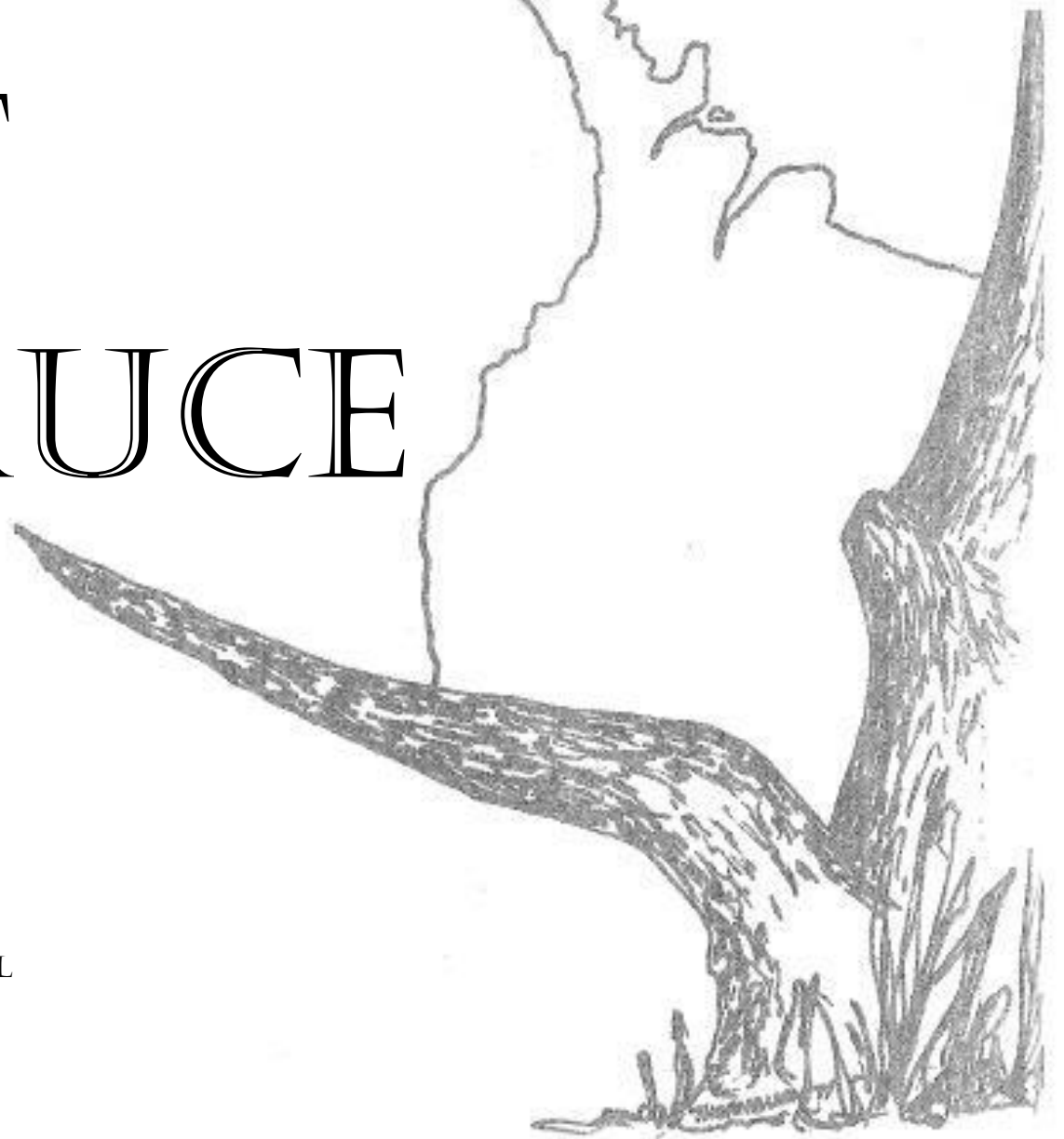


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Ring out the old year - - - Ring in the new!

I hope all of you had a most enjoyable holiday season and we wish you all the best in 1976. We would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all new members of our branch and to welcome back all our old members.

In the next few bulletins, we will be outlining a few of the Branch activities in which we are asking you to participate. Our project for this month is to begin work on the second edition of the Bruce Branch Names Directory. You will notice that the back page of this bulletin is a sheet to be filled in with the family names you are researching. All of our members are being asked to complete the questionnaire and return it to Audrey Underwood, R.R. #2, Port Elgin, Ontario, N0H 2C0, so that an up-to-date directory may be compiled.

Some copies of the present directory are still available from Audrey and are priced at 50¢ each. Glancing through this directory, it is interesting to note the great variety of names being researched. It struck me that an unsuspecting person accidentally stumbling into one of our meetings and hearing comments such as, "On our last trip to England, we found all the Hills and a few Marshes, but we couldn't find an Angel" or "My father was a Dolphin, but my mother was a Duck" might well wonder what he had stumbled into!

To get back on a more serious note, be sure to fill in the form and either give or mail it to Audrey. After all, names are the building blocks of genealogy.

DID YOU KNOW that Bruce County was named for James Bruce, Earl of Elgin & Kincardine, who was Governor-General of Canada at the time the Queen's Bush was surveyed?

Grey County was named for Earl Grey, who was leader of the British Government when the Reform Bill of 1832 was passed. This Bill involved the redistribution of parliamentary seats and the extension of the franchise.

BRANCH NEWS

Close to 50 members and guests braved the rather slippery driving conditions to attend the Nov. meeting in Walkerton. The guest speaker was Mr. Dan de Verteuil, an engineer at Ont. Hydro's Bruce Nuclear Power Development, who spoke on his family history. The de Verteuil family, of ancient nobility, was originally from Guyenne in the South West of France. In the Eighteenth century, a member of the family paid a visit to Canada, but it was not a social call. Jacques Alexis de Vertouil, a cadet in the Royal Grenadiers and only 19 years old, took part in the siege of Louisbourg. He was captured by the British after a battle in which half of his company was killed. After his release he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and married at Louisbourg, Marie Dupont de Gourville. They had 11 children, 3 of whom were to perish with him in the French Revolution. He was shot by revolutionaries on Christmas Eve of 1793 when as an old man, he was captured while leading a division of the Royal Army. One of his sons who escaped from France to continue the fight was Michel Julien. He fought with the Dutch, and upon their defeat, joined the British. His military career took him eventually to Trinidad and Martinique and about 1800 he left military service and settled in Trinidad as a planter. The de Verteuil family subsequently played an important part in the history of that island, and a bust of one of its members, Sir Louis de Verteuil, medical practitioner and legislator, stands in the Chamber of the House of Representatives in Port of Spain.

The account of the de Verteuils, spiced with many amusing anecdotes of the family and coupled with observations on the political and economic life of Trinidad to-day, was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Don't forget that the Jan., Feb., and Mar. Meetings will be held at the Bruce County Library, Gustavus St., Port Elgin, commencing at 8 p.m.

O.G.S. SEMINAR '76 – Hosted by Waterloo-Wellington Branch

Dates: May 14, 15, 16. Place: Sir Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario

Topics to be covered include background material to show how early settlement patterns originated in the area of the Middle and Upper Grand River and its tributaries – i.e. land grants to the Six Nations and their sale to settlers; Crown Lands; Clergy Reserves; Canada Company lands.

One session will deal with material in the Ontario Archives relating to that area of Ontario. Another will feature a lecture entitled “The Meeting Ground for Genealogy and Heraldry.”

Specials planned include a typical early Pennsylvania Dutch meal, a visit to an Old Order Mennonite Church and to a small country farmers’ market, or to the well-known Kitchener Market, and a display of Tweedsmuir Histories.

We'll have more information in the March bulletin, but it looks like a good Seminar coming up.

If you haven't renewed your membership – **DON'T WAIT FOR SPRING – DO IT NOW!** This will be your last bulletin unless we've received your renewal.

Back copies of “Branches of Bruce” are available from the editor.

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It's always a pleasure to receive articles written by our members for publication. It makes an editor's job much easier. Our thanks go to Gladys Arnold for researching and writing the following article and then sending it along with the comment that I “might be able to use it sometime.”

Be sure not to confuse Huron Twp. and Huron County. Huron township is one of 15 townships in Bruce County and is located in the southern section of the county. Huron County is situated just south of Bruce County.

EARLY SETTLERS IN HURON TOWNSHIP

Robert Jardine of Point Clarke made window sashes and coffins by hand. Flannel was woven at John Wilson's, John Armstrong's and Geo. Storey's. Alex Connelly was a shoemaker. John Emmerton had been a railwayman in England. In Scotland Thos. Welsh had been a tailor and Jas. McCrindle a shoe cobbler. Hugh Henderson was a blacksmith and Eric McKenzie made cider and apple butter. David Walden had been a blacksmith, in Ireland. Stockwell was a lawyer and Hugh Cameron a boat builder, both from Scotland. These were all early settlers near the Pine River.

Near Lochalsh in 1931 were Campbells, McRaes, and Finlaysons. Other Scottish families near the present Reids Corner were John Juror, John Ballantyne, and Geo. Shiells who came from Fifeshire. The Stauffers were Palatine refugees who came to Huron from Ireland. Other German folks by the name of Wyldd, Rhyvver, and Dahmer came to Con. 6 directly from Germany. There seemed no prospect for them at home but the army.

John Snowden came from Armagh, Ireland in 1845 to Brockville and then to Huron. Robt. Greenham came from Yorkshire and helped build the Anglican Church at Lurgen. His brother, Robert, was a minister and also an early teacher at Lurgan. Wm. Wilson was a Justice of the

Peace in Ireland. Andrew Stinson and the Wamsleys also came from Ireland. The three Stinson brothers were in Stanley Tsp., Huron Co. on their way to Huron Twp. Jas. Wilkie of Amberly came to Huron from Haldimand Co. Jos. Colling and Geo. Featherstone came to Con. 4 from England. John Bowers came from Exeter in Devonshire to Port Perry and then to Con. 4. From Clarke Twp. in Durham co. came David Ray, John Ray, Dawsons, Bradleys, Reavies. The Hyslops, Moores, and Frasers came from Lanarck Co. Alexander McCosh came from Ayrshire, Scotland and was a magistrate.

In 1852, 109 Scottish families came from the Lewis Isle to the central part of the township. They were fishermen and Gaelic-speaking. The list of heads of families is given in Norman Robertson's History of Bruce. There are McGregors, McDonalds, MacLeods, MacKays, Mclvers and Martyns still in Huron.

In the Clarke area on Con. 11 and 12 were Pollocks, Osbornes, Stewarts, Mills, Grahams, Montgomerys, Harrisons, Farrells, Cummings, Fishers, and Thos. Wilson, most of whom came from Hastings Co. but originally from Ireland. On Con. 9 and 10 were Lowrys, Fideon Ruttle, Thos. Buckingham, Johnstons and Teskeys. Another Irish settlement was at Purple Grove in the N. E. section. The Collins and Stanley families came in 1854 from near Ottawa, as did the Walls, Needhams and Thompsons. The Morgans were near Ottawa, then Lucan, before coming here quite early. The Emersons and Friars were Irish who had gone to Huron Co. prior to settling here.

A list of settlers in Huron Twp. in 1867 is contained in the Bruce County Directory of that year which has been reprinted by the Bruce Branch, and a list for the year 1880 is found in the Grey-Bruce Atlas reprint. The list reprinted below is the Business Directory for the town of Lucknow taken from the Farmers and Business Directory for the counties of Bruce, Huron, Middlesex and Perth for the year 1895.

LUCKNOW

Huron Twp. Bruce Co. Population about 1,500

Allin W, organs	Connell Wm, gen'l store
Anderson J.G., fruit evaporator	Corrigan M, grocer
Armstrong J W, jeweller	Davidson A T, furniture
Bank of Hamilton, J.D. Nichol	Days Harry, druggist
Berry G W, furniture	Elliott Adam, physician
Berry & Co, druggists	Elliott J, grocer
Boyd John, artificial limbs	Findlater James, machinist
Brumpton W. J. general store	Flood Wm, blacksmith
Bryan James, Printer & Publisher	Garner J H, physician
Cain House, T F Cain Propr.	Geddes Daniel, vet surgeon
Cameron, Murdock & Co. Gen'l store	Gesses Wm., cooper
Campbell A S, tailor	Girvin George, barber
Campbell Malcolm, postmaster	Gordon D H, physician
Cater J G, jeweler	Gordon & Sons, butchers
Cliff & Forster, furniture	Graham John, lime burner
Congram A B, druggist	Grenache W S, boots & shoes

Grundy Fred, general store	Moore John, hotel
Grundy John, grain	Morrison Hugh, barrister
Hildred Bros, carriage makers	Murchison Donald, books & stationery
Holmes W. S., grain	Murchison John, insurance
Hughes Robert, boots & shoes	Newton G A, dentist
Johnstone W.C., furniture etc.	Nichol J D, sub agent Bank of Hamilton
Kaake Edwin, photographer	Patterson & Northcott, blacksmiths
Know Robert, jeweller	Peart John, boots and shoes
Lawrence Thomas, Hardware, etc.	Proctor Robert, harness
Leadbetter Wm. restaurant	Reid James, prop. Farmers Hotel
Lees & Douglas, Woolen mill	Reid Thomas, baker & confectionery
Lindsay James, butcher	Robertson S, tanner
Little W J, Boots & Shoes	Ross Alexander, harness
McCarroll Robert, saw mill	Saunders James, lime burner
McClure B, grocer	Sherriff, Mrs. dressmaker
McDonald David, Prop. Lucknow Hotel	Smith W H, books, etc.
McDonald Donald, shoemaker	Smith Mrs. W H, millinery
McDougall A & J, masons	Sommerville James, conveyancer
McGarry John, hotel	Sparling R C, produce
McIntosh D R, gen'l store	Stewart Walker, planing mill
McKenzie A, baker	Stewart & Whitely, tailors, etc
McKinnon Alex, merchant tailor	Taylor D C, hardware, etc.
McLaren Miss, dressmaker	Tennent J C, physician
McLeod Allan, livery	Thompson Adam, livery etc.
McPherson Alex, liquors	Thompson Bros, dry goods
MacLeod A B, tailor	Treleaven T L, photographer
Nair George & Co., bankers	Treleaven Walter, miller
Malcomson P A, Barrister	Webster J H, butcher
Moody David, barber	Young Thomas, Impls Organs and Pianos
Moody Robert, confectioner	

QUERIES & CORRESPONDENCE

McILVEEN: Mr. Max Brindos, R. R. #8, Box 117, International Falls Minnesota, 56649, U.S.A. is seeking additional on his grandfather, Wm. Albert McIlveen b. Ireland 1846 d. Mar. 2, 1889, buried Walkerton cemetery. His first wife was Frances Hayes, his second was Mary (Minnie). After his death, the family moved to N. Dakota.

Bonnie Kitteringham, c/o Canada Manpower Centre, Jenpeg, Manitoba, R0B 1X0, is researching the following names, ATKINSON, CAMPBELL, DAY (DEA), FORBES, KITTERINGHAM, McKENZIE, McPHAIL, McPHERSON, PERKINS, & WHITE. She writes, "As I live in an isolated northern Manitoba site, it is rather difficult and slow research, but I am making progress." Can anyone help her out.

TODD: Info regarding the Todd families of Parry Sound wanted. Andrew James Todd m. Jane Porteous July 8, 1861 in Kincardine. His father's name was Thomas Todd and it is believed that he was married twice. Being researched by Mrs. Isabel Nelson, Box 207, Herdisty, Alberta.

BOOKS FOR WINTER READING

In the month of January, 125 years ago, David Kennedy and his brother William, left the family home in Guelph to journey by horse and sleigh to Owen Sound and the Saugeen River district to see if the glowing reports they had heard about this new area that was opening up were true. So began the adventures and experiences of the brothers Kennedy in the County of Bruce in the year 1851. Happily for us, their trials and triumphs are recorded in a book written by David Kennedy entitled Pioneer Days at Guelph and the County of Bruce, reprinted in 1973 by the Bruce Co. Hist. Society. David writes that they were "so delighted and satisfied with the appearance of the timber and lay of the land that we then and there decided to try if possible to make future homes for ourselves out in this beautiful land." Their efforts to make that home provide fascinating reading and invaluable background material for anyone interested in this area.

Homebrew and Patches, with a Pinch of Sin, Mostly in Clover: Do these titles ring a bell? If not, you're missing out on some good reading. These books were written by Harry J. Boyle and tell the story of his growing up on a farm near Goderich in Huron Co. They are well written with a very good blend of nostalgia and humour.

A book which those of you who are historically as well as genealogically inclined will find interesting in The Tiger of Canada West by W. H. Graham. It tells the story of Dr. William ("Tiger") Dunlop who first came to Canada as a 21 year old medical officer in the British Army during the war of 1812. He returned 9 years later as Warden of the Woods & Forests with John Galt's Canada Company, and stayed to open up the Huron Tract becoming a well-known "character" of the backwoods. It is said that he acquired his nickname between his visits to Canada, when on a sojourn in India, he became a prodigious tiger slayer. Legend has it that he used to throw snuff in the animals' face, and in the resulting confusion, he was better able to make the kill. Be that as it may, he was and still is known to-day as "Tiger" Dunlop. He is buried at Goderich near the site overlooking the Maitland River where "Gairbraid", the home he built, once stood.

In closing, may I wish our many American members a Happy Bicentennial Year.

