$10 - \$15, a farmer could have his name on a large-scale map, together with a thumb-nail biography, and when the atlas was published, he would be given a copy. Although there are inaccuracies in these books and the sketches of prominent residences never show such things as outhouses and the like, the atlases are a surprisingly accurate record of the day & so are invaluable to genealogists. The poorer atlases had only the names of subscribers on their maps: the better ones had every lot holder listed. Original atlases are very rare and very expensive, but the reprints are readily available through the area libraries or you may be fortunate enough to have your own copy.

Betty Warrilow had some further information on the Emerson Quinton collection now in the possession of Western University, and the collection will be covered in an article in the next issue of this bulletin.

The President, Al Williamson, gave a summary of the various projects in which the Branch is currently involved. A summary of these will be found on the inside back cover of this publication.

The next 3 meetings will be held in the County Library, Port Elgin and will be combination "Program – Workshop" meetings.

BRUCE BRANCH NAMES DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE \$.50

Available from: Mrs. Bazil Underwood, R.R. 2, Port Elgin, Ont.

OSG SEMINAR '75

Place: Trinity College, Toronto

Theme: York and the Home District

MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

1851, 61 & 71 CENSUS OF BRUCE & GREY COUNTIES is now available at the Owen Sound Public Library. This recent purchase by the library should greatly facilitate research in our area. Also, the latest editions of *Burkes Colonial Gentry*, *Burkes Guide to the Royal Family*, *Burkes Landed Gentry vol. 1-3*, *Burkes Peerage*, *Baronetage*, and *Knightage* are there too.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, & DEATHS OF THE GREY-BRUCE AREA FROM THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER (The original complete list from the above mentioned publication was copied by members of the Hamilton Branch OGS. The following list was compiled by Audrey Underwood from the original list and covers our own area.)

21 June 1855

M: By Rev. A. Stewart on the 12th inst., H.S. Schofield, merchant, to Janet Hunter, dau. of Archibald Hunter, all of the town of Durham.

M: By the same on the 12th inst., R. Tilson to Catherine Thornton, both of the township of Egremont.

13 Dec. 1855

M: 29th of Nov., 2nd Con. Bruce Co., by Rev. W. Frazer, Jane, eldest dau. of James Kippen, to Daniel 2nd son of Nathaniel Burwash of the same place (could this be Bruce Twp??)

21 Feb. 1856

M: by Elder I.J. Heile, 19 Dec. 1855, Andrew Godfrey to Isabella Sloan, both of Kincardine Twp.

M: By the same on 27 Dec. at Rowan's Hotel, Penetangore, James Harborne, to Catherine Gamble, both of Twp. of Kinloss.

M: By the same at the same place on 26 Jan. 1856, William Look to Catherine Campbell, both of Penetangore.

M: By the same at British Hotel, 29 Jan, Duncan Forbes to Jane Campbell, both of Penetangore.

M: By the same, Rowan's Hotel, 30 Jan, Alexander Gunn of Bruce to Jane McKay of Kincardine

M: By the same at British Hotel, Feb. 13, John Johnston of Goderich, to Elizabeth Scott of Kincardine.

M: Same day and place, Murdoch McGregor to Margaret McKenzie, both of Twp. of Ashfield.

1 May 1856

M: By Elder I. J. Holle at Rowan's Hotel at Penetangore on 15 March, Alexander McDonald to Mary McDonald, both of Huron Twp., and Donald McDonald to Ann Stuart.

M: By the same on the 22nd, at the residence of Deacon Campbell, Penetangore, Murdoch McCreachy to Margaret McCloud of Huron.

M: By the same on same day, John McTavish to Margaret Murray, both of Huron.

18 Sept. 1856

M: By Rev. I. J. Hoile on the 4th Sept., Richard Rastall, merchant to Sarah Cameron, both of Penetangore, Kincardine Twp., Bruce Co.

27 Nov. 1856

M: By Rev IJ Hoile, on 27 Oct, at Penetangore, Angus McLeod to Jane Scott, both of Kincardine

5 March 1857

D: At Owen Sound, 27 Feb., Walter Ewing Buchan, formerly of Glasgow, Scotland, leaves widow and 8 children.

19 March 1857

D: Desjardin Canal, Mr. & Mrs. Russell, both members of the Congregational Church, Brantford; he 35 years and she 30 years.

26 March 1857

D: Burial of John & Ann Russell: his father from Derby Twp. west of Owen Sound, leaves 5 young children. John Russell born in parish of Magharagell, Co. Antrim in 1822, son of James. Ann Russell born London, England in 1827, daughter of James Hearn of Claremont (Burford) in Brant Co.

QUERIES AND CORRESPONDENCE

Melinda Cronin, 630 Gramatan Ave., Apt. 4A.A., Mt. Vernon, N.Y., 10552 searching for Michael GILLEN m. McGARRY (Gillens in Grey or Bruce).

Alice Aldridge, 2626 Patricia Ave., Port Coquitlam, B.C. requests info on great-grandfather, Wm. BURKE and wife, Catherine BRUN, who came from Ireland to Kingston, Canada, in 1854. Connection with Purple Valley, Bruce Co.

Yvonne Holland, 4500 N. Crossway Rd., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53217 – info wanted on Anne ELLIOTT b. 1840 Upper Canada, parents James Elliott & - - - YOUNG. Possible Seaforth and Brussels area connection.

Blanch Fletcher Evans, 927 Retunda Pkwy., Cape Coral, Fla. 33904 is interested in gathering info on the FLETCHER line. Can anyone help?

Charles B. Denney, 502 Heritage House, 8315 – 105 St., Edmonton, Alta. would like info on CAMPBELL families that we listed in our reunions (Kincardine) Also detailed records of early settlers at Inverhuron & info re Hugh & John MATHESON (the latter entered Presbyterian ministry).

Here is the second article in the series which we hope will provide the “new” genealogists with some ideas on where to look for information. Although the article deals with obituaries, it goes without saying that genealogical information is also available from birth & marriage notices. Also included is a list of newspapers from Grey & Bruce. Speaking from experience, the only problem which the researcher may encounter if he or she is scanning very old newspapers is the one of finding all the other news from by-gone days so fascinating that it's hard to stick to business.

This past summer, we had the good fortune to come across some family obituaries from the mid-1800's. I hope you're as successful in your search. Happy Hunting!

THE OBITUARY

The obituary can be an excellent source of clues for the genealogist. It can be disappointingly brief, but often can be a lengthy account of the history of the person and his or her family. These write-ups are not necessarily confined to local residents only, but include others who have connections with the area. The following obituary is an example. It was taken from "The Owen Sound Sun Times" – March 11, 1948.

"Word has been received in town of the death at Rorketown, Man., of a former Mount Forester, Emma E. Honey, widow of George A. Rorke. She was born in Mount Forest 81 years ago, a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Honey, pioneer residents. After her marriage to Geo. A. Rorke, a native of the Bognor district in Grey County, she lived for a number of years in Markdale, Clinton, and London, before going to Park River, N.D. and later to Manitoba where a section of land was taken up. When it was surveyed for a townsite, the family name was given to the post office and Mr. Rork was appointed post-master.

Mrs. Rorke was a lady of fine wit and a warm hospitable nature and leaves a large circle of friends to mourn her loss. Her only sister Mrs. J. W. Tanner, lifelong resident of Mount Forest, died last September. Mrs. Rorke is survived by a son, Hibbert, of Hamilton, Ontario, and a daughter, Mrs. R.C. Begg of Rorketon, also by brothers, John A. Honey, of Portland, Ore., and Charles A. Honey of Los Angeles, California."

After reading a write-up such as this one, ask yourself if you have made an effort to find the obituaries for the deceased members on your family tree.

To help those searching in this area, a list of our newspapers follows:

BEACON NEWS	Southampton, Ont. N0H 2L0
CHESLEY ENTERPRISE	Box 250, Chesley, Ont. N0G 1L0
DUNDALK HERALD	39 Proton N., Dundalk, Ont.
DURHAM CHRONICLE	Box 230, Durham, Ont. N0G 1R0
FLESHERTON ADVANCE	39 Proton N., Dundalk, Ont.
HANOVER POST	Box 67, Hanover, Ont. N4N 3C3
HARRISTON REVIEW	Box 370, Arthur St., Harriston, Ont. N0G 1Z6
KINCARDINE NEWS	273 Lambton St., Kincardine, Ont. N0G 2G0.
MARKDALE STANDARD	Main St., Markdale, Ont.
MEAFORD EXPRESS	Box 700, Meaford, Ont. N0H 1Y0
MILDMAY CRIER	Mildmay, Ont. N0H 2J0
MOUNT FOREST CONFEDERATE	Box 130, Mount Forest, Ont. N0G 2L0
OWEN SOUND HERALD	845 – 2 nd Ave. E., Owen Sound, Ont. N4K 4M8
OWEN SOUND SUN TIMES	290 – 9 th St. E., Owen Sound, Ont. N4K 1N8
PAISLEY ADVOCATE	Paisley, Ont. N0G 2N0.
PORT ELGIN TIMES	694 Goderich St., Port Elgin, Ont. N0H 2C0
REVIEW HERALD	55 Bruce S., Thornbury, Ont.

TARA LEADER	35 Yonge N., Tara, Ont.
WALKERTON HERALD NEWS TIMES	Box 190, Walkerton, Ont. N0G 2V0
WIARTON ECHO	Box 220, Wiarton, Ont. N0H 2T0
LUCKNOW SENTINAL	Lucknow, Ont. N0G 2H0
TEESWATER NEWS	

While we're on the subject of newspapers, we're still looking for people to record births, marriages & deaths from our early editions in Grey & Bruce. It's a good way to spend a winter afternoon. How about it?

Many thanks to Betty Warrilow for the OBITUARY article. Do any more of you "old-times" at genealogy have suggestions for helping others along the way? If so, please send them to the Editor & you can be sure that they'll be passed along.

SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS

In our December issue we promise to publish a list of District Curators (Grey-Bruce area) of the Tweedsmuir Histories and thanks to Audrey Underwood here it is

Bruce North District - Mrs. Gordon Hepburn, R. R. #1, Wiarton, Ontario

Bruce East District - Mrs. Donald Cameron, Tiverton, Ontario, N0G 2T0

Grey South District - Mrs. W. J. Hockridge, R.R. #3, Conn, Ontario, N0G 1N0

Grey Centre District - Mrs. Martin Kaufman, R.R. #4, Chesley, Ontario, N0G 1L0

Grey West District - Mrs. Harold Hewitson, R. R. #5, Owen Sound, Ontario

Bruce South District - Mrs. Stewart Farrell, R. R. #2, Ripley, Ontario

Bruce Centre District - Mrs. Harold Foreman, Allenford, Ontario

Grey East District - Mrs. Charles E. Thompson, Heathcote, Ontario

Grey North District - Mrs. Roy Shields, R. R. #1, Meaford, Ontario

According to the Institute by-laws, a curator has her job for 6 years and as the curators of the various areas do not all come into office at the same time, it is difficult to keep an up-to-date list. If you draw a blank from a Branch Curator, check with the Area Curator, Mrs. Percy Radbourne, 645 10th. St. E., Owen Sound.

ITCHY FEET

Allistair MacLean, in his book *Introducing Scotland*, has an interesting section on why so many Scots leave their homeland. The true reason for this never-ending exodus, he feels, lies in the fact that the Scots are born adventurers and that to be an adventurer, you have to wander. The only time the Scots were under pressure to leave their homeland was at the time of the Highland Clearances; so the conclusion seems to be that they just like wandering.

An interesting statement from this book, - - - "The Scots are cosmopolitan: the English cleave to the parish pump which is their England."

There seems to be no reason why the Scots took to wandering in the first place. The author maintains that we just have to accept the fact that they kept on compulsively sticking their noses

into other people's business; going either where they had no right to go, or where no person in his right senses would have thought of going in the first place.

The early settlers of Bruce Co. didn't always stay in one spot either. In 1855 a report of agricultural conditions and prospects of the Co. of Bruce was written. It states that many "original pioneers" move on, once their farms were cleared. One man cleared up a new farm almost entirely with his own hands every five or six years . . . until he came to the ploughing. In 1855 this shifting process had already taken place to a considerable extent. Many of the earlier settlers in Huron & Kincardine had sold out their improvements and re-purchased in the newer townships of Elderslie, Bruce, Saugeen, and Arran. Some of these were contemplating another move into new lands of the Peninsula as soon as they were offered for sale. They just didn't stop to consider that this would be confusing to future genealogists.

Alice Cumming

FROM HERE & THERE

Here are just a few of the interesting articles noted while scanning the pages of the other O.G.S. Branch publications. You might be interested in following them up. All the publications are available at our Branch library & the latest editions of all O.G.S. Branch publications are on the display table at the monthly meetings.

From the Ottawa "Branch News" – Sept. '74 – listing of publications for sale – includes gems like "Genealogical Sources at the Public Archives of Canada", "Preparing Your Family History for Printing", "How to Trace Your Loyalist Ancestors" and so on

"The Hamilton Branch" - Oct. '74, P. 4 – a most interesting article, "Your Name & Coat of Arms" – derivation of family names by occupation (ie. John, the local housebuilder, became John Carpenter), by location (the John who lived by the brook might be dubbed John Brook) etc. Also explains the necessity for the development of the use of the "Coat of Arms".

Waterloo-Wellington Branch – Oct. '74, p. 58 – Roll of Charter members of the First (Mennonite) Church in Waterloo Co. (73 names). Many Mennonites came from that area to the Port Elgin area & names found in the list are closely connected with the early history of this town. Going back even further, on P. 64 same issue, Heads of Families as taken at the first census, 1790, in Pennsylvania – a partial listing of Warwick Twp., Lancaster Co.