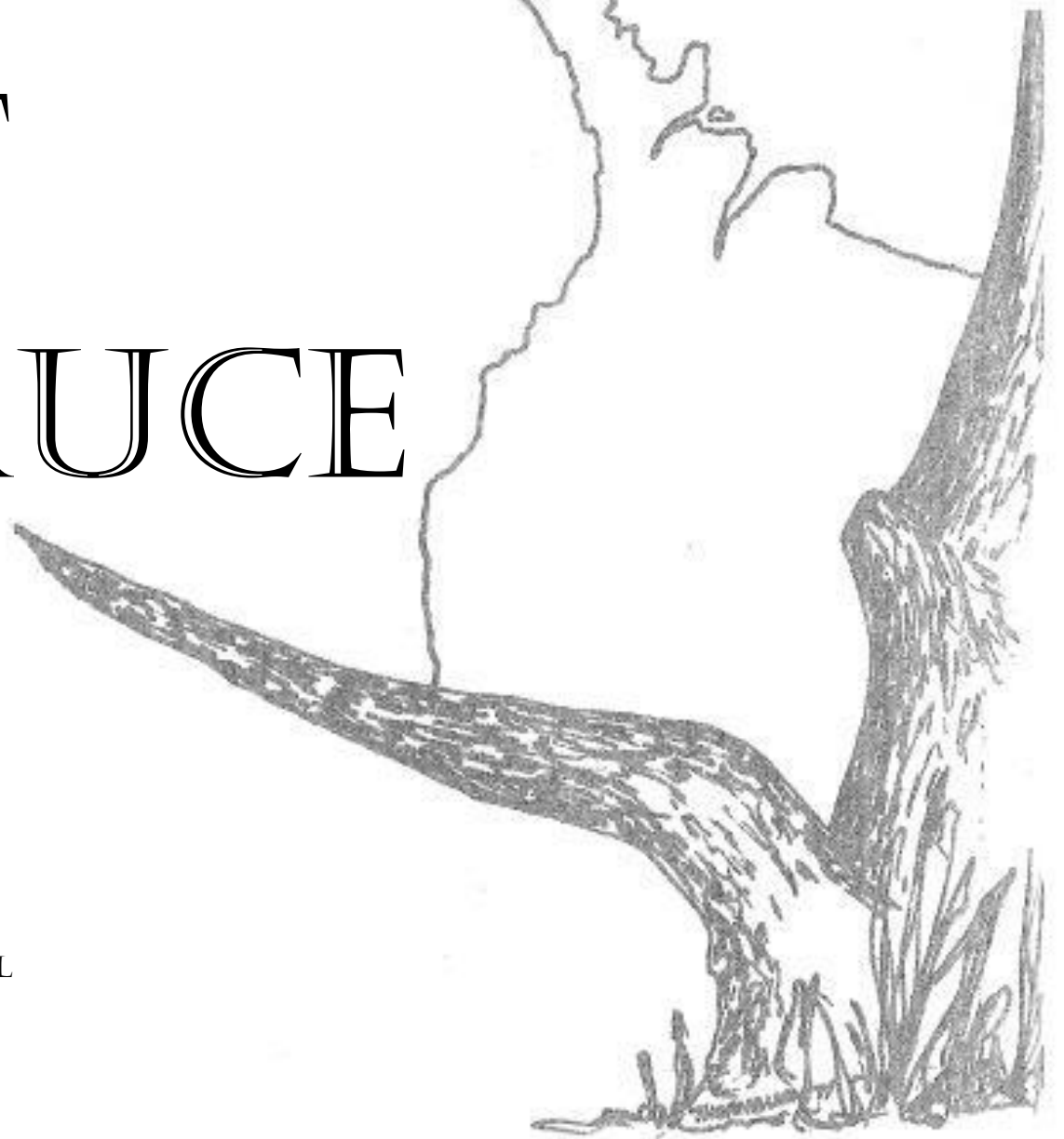
"If your father went crazy from a hit on the head with a brickbat, you do not inherit his cracked brain but only his inability to dodge brickbats."

Albert Edward Wiggam

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BRANCH NEWS

“Blow, blow, thou winter wind:” as Shakespeare puts it, but the weather does not seem to keep people away from our meetings. Both the Jan. & Feb. get-togethers were very well attended with a number of new faces among the familiar ones.

The main topic at the Jan. Meeting was the information available at the Ontario Archives and how to obtain it once you are there. Delene Sampson gave an informative talk on this subject with some of her own amusing experiences while researching there sandwiched between the more weighty parts of her presentation. One of the things that we found out (tho not from Delene) is that the article which she wrote for a “Branches of Bruce” issue last year, “How to Get Started on Your Family Tree”, is tacked up on the wall at the archives. That’s pretty good recognition, and it goes to show that if you contribute to our bulletin, you just never know where you may find your article displayed!

The Feb. meeting highlighted Mrs. Ivy Clark who is just beginning to compile her family history, and she gave an outline of what she has found to date. It proved to be a very interesting talk as her family tree includes George Washington. She is now involved in researching and authenticating family relationships and was hopeful that some of our Branch members could offer some good advice on the filing & storing of information which she receives. Some of this advice has been summarized and appears a bit further on in this issue.

"It is indeed a desirable thing to be well descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors."

Plutarch

BRUCE BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET

Date: April 27, 1976

Place: Port Elgin United Church House

Time: 6:30 P.M.

If you are planning to attend, please contact Mrs. Bazil Underwood, R.R. 2, Port Elgin, telephone 832-5449 or Mrs. Percy Warrilow, R.R. 6, Owen Sound, Telephone 376-4864 Before April 10th.

Special thanks should go to Barb Adolph, Gladys Arnold, & Mr. & Mrs. Lorna Hambly for the cemetery recording done over the past year. Since last Spring, Barb has recorded all the cemeteries in Carrick Twp. and they are now on file.

BUS TRIP to the University of Western Ontario Library planned for May. If interested, please get in touch with Betty Warrilow.

DON'T FORGET – O.G.S. Seminar May 14, 15, 16th. Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ont. We have extra brochures available on request.

MAY MEETING	8:00 P.M	JUNE MEETING
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Date: May 25th

Date: June 22nd

Place: Meaford (location TBA)

Place: Home of Mr. & Mrs. Bob Courtney, R. R. 1, Ripley

QUERIES & CORRESPONDANCE

STALEY – HUMPHRIES

In the November 1975 Branches of Bruce, p. 7, the marriage is given from Warton Echo of A. G. Staley, merchant-tailor of Warton to Annie A., eldest dau. of A. Humphries, of Mount Forest. Any information about Mr. Staley – where was he born – who were his parents? Requested by Mrs. Geo. E. Richardson, R. R. 1, Gormley, Ont. L0H 1G0.

HURLBURT

Herman Hurlburt Jr. was a local preacher, had 5 brothers who were ordained ministers. One brother, Sylvester serving at Port Elgin at one time. Herman Hurlburt was born 1804, m. Mary Dulmage and died in or near Thornbury. Where is he buried? Any other information? Requested by Mrs. Geo. e. Richardson, R. R. 1, Gormley, L0H 1G0

WATT – LAURENCE

Adam Watt, born in Scotland, stone mason m. Helen Laurence in Galt, Ont. He died there about Jan. 24, 1866 leaving a 3-week old son with his wife. Son named Frank Alexander Watt. Could anyone help with any records of Adam Watt or his son? Requested by Mrs. Belle Watt, 2404 26th St. SW, Calgary, Alberta J8E 2A7

KENNEDY – KNIFFEN – BAILEY – CULP – PALLISTER – SMITH

Darrel E. Kennedy, 186 Edinburgh Rd. S., #804, Guelph is seeking anyone working on above families. They are from Guelph, Hamilton, Proton Twp. and Haldimand areas.

McINNES

John McInnes came from Scotland to 10th of Bruce near Paisley. What town or village in Coolonsay, Argyleshire did he come from? Whom did he marry? Did he have any relatives left in Scotland? Requested by Don McInnes, 15 Louisa St., St. Catharines, Ont. Apt. 5

DOUGLAS

John Douglas was a Scotsman born 1824, settled in U.S. In 1839, came to Canada in 1852. Moved to Bruce County 1854 and owned 97 acres in Brant Twp. being lots 17 Con. B. and was Justice of the Peace for 4 years (so says 1880 Atlas of Bruce). His P.O. was Eden Grove. Does anyone have any further information on him? Requested by Mrs. L.R. Pearson, 3460 Patsy Rd., Kelowna, B.C., V1Y 2H7.

BOOKS WORTH NOTING

Family Tree – an adventure in genealogy by Nancie Burns

This book gives a fascinating account of the author's hunt into records in England for her ancestors. She starts with the census records, followed by Parish Registers, wills, old stones, libraries, & record offices. It is written like a mystery story as she pieces the bits together & comes through with the family genealogy back 11 generations, even to finding the medieval origin of their name, Green. A must especially if you are doing research in England.

A History of Huron and Its Hub – Ripley

Names, names, & more names are contained in this book. The print is clear and the pictures excellent. The early settlers in Huron were Scots & Irish, with some French & German. It is believed the peak of the population was in 1885 – 1890 before the movement westward thro' Michigan & Minnesota to Western Canada & the U.S.A. began.

This book is available from Bob Courtney, R.R. #1, Ripley, Ont., N0G 2R0. Price \$12.00

FILING or Where the Heck Did I Put That Darn Thing?

The dictionary states that filing is "to arrange (papers, etc.) methodically for preservation and convenient reference."

The topic of filing brought a good many different responses from those present at our Feb. meeting. It appears that the saying "to each his own" is certainly applicable here. Since the purpose of filing information is so that it can be found quickly and easily when needed, there are going to be basic similarities between various filing systems no matter which one is being used. For example, if you have a Brown family file and a Jones family file, you will not put the Jones' documents into the Brown's file. However, beyond that point, everyone seems to adopt a system that suits him or her best. Our members' methods ranged from very methodical, organized set-ups to that of stacking material on chairs. That particular member didn't tell us whether he allotted each family name a separate chair or not, but he did inform us that, as he was expecting his family home on a visit, he had moved everything off the chairs and under the bed.

“Elementary, my dear Watson” One of the most obvious observations that can be made on genealogical filing is that the various families being researched must be kept separate. Some researchers use filing folders for this purpose while others prefer boxes or 3 ring binders. Some like to past or staple documents, clippings etc. to sheets of paper and insert the pages directly into the binder or folder. Others prefer to keep this material loose and organize it some other way. If kept loose, it may be helpful to make a list of these documents and keep it right with them so that you can see at a glance what you have.

Sooner or later, you will have to prepare an individual summary sheet on each person being researched. It is by far the easiest way of keeping track of what information you have on a person, and what is equally as important, what you don't have yet. One example of such a sheet is shown on the next page. As you fill in the information, you may want to devise a system to show which dates etc. have been verified by documents or similar authentication, and which are still heresay, and perhaps even code them in some way to show where the proof may be found. Genealogists who have devised a numbering system for their families, enter the person's number code on his sheet as well.

In conclusion I would like to quote from the excellent book Genealogical Research in England and Wales by Smith and Gardner: -

“A great amount of genealogical material will be gathered in the process of research, and it is advisable, that from the very onset of research, plans are made to file the material in a well planned and orderly manner.”

“There is no doubt that many genealogists spend countless hours searching through file after file of material for a record they know to be ‘somewhere there’. Genealogy demands order and neatness, both in the manner in which searches are planned and in the manner in which material gathered as a result of the searches filed.

If some of you have your own “well planned and orderly manner” of filing that you would like to share with us, we would be glad to hear from you. By the way, the other topic mentioned in the above excerpt was the orderly and neat planning of a search. Does anyone feel up to writing us an article on this subject? After all, if you don't search, there won't be anything to file.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS from “The Tara Leader”, June 1881 – Dec. 1881

16 JUNE, 1881

- b: Briggs – In Tara, on the 1st. inst., the wife of Mr. L. G. Briggs, village constable, a son.
- b: Richards – In Tara, on the 12th. inst., the wife of Mr. J. S. Richards, of a daughter.
- b: Boomer – In Invermay, on the 14th inst., the wife of Mr. Charles Boomer, of a son.
- d: Macartney – Drowned, Monday, Mr. R. Macartney, age 23, Walkerton, youngest brother of Mr. E. A. Macartney, the proprietor of the Tara book and jewellery store.

23 June, 1881

- d: Gainor – In Derby, on the 21st. inst., Charles, third son of Mr. Samuel Gainor, aged 7 years (from Scarlet Fever).

30 June, 1881

- b: Carveth – In Tara, on the 24th. ult., the wife of J. D. Carveth Esq., merchant, of a son.

b: Speers – In Arran, on the 29th. inst., the wife of Mr. J. Speers, Jr., of a daughter.

d: Monkman – In Arran, on the 29th. inst., James Monkman Sr., aged 74 years.

7 July, 1881

b: Griffeth – In Arran, on the 1st. inst., the wife of Mr. Jas. Griffeth of a son.

d: McRae – In Arran, Wed July 6, Mrs. A. McRae, aged 52 years, 3 months, a resident of Arran for nearly 30 years.

d: Wark – 2 ½ year old son of Mr. John Wark of 1st. Con. Arran.

14 July, 1881

d: Hamilton – Mrs. John Hamilton Sr., aged 55 years.

11 August, 1881

d: Campbell – On the 6th inst., infant child of Mr. W. Campbell, aged 3 months.

d: Dinsmore – On the 7th inst., youngest child of Mr. Dinsmore, aged 13 months.

d: Trelford – At Allenford, on the 6th inst., infant child of Mr. A. Trelford.

d: Cairns – At Chesley, on the 3rd inst., Thomas Cairns, aged 71 years. (lived for 23 yrs within a mile of Tara)

25 August, 1881

b: Douglass – In Arran, on the 21st inst., the wife of Mr. Robert Douglass, of a daughter.

m: Thompson – Walker – In this village, on the 18th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Blain, Mr. Wm. Thompson of Tiverton to Miss Jennie Walker of Tara.

8 Sept, 1881

b: Munson – On the 6th inst., the wife of Mr. Robt. Munson, Derby, of a son.

d: Cummer – On the 6th inst., the infant daughter of Mr. Eli Cummer, Arranvale, 7 months

22 Sept, 1881

b: Currie – At the manse, Keady, on the 19th inst., the wife of Rev. Currie, of a daughter.

d: McCurdy – George McCurdy, son of Mr. S. McCurdy, killed by falling from a horse.

8 Oct, 1881

d: Warmington – At Park Head, on Oct. 1, William, oldest son of Mr. R. Warmington, aged 19 years.

13 Oct, 1881

m: Hales-Moore – On the 6th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Tara, by the Rev. J. Galloway, Mr. W. J. Hales, Solicitor, Invermay, to Miss Jennie Moore, daughter of W. S. Moore, Esq., of Tara.

m: Donaldson – Foster – On the 11th inst., by the same, at the residence of the bride's father, Elderslie, Matthew Donaldson, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, U.S. to Miss Sarah Jane Foster, daughter of Hugh Foster, Esq., of Elderslie.

20 Oct, 1881

b: Kilbourn – On the 17th inst., the wife of Mr. F. L. Kilbourn, merchant, of a daughter.

b: McDonald – On the 16th inst., the wife of Mr. A. McDonald, merchant tailor, of a son.

b: Barber – On the 5th inst., the wife of Mr. N. Barber, Arran, of a son.

b: Sithes – On the 3rd inst., the wife of Mr. W. F. Sithes, merchant, Arkwright, of a son.

m: Beman – Speer – On the 13th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Tara, by the Rev. J. Galloway, Mr. Richard Beman, of Tara, to Fanny, daughter of Mr. Alex Speer.

m: Henry-Jamison – On the 13th inst., by the same, at the residence of the bride's father, Arran, Mr. A. L. Henry, of Desboro, to Susan, third daughter of Mr. W. Jamison.

3 Nov, 1881

d: Near Arran Lake, Mr. Andrew Morran, son of Robt. Morran, in a threshing machine accident.

24 Nov, 1881

d: Moore – In Harriston, on Sunday, Nov. 20th, Lottie Jane, beloved and only daughter of Mr. R. E. Moore, merchant, aged 4 years.

d: Dean – In Invermay, on the 18th inst, Morley, youngest son of Mr. W. Dean, age 1 yr 15 days

1 Dec, 1881

b: Fenton – On the 24th ult., the wife of Mr. John Fenton, of Arran, of a son.

8 Dec, 1881

b: Morran – On the 22nd Nov., the wife of Mr. Thos. Morran, Arran, of a son.

b: Johnson – On the 29th Nov., the wife of Mr. N. Johnson, Arran, of a daughter.

15 Dec, 1881

b: Owens – At Invermay, on the 9th inst., the wife of Mr. W. Owens, of a son.

m: Doyle – Hammill – On the 8th inst., by Rev. R. Carson, at the M E parsonage, Invermay, Mr. James Doyle, to Miss Matilda Hammill, both of Arran.

d: Young – At Invermay, on the 11th inst., Annie, daughter of Mr. T. Young, aged 6 years.

22 Dec, 1881

b: Speer – On the 18th inst., the wife of Mr. A. Speer, of Arran, of a daughter.

b: Patchel – On the 18th inst., the wife of Mr. James Patchel, Elderslie, of a daughter.

b: Scarrow – On the 21st inst., the wife of Mr. Scarrow, Derby, of a daughter.

m: Owens-Henderson – At Portage La Prairie, on Nov. 28, by the Rev. W. J. Hewitt, Mr. J. W. Owens, and Miss Sarah A. Henderson, of Arran.

29 Dec, 1881

m: McKechnie-Tobey – On Thurs., the 22nd Dec., at the residence of the bride's father by the Rev. R. W. McKechnie, brother of the bridegroom, Mr. Harper McKechnie, of Jamestown, D.T., U.S., to Miss Eva A. daughter of Geo. Tobey, Esq., of Brighton, Ont.

d: Vandusen – In Tara, on Wed., 21st Dec., Maude, only daughter of J. H. and M. J. Vandusen, aged 8 years and 4 months.

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LIBRARY NOTES

Those interested in looking through the Frank Harding collection at the Owen Sound Library should be sure to request the one comprised of articles from the Meaford Express. There is also a book made up by local high school students from material given to the school by Mr. Harding, but it is not nearly as comprehensive as the above mentioned.

I'm afraid this acknowledgement is a bit belated, but thanks to Alice & Ross Cumming's kind donation, we have a rather imposing collection of Atlas Reprints in our library for the counties of Ontario.

Now at the library, on loan from Brian Clement, is the Guide to the Content's of the Public Record Office (Britain) Vol. 1, 2, and 3.

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In our January issue, I made mention of a book about "Tiger" Dunlop, a rather legendary figure in our Lake Huron area. A few weeks ago I came across a copy of his will and thought I would like to share it with you. It is an unusual document from an unusual man. Hope you enjoy it.

The Last Will and Testament of Dr. William "Tiger" Dunlop

In the name of god. Amen.

I, William Dunlop, of Gairbraid, in the Township of Colborne, County and District of Huron, Western Canada, Esquire, being in sound health of body, and my mind just as usual (which my friends who flatter me say is not great shakes at the best of times), so make this my last Will and Testament as follows, revoking, of course, all former Wills:

I leave the property of Gairbraid, and all other landed property I may died possessed of, to my sisters Helen Boyle Story and Elizabeth Boyle Dunlop; the former because she is married to a minister whom (God help him) she henpecks. The latter because she is married to nobody, nor is she like to be, for she is an old maid, and not market-rife. And also, I leave to them and their heirs my share of the stock and implements on the farm; provided always, that the enclosure round my brother's grave be reserved, and if either should die without issue, then the other to inherit the whole.