BRUCE BRANCH ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 1974 – 1975 ACTIVITIES

MONTHLY MEETINGS Fourth Tuesday of each month excluding December, July & August.

NEWS BULLETIN "Branches of Bruce" – published 5 times a year.

BRANCH LIBRARY Housed at the Bruce Co. Public Library (address above). A collection of genealogical material related largely to Grey & Bruce Counties. Use of material is restricted to normal library hours and material may not be removed from the library.

CEMETERY RECORDING Tombstone inscriptions from all cemeteries in Grey Bruce Counties are being recorded, indexed, and filed in the Branch Library. Copies will eventually be sent to the O.G.S Library, the Public Archives of Ontario, and the Public Archives of Canada.

Project Co-ordinators: Grey County – Miss Izetta Fraser, 573 4th Ave. East, Owen Sound, Ont.

Bruce County – Rev. John Fortier, Box 99, Tiverton, Ontario

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATH NOTICES Copied from Grey-Bruce newspapers and filed in the Branch Library. Attempts are also being made to enlist the co-operation of agencies such as the Public Archives of Ontario to microfilm all newspapers in the two counties.

Project Co-Ordinator: Mr. Al Williamson, Box 992, Port Elgin, Ontario. N0H 2C0

NAMES DIRECTORY Lists family names being researched. The initial edition will be followed at periodic intervals by supplements.

Project Co-Ordinator: Mrs. Bazil (Audrey) Underwood, R. R. 2, Port Elgin, Ontario, N0H 2C0.

GENEALOGICAL QUERIES All queries directed to the Branch receive the attention of our co-ordinator who distributes them to Branch members for reply and, in certain instances, to our Bulletin editor for inclusion in the BRANCHES OF BRUCE.

Project Co-Ordinator: Mrs. Ross (Alice) Cumming, Port Elgin, Ontario, N0H 2C0

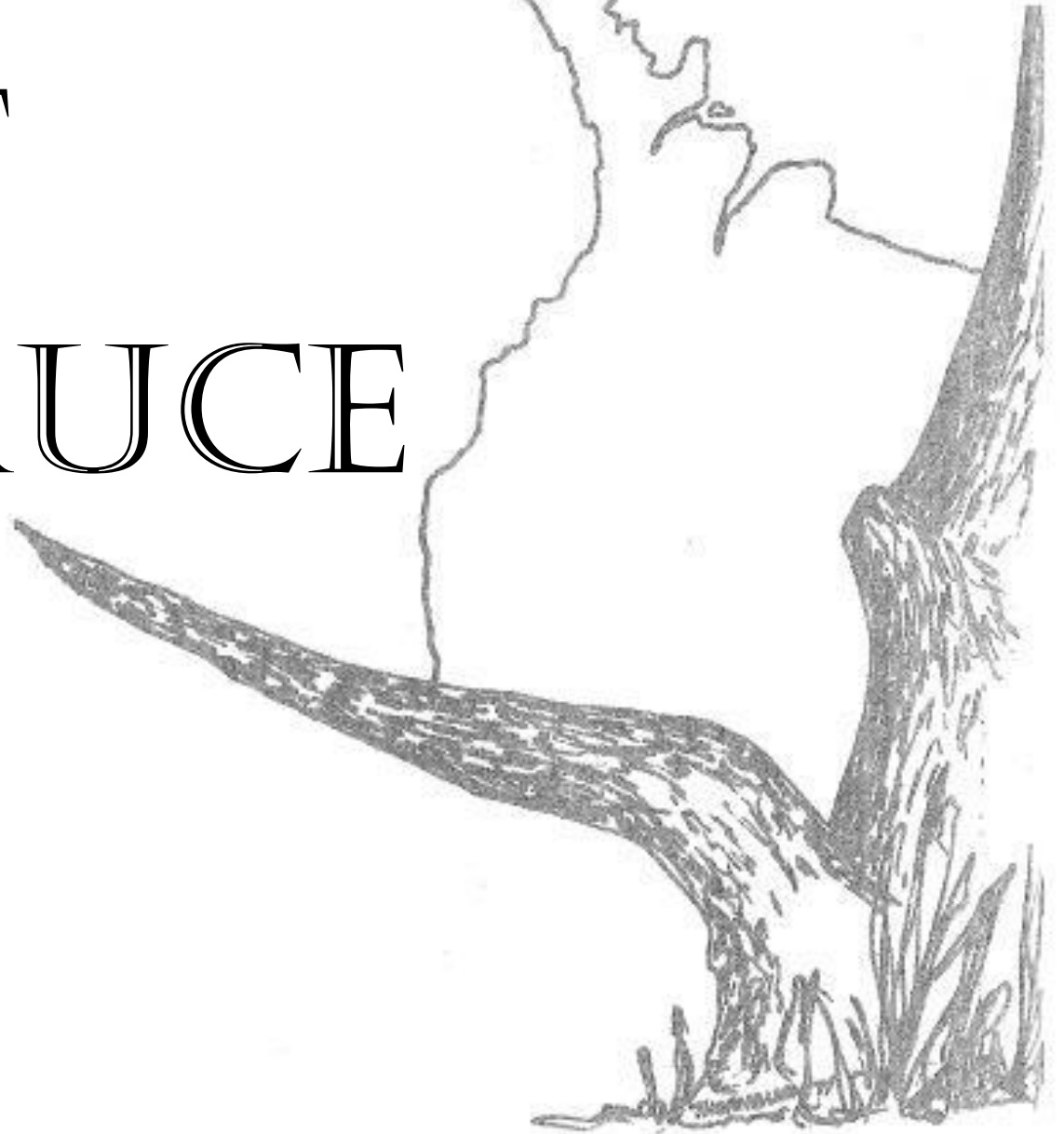
NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

Obituaries, family reunions, and wedding anniversaries are a few of the items being preserved for future generations. The scrapbooks will be included in the Branch Library.

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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

BRUCE BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET

Date: April 22, 1975

Place: Port Elgin United Church House.

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Speaker: Mr. John Rutledge, O.G.S. President.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND, PLEASE NOTIFY Isabelle Underwood, R.R. 5, Paisley,
Phone: 353-5012 BEFORE April 10th. Dinner will be \$4.50 per person.

SEE YOU THERE, and don't forget to bring interesting books, charts, etc. for display.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN to send in your \$2.00 Bruce Branch 1975 membership fee?

Don't put it off any longer. We like to have you on our mailing list.

ORDER YOUR

1867 Bruce County Directory from: - George Cluley, Box 24, Port Elgin, Ont. N0H 2C0 \$4.50 includes postage.

Bruce Branch Names Directory from: - Audrey Underwood, R.R. 2, Port Elgin, Ont. N0H 2C0. \$0.50

BRANCH MEETINGS

The Jan. & Feb. Meetings held in Port Elgin were both well attended. It seems that even winter weather doesn't discourage genealogists. The Jan. Meeting dealt mainly with cemetery recording. Various tips were given on transcribing techniques and equipment required to get the job done properly. The need for accuracy & thoroughness was stressed throughout. Members had been asked to bring along favourite epitaphs and those who did provided the rest of us with some humorous moments.

The Feb. Meeting which had been planned as a work meeting turned into quite the opposite when a surprise guest Dorothy Beaumont of Shallow Lake, brought along a great variety of interesting old family treasures. We never did get around to the "work" part of the evening, but spent the time leafing through old newspapers, documents & books. Well . . . maybe next month.

Remember the next meeting – March 25th. – Bruce County Library – 8 P.M.

QUERIES

Mr. Edward H. Ward, 20 Marion Crescent, Barrie, Ont., L4M 2L3, is looking for a WOOROD family of Owen Sound. Parents were Thomas & Erma, children included Charles, Tom & Henry. Info wanted on Hugh McKenzie from Kintail, Scotland via Montreal & Presqu'il. If you can help, write Mrs. Wilma Breakwell, Box 497, Markdale, Ont.

BENCHMARK and SIMMONS Elizabeth (his wife) – possibly Owen Sound area. Some of the Benchmark family may have had a sawmill or a lumber business around Drayton. Being researched by Mrs. Larry Wilson, 2085 Kingswood Drive, Flint, Michigan. 48507.

Margaret Strangway, 338 London Rd., Sarnia, Ont. wishes info on PLAYFAIR family. Possible locations include Sarnia, Howick Twp. (Huron) and Teeswater.

Thomas C. Bland, 32F5 Amena St., Lafayette, California 94549 wishes to know the parents of Wm. Henry ATKINSON and Elizabeth BAUX (his wife). Port Elgin area.

William ROBERTSON (son of Alexander) was born at Greenock, Nov. 1864. James Harold CROWE (son of Christopher) born near Paisley, 1865. Info required on these families by Mrs. Jean Tucker, R.R. 3, Dauphin, Manitoba.

THE EMERSON QUINTON COLLECTION

The Emerson Quinton collection in the Regional Room, Weldon Library, University of Western Ontario is a gold mine of historical information on Grey County, Ontario.

The variety of interests pursued by the illustrious Quinton family is revealed with depth, vitality and possibilities in this collection, and is a tribute to the Quintons.

One of the most important items is in a black loose-leaf notebook containing cemetery listings, including broken tombstones, compiled by Mr. Quinton in his own handwriting. This unique notebook may now be the only memorial left to those pioneers.

There are myriads of old newspaper clippings 1880's into 1960's - - on everything from surveyors' chains to identical twins, cost of an old school bell, to Meaford Hockey Knights. It is touching to find a note on one envelope with the remark, "Mr. Quinton you may salvage some items here. Save!"

Thanks to Mr. Quinton's collecting, here are many copies of Municipal records and Electors' lists which are of great value for tracing local family names. Mr. Quinton noted, "Amazing, accurate, reliable, honest way the municipality was operated."

Three lovely original poems and a handwritten folksy diary can be seen in this collection. Old ledgers and school year books and a photo from a high school dance; these one-of-a-kind items make the Quinton collection truly priceless Canadiana material. Here is a motto from the Women's Institute, Clavering, 1926. It sums it all up beautifully, "If you know a good thing, pass it on."

I truly enjoyed delving into the Quinton Treasurer. It was an opportunity of a lifetime made possible by Mr. Ed. Phelps, Librarian in charge, and Mrs. Marie Pook, Assistant, at the Regional Collection.

Elizabeth Pace

O.G.S. SEMINAR

May 16, 17, 18Trinity College, Toronto.

Topic: YORK AND THE HOME DISTRICT prior to 1837.

Registration fee - \$20.00 Accommodation at University - \$15.45 bed and breakfast. Be sure to return your application form promptly as registration is limited to 300.

The following books have been recommended as excellent "boning-up" material in preparation for the Seminar. If you get through all these, there's a further list in the March edition of the Toronto Tree.

Happy reading!

Armstrong, F.H.	Selections from Toronto of Old (1873) by Henry Scadding (Oxford) 1966.
Arthur, Eric R.	Toronto: No Mean City (U of T Press) 1 st ed. 1964, 2 nd ed. 1974.
Craig, Gerald M.(ed.)	Early Travellers in the Canadas 1791 – 1867 (Macmillan) 1955.
De Volpi, Charles P. (ed.)	Toronto: A Pictorial Record (DesSco Publications) 1965
Firth, Edith G. (ed.)	The Town of York, 1793 – 1815. A collection of Documents of Early Toronto (U of T Press) 1966.
Guillet, Edwin C.	The Lives and Times of the Patriots (T. Nelson and Sons) 1938; (U of T Press) 1968.
Early Life in Upper Canada	(Ontario Publishing Co.) 1933 (U of TPress) 1969.
Hounsom, Eric W.	Toronto in 1810, (Ryerson) 1970
Jameson, Anna Brownell	Winter Studies and Summer Rambles in Canada (Coles) 1970. Reprint of 1838 edition.
Kyte, E.C. (ed.)	Old Toronto: A Selection of Excerpts from Landmarks of Toronto by John Ross Robertson (Macmillan) 1954
Sellar, Robert	A Scotsman in Upper Canada: Narrative of Gordon Sellar (Clark Irwin) 1969

Simcoe, Elizabeth Postuma	The Diary of Mrs. John Graves Simcoe (Coles) 1973. Reprint of 1911 edition
Mrs. Simcoe's Diary	Ed. Mary Quayle Innes (Macmillan) 1965
Thompson, Samuel	Reminiscences of a Canadian Pioneer (McClellan & Stewart) 1968

FROM HERE AND THERE

The Bell Telephone Historical Collection - - Directories from Ontario, Quebec, & Northwest Territories dating from 1878 to present are available in Room 1436, 1050 Beaver Hall Hill, Montreal from Mon. to Fri. 8:15 A.M. to 4:45 P.M. The Bell Telephone Co. will do the research free of charge if only a few listings are asked for.

from Kingston Branch O.G.S. Newsletter, February, 1975

The Golden Marriage Books - - are the pre-Confederation registers found both on microfilm and in original form at the Ontario Archives, 77 Grenville St., Toronto. The writer of this article from the Toronto Branch O.G.S. publication states that she found the record of her grandparents' marriage of 1858 and "it gave Parish and shire from whence they came and even names of all four parents (maiden names too)." One couldn't ask for much more than that!

from Toronto Tree, February, 1975

In our own Branch, the emphasis this year seems to be on recording cemeteries. I was interested to see in The Simcoe County Historical Association "News and Views", a couple of facts related to cemeteries that I thought I'd pass along. The first was that the oldest tombstone in Canada is that of John Dawes who died in 1650. Conception Bay, Newfoundland. The second is as follows: - "Some older gravestones in cemeteries in the Eastern townships of Quebec are still decorated with the Stars and Stripes of the U.S.A. These are the graves of Canadians who fought for the North in the American Civil War. Best estimates are that 40,000 Canadians fought in the Union Army."

Mrs. J. A. MacDonald, R.R. 2, Lancaster, Ontario, is the chairman of the newly formed Glengarry Genealogical Society which covers the area originally known as the Eastern District. This area was largely settled by Scots coming either as United Loyalists or directly from Scotland.

from the Winnipeg Free Press Weekly, Feb. 8/75

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS from: - "Port Elgin Times", July - Dec. 1887

21 July, 1887

b: Fox, - In Kincardine, on July 8, 1887, the wife of Mr. Edw. Fox, of twin boys.

- m: Cassidy-Graham – At the manse, Port Elgin, on July 13th, by the Rev James Gourley, M.A., Mr. John C. Cassidy, to Selina Graham, daughter of Mr. Henry Brooke, all of Saugeen Twp
- m: Jarrett –Greer – At the residence of William Standish, Esq, “Pleasant View Farm”, Calgarry, NWT, brother-in-law of the bride, on the 6th inst. by the Rev J. F. Betts, Walter Jarrett, Esq., of Calgary to Jemima S., fourth daughter of the late Thomas Greer, Esq., of Port Elgin, Ont.

18 Aug, 1887

- b: Lang – In Kincardine, Aug. 10, the wife of Mr. Joseph Lang, of a son.
- m: Vanwyck – Atkinson – At the parsonage, Port Elgin, on the 10th inst. by the Rev. J. Greene, Mr. Hiram Vanwyck of Southampton to Miss Isabella Atkinson of Owen Sound.

22 Sept 1887

- d: Bannister – In Port Elgin, on the 16th, Sept., 1887, Samuel Bannister, aged 42 years.
- d: Kennedy – In Saugeen, on Sept. 18th, Robert Currie Kennedy, son of Wm. Kennedy, Saugeen Township, aged 17 years, 10 months, and 21 days.

29 Sept 1887

- m: McFadden-Park – On the 14th. inst. at the residence of the bride’s mother, by the Rev. J. Greene, Port Elgin, Mr. Andrew McFadden V.S. of Collingwood, to Miss Elizabeth Josephine Park of Arran.

20 Oct 1887

- m: Kennedy – Hunt – At the residence of the bride’s father, on the 28th ult., by the Rev. Rural Dean Cooper, Mr. H. Kennedy, of Burgoyne, to Elizabeth, third daughter of Mr. W. Hunt, of Arran.
- m: Masters – Halls – At the residence of the bride’s parents, by the Rev. A. Fisher, on Tuesday, October 18th, 1887, Mr. Alfred F. Masters, to Miss Maude Alice, daughter of Robt. Halls Esq., all of Port Elgin.
- m: Gabel – Dippel – At Elmira, on the 5th, inst., by Rev. G. F. Haist, Mr. Daniel Gabel of St. Jacobs, to Miss Martha E. Dippel, of Elmira.
- b: McLean – On Sunday, October 16th, 1887, the wife of Mr. Angus McLean, of Port Elgin, of a son.

27 Oct 1887

- b: In Port Elgin, on Oct. 16th, Earl Evans, the wife of Robert George, of a son.
- b: McLeod – On the 10th of Bruce, on Oct 19th, 1887, the wife of John McLeod, of a son.
- m: Rowand – Currie – At the residence of the bride’s father, on Oct. 20, by the Rev. Jas. Gourlay, M.A., Mr. William G. Rowand, son of Mr. Jas. Rowand, M.P., to Susanna, daughter of Mr. Dugald Currie, all of Saugeen.
- m: Gibbons – Eby – At the Parsonage, by the Rev J Greene, on the 19th inst, Mr. Wm Gibbons of Southampton, to Miss Hannah Eby of Port Elgin.
- d: Nisbet – In Port Elgin on the 25th. inst., George Nisbet, aged 76 yrs.

3 Nov 1887

- m: Thede – Eberling – On the 25th. ult., at the residence of the bride’s parents, by the Rev. Mr. Thomas, J. M. Thede, Port Elgin, to Miss Elizabeth Eberling of Saugeen.

- d: McLeod – In Southampton, on the 26th Oct. 1887, John McLeod, aged 76 years.
- d: Bott – In Port Elgin, on Oct. 27th., 1887, Elizabeth Bott, youngest child of Mr. Jacob Bott, aged 3 mos. and 5 days.
- d: Murkar – At Aberdour, Township Saugeen, on Oct. 26th, 1887, Isabella Murkar, aged 1 year, 2 months, and 22 days.
- d: McLachlan – At Burgoyne, on Saturday morning, 22nd, of Oct, 1887, Ann McLachlan, beloved wife of Donald McLachlan, aged 67 years and 2 mons.
- d: Sparks – At the Burnt Corner, Southampton, on Tuesday, Nov 1st., 1887, Alfred Allan Sparks, son of Mr. Samuel Sparks, aged 4 years, 9 months, and 20 days. Funeral to-day at 1 o'clock, to Port Elgin Cemetery.

10 Nov 1887

- d: McNabb – In Port Elgin, at the residence of her grandfather, Mr. Chas. McKnight, on Mon, Nov. 7, 1887, Jane McNabb, aged 18 years, daughter of the late James McNabb

24 Nov 1887

- b: Buckley – On the 9th inst., the wife of Mr. R. Buckley, Port Elgin, of a daughter.
- d: Pollock – In Saugeen on Sunday, Nov. 20, 1887, Matthew Pollock, aged 53 years, 8 months, 11 days.
- d: King – On the Elora Rd. in Saugeen, on the 14th of Nov, 1887, John King, aged 69 years

1 Dec 1887

- m: Bowman – Sparling – On the 23rd. Nov., by the Rev. J. Greene, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. A. F. Bowman to Miss Charlotte Sparling, both of Southampton.
- d: Gillies – In Southampton, on Sunday, Nov. 27, 1887, Catharine Gillies, aged 45 years, wife of Neil Murray.
- d: Stewart – In Port Elgin, on Tuesday morning, Nov 29th, 1887, Thos Stewart, age 69 yrs

1 Dec 1887

- d: Eastwood – At the residence of her uncle Wm. P. Marston, 99 Alexander St., Toronto, on the 25 (?) Nov., Minnie Eastwood, the eldest daughter of the late John Eastwood of Port Elgin, aged 28 years.
- d: Gowanlock – On Nov. 22, Jean, beloved wife of Wm. Gowanlock of (Innish?). She lived for Christ, He carried her over the dark valley in peace. Aged 49 years.

8 Dec 1887

- b: Arthur – In Saugeen, on Dec. 1st, the wife of Philip G. Arthur, of a son.
- m: Taylor – Heller – At the residence of the bride's father, on the 6th inst., by the Rev. J. Greene, Mr. Dougald Taylor of Chesley, to Miss Morgiana Heller of Port Elgin.

15 Dec 1887

- b: Carey – At Southampton, Dec. 2, the wife of John Carey, conductor GTR., of a daughter.
- m: Young – Hodgins – In St. John's Church, Port Elgin, by the Rev. T. L. Armstrong, on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1887, Mr. Joseph Henry Young to Miss Maggie Hodgins, both of Kincardine Township.

- m: McGillivray – Ross – At the residence of the bride's father on Wed. Nov. 30th., 1887, by the Rev. John Ross, M.A., of Brussels, brother of the bride, John McGillivray, Esq., merchant, Port Elgin, to Elsie, youngest daughter of Arthur Ross, Esq., Port Elgin.
- m: Currie – Thomas – By the Rev. W. Tindall, at his own residence, Walkerton, on the 9th inst, Mr. Jno. Currie, to Miss Elizabeth Thomas, all of Elderslie.
- m: Brant – Stafford – At the manse, Port Elgin, on Dec 7th, by the Rev James Gourlay, M.A., Mr. Jas. Brant of the Commercial Hotel, Tiverton, to Miss Sarah Stafford of Port Elgin.

22 Dec 1887

- m: Morran –Crawford – At Christ Church, Invermay, by Rev Rural Dean Cooper, on Nov 30, Frances Jane, youngest daughter of Mrs. P. Crawford, to Mr. A.G. Morran, all of Arran.
- d: Curry – At Lion's Head, Oct. 30th, of inflammatory rheumatism, Robert John Curry, in his ninth year, eldest child of Robert and Catharine Curry.
- d: McNabb – In Southampton, on Tuesday, Dec. 20th, 1887, Martha McNabb, beloved wife of Mr. George McNabb, aged 32 years and 3 months.
- d: Kellie – In Southampton, on Fri, Dec 16, 1887, Wm. Milroy Kellie, late of St. Louis, eldest son of James M. Kellie, aged 40 years.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA ARCHIVES

The United Church Archives, corner of Queen's Park Crescent and Charles St., Toronto, is the fifth largest church archives on the continent. It contains invaluable early and recent records of the Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian and Evangelical United Brethren Churches.

It makes one fairly drool to see old letters in the handwriting of Egerton Ryerson; to see early Loyalist days recordings of the Methodist Church. The book collection alone is valued at over a million dollars.

"Are genealogists made welcome?", is the question we asked of Rev. Glenn Lucas, the capable archives director. While Glenn was thinking up his answer, another archives member spoke up, "Like a character in Damon Runyon, we give them the small hello."

Mr. Lucas did not want to leave the impression that genealogists are not made welcome. The archives is open to the public, and a small but concerned and capable staff stand ready to help. All they ask is that you be ready to come with definite requests to see material, and you will be made welcome and given much help.

Of course, genealogists must understand that it is impossible for you to go to the United Church Archives and say, "I want to get down inside to look around for myself", or "just give me all the records of the Bay of Quinte area from 1750 – 1800". That's when you will get the small hello.

But when you bring definite requests for information from a certain area and a certain time, you will receive the large hello!

Rev. Glenn Lucas finished his answer by saying, "Genealogists are doing important historical research, and we want to help them all we can."

I was lucky enough to have a tour of the spacious, carefully arranged, “tombs”, and was quite impressed. Had they only known, they should have weighed me in and weighed me out of the book shelf area!

Ross Cumming

It was with much regret that we learned of the imminent departure of Alice & Ross Cumming from Port Elgin. For the past 8 years, Ross has been minister of the Port Elgin United Church and now feels that it is time for a change. For those of us who have been fortunate (and I do not use that word lightly) enough to have known the Cummings, the loss will be a real one. It has been said that no one is indispensable, but never-the-less some people are much harder to replace than others, and Alice and Ross are definitely in this category.

We say a sincere “thank you” for all they have done for us and wish them the very best in the future. – Editor

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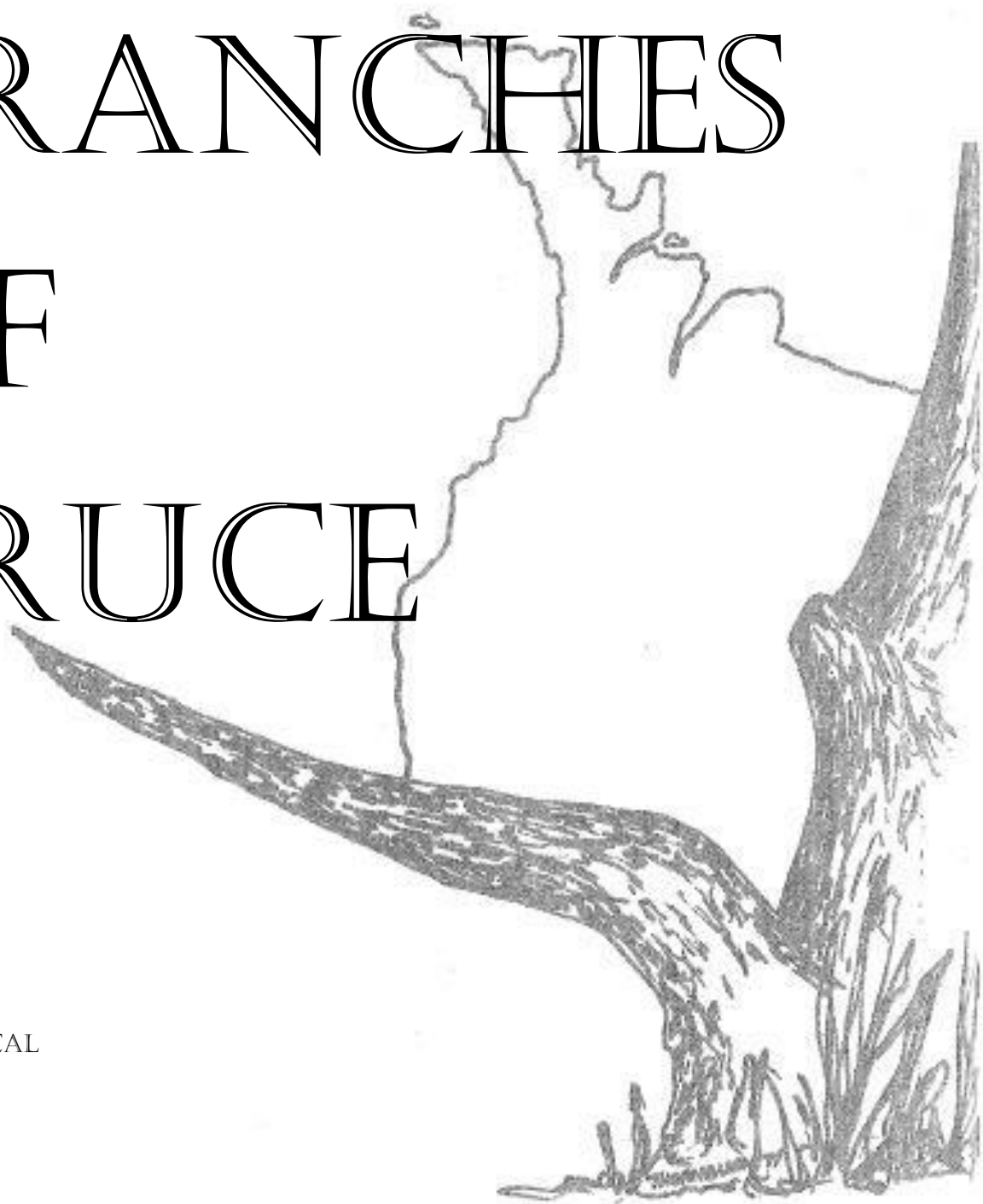
Fate makes our relatives, choice makes our friends.