I leave to my sister-in-law, Louisa Dunlop, all my share of the household furniture and such traps, with the exceptions hereinafter mentioned.

I leave my silver tankard to the eldest son of old John, as the representative of the family. I would have left it to old John himself, but he would melt it down to make temperance medals, and that would be sacrilege – however, I leave my big horn snuff-box to him; he can only make temperance horn spoons of that.

I leave my sister Jenny my Bible, the property formerly of my great-great-grandmother, Bethia Hamilton, of Woodhall; and when she knows as much as the spirit of it as she does of the letter, she will be another guise Christian than she is.

I also leave my late brother's watch to my brother Sandy, exhorting him at the same time, to give up Whiggery, Radicalism, and all other sins that do most easily beset him.

I leave my brother Alan my big silver snuff-box, as I am informed he is rather a decent Christian, with a swag belly and a jolly face.

I leave Parson Chevasse (Magg's husband), the snuff-box I got from the Sarnia Militia, as a small token of my gratitude for the service he has done the family in taking a sister that no man of taste would have taken.

I leave John Caddle a silver teapot, to the end that he may drink tea therefrom to comfort him under the affliction of a slatternly wife.

I leave my books to my brother Andrew, because he has been so long a Jungley Wallah, that he may learn to read with them.

I leave my silver cup, with a sovereign in it, to my sister Janet Graham Dunlop, because she is an old maid and pious, and therefore will necessarily take to horning. And also my Granma's snuff mull, as it looks decent to see an old woman taking snuff.

I do hereby constitute and appoint John Dunlop, Esquire, of Gairbraid; Alexander Dunlop, Esquire, Advocate, Edinburgh; Alan C. Dunlop, Esquire, and William Chalk, of Tuckersmith; William Stewart and William Gooding, Esquires, of Goderich, to be the executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Thirty-first day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two.

From the seemingly endless supply of tombstone epitaphs, here are a few that may give you a chuckle.

"Here lies John Knott:
His father was knott before him,
He lived Knott, Died Knott,
Yet underneath this stone doth lie
Knott christened, Knott begot,
And here he lies and still in Knott."

In Warren, R.I., a dentist noted:
"I am filling my last cavity."

"A zealous Lock-Smith dyed of late,
and did arrive at heaven gate,
He stood without and would not knock,
Because he meant to picke the locke.

and finally – "Lord, she was thin."

Error on a tombstone from a cemetery in Annapolis County, N.S. ("Thin should obviously be "thine".)

As we witness the passing of Eaton's Mail Order Catalogue, it seems appropriate to reprint the following article which has been condensed from the original one appearing in the booklet "The Way They Lived" by Andrew Armitage of Owen Sound. It is presented here with the permission of the author.

THE MAIL ORDER CATALOGUE

Mail order business is nothing new and it was of far greater practical importance to our 19th century ancestors than it is to the automobile driving family of the 1970's. For rural folk living in Grey and Bruce Counties, way back then, going to town (which usually meant Owen Sound) was not a decision made lightly. If you lived in Chepstow or Kimberley or Park Head or North Keppel or Desboro, it was a mighty long way into town by buggy or wagon. And, time was important back then. There were never enough hours to get the chores done. Of course, you could go to a smaller settlement like Wiarton, Chesley or Meaford, but the expedition to town would centre around a long list of things needed that just wouldn't be available in local shops. So, it was either Owen Sound (which was great outing for the entire family) or the newly invented mail order books from faraway Timothy Eaton Company or Robert Simpsons, located way down in Toronto.

To look at those catalogues today, we would wonder what all the excitement was about. They were dull looking, quaint to the modern eye – why they were even in black and white. Yet, they became the source of conversation for the family council gathered around the parlour table. The prices always seemed to be cheaper than those in town, sometimes by a whole dollar on the bigger items. The display of glamorous clothes, of games and toys, of the latest in kitchen gadgets or farm equipment, they opened a world that the farm family longed for.

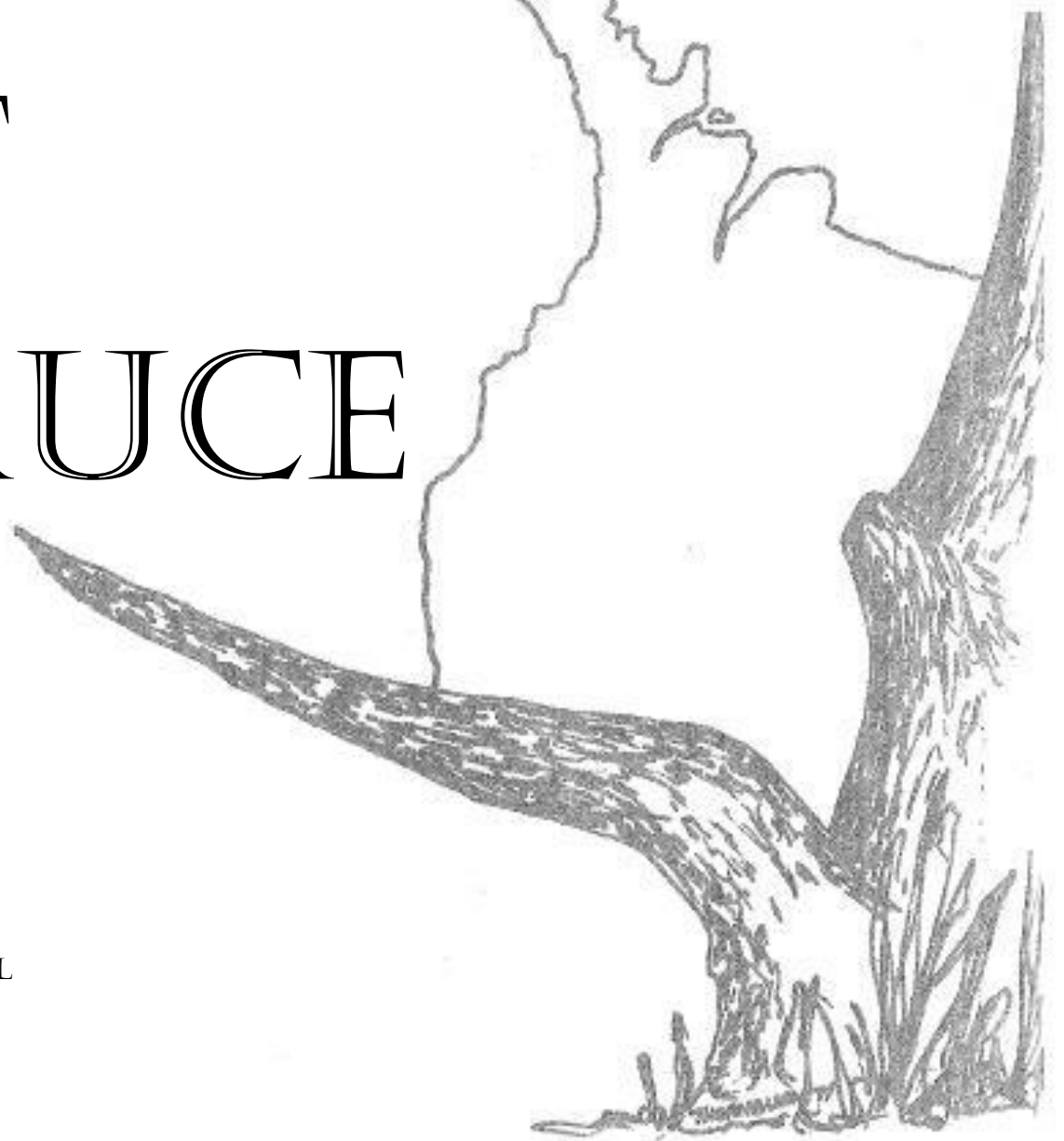
Goods from these great stores began to fill the houses of Ontario. Here, in Grey & Bruce, orders were going out and goods coming in. There were luxuries to buy from the catalogues and each Christmas the mail going southward would get extremely heavy, loaded with orders for fripperies such as a cake of Persian Bouquet soap for the woman in Massie and a handsome walnut dining room clock with all that trim for just \$3.50. The great event of 1890 in Elmwood was the delivery of a Jewel Cabinet Organ of solid oak with rich carving and it even had a mirror. Why, that cost \$63.00 in the catalogue and everybody, just everybody, knew it.

The catalogues, the wonderful world of shopping – it was a rich slice of life, for that is the way they shopped and the way they lived back then, almost a hundred years ago, in the Bluewater Country.

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Our Branches of Bruce Library is located in the Owen Sound Public Library. Membership to the OGS is \$12.00 per year and to the Bruce Branch \$2.00 per year – both are due January 1st. In addition to the many Society benefits, your OGS 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 OGS is attempting to co-ordinate and direct genealogical activity within the Province of Ontario. Your \$12.00 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 Meetings, July, August or December

BRANCH MEETING NOTES

Annual Meeting April 27, 1976

Fifty-one persons enjoyed the wonderful banquet meal in the United Church House, Port Elgin. For new executive, see inside front, this publication.

Guest speaker was Peter Longmore, editor of The Trilogy, Owen Sound. He told of storing material from old newspapers on cassette tapes being careful to spell out names. If storing old photos, take pictures of the photo with a 35mm camera. This cuts down on storage space. Mr. Longmire urged the preservation of the Nodwell Indian site in Port Elgin and pledged his help. Before and after the meeting members browsed through the array of old newspapers, books and other genealogical matter.

May Meeting, Drop in Centre Meaford, May 25, 1976

Speakers and material were all geared to this general area. Mr. Harry Boyes first introduced each speaker. Mr. Lorne Floto presented the Branch with a copy of his family tree dating back to the 1500's (see under reviews) Miss Vina Ufland, a local historian, gave an interesting history about the town hall and square. Mrs. Vernon Ashby brought the Harding collection of records including the data on the first three hundred families of St. Vincent Township – all available at

the Meaford Library after July 1st. Mrs. Sadie Odgen gave a history of John A. Vail, the first settler of St. Vincent. Miss Barbara Curry of Rocklyn spoke from her records of Euphrasia Township as an example of a pioneer family whose descendants are still around, some of whom were in the audience.

Mr. Ken Gilmour displayed a small string of gold beads and gave a fascinating story of their past.

ALL TALKS WERE TAPED AND WRITTEN COPIES KEPT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

NEXT MEETING JUNE 22nd, 1976 at the home of MR. AND MRS. BOB COURTNEY R.R. #1, Ripley, Ont. (Just north of Amberley)

SEPTEMBER MEETING Sept. 28th, 1976, see Sept. Bulletin for map and directions.

QUERIES

(Mrs.) Joan Hardy, 4654 Burke St. Burnaby, B.C. V5N 2C3 would appreciate information on family of GEORGE SHILSON and POEBE JANE COPE who lived in Warton in 1865 also JAMES and MARY ROBINSON "Rydlebank Farm" Bruce Peninsula about 1861 – 1884.

Mrs. E. C. Yorke, Box 2317, Creston, B.C., V0B 1G0 needs information on the parents of DAVID BOWIE and ELIZABETH ORCHARD BOWIE, Elderslie Township also information re changing of spelling from BOWIE to BOWERS.

Stuart Preston Smith, 3352 Wortley Lane, Reddign, Cal 96001 is searching for definite records on the following. William Smith d 1848 his wife Flora McPhedran d 1848 at Kincardine also Robert West d about 1900 – 05 his wife Elizabet Gatenby West d about 1900 – 05.

GENEALOGICAL GOLDMINE

Did you know that you have access to the largest collection of genealogical source material in the world by using the facilities of the LATTER DAY SAINTS LIBRARY in Toronto? The Mormon Library at Salt Lake City has over 700,000 microfilms of genealogical interest and all are available to the ardent genealogist in search of ancestors. This vast collection – the result of years of systematic microfilming of vital statistics and documents from every corner of the earth – includes census data, birth, marriages and deaths, from both government and church sources and records of wills – the primary tool of the researcher – and also much secondary material, such as books on topography and on specific genealogical topics. This goldmine can be tapped by visiting the L.D.S. Library in ETOBICOKE at 95 Melbert Ave. one block west of the intersection of Rathburn and Danforth, a mere 10 minutes drive from Malton Airport and handy for those arriving from west of the city. The one essential thing to know is the locality you wish to search, whether it be parish, township or county; but armed with this information you can visit the LDS Library and consult the indexes – also on microfilm – to find out what is available to help you. The films from Salt Lake cost \$1.00 each and are normally held for 2 weeks. You may have to wait for some little time before your film arrives as the demand is heavy, and remember it takes many hours to look at even one film so don't order more than one or two at a time. The Library is open on Saturday and Monday from 10 AM to 4 PM and evenings on weekdays from 7 to 10 PM. Happy Hunting!

Tom Murray

PRIMARY SOURCES – diaries, correspondence, scrapbooks, business records, papers of organizations, Census records, Assessment records, records of Vital Statistics, eye witness accounts published at time of event.

Secondary sources – articles, books, oral traditions such as my-grandfather-always-said. Information received should by always dated and author noted!

Mr. David M. Verity, Box 849, Burlington, Ontario, is compiling a history of Post Offices in Ontario, and will make available information to members of Branches of Bruce.

JUST RECEIVED – Confirmation of OCTOBER 1976 MEETING – Mount Forest, Carnegie Hall, below the Library on the Main Street, just north of stop lights on east side of Main Street (#6 hwy) Speaker, Eldon Weber

ADDITIONS TO OUR LIBRARY

Reviews: THE ANCESTORS OF WILLIAM MOORE HAUSER
WILLIAM MOORE HAUSER – HIS ANCESTRY
THE ALBUM By WILLIAM MOORE HAUSER

This Family Tree written by William Moore Hauser of West Aylmer, Ont. was presented by Lorne Floto. It is a fine example of a dedicated documentation of this man's family, both the Moore and Hauser lines. It attempts to trace the line of descent from John Moore born in Scotland in 1588 and related lines. The author's ancestors were buried in Richmond Burial Grounds.

THE HISTORY OF SCONE SCHOOL 1854 – 1974

Editors – Olive McLaughlin, Alice Floyd

Printed by Walkerton Herald Times Press 133 pages \$4.00 plus 25¢

Contact Olive McLaughlin, R.R. #3, Chesley, Ontario N0G 1L0

Scone was described in 1875 as “a small village on the county line between Grey and Bruce, 15 miles from Walkerton and 12 from Paisley”. It is 1 ¼ miles east of Chesley. The Bearmans founded Scone. Their interesting family history is included as well as sections on the “Families of the First Fifty Years” – Anderson, Armer, Armstrong, Bohms, Beckler, Bell, Fry, Hammond, Hetherington, Jacklin, Lang, Lockhead, Lowe, Maxwell, Mclaughlin, McGregor, McKinnon, McTavish, Milburn, Miller, Peters, Shouldice, Steer, Turner, Woelfe. Many other names are included from past to present.

TWO NEW BRANCH NEWSLETTERS have joined our growing collection.

1. Halton Peel
2. Kawartha Branch Bulletins

Of interest to many of us in Grey and Bruce, Halton Peel Newsletter Vol 1, No 1 includes a listing of family histories at Peel County Museum in Brampton. Also local histories and a reminder that Tremaine maps published in the 1800's can be purchased from.

Dept. of Natural Resources
Room 5427, Whitney Block
Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario
cost - \$1.25 per section \$8.00 per map

The Kawartha Branch Library is housed in the Peterborough Public Library.

All exchange publications from other Branches are up to date and in our Library.

ON MICRO FILM – Marriage Registers, Grey County 1858 – 1869

DIRECTORIES – Gray and Bruce – various years from 1867 to 1903

DIRECTORY OF CENSUS INFORMATION SOURCES (USA)

KEY TO THE PAROCHIAL REGISTERS OF SCOTLAND – lists of old parochial registers from earliest times – index call number of microfilm in Salt Lake City, Mormon Genealogical Library.

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Continued from "The Tara Leader", Vol 1, No. 1, 1881 – 1882

W. Whitlock, Editor and Publisher, Edward Lunn, Twp. Clerk, Arran, Arkwright PO

Jan 5, 1882

b: On the 29th, to the wife of Mr. S. Cummer, Invermay, a son.

On the 27th Dec., to the wife of Rev. R. Carson, Invermay, a son.

m: At the M. E. Parsonage, Invermay, on Dec. 28, by the Rev. R. Carson, Mr. Wesley Gray of Wingham, to Miss Rosanna Hall of Elderslie.

Advt.: Elgin College, in Port Elgin, J.E. Lynn Ass't. Teacher, S.C. Hanson, Principal Dec. 6, 1881

Jan. 12, 1882

M: On the 28th Dec., by the Rev. Mr. Blain, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. G. Mitchell of Derby Twp., to Mary, eldest dau. of Thos. Smith, Esq., Arran Twp.

D: In Elderslie, on the 5th, Jane, 3rd dau. of Mr. W. Kerr, Dobbinton, and wife of George Williscroft, Jr., aged 22 years 9 mos.

D: In Tara, on the 11th, Willie, only son of J. H. and M. J. Vandusen, aged 10

Jan. 19, 1882

M: At the res. Of the bride's mother, on the 12th, by the Rev. R. Carson, Mr. J. Harwood, Owen Sound, to Miss A. Morden of Sullivan.

M: On the 28th at Christ Church, Invermay, by the Rev. Rural Dean Cooper, Mr. S. Aitcheson, Invermay, to Margaret, only dau. of D. Wark, Esq., Arran.

M: On the 5th by the Rev. Rural Dean Cooper, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. John Kennedy, Jr., to Catherine Jane, youngest dau. of the late W. Quigley of Sullivan.

D: At the residence of Mr. W. Robinson in this village on the 14th, John McDonald, youngest son of Moncrief McDonald, Esq., of Arran. Aged 20 yrs.

Mr. Lunn, clerk of Arran, leaving for Manitoba, Wednesday, accompanied by Mr. McDonald and Mr. Sithes.

Jan. 26, 1882

- M: At Grace Church, Sullivan, on the 17th, by the Rev. Rural Dean Cooper, Charles E. Sheriff, of Wimbledon, Eng., to Margaret Jane, only dau. of Allen Thompson, Esq., Sullivan.
- B: In Arran, on the 16th, to the wife of Mr. W. Barber, a son.
At Invermay, on the 18th, to the wife of Mr. H. W. Hicks, teacher, a son.
- D: In Amabel, on the 25th, Archibald McDougall. Aged 30 yrs.
- County Splinters: Wiarton Clerk had 28 births, 16 marriages and 14 deaths registered with him last year.