- Jacques Delille.

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BRANCH NEWS

A new executive was elected at the annual meeting and banquet held in Port Elgin at the end of April. Betty Warrilow takes over as president for the coming year and will provide competent and enthusiastic leadership. It is satisfying to see so many Grey County members on the executive this time around. Although our particular branch of the O.G.S. is known as the Bruce Branch, it encompasses both Grey and Bruce Counties, and as such, serves a very wide area. The guest speaker at the banquet this year was the out-going O.G.S. president, Mr. John Rutledge of Toronto. He spoke on his family history and his research experiences and was greatly enjoyed by those attending.

Although there was no May meeting scheduled because of the O.G.S. Seminar, many people requested that one be held, and so a combination monthly meeting and "appreciation night" for Alice & Ross Cumming was organized. The Cummings were presented with a life membership in the Branch and few small tokens to remember us by when they take up residence in Stratford.

The coming of summer in this part of the province brings with it large numbers of visitors to the area, among whom are a fair number of genealogists. May we extend a warm welcome to any of you who are planning to come and do a bit of "sleuthing". We hope that your efforts are well rewarded.

MEMORY PLAYS TRICKS

While we're on the subject of researching, I would like to recommend that you read an excellent article in the May '75 edition of the Kingston Branch O.G.S. Newsletter. It begins "MEMORY PLAYS TRICKS when you are searching records. You may write and study for several hours and reach home to find you cannot recall where you started, or indeed which branch you sought." The article goes on to state the details which should be recorded at every search and summarizes them neatly at the end. I have taken the liberty of listing them below for those of you who are unable to read the original article.

"RECORD: Date & place of search, type of records searched, call letter of records, earliest & latest dates searched, parts of documents missing, types of information sought, bonus finds."

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LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Hamilton Branch O.G.S. News; Vol. 6 #3, 4, & 5.

Ottawa Branch O.G.S. News; Vol. 7 #1, 2, 3, & 4.

The Simcoe County Historical Association "News & Views", Vol. 4 #2, 3, 4, & 5.

Toronto Branch O.G.S. Toronto Tree: Vol. 6 #2, 3, 4, & 5.

Kingston Branch O.G.S. Newsletter, Vol. 2 #2, 4, & 5.

Family Trails, Michigan Dept. of Education. Vol. 4 #4

Canadian Patents from the Beginning of the Patent Office, June 1824 – donated by R Gilbank.

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society Bulletin, Vol. 6 #1

Listing of Reference Books of Genealogy, Heraldry & Local History published by Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc., Baltimore, Maryland. – donated by Helen Wuerth.

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REGIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES IN BRITAIN

- 1) The Irish Genealogical Research Society - The Hon. Sec., c/o The Irish Club, 82 Eaton Square, London, SW1.
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- 7) Genealogical Society of the East Midlands: - The Hon. Sec. Mr. F. B. Payton, Stourton, High Oakham Hill, Mansfield, Notts.
- 8) Sussex Family History Group - The Hon Sec MJ Burchall, 2/33 Sussex Sq, Brighton 7.
- 9) Kent Family History Society: - Mr. R. F. Gambier, c/o European Stamp Company, 84 Strand, London WG2.

- 10) Northern Section of the Society of Genealogists: - For those whose interests lie in the (former) six Northern counties. Mr. Malcolm Howe, 31 Kings Court North, Kings Road, Chelsea, London, SW 3 5EQ
- 11) Rossendale Society for Genealogy and Heraldry: - Hon. Sec. Mr. F. Fell, 2 Ashwood Avenue, Ramsbottom, Bury, Lanc. BLO OBQ. Covers Lancashire.
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- 13) Essex Family History Society: - J. W. Peters, 6 Windsor Way, Rayleigh, Essex.
- 14) Norfolk & Norwich Genealogical Society: - Hon. Sec. Patrick Palgrave – Moore, Grove House, Hethersett, Norfolk.
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The Central Society in Britain is: - The Society of Genealogists, 37 Harrington Gardens, London, SW7 4JX

Many thanks to Betty Warrilow for the above list. Hope it proves useful to some of our readers.

THE FRENCH SCHOOL

Its proper name was S. S. No. 7, but I found the other name more intriguing. According to Mr. Hugh Cameron of Kincardine, the school was built around the 1860's on lot 52, Concession A, Lake Shore Range. He wrote, "The first school was log and was known as the French School although to my knowledge, there was never any French taught in the school. But in early years there were quite a number of French pioneer settlers attending the school."

Gladys Arnold sent along some information on the French families who had settled in the area. Mentioned at the Germain, Vyett, Ayott, Chateau, Caskinette, & Bellemore families. It seems that Louis Bellemore was the first settler in Huron Twp., arriving in 1848. His wife was Indian, the daughter of a chieftain. Louis was a fur-trader and tavern owner, but in 1849 he sold the tavern and moved further north, eventually ending up in the Bruce Peninsula.

This seemed to me to be a bit of interesting history about an area that was settled predominantly by Scots. As to the fate of the school, in 1965 it was sold to a Detroit man for a summer home.

THE DRYDEN FAMILY PICNIC

This reunion will be held June 28 & 29 in Churchill Park, Cambridge, Ontario. Hilda Downey informed me that, to date, over 300 people are expected at the event. They are all descendents of Andrew Dryden (1779 – 1848) of Hawick, Roxburghshire, Scotland. I was interested to hear that this family boasts 23 sets of twins (so far) as well as Ken & Dave Dryden and Syl Apps Sr. & Jr., all of hockey fame.

BOOKS OF INTEREST

Hilda Downey has recommended highly the book, *The French Blood in America* by Lucien J. Fosdick, published in 1906, by the Fleming H. Revell Co. Traces the Huguenot beginnings in France and then concentrates on the refugees who fled to America, giving names of those who settled in groups in specific places and, in many cases, supplying family histories. The book is an excellent source for Huguenot researchers and very easy to read.

This book may be borrowed through the inter-library loan system from the National Library, Ottawa.

Now available – *The History of Port Elgin* by Heather Robertson

St. Andrew's Saugeen (a church history) One of the interesting features of this book is the listing of baptisms performed in this church from 1873 – 1900, complete with dates & parent's names including maiden names of the mothers. From 1900, just names are listed with no dates. Available from Mrs. John Sutherland, R. R. 5, Paisley, Ont.

QUERIES

LAWTON – McLEAN – MCGILLIVRAY – WILKIE: Mrs. Gale Shawcrass, 304-37 Sheppard St., Regina, Sask. seeks info on these families. The 5 children of John McGillivray immigrated from the Isle of Mull, Scotland in the 1850's & settled on farms in the Port Elgin-Paisley districts. One of these, Donald J. McGillivray, married Jane Wilkie. In the late 1880's they moved to Sask. A daughter of Donald and Jane, Christina McGillivray (1859 – 1941) wed Jesse Lawton of Port Elgin area, a son of Ben Lawton & Christina McLean. Jesse & Christina moved to Sask. in early 1800's.

BROWN: Info wanted on Edward & Thomas Brown of Gresham, Bruce Twp. (Paisley area). Contact Margaret Amey, 23432 River Rd., Haney, B.C.

WHITEHEAD: Does anyone know of an old homestead called "Whiteheads Corners". Moses Whitehead moved to Brant Twp., Bruce Co. about 1871. Died at Walkerton 1905. Hoping to find place of birth in Kent, England. Contact Carol Carlton, Box 159, Altaville, California, 95221.

GAINOR – SHAW: Maxine Freeborn, 7623 Charlesworth Rd., Dearborn Heights, Michigan, enquires about her maternal grandfather, Samuel Gainor, born Dec. 25, 1837, Hope Twp., & his wife Ellen Jane Shaw. They lived near Dobbinton, then in Tara & Owen Sound.

BLUNDELL – GRASSER: Bev Blundell, Box 166, Pemberton, B.C. wishes info on – John Blundell family, 1860, Brant Twp. – Joseph Grasser family 1860, Carrick Twp.

EPITAPHS

"Here snug in grave my wife doth lie;
Now she's at rest, and so am I".

This sentiment comes up in epitaphs with disquieting frequency – this though is expressed sooner or later in any list of "remembrances."

"Beneath this stone, and not above it,
Lies the remains of Anna Lovett;
Be pleased good reader, not to shove it,
Lest she should come again above it.

For 'twixt you and I, no one does covet
To see again this Hannah Lovett."

Both these rhymes are from English tombstones, and the article in which they appeared was in CANADIAN MAGAZINE, Oct. 1894. If original, the author did considerable research for his collection of epitaphs. He had them in categories – Royal ones, these seem to survive well, and some punning ones. In the 16th century, a Mr. Dawnston wrote one for his father-in-law, the Rev. Mr. Chest; -

"Here lies at rest I do protest,
One Chest within another,
The chest of wood was very good,
Who says so of the other?"

Punning ones were very close to the acrostic verses, and he had several all founded on the name of the deceased – sometimes rather strained. To continue flowery praise for fifteen lines, even if the friend would have wished the virtues to fit, was a feat of contrivance.

It was usual for pubs to stay in a family for generations, and so when an innkeeper was killed suddenly, his occupation was listed on the gravestone along with the locations and the Inn's name, the last two lines ending with the professional information –

"Resigned unto the Heavenly will,
his wife keeps on the business still."

In another graveyard lies a soldier "Who caught his death from drinking cold small beer." "An honest soldier never is forgot, whether he die by musket or by pot." which has other connotations in this day 200 years later.

Also in this day of Women's Lib, in contrast to the opening couplet is this 1746 epitaph: -

"Elizabeth, wife of Major-General Hamilton, who was married 47 years, and never did
ONE thing to disoblige her husband." Roberta Gilbank.

BIRTHS MARRIAGES & DEATHS from: - "Port Elgin Times", Jan – May 1888

9 Feb. 1888

- b: Wark – In Tara, on the 26th ult., the wife of D.D. Wark, of a son.
- d: McAuley – In Detroit on Jan 31st, 1888, John McAulay, aged 31 yrs, 11 mos 20 days
- d: Morrow – In Tara, on the 1st inst, Wm Morrow, native of County Down, Ireland, 90 yrs
- d: Mccaulay – In Southampton, on Sat, Feb. 4th, 1888, Norman Macaulay, 46 years.

23 Feb. 1888

- d: Skene – At Latona, Co. Grey, on Feb 13th, 1888, Mrs. George Skene, aged 60 yrs and 7 months. Deceased was a sister of John and Peter Smith of Saugeen and mother of Alex Skene, late of North Bruce.

15 March, 1888

- m: Henderson – Hunter – At the residence of the bride's mother, Port Elgin, on March 8th, by the Rev. Jas. Gourlay, M.A., Mr. John Henderson of the Township of Derby, to Miss Mary Hunter, youngest daughter of the late Mr. William Campbell.

m: Dunbar – Oliver – At the manse, Port Elgin, on March 7th, by the Rev. James Courlay, M.A., Mr. Jas. Dunbar to Miss Annie Oliver, both of Southampton.

5 April, 1888

- d: Douglas – In Port Elgin, on Thursday, March 29th, 1888, Mr. Robert Douglas, aged 86 years, 6 months and 17 days.
- d: Gibbons – In Port Elgin, on Sunday evening, April 1st, 1888, Albert Gibbons, aged 30 years and 9 months.
- d: Keyes – In Port Elgin, on March 31st, 1888, Lena Alice, only daughter of James and Margaret Keyes, aged 4 years and 4 mons.
- m: Blakeley – Carr – At the residence of Mr. John Blakeley, 10th, con. Bruce, on March 28th, by the Rev. James Gourley, M.S., Mr. Alexander Blakeley to Miss Polly Carr, both of the Tsp. of Bruce.

12 April, 1888

- m: Dawson – McKay – At the residence of the bride's father, on April 4th, by the Rev. James Gourlay, W. A., Mr. James Dawson to Miss Ada, daughter of Mr. Hiram McKay, all of Southampton.
- m: Drummond- Matheson – At Tiverton, on the 28th March, at the residence of the bride's, brother-in-law, by the Rev. J. Anderson, John Drummond of the township of Bruce, to Alexandrina Matheson, of Tiverton.

3 May, 1888

- d: Isaac – In Saugeen, on Friday, April 27th, 1888, infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Isaac, aged 9 months and 12 days.

10 May 1888

- b: McDonald – In Paisley, on May 2nd, the wife of Mr. Wallace McDonald, of a daughter.
- b: Mathers – At Underwood, on the 4th inst, wife of Mr. Thos Mathers, of triplets, all daughters one has since died.
- m: Fleming – Sinclair – At Paisley, on the 25th ult., by Rev. John Johnston, Mr. Robert Fleming to Mrs. Peter Sinclair, both of Paisley.
- m: McAuley – Steinhoff – At the Royal Hotel, Port Elgin, on the 8th inst., by the Rev. James Gourlay, M. A., Mr. George Stewart McAulay, Southampton, to Miss Annie Steinhoff, of Underwood.
- m: Hessonauer – Thede – At Port Elgin, on the 25th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Thomas, Mr. Jacob Hessonauer to Miss Catherine Thede, both of Port Elgin.
- m: Wiley – Greathead – At Port Elgin, on the 25th ult, by the Rev J. Greene, Mr. Thomas Wiley Wiley to Miss Frances Greathead, daughter of Mr. Joseph Greathead, of Southampton.
- m: Gray – McKenzie – In Kincardine township, on the 25th ult., by the Rev. C. Cameron, Mr. Robert Grey to Miss Annie McKenzie.
- m: Robinson – Shannon – At Port Elgin, on the 1st inst., by the Rev. T. L. Armstrong, Mr. Fred Robinson to Miss Ina Shannon, both of Port Elgin.
- m: Roman – Lightfoot – At Hamilton, on the 1st. Inst, by the Rev. C. B. Hallam, Mr. Fred Roman of Port Elgin, to Miss Fannie Lightfoot, of Hamilton.

- m: McInnes – Dewar – At the residence of the bride's father, on Wednesday, April 25th, by the Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Harriston, Mr. R. J. McInnes, formerly of Tara, to Miss Emma, eldest daughter of Duncan Dewar, Esq., of Milton, Co. Halton.
- d: Dierlamm – At Walkerton, on the 2nd inst., Caroline, wife of Mr. P. Kierlamm, aged 35 years, 2 months, and 7 days.
- d: Harron – In Arran, on the 30th, ult., James Harron, aged 74 years. Deceased was a resident of Arran for 31 years.
- d: Ferguson – In Kincardine township, on the 22nd, ult., Dougall Ferguson, 70 years.
- d: McLennan – At Glamis, on April 25th, Mrs. McLennan, aged 85 years.
- d: Sharpe – At Chesley, on the 29th, ult., James Sharpe, an old resident of the village.
- d: Bryce – At Port Elgin, on the 28th ult., Archibald Bryce, aged 50 years.
- d: Bott – At Port Elgin, on the 7th inst., Jacob Herman, infant son of Mr. H. Bott, aged 2 months and 16 days.

17 May, 1888

- b: McIntyre – In Elderslie, on the 24th ult, the wife of Mr. D. W. McIntyre, of a son.
- b: Edgar – At Walkerton, on the 2nd inst., the wife of Mr. Charles Edgar, of twin sons.
- b: Spaulding – In Kincardine, on the 6th inst., the wife of Mr. C. D. Spaulding, of a son.
- b: Langford – At Warton, on the 8th inst., the wife of Mr. Caleb Langford, of a daughter.
- m: Stuart – Sparrow – In Elderslie, on the 2nd inst., by Rev. J. Galloway of Paisley, Mr. James H. Stewart, of Artemesia, to Miss Lizzie Jane Sparrow, of Elderslie.
- m: McGregor – Dish – At Southampton on the 9th inst., by the Rev. A. Tolmie, Mr. Robt, McGregor to Miss Mary E. Dish, both of Walkerton.
- m: Niebergall – Huscher – At Hanover, on the 8th inst, by the Rev. Joseph Edge, Mr. J. L. Niebergall to Miss Adelin Huscher, both of Hanover.
- m: Ogg – Bell - At Paisley, on May 11th, by Rev. J. Galloway, Mr. David Ogg to Miss Kate Bell, both of Paisley.
- d: Graham – At Arkwright, on the 2nd inst., John Graham, aged 65 years.
- d: McDonald – In Bruce, on the 29th ult., Charles McDonald, aged 77 years.
- d: McLeod – In Bruce, on the 6th inst., Peter McLeod, aged 65 years.
- d: Eby – At Port Elgin, on the 12th inst., Titus John, youngest child of Mr. Emmanuel E. Eby, aged 4 years, 5 months and 4 days.
- d: Fensom – At Hanover, on the 8th inst., Eliza Fensom, aged 85 years.

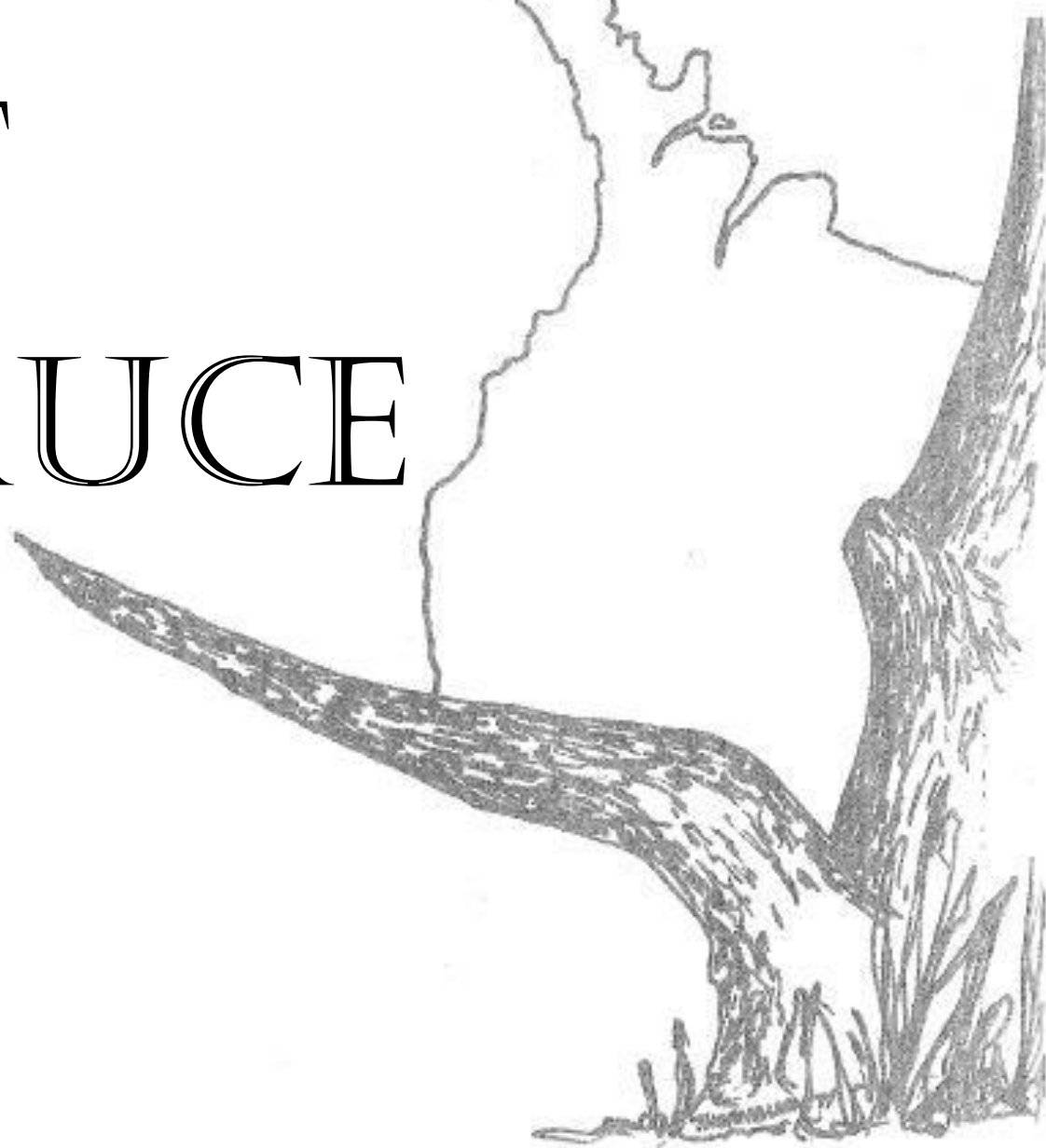
NEXT MEETING June 24th, 8 P.M. at SALEM

(Go out #9, turn to Teeswater Rd. #4. Go south about 2 ½ miles
 (2 consessions), turn right. Small country church.)

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BRANCH MEETINGS

The June meeting which was held in Salem featured Mrs. Evelyn Drew, President of the Canadian United Empire Loyalist Association, as the main speaker. This association has 21 branches across Canada, its official publication is the Loyalist Gazette, and the National Headquarters is 23 Prince Arthur Ave., Toronto. Mrs. Drew had several books on display among which were *Pioneers of the Bay of Quinte* & *The Settlement of Upper Canada*. She was in the area doing research on the Van Duesen family. Bruce Branch President, Betty Warrilow announced that beginning in Sept. Workshops will be held weekly in the Owen Sound library for the purpose of indexing our growing library holdings. Many people have been very busy over the summer collecting various types of genealogical information for the Branch which must be indexed & filed for maximum benefit and use. Anyone interested in helping please contact Betty. Membership in the Branch continues to grow – 50 new members since Jan. & still climbing. Looks like a good season ahead.

HAVE YOUR RECEIVED ALL 1975 "BRANCHES OF BRUCE"? If not, please let me know and the missing copies will be sent to you. We publish a bulletin 5 times a year – January, March, June, September & November, and this year we ran out of the Jan. & Mar. Editions and had to

run off extra copies. In trying to make sure all our members received their back issues, I may inadvertently have missed someone.

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP is now slightly upwards of 150. Approximately half of our members live outside the Grey-Bruce area, scattered from Quebec to British Columbia and from Florida to California. For most of you who fall into this category, the only link with the Bruce branch is the Branch publication. For this reason I would welcome any suggestions you may have as to what types of articles & information prove most interesting and valuable to you. Also, it would be interesting to get a "Letters to the Editor" section going on some debatable genealogical issues – perhaps even something you read in this bulletinHow about it?

"The beginning is the most important part of the work." - Plato

QUERIES & CORRESPONDENCE

Be sure & note the name and address of our new Research Sect'y. Gladys Arnold of Ripley, Ont. N0G 2T0 has taken over from Alice Cumming who, unfortunately for us, packed up & moved to Stratford. We would appreciate it if all queries could be sent to Gladys & she will get the wheels rolling.

MURRAY: Know anything about Alexander Neil Murray & his wife, Catherine Gillies Murray? They lived in Amabel Twp. & the family occupation was fishing. A son, Neil Alexander Murray, was born in Southampton in 1880 & rumour has it that in later years he was a pretty fair soccer player. Being researched by Dr. E. Neil Murray, Jr., Psychology Dept., 4320 Ridge Lea Rd., Buffalo, N.Y., 14226.

WYNNE: Info requested on William Nathan Wynne, son of Edward Wynne & Catherine Shanon. William was in Walkerton by 1878 & married a McDougall there. Family originally came from Ireland to Merrickville, Ont. area. Write Mrs. Howard E. Ellis, 3940 E. Elm St., Wichita, Kansas. 67208.

BARBER – MORROW - CARLTON – GILLESPIE: Location – Derby & Sydenham Townships. Being researched by Mrs. Kenneth Bushol, 4215 W. Portage St. Milwaukee, Wis. 53409, U.S.A.

MacKENZIE: Who were parents of Fleming MacKenzie, b. Dec. 6, 1866, Kincardine? Also requires data on marriage (to a Ross) and death. Contact Mrs. Catherine F. Hitchings, c/o John Farlow, 769 South St., Needham, Mass. U.S.A.

MacPHEE CLAN SOCIETY is seeking members of the clan. Anyone bearing the name McPhee, MacFie, Fee, Duffy, MacDuffy, McAfeem, or MacPhee are all part of this family. Contact Mr. G.R. MacPhee, Apt. 811 – 345 Merton St., Toronto, Ont. M4S 1B5

RECORDS IN THE ONTARIO ARCHIVES

The following is the reply which we received from the Ontario Archives in response to an inquiry concerning records in their holdings which would be useful for genealogical research with particular reference to the opening up of the Queen's Bush.

Mr. J. Mezaks, Supervisor, Gov't Records Section wrote:

"In reply I should explain that we do have such records, particularly, the Crown Lands Papers which deal with early settlement. Collectively they are known as Record Group One (R.G.1). The most relevant series are as follows:

- 1) Petitions, 1827 – 1865. These original petitions for grants or leases of Crown Lands are arranged alphabetically by name. There are several by groups of settlers in the Queen's Bush (Series C-I-1)
- 2) Fiats and Warrants, 1797 – 1873. These documents authorized the Surveyor General to locate a grant and issue a Location ticket. Filed numerically in a number of groups established under the various regulations. Controlled by indexed registers. (Series C-I-3)
- 3) Township Papers, 1791 – 1865. These are land files arranged by townships, concessions, and lots. Contain copies of Orders-in-Council, Location tickets, Surveyor General's Descriptions, and correspondence between the Crown Lands Office and settlers.

Crown copies of all Letters Patents of Land grants form part of our R.G. 8 (Records of the Provincial Secretary). The Index to Patents arranged alphabetically by name of Grantee gives the name, location of land, and date of Patent.

All subsequent conveyances after issue of Patent are registered in the local Registry Office. We have microfilm copies of those records: (a) Abstract Indexes to Deeds up to 1958 and (b) Deeds up to 1876. They are available to researchers in our Reading Room."

ORDER YOUR 1867 Bruce County Directory (\$4.50) pst. pd. and Grey-Bruce 1880 Atlas (\$15.00) pst. pd. from Geo. Cluley, Box 24, Port Elgin, Ont. N0H 2C0

Bruce Branch Names Directory (names being researched by branch members) \$.50

Order from: Audrey Underwood, R.R. 2, Port Elgin, Ont., N0H 2C0.