Feb. 2, 1882

- B: In Sullivan, on the 12th, to the wife of Mr. Geo. Kerr, a son.
- M: At the residence of the bride's father, on the 26th, by the Rev. Mr. Blain, A. McCrae to Jeanette, second dau. of John Yates, Esq., of the Twp. of Arran.
At Invermay on the 1st Feb., by the Rev. Rural Dean Cooper, Mr. John Cann to Charlotte Ann, eldest dau. of John Yates, Esq. of the Twp. of Arran.
- D: Of the Rev. David Williams on the 23rd, in Walkerton. Raised in the Twp. of Brant, . Methodist.

Feb 9, 1882

- B: On the 26th, to the wife of Mr. J. Young, miller, Tara, a daughter.
On the 27th of Jan., to the wife of Mr. W. R. Hilbourne, druggist, Tara, a daughter.
- M: On the 1st, at Christ Church, Invermay, by the Rev. Rural Dean Cooper, Mr. W. Croom, blacksmith, Invermay, to Miss E. Loree, of Allenford.
- At the Metropolitan Church parsonage, Toronto, by the Rev. Dr. Potts, W. P. Rundle, of Dundalk, to Miss Elizabeth McInnes, youngest daughter of the late Israel McInnes, of Owen Sound.

Feb 16, 1882

The new Clerk for Arran is Mr. Joshua McKim.

Feb. 23, 1882

- B: In Arran on the 10th, to the wife of Mr. W. Grieve, a son.
- M: On the evening of the 21st at the residence of Mr R C Bruce, druggist, Tara, by the Rev Wm. Blain, Canada Presbyterian Minister, Mr. Alex Miller, Manager Hay's Banking House, Tara, to Agnes Wilkie, second daughter of Thomas Newton, Esq. of the Twp. of Arran.
- The wife of George Cole, a former resident of Paisley, died in Winnipeg last week.

March 2, 1882

- B: On the 8th of Jan. to the wife of Mr. S. Rouk, Park Head, a son.
- D: At Arranvale on the 18th Charlotte, beloved wife of Mr. W. Glover, aged 69
At Invermay on the 28th Moses Lego. Aged 69 years.
On Monday, Feb. 20 at the residence of her son, Mr. John Neelands, near Brampton, Elizabeth, relict of the late Daniel Neelands. aged 96 years. Mother of A Neelands, Esq. postmaster of Invermay and Treasurer of Arran. Eight sons and one daughter survive.

March 9, 1882

- B: On the 5th to the wife of Mr. George Dunn, grain merchant, Tara, a son.
- D: In Sullivan, near Desboro, on the 7th, Samuel Coulter, aged 86 years.

March 16, 1882

M: At the residence of the bride's father, on the 14th, by the Rev Mr. Galloway, Mr. George Shannon, of Tara, to Mary Elizabeth, third daughter of Mr. W. Thomas of Allenford.

Mr. W. White has leased his blacksmith shop to Mr. R .R. Breman and leaves for Manitoba next week. . . . Many news items of people leaving Tara for the Far West!

March 30, 1882

D: In Sullivan, at the residence of her son, Mr. R. Forrest, on the 28th Mary Ann, relict of the late David Forrest, Esq., aged 101 yrs. Her end was peace.

Fatal accident to William Burns of the Twp of Elderslie, on Friday evening at McFarlane's saw mill, Dunblane.

D: Death of Rebecca, 12 year old daughter of Mr. P. Brinkman on April 4th.

This issue contains a very informative letter listing many from Arran who have gone to Manitoba, and what they are doing.

April 20, 1882

B: On the 11th, to the wife of Mr. J. Owens, a son.

D: On the 18th the infant son of Mr. N. Barber of Allenford.

May 4, 1882

John Latchford of Carrick was found dead on tracks three miles from Walkerton, about 60 years old.

May 11, 1882

The first vessel built in Port Elgin was launched this week and named the Minnie Brooks.

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ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES from THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER have been purchased. We now have Vol 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6. As of Jan 5, 1860 the name was changed to Canadian Baptist. Members of the Hamilton Branch have micro filmed the above and records cover the period 1854 to 1870.

PARISH & VITAL RECORDS LISTINGS OF THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE LATTER DAY SAINTS JULY 1975

This book contains listings of the names of the towns and parishes with the beginning and ending dates for which the records of births or christenings, and marriages have been extracted and stored in the computer services of the Society. To understand the computer program read the Genealogical Society's Controlled Extraction Program – Series F No 3, Revised 1975. To avoid wasteful duplication of research effort, check to see if the area you are interested in, has been placed on the computer. Check index for country e.g. England, Sweden; state or province e.g. Maine or Nova Scotia; then town and – or parish. The Extraction Program is a continuing program-check the latest revision.

SOME ONTARIO REFERENCES AND SOURCES FOR THE FAMILY HISTORIAN by Keffer, Kirk and Kirck revised 1976

A CENTURY OF MUTALITY, a history of Mutual Life Assurance Co of Canada.

A GUIDE TO WATERLOO REGION both the above presented by the Waterloo-Wellington Branch at the 1976 seminar.

ANCESTOR CHARTS – Waterloo – Wellington about 400 surnames indexed.

ANCESTOR CHARTS – Hamilton Branch 1st Pedigree Chart supplement to Tree Trace 2nd edition – added to Tree Tracer

ANCESTOR CHARTS Toronto Branch 19 batches indexed.

CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN MEAFORD 100th ANNIVERSARY presented at the Meaford meeting.

GRASSER–HUEBSCHWERLEN FAMILY by Florence Beverly Cates Blundell, Box 66, Pemberton, B.C. V0N 2L0 – a beautiful story, research done almost entirely by mail. Story starts in Alsace in 1700's. Family came to Canada in 1832, settling in Waterloo Co. As the family grew and married land was taken up in Bruce Co in the Mildmay, Formosa area and then onto Wisconsin and Minnesota. Related Families – Merner, Diemert, Emel, Hohnadel, Weiler, Schiel, Zinng, Kuneman, Herringer, Boppre, Brehler, Wombach, Brehler.

COUNTY MAPS – LAND OWNERSHIP MAPS OF CANADA the 19th Century Public Archives of Canada

FAMILY BIBLE RECORDINGS

Please help us extend this collection.

3 reels of birth, deaths, marriages from DUMFRIESHIRE, SCOTLAND

one reel – CANONBIE PARISH – births 1693 – 1854, marriages 1768 – 1843, deaths 1783 – 1805

LANGHOLM PARISH formerly STAPLE-GORTOWN births 1668 – 1854, deaths 1668 – 1854 marriages 1668 – 1854

Two reels donated by Tom Armstrong

TWEEDSMUIR HISTORIES ON MICROFILM

Reel MS 8 History of Goderich WI "Cambells' Corn (Bentinck)

Reel 11 Hopeville-Swinton WI

Reel 15 Quinn WI Tilbury East, Grey WI Priceville, Gamebridge, Thorah Twsp

Reel 18 West Lorne, Willow Run Proton Twsp, North Dufferin Dist, Teeswater Branch S. Bruce

Reel 21 Ayr WI, Back Line WI Melancton Twsp, Erin's WI

Reel 44 MS 8 Fergus Wi, Kemble WI

Reel 66 MS 8 North Lobo, Salem WI West Grey

HALTON PEEL NEWSLETTER Vol 1 No 4 contains a synopsis of a talk by Marjorie McLeod with mention of the Perkins Bull Collection as it relates to Peel County. Boxes of this material catalogued at Ontario Archives. She also states the Chinguacousy Library in Bramalea has census records, assessment rolls, directories, cemetery records, etc. Also in Vol 4 The Silverthorn and Boston Mills Cemetery as taken from the Meaford Express, 6/24/48

HALTON PEEL NEWSLETTER Vol 1 No 5 reminds us Mississauga Public Library has scrapbooks on Clarkson – Cooksville area; St. Andrews Cemetery Streetsville.

MEETING NOTES

The June meeting was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Bob Courtney, near Amberley. A number of “first timers” were present as well as three ladies from the Kingsbridge Branch of Huron County. We enjoyed a round-robin of personal research tid bits as each person introduced themselves. Special mention was made of Micro fiche records at the Latter Day Saints Library, new acquisitions for our library, and a history of Trinity Ashfield, being compiled and sold through their UCW. We were entertained to a program of music by Mr Courtney and his sister, Mrs. Carmon McLeod, while being served a delicious lunch.

UP COMING MEETINGS –

September – on the 28th at 8 P.M. at Sauble Falls, Christ the King, Lutheran Church, formerly Sauble Falls School. S.S. #11, Amabel.

October – the 26th at 8 P.M. Mount Forest, Carnegie Hall below the Library, Main Street just north of the stop lights on the east side (#6 Hiway) Speaker, Eldon Weber.

This issue is being devoted to the work of a local historian, Frank Harding. We are fortunate that his vast collection of material has been made available to the public. I’m sure other areas will envy the good fortune of anyone who is connected with Meaford / St. Vincent Township and area. Thank you Mr. Harding! Other people have worked very hard to make this collection available and our thanks to the following:

First, Mrs. Harding and Ken Gilmour, our go-between; Mrs Jean Ellis, Meaford Librarian, who made the collection of articles by Harding from the Meaford Express; and Mrs Leata Ashby and her staff, who through an LIP grant were able to transcribe and type the collection into the form now available at our Library.

FRANKLIN NORRIS HARDING: HISTORIAN

Frank Harding was born in Meaford, April 12, 1899. His parents were the late Charles and Maria (Morris) Harding, life-long residents of Grey County. He was educated at Meaford Public and High Schools and by correspondence with the Ontario Agricultural College. He was employed with Wm. Butchart and Co, Meaford for 15 years as Sanitary Engineer, and later with the Board of Education for some 35 years as Building Superintendant until the completion of the New Georgian Bay Secondary School, when he retired.

Being interested in history even before his school days, the interest became a hobby and, encouraged by the late James Patterson of the Meaford Mirror and by the late David Williams of Collingwood, he became a member of the Ontario Historical Society. Soon afterwards a weekly column “History of Meaford” was published under his name by the Meaford Mirror (1920). About 1923 the column became “Early Days in Meaford” for several years. He assisted the late William Hungerford in preparing several historical articles for the Owen Sound Sun Times, and Miss Edith Marsh with her Grey County History in 1930. Also during the 1930’s he wrote several articles for the Press on various historical subjects. In 1942 he was persuaded by the late Frank Secord of the Meaford Express to make known to the public the vast amount of data on the local area he had amassed over the years, and the column “History of Meaford

and St Vincent" appeared fairly regularly until 1945. In the meantime he had had an article "Early Newspapers in Meaford" appear in Western Ontario Historical Notes, published by the University of Western, Ontario. In 1946 on the occasion of Meaford's first "Old Home Week" stories were prepared for the local newspapers and the Owen Sound Sun Times. In 1947 a special major article on Meaford history appeared in the Owen Sound paper. In 1950 more historical articles were contributed to newspapers, and during 1952 another series was in the Owen Sound, Meaford and Thornbury papers on the occasion of the Grey County Centennial.

Mr. Harding assisted at times with the preparation of historical booklets for the Presbyterian and United Churches, and in 1959 he wrote an extensive monograph "Heritage", a history of Christ Church Anglican, Meaford.

He worked with the late F. Stanley Knight in preparing for publication the "Diary of Peter Fuller." Over the years he collaborated with Mr Knight in the preparation of a huge manuscript covering the smallest details of the lives and times of the inhabitants of Meaford and the surrounding area, a work which remains unpublished because of the death of Mr Knight. In the spring of 1971 Mr Harding donated a great amount of historical notes, clippings, manuscripts and documents as well as historical pictures to the Georgian Bay Secondary School. Almost complete files of early newspapers went to the Library of the University of Western Ontario but it is regretted that a large collection of Historical Canadianna was sold upon his retirement. Mr Harding has not confined himself and his interest merely to historical events and genealogy. For 12 years he was a member of Meaford Town Council, and during that time assisted Earl Radbourne the first County Assessor, to prepare his published "Manual of County Assessment". Later he was for 7 years a member of the Meaford Public Utilities Commission. During that time he wrote a monograph "Ancient Waters" which was sent to the North American Water Works Engineers Association for reading and discussion – showing the reasons why the water at Meaford is among the very best on the continent.

When "Red" Wilson was the Editor of the Meaford Express Mr Harding turned to writing a series of religious letters under the pen name "Anglo-Catholic" which forecast the later Christian Ecumenical Movement.

When he retired from active writing he assisted descendents of the early pioneers with advice on tracing data on their forbears, students with historical projects, etc., and was a member of the Meaford Museum Board.

The above material was made available by Vina Ufland and taken from data collected by Miss Ufland. Miss Ufland is author of "St Vincent Township, 1847 – 1967". Her biography appears in "Authors and Poets of Grey and Bruce" Dorothy Elder.

In the early days to get from the land comprising of St Vincent and Meaford and area, you followed a trail along the top of what we call Cemetery Hill, Sand Hill, and forded the river near Owen St in Meaford. The trail then crossed the tank hill to the rear of the fair grounds and followed the present ridge round to Centreville and on to Cape Rich; then over the Hogsback to the vicinity of Balaclava and along the shore to Owen Sound. Or by water to Collingwood to the rails end.

Some of the first settlers were at Cape Rich, which is on the Georgian Bay shore, north of Meaford. Some of the early arrivals were Donald McDonald, George Shoular, Alex Kennedy, the McInnes brothers and Donald McGillivray. Some of these, came from the Island of Iona and lived at Cape Rich 1858 – 60. There was also Donald McLaren, who built the first wharf, as well

as Dorans, Carsons, Cox, Boyd, McIntosh and others. In 1856 Wm Gibbard, P.L.S. laid out a village with eight streets. However by 1870 we find a great number of lots being offered in tax sales. This was the ultimate end of the village until it became pasture land, and is now in the Department of Defence acreage known as the Tank Range.

SOME OF THE CONTENTS OF THE FRANK HARDING COLLECTION

Families of St Vincent and area - - indexed in this newsletter
Peter Fuller's Diary and notes on the same by Frank Harding
Introduction to the above by F. Stanley Knight.
McVittie Diary
Biographies
Legends, Traditions, Poems
Interesting Letters
Newspaper Accounts of Incidents and Families
Recollections by Senior Citizens
Interviews with Pioneers about traditions, travel and its difficulties, seeding and harvest, gathering wild fruit, food preparation, life on the frontier in general
Births, Deaths and Marriages from early Meaford papers
Articles on the townships of Euphrasia, Collingwood and St Vincent
Early Inhabitants to 1854
First Newspaper: Meaford Monitor and St Vincent, Euphrasia and Collingwood Journal: first issue Thursday, June 4, 1868
Factories
Public Utilities
Millers – saw and planing, woolen, carding, grist and flour
Builders, brick makers
Meaford History, including Nelson St businesses in 1850 – 60
Medical History in Meaford
Article on Patent Medicines
Furniture Industry
Shoemakers
Horse Doctors
Price Mallory Tract
The Old Mail Road
Early Postmasters, Early Magistrates, Early Surveyors
The Tank Range
First Skating Rink of Meaford
Early Council Meeting Minutes 1850 – 1875
Roads Development and Bridges
Items from St Vincent Municipal Records 1850
The Harbour, Wharf
Navigation, Ships and Shipping
Capt Hugh Chisholm, Shipbuilder
Storms and Storm Damage

Tragic Accident, Fires, Flood Accounts
 Hotels, Inns, Taverns
 Churches, Schools, Lodges, Societies
 Photographers
 Sports
 The Coming of Railway to Meaford
 Meaford Plan or Map 1865
 Older Brick Buildings of Meaford
 Heathcote, 1882
 Those who went West
 Market Prices

FAMILY HISTORIES FROM THE FRANK HARDING COLLECTION

Information at the Meaford Public Library, the Meaford Museum and in Bruce Brand O.G.S.
 Library at the Owen Sound Public Library.

Adams	Benedict	Caswell	Doherty, John C.
Agar	Bishop	Chambers	Doran
Alcock	Blanchard	Chantler	Douglas
Aldrich	Bole	Chapman	Drummond
Allan	Bond	Chapple	Duff
Almond	Bonesteel	Charlewood	Dunnill
Anderson	Bowerman	Charters	Durant
Andrus	Bowes	Christie	Dutcher
Armstrong S. (St. V.)	Bowser	Clark, Fred	Duxbury
Arthur	Boyd	Clark (Cape Rich)	Dwinnell
Atkins	Boyes	Clark – 7 brothers	Dyce
Anning	Brewster	Clark, E. B.	Eagles
Badgerow	Briggs	Cleland	Ellis
Bailey	Bright	Clifton	Elyea
Baker (Eng.)	Brinkman	Commen	Emary
Baker (Dutch)	Brown (Caledon)	Cooper (Cape Rich)	Ferguson
Baker (Irish)	Brown Dutch	Converse	Ferris
Baracree	Brown C & T	Corley	Finley
Barber	Brown, Gus	Cose	Fligg
Barr	Bumstead	Cox	Flower
Barry	Burchill	Craig	Ford
Batty	Burnett	Cramp	Free
Baxter	Burley	Cronk	Freestone
Beebe	Burns	Crosskill	Frizzell
Bell	Burrows	Cunningham	Fuller
Bell, R.M.	Butchart	Daugherty	Gibbs
Bell (Wright)	Callery	Davey	Gibbons
Bell (3 rd Line)	Cameron	Davis	Gifford
Bell (Rows)	Carefoot	Dean	Gilmore
Belshaw	Carney	Deegan	Glover
Benedict	Carnahan, M.	Dew	Godfrey (see Bios)
Bishop	Carnahan, Old A.	Dodge	Gould
Blanchard	Carson	Doherty, John	

Govier	Juniper	McVey	Reid
Govette	Kennedy	McVittie	Rennie
Gowan	Key	McCausland	Reynolds
Grior	Kingston	McCrae	Riley
Gugins	Knagg	McConnell	Robins
Guy	Lamb	McDonald	Robinson, John R.C.
Haines	Lang	McDonald (North)	Robinson, Wm
Hall	Latornell	McDonald, Archie	Robertson
Hallock	Laycock	McDonald, Robert	Robertson (Twn Line)
Ham	Layton	McDonald, Wm.	Rogers
Hammond	Law	McDougall	Rows
Hare	Leach	Merrick	Rugg
Harpell	Leavens, W. B.	Miller, John	Rumley
Harris	Lemon	Mills	Rumsby
Hartman	Lewis	Milne	Ryan
Hartman, L	Lindsay	Mitchell	
Hawkins	Little	Montgomery	Saunders, G. W.
Helstrop	Lloyd	Mower	Saunders, Sam
Heming	Loblaw	Murray	Seaman
Henning	Locksley	Neelands	Sewell
Hibblen	Logan	Neely	Sheppard
Hill, Chas.	Londry	Nelson	Shields
Hill, John	Long	Noble	Short
Hill, Robt.	Loucks	Oliver	Shoular
Hill, Wm.	Lovatt	Orser	Shunk
Hillis	Lowe	Paine	Silverthorn
Hogg	Luton	Palmer	Sing
Holmes	Mackie	Parkin	Smith, Abe
House	Mackie, John	Patrick	Smith, Adam
Howe	Maguire	Patterson (Mirror)	Smith, Garret
Hughes	Mallory	Patterson (Mtn)	Smith, Jack
Hunter	Markle	Patterson, Alex	Smith, John N. and
Hunter (9 th Line)	Marsh	Patterson, Elsie	John M. Smith
Hurd, K.	McCann	Stephen	Smith, A.D.
Jackson	McCartney	Paul	Smith, James Cooper
Jamieson	McFarlane	Perks	Smith, Henry
Jay	McGillivray	Philips	Snell
Johnson, Albert	McInnes	Plunkett	Snider
Johnson, Geo.	McIntosh	Pollard	Sparling
Johnson (Griersville)	McIntosh (Little Gilbert)	Porter	Speer
Johnson, W.	McIntosh, G. P.	Postill	Spike
Johnson, Wm. B.	McKim	Purdy	Stephen
Johnston (Shoemaker)	McLaren	Quinn	Stephenson
Johnston (7 th line)	McLean, Dr.	Randle	Stewart, James
Johnston	McMillan	Rattray	Stirling
Johnston, Robert	McNally	Raven	Street
Johnston, James	McNaughton	Read	Story
Jolley			Stubb

Sutton	Tucker	Walmsley	Williams
Symes, Dr.	Turner	Walters (W. Falls)	Williams (Cape Rich)
Tapley	Tyson	Walters (Woodford)	Wilson, Henry Sr.
Tait	Ufland Vail	Ward Warner	Wilson, J. J.
Taylor (11 th Line)	Vanwyck	Watt	Winter Woods
Taylor (Griersville)	Vaughn	Weller	Workman
Theakstone	Vernon	West	Wright (Purdy)
Thom	Vickers	White	Wright, John
Thompson, Capt.	Verrill	Whitelaw	York
Tomlinson	Waddell	Whitfield	Youmans
Tottenham	Walker	Whitney	Young
Trout		Wilcox	

----- **THE GEORGE McVITTIE DIARY, 1859 – 1875**

George McVittie must have been teaching school for several years when he started his diary on March 30, 1859. Basically it is a brief financial and business record, but throughout the entries are full names, locations, and enough detail to follow him and his family, friends and neighbours. It is well worth reading as a pioneer story, a local history with the social conditions of the settled Southern Ontario area and later of rural St Vincent township. . . most of all it is interesting as the beginning of a large family, a member of which still resides on ‘the home place’.

He was living and teaching at Derry West, a large enough community for him to have 30 pupils in his school. He joined the Orange Lodge, then taking his part in putting up evergreen arches and joining the July 12 celebration for which 16 Lodges had gathered. (Today the Derry Line angles out from Toronto and joins the concession south of Steele’s – Rexdale Blvd. – at the Airport Road. This is the original Malton, . . . the road continues west

Ward to the present Highway #10 – that corner was Derry West.) He seems to be familiar, within possible walking distance, with Thornhill and Yorkville (Bloor and Yonge), Malton, Brampton, Cooksville, Port Credit – probably because he had financial concerns there! He was a shrewd footloose young man with considerable ready money (\$280.00 salary per year) at a time when cash was still scarce – one he was paid part of his salary with \$22.50 in silver. He was somewhat of a speculator and opportunist for he had loans out – at 10%, three or four properties for which he was receiving rent, and was on the watch for tax-sale lots. One lot in Malton he bought sight-unseen for \$5.00 and the payment of four years back taxes, \$9.09. He was pleased with it when he saw it a month later.

April 22: “Letter from Robt Lynn, surveyor St Vincent about S ½ lot 8, describing it, etc” then June 2, “Letter from Le Pan about taxes on lot near Meaford, \$7.73.” It was the end of July 1860, before he had a chance to visit this purchase. “Walked to Thornhill Station by Weston. Fare from Thornhill to Collingwood \$2.40 . . . remained in Collingwood over night at Kelly’s Tavern, not many cars . . . waited for steamer to Meaford until night. Lake rough, got to Meaford about midnight. Fare was /5, bought cakes at harbor 1/3/. Rapt Mr. Paul up from his bed.” The next morning he went out to inspect his new property. (Lot 8, Con 2, ‘Third Line’, St Vincent – southeast of Meaford. ‘Latornell’ his neighbour on the north, marked on the 1880 Grey Historical Atlas, as is the school on Lot 5 to the south.) He promptly took board for a week at Latornell’s (\$2.00) and the next morning began underbrushing his lot. He visited in the neighbourhood and

began arranging to have parts of this new lot cleared by agreements with various neighbours to chop, others to clear and plant a crop which they took off in two or three years, then leave in hay, others to split rails and fence. They would find the pay welcome, 1861, 1862, 1863, school at Derry West, visiting friends and coming up periodically, especially in the summer holidays to St Vincent – there jaunting up and down the township in his spare time and arranging for road work, etc. By this time much of his lot had been cleared and began to look like a farm. Being a tax-sale, his lot seems to have been one of the last cleared on the line.

Meaford was a thriving village with stores, mills, taverns and reasonable transportation by water if not by land to Collingwood where the railroad ended. Griersville just to the south was a bus crossroads with stores, a post office.

Then came the spring of 1864:

May 29: To church, a walk in evening with Mary Jane Coleman.

June 5: To church, after to tea, with Mary Jane Coleman

June 11: Went to Toronto to buy wedding ring, pair of kid gloves, silk handkerchief, licence for marriage, \$6.00. Took out of savings bank \$50.00. Called to see Mary Jane on my way home. Spoke to Wilson about his house for \$1.50 per month.

June 12: Sunday to church, gave a present to Mary Jane \$5.00

June 13: Bought 2 shirts, 13/9, 4 prs gloves. Gave up School until next Saturday

June 15: Got married today in Streetsville to Mary Jane Coleman by Mr. Grant. Gave Minister \$3.00 and Miss Coleman \$4.00 Johnston Golden (his half brother?) and Margaret Black were with us. We drove to the port and took the cars to Yorkville – had a pleasant time going through Toronto and Queen's Park.

June 16: Spent on marriage trip 4 days \$27.10. Bought a parasol, \$2.50. Back to school on the 20th, and then followed a buying spree in Brampton – stove and pipes, ticking for a straw mattress, sheets, broom, set of delft, \$3.00, smoothing irons and stand, etc. There are more enthusiastic entries during the remainder of the year.

August 5 Started for St Vincent, Mary Jane and I with Graham's horse and gig at \$1.00 per day . . . went by new line, taking two days. Road through valley by Griersville very bad in parts.

They stayed with Robt Latornells, visited Meaford and finished items of business about the lot. Back home via Orangeville.

March 17, 1865 Mary Jane gave birth to young son at 10:05

May 21, Sunday Got the boy christened by Mr Grant, named him Albert Edward

By holidays that year they were getting restless and thinking of going to live in St. Vincent.

Aug 24 Baby got first tooth. Wrote a letter to Robt Latornell about a house for us to live in

By September final arrangements for a future log house on their lot, and in November a new teacher was hired for Derry West – at \$20.00 more, or \$300.00.

Dec 22 My last day teaching school at Derry West. Shook hands with all the scholars present.

They packed, finished local business, and on Jan 31, 1866 started for Meaford via Orangeville, Singhampton to the Harbor. Got settled in a house in Meaford and began at once buying lumber, etc. From then on until April there is a very detailed day to day record of what was purchased towards the new home – scantling, nails, . . . a pig, a rooster. The mills in Meaford are mentioned, the neighbours, and the program of work until they moved into their log shanty – and the next day tapped some trees in the bush. Theirs was a pioneer effort, but with the amenities of good neighbours, available mills for lumber and grist, reasonable roads, stores, and with the backlog of some money. The diary is full of detailed carpentry and materials needs with costs – fence rails, logs for their shanty, pens, etc. and lumber – right through until the two story board-and-batten, lath-and-plaster home some years later. Even with his teacher background, he used the colloquial terms – steeple for staple, battings for batten, cornish for cornice.

Logging, fighting grass fires, fencing, seedtime and harvest, follow along in their season. They begin an orchard, about a dozen trees each year, giving names of varieties. There are lists of neighbours who come to threshings, ban raisings, quilting bees, sawing-machine bees. Then “August 25, 1866, Mary Jane sick – went for Mrs. Bell. Baby born about 1 o’clock (a girl).” On April 13, 1867 “We all went to Job Almond’s little twin’s funeral at 2 p.m. It was buried on the hill near the road inside the fence. Rev Mr Watson read the funeral service. Afterwards we got our little girl christened (Henrietta), also Mrs Almond and Mrs Freestone got theirs christened. Job’s named John Thomas, Mrs Freestone’s Harriet.” Throughout the narrative births and deaths are recorded. “Sept 30, 1866 – Sunday – went to church, about 70 present. Mr Lynn’s little girl was buried in his field, was at the funeral on the way home from church. Oct 8: went to John Lynn’s funeral, he was buried on Lynn’s place. Nov 29 and 30, 1869: Whitfield’s baby died yesterday, 8 mos old. Went to baby’s funeral, buried on their lot near the road.” Even the hearse passing by is mentioned. “A funeral passed by today. A child of McCauslands I think.” Oct 25, 1874: “Mrs and little one went to wake.” (Mrs McCausland) . . . and then two days later: “McCausland buried today. 43 wagons and 10 horsemen passed by here.”

Quite early the McVitties had had a lamb given them as part payment and that was the beginning of their flock. They had to build better fences around a pasture and build suitable shelter. They bought several lambs, one at \$3.00 and by 1873 they had enough to exchange 5 lambs as part payment on a stove. In the meantime Mary Jane had learned to shear her sheep and in 1867, June, “The Mrs. and Byers went to Meaford with my oxen after wool, bought a wheel and head for \$4.00 but did not get the reel yet.” Later “Mary Hamilton spinning our wool” In July “Mrs and Lizzie got their yarn dyed by Mrs Hamilton” . . . borrowed Job’s wagon and went to Christies with the woollen yarn (28 skeins), and three weeks later “We went to the weaver’s for our cloth – 27 yards. Paid him for weaving, \$2.85.” (A man wouldn’t think of saying what the color was or what the material was used for!).

McVittie’s teacher background made him note on Dec 22, 1868 – “Robert Agnew teaches at school here, got married today to Miss Noble. Went to Essa on a wedding trip.” Nov 23, 1869: “Bought a book and slate for Albert, 10¢” March 17, 1879, Albert’s birthday, 5 yrs. It was in April 1872, that Albert began school, aged 7. At nine he would be doing much of the farm work at home.

By 1879 the McVitties were well settled, a fine farm, with house and barns, fenced and with fields producing good crops. They were well established in the community. Ann Coleman Jamieson and her family were nearby. They were going to sleighing parties, house warmings, gatherings in the school house, Orange parades, the Circus, and Meaford Fair.

The railroad had been extended to Meaford, opening up a new outlook. They had money – enough extra to give a small donation towards a library, and 50¢ towards a new organ in the Meaford Anglican Church. They could afford a good horse, and even a sewing machine. “Jan, 1874: Bought from Alex Laundry a Wanzer sewing machine at \$34.50. He took in payment Rosy Cow at \$25.00 and six cords of wood at \$1.25 (7.50) and I am to pay him in cash \$2.00.

Sometime in 1879 the senior Coleman family was living in Keppel Township “eight miles beyond the Sound”. (Colemans lived near Brampton when George met Mary Jane). In December that year “Mr and Mrs Coleman, John Coleman and his wife (they were married about six weeks) also Robert Coleman, drove from beyond the Sound with their horses.” On Christmas day they were all there, probably the Jamiesons and their little ones, and two other couples of friends, and they all went home on the morning of the 28th. In Feb Mary Jane did the trip to see her friends in Keppel. – “I kept bachelor’s hall with the two children while she was away.”

March 1874, “Albert McVities’s birthday – 9 years old.” By August George was making small mentions of not being well and “Mrs went to Mrs Owens after Johnny so see if he would do a little for me.” They were cutting wheat, and “Cradling for two or three days, Ann Jamieson and the Mrs binding.” Then he fell off a load while drawing-in and hurt his leg and side, which got worse and inflamed. “Not able to fork much. Albert does it.” From then on, “Hired Johnny Owens for a month. I keep in the house.” “Getting a little better, Johnny plowing, Albert driving . . . later “Youngs threshed for me today. Mrs had a quilting. I kept in the house.” He had his good days when he could walk out of doors . . . even borrowed a cutter and “Mrs, Albert and I went to Meaford” to sell some potatoes. “Got from Dr bottles of medicine and a lot of pills.” New Year’s Day 1875 they spent alone, Albert sick with the measles, his father “very sick, swelled in body and legs.”

George McVittie was very sick indeed. During March he made the odd notation, “Baby went to tea party to the Rev Mr Hill’s” “Had Jamieson hauling hay and putting up gates and other trifles for me today”. April 9, 1875 was the final entry before his death. Roberta Gilbank

MEAFORD became a town in 1874. In 1875 its first council consisted of Col W. W. Pollard, Mayor; James Stewart, Reeve; councillors J. J. Johnson; John Hill, Lorenzo Londry; Thomas Harris; John D. McGee; David L. Layton; Elliott Thompson; Frank Low; Charles Watt.

Others down through the years – James Cleland; Alex Thompson; Robt Agnew; Dr E. McLean; Wm Stewart; Matthew Robinson; Gilbert P. McIntosh; Dr J. D. Hamill; W. W. Stephenson; Dr J. D. Clark; Edward Sewell; James Randle; J. W. Horseley; F. Y. Godfrey; W. H. Sing; Geo A. Brown; S. A. Gray; Chas Farrer; D. B. Snider; Frank Kent; Alex Londry; and many others.

QUERIES

RANKIN – any information as to father, brothers etc. of Charles Rankin – contact Mrs. Lloyd Clysdale, R. R. #1, Mooretown, Ontario, N0M 1M0

Since Charles Rankin is considered one of our first settlers would anyone having any information about the Rankin family please get in touch with the Branch or with Mrs Clysdale to help us with a history of this family.

Under the heading "Early Days in Collingwood, Euphrasia and St Vincent" Mr Harding writes of a report sent by Charles Rankin, Surveyor, denouncing the actions of the land agents in Nottawasaga and Collingwood Townships. The Surveyor General then asked Rankin for a report on land patents in St Vincent. As soon as this report reached Government, in 1836, they sent Wellesley Ritchie, Immigration Agent and Land Superintendent, to verify Rankin's statements.

Ritchie's report was a most excellent one, showing as it does the name of each and every settler, his location and extent of his holdings, the nature of his claim or security of title, length of residence, buildings erected and amount of land cleared.

Also in this chapter, Mr Harding lists arrivals in 1837 – 38 and also in 1850, and notes Leavens Corners on the 9th line intersections of the road to Owen Sound became the second Post Office in St Vincent.

Some of the new arrivals in 1837 –

Walter Storey, Miss McDonald, Robert Mitchell, Robert Bell, David Doran, James Carson, the McLarens, Richard and Joseph Cox, William Watson.

In 1838 William Cunningham of Prince Edward County possessed about 1000 acres and although never coming here himself, during the next three years his sons, Reuben, John and Charles, Stephen, and Cornelious and sons-in-law Thos Cooper and R. B. Leavens settled on it. About 1850 Robert Hunter, Alex McCausland, John Williams, Stephen Bowerman, Samuel Fowler and Thos Silverthorn also arrived.

BIOGRAPHIES

An example – SEWELL

William Sewell (1806 – 1883) married in 1830 – Sophia Ward (1804 – 1895) from Sunniedale Township settled in Euphrasia previous to 1854. Tradition says helped with the Meaford survey 1845 – 46. Had 4 sons and 1 daughter. He died in Euphrasia.

1. John Sewell (1832 – 1907) Learned the trade of blacksmith in the early Hamilton shop on Miller St, Meaford. Opened a shop of his own in early Griersville about 1854 or 55. Was noted as the contractor who cut the 4th con. line through the Griersville Rock, also the rock cut in the 9th con. near Blantyre. Was twice married, 1st family – William, and Louise and Mary of Euphrasia. 2nd family – Thomas L. of Heathcote, Joseph, Elizabeth and John of Meaford, Ben and James.
2. Thomas
3. Robert
4. Nancy – married a man named Lake.
5. Edward – (1845 – 1917) Learned blacksmith trade with brother in Griersville and in late sixties opened shop of his own in St Vincent (9th line and 15-16 sideroad). In 1870 was injured and sold his shop to J. B. Baker and came to Meaford and opened general store. In 1872 built his own store. Was elected to Council in 1891 - 1892. Defeated for Mayor in 1893 by 45 votes. Councillor again 1894–5-9-1900-2-

3-4-6. He married Sarah Parkin in 1866. Their family; Leonard, Arthur (went to B.C.), Alice Mrs. S. A. Gray, Emily, Mrs. James Bridget, Arlene, Mrs. Oliver Abbott.

An example JOHN FOX

John Fox was born in Chasefield, Suffolk, Eng. on July 8, 1840. Married in 1869 to Mary Meadows, and two years later the young couple arrived in Meaford, where John found work for a few years on a farm at Griersville, and then moved to Meaford about the time it was incorporated as a town. While not a pioneer in the true sense, the Fox's are an example of the many humble folk who, far from their native land, played their simple part in the labour of building up their adopted town, and were satisfied with its adoption of them into its way of life for the rest of their long life, asking for little else. John Fox died in his 90th year in 1929, his wife having predeceased him in 1923, aged 74.

Their family –

1. William – born 1872 – d Oct 1935 – married Rachel Wilson. One daughter Beatrice – Mrs Wm Rennie
2. George
3. John – born 1880 – d 1936 – married Jessie Taylor. One son Harold and 1 daughter Lillian – Mrs Alex Campbell
4. Sarah – married John J. Milligan, moved to Calgary
5. Louise – married Thos Smith, Kent, moved to Kakabeka Falls, Ontario.

For example C.R. SING AND JOSIAH SING

Cyrus Richmond and Josiah were the sons of Joseph and Sarah (Richmond) Sing. C.R. was born at Pickering in 1826. While at Dunedin in Simcoe County he heard of the settlement in St Vincent and he and his brother moved there and set up a carding machine in the basement of Purdy's Grist Mill, the first in Grey County. After the erection of a complete woollen mill by Jesse Purdy, the Sings left hoping to return when better able to meet this competition. They purchased land in Osprey Township and founded the Singhampton settlement. Josiah married and remained here when Cyrus returned to Meaford. Josiah Sing's family – Charles, Rebecca, and Sarah (Mrs W. H. Mason of Elmvale) Cyrus Sing married Amy Southard in 1856. He built a combined sawmill and woollen mill on the Big Head River. He also interested a Toronto lawyer in the St Vincent settlements. Clark Gamble put up the money and Sing began to purchase land. He built a home on a 900 acre estate east of Meaford settlements. In the early 60's he build a store block on Sykes St for rental purposes. In 1859 he began his career as a councillor and later reeve and then Warden of Grey County and in 1897 – 98 he was County Commissioner.

The family of Joseph and Sarah Sing

1. Cyrus Richmond
2. Josiah Rogers
3. Rebecca 1837 – 1901 married Rev Isaac Baker, Methodist
4. A. Elizabeth married Joseph Stovel, tailor and merchant

(Sarah Richmond Sing was the daughter of Cyrus Richmond U.E.L. who settled on the Bay of Quinte with his brother from New York State.)

RECOLLECTONS

An example Mrs J. C. Grant

Mrs Grant (Amyne Chantler) tells of coming to Meaford in 1844 with her mother to join her father, Moses. On their way up from York County they visited with friends and relatives, who, at the conclusion of the visit would take them on to the next stopping place. From Nottawasaga River (Wasaga Beach) they took a boat for Hen and Chickens (Collingwood) and from there to Hurontario where they stopped with a Mr and Mrs J. D. Stephens before going on to the Big Head River (Meaford). The journey was made by boat, following the shore line. After much discomfort from storm and rain they arrived at Peggy's Landing. The log house Mr Chantler has acquired for them was a great disappointment to his wife. But houses were scarce. The house was occupied by the Millers, Mrs Miller being the Peggy of Peggy's Landing, and with the coming of the Chantlers, the Millers were forced to find other living quarters. They had to move into a log barn, it being the only accommodation at the time.

Mrs Grant goes on to tell of Neighbours; travel, including a visit to Owen Sound; entertainment; the mills and taverns of early Meaford; steamships; and clearly indicates the hardships of early settlement.

The Chantlers had eight children

1. John merchant at Stroud
2. ? merchant at Newton Robinson
3. William
4. Elizabeth, married George McDougal, the noted Western Canada missionary
5. Mary, married David McDougal
6. George married Miss Hutchinson
7. Priscilla married William Grier
8. Amyne Mrs Grant

From Paper in Public Archives

The story of a Land Patent – David Doran, who in the spring of 1837 settled on Lot 28, Con 7 of St Vincent, was one of those having trouble in obtaining a patent. In 1838 after failing to get results from Price Mallory, local agent, sent an affidavit signed by ten of his neighbours, to the Land Office. However, the government had, in the meantime, assigned the land to a Lawrence Smith for a U.E.L. claim. From here on the matter became quite complicated, Smith having assigned his right to the lot to one Robert Carson, he in turn selling it to Duncan McLaren. Impressed with the justice of Doran's claim (he went to Montreal in person to protest) the government cancelled Smith's ticket, but the cancellation does not seem to have been effective, and in the meantime, Duncan McLaren died, and his brother Alex came into possession. Finally, in 1845, Surveyor Wm. Gibbard, found Doran's claim in order. But the last word was spoken in 1845, when W. H. Lee, Crown Land Commissioner, signed an order on August 20 for the issue of patent for the west ½ of lot 38, Con 7 to David Doran and the east ½ to McLaren. Doran's struggles thus came to an end, but he always believed until the end of his life, that Carsons and McLaren's were squatters on his land.

B,D,M Tara Leader (cont'd from Vol 6 No 3)

May 18, 1882

D: On the 4th. Crown Lands Agent Alexander McNabb, Southampton, Aged 73.

May 25, 1882

M: In the village of Woodbridge on the 18th of May, Hugh B. Gilmour, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilmour, Woodbridge, to Alfreda, eldest daughter of Mr. F. Nester of Tara.
Mr. William Morrow is building a fine residence on the 10th con. Arran.

June 1, 1882

M: On the 9th at the M. E. Manse, Invermay, by the Rev. R. Carson, Mr. Jacob Cross to Miss Rebecca Kerr, both of Sullivan.

D: In Tara, on the 25th, W. J. Brown, second son of Mr. James Brown, aged 21.

On the 25th infant son of Mr. John Doyle of Elderslie

At Allenford, on the 29th Mr. Robert Young, father of Messrs W. and J. Young, aged 62 years, 5 mos.

At Burgoyne, on the 26th Mr. John Worth. Aged 52 years 5 mos

"Local Grains: Last week Mr. Roger's neighbours made a bee and moved the machinery of his saw mill from Burgoyne to the new building in Derby, to be ready for work on 1st of July.

June 8, 1882

Tara Leader one year old!

D: In Derby on the 5th Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Robert Taylor. Aged 42 yrs, 2 months. At the same time, the infant son of the above.

OUR "PRE" BICENTENNIAL GOLD BEADS

In our possession are thirty-five round gold beads, which are part of two strands exchanged by my Dutch ancestors for their two hundred acres of "cheap" land, in what is now part of New York City. How did the gold beads come to Meaford?

In the winter of 1871 – 2 Mrs Lucy Ostroom (nee Crittendon) my great great grandmother, who was living in the United States, visited her daughter, Mrs Garret Vanhouten Smith of St Vincent Township. The two ladies had their photo taken, Mrs Ostroom wearing the above mentioned gold beads.

At the same time on the adjoining farm, Mrs Alonzo Smith (Mary Nelson) bore a daughter, who was named Lucy Isabel. Mrs Ostroom as a token of her delight, promised the gold beads to her namesake and great grand daughter. After Mrs Ostroom's death, the beads remained in the United States in the possession of Mrs Ostroom's other daughter, Mrs Sarah Welsh, until her death at which time May Welsh sent them to Lucy Isabel Smith. Lucy Isabel (Mrs David Adams) died in 1892 and the beads were given to her younger sister Margaret, Mrs Fred Gilmour, who proudly wore the heirloom until her death in 1951. Jean Terry Swain of Boise, Idaho, a cousin, applied for admission to "The Daughters of the American Revolution". In the verification of statements as to our ancestors living in United States before 1776, one of the requisitions for admission, the story of gold beads was discovered, making our heirloom a "pre-centennial" item.

Ken Gilmour

I shall pass through this world but once, If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do, let me do it now for I shall not come this way again.

Etienne deGrellet

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QUERIES

CARSON – COLE – CONNOR – Mary Carson m Lawrence Cole, lived in Owen Sound. 5 children – 1. Charlotte b 3/23/1880 m Connor; 2. Margaret; 3. Mary; 4. James b 1870, d Owen Sound 9/6/25; 5. Jack. Information requested by Mrs Ellen Hedlund, 14-13th St, Cloquet, Minn, U.S.A.

FLOOD – GRAY – WILSON – William Wilson b ca 1826, Ireland, m Sarah? b ca 1829 Ireland. Settled 1840's Normanby Twp, then to Owen Sound late 1850. Son George Wilson butcher in Markdale, m Mary Ann Gray dau of John Gray and Ann Flood? b ca 1816 Ireland. The Gray family settled first Trafalgar or Esquesing Twp in 1840's moved to Bentinck Twp 1840's then to Buinessan, Glenelg Twp, 1850's. Ann Flood believed dau of Thos Flood, b ca 1776, Ireland and sister of Christopher b Ireland 1801, settlers in Bentinck 1840's. Information requested by Murray A LeMasurier, 6 Dale Ave, Toronto. Ontario, M4W 1K4.

DOYLE – CIVIL – FOSTER – JOHNSON – James Doyle b ca 1850, in Ont, son of John Doyle and Mary Foster. James m Susan Civil b 1850 Ont, Jan 7, 1874. Susan dau of Thomas Civil and Elizabeth Foster. James had 5 bros and 1 sis? Information requested by Mrs. Gary C. Teel, P.O. Box 124, Winfield, B.C.

MACAULEY – John Macauley b 18 Jan 1822 Quebec, 1st w Hannah Shaw children, John; George, b Jan 18, 1846, Matthew; 4th child b at which time Hannah died, 2nd wife Aneo, their children 2 girls and son William. John d Aug 18, 1908 Man. George m Adeline Freeman 14 Nov 1892, Manitoba (name of Certificate spelled McCauley) George b Owen Sound.

BADGERO – PADGEROW – Lorenzo Badgero b Osprey Twp, 1850; son Charles b Melancthon Twp 1871, moved to Michigan 1880. Information requested by Jerry R Badgero.

HAYDEN – LANGSTAFF – MORRAN – MORRIN – Information on Hezekiah, Owen Sound; Manuel; Harry, b Tara; Nelson, Listowel; Oliver, Wingham; Clark, Listowel, Hayden, George, Andrew, Thomas John Langstaff of Arran or Keppel Twp. Andrew, John, Tom, Bob Morran or Morrin of Arran Twp. Also anyone interested in genealogical research in Moose Factory or Hudson Bay Co records. Carol Marcelle, 40 Tecumseh Road, Chatham, Ont M7M 1B1

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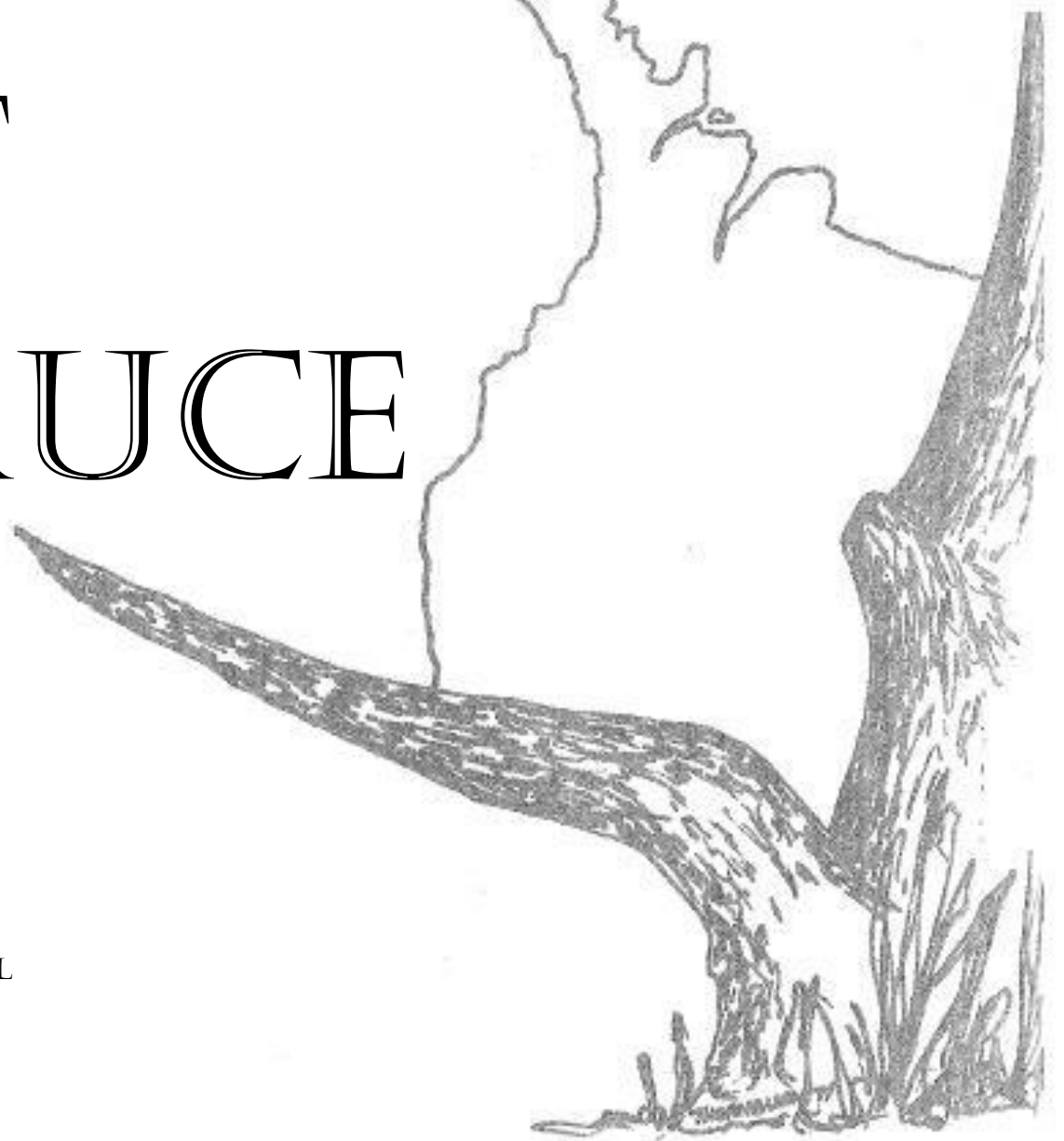
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Our local Society includes Bruce and Grey and unlike the modern trend to divorce – we want to stay together! Because those sending queries are confused by our name, Bruce Branch, they do not realize we are Grey, also. In fact, some make apologies for writing to the Bruce Branch about Grey queries. It has been suggested our name be changed to include Grey. We would like some input from Members on this matter. One suggestions “BRUCE AND GREY BRANCH”. May we hear your comments and suggestions either my mail or at the monthly meetings?

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Membership to OGS is \$12.00 per year and to the Bruce Branch \$2.00 per year – both are due January 1st. In addition to the many Society benefits, your OGS 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 OGS is attempting to co-ordinate and direct genealogical activity within the Province of Ontario. Your \$12.00 Membership provides the working funds for this activity.

Preserve Ontario's Past Join - - - - - O.G.S.
Our Bruce Branch Library is located in the Owen Sound Public Library.
Branch meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month.
No Meetings, July, August or December.

Branch Meeting Notes

Sept 28, 1976, at Christ The King Lutheran Church, Sauble Falls

About thirty persons attended, including Mrs Carol Acherman of Arlington Heights Ill. We discussed the name change and those present favoured the new title "Bruce and Grey Branch". Special mention was made of the Bruce County Marriages on Micro film 1859-69, as well as early editions of Wiarton Echo, which can now be seen at Owen Sound Library.

Delene Sampson and Laura Hills read brief histories of Sauble Falls and the building where the meeting was held, formerly Sauble Falls School.

Oct 26, 1976 at Carnegie Hall, Mount Forest

A very well attended meeting – 60 or more persons; also many fine displays of maps, sources and resources. During our introduction period a very old Declaration of Apprenticeship, a Gaelic Bible, and a Family Tree, were shown; mention was made of the proposed Elderslie Township History. Tom Armstrong introduced Mr. Eldon Weber, president of Ontario Genealogical Society, who with the use of maps and charts, explained the "why" and "where" of the movements of peoples in the Germanic area of Europe. He also commented on the similarity of dialect spoken by those and some of our own groups in Bruce and Grey. Because of political and religious pressures many communities moved to Pennsylvania and hence to land along the

Grand River in Ontario, some stopping in the British Isles on the way. Some of the Weber family thus came to Kennilworth and so to the area of our meeting place.

Our speaker reminded us of our duty to write a true and uncoloured record of our generations, noting dates of birth, marriage, death and being sure to quote parents names to facilitate tracings.

Mrs Basil Underwood thanked the speaker.

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QUERIES

CAMPBELL–MacDOUGALL–O'ROURKE Sarah CAMPBELL b U.C. m Allan MacDougall b Jura, Scot, where? when? Lived in Harriston & Minto Twp until her death 1880's 7 child; Mary Ann m Jim O'Rourke, Guelph. Mrs Howard E. Ellis, 3940 E. Elm, Wichita, Kansas 67208

BELCHER - John Belcher b circa 1802 m Elizabeth Grafton b 1807 moved to Southampton also Alexander Emerson Belcher b 1844 m Augusta Barnes and his brother Joshua. Alex d 1926 Toronto; Mrs Kaye Dukowski, R. R. #1, Beaver Creek Road, Port Alberni, B.C. V94 7L5

MUNN – IRVING – STORTON – JOHNS - Geo Munn and wife Janet Irving d of John Irving, Paisley, their fam, 4 girls, 1 boy, moved 1880-90 to Devlin, Rainey River Dist, also Maud Storton, and Mary Johns of Southampton; Mrs. J. J. Munn, Box 175 Atikokan, Ont
SPLAN information of Splan family of Greenock and Kincardine sought by Sandra J. Caden.

STAUFFER – ELLENBAWM – GASS - Joel Eli Stauffer m Lydia Ellenbawm emigrated to Penna then to Waterloo Co and to Lucknow area. Catherine Stauffer m James Geo Gass, info on any of these families to Mrs Mary K. Townsend, 3040 Millville Rd, Lapeer Mi 48446, USA.

DOBBIN - descendents of James Dobbin of Elderslie Twp. Dobbinton named for this family? Info to E.D. Price, 210 Balfour Ave, Winnipeg, Man R3L 1N5

ATKEY – TRAFALGAR – LEWIS - James Atkey m Jane Trafalgar, both b 1806? Isle of Wight, Eng. Enter Canada aprox 1854, 7 child. Missionary to Jones Range (Oxenden). Both buried Oxenden. Request names of parents, bro, sis, etc son Henry b 1840, Emily Lewis b 1842 m aprox 1869, dau of James Lewis both b England. Info requested by Mrs A. E. Pletsch, 25 O'Neill St Chatham, Ont N7M 3A4

PLETSCH JOHN PFEFFER CATHERINA SCHWAML ANNIE or JENNIE All - b Germany. John b 1817 d 1906 m 1857 Waterloo to Catherine Pfeffer b 1834 d 1914, buried Walkerton, Annie or Jennie Pfeffer m Henry Schwalm? Germany. Mrs H Schwalm & Rev Conrad Pfeffer both resided Tavistock, 1914. Any info on above families also . . . anyone who can read old German script writing? Mrs. A. E. Pletsch as above.

GUNN – TOOKE - Henrietta, b Scot 1841, parents John and Mary Gunn, m Wm Leonard Tooke, Kincardine Twp about 1861. Bros Neil and John, latter operated St. George Hotel, Thornbury, 1905 – 1910. Requested by W. J. Tooke, 77 Pintail Cr Don Mills, Ont M3A 2Y6

DERMOTT - Robert Lawrence Dermott b Feb 21, 1878, Mono Twp, Simcoe Co, parents William and Ann (SPIERS) Dermott. Info on above requested by William F Yeomans, 4711-48 Ave Red Deer, Alberta T4N 3T1

HUCK – VON SCHELL – CHITTICK - George Huck m Madeleine VonSchell, their son Martin m Sarah Chittick, lived in Allan Park area. Info sought also on parents of Sarah Chittick. Geo Huck of Campbell St Walkerton related to above? Mrs. C. H. Edward 22 Victoria St S. Goderich, Ont

WHITE - James arrived in Owen Sound 1878, councillor 3 terms, info on parents, b and d dates requested by Mr William Christmas, 7 Deerfield Rd Scarborough, Ont M1K 4W8
Address omitted . . . Sandra J. Caden 1363 M 28 East, Marquette, Mi 49855

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AT THE LIBRARY

BRUCE COUNTY MARRIAGES 1859 – 1869 not indexed, Vol 1 – 1859-1969 United Counted Huron & Bruce; Vol 12- 1858-1880 Brant Mission Primitive Methodist

WIARTON ECHO on microfilm from July 4, 1879 – Dec 1929 incomplete

* JOSEPHBURG HERITAGE donated by Audrey Underwood

*FAMILY HISTORY OF VALENTINE FISCHER & BARBARA OBENHACK donated by
Wm Hill and Gordon Lyons

* KERR FAMILY donated by Mrs Victor Dudgeon from the author Janis Kerr Arnold

* ANSTETT, A History and Descendant Record by Radigan, with Anstett and Kennedy donated by Anita Kennedy

HISTORY OF SS #4 GREENOCK TWP Bruce Co by Mrs Geo Young

CEMETERIES–Riversdale RC Greenock, Greenhill Lucknow, Jackman’s Derby Twp, Barber’s (St James), Derby Twp, Hamilton’s Derby Twp.

BIRTH MARRIAGES DEATHS – Arran Twp about 1900

LETTERS Vol #1 – Adam Beattie 1848, #2- Portiss 1869-1901

CHURCH RECORDS Bervie Churches from Mrs Arnold

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*** REVIEWS**

Josephburg Heritage – A booklet of the pioneers and their descendants from Josephburg, Alberta, prepared in 1967 and edited by Mrs A. Mohr. It is the story of the western pioneer George Becker from Galacia, Austria and his neighbours – BERG, ROMERLAN, FREY, GAUF, GEISLINGER, GRAESER, HENNIG, KREBS, KRIEGER, KULAH, MOHR, RIPPEL, SCHMIDT, THOMAS, UNDERSCHULTZ.

Family History of Valentin Fischer and Barbara Obenhack – This history is given in two parts – the first in Germany. The family is Hessian from Hartershausen where church records go back to 1665 and land records to 1574. In their ancestral homes the “Wisse” house, they found family documents carefully preserved from 1686.

The second part of the Fischer history is the family in Canada (main area of settlement Ayton, Ontario). It contains pictures, letters, and a family tree to June 1975.

Related family names are – SEIP, LANTZ, WERNER, HOLLINGER, KRAMER, POAG, BAETZ, WEPPLER, GREIN, HILL, ORTMAN, PARKER, KAHL, SCHAUS, MAY, BROWN, CLARRIDGE.

George Kerr and Sarah Lavina Adams –

Typical of many area families Mrs Arnold states “The Kerr family were not native Irish, of this we can be quite sure. They were educated Protestants and although occasion placed their birth in Ireland, they considered themselves of Scottish origin. Ireland was used only as a stepping-stone in their eventual settlement in America.”

This Kerr family arrived in the Grey-Bruce area prior to 1861; Elderslie Twp was their main area of settlement.

Even if your name isn't Kerr, I suggest looking through this history. Mrs Arnold carefully lists her sources and you might find an idea. Related names are – WILLISCROFT, HUNT, BELL, in the second generation. Addition material requested by Mrs Forrest Arnold, 16025 25th Ave S.W., Seattle, Wash 98166

Anstett – A History and Descendant Record

Few of us can boast that our family history was the result of a Beauty Contest. The Anstett history came as a result of the many letters "Didi" Anstett received when she was chosen Miss U.S.A. in 1968 and was also runner up in the Miss Universe Contest.

It is the record of 3 branches of the family –

1. Francis Antoine Anstett from Alsace Lorraine 1841, to New Germany, Ont to Formosa, Ontario
2. Joseph Anstett from Alsace 1873 to Formosa, Ontario to Chepstow, Ontario
3. Michael Anstett from Alsace 1845 to New York State, cousin to Francis Antoine

I found this book fascinating with genealogical advice we can all use. From Chapt 3 entitled The Jigsaw Puzzle – "Dad had 64 first cousins! He seldom talked about them, and I had not met any of them. He had 12 uncles and aunts. I had never heard them mentioned." We can sense the thrill of the "chase" as the clues are listed one by one.

Suggested reading for those with ties to Alsace Lorraine, (villages of Ohlunger, Weitbruch and Kaltenhouse), are the chapters on background history of this area of Europe. Names using married names of women are indexed in lineal descent. The following names appeared in generation 1 & 2.

ROETHEL, ERNEWEIN, TSCHIRHART, BATTE, LEICHMAN, CALDWELL, ROACH, EDWARDS, GORMICAN, PHILLEY, HESCH, SCHAEFER, HEHN, LANG, WINTERS, OBRECHT, VOISIN, HEIP

A copy is \$3.50 from Mrs F. M. Radigan, 625 Mt Piney Ave St Petersburg, Florida, 33702

Newsletters

When you have reached the "end" with no hope for fresh material, I suggest reading thro' our exchange newsletters.

We have placed in separate volumes our exchange publications. Every effort has been made to have all the issues in the volume.

Ottawa Branch Newsletter – This is a valuable guide for researching in the Archives. In addition to indicating the index for a given year, a card index was prepared to refer to special articles.

And briefly – Halton Peel – "Newspapers of seaport cities in Ireland gave a list of people embarking on ships to America" (Folley)

Hamilton – Anglican Records, Diocese of Niagara and procedure to view – Vol 7 #5 & #5, #6 Cemeteries in Wentworth County, #8 Reminds us "The cheapest way to have your family Tree traced is to run for office."

Kawartha – Wondering about the name plan used by your ancestors? Check Vol 1, #4

Kingston Branch – Excellent for U.E.L.'s and Kingston area. Project completed – St Mary's Parish, Diocese of Kingston 1816 – 1869

London Branch – Basic Genealogy – Suggest you check this out.

Toronto Branch – Thank you, Mrs Peart, for Volume One

Waterloo Wellington – 1859 Collector's Roll – Waterloo County

Saskatchewan Genealogical Society – Excellent for European research. Vol 6 #1 – the Slava, Czechoslovakia, Ukraine, Hungary, Romania

Simcoe County Historical – We require Vol One all issues and Vol 2 #1. Can you help us?

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ELDERSLIE TOWNSHIP

From the Tara Leader, Aug 17, 1899

The following facts concerning the settlement of the Township of Elderslie are from a paper read by Mr J.C. McIntyre, clerk of Elderslie at the recent Pioneers' Picnic at Port Elgin: "The township of Elderslie in the County of Bruce was originally surveyed by Mr G. McPhillips, P.L.S. in the year 1851 and the land was brought into market by the Crown Lands Department in the year 1854. The land was rapidly taken up for actual settlement by a class of settlers who proved themselves to be people of much physical energy and unlimited powers of endurance in the arduous undertaking of carving out homes for themselves from the giant forest with which the lands of the County of Bruce was then covered, an undertaking which has been the wonder and astonishment of the most thoughtful of the present generation In the summer of 1855 when I came to the township there was not a government lot for sale in the whole township – every lot apparently was taken up – although much of the land was yet unoccupied, the settlers were moving in from all quarters. In 1855 there was yet no municipal council in the township. It was still a sort of tag or appendage to the township of Arran. It is true up to that time there was scarcely any need for municipal machinery. Times were exceedingly good as the old pioneers will remember, being about the close of the Crimean War when wheat was \$2.25 a bushel and everything in proportion. Well, by the fall of 1855 quite a number of settlers being now located in the municipality it was admitted on all hands that it was not necessary any longer to be under the protective wing of the township of Arran. So the necessary arrangements were made for holding the first election of municipal councillors and officials in the township the first Monday in January, 1856. Mr. Thomas Orchard who was then a store-keeper and postmaster in Paisley was appointed returning officer. Mr G. C. Urquhart acted as poll clerk and Wm Lyon, a quiet, honest bachelor, settled in what is now called Egypt, discharged the duties of constable. There were no ballot boxes in those days. The election was held by open voting in Sam Rowe's tavern in Paisley and occupied two days. The list of voters was supplied by the township of Arran and was certainly not very large. The successful candidates at this election were George Williscroft, Charles Ginty, John Gillies, Robert Falconer and Samuel T. Rowe. The first meeting of this first council was held on the 22nd day of January, 1856, in Sam Rowe's tavern, Paisley. S. T. Rowe was elected reeve and George C. Urquhart was appointed township clerk; Thos Orchard was appointed treasurer; Donald McIntyre and John Henderson were appointed auditors for the current year and instructed to examine the Arran treasury as we had no accounts to audit. Of

course, the financial transactions in Arran at that time were not very heavy either, so that the auditors had a snap. I may perhaps be permitted to add that Mr Wm McBride and myself had the honor of auditing the first financial transactions of the township the following spring. The accounts were kept in pounds shillings and pence and the expenditure of the first year (1856) was 107 pounds, 14 shillings, 1 ½ pence. Hugh McDougall, one of the present county commissioners, was the first assessor in the north half of the township and Sam Scott in the south half. George Williscroft, Jr., was the first collector of taxes.

How tall is your Ancestral Tree?

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

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

Time, patience and persistent digging – best describe this pastime that enthalls an ever-increasing number of folks.

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

List these basic facts for yourself: -

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

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

May we suggest that you bring your findings to our next meetings? Histories, cemetery recordings, pedigrees, maps, bring them . . . We want to learn all about them.

LEST WE FORGET

The above is a reprint of page 3, Vol 1, No 1, Feb 1971 of Branches of Bruce

We wish to pay special homage to those brave people listed above. . . . the first fourteen members of Bruce Branch! Because of their foresight, encouragement and hard work the Bruce Grey Branch is now a 300+ member organization. On behalf of all those who have benefitted in any way through the Branch, we wish to extend a grateful thanks. We owe it all to you! THANK YOU Betty and Delene

From the Owen Sound Sun Times, Nov 17, 1933

Elderslie township council met on Nov 6th at Gillies Hill. It was moved and seconded by Councillors Alexander and Davis that the following be paid Wesley Porter, weed inspector; Dr Rannie, medical officer; J. T. Richardson, sanitary inspector; R. Sloan, member of L.B. of H; Geo McKay, member of L.B. of H., R.C. Pearce, secty of L.B. of H; Wm McDonald, printing contract; A.E. Pickard, supplies; A.E. Tanner, road superintendant; McCarthur's

Hardware, supplies; A.L. McKinnon, wire fence; E. Harris, weed inspector; Alex Gowanlock, selecting jurors; T. J. Hanbidge, sheep killed; W.T. Waugh, gas; J.W. Young, sheep valuator; W.J. Mink, hauling wood; work on roads, J. J. McCurdy, J. Waugh, W.P. Maxwell, A. Campbell, H. Daley, A. D. Slumskie, H. Cruickshank, F. Armstrong, T. Y. McKinnon, A. Brown, J. Dudgeon, H. Vancise. It was moved and seconded by Councillors Davis and Tanner that council adjourn

From the Tara Leader, July 12, 1900

A PIONEER WEDDING

A reporter of the Toronto Sun attended the Pioneer Picnic in Port Elgin on June 15th, when he met a number of prominent early settlers of the county. The following wedding notice he wrote up is somewhat belated, but as the parties mentioned are well known to many of our readers, it is worthy of reproduction at this date: "Weddings are always interesting. But roll into one half a dozen of the "pretty weddings" of June 1900 and the story would be dullness itself in comparison with the romance and human interest surrounding the wedding of Thomas Pearce and Mary McIntyre of Elderslie nearly half a century ago. Mr Pearce was then living near where Paisley is now, and the nearest Presbyterian minister was in Southampton, sixteen miles away. Thither then the happy couple journeyed for the purpose of having the ceremony performed. They did not go in a carriage; the bride-to-be was not even mounted like Priscilla, the Puritan maiden. The lovers were ferried in a birch bark canoe across the Saugeen, where the iron bridge stands now, and then they walked the rest of the way. Arriving at Southampton they found the minister all right, but there was no one in the place authorized to issue a license. Donald McIntyre, brother of the bride, who was one of the party, was at once ordered back to Paisley to get the necessary document. Mr McIntyre started that same evening, he travelled all night, and early next morning he was back in Southampton with the precious document in his possession. The ceremony was forthwith performed, and the party started on foot on their return to Paisley. "We reached there all right during the day," said Mr McIntyre in describing the incident, "and after partaking of the feast prepared we danced till broad daylight in the morning." Mrs Pearce threatened me with dire chastisement if I told the story, but I trust I shall be forgiven now. There is now cause to blush for the past. There were men and women in the old day, and next to the good name which the fathers and mothers of the early fifties have given their children the most precious possession bequeathed is the mental and physical vigor which has passed from parents to sons. But this is not all the story. The vigor shown at the beginning marked the commencement of housekeeping. One short October day Mr Pearce and his wife started for Chatsworth with a yoke of oxen. They had not a jumper even; merely their oxen, the yoke that held them together, and a chain dragging. At Chatsworth they stopped for the night. Next day the party walked into Owen Sound, purchased their supplies, and walked back to Chatsworth. There Mr Pearce cut down some small trees in the bush, made a jumper, and on this the young couple hauled their supplies to their new home at Paisley, some twenty-six miles away. Before this, before his marriage in fact – Mr. Pearce led a cow from near Toronto to where Paisley is now. This was when he first removed to Elderslie in 1851."

From Tara Leader Feb 20, 1908

DIED – KING – In the township of Elderslie on Mon, Feb 3, 1908, Mrs Rebecca King, relict of the late Andrew King, aged 105 years.

The death of Mrs Andrew King of Elderslie township at the advanced age of 105 years, took place at the home of her son, James Patchell, on Monday of last week. She was a woman of remarkable physique and even during her last years was active and possessed of good health. During her last illness she was confined to her bed for two weeks. Her sight was good and up to a comparatively short period could read well, while knitting was a favourite pastime. Mrs King was born in Ireland and came to the township of Elderslie in 1856. She was twice married, her first husband being Mr Patchell. Her second husband was Andrew King and since his death she has lived with her sons, visiting them in turn. The sons are David and James Patchell and George King, Elderslie and Andrew C King of Arran. The funeral took place on Thursday to Tara cemetery and was largely attended.

Query Information requested on Patchell and King families by Mrs Basil Underwood, R.R. #2, Port Elgin, Ont N0H 2C0

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From Owen Sound Sun Times Mar 31, 1945 (from our Birthday Book)

Mrs Duncan McGregor, Queen St N, Paisley, celebrated her 88th birthday, Mar 22, Mrs McGregor, maiden name Kezia Collins, recalls going to school at the red school house which was at the south end of town on Queen St. The railroad came to Paisley in 1872 and the tracks were so close to the school that it was unsafe for the children, so a new school was built on the site of the present school.

Mrs McGregor remembers when Paisley was a thriving town with a population of 1700. There were woolen mills, a carpet factory, foundry and tannery, all doing a good business. She recalls when the town hall was built and when the bell was erected in this hall. She recites some verse, composed by John Murdock –

There was old Daddy Farr who was first of the lot,
McKechnie and Chambers and old Wally Scott:
There was Breakwater Robinson, McCormick and Coe,
And last but not least, there was Barrie and Joe.
Prize taking McArthur, two Steeles and two Reids,
Buchanan who shoes a horse, physics and bleeds;
Road-making McGregor whom Council employ,
A ruddy descendant of robber Rob Roy.

The McGregor family:

Duncan; Lorne; Perry; Lottie, Mrs Wm Jack; Harry; David; Gladstone.

Also from the birthday book – J.A. McArthur, 91 yrs; Mrs James Shaw, 99 years.

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A project of our Branch is collection obituary scrap books. Anyone desiring a copy of any of the following, please write Mrs. Percy Warrilow, R. R. #6, Owen Sound, Ont, N4K 5N8

Please enclose a stamped self addressed envelope and 25¢ to cover cost of photo copying.
Refer to the obituary by name, date and code number in column three. This listing pertains to the Elderslie area.

Armstrong, Chas	9 Jan	1950	1 A 4
Allen, Dr Alexander H	11 Mar	1948	1 A 21
Atkinson, John	16 Feb	1960	1 A 23
Bradley, J. J.	23 June	1944	1 B 4
Bryant, Chas	15 Feb	1944	1 B 4
Bell, Elsie (Mrs W Muncar)	1 Apr	1944	1 B 5
Brown, E. Russell	17 Feb	1945	1 B 9
Bearman, Emma	11 Jan	1943	1 B 51
Blackburn, Miss M	22 Dec	1959	1 B 84
Blackburn, Mary (Mrs J. Campbell)	2 Jan	1950	1 B 98
Bradshaw, Jean (Mrs Les Dalgarno)	27 Dec	1972	2 B 7
Beaton, Mary (Mrs Wm Young)	8 June	19??	2 B 11
Bearman Fred W	4 Jan	1946	2 B 20
Clements Jas P.	11 Sept	1950	1 C
Crawford, Frances J (Mrs Morran)	26 June	1948	1 C 50
Crawford, Dorcas	7 July	1948	1 C 52
Catto, Peter	28 Feb	1956	1 C 55
Currie, Lillie Mae (Mrs W Weaver)	15 Mar	1956	1 C 58
Cavill, Wm J	5 Dec	1958	1 C 58
Cassels, Ellen (Mrs R Fortune)	4 Jan	1950	1 C 59
Carter, Miss C	10 Jan	1950	1 C 65
Connor, Donald	14 Aug	1945	1 C 92
Davis, Eubert Lorne	3 July	1946	1 D 1
Dobbin, Ruth	22 Mar	1946	1 D 20
Dawm, Wm	8 July	1952	1 D 25
Dustow, Stephen	18 June	1952	1 D 25
Dobbin, Jennie (Mrs Snider Price)	14 May	1957	1 D 39
Dudgeon, Edward	Nov	1952	1 D 39
Davie, George	29 July	195?	1 D 40
Elliot, Helen (Mrs David McLure)	16 Feb	1956	1 E 3
Elves, Mary Elizabeth (Mrs J C Young)	20 Oct	1944	1 E 6
Ewing, William	7 May	1946	1 E 7
Elliott, Miss Belle	24 Oct	1955	1 E 8
Ewart, Alex	26 May	1972	1 E 29
Elwes, E. Donald	4 May	1972	1 E 30
Fraser, Clifton George	13 Jan	1943	1 F 1
Flack, Sarah Ann (Mrs J Trelford)	20 Jan	1945	1 F 2
Follis, Robt J	22 Jan	1943	1 F 5
Foster, Hugh	17 Feb	1950	1 F 8
Fenton, Jennie Marg (Mrs W McGill)	11 July	1972	1 F 21
Fullerton, Miss L	7 Sept	1962	1 F 29
Ford, Col Elroy	5 Nov	1953	1 F 39
Flinn, James	3 Mar	1953	1 F 39
Foster, Edward H	29 Mar	1945	1 F 48
Foster, Sgt W. A.	11 May	1945	1 F 48

Gerrard, Barbara (Mrs. E. Durie)	16 Sept	1955	1 G 1
Gribble, Mary (Mrs. M. Jackson)	18 Jan	1951	1 G 6
Gateman, Mary (Mrs J. Spring)	16 Mar	1946	1 G 10
Griffith, Margaret	26 Jan	1957	1 G 11
Grant, Miss Marian	26 Mar	1960	1 G 16
Glenn, Mary Elizabeth (Mrs W. T. Ross)	8 May	1946	1 G 21
Gregg, Robert J.	2 June	1944	1 G 25
Grafer, Mrs Wm	30 July	1952	1 G 127
Grove, Wm	20 Jan	1960	1 G 31
Graham, David	10 Oct	1945	1 G 31
Gosse, James	24 Sept	1952	1 G 34
Grant, Mrs Wm	4 Aug	1945	1 G 36
Gaiser (Mrs J. Truemner)	17 Apr	1950	1 G 39
Grant, R.E.	7 Mar	1961	1 G 49
Gibson, Rev Dr Alexander ?	21 Aug	1945	1 G 51
Raeburn-Gibson Rev Dr Alexander	21 Aug	1945	1 G 51
Griffith, Clarence	Apr	1970	1 G 57
Gibson, Morley Elmer	Aug	1970	1 G 59
Gobert, Alvin	20 Mar	1973	1 G 61
Grant, Harvey	7 May	1973	1 G 62
Gerrard, Silas	28 Aug	1975	1 G 63
Guinn N (Mrs P. Worthington)	18 July	1973	1 G 80
Gregg Dan Wallace	5 Nov	1973	1 G 82
Gottschalk, John Kenneth	16 Jan	1974	1 G 83
Hogg, Mary (Mrs Thos Pearce)	26 Jan	1949	1 H 7
Henry, Martha Jane (Mrs Jas McEwen)	28 Oct	1941	1 H 7
Hilts, Rev J. A.	1 Dec	1943	1 H 7
Hauser, Mrs John	12 Sept	1938	1 H 12
Heinmiller Wm	15 Sept	1945	1 H 17
Hetherington, June (Mrs G. Norton)	18 May	1960	1 H 19
Hopper, Isabelle Anne	15 Sept	1952	1 H 31
Haney, Samuel	8 Sept	1952	1 H 32
Hemstock, Lola (Mrs C Daily)	13 Sept	1956	1 H 33
Hammond, Wm J	24 June	1952	1 H 34
Heiseman, Mary Anne (Mrs J. Krug)	17 May	1955	1 H 37
Hay, James Gibson	15 Dec	1944	1 H 47
Halliday, Miss M. M.	4 Oct	1970	1 H 48
Hammond Jas	20 Mar	1957	1 H 54
Hope, Joseph Ward	23 June	1953	1 H 58
Heslop, John	23 Nov	1955	1 H 61
Hay, Robt Jas	20 June	1953	1 H 64
Hood, Miss May	22 Feb	1951	1 H 67
Haney, Wm	6 Jan	1951	1 H 67
Hooey, Edward	8 Mar	1948	1 H 70
Hargreaves, Eric Jas	25 Sept	1952	1 H 87
Hoegy, Mary Catherine (Mrs Wm Clea)	18 Sept	1941	1 H 93
Hopper, R. J.	23 Mar	1945	1 H 94
Harper, Dr Wm E.	18 June	1940	2 H 1
Ickler, John	31 Jan	1957	1 I 3
Irwin, William	5 Apr	1960	1 I 4

Knapp, Miss C	6 Oct	1953	1 K 2
Kyle, Molly (Mrs J. Hetherington)	31 Mar	1948	1 K 2
Kyle, Norval	11 Feb	1953	1 K 5
Kaufman, Sarah (Mrs. J. Siebert)	10 Mar	1953	1 K 11
Krug, Wm	29 Aug	1950	1 K 36
Kyle, Miss Mary	16 July	1941	1 K 36
Krug, George	5 Feb	1945	1 K 39
Krauter, Louise (Mrs Angus Brown)	1 Feb	1961	1 K 44
Krug, Stanley	11 Nov	1972	1 K 44
Krug, Walter	Feb	1970	1 K 46
Klages, Gottlieb		1970	1 K 49
Kloepfer, Gregory	Mar	1971	1 K 49
Keith, Jean (Mrs Geo Bain)	23 Feb	1972	1 K 53
Lee, Ethel (Mrs T. McComb)	24 Oct	1953	1 L 1
Lillico, R. J.	9 Jan	1950	1 L 16
Lewis, Miss Ella	10 Nov	1952	1 L 28
Leitch, David G	21 June	1945	1 L 58
Lettau, Albert	9 Feb	1961	1 L 60
McManus, Jas Albert	5 Feb	1945	1 M 3
Munn (Mrs Wm McKessock)	10 Nov	1944	1 M 12
McMillan, John J	4 Dec	1944	1 M 12
McNeil, Sarah (Mrs W McNeil)	21 Dec	1943	1 M 15
Malcolm, Jennie (Mrs J. Kirkwood)	23 Feb	1942	1 M 17
Manery, Robt John	24 Apr	1944	1 M 37
Montgomery, W. J.	28 Feb	1956	1 M 47
Mitchell, Elizabeth (Mrs CJG Krug)	15 Sep	1953	1 M 48
Munn, Miss Mary	30 Mar	1953	1 M 55
Martin, T.E.	13 Feb	1956	1 M 61
Mair, Agnes Amy	12 Oct	1955	1 M 63
McTaggart, J. H. B.	23 May	1953	1 M 74
McLaughlin, Edward	28 July	1955	1 M 79
McConachie, Olive (Mrs P McAllister)	14 Nov	1955	1 M 84
McNeill, John D	15 Feb	1951	1 M 89
McKinnon, Isabel Agnes (Mrs D Stewart)	21 Apr	1951	1 M 90
Metzger, Jacob	27 May	1946	1 M 94
Maxwell, Miss Alice	2 Mar	1956	1 M 94
McLennan (Mrs Roderick)	26 Jun	1952	2 M 3
McDonald, Wm	16 Dec	1959	2 M 3
McCurdy, Martha (Mrs A Mills)	15 Sep	1956	2 M 4
McDermid, Annie (Mrs S. K. Ewart)	5 Jun	1952	2 M 4
McArthur, Angus	8 Dec	1959	2 M 4
McBeath, Catherine	24 May	1955	2 M 5
McCurdy, Mary Ann (Mrs J. Crawford)	9 Aug	1952	2 M 5
McGillivray, J.A.	15 Sep	1952	2 M 12
Minke, Louisa	23 Sep	1938	2 M 17
McLaren, Miss Annie	10 Sep	1945	2 M 22
Mell, Emma (Mrs Cornelius Moore)	9 Jul	1938	2 M 30
McBeath, Alex	18 April	1960	2 M 35
McKinnon, Peter	16 Jun	1952	2 M 53
McGregor, Alex	16 Feb	1960	2 M 60

McLaughlin, David	14 Jan	1957	2 M 69
McCurdy, Kathleen	15 Jan	1957	2 M 69
McMorran, A. W.	7 Nov	1958	2 M 75
McKay, Miss M.	25 Feb	1953	2 M 87
McIntyre, David Norman	9 Nov	1945	3 M 9
Milne, Jas R	28 June	1945	3 M 9
McArthur, John	29 May	1945	3 M 10
Montgomery, Matildah Ann (Mrs. Jas Thompson)	9 Mar	1961	3 M 20
Marshall, Senator Duncan	17 Jan	1946	3 M 32
Nelson, Florence	7 May	1945	1 N 2
Nichol, Jennie (Mrs J. Warmington)	11 Sep	1961	1 N 4
Nesbitt, Arthur	11 Jun	1948	1 N 15
Oswald, Robert	10 Sep	1945	1 O 6
Pearce, T. French	20 Feb	1945	1 P 2
Pegelo, Chas	23 Sep	1938	1 P 11
Pearce, Albert	22 Jan	1951	1 P 16
Park, Mary (Mrs Jas Lewis)	20 Aug	1955	1 P 28
Patterson, Margaret Hopper (Mrs H. Yuers)	19 Feb	1951	1 P 36
Patterson, Elizabeth Ann (Mrs D McTavish)	12 Aug	1952	1 P 37
Porter, Harvey	21 Jul	1951	1 P 41
Pearce, M. M. (Mrs J Thompson)	15 Oct	1941	1 P 42
Putnam, Mary Anita (Mrs Jas Fleming)	4 Jun	1945	1 P 45
Peterson, Dr Morris	7 Dec	1950	1 P 47
Ruthven, Geo	9 Feb	1956	1 R 1
Robb, Margaret Ann (Mrs A Watson)	8 Feb	1947	1 R 2
Rolston, Anna Pearline (Mrs R A Tooke)	24 Nov	1952	1 R 4
Richardson, Miss Mary	3 Jun	1948	1 R 11
Ruthven, Edna May (Mrs Johnston Bannerman)	7 Jan	1950	1 R 13
Reed Lilly May (Mrs Wm Cook)	4 Apr	1956	1 R 24
Ross Alex C	13 Jul	1945	1 R 40
Reid, Isabel (Mrs Wm Hammill)	2 Mar	1942	1 R 43
Rae, Bella (Mrs McLean)	30 Apr	1945	1 R 52
Spencer, Susanna (Mrs J Shouldice)	22 Aug	1944	1 S 2
Spencer, Sarah (Mrs Neil McKay)	16 May	1942	1 S 9
Sparrow, Annie (Mrs Wm Harris)	15 Aug	1952	1 S 25
Slumskie, Arthur	24 Dec	1959	1 S 27
Steeds, Wm J	5 Jan	1951	1 S 53
Stoddart, Henry E	11 Jan	1959	1 S 58
Smith, Howard	25 Aug	1961	1 S 58
Stanley, Angelina (Mrs Harold Osborne)	27 Aug	1945	1 S 96
Stuck, William	11 Jan	1960	1 S 100
Sparrow, Annie (Mrs W. J. McIvor)	13 June	1945	2 S 5
Schultz, Catherine (Mrs Wm Pruder)	19 May	1945	2 S 8
Sherwood, Rhoda Ann (Mrs J. Collins)	30 May	1945	2 S 9
Shaw, Robert	4 Apr	1942	2 S 11
Thompson, John	27 Sep	1955	1 T 2
Thomas, Dr F. A.	20 Mar	1942	1 T 26
Thomson, Jules V	23 Dec	1942	1 T 26
Thomas, Elizabeth (Mrs A. Anderson)	20 Dec	1943	1 T 28
Teeple, Jas	23 Aug	1961	1 T 31

Taylor, Angus	20 Nov	1944	1 T 34
Watson, Robert A	2 Jan	1945	1 W 7
Watson, Robert A	1 Apr	1953	1 W 26
Watson, Eliza (Mrs E Majury)	7 Jul	1948	1 W 28
Watson, Sarah Elizabeth (Mrs Robt Sloan)	9 Jan	1957	1 W 41
Wilson, Alex	12 Aug	1952	1 W 58
Winch, Wm	24 Aug	1945	1 W 69
Watson, Edythe Irene (Mrs H. McCulloch)	5 Sep	1950	1 W 72
West, Deborah (Mrs T. W. Brown)	12 Jul	1941	1 W 73
Wrightson, Jane (Mrs J. Sparrow)	4 Apr	1945	1 W 79
Yeoman, John C	2 Jan	1947	1 Y 2

Elderslie Township (cont) ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

1. * Canada Public Archives Census Records, Bruce County, 1851, 1861, 1871
 2. * Directory of the County of Bruce, Canada Est, 1867 – Rookledge **
 3. * Illustrated Atlas of the County of Bruce 1880 **
 4. * Marriage Register Collection 1859 – 1869, Bruce Co. – Ont Archives
 5. * Directories – Union Publishing – Ont Archives–1886–7, 1889, 1896, 1898, 1903, 1914
 6. * History of Co of Bruce to 1906 – Robertson
 7. * History of Co of Bruce 1907 - 1968 McLeod
 8. * An Historic Album of Paisley
 9. * The History of Scone School Section 1854 – 1974 McLaughlin
 10. * St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chesley –Rev Earl Albrecht
Bruce Co Historical Society Year Book 1970
* Echoes From the Past in Paisley District – Paisley Advocate
Bruce Co Historical Society Year Book 1972
* Paisley Baptist Church – McDermid
Bruce Co Historical Society Year Book 1973
* Paisley, The Village of Bridges – Parker
Bruce Co Historical Society Year Book 1974
 11. The Weekly newspaper provides a veritable gold mine of genealogical material. If your ancestor is from the Elderslie Twp area have you considered subscribing to either 1. Chesley Enterprise
2. Paisley Advocate
 12. * Owen Sound Sun Times – On microfilm – “Special Edition - -
Bruce County Reunion – 17 July 1948
“Geo Williscroft Sr was first Settler – 28 Nov 1953”
“Land Bought in 1851 is First Certified Tree Farm – 22 Jan 1953”
some of the excellent articles on Elderslie
 13. Port Elgin Times – The Pioneers of Paisley and Elderslie – St Rose Cont'd from 21 Mar 1901 weekly until 2 May 1901
- Elderslie Cemeteries – Ebenezer United Church, Con 14; Lot 1 N ½ (recorded)
Paisley – No recording to date
Rusk's Con 10 Lot 6 – W pt recorded

St. Andrew's Con 4; Lot 23 – N pt Chesley (recorded)
Salem Presbyterian Con 10; Lot 15 W pt
(Dobbinton) Con 10; Lot 14 – E pt (recorded)
Vesta United Church Con 1; Lot 15 – S.E. pt (recorded)
Town of Chesley 2nd St Pt of Park Lot p – no recording to date

* at Owen Sound Public Library

** available from the Branch as is "Tracing Your Ancestors in Grey and Bruce."

MAIL ORDER TOMBSTONES, 1902

Eaton's and Simpsons mail-order catalogues are familiar to all Canadians, especially those in rural areas, and perhaps more so in the early years of this century. This order-by-mail is unique and just about anything in the way of general merchandise was available. For the Americans it was the Sears, Roebuck catalogue which was the "Great Price Maker" from the "cheapest supply house on earth, our trade reaches around the world."

The 1902 edition – which costs 50¢ - was filled with helpful information for the pioneers just then moving to the West, and aimed to supply all their needs. Directly following the frilly baby carriages, go-carts and invalid chairs (wicker was in style!) was the Memorial Department, offering a choice of five grave markers. "The World's best Royal Blue Vermont

Marble is everywhere conceded to be the finest in the world. It is of a rich, unfading color, and superior to other blue marbles on the market which lose their color on exposure to the weather." It was a fine close-grained, marble and "we employ only skilled artisans, we do not have our work done by the piece, but only employ day labor, thus securing the best possible fineness in finish." Letters were but 6¢ per letter for ordinary sunk inscriptions, names, and dates. Sunk verse was only 2 ½ ¢ per letter. However, raised in a panel, each letter was 18¢. For other designs, you could send for their special catalogue. The cuts were very impressive, especially one shaft which looked at least 8 feet high. The selection began with "Our handsome \$5.10 marker" – height, with base, 18 inches, base was 16 x 8 x 6 inches, weight 125 lbs at the quarry – you got it directly "carefully boxed and delivered on the cars at our quarry in Vermont, guaranteed to reach you in perfect order. "The average rates of freight was about 25 to 50¢ per hundred pounds.

The others offered were "our rich marker, \$7.00 . . . our fine \$6.99 marker . . . and our superior \$7.65 tombstones." "Unheard of value at \$15.15 and upwards" had a choice of colors – dark vein marble, dark mottled marble, extra dark mottled marble, and average Florence marble." The specials came in 2 sizes. At \$23.85 the 3'8" tombstone weighed 455 lbs. The larger Handsome Monument, \$26.70 weighed 800 lbs. However, "you will find the freight will amount to next to nothing as compared with what you will save in price."

Roberta Gilbank

For those interested in Elderslie watch Vol 7 #1 for "Births, Marriages, Deaths from Chesley Enterprise early 1890's.

CHECK LIST

1. Have you sent in your opinion on our name change to Bruce and Grey Branch
2. Memberships are due. Please send \$2.00 to Mrs Barbara Adolph, R. R. #3 Walkerton, Ont. She will also accept your OGS membership (\$12.00 per year)
3. Have you had correspondence with our branch? Please send stamped self addressed envelope for replies.

We have tried to keep our membership dues low so the postage on your reply probably came from the person answering your letter. Those of us who answer letters on a volunteer basis enjoy our communications with you but please remember we are busy people as well. A trip to the library, even to the post office is actually a gift of a part of our life to you.

4. Our past president, Al Williamson, now lives in Oshawa. His wife, Mary Jane, served as treasurer and was editor of Branches of Bruce 1974, Vol #5 until 1976, Vol 6 #2. Our sincere thanks to the Williamsons for their contribution to our branch.

5. With Christmas coming – we have for sale - -

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| 1. 1867 Bruce County Directory | \$4.75 post paid |
| 2. Gray & Bruce 1880 Atlas reprint | \$15.00 " " |
| 3. Tracing Your Ancestors in Grey and Bruce | \$2.00 " " |

Order any of the above through Mr Geo Cluley, Box 24 Port Elgin, Ont N0H 2C0

6. Our next meetings November 23 at 8 PM at Owen Sound Library
and January 25 at 8 PM at Tara

A very Blessed Christmas to you and yours

Delene Sampson and Betty Warrilow With thanks to Roberta Gilbank for her help