"The life of every man is a diary in which he means to write one story and writes another; and his humblest hour is when he compares the volume as it is with what he vowed to make it."

James Matthew Barrie

An auctioneer buried in Greenwood, England, was furnished with a headstone that read

Going

Going

Gone (1868)

THE GIANTS OF GREY COUNTY

We often read of the hardy pioneers who came north to this area. The ones who persevered through thick and thin. While leafing through an old scrapbook, I came across the following account written for a Toronto newspaper in the early 1900's describing a "tug-o'-war of the giants -- the Pioneer Highlands and North of Ireland men". It seems that one of the events at the July 1, 1881 Dominion Day celebration in Chatsworth was a tug-of-war. The following excerpts from the article tell the story.

“These fellows could swing an axe or steer a plow with equal facility. They helped chop family farms out of the bush – the great hardwood bush that covered Grey County, elm, beech, maple, ash, hickory, and birch. In the winter they went away up the Bruce peninsula and worked in the pine woods for the lumbermen. They were backwoods farmers, all right, more lumbermen than farmers, hard-fisted, big-bodied, rank with the strength which comes of heavy work in the pure wilderness air, and the simple life of wholesome hardship. And they came from the finest breeding ground of the human race – the highlands of the British Isles. Fighting gratified their sporting instinct. Championship contests were for the few, but fighting itself was general – all could take part. And in the days of the Chatsworth Fair nearly everybody did.”

“On Dominion Day they held the tug-of-war, and war was generally the proper name for it. The north and the south townships of the county pulled against each other, and the eastern against the western. It was when Sullivan and Sydenham met in the year 1881 that the contest assumed serious historic proportions.”

“There were then men to a side that day as usual, but five of the regular Sullivan team were absent. Their places were filled by men picked up from the crowd of Sullivan inhabitants present.”

“For Sydenham, in North Grey, Neil McDonald, the black Scotch Highland Canadian was the captain. Neil weighed 200 pounds hard, but he was not the heaviest man on the rope that day – not by any means, C.K. Bain of the Sullivan crew, a wide, low-set Irishman only six feet high, weighed 300 pounds. There were MacDonalds on the Sullivan end of the rope too; two of them in fact, Bob and Donald – big, black, and Gaelic. There were two Ashes, both six foot three, Irish, and as wide as doors. There was Bill Campbell, who was known for a nose of more than ordinary development. Dave Pollock, the captain, was Irish and afraid of nobody. One of the men picked from the crowd was a big negro name Bowie.”

“On the Sydenham end with Neil MacDonald were two Spences, two Carmichaels, two Campbells, an Acheson or two, and a McGregor. Tradition is getting hazy about the details. Some of the names are mixed in the recollections of those who saw the struggle.”

(After 5 min. of struggle, Sullivan Twp. won the first pull. The second pull, however, was a different story. The struggle went on for almost 2 hours and as the tension increased, the crowd became violently partisan.)

“The sun was sweltering. Supporters on both sides were now begging that the rope be cut. But through grim drawn lips and clenched teeth, the men on that rope swore vengeance upon anyone who should take axe in hand and cut it.”

(At this point the magistrate appeared, read the riot act while the contest continued “in grim silence”, and then in the name of the Queen cut the rope.)

“Thus ended the great and historic tug-of-war at Chatsworth in the County of Grey in the year 1881. The crowd crashed down the fence and a free fight followed.”

(Although many adjectives may be used to describe the participants in this contest (depending on your point of view), we must all agree that “hardy & persevering” have to be included. By the way, Sullivan twp. was declared the winner, having won the first pull & gained 4 ft. of rope in the second).

PROJECTS FOR AMBITIOUS GENEALOGISTS

Family Reunions – Summer is the time for family reunions & if you're thinking of arranging one for next year, Hilda Downey who was involved in the DRYDEN family reunion which we mentioned in the last bulletin, Hilda has sent along a few suggestions: -

“Over 750 members of the Dryden family from New York city and Quebec province in the east, California, Oregon, and British Columbia in the west, and numerous places in between, attended a reunion in Churchill Park, Galt, on Saturday & Sunday, June 28 & 29. They were descendents of Andrew & wife, Janet Cairns of North Dumfries twp., Robt. & wife, Alison Young of Montreal, & Thos. Dryden and wife, Eliz. Scott of Eramosa twp. Boswells, Rosburghshire, Scotland. It is believed Thos. was a younger half-brother of Andrew & Robt., son of Thos. Dryden & second wife, Janet Fletcher.

A full program for the weekend included registration of 11 family branches; displays of pictures, family charts, heirlooms, crest, maps, etc; games for the children; the story of the Drydens in Scotland by family historian, Earl Taylor, of Burlington; a ceilidh bus trip Sunday afternoon to see the 9 farms where Andrew & his family settled in N. Dumfries; a 3 catered meals.

Planning for the reunion began last January, & 5 committee meetings held. Sub-committees were appointed & duties of each discussed in detail. Each person was given a typed list of duties. The 2 co-chairmen were excellent, experienced leaders and all committee members willing workers. One or more persons in each branch were asked to be responsible for sending out invitations. A family tree being compiled by myself (although not complete) was used as a guide. Such a project must have funds & a \$2 pre-registration fee was charged each person over 12 yr. of age. An additional charge of \$6. for 3 meals was made. This amount proved to be more than enough & a surplus was banked for another reunion or some form of memorial to our ancestors.”

Family Newsletter – Audrey Underwood has a few hints for anyone interested in this type of project. She has been involved this year in publishing an Underwood family newsletter & hopes it will be the background work for a final family history & will stimulate interest among other family members. Material is obtained from relatives as well as, in Audrey's words, “by using all the genealogical reference places & then some, & by being patient, persistent, & persuasive.” In addition to historical family background, up-to-date birth, marriage, death & anniversary notices and an “over 80 Birthday Club” are included.

THOUGHTS ON ANCESTORS

“When I ask myself who I am, I am forced to look back past a mother and father, whom I knew intimately, through eight great-grandparents who are little more than names to 16 great-great grandparents whose names I do not even know. Back and back my thoughts spin. There was a time a thousand years ago when I had countless ancestors all contemporary with one another, spread over much of the world. If no relative had ever married another, no matter how distantly related, there would have been more than a billion of them, all alive at approximately the same time. But the entire population of the world was only about 280 million then; second, third, and fourth cousins have always been intermarrying without realizing their kinship. Therefore, to compensate for that overlap, let me arbitrarily divide that huge ancestral horde, not by two or by

ten but by a thousand. That still leaves a million individuals, all different, all my ancestors, walking the earth at the time of William the Conqueror.

My people are mostly of English, Scottish and Dutch extraction. But what does that mean? Nothing, really, because a thousand years ago many of them were still being called Saxons and Picts. Since at that time 90 percent of all people in western Europe were peasants, it is certain that nearly all my ancestors were peasants too, unable to read or write, fearsomely ignorant and superstitious, routinely and appallingly cruel, ravaged by hard work and disease, many of them toothless by 25, dead by 35. I feel little kinship with them; but I am them. I carry their genes in my body – my looks, my shape, my desires, my predisposition to certain ailments, my way of thinking – something from every one of them.

Go back another thousand years, I almost certainly pick up a good many Romans and Greeks as forebears, in addition to Semitic Middle Easterners, some farther-eastern Tartars, some Egyptians, some black Africans. But the great bulk of my ancestors were surely the ancestors of those medieval European peasants. Two thousand years ago they were tribesmen, living in forests and along rivers, primitive agriculturalists. Civilization may have advanced elsewhere but not much of it had rubbed off on them. By modern standards they were savages. Some of them may never have had their hands on a piece of metal. But still my ancestors.”

- from The Missing Link by Maitland A Edey & Editors of Time-Life Books, The Emergence of Man Series

“Cuckoldry is more feared by genealogists than illegitimacy. Illegitimacy leads to nothing worse than an impasse. The possibility of cuckoldry leaves him with a continuing sense of doubt. The confidence that he can place in any line that he has traced is no greater than his confidence that each husband on the line is the true father. All we can say is that the probability of the legal father of a child not being the natural father varies with date, religion, social class and length of marriage. The probability can thus vary along a single genealogical line.”

- From Probability and Statistics in Genealogy, By Alan Kent, Genealogists' Magazine, June 1975

RECORDING OF ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Lot 19, Conc. 14, Brant Township

CAHOON Bridget McGuire, wife of Wm Cahoon died 15 May 1925 age 90 y: Wm died 11 Sept 1893 age 57y 8m 21 days, their son Wm. A. 1878 – 1905

CONNOLLY John, 1852 – 1931; his wife Catherine Ferguson 1867 – 1929; Florence Connolly Bray 1897 – 1972

CONNOLLY Patrick, died 12 Aug 1883, 70y 2m; also Jane wife of William Reid d 12 Aug 1883 aged 52 years

CONNOR Ann, wife of Martin Connor dies 18 April 1883 age 45 years

CONNOR John, born 25 Dec 1883 died 3 Feb 1916; his wife Bridget Treacy born 31 Oct 1840 died 17 Feb 1919, Daniel J born Sept 1878 d 25 April 1913; Ellen b 16 Jun 1883 d 5 Oct 1913; Richard P. b 8 Nov 1874 d 20 Oct 1918

CONNOR Mary, wife of Michael Connor d 16 Feb 1880 age 81 yrs, Native of Queens County Ire
 CONNOR Michael (stone broken) d 12 Jan 1868 age 85y.
 CONNOR Peter, d 22 Dec 1885 age 61y.
 DEGURSEY George, d 29 Mar 1911 age 67y, his wife Ellen Robertson d 4 June 1916 age 74y
 DOYLE Mary Ellen, dau. of Lawrence and Rose
 DOYLE Matthias, d 3 Feb 1869 age 31y
 DOYLE James, d 22 July 1864, in his 34th years, Native of Co. Carlow
 FERGUSON Hugh, d 1 Jan 1883, Native of Tyrone Ireland
 FERGUSON Hugh, 1867 – 1953, his wife Alice Sweeney 1874 – 1958, Joseph 1833 – 1922; his
 wife Mary A. Brazill 1842 – 1912
 FERGUSON Edward, 1874 – 1940
 FINERTY Julia, d 29 Sept 1881 age 32 y wife of John Finerty
 FITZGERALD Ellen, d 31 Dec 1866 age 48y Native of Tarbet Co. Kerry, Ireland
 FOLEY Daniel, d 9 April 1903 age 5y 6m 17d; Timothy d 31 July 1915 age 73y.
 GILLSON Ann, dau of John and Hanora Gillson d 4 May 1879 age 21 y 10m 25d
 GILLSON Ellen, d 28 June 1873 age 18y 5m 5d Native of Canada
 GILLSON Hanora, d 31 Oct 1885 age 70y, beloved wife of John Gillson
 GILLSON John, d 7 Feb 1877 age 63y
 HAMMER Elizabeth, wife of John Hammer, d 10 Feb 1895 age 50 y 6 m
 HANLEY Laurence, d 20 April 1902 age 58y
 HANLEY Michael d 8 May 1864 age 57y, Native of Tipperary Ireland
 HANLEY Thomas, d 26 Oct 1888 age 3y 6 m, son of Timothy and Annie Hanley
 HANNORE Frank, 1870 – 1943, Mary his wife 1892 – 19
 HANMORE Kathleen dau of F & M Hanmore d 23 Feb 1922 age 3y 54 d
 HANMORE Martin, d 11 April 1906 age 58y, his wife Mary Jane O'Neill 1861 – 1948, Martin B.
 b 22 Nov 1899 age 2 weeks, Irene G. d 5 Feb 1903 age 7y. Children of Martin and Mary Jane
 HANMORE Patrick, d 1 April 1879 age 71y.
 JOHNSON Adam, d 22 June 1882; Native of Banffshire, Scotland
 KEATING Catherine O'Harrow, wife of Patrick Keating d April 1872 age 39y
 KEATING James N, son of Patrick & Catherine Keating d 29 July 1889 17y 1m.
 KEATING Patrick, d 2 July 1890, 57yr 6m
 KEENAN Kathleen, d 18 July 1908 age 9y; John V. D 22 April 1922 age 44y
 KILDEA Elizabeth ?, wife of John Kildea d 17 Dec 1885 age 35y
 KNETTLE George b 8 Dec 1831 d 7 June 1910 Lizzie dau of George and Vironica Knettle d
 25 Mar 1899 age 16y 7m 22d
 MOORE John, d 24 May 1884, age 76y
 MORRISSEY Johannah, wife of James Morrissey 1869 – 1948

McCARTHY Charles, d 23 Dec 1886 age 65y his wife Julia d 2 Feb 1875 age 50y Natives of Co Kerry Ireland

McCURDY Anthony, 1854 – 1936; his wife Elizabeth Crommen 1872 – 1951; their children Mary Ellen 1902 – 1903; Anthony J. 1906 – 1924

McCURDY John, 1850 – 1894; his wife Annie Foley 1854 – 1918; their dau Mary C. 1880 – 1896; Mary wife of Michael McCurdy 1831 – 1911

McCURDY Michael, d 28 Oct 1880 age 70y, Native of Co. Antrim Ireland

McGARRITY Catherine Mary, dau of Percy & Julia McGarrity d 26 Jan 1929 age 20y

McGARRITY Patrick, d 22 Oct 1884 age 84, Native of Co. Armagh, Ireland, Peter d 12 July 1925 age 76y

McGARRITY Peter, d 12 July 1923 his wife Catherine Doyle d 6 Jan 1930

McGILL Mary, d 21 Feb 1874 age 2y 6d, Isabella d 6 Dec 1875 age 1y 9m, Adam d 15 Jan 1890 age 24y. Children of James and Elizabeth McGill, Isabella d 3 April 1874 age 85, James 1826 – 1911

McGUIRE Ambrose, 1866 – 1942; Mary Deschamp McGuire 1884 – 1966

McGUIRE James, d 27 Feb 1908 age 78y, his wife Mary S. Sullivan 1833 – 1922; James 1912 – 1925

McKENDRY James, son of David and Catherine McKendry d 20 Jan 1869 age 16y 6m

McLAUGHLIN Bridet Finerty wife of Eugene McLaughlin d 9 July 1915 age 72y, Eugene d 23 Oct 1917 age 65y

McMAHON Wilhelmina Meyor, wife of B. McMahan 1860 – 1930

McNAMARA Sophia, wife of Robert McNamara d 20 Aug 1889 age 41y 10m, Robert 1849-1927

McCONNOR Kathleen, d 13 Oct 1903 age 3y 10m, Margaret d 23 Dec 1905 age 4y 20d

O'NEILL Ann, wife of Hugh O'Neill d 26 Nov 1898 age 74y; John d 22 Aug 1895 age 64y, Ann d 4 Aug 1896 age 65y, Bridget d 17 Feb 1861 dau of John & Ann

O'NEILL Sylvester D., d 26 Sept 1911, 46y, wife Margaret Ellen McCarthy 1876-1952

O'REILLY Joe, 1878 – 1954, J.E. 1934 – 1953, E.B. 1937 – 1944 [footstones read John and Teddy]

O'REILLY Thomas, d 5 May 1913 age 82y, Margaret Quirk his wife d 27 Dec 1882 age 40y, L.P. Reilly d 23 Oct 1878 age 3y 9m

QUIRK Jane, d 23 Nov 1879 age 38y

QUIRK Margaret Ann, d 18 April 1890 age 3y 8m 22d, Phillip age 4m, children of Patrick and Esther M. Quirk

QUIRK Patrick, d 2 Nov 1898 age 38y 7m

QUIRK William, b 1 June 1837 d 16 Nov 1871 age 34y 5m 16d

QUIRK William, d 14 May 1895 age 76y, Margaret his wife d 31 May 1872 age 52y, Michael d 27 Mar 1869 age 20y 1m, Philip d 8 Sept 1869 age 22y 2m 12d, children of Wm. and Margaret Quirk

REDMOND Christian Westenhafer 1900 –1937 wife of G. Harold Redmond

REILLEY James D. b 1840 d 1918, Ellen Rose wife of J.D. Reilley 1840-1908, William D. son of James Reilley April 1907 – Oct 1907, Julia Ann McCarthy wife of James Reilley 1879 – 1936, James 1870 – 1951

RELIHAN John, d 20 Feb 1885 age 76y, Native of Co. Kerry Ireland

RYAN Daniel, d 28 Jan 1914 age 69y 7m 29d, his wife Dora Quirk 1852 – 1929, Mary Ryan wife of Frank Moran 1876 – 1918, John Ryan 1879 – 1954

SHEEHAN Jeremiah d 30 March 1879

SWEENEY Johannah, wife of Timothy Sweeney d 30 May 1905 age 74y, Patrick d 8 June 1908 age 50y, Timothy d 1 April 1911 age 85y

VALK Magdaline A Hanmore, 1913 – 1916 (1961?) wife of William M. Valk

WEISS Mary Gehl, wife of Lawrence Weiss 1865 – 1949

WILHELM Mary, wife of Joseph Wilhelm d 14 Aug 1887 age 40y

WOOD John, 1868 – 1944 hus of Ann Zettel

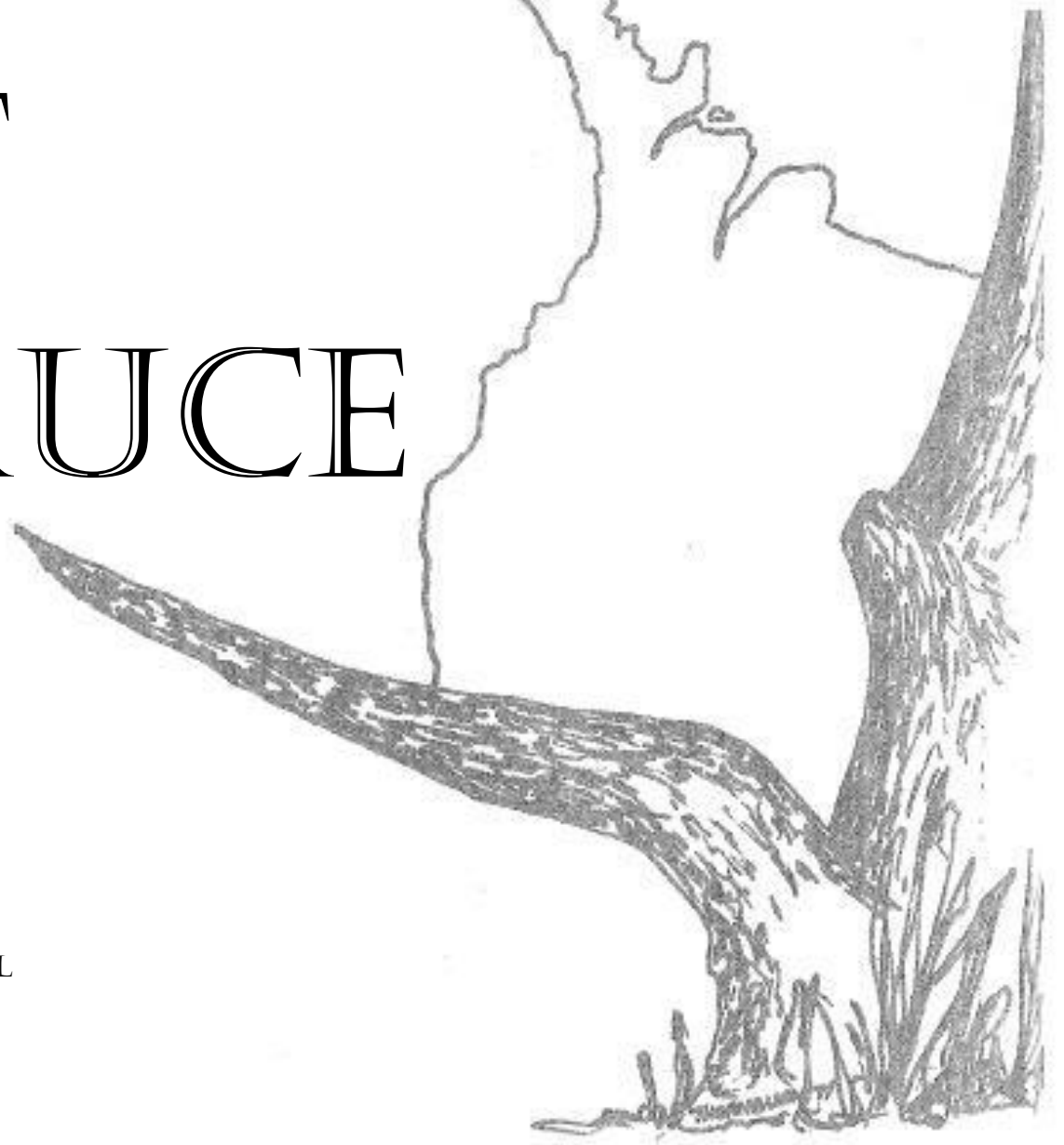
FALL MEETINGS

SEPT. 23.....	Southampton Presbyterian Church Hwy. 21, north of stop light SUBJECT: "WILLS"
OCT. 28.....	Owen Sound Public Library
NOV. 25.....	Town Hall, Walkerton (Johnston Room) S.W. corner of Jackson & Scott St., 1 block south of Hartley House corner

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To help future seekers of genealogical information, we have formed an indexing group in the branch. We meet in the Owen Sound Public Library Thursday afternoons one to four P.M. Please join us if you happen to be in the area. We have started on the obituaries as listed in the Owen Sound Sun-Times. Thanks to one of our members, a complete listing has been obtained for the years 1962 to 1973. These have been arranged in chronological order in scrap books. From these we are preparing a card index. It lists – name, place of death or residence and date of death. Married women are listed under their maiden names as well as their married names. The card index for these obituaries will be housed at the Owen Sound Public Library along with the newspapers on microfilm to which the index refers. A yearly index has been compiled and placed in the scrapbook at the end of the year.

Important work continues to be done in the Meaford area. The series of articles which first started in the Meaford Express Feb. 12, 1942 on the "History of Meaford and St. Vincent" have now been collected together under the direction of Mrs. Ellis of the Meaford Public Library. This

series was based on the records compiled by a local historian, Frank N. Harding. Copies of these articles are now available at the Meaford and Owen Sound Public Libraries.

Mr. Harding's "Families" which has grown to 375 histories of Meaford area families are to be copied under the direction of Mrs. Ashby. Work on these many volumes of hand written notes starts immediately.

Our meetings have been well attended. The results of the Sept. Meeting on records at the Surrogate Court are found elsewhere in this issue. Our October meeting on local resources was to have had a special speaker Andrew Armitage, author of many articles on local history and Chief Librarian at the Owen Sound Public Library.

However, because of illness, Mr. Armitage was unable to appear. Standing in for him were two of his able assistants, Mrs. Joan Hull and Mrs. Karen Bruce who outlined the material available at the library for those researching in this area.

I would like to close by wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas.

Betty Warrilow

D O N ' T F O R G E T 1976 MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

O.G.S. \$12.00 Bruce Branch \$2.00

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THE BRANCH LIBRARY has a new location. It is now to be found in the Owen Sound Public Library. May we take this opportunity to thank the Bruce County Library & its librarian, Joyce Johnston, for having housed the collection for the past few years.

BRUCE TOWNSHIP has donated its old records to the Bruce Historical Society. These records include births, marriages & deaths, assessment rolls, voter's lists, council minute books, etc. It is hoped that their eventual resting place will be the new archives building under construction in Southampton.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST BRANCH of the Ontario Genealogical Society, the KAWARTHA BRANCH which covers the area from Lake Ontario north to Victoria county & includes Cobourg, Port Hope, Peterborough & Victoria counties. Membership is \$3.00 per year & the mailing address is 577 Hamilton Street, Peterborough, Ont. K9J 4C2.

QUERIES & CORRESPONDENCE

From Mr. Tom Armstrong, Owen Sound comes the mention of an ARMSTRONG SURNAME BULLETIN obtained from 354 Lambourne Ave. Salt Lake City, Utah. 84115. The purpose of this group is to "seek genealogical information from all Armstrong & related lines through genealogical exchange of Pedigree Charts & correspondence."

From the Jan. 1967 issue of the Flint Genealogical Quarterly containing an article by Donna Seltzer comes the following excerpt. "I had often wondered what the "f" in column 3 (place of birth) meant on the 1851 Canadian census. Recently I came across this explanation under 'remarks of enumerator'.

"Those that are marked with an f are born of Upper Canada parents and those lines in col. 3 that are left blank are children born in Upper Canada when parents are foreigners."

Thanks to Mr. James Groves of Flushing, Mich. for the above item.

CORAM: Info sought by Mrs. Alice Coram – Esdon, 147 Jackson Ave. Kitchener, Ont. on g grandfather, Edwin Wm. Coram, Conc. 19, lots 6 & 8, Amabel twp. about 1857-1890.

IRWIN: Thos. Irwin & Francis W. Irwin in Belmore, Bruce Co. 1867 and Thos. Irwin, Conc. 8, Lot 8, Kinloss twp. Info on these requested by Mrs. LaVerne Irwin, 409 Randolph St., Bedford, Iowa, 50833.

ALLEN: Thomas, b. c1819 Belfast Ire.: d. 1900 Trout Creek, Ont. married Elizabeth Anne Pryor and raised a family of 6 in or near Paisley – 1860 – 1881. Dau. Anne Elizabeth married a George PATTERSON of Paisley, both died at a young age. Where are they buried? Wish to locate Thomas' farm. Thomas also was married before – wish to locate former family of 3? and 1st wife's name. Being researched by: Mrs. A. W. Allen, 21107 88th Avenue, R.R. #5, Langley, B.C. V3A 4P8.

PRYOR: Elizabeth Anne Pryor married Thomas ALLEN. Possibly came from the Walkerton area. B. July 12, 1840, d. 1915 Kincardine. Wish to find her parents. Is she related to James PRYOR of Walkerton who died March 14, 1879? Being researched by: Mrs. A. W. Allen, 21107 88th Avenue, R.R. #5, Langley, B.C. V3A 4P8

As mentioned earlier in the bulletin, the topic of our October meeting was "Wills in Ontario". Some of the information gleaned from that meeting is summarized under the heading on the next page. As an introduction to the article, the following excerpts from Genealogical Research in England and Wales by Smith & Gardner seemed to me to be both interesting & informative.

"Of all genealogical records, those coming under the heading of 'probate records' are perhaps the most valuable and yet, perhaps the least used and appreciated."

"A Will often provides information that cannot be found in any other type of genealogical record. Children named in Wills may not be recorded in parish registers. A Will is perhaps the most authentic and genealogically acceptable record in the information it gives about family relationships."

"A person having property could dispose of it in any way he chose, as long as the disposal was not contrary to law. Anciently, a Will itemized the way in which an individual wished to have his real estate, that is, land or interests in land, disposed of after his demise. As the medieval church objected to the devising of real estate, that is, its disposition by document, the Testament gradually came into being as a formal document bequeathing the personality – that is, the personal effects, goods, chattels, credits, and other moveable valuables. The disposal of real estate by Will became legal in 1540 under the Statute of Wills. The Will and Testament gradually merged into a single document often known as the 'Last Will and Testament'. Assistance in the preparation of a Will could be given by a friend or lawyer, and on the completion of this document it was retained either by its author or by a legal representative. On the death of the testator, those named by him in the Will as executors, on learning of the existence of a Will, took it wither to the appropriate probate court or its nearest representative. When the grant of probate was passed and made legal by the officials of the probate court, the

person(s) named in the Will as executor(s) was empowered to dispose of the property according to the provisions of the Will.”

From the same book, the following list of definitions was taken. Some of these terms appear in the following article while others may be encountered at various times in your research.

Codicil – A signed and witnessed addition (similar to a postscript) to the end of a Will by a testator after the Will has been made and signed.

Holograph Will – A will written entirely in the handwriting of the person making the Will.

Intestate – A person who died without making a Will or for whom no valid Will was found.

Letters of Administration – A grant by the probate court to the next-of-kin (or some other person or persons) who applied to administer the property of a person who left no valid Will.

Nuncupative Will – A Will made orally by a testator. Witnesses wrote the statements of the testator and were required to swear to the truth of the statements. The majority of nuncupative Wills were made by individuals in extremely poor health or those actually on their death beds.

Personalty – Personal property (goods, chattels, credits, etc.) as opposed to “real” (land) property.

Probate – Evidence that a document offered as the last Will and Testament of the deceased has been accepted by the court and that the executor(s) (or others) has been granted permission to carry out the provisions of the Will.

Relict – A relict (in Latin Relicta or Relictus) is a person who is left behind after the decease of his or her spouse. Usually, but not necessarily, relates to the widow. As used in probate records – e.g. “Admon. of John Brown, deceased, granted to Mary Brown, widow, the relict” – the term confirms that in fact the widow mentioned is his widow and not just “Mary Brown, widow”, who could be anyone.

Surrogate – one appointed to act for another.

WILLS IN ONTARIO

1. Where are wills located?

in the Surrogate Court which has charge of the probate of wills and the administration of estates.

if land is involved, a copy can be found in the Registry Office where land is located.

2. Where are the Surrogate Courts located?

usually located in the County Court Bldgs. of a County or Judicial District. In larger areas, the Surrogate Court may have its own building.

3. Where can the address of the Surrogate Courts be found?

The Canadian Almanac at the local library lists the registrars of the Surrogate Courts by county. This information is found under County Judges & Judicial Officers. The main town for each county is also listed.

Another source is the Corups Almanac of Canada. The Surrogate Court in Bruce Co. is located at 215 Cayley St., Walkerton. In Grey Co. the address is 595 9th Ave. E. Owen Sound.

4. Can anyone request a will?

Yes. Wills are public documents.

5. What information must I have to find a will?

It is necessary to know the person's name & the county of city in which he lived. It is helpful to know the year of death.

6. How are Wills located at the Surrogate Court?

Wills are indexed alphabetically by year. The page headings are – name, non contentious no. – Grant no. – Audit no. – Audit no. The clerk locates the will using the non contentious no. Wills after 1923 are kept in the local office. Prior to this date are kept in the Surrogate Court archives & are ordered by the clerk.

7. How are wills located in the Registry Office?

Wills are ordered by Instrument No. Page headings are – Instrument no. – Instrument – Date – Date of Registry – Grantor – Grantee – Quantity of land.

8. If a person dies without a Will, can I expect to find a record?

If the estate is small, there is not likely to be a record at the Surrogate Court. However, if there is an estate, the Court is responsible for administering the estate. The petition for administration lists next of kin and the relationship to the deceased.

9. In what year did the records of the Surrogate Court begin?

Records vary according to the area settled. Records in our area begin about 1859.

10. What is the charge for obtaining a Will?

\$1.00 per name and 50c per sheet to copy.

11. When is the best time to visit the Surrogate Court?

Hours are 9:30 to 4:30. Visits should be made prior to 3:30 if possible.

12. May I write to a Surrogate Court for a copy of a Will?

Yes. Usually a fee is collected before the information is sent.

13. What type of information is contained in the Will?

Information varies, but generally the following –

- (a) place of residence of deceased
- (b) death date
- (c) names of children & next of kin
- (d) married names of daughters

"Let us, while waiting for the new monuments, Preserve the ancient monuments."

- Victor Hugo

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

9 July, 1880

m: Smith-Bingham – on the 16th inst., at St. Mark's Church East Oro, by the Rev. C.E Sills, Mr. Robt. Smith, fifth son of the late Christian Smith, Louth, Eng., to Miss Bessie, eldest dau. of Mr. Wesley Bingham, of Bingham and Smith, Toronto.

16 July, 1880

d: Shackleton, - Drowned at Colpoy's Bay, on the 12th. inst., Robert, son of Mr. Jno. Shackleton, aged 3 years and 10 months.

- m: Brown-McArthur – on the 8th inst., at McWilliams Hotel, Owen Sound, by the Rev H. A. Scott, M.A., Mr. D. Brown, of Keppel, to Miss Catherine, youngest daughter of the late Ranald McArthur, of Derby.

24 July, 1880

- b: Campbell – In Wiarton, on the 20th inst., the wife of Mr. Alex Campbell, of a son.
- m: Trout – Scott, - At the residence of the bride's father, Oxenden, on the 21st, July, by Rev. T.H. Dry, Mr. Wm. Trout, of Wiarton, to Miss Agnes Augusta Scott.
- d: Millar – In Wiarton, on the 22nd inst., Walter H., infant son of Mr. Walter Millar, aged 2 months and 16 days

7 Aug, 1880

- d: Ford – In Wiarton, on the 4th inst., Louis Melbourne, infant son of Mr. Sidney Ford, aged 2 months and 22 days. Note: a memorial poem is included with the notice of death.

14 Aug, 1880

- b: Evans – In Keppel, on the 8th inst., the wife of Mr. David Evans, of a son.
- b: Taylor – In Amabel, on the 9th inst., the wife of Mr. Lachlin Taylor, of a son.
- b: Harrison – In Keppel, on the 12th inst., the wife of Mr. Henry Harrison, of a son.
- b: Young – In Keppel, on the 4th inst., the wife of Mr. Wm. Young, of a daughter.
- b: Sinclair – In Eastnor, on the 30th of June, the wife of Duncan Sinclair, J.P. of a son.
- d: Shaw – In Eastnor, on the 28th of June, infant son of Mr. James Shaw.
- d: Hellyar – In Eastnor, on the 22nd ult., Valentine T. Hellyer, aged 67 years.

28 Aug, 1880

- b: Moore – In Eastnor, on the 17th inst., the wife of Mr. Jas. Moore, of a son.
- b: Hill – In Eastnor, on the 19th inst., the wife of Mr. Stephen Hill, of a daughter.
- b: Scott – In Eastnor, on the 20th inst., the wife of David Scott, Esq., Reeve, of a daughter

4 Sept., 1880

- m: Beattie – Walker, - on the 25th ult., at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. W. Hall, Mr. Robt. Henry Beattie of Toronto, to Miss Frances Walker, of Keppel.
- m: Logan-Wright – On the 1st inst., at the Methodist parsonage in this village, Mr. Charles Logan, of Wiarton, to Miss Ellen F. Wright, of Colpoy's village.

18 Sept., 1880

- b: Langford – In Keppel, on the 13th inst., the wife of Mr. Enoch Langford, of a son.
- b: Moon – Keppel, on the 13th inst., the wife of Mr. Henry Moon, of a daughter.
- b: Jermyn – In Wiarton, on the 13th inst., the wife of Mr. J. W. Jermyn, of a son.
- m: Staley – Humphries – At the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Mr. Buggin, Mr. A. G Staley, Merchant Tailor of Wiarton, to Annie A, eldest daughter of Mr A Humphries of Mount Forest.
- d: Young – In Keppel, on the 6th inst., Grace Gillies, relict of the late Robert Young, aged 65 years. Deceased was the mother of Mr. Wm. Young of Oxenden, a native of Ayreshire, Scotland and formerly resided in the township of King.

2 Oct., 1880

- b: Whitman – On the 25th ult., in Albermarle, the wife of Mr. John Whitman, of a son.
m: Langford – Flarity – On the 29th ult., at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. T. H. Dry, Mr. Cornelius Langford, of Wiarton, to Miss Nancy Flarity of Keppel.

16 Oct., 1880 – Edition missing for this date.

6 Nov., 1880

- b: Sims – At Oxenden, on the 21st ult., the wife of Mr. W. W. Sims, of a son.
m: Webster – Mason – At the residence of the bride's brother, on the 19th, ult., by Rev. T. Legate, Mr. Joseph Webster, to Miss Ann Mason, all of Lion's Head.

13 Nov., 1880

- b: Kennedy – At Tara, on the 7th inst., the wife of Mr. Peter Kennedy, of a son.
d: Mallard – At Oxenden, on the 8th inst., Hattie Winter, eldest daughter of David John and Jane Mallard, aged 9 years 1 mo. 7d.
d: Jermyn – In this village, on Sunday, 7th inst., Herbert, infant son of J. W. Jermyn.

With the Christmas season almost upon us, I thought you might enjoy reading the following story which was written by Mr. Andrew Armitage of the Owen Sound Public Library. This is just one of a series of stories done by Mr. Armitage for presentation over the Owen Sound radio station under the heading "The Way They Lived". So - - if you're ready, let's go back into the past and share in that Christmas spent in the wilderness of Grey County, many years ago.

OWEN SOUND'S FIRST CHRISTMAS

In 1840 Charles Rankin, the Queen's Surveyor, John Telfer, Land Agent and his assistants, Tom Rutherford and Joseph Black were the only non-Indian residents of a cedar swamp. That cedar swamp, located at the mouth of the Sydenham river on a vast bay of open blue water was to become Owen Sound a modern and thriving industrial city.

But not in 1840. It was merely a crude outpost inhabited only by men. Civilized Ontario was far to the South and to bring it to Owen Sound was going to take the efforts of Rankin and Telfer. Explorations were carried out, maps and plots were drawn and it was time to head south before the first snows erased the fragile trail toward Toronto. But many of the tools and goods that they had brought were to stay behind. It was decided to leave Tom Rutherford to winter over until the first of the new settlers could start north the following spring. It was a hard decision but Tom seemed happy in it and he was a strong and resourceful man.

Tom was a tall and powerful Scot, his second cousin was Sir Walter Scott and he loved this new land to which he had come. By November he had built a stout log cabin on the modern site of the southwest corner of 8th Street and 2nd Avenue East. The huge cedar logs were well chinked and a stone fireplace graced one wall of the cabin. Hunting went well that fall and his larders were well stocked for the grim winter to come. Tom never stopped working, right through the first light snows and the beginning bite of winter. So much had to be done and Tom was alone. The cry of wild geese echoed each evening and the first snow birds came and perched outside his doors welcoming him each frosty morning.

It was lonely and Tom Rutherford tried to put his loneliness aside. He didn't even want to think of Christmas, the first one he would spend outside of the warmth of family and friends. And yet the days crept by and soon the end of December came. Well, Tom thought he may as well make some effort to celebrate as best he could the birth of Christ, even alone one does not forget that season of the year. In the quiet of the snow covered camp he set to work. The great pines and tamaracks looked a bit naked so Tom garnished their branches with wild dried berries and bits of gay cloth from a cast off trader blanket and then placed bright candles in his waxed paper windows and hung a hand made wreath of pine boughs on the door. Of course no one would see them, but Tom would.

The day before Christmas he set about fixing himself a scrumptious bachelor dinner. A long walk into the bush bagged Tom a fat wild turkey, from his stores he brought forth potatoes, which the little party of explorers had grown that summer, some dried peaches and apricots and apples would garnish his turkey and he had wild rice that he had gathered right in the harbour of the tiny outpost. Wild mint and wild carrot would taste mighty good the next day and he thought he might even make a bit of pudding from suet and raisins and some dark sugar he had left.

Tom was satisfied and Christmas eve saw him sitting in front of his fire thinking of this wonderful bountiful land he had adopted. If only he had some tobacco to smoke in his long clay pipe. The precious store he had brought with him was exhausted. But Tom slept satisfied that night and the next day with much gusto he cooked with a vengeance. By late afternoon he was ready for his feast. More food than he could ever eat in a week lay on his hand-hewn table. As Tom started to sit down to his Christmas dinner the quiet tread of "many moccasin covered feet" could be heard in his wild front yard.

Tom threw open the door clutching his long rifle to discover a dozen quiet Indians standing silently outside. The Newash Band had returned to its winter grounds and had come to visit this strange white man. What to do? Thinking quickly he threw open the door and in they came. Silently they gathered around the cabin as Tom began to serve them his Christmas dinner. For the next hour all that could be heard was the noisy consumption of Tom's feast. As the last turkey leg was cleaned to the bone one of the visitors sighed and brought forth a pouch of the finest rough cut Petun tobacco for which the area was famous. Out came the pipes and wreathed in smoke Tom and his new friends talked late into the night, surely only hand signs and guttural noises, but they understood.

In years to come Tom Rutherford would remember and tell his children of that first wonderful Christmas when the white man and the Indian sat down to celebrate the most holy of days, right here in the Bluewater Country, oh so long ago.

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"and it was always said of him, that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us! And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God Bless Us, Every One!"
from – A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens.