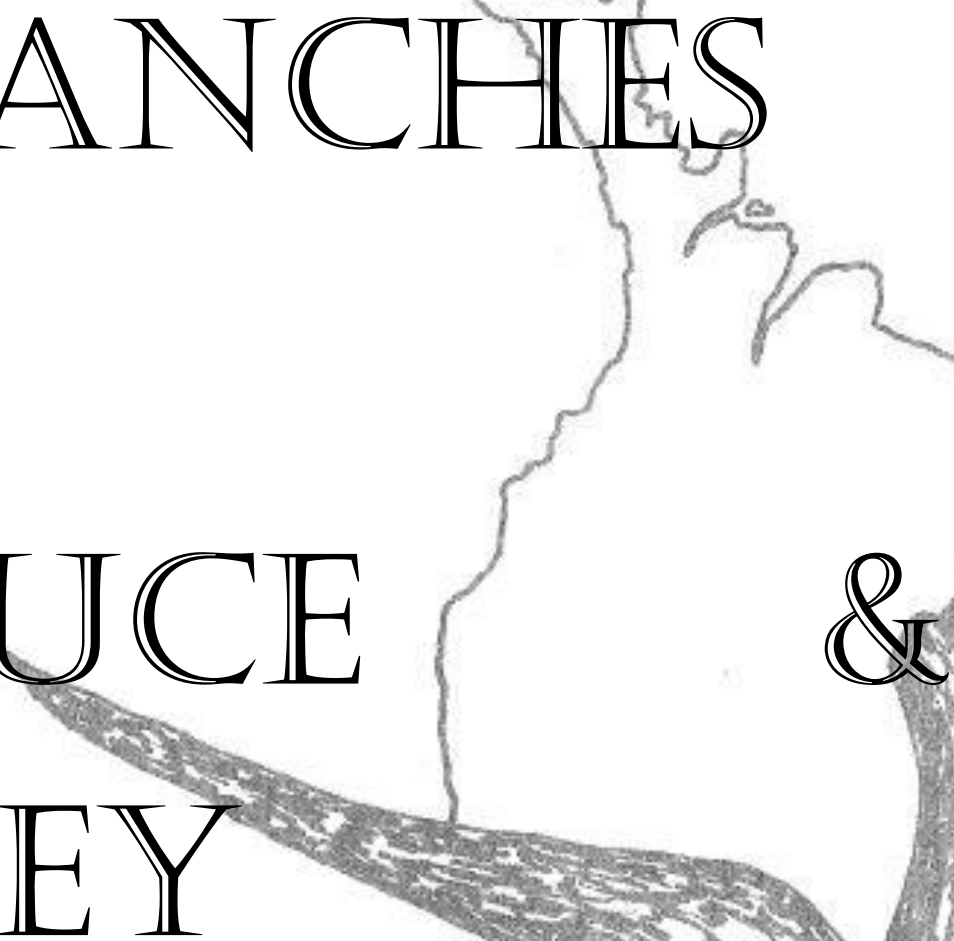


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Publications for sale - - "Tracing Your Ancestors in Grey and Bruce" - \$2.00, "County of Bruce 1867 DIRECTORY" – Index; a list of residents from townships of Amabel, Albermarle, Arran, Brant, Bruce, Carrick, Culross, Edlerslie, Greenock, Huron, Kinloss, Kincardine, Saugeen and the villages of Bervie, Enniskillen, Arkwright, Pinkerton, Invermay, Inverhuron, Kincardine, Hanover, Belmore, Formosa, Moscow, Paisley, Port Elgin, Riversdale, Southampton, Tara, Teeswater, and the town of Walkerton. Also lists of Council members, Agricultural Soc., Post Offices, etc. - - \$4.75 post paid.

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## MEETING NOTES

November 1979 at the Owen Sound Library

A panel discussion on publishing family Histories – The panel, introduced by Betty Warrillow, consisted of Mrs. Marian Weaver (Walter Hist), Miss Joyce Gillesby and Mrs. Ila Brancati (Rourke Hist), and Ken Gilmore (Gilmore Hist). Each explained how they had raised the

necessary funds; How they had compiled the pages and photos; how they had 'shopped around' for a printer; How they had distributed the finished product.

Mrs. S. McKenzie showed clippings and spoke on Ruth McKenzie, author who now lives in Ottawa.

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### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

January 22 at 8 P.M. in Owen Sound Public Library. A panel with Tom Armstrong, Tom Murray and Jeff Rutherford.

February 26 at 8 P.M. in Owen Sound Public Library, Betty Warrilow and Melba Croft.

March 25 at 8 P.M. in Owen Sound Public Library. Bring something you found of help or interest, for Show and Tell.

April 22 – Our Annual Dinner Meeting – details later.

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### **NEW BOOKS**

"Farms and Families" a community history commemorating pioneer days of part of Goulbourn Township located in the Ottawa Valley. Introduction includes Stittsville Women's Institute's projects followed by a brief article relating the changing times in development area roads, postal service, merchandising business and growth of Stittsville Library. Has an 18 page index of names. Price \$7.50

Order from Mrs. N. Olson, P.O. Box 43, Stittsville, Ont K0A 3G0

"The People of Owen Sound" by Melba Croft (listing the inhabitants from 1843-1913) includes early directories plus the 1881 census Owen Sound and Brooke. Most townships included with Con and Lot no. 268 pages. Cost \$10 plus postage \$1 Canada: \$2 USA (Money Orders only)  
Order from Melba Croft, 114 7 St. East, Owen Sound, Ont N4K 1H7

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**TOWNSHIP OF SULLIVAN, GREY Co., and some of its pioneers** – taken from Owen Sound Daily Sun Times, April 20, 1929 (3¢ a copy) !

"The township of Sullivan was named in honor of the late Hon R.V. Sullivan, who was commissioner of crown lands, at the time of its survey. The Garafraxa Road which skirts its eastern border attracted a few settlers before the regular survey which took place in 1884. In no portion of North Western Ontario perhaps did the pioneers encounter more genuine hardships or more stubborn trials in their struggle for existence - - long cold winters, poverty, and in the instance of one settler, by name of Barnes, actual starvation, and in the south eastern half, swamps, hills, boulders and the branches of the Saugeen River.

However by the year 1881 Sullivan was sufficiently populated to entitle it to separate municipal existence and its 1881 Council included Jno Sparrow, reeve; Jas Vasey, Deputy-Reeve; Alex Hunter, Joseph Pringle; John Hyslop, Councillors, Alex Stevens, Clerk and James Beattie, Treas." Included in the article are biographical sketches of John Sparrow and James Beattie, as found in the 1880 Atlas of Counties of Grey & Bruce. Also the following from the same source:

John Aitchison, lot 21 con 5, born in Scotland 1805, settled in Sullivan in 1855

James Brown, carpenter, Desboro village, born in Ireland 1846, came to Sullivan 1856

Alexander Brown, North West lot 22, con 11 born in township 1858

James Beattie, lot 5, con 5, reeve 14 years, born Scotland 1830 came to Sullivan 1855

W. W. Clark, hotel keeper in Chatsworth, born Huntington 1853, settled in Sullivan 1872

William Crawford lot 13, con 1 born Ireland, 1819, came to Sullivan 1955

Richard Cope, east ½ lot 18 con 12 born Toronto 1849 settled 1872

Jarvis Dowd, Frederick Eitner; Robert Forrest; John Follis; John Hyslop; Elisha Hanbury; Charles Hamilton; Alexander Hunter; Andrew Henry; Robert Kerr; Archibald McDonald; John McElhorn; Thomas McInnis; C.A. Milburn; Thomas S. Mitchell; Thomas Mitchell; James Mitchell; Andrew McGill; Robert Manory; S. & J. Palmer; Thomas Pringle; William Penner; Joseph Pringle; John Sparrow; Alexander Stevens; Allan Thompson; Wm White; Joseph Wright; and Edward Ward. Also mention a family by name of McInnis who came as early as 1842.

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### **WIARTON – CENTENNIAL YEAR 1980**

James Lennox from Ireland built a log shanty in Wiarton in November 1866 and thus became its first citizen. A directory of the village puts its population at 200 in 1870 and had doubled by 1876 and became a separate municipality in 1880. Twenty-five of the town's 752 inhabitants signed a joint note for \$5.00 each to pay the cost. One of the signers was John Ashcroft who operated a steam sawmill as early as 1876 and according to his son, Roy, still living in Wiarton, there were as many as five mills operating in the area at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Lumbering was big business and steam boats and stage coach linked Wiarton with the rest of the settled province.

The first council met Mar 22, 1880 and its members were David Dinsmore as reeve with councillors Hiram Brown, James McKim, D.G. Miller and J. W. Jermyn. T. Galloway was clerk and Neil McMillan was treasurer. The Wiarton Echo was one year old\* Centennial opening ceremonies will begin Jan 12 and will be attended by Lt-Gov Pauline McGibbon; most of the events are planned for first 2 weeks of August

\*See Vol 4, #'s 3 & 4 for B, M, D's July 1879 – July 1880.

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### **CHESLEY CENTENNIAL YEAR 1980 by Donelda McClure**

"Prior to its incorporation Chesley was a part of Elderslie Township and settlement began in 1855. In 1858 William Elliott, who with his brother John, worked in their father's saw and grist mill just south of Johnstown (Chatsworth), decided to strike out on his own. In those days the county was largely a vast forest with some small log cabins surrounded by a few acres of stumps and William walked from the Sullivan Mill to Lockerby and began following the north branch of the Saugeen looking for a likely site for his mill. He finally decided on what is now the site of the Co-op Mill which he purchased from a Mr. McDonald. Here he constructed a dam and his mill. Following this a log cabin was built as well as a bridge over the river just below the mill. The Elliots had come from Scotland in 1817 and settled in Perth Lanark County. They had retained their timberland there when they moved to Sullivan and William traded his holdings in

Chesley to his Brother John and went to Perth, returning to build a foundry in Chesley which later became a woollen mill. In the early 1880's he built the first mill now operated by his grandson James McClure and great-grandson William R. McClure.

Chesley was first known as Sconeville but was named Chesley after an official of the Post Office Department in Ottawa.

Some of Chesley's early names – Martin Schroeder, coppersmith; John Cameron and William Ross, merchants; John Shea; Joseph Adams; Robert Bearman; Brown, Jas, Robert and William; Halliday, D.M.; Hopper, David; Kilborn, Thaddeus; Ruhl, Conrad and William; Simpson, Chas; Smith, Oliver & Henry; Spedding, R.H.; Sutherland, Alex; Vail, Robt; Weber, Philip; Whyte, Arch. For further list see Historical Atlas 1880 (Beldon) A weekly newspaper, founded by R. H. Spedding, began in 1886 and in 1893 John Adolph founded The Free Press. There are still two newspapers in Chesley: The Chesley Enterprise, publisher, Wm Matheson and the Overview publisher Pat Halpin. See Vol 7 #1 for beginning of B.M.D.'s from Chesley Enterprise.

It is planned to celebrate the Centennial from June 27 through July 5, with Bob Hutchinson as Chairman of the committee.

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**Continuing Births, Marriages and Deaths from the Chesley Enterprise**

**April 22, 1887**

Married at the manse, Malcolm, on the 13<sup>th</sup> inst by Rev d. Duff, Alexander Calder GREEN to Margaret Jane DERBY, both of Bentinck.

Married in Port Elgin on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst by Rev C. Brown, Mr. M. WILDFONG of Listowel to Miss K. BOLENDER, dau of Rev. C. Bolender, Port Elgin

**May 13, 1887**

Born Wednesday, April 28, to the wife of Thos BLAKEWAY, Chesley, a dau

Born Sat, May 7 to the wife of James LONG, 12<sup>th</sup> Brant, a daughter

Died in Chesley May 11, John son of Mr. Angus BELL, age 2 yrs 9 mos

**May 20, 1887**

Born Friday, May 13, to the wife of Thos M. Follis, Elderslie, a dau

Died on Sunday May 15, Robert IRELAND, Elderslie, age 34 yrs 7 mons

Died Thurs, May 12, Julia, B/d wife of E. SWEENEY, Bentinck age 65

Died May 14, at the residence of his son-in-law Mr. Fred ADOLPH, Mr. George LAMONT Sr, age 89 years 4 months

**June 3, 1887**

Married at Chesley on the 25 ult, by Rev J. Ferguson, Mr. Thos H. TURNER of Sullivan , to Miss Barbara A. POLLOCK of the same place.

Married in Chesley on the 27 ult at McDonald's Hotel, Mr Alexander Guthrie DRUMMOND Pinkerton to Miss M. McKEE of the same place

Married in Brant, May 24, at the residence of the bride's father by Rev J. Kenner, Mr. William John ELMER of East Gwillimbury to Miss May eldest dau of Wm LEGGETT

**June 3, 1887**

Married at the Methodist parsonage, Chesley, by Rev J. Kenner, Isaac L. JOHNSTON of Elderslie to Miss MANSFIELD of Greenock

**June 17, 1887**

Born on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst to the wife of Chas ARMER, Scone, a daughter

Married by Rev George Hartley, June 8, at the residence of the bride's parents, Andrew KING of Arkwright to Miss Lydia J. CLEMENT dau of Arthur

Born June 12, to the wife of John McDONALD, Elderslie, a son

Married at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev J. B. McKinnon George Rae WELSHFORD Chesley to Bella McNEILL, Paisley

Married at the residence of the bride's father on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst by Rev D. Duff, Jas ROBINSON to Angeline CROSS all of Brant.

**July 1, 1887**

Married on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst by Rev D. H. Hind, incumbent of Trinity Church Chesley, Miss Annie E. ADAMS, niece of Joseph Adams, prop of Windsor House and Ralph SHAW, Chesley

Died Thurs June 23 Joseph BLANEY of Bentinck age 26 years 4 mons 9 ds

Died June 29 infant son of John SPRING age 14 wks

Born Wed June 27 to the wife of And. J. THOMPSON a daughter

**July 8, 1887**

Married in Owen Sound, July 3, by Rev R. J. Miller, Mr. Albert JONES, Chesley, to Miss Eliza JACKSON, Owen Sound

**July 29, 1887**

Born Sat July 16 to the wife of Jas DALGARNO, Sullivan, a daughter

Born Mon July 25, to the wife of John McKINNON, Brant, a daughter

Married at the residence of the bride's father, Southampton, by Rev Leitch, Mr Will GRAHAM, of Springfield to Miss Florence SHULAR

Died July 24, at his residence, 14<sup>th</sup> Arran, Wm HEPBURN, age 59

**August 26, 1887**

Born in Bentinck Mon Aug 22, to the wife of Jas McCULLOUGH a son

Died in Brant Wed Aug 24, Eliza Jane wife of Jas ROBINSON, age 62 yrs

Born Friday Aug 26, to the wife of Jas CASS, Jr, Chesley, a daughter

Died in Brant Thurs Aug 25, Jas ROBINSON age 69

Died in Bentinck Tuesday Aug 23, infant daughter of Jas McCULLOUGH

**Sept 20, 1887**

Died in Elderslie Sat Sept 17 Margaret Ann BOYD age 46 yrs 9 mons 5 ds

Died in Chesley Monday Sept 18, wife of John DOBBIE age 56 yrs 8 mons

**Nov 3, 1887**

Died in Chicago Oct 22 Rev Robert SPRINGER of Grace Church, Chicago, brother of Mrs R. G. WILLIAMS, Chesley

Married at the residence of the bride's parents Wed Oct 26, by Rev D. Duff, Mr. George BARTON, Flint, Mich, to Miss Maggie WATT of Chesley

**January 12, 1888**

Died Dec 11, 1887 Malcolm McCANNELL of Elderslie age 48 years

**February 16, 1888**

Married at the home of the parents of the bride on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst by Rev D Duff, Robert A ROBINSON to Elizabeth CROSS, all of Brant

**February 23, 1888**

Born Feb 26, to the wife of R. J. W. FISHER of Elmwood a daughter

Married at the minister's residence, Chesley on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst by Rev J. FERGUSON, Robert A. MILLBURN to Charlotte BOYD, both of Sullivan

Died in San Francisco Cal on the 29<sup>th</sup> inst Alfred M., son of Wm and Isabella KAY age 4 years

**March 29, 1888**

Died March 30, Henry HAMEL age 82

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**QUERIES**

From Melba Croft, 114 7 St E, Owen Sound, Ont N4K 1H7 - Does anyone know is the J.P. Coulson of Napanee, newly named as Queen's Counsel, any relation to the J.P. COULSON who built the early Coulson House Hotel in Owen Sound, and paid off the \$800 so the first city hall could be financed?

Donald Dass, 1355 95<sup>th</sup> Ave N.E., Minneapolis, Minn 55434 seeking [illegible] 1861 Census records g.g.gdfather Robert Dass living on Pouller St, Owen Sound; 1871 living on Water St; His w Jane d there June 9, 1871 aged 32 years; son William ran away from home; no d certificate for Robt in Toronto; where was he born where did he die; would like to correspond with anyone in Owen Sound re old maps, city or county directories, phone books, etc.

Mrs Everett A. Sheehan, Box 657, Grande Prairie, Alta T8V 3A8 seeking KELLS; gdm Jane Elizabeth Kells (FLINT), b 1856 in Vandeleur or Collingwood, dau of Thomas and Sara Anne (DEAN) Kells.

Robert D. Tennant, 1059 Hudson Dr, Kingston, Ont K7M 5K5 seeking dates for Thomas MEABY and his w Elizabeth TENNANT, believed to have lived on Garafraxa Rd, attended Anglican Church, Chatsworth; after Elizabeth's d Thomas remarried, need Name and Date. 3 sons Thomas, who went west; George returned to Perth, Lanark Co; and William. George

Ansley Meabry lived 1878 -1951. George A. TENNANT operated a grocery business at Tara before moving to Killarney, Man.

Mrs. Madeline Cyluck, 432 Linden Ave, Winnipeg, Man R2K 0N6 "I have acquired info on families in the area and would exchange information on ARNOTT, GOLD, DALMOND, CROSBY, HORN(E), MACHAN, FORBES, NICOL, McNICOL, RICHMAN, RICHMOND, McDOUGALL, DAVIDSON. Also wish to correspond with anyone who is working on families from Lanark Co."

Mrs. Doris K. Carnahan, 7746 28<sup>th</sup> S.W., Seattle, Wa 98126 seeking descendants of McCOUBREY lived in Carrick Tsp 1861 and 1867. Alexander McCoubrey was in Union Co, Ill in 1870.

Mrs. Irene Breadner, 1474 Sibbald Cresc, Prince Albert, Sask S6V 6B4 seeking Martin McLEAN family of Arnott about 1855, had 4 daus, 2 sons. Related names COTTEN, FIELDING, HAYES. Might be able to help those seeking those who moved from Meaford to Strongfield, Sask.

Darrel E. Kennedy, 802-186 Edinburgh Road South, Guelph, Ont seeking info on Alexander KENNEDY m Isabell McKINNON b Tyree, Scot, entered Canada 1850, settled Carrick Twp, son Hugh b 1828 Tyree, Scot m Mary BROWN, their chil Alexander b 1855; Catherine b 1857 m Neil BROWN 1887; Donald b 1858; Hugh b 1860; Isabella b 1864; John b 1866; Flora b 1867; Mary b 1870, m Robt A. Minto 1897; Neil b 1876; Robert b 1877.

A.W. Morgan, 1284 E. Eldon Rd, North Vancouver, B.C. V7R 1T6 seeking HEIGHTS: FAWKES or FOX James Heights came from England to Sydenham in 1850 and on June 21 m Charity (Catherine) Sophia Fawkes or Fox. Charity had a brother Josiah in Meaford? Does 'Charity' stem from Pennsylvania Dutch?

From Lawrence Bosley, 1211 N. Peach Ave., Marshfield, Wi 54449 US - 2 ½ pages of microfilm reel numbers of Census which he found helpful in his search for BOSLEY, GRANVILLE, PAYETTE, NORTON families. Most of these were listed in Vol 2 No 1, January and Vol 2 No 2 March of 1972 but because the reel No's were not listed there we will repeat those pertaining to our area:

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## **QUERIES AND CORRESPONDENCE**

From Helene Weaver, 680-5<sup>th</sup> Ave A. W. Owen Sound, Ont, Soc'ty of the Owen Sound Historical Society:

Owen Sound will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a city in 1980. The exact date of the signing of the Order-in-Council, June 28 will be marked by a gala Jubilee Ball in St Mary's Parish Hall on that date, June 28, 1980. The theme of the twenties will be carried out and music provided by the New Satin Brass.

This will hopefully be a fund raising project of the newly formed Historical Society as we are expecting to contribute financially to the fund for the publication of 'Chronicles of Owen Sound' by Melba Croft, which will be such a valuable and long needed record of the city's past history. Ladies are asked to try to find a 'twenties' style gown if possible to add a touch of nostalgia. If



anyone knows where dress patterns of the 20's can be located we would appreciate them.  
Yours Sincerely, Helene.

YEAR	NUMBER	COUNTY, TOWNSHIP, ETC
1871	C-626	Bentinck, Glenelg, Artemesia, Osprey, Sullivan, Holland, Derby, Euphrasia, Collingwood, Sydenham (Grey)
1851	C-949	Saugeen, Kinloss, Kincardine, Huron, Greenock, Elderslie, Bruce, Brant, Arran (Bruce)
1851	C-956	Artemesia, Bentinck, Collingwood, Derby, Egremont, Euphrasia, Glenelg, Holland, Proton, Melachthon, Normanby, Osprey, St Vincent, Sullivan, Sydenham (G)
1871	C-625	Bentinck, Melachthon, Proton, Egremont, Normanby, Mount Forest, (Grey) Arthur, Minto (Wellington)
1851	C-957	Sydenham (Agricultural Census) plus Grenville County
1861	C-1028	Proton, Sullivan, Sydenham, St Vincent
1871	C-627	Sydenham, St Vincent, Keppel and Sarawak, Owen Sound
1851	C-1026	Artemesia, Bentinck, Derby, Egremont, Collingwood (G)
1871	C-9937	Saugeen Subdivn #1, #2, #3, Southampton Village includes Return of Industrial Establishments; Townships of Elderslie and Arran
1871	C-9938	Amabel, Albermarle & Eastnor and Lindsay & Bury, Arran (B) plus South Perth
1861	C-1011	Elderslie, Greenock, Huron, Kincardine, Kinloss & Saugeen (B) villages of Kincardine, Southampton plus Bruce Co Agricultural Census
1881*	C-13261	Osprey: Divn #1, #2, #3; Melancthon Divn #2, #2; Shelburne (only part – see153K for other part) Proton Divn #1-2; Artemesia Divn #1, #2, #3; Collingwood Divn #2, #3; Euphrasia Divn #1, #2; Owen Sound, Divn #1, #2, #3 (Divn #2-3 faded, hard to read), Meaford; St Vincent Divn #1, #2
1881*	C-13275	Kincardine, Greenock, Brant, Bruce, Arran, Saugeen, villages of Teeswater, Tiverton, Lucknow, Southampton

Not to confuse you, but we understand new numbers are being issued for Census Reels, because of splicing, etc. However, those now in stock in Libraries will be listed under old numbers and can be ordered by these.

\*1881 Census – because of demand you may have to be patient, - slow at coming.

## Correspondence and Queries

Betty Warrilow, R.R. #6, Owen Sound, Ont N4K 5N8 found these names among the many while going through Index to Register of Marriages in Home District in Ontario Archives.

Reel#1:            Arnold, Mary – 24 July, 1830  
                  Lougheed, Aain Jr 23, March 1831  
                  Lundy Joseph 5, June 1826  
                  Lundy Thomas 16, Sept 1827  
                  Moore Christopher 18 Aug 1829  
                  Moore Sarah 15 May 1826  
                  Morrow Mary 1, June 1830  
                  Underwood Joel 11, Aug 1829

From Gerald Merrick, Chairman of the Branch the following taken from Mount Forest, The Way We Were, by Wm J Edwards:

To the honourable Dr Rolph

Arthur Jan 12, 1853

Sir

The undersigned inhabitants of Arthur, Egremont, Normanby and Minto would respectively Solicit your favourable attention to the Crown Lands reserve in Egremont and Normanby on the Owen Sound Road north of the river commonly known as the Maitland River which lands has generally been considered to be intended for the purpose of being laid out as building lots. - - -  
etc, etc,

We are Hon'ble Sir  
Your devoted and obedient Serv  
Richard Chaloner

There followed some 133 names and because of space I will list only the family name; Chaloner, Hewitt, Long, Dowkes, Harly, Shency, McPhail, Horsburgh, File, Doukes, Wallace, McFadyen, Lamont, Muir, Morrison, Llyman, Fisher, Corrigan, Burelyfirst, McDougal, Anderson, Williams, Corley, Stewart, Irwin, Fletcher, Goullee, Campbell, Ferguson, Horne, Congill, McIntyre, Esterby, White, Spiers, Webb, McDonald, McWilliam, Shearer, Miller, Hunt, Heath, Murphy, Cochrane, Cowen, Pilcher, Gardener, Brown, Swinston, Watt, Smith, Felson, McLaren, Jimmings, Byans, Blakely, Johnston, Kenzie, Adlans, Bently, Dawson, McCormick, Allan, Dobson, Smyth, Lackey, Donnan, Clarke, McLean, Stevenson, Armstrong, Turner.

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**And more names from Men of Canada or Success By Example: Vol 4, 1895**

Foreman, Henry, Collingwood	Hiscox, R. J., Teeswater
Gardiner, Rev John L, Flesherton	Hogg, W. W., Paisley
Garner, Rev John, Hanover	Hunter, Alex., Kincardine
Gifford, Rev Gotham, Wingham	Hunter, Robt., Kincardine
Gillies, J. Teeswater	Hutcheson, S. M., Paisley
Gould, Geo., Walkerton	Jermyn, D. M., Wiarton
Graham, Rev W. A., Shelburne	Kalbfleisch, F.H., M.D. Paisley
Grier, Andrew, Thornbury	Kay, Wm, Kincardine
Grieve, John, Harriston	Kelly, Rev J. T., Walketone
Hall, Rev. E. A., Ripley	Klein, A.B., Q.C., Walkerton

Halliday, Robt, Chesley  
Hamill, J. D., Meaford  
Hamilton, Rev Jas, Wingham  
Hanna, John, Wingham  
Hannah, Geo. R., Shelburne  
MacLean, Malcolm, Walkerton

Lawrence, Thos., Lucknow  
Lewis, Fred A., Arthur  
Livingstone, John, Harriston  
Lyons, James, Lucknow  
Mackendrick, the late David, Kincardine  
Mackendrick, the late Matt., Kincardine

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## QUERIES

Dr. E. M. Haacke, 2349 Kingston Rd, Cleveland, Ohio 44118 seeking Susan FISHER 1839 m 1858 James WILLSON b 1837; 1861 living in W. Wawanosh with dau Sophia. His pars were James b 1811 and Catherine 1813, other chil Matilda 1832, Thomas 1835; Margaret, 1837; David, 1839; Catherine 1840; John 1844; Joseph 1845; Samuel 1849 and their descendants.

Mrs Sheila Linenfelser, 11311 North Dr, Brooklyn, Mi 49230 seeking hometown in Scotland and infor on Chil of Alexander FORSYTH b 8 Nov, 1825, Scot: d 26 Feb, 1896, Culross Twp, Bruce Co and his wife Anna b July, 1826, Scot, d 15 Apr 1883, Culross Twp; chil-Janet; Isabella; Thomas: Robert; Margaret; Alex; Ann; Jane; Mary; Elizabeth; James; Ellen; John; Emma. Need marriages, places of burial, etc.

Walter Moeller, 3467 Mackinaw Ave, Saginaw, Mi 48602. I have been advised that my chances of finding a record of Thomas Tallon's marriage in Southampton on Mar 19, 1855 to Catherine Thompson are poor - - the grandmother Catherine was the source of info on Thomas Tallon's obit in 1889. One peculiarity is that Thomas was then a sailor but in March the lake would have been still frozen - - how died Catherine and Thomas meet there when she was in Oswego, N.Y. in 1852 with her stepfather and mother. In 1859 Thomas Tallon appears on the Bruce Militia roll. Catherine's stepfather Samuel Cooper Thompson moved to Saginaw in 1860 and Tallons followed in 1865. The Tallons and Thompsons were Catholic but were buried here by Anglican Church.

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### From Gladys Arnold re the Local Group South West Bruce;

October meeting at Chalmers Church near Armow, 13 present, one member received help on McPherson even to a picture. Se we are fulfilling the purpose.

November meeting held in my home with 20 present, chairman Mrs Edna Avery, sec Mrs Mervyn Funston. Display of books and pamphlets as well as filing system for queries. Folks looked over displays, shared info, helped those with local queries, etc.

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## Correspondence

December meeting held in Kincardine Council Chambers, 19 present, nearly half men. Mrs. Duncan Convay chairman (we take turns) roll call 'what has proved useful in my search' many making good progress since we started. Mr Chas Merritt, Kincardine clerk was present with maps, records, etc.

The meetings Jan, Feb, Mar, to be at 8 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs in Kincardine Council Chambers.

It is hoped other Bruce Grey resident members will form small groups such as this (one group now meeting in Port Elgin) to help with local queries, collect cemetery histories, etc. Also send local articles for newsletter!

Also on the subject of HELP! One of our members is busy cutting stencils of a cemetery record for the Branch, for which we are grateful; anyone else who could help in this way? Volunteers welcome, stencils supplied.

HURON COUNTY: Municipal and court records deposited here\* about 1940 have been extensively arranged and in some cases indexed, as several histories and theses have drawn on these. Assessment lists for years 1842-49 and Census of 1848 and 1850 of the District are available. Marriage Returns for 1841-1970 have recently been listed although a nominal index has not been prepared.

Bear in mind that Huron District was, up to 1849, a union of Huron, Perth and Bruce Counties: Perth withdrew in 1853 and Bruce in 1867, so that records of these are filed with Huron.

\*Regional History Coll. of University of Western Ontario Library, London, Vol 1 no3 1971.

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### **THE HOUSE WHERE MOTHER WAS BORN**

The Dodd's family settled on the 10<sup>th</sup> line of Sydenham in the 1800's. Like many of the Grey & Bruce pioneers, they felt the call of the west and moved on. The only member of the family left was Mary Louise who married Edward Porteous in 1898. The newly weds settled in Derby Township near the Mennonite Corners where grandson Jim still farms.<sup>1</sup> As is typical of our Western relatives, the Dodds and their descendents returned to their "home" in Ontario from time to time. Vic Porteous<sup>2</sup> son of Mary Louise faithfully drove the relatives over to the 10<sup>th</sup> line to see "the house where mother was born".

One descendent, Kay Porteous Dunn from California took pictures of the old house and committed one to "canvas". It can be seen over the fireplace at the Porteous home in Derby. This house of their ancestors was a typical pioneer effort – grey-weathered, vertical board siding with a built-on woodshed which probably served as a kitchen in the hot summer. In her painting, Kay didn't spare the look of neglect. One glance was enough to show that the old house had been abandoned as a dwelling for many years.

In 1975, Kay made a pilgrimage back home by way of Canada's west. She stopped to visit her Dodd's relatives along the way. A number of older descendents proudly posed with the picture of "the house where mother was born". Once in Ontario, the usual trip to the old Dodd's homestead was a must. Kay was well acquainted with the location of the old house from former visits. This time, however, on her trip of nostalgia she was joined at the farm by strangers, a man and woman, obviously natives and possibly the owners of the place. Kay attempted to explain who she was. She told of her Dodd's ancestry, of their early settlement on this farm and of this house where the Dodd's children had been born. She showed them the oil painting and told them of her earlier visits with Vic to see the old house. The couple, Angus and his sister Jean McKay were quite baffled by all of this. They too were descendents of the early pioneers of the 10<sup>th</sup> line.<sup>3</sup> They insisted that there must be a mistake. This house had been A.G.'s home. At the back door, Jean cleaned off a stone slab used as a step. It was a tombstone to the memory

of Hugh MacKay, father of the mysterious A.G.<sup>4</sup> By now everyone was completely confused. It was decided that Mary Jean would know. Mary Jean?? She turned out to be the wife of Jim Porteous, son of Vic and grandson of Mary Louise Dodd mentioned above. Mary is the former Mary Jean MacDonald. Her grandmother, Mary McKay was a sister to this unknown A.G.<sup>5</sup>

Kay phoned Mary to tell her of her encounter with Angus and Jean MacKay. Who were they? Why had they insisted that the house Vic had always taken them to visit over the years was not the Dodd house at all but was the homestead of Hugh MacKay where someone called A.G. had been born?

To make a long story short, A.G. was the Hon. Alexander Grant MacKay, one of this areas most noted sons.<sup>6</sup> "The house where mother was born" was his birthplace. The Dodds had settled on the next farm.<sup>7</sup>

It seems fitting that the painting should reside with Jim and Mary. Although Jim can't claim it as his ancestor's old home, Mary can say, "that this is the house where my grandmother was born".

Notes on "The House Where Mother was Born"

1. History of Derby Township 1839 to 1972. Richardson, Bond & Wright Ltd. 1972. Chapt. 9, Century Farms – James Porteous Farm, Page 215.
2. Ibid. Page 220. "Vic Porteous was member of Parliament for North Grey 1930 to 35. Obit Collection – Porteous Victor Clarence on 17 June 1966
3. Vina R. Ufland. History of Sydenham Township. Richardson, Bond & Wright Ltd. 1967. Chapt. 4, Century Farms – Angus McKay Farm, Page 367.
4. Hugh MacKay is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Owen Sound. The tombstone referred to here was replaced by a better memorial stone.
5. Vina R. Ufland. History of Sydenham Township. Richardson, Bond & Wright Ltd. 1967. Chapt. 4, Century Farms – The Neil MacDonald Farm, Page 351.

(It is interesting to note that in 1967 the family of Findlay MacDonald and Jean Kemp, Elizabeth, Neil and Mary Jean each lived on Century Farms. Elizabeth, Mrs. William Gillies lived on the William Gillies Farm, Sydenham. Page 333; Neil on MacDonald farm and Mary Jean on the Porteous farm – note #1 above).

Obit. Collection. M-Vol 4-Page 57. Some excerpts from Owen Sound Sun-Times 30 April – 14 May 1920. The late Hon. A.G. MacKay was born in Sydenham, his father being the late Hugh MacKay, a native of Caithnessshire, and his mother was Catherine MacInnis, a native of Islay, Scotland . . . He secured a degree of Master of Arts. He was principal of the Port Rowan High School for four years and then returned to Owen Sound to study law. In 1891 he was called to the Ontario bar after reading law for the late Alfred Frost, with whom he entered into partnership and whom he succeeded as Crown Attorney until he resigned to enter politics.

In the fall of 1904 Mr MacKay was taken into the Ross Gov't as Commissioner of Crown Lands, Forests and Mines, but in Jan. 1905 the government was defeated, although Hon. Mr. MacKay was himself elected. In 1907 Hon. A. G. Mackay succeeded Hon. G. P. Graham as leader of the Liberal party in Ont. and remained in that position until 1911. The following year he moved to Edmonton and in 1913 was elected to

represent Athabaska constituency in the Alberta Leg. Affairs and later the dept. of Health was added.

The body of the Hon. A.G. MacKay was brought home to Owen Sound. Interment was Greenwood Cemetery.

6. Both the MacKay and the Dodds had the same builder help build their houses. Today both have new owners who took off the boards, the tar paper under them and have sand blasted the logs which were underneath. Additions have been added to each house in keeping with the log structure. The Dodd's house is owned by Don Hill and the old MacKay home by Ewart Sinclair.

Betty Warrilow

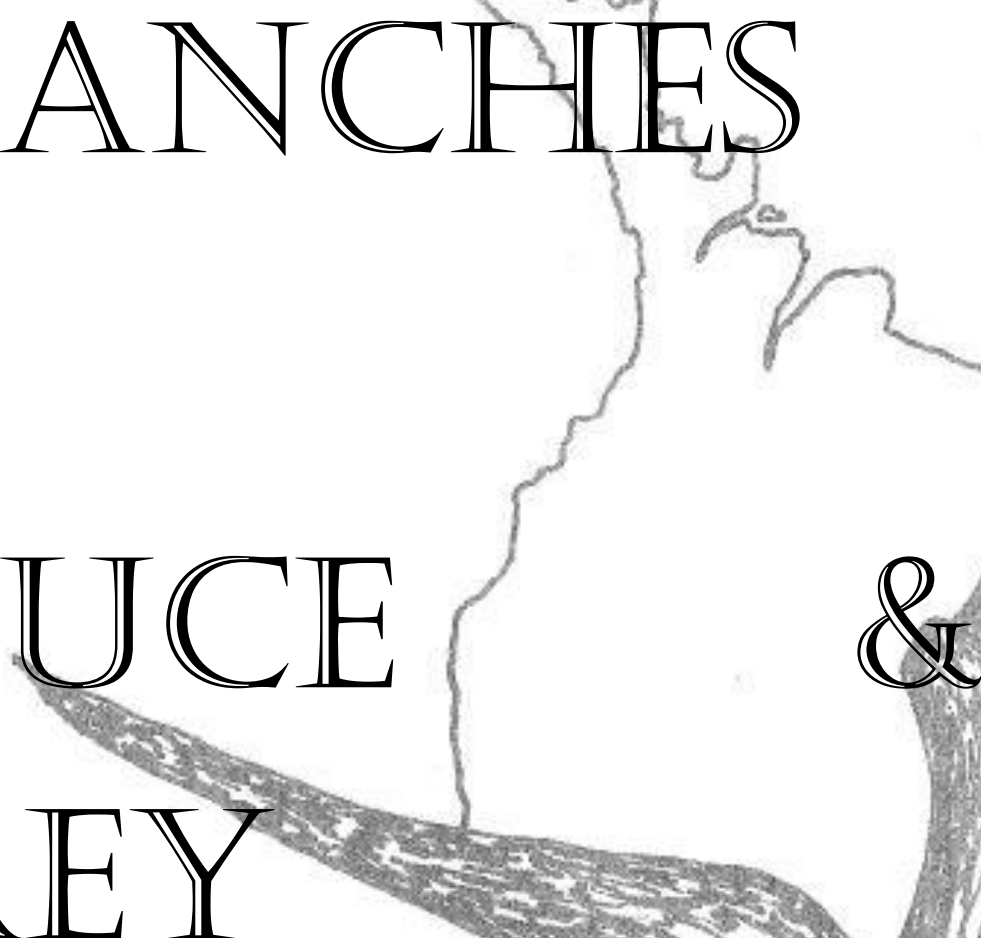
7. A neighbour on the 10<sup>th</sup> line of the MacKays and Dodds was Chas. Gordon. His grandson read law in the office of Hon. A.G. Mackay. He became an early resident of Haileybury. He was the Hon. Wesley Gordon who became Minister of Labour, Immigration and Colonization and of Mines in the Dominion Cabinet of the Conservative Gov't 1930-34.

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**“Recipe for a Happy Year”, from Relatively Speaking, Vol 7 No 3, Author ?**

Take 12 fine, full grown months. Select only those which are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy. Clean them completely free from every clinging spite. Pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness. In short see that each of these months is freed from all the past so that they are as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of time.

Next, cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. They will keep for only one year, so do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time. Far too many people spoil the entire lot this way. Rather prepare but one day at a time.

Into each day put twelve parts of faith, eleven of patience, ten of courage, nine of work, (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), eight of hope, seven of fidelity, six of liberality, five of kindness, four of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad . . . don't do it), three of prayer, two of meditation and one part only of well-selected resolution. For spice and sweetening, according to our scruples, add about a teaspoonful of good spirits, and a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play and a heaping cup of good humor.

Pour love, ad labium, into the whole and mix with vim and vigor.

Cook thoroughly in a fervent heart. Garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy. Then be sure to serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness . . . and a Happy Year is a certainty.

Remember – with a smile and a prayer, twelve new and wonderfully glorious months have been issued in your name to do with as you wish. Father Time has signed your note so that you have been issued a ‘credit card’ for the entire year!

If you make a mistake, be sure you don't make the same one over again. Laugh at difficulties, and they will soon vanish. Attempt heavier responsibilities, and you will find them growing lighter. Face a bad situation and it will clear up. Tell the truth and find a easier way out. Do an honest-to-goodness day's work every day and reap the rewards.

Believe men are honest, and you will find them living up to your expectations. Trust in God each day and He will surprise you with His goodness.

Willie E. Hambly, Editor AGS

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**FUTURE MEETINGS**

March 25 at 8 P.M. at Owen Sound Public Library. This is a Show and Tell meeting and each member is encouraged to bring an article, source, idea or something which worked for you, or perhaps a family chart or tree, to share with others.

April 19, yes, the 19<sup>th</sup> is a Saturday! Please, NOTE CHANGE OF DAY from our usual Tuesday. This is the Annual Dinner Meeting and it is felt we needed more time to browse, meet, exchange views, ideas, etc. and Saturday would give us this added time. The PLACE – United Church House, Port Elgin. The TIME – 2:30 to 8 P.M. We will sit down to – dinner at 5:30, following which will be a brief annual meeting and election of officers. There is a special speaker planned – further about this as it jells. The dinner will be \$6.00 by advance ticket sales – the Ladies need to know the exact amount of guests. If you cannot see our executive to get your tickets, phone

one of us and we will hold tickets for you or mail a money order to Doug Goar at Port Elgin to ensure your ticket. Also it is hoped to have members bring charts, books, etc. to set up a special display area. Contact Doug with what you can share in this, please.

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### **PAST MEETINGS**

January 22, at Owen Sound, a Panel Question and Answer Format with Jaff Rutherford, Tom Murray, Tom Armstrong: for the beginner – Canadian and Overseas sources and resources were reviewed. It was felt professional researchers were worthwhile for overseas research since there are some areas open only to these persons.

Gerald Merrick gave hints on letter writing both for inquiry and response to inquiry.

February 26 at Owen Sound: a reminder our dues are payable; a meeting in Orangeville of the Genealogical Committee of Brant Co Museum on Mar 19; a new resource for names in Land Records on microfiche, surnames in alphabetical order, namely Ontario Archives Computerized Index of Land Records. Betty Warrilow and Melba Croft, again using 'question and answer', gave us some ideas on interviewing, collecting, storing, filing, and publishing research. (We hope to enlarge on the above two meetings for you in a future article.)

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### **SEMINAR '80**

Theme: Kingston: Where Genealogy and History Meet

Date: May 23, 24, 25

Place: Queen's University, Kingston

Speakers: Dr. Richard A. Preston, Director of Canadian Studies at Duke University, Durham NC

Prof Nancy E. Simpson, Geneticist,

Jennifer McKendry, historical consultant

Prof. Osborne, head of geography dept of Queen's and more

Cost: Registration Fee \$15.00 - per member; \$25.00 non member make cheque payable to OGS Seminar '80 and mail to – Box 1476, Kingston, Ontario K7L 507

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### **Correspondence and Queries**

From Mrs Carolyn Oliver (see #583) offers to help with Michigan Information such as 1830-1840-1850 Census. The index is available at her local Library and in nearby Detroit Library. She has no mention of fee but we thank her for her offer, and suggest you make your arrangements with her personally.

From Mrs David Aitken (see #614) an offer to help to research from the Weldon Collection at University of Western Ontario. It helps if one knows the township and County for sure. Thank you, Mrs. Aitken.

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From Mrs. K. Kindal, 27 Cranbrook Bay, Winnipeg, Man R2C 0N8 some more newspaper clippings of interest to our area:

July 6, 1900 – Carman paper – Died Mrs Duncan CURRIE, who came from Owen Sound 'about three years ago'.

Nov 23, 1905 – Death of Austin CHANTLER, at North Battleford, 26<sup>th</sup> year, son of Mrs. John Anger, Carman and a native of Meaford, Ont.

Jan 15, 1941 – Sault Paper – Robert John KIRKPATRICK, Sr. of McCarron, 90 yrs, died at home of son Albert, born at Chatsworth, Ont. Wife, Mary, died 1927, 2 daus and 5 sons.

Thurs Dec 24, 1903 – died on farm at Bates, G.S. CUTTING, 43<sup>rd</sup> year, came to Dufferin seven years ago from Meaford, Ont.

Fri, Mar 2, 1900 – Carman Standard, married Mr M. BUTCHART of Carman to Miss Mary GARDNER of Owen Sound at Winnipeg. Miss Maud McCombs, Miss Ethel Somersal and Mr S. Somesall attended.

Mar 28, 1907 – Carman Standard – died S.C. BUTCHART, at Edmonton, cousin of Marsh Butchart.

Oct 23, 1902 – Garman – died M. J. (Marsh) BUTCHART, 44<sup>th</sup> year, left Owen Sound at 18.

Dec 28, 1927, Sault Ste Marie paper – died at Naples, Flo, Rupert G. DAY, born at Leith in 1879, married to Elizabeth McDONALD leave 1 son, Max, daughter Elva, 2 sisters and 1 bro at Leith, Ont.

Sept 6, 1906 – died Mrs (Capt) Haverson, 78 years, m in Macduff, Banffshire, Scot, came to Canada 1866, settled near Tara, Ont, came to Carman 1883, 4 sons, 2 daus – George on homestead near Tara.

Nov 14, 1901 Carman paper – died Mrs. W. MALLORY, 56<sup>th</sup> year, came here from Meaford about 11 years ago, leaves husband, 1 son, 3 daughters.

Aug 10, 1905, Carman paper–died Mrs W P MALLORY, 55<sup>th</sup> year, came from Meaford 12 yrs ago

Nov 20, 1902, Carman Paper – died Andrew McKINLEY, 90 years, native of Donegal, Ire, came to Canada 1833 to Muddy York, few years later moved to Grey County, came to Manitoba 21 years ago, leaves 4 sons, 2 daughters.

1906 – died Angus D. McLENNAN, 78<sup>th</sup> year, born in Nova Scotia, moved to Bruce Co, in 1874 came to Manitoba in 1881 to Boyne District, leaves 6 sons, 1 daughter.

Jan 17, 1907 – Carman paper – died Murdock McLENNAN, 43 years, born in Kincardine, Bruce Co, bachelor.

Jan 8, 1941 – Sault paper – died Margaret Myotte, w of James MYOTTE, 81 yrs, born in Kincardine Ont, came to Sault in 1878, m 1894. Leave 1 daughter, 1 son; 4 bros – Steve, John, Francis and Rapael Veyette, 2 sisters, Mrs Myotte of Sault, Miss Louise Veyette of Hay Lake.

Jan 4, 1908, Carman paper –Charles Miller, of Roseisle, returned from B.C. with plans to locate at Salmon Arm, where he met a number of old Carmanites including A.R. Ruth, John Ruth, Wm Mallory, John Mallory and Wm Miller.

Mar 27, 1905, Carman paper, died at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, Price MALLORY, was merchant at Carman.

Feb 29, 1902, Carman paper – married Mr James MORRISON of the Bates district to Miss Elizabeth Ann BURNETT, from Meaford, attended by Mr Harry Morrison and Miss Rose McKee.

Sept 14, 1900, Carman paper – died Miss Charlotte SHUNK, daughter of Jacob Shunk, 19<sup>th</sup> year.

Nov 9, 1905 Carman paper – died Mr James STIRLING, 70<sup>th</sup> year, native of Huntington, Que, moved to Meaford, married 1865 to Miss Sarah A. SMITH at Collingwood, Ont. leaves 2 sons, 1 daughter.

Nov 9, 1905, Carman paper, died at Winnipeg, Mrs. Robert TOOKE, pioneer settler on the Boyne River, left Kincardine thirty three years ago, party also included Wm McKee, located at Salterville, McKee on adjoining farm, in her 54<sup>th</sup> year, leaves husband, 3 sons, 2 daus.

Aug 15, 1927, Sault Ste Marie paper – died Mrs Mary TRAYNOR in 86<sup>th</sup> year, leaves 3 sons, 5 daus, lived in Chippewa Co 47 years, came with husband from Owen Sound, Ont. Mr Traynor died 25 years ago.

Mar 20, 1934, Sault Paper – died Arthur WICE, 70, born 1863 in Owen Sound died at Kinross, leaves 6 sons, 3 daughters.

Dec 16, 1933, Sault paper – died Mrs Carrie Harvey, at Sault Ste Marie, born 1870 in Suffolkshire, Eng, came to Canada 1876, resided at Kincardine, moved to Kirkwood, m Harry Harvey 1895, who died 11 years ago leaves 2 daus, 1 son, 3 sisters, 2 bros, George BIRD, Arthur BIRD.

Feb 6, 1934, Sault paper – died Mrs Philoman RAYMOND, 82, born in Owen Sound, husband Fred, 1 daughter, 3 sons.

Nov 12, 1931, Sault paper – died in Chipewa County, Michael MANSFIELD, 67, born at Owen Sound Feb 3, 1864, m Kathleen Doran, leaves 1 daughter 6 sons.

Jan 15, 1934 Sault paper – died Joseph LONG, 83, resident of County for 55 years, born at Meaford, Sept 12, 1850, wife Margaret died 2 years ago, leaves 5 daus, 4 sons.

Feb 7, 1934, Sault paper – died Mrs Emily C. Field, wife of Samuel J. FIELD, born at Meaford, Oct 2, 1859, moved to North Dakota, married 1887 and moved to Sault. Leaves husband, 2 daughters, son Newman, 1 sister, 2 brothers, Marsden, Homer.

Dec 2, 1909 Sault paper – married William Alexander McPHEE of Canadian Soo and Miss Mary Ellen ELSON of Owen Sound

Dec, 1931, Sault paper – died George McCAULEY, 56, at Newberry, born at Owen Sound, leaves wife and 2 sons, also 5 sisters, 2 brothers, Wm and Harry of Detroit.

Jan 22, 1934, Sault paper – died Mrs Sarah Hart Ginter, 77, born in County of Gray (sic), May 1856, married in 1875 at Kincardine to John HART, moved in 1879 to Sault, chil George and Mrs. Douglas and Wm. John died at age 56 and she married George HART in 1899, he died in 1915 and she married Patrick Ginter in 1921, has two sisters, Elizabeth (KERR) of Mount Forest and Mary Bascome of Mich.

May 25, 1934, Sault paper – died Donald McINNIS, 61, born at Owen Sound, Sept 24, 1872, leaves wife, 7 chil, 2 brothers, 3 sisters

July 28, 1934 Sault paper – died Mrs R. W. PEARCE, born in Owen Sound, May 16, 1873, married in Owen Sound in 1901, leaves husband (druggist) and one son, 2 sisters, Mrs J S Murray McLAUGHLAN, Owen Sound, Mrs C. S. Layton, Detroit.

Mar 22, 1943, Sault paper – died Alexander McCULLOCH, born in Gray (sic) County Aug 11, 1865, lived at DeTour, Mi; leaves wife, 5 daughters, 2 sons, 1 sister, three brothers, Angus, Seattle, Dr Joseph, Peterborough, and William, Durham Ont.

Jan 24, 1934, Sault paper – died Mrs William HANSEN, 65, born at Mount Forest, Ont in 1868, moved to Charlevoix, Mi, married in 1894, leaves husband, 1 daughter.

Nov 1, 1927, Sault paper – died Mrs RYE, of pickford, born at Kincardine, 1877, dau of John McDonald, m George Rye, Jan 1897, leaves husband, 4 sons, 1 dau, 2 sisters, Mrs. Alex WAY, of Capreal, Canada, Mrs Jas STEVENSON, Poplardale, Canada, 2 brothers, Daniel and Alexander of Poplardale.

Nov 28, 1931 Sault paper – died Francis C. BYE, 70, born Nov 28, 1861 in Edgermont (sic) Township, Gray (sic) Co. married 48 years ago to Fannie EAKETT, survives him with 4 sons and 2 daughters, 4 brothers, George of Holstein, David of Forget, Sask, Harry of Mt Forest, John of Grachu, Alta, Harry of Mt Forest, sis of Mrs Irwin Robb of Mr Forest.

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**From Gladys Arnold**

Some FAMILY REUNIONS were held in the Kincardine – Lucknow - Ripley area in 1979:

Arenburg; Avery; Anderson-Kennedy; Bennett; Burt; Bell; Cossit at Campbellville; Eskrick; Geddes; Goodin; Graham; Hackett; Hooey; Hedley; Henderson; Helm; Hunter; Lane; MacDonald (Farmer Dan); MacDonalds at Lochalsh; Osborne; Sherwood; and Welsh.

From Mrs Phyllis Zado, 288 Hanley Cres, Regina, Sask, S4R 5B1 –

“Furrows and Faith”, the history of Lake Johnston and Sutton Municipalities and the communities of Mossbank, Mazenod, Palmer, Ardill, Vantage, Ettington, Michellton, Dunkirk and Bishopric will be available by June 1980; contains approximately 800 pages and 1800 pictures. Half of the book is made up of the histories of the individual families who at one time lived in the district or are still living there. The other half is divided into chapters on pre-settlement, pioneers, law and order, farming, living conditions, homes, food, communications, health care, men, women, children, acts of God, the dirty thirties, the war years, government, towns, schools, churches, social and sporting activities and natural history. Also a chapter on families who didn't submit stories but whose presence was discovered in newspaper clippings, a chapter on hoe to start your search for family history in Saskatchewan, an index on maiden names of the first generation women who settled in our district, cemetery index for burials which have taken place and so on, and son on! Mossbank High School Reunion will be held July 25, 25, 27, 1980. Contact Mrs Barbara Sawin of Mossbank if interested. A Celebrate Saskatchewan Reunion will be held Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> of 1980. The book “Furrows and Faith” is available for \$25.00 through Lake Johnston- Sutton Historical Society, Mossbank, Sask S0H 3G0

(Families from Egremont, Proton, included, according to map sent by Mrs Zado at an earlier date, in the library, Delene)

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## MEETINGS

Report from Work Meeting held in the Council Chambers in Kincardine, Feb 14, 1980, Mrs Arnold, presiding. Those present introduced themselves and told what families they are working on. Mrs Daisy Traynor showed a book Kith and Kin, featuring pioneers of Oro Township. A letter from Gibsons, B.C. told of a Thompson reunion and requested information on Thompsons or Shewfelts that anyone could offer. Mrs Farrell asked if the Bruce Organization was still active in B.C. Mrs Arnold will check further. She read a query from a Mrs Patterson, Conmore, Alta re Rev Patterson in Paisley area. Ross McKenzie, Bay City, Mich is searching McKenzies, N. line Kincardine Twp; Jeannette Fraser, Glencairn, Ont – Thos Chas Preston, Bruce Co; Marjorie Babington McChesney, Creemore, Ont – Babington, Foster, Follis. Tom Gregg told of what facilities are available in Kincardine for copying and printing. Mrs Conway is seeking Nelsons who came to Bruce from Brant County. The March meeting – bring what material you have on a Family Tree and tell how you recorded it.

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## QUERIES

From S. & L. Bagley, 539 Carlton St, St Catharines, Ont L2M 4X6:

Seeking info on the following: Thomas HICKS, Well Digger, b ca 1807, England, m. Martha ? Martha b ca 1812 England. Farmed in Bentinck Lot 65 Con 2 NDR 1850. Chil b England, Wm., Hannah m George SKEIK, Sarah m John ALEXANDER, John b 1837, m Ann Jane NOBLE 1 Feb 1858 at Durham, Ont, James b 1828, d 1899, m Elizabeth WILSON 22 August 1859, Ann b 1844 m George BOAKES. Where did chil go? Where are Thomas and Martha buried? Rel Church of Eng.

From Mrs Mary Edith Wegener, 3181 Maple Rd, Newfane, N.Y. 14108

KYLE, John in Osprey Twp Census 1871 to North Dakota 1876. Uncle of Geo SHEARD b Nov 15, 1854, Osprey Twp, in North Dakota 1877, how related? Who was Sarah SHEARD b Osprey Twp c 1868-9, d July 19, 1871 Collingwood area? Who was James SHEARD bd Badgeros Cemetery?

From Mrs David Aitken (see #614)

Seeking McGILLS re R.C. farmers James and Isabella McGill came from Balantry, Ire to Fullerton Twp in Perth Co, later family members moved to Elderslie, Bruce-John, Richard, James, William, Warren, Helen and Mary Jane.

From Betty Chigbrow, 4555 Rambling Rose, Meridian, Idaho 83642

John? ARNOTT b ca 1790, Drumgaw Co Armagh, Ire, m Susan SPENCE b 1792 in Mullaprack, Co Armagh, Ire. Need names of parents and fam of John and Susan. Immigrated to Can 1821, 5 chil one son Wm Alex b on ocean enroute, settled Upper Toronto Twp & Chingacousy Twp; John d 1861, Susan 1858, both bd Trinity Ang Cem, Streetsville, Wm Alex b 6-19-1821 m Matilda b 1832 in Ire. m 1851, 9 chil, lived Toronto Twp and in Dundalk area, Grey Co. need death, burial date for Isabella Abigail Arnott, their dau b c 1857, Grey Co (Artemesia) Isabella m

Wm as OSBORNE. When? Where? lived in Artemesia had 9 chil Isabella d Apr 1, 1919 in Osprey Twp bd where?

John Dill OSBORNE b 1820 in Co Tyrone, Ire, his parents? his fam? immigrated to Can 1836, settled Toronto, m Dec 23, 1845, Mary Jane WILKINSON, b 1820, Hull Eng, her parents? fam? John and Mary Jane lived in Toronto till 1856, then to Osprey till 1882, then to Flesherton, Artemesia. 9 chil John Dill d Feb 21, 1900, Mary Jane Apr 15, 1919. Where? bd? Their son, James Osborne b 12-31-1851 in Toronto, m when? to Isabella Abigail ARNOTT, lived in Artemesia & Osprey Twp, 9 chil, James d Jan 1, 1923 at Rock Mills bd Salem Cem Samuel?? SIMPSON b? Ire, need all infor on him; m Mary? SEELEY? SULEY? Mary b / Ire, their Son Wm J, b 1849, where? m Elizabeth? GRAHM, when? b in Osprey, when? Elizabeth dau of Margaret Jane? and ? Graham, b Belfast, d?, bd Badgeros, need all info on these. Elizabeth Graham Simpson and Wm J. Simpson lived in Artemesia (Flesherton) and Osprey Twp, 6 chil – 5 sons, 1 dau, Mary Elizabeth. Elizabeth d c 1891, Flesherton, bd Rock Mills Cem; Wm J and chil emigrated to Wilder, Idaho, 1906 Wm J d 10-13-1917, bd Wilder. Dau Mary Elizabeth b 3-7-1884, Flesherton m 12-31-1902 Wm Jas OSBORNE, b 8-7-1878 in Grey Co; emigrated to Wilder Idaho 1908. Mary Elizabeth d Apr 25, 1971, Caldwell, Idaho, bd Wilder.

From Mrs Donald Clark, 2916 Ezra, Zion, Ill 60099

Searching Robert McLEAN and Ellen BROWN McLean Ancestors, family, many bd McLean Cemetery, Lot 1, Con 2, Sydenham.

From Mrs Sheila Linenfelser (see #606)

Alexander FORSYTH b 8 Nov 1825 m Anna b July 1826 in Scotland before 1850, emigrated to Wellington Co then to Teeswater, settled at Chavoit, where Anna d 15 Apr 1883 and Alex died 26 Feb 1896, 14 chil; Janet, b 1844, Scot; Isabella, b 1846, Scot; Thomas b 1847, Scot; Robt b 1850, Guelph, Margaret, b 1852, Guelph; Alex b 1854, Riversdale Ann b 1856; Jane\* b 1867; Mary, twin, m Jos HOFFMAN, bd Riversdale; Elizabeth, b 1860; James b 1856; Ellen b 1862; John b 1864; Emma b 1869; \* Jane went to Mich at 16 and m Will KIEBER. Where in Scotland did Forsyth live? Any info on descendants of family gratefully received.

From Ruth Law, 49 Reach St, Box 807, Uxbridge, Ont L0C 1K0

John BLACK b Apr 12, 1788, d Jan 19, 1857 m in Scotland Helen HUTNER b July 20, 1789 d Dec 19, 1856, came to Prince Edward County 1817 with 3 chil, settled in Sophiasburgh Twp near Demorestville; Chil John b 1813 m Sarah Ann VAN CLEAF; Isabella b 1815 m Robert Ferguson PEGAN; William b Apr, 1819 m ?; Agnes b 1821 d Aug 1841; Charles b 1824 m Abigail VANCLEAF; Jane b 1827 m John REGAN; Margaret Ann b 1830 m Amos VAN CLEAF; Helen (Ellen) b Mar 1833 m John FOWLER. Interested in William Black b Apr 22, 1918 move possible to Western Ontario ca 1839. Possible connected to Black at tavern at Kilsyth? or to Samuel Black at Tavern at Springmount?

From Mrs Rita Atkinson, 10818 – 134 Ave, Edmonton, Alta T5E 1K1

Need information on the following who lived in Carrick, Culross area of Bruce Co – KOEHMSTEDT, Lorena and three chil; Koehmstedt, Franz; Kowhmstedt, Francis; Koehmstedt (BRANDT) Elizabeth; BERGMAN, Joseph; Bergman (Koehmstedt) Elizabeth; Koehmstedt, Elizabeth, Nicholas, K (C)atherine.

The Amabel History Committee is still alive and meeting and once again we are begging those of you who may have any material on Amabel twp to share it with us. Send a resume of what you have to Mrs Carl Rourke, R.R. #1, Hepworth, Ont N0H 1P0. We are collecting; pictures – families, pioneers, businesses, mills, schools, post offices, etc; stories of fires, acts of God, pioneering, etc; family histories, etc; in short anything pertaining to Amabel. Some old post cards have come to light and perhaps you have some of them? School records for Amabel are very scarce and it is felt some may be ‘retired’ to a trunk in an attic, for instance. If you have such records and wish to keep them, could you send a photo copy (unanimously, if you wish) to the committee? One such record has come to your editor and when I have been able to date it, will make a photo copy and then send it to the Board of Education for Bruce County, Chesley, Ontario. Below is a sample page from Daily Register, S.S. #6, Amabel Twp. There is no date, no teacher’s name, and on the outside has two postage stamps, one 1¢ and one 2¢, post marked Walkerton and mailed to the ‘Sec 6 Am, Hepworth’. Why had it been to Walkerton? Were all records sent to County Offices? Did the inspector live there? If you can shed any light on this or on the people mentioned, somebody would be grateful! I note that names change spelling from page to page – and there is a page for August! I will copy page for Summary of Attendance since it should include all names and will put age of pupil for month of December, where given, and class as of January (the year before) where given. Tentative date, 1905-06.

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**S. S. #6, AMABEL TOWNSHIP**

NAME	AGE	CLASS ATTENDANCE (Year)	
Lena JACKSON	14	V	128
Nettie JACKSON		V	45
Mabel CAMPBELL	15		84
John JOHNSTON	15	Jr IV	58
Grant McPHATTER		Jr IV	44
Murray McPHATTER		Sr III	77
Flossie BARNES	14	Sr III	86
Gilbert DANARD	14	Sr III	112
Cecil BARNES	12	Jr III	144
Harvey McPHATTER	12	Jr III	143
Robert TOMPKINS	11	Jr III	95
Fred TOMPKINS	14	Jr III	75
Manarie SHIELS	14	Jr III	140
Stanley FRASER	11	Jr III	166
Jennie McPHATTER	10	Sr II	183
Bert JACKSON	9	Sr II	167
Cecil FORBES	12	Sr II	119
Frank BARBOUR	10	Jr II	154
Elmer FORBES		Jr II	41
Wesley FRASER	9	Jr Pt II	161
Frank JOHNSON	10	Jr Pt II	179



Willie LIVINGSTON	8	Sr Pt II	201
Ray JACKSON	8	"	147
Ethel JOHNSON	6	"	80
Emma LIVINGSTON	6	"	126
May BARBOUR	7	"	74
Bertha TOMPKINS	8	"	78
Myrtle FORBES	9	"	67
Earl HARRIS	8	"	118
Hazel ARMSTRONG	7	Jr Pt I	136
Joseph SCHNURR	6	"	79
Myrtle BARBOUR	6	"	75
Edith JOHNSON	6	"	41
Obal TOMPKINS			6
Winnie TREVETT			30
Elmer SOCKETT	8		30
Ralph HAMMOND			34

Phoebe SCHWARTZ, Jr II was listed for Jan and Feb, no attendance marked.

Earl HARRIS listed Jan and Feb, no attendance, appeared again in May with 20 days attendance and each month thereafter.

Elmer SOCKETT attended 6 ds in June, 9 ds in Aug, 16 ds in Oct, 3 in Nov

Obal TOMPKINS attended 3 ds in May, 3 ds in June

Nettie JACKSON, attended Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr as did John JOHNSTON

Grant McPHATTTER attended Jan, Feb, Mar.

Winnie TREVETT attended a few days in May, June, Aug.

And how is this for an example of family longevity: The family is that of the late Richard Ottewell and is from an article published in 1933. Philip Ottewell is 86 lives at Edmonton. Mrs Dinniwell, 71, Amabel Samuel Ottewell is 84, lives at Shallow Lake, Alfred, 69, Clover Bar, Alta, William Ottewell is 83, lives at Otterville. George 65, Owen Sound, David is 81 and on homestead. Total of 8: 606 years! 2 deceased: Jane at 76 and Stephen at 74.

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**TARA - - TOWNSHIP of ARRAN, BRUCE COUNTY** from an article (1939 aprox)  
Tara bears the name of a town in the County of Meath, Ireland, a seat of royalty in ancient days. Richard BERFORD and John HAMILTON were Tara's pioneer settlers. They came to Arran Township in the fall of 1851 and settled on lots where the road between Owen Sound and Southampton opened in 1852. John Hamilton built a small hostelry on this road and supplied accommodation to travellers between these two centres. In 1854 the Berford Bros built the first log house in Tara for their father John F. Berford, this being where later the British Hotel was built. Along with Richard and St Lawrence Berford were others buying lots or settling on lots given them on condition of building. Among the first BUS in Tara were F. ARMSTRONG, Donald SUTHERLAND, and H. LePAN (stores). A sawmill was built in 1855 by H.W.M. RICHARDS, which was the first manufacturing industry in the village. In 1857 he added a grist mill. In 1857 George GEROLAMY and his brothers-in-law, John and James TOBY, purchased lots and put up a modest workshop to commence the manufacture of fanning mills. In the course of two or

three years W.A. Gerolamy took over the business and developed the industry to a considerable size. He was the first maker in Canada to introduce zinc for sieves in fanning mills, for which he obtained a patent. He continued in business until his death in 1913. Another early industry was a sawmill owned by G. W. Drinkwater. Also were woollen mill by Thomas THOMPSON, a potash factory by Samuel SHOVELLER. The first school teacher was J. R. VanDUSEN, (Jacob Richard), son of Conrad VanDusen from Prince Edward Co. The first postmaster of "Eblana" was D. Sutherland, his successor being John Toby. The first census of the area of the village was done in 1880 by Henry VanDusen and in 1881 the by-law passed making Tara a separate municipality. The first election was held in the old Presbyterian Church and the officer elected were; Reeve, John DOUGLASS; Councilmen, W. A. Gerolamy, John DUNN, W. VanDusen and Isaac SHANNON. J. D. Toby, village clerk; J. H. VanDusen, treasurer. J. R. VanDusen was returning officer.

The first meetings for religious services were conducted before any regular congregations had been organized and were held in Gerolamy's shop, later in the schoolhouse. Presbyterian seemed to be the first to build it being a frame building, destroyed by a wind storm in 1860, followed by a brick building and as the congregation grew, by a larger edifice, and in 1875 the present church. In 1861 the Methodist built a brick church halfway between Tara and Invermay. In 1975 they built the present edifice and sold the earlier building to the Baptists.

The first train came to Tara in Oct, 1881. The first newspaper was edited by W. J. WHITLOCK in 1893, Rev Thomas HALL, in 1897, J.E. HAMMOND and in 1899 H.A. VanDusen. (Whereabouts of the files 1881 – 1897 not known). A list of the prominent citizens, business men, etc, when the population was about 500 is in the Directory of the County of Bruce: Village of Tara.

INVERMAY, one mile from Tara, was surveyed in village lots in 1855, plan registered in 1858. Luke GARDEN had a sawmill (1855-56) and a gristmill in 1857. Christ Church, Anglican was built about 1861 and in 1877 replaced by a much handsomer structure. The first store was opened by William RIDDELL about 1853 and was the first store in the township. A name long connected with Invermay was that of Abraham NEELANDS, post-master, storekeeper, and Division Court Clerk.

Some of the names of descendants of the two communities still in the area: Blue, White VanDusen, Wismer, Shannon, Young, Toby, Thompson, Theleaven, Richards, McDonald, Dalgarno, Kilbourn, Spence, McGrath, and others. (My Grt Grdprts being Richards, McGrath, Vandusen, Bemen, McIlwain)

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## **BOOK REVIEW**

### **TIGER HILLS TO THE ASSINIBOINE A HISTORY OF TREHERNE & SURROUNDING DISTRICT**

Treherne was a name that I had grown up with. My grandmother Stanton who had spent her sunset years in my parents home, had lived in that area for many years. When I heard of the history I was anxious to get a look at it. My thanks to May Morran of Winnipeg for bringing this book to my attention.

The book 11/8 ½ has 382 pages with a wealth of pictures. 240 pages are family histories arranged alphabetically. The final chapter has reminiscences. There is neither an index nor a list of contents. As with every other community in Western Canada, people flocked in to claim a farm. Many of these people were from Bruce and Grey counties. These are the ones that I have tried to include in this review

ADAIR, James – b. 3 Apr. 1858 near Walkerton, Ont.  
CAMERON, Donald – m. Elizabeth McLAREN of Port Elgin.  
DARLING, Cyrus s/o Wm & Phoebe, lived in Howick twp., Huron Co.  
DIETRICH, John Anthony b. 3 July 1863 Walkerton  
DOBBIN, Alexander from Owen Sound, emigrated from Ire.  
ENGLISH, Wm lived Brant Twp.  
ENGLISH, James m. Mary McNALLY in 1880 in Chesley.  
GIBBONS, Thomas Joseph 1875 – 1965 m Catherine Elizabeth Kenney, Lucknow.  
(The Grogan family married into the Stanton family as did the Latimer and Hogg families.)  
HENDERS, Wm m. Betsy McLEOD of Kincardine.  
HOUSE, W. H. of Owen Sound m. Elinor Rlggin of Kincardine, came to Treherne in 1886.  
LAMONT, Thomas Jasper (Dr. T.J.) from Malcolm, Brant Twp.  
LOUNSBURY, Leonard – some of this family live in Paisley.  
McCREERY, Wm – left Southampton in 1876.  
McCULLOCH, Mr. & Mrs. Dougald from Port Elgin.  
McNEIL, James, David & Susan who m. Henry PINKERTON of Pinkerton.  
McNEIL, Edward's dau m. Wm F LEES at Walkerton.  
McNEIL, Annie m. Laughie MacDONALD at Kincardine.  
ROSS, James Hardie from Annan m. Bridget Wilson also from Annan.  
SHARPIN, family from Gorrie area, Howick Twp. Huron Co.  
- a granddaughter m. into the Morran family from Arran Twp.  
STANTON, Joseph and Thomas who later came to Saugeen Twp.  
STEELE, Robert Frame b. 1872 in Brant Twp.  
VENNARD, Robert & Jane (White) from Bruce Twp.  
WALDON, family from Howick Twp.  
WATSON, Robert from Durham, Grey Co.  
WILSON, Wellington m. Matilda Ellen Morgan b. Bruce Co.

If anyone thinks they have a connection in the Treherne area, I would be happy to look in the book for you, but don't forget a SELF-ADDRESSED & STAMPED ENVELOPE for a reply.  
By AUDREY UNDERWOOD

### **NEW LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS**

1. A HISTORY OF BENTINCK TOWNSHIP . . . . . Grey Co.
2. THE HISTORY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRANT 1854 – 1979 . . . . . Bruce Co.
3. AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF COLLINGWOOD TOWNSHIP . . . . . Grey Co.
4. PEACE, PLENTY AND PROGRESS – A HISTORY OF OSPREY TWP . . . . Grey Co.  
(card cover – project under Experience '75 grant.)

The following from Betty Warrilow

As well as the usual sources, e.g. census, obits, histories, cemetery records, the Family Bible can be a 'source'.

There is sometimes information in a Family Bible other than in the record sheets between the Old and New Testament. Turn your Bible upside down, flip through the pages and give a little shake – gently, of course.

The following clippings were dislodged from the Sparrow Bible: Memoriam to Mrs. Robert Henderson, dated 1925, at Huntingdon Death of W. J. Tuttle, Charlestown Death of Mrs Willard J. Tuttle (nee Sparrow) Birthday party for Mrs Samuel Henderson (Mary Howe) 97<sup>th</sup>! Death notice, at Huntingdon, of Thomas Hunter, aged 66

Death notice, at New Ireland, of Mrs Robert Sparrow (Mary Ann Hayter) Golden and Silver Weddings Celebrated – Mr and Mrs Robert Henderson and Mr and Mrs W. A. Hunter These thin slips of paper had been inserted between the pages of the Bible and remained undetected despite handling of many people.

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**From Perils of Publishing a Paper** – 'Sad to say everyone makes mistakes and with the large volume that this paper handles, it is amazing there are not more errors made. Thankfully, we haven't yet had a string of errors like the one recently reported made from a paper in the South. It started with an ad Monday:

FOR SALE: R.D. Jones has one sewing machine for sale. Phone 958 after 7 p.m. and ask for Mrs Kelly who lives with him cheap.

On Tuesday: NOTICE: We regret having erred in R.D. Jones' ad yesterday. It should have read: one sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 958 and ask for Mrs Kelly who lives with him after 7 p.m.

On Wednesday: R.D. Jones has informed us that he has received several annoying calls because of the error we made in his classified ad yesterday. His ad stands corrected as follows: FOR SALE: R.D. Jones has one sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 958 after 7 p.m. and ask for Mrs Kelly who loves with him.

Finally on Thursday: NOTICE: I, R.D. Jones have no sewing machine for sale. I smashed it. Don't call 958 as the telephone has been taken out. I have not been carrying on with Mrs. Kelly. Until yesterday she was my housekeeper, but she quit.

A twig has been added to the Goar Tree. Congratulations to Doug and Ann Goar on the birth of their son, Jeremy Graham Douglas, born Mar 11, 1980. The Goars also have a daughter, Jennefer.

Vina Ufland, member and friend of Bruce and Grey Branch, is celebrating 70 years of association with the Meaford Express. Miss Ufland began her career in 1910 when Frank Secord was the owner and has been associated with the paper ever since. Her column The Scroll Unwinds, offers nostalgia and memories for many readers.

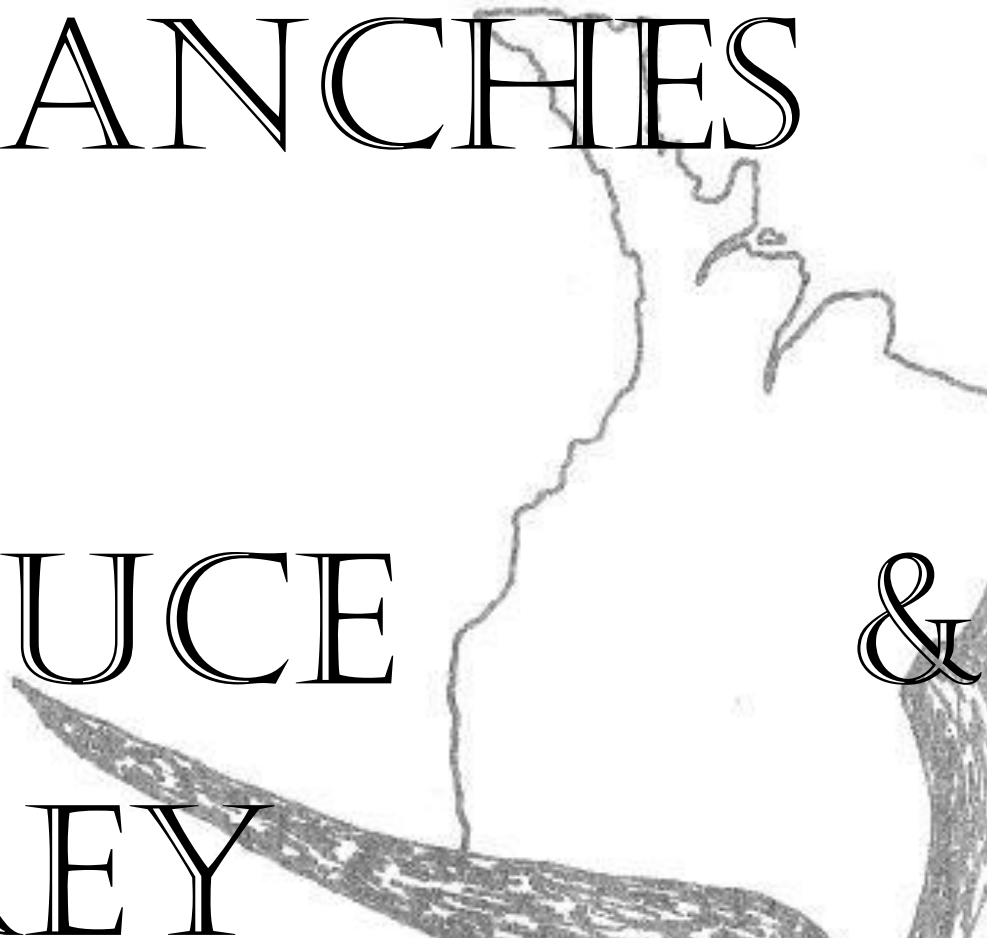
#### **ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 19, 1980**

Speaker will be Ken Gowie from Kintracers, Canada. His topic 'Overseas Research'.

May Meeting: May 28 in Senior Citizens Room, Town Hall, Meaford, Highlights of the 1980 Seminar in Kingston

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Branch Meetings are held the fourth Tues of the month – no meetings in December - at 8 PM.  
Our Branch Library is housed in the Owen Sound Public Library. Our mailing address is - - - Box  
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Membership to OGS is \$12.00 per year and to the Bruce Grey Branch \$4.00 per individual,  
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genealogical activity within the Province of Ontario. Your \$12.00 Membership provides the  
working capital for this effort.

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Publications for sale - - "Tracing Your Ancestors in Grey and Bruce" - \$2.00, "County of Bruce  
1867 DIRECTORY" – Index; a list of residents from townships of Amabel, Albermarle, Arran,  
Brant, Bruce, Carrick, Culross, Edlerslie, Greenock, Huron, Kinloss, Kincardine, Saugeen and  
the villages of Bervie, Enniskillen, Arkwright, Pinkerton, Invermay, Inverhuron, Kincardine,  
Hanover, Belmore, Formosa, Moscow, Paisley, Port Elgin, Riversdale, Southampton, Tara,  
Teeswater, and the town of Walkerton. Also lists of Council members, Agricultural Soc., Post  
Offices, etc. - - \$4.75 post paid.

## MEETING NOTES

March 25 at Owen Sound Public Library – Show and Tell – from Izetta Fraser and Melba Croft,  
a report from a meeting they attended in Orangeville and a number of books and pamphlets  
from it, including a list of passengers of the Titanic; Mrs Loughheed had the Collingwood  
Township Book; the Woods told of their Scottish estate and cemetery research; Stewart  
McKenzie told a ghost story; Audrey Underwood showed a Family newsletter she edits and the  
Bartleman Book; Sadie Odgen had an early map of St Vincent; Mrs Ellis, a report on Toronto's  
100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1891; Mrs Wark's souvenir from France; David Lamb had an account /diary  
which had been written by his grt grt grandfather and told of finding boxes of old pictures; Mary

and Victor Bassingthwaite showed their Scarrow/Bassingthwaite Family Record; Tom Armstrong spoke of Index to Surnames, the use of a Dictaphone, and his use of a camera to record records; T.L. Boyle had his Rows/Jolley scrap book; Muriel Johnson says she uses her Christmas card exchange to keep other members of the family up to date and receives info from them in this manner. Alex Stoneouse explained the color coding on their family charts; Ken Gilmore had a Family Bible dated 1734; Vernon Swanton is collecting Swanton names and has 10 trees – as yet unrelated – and spoke on Photo Mechanical Transfer and its advantages; Betty Warrilow had the Obit Books, and a mourning ring, 1825.

April 19 – Annual Meeting – Election of Officers; many fine displays, including a collection of pictures depicting the history of Port Elgin and surrounding area, set up by Claus Breede, Director of Bruce Co Museum; The Speaker, Mr Ken Gowie of Oakville and Kintracers, a group founded in Canterbury in 1976 and opened in Canada in 1979 under Mr Gowe. Some of the highlights His personal search began in response to a letter from a relative about relatives who had taught at Dalhousie. His grandmother was a Newcombe and this history dates to 1618; Govies in South Africa, Hong Kong, England and Carribean; be sure to do your homework here before going overseas; book ahead to see records in Britain; ask ahead to have reader's ticket; suggests you stay in suburbs rather than London as it is cheaper; use a drop line information sheet and the standard procedures that have been set before you start read Smith & Gardiner's Gen Research in England and Wales; check gazetteer for parrish registers in England and Scotland, some of these deposited in County Archives: check Computer File Index for selected entries of parishes from Gt Brit and through the world; check Boyd's marriage Index, Guildhall Library, some gaps between 1812 and 1837; read about Bishop's transcripts in Smith and Gardiner; watch for name changes as you go back in time; Census in Eng, 1841, 51, 61, 71, and are best from 51 on, giving name, position in family, occupation, parish and place of birth; caution – make sure you write down exactly what you were looking at, even if search was negative – and the fact that it was negative; use maps, Local Historian's Encyclopedia, John Richardson; Kintracers office in Oakville has 100 record searchers and their fee is \$20 per hour; send a basic resume to Kintracers, 118 Thomas St, Oakville, Ont L6J 3A8.

May 27 at Meaford. Ken Gilmore had a request from Ulster Historical Foundation, 66 Balmoral Ave, Belfast, Ire Bt9 6Ny for any records pertaining to Ireland, particularly Northern Ireland, which may be in Canada. They are trying to replace records destroyed in fire, etc.

Vlna Ufland showed a collection of Memorial Cards, earliest dated 1869, printed by Meaford papers, She suggested their value was due to record of name, age, place of burial, the latter not always available through other sources. Mrs Hill and Mrs Binstead showed two examples of five generation wedding pictures beginning with the wedding of George Boyce and Ellen Hutt in 1859. Mrs Almond, with Mrs Cook and other helpers is recording Lakeview Cemetery in Meaford. Guest from Vancouver Island were Mr and Mrs Donald Douglas who are searching Douglas, McCutcheon, Robinson, Laycock, Drake, Bumstead and Reid. Gerald Merrick explained the term Townland used in Irish research.

## CORRESPONDENCE AND QUERIES

From Melba Croft, Owen Sound, Ont

I am grateful to the Owen Sound Historical Society for the assistance in publishing 'THE HISTORY OF OWEN SOUND'. There will be a pre-publishing subscription fund for a limited edition and this fund is now open. To obtain an autographed copy of the History send \$25.00 per copy to Owen Sound History, Book Account, 2650 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave W, Owen Sound, Ont. Be sure to include your correct mailing address. If there is any reason for not publishing your money will be refunded in full. There will be over 400 pictures in the book and it will be arranged chronologically with app. 400+ pages.

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### SHOULDICE & SHOLDICE Family REUNION

To be held July 12, 13, 1980 at Shallow Lake & District Community Centre 12 km west of Owen Sound, 11km east of Sauble Beach. Registration fee \$10.00 per household. Afternoon of Discovery (Sat); Family Background in Palatine (before 1709); Migration to Ireland; Migration to U.S.A. 1760; Migration to Canada 1818 and later; We need any information you can contribute. The Shouldices of Shallow Lake want to welcome all to their area and offer overnight accommodation in their homes for many. Catered dinner Sat 6 PM and lunch Sun.

We need to know:

1. Number coming
2. Do you want a list of motels
3. Will you attend Sat 6 PM dinner \$5.00  
Sun 12-1 PM Lunch \$5.00

Please send (as soon as possible) replies and cheque to:

Mrs E. R. Kelly, R.R. 2, Lambeth, Ont N0L 1S0

Make cheque payable to Shouldice Reunion 1980

From Mrs Ida Crozier, 45 Sharon Ave, Hamilton, Ont L8T 1E2

My first book A Crozier-Fletcher Genealogy is ready for the printer. It includes:

Part I A Brief History and Genealogy on the Descendants of Lieutenant John Crosier b 1750.

Part II begins with Robert Fletcher sixteenth century, England and to America and finally to Ontario, Canada

Part III deals with the Descendants of Stephen Fletcher of Saltfleet, Wentworth

From Russell Bromley Stewart, 37945 Willowmere Rd, Mt Clemens, Mi 48045

From Turning Leaves, LaRiviere, Manitoba: The Shewfelts – (Archibald District)

In the years 1878 to 1881 the first settlers came to the LaRiviere district and among them was Joseph Shewfelt and his family from Kincardine. They settled on section 18-4-9, later purchasing a farm across the road south of them and gave an acre of land to build a school on. He was married to Agnes Robinson and they had a family of: Elizabeth (Mrs Alex Horn, Kingsley); Mary (Mrs Murdock McLean); Katherine (Mrs Sam Avery, Kincardine); Lucinda (Mrs Wm Pybus); Eva (Mrs Alf Horn); Susan and Jenny; Archie, Peter, Johnny and Joe. There were two Joe Shewfelts, one in Archibald and one in Kingsley, (second cousins), and interestingly they were married on the same day, by the same minister, who lived in Mantou. For many years they took turns celebrating their anniversary, together. Some of their neighbours in the Archibald



district were: Charlie Beggs, George Steenson, Bob Scharf, John Edgar, John Carscadin, Jim Shields, Ed Deamel, Bill Wallcraft, Bill Pybus, Joe White, Nester Lemieux, Rob Riddell, Ben Klippenstein, Joe Sims, Ernie Atkins, Fred Horn, Ken Henderson, Bill Pringle, Gilbert Dey, to name a few.

#### SWANTON

Any reader with information of any kind re Swanton to exchange with the 300 bearer of the name I have in 10 separate trees. Earliest birthdate 1801. Will thank you with double postage. V.L. Swanton, R.R. #1, Meaford, Ont N0H 1Y0

#### WHITE HARRIS PARKER RICE MURTAN HOWEY

William White b circa 1808, Ireland m Sarah? b circa 1818, Ireland lived in Arran Twp 1861 to 1871. Fam 1. John b circa 1837, m Mary? Chil Sarah Jane, Albert Edward, William John, Andrew; 2. Mary b ca 1839 m Wm Harris? 3. Catherine b ca 1841 m Moses Parker: 4. Jane b ca 1843 known as Cassie m Joseph McFarlin? 5. Richard b ca 1844 m Rice? 6. Wm b ca 1845 m Ellen ?? chil Janet b 1873, Erle b 1875 and possible Emily & Mabel; Sarah m Chris Murtan; 8. Benjamin Dundas b ca 1849 m Isobel (sister of Wm's w) chil May, George, in North Dakota by 1900; 9. Winslow; 10. Henry b May, 1852 m Rebecca Howey, (all details known); 11. Stephen b 1856, known to be in Seattle Wa by 1907; 12. Charles Wesley b 1858; James Hugh b 1860. – Mr J. W. White, 1 Amherst Heights, St. John's Newfoundland, A1E 3H9

#### WOODALL GAGE

Any information about Elizabeth Ann Woodall Gage, born Feb 8, 1871 and her parents, father George Woodall of Owen Sound, (Brook). – Martin Gage, Ponoka, Alta T0C 2H0

#### STEWART HUNT FERGUSON SAUNDERS GRIFFITH COLWELL CLENDENNING GAWLEY

James Stewart b 1796 in ? Armagh, Ire m Sarah Hunt; came to Canada in 1832, lived near Ottawa until land opened in Queen's Bush, moved to Kincardine twp., was tax collector and registrar of births in Bruce Co. James Ferguson from Antrim came to Canada on same ship, his wife and some children died on voyage (cholera?). Ferguson m Fanny Hunt, Sarah's sis. lived on Con 5 Kincardine twp. remarried after Fanny died, father 21 children, died 90 yrs, buried at Bervie. Widow remarried and lived at Orillia, 2<sup>nd</sup> hus Saunders. Stewarts lived Con 7 Kincardine twp, had chil – Lettie m Henry Griffith and Geo Colwell, George m Mary Ann Clendenning, Margaret m Victor Emmanuel Gawley, Charles m Mary Ann Ferguson, James Jr. not married. James St. died May, 1885, age 87, buried Bervie. – G. Russell Stewart, 63 Midland Crsc, Nepean, Ont K2H 8N2

#### McPHEE NOBLE FRASER

Info on parents of Flora McPhee m Archibald Noble at Kincardine, Feb 23, 1874 by Rev John Fraser, Knox Pres Church. Info on Rev Fraser, too. – Mrs Peter Rettura, 3656 Mt Vernon, Oceanside, Ca 92054

#### SAUNDERS SMITH McINTYRE WHITEHEAD

Donald Saunders, b Scot ca 1819 1<sup>st</sup> w died in Scot or on trip to Canada, 2<sup>nd</sup> w Margaret Smith b Scot, dau of Malocolm Smith and Mary McIntyre. Margaret Smith Saunders lived in Kincardine also son Robt and dau Mary Emily (Mrs Geo Whitehead), daughter Henrietta b 1842 Scot, Margaret b 1854, Can; son James b 185?, Scot. – Mrs Donald Benoit, 5020 W. River Rd, Muskegon, Mi 49445

#### QUIGLEY STEVENSON CAMERON RAE

Would like to correspond with anyone searching Quigley, Sullivan Twp; Stevenson, Arran Twp; Cameron, Sydenham Twp; Rae, Holland Twp. – Mrs James Quigley, R.R. 2, Box 60, Orillia, Ont L3V 6H2

#### BAGLEY HOPKINS

Seeking Bagley from Mayo, Eire, Hopkins of Lion's Head area – Mrs Evangeline Bagley, Apt 607, 210 Markland Dr, Etobicoke, Ont M9C 1R2

#### FORSYTH WHITLEY

Robt John Forsyth d Oct 15, 1896, w Alice Whitley, native of Armagh, d Jan 2, 1892, both buried in Elsinore Cem, Arran Twp. – E.A. Forsyth, 5 Cheviot Place, Apt 31, Islington, Ont M8H 2E3

#### URQUHART

Geo C Urquhart, Elderslie Twp Clerk, druggist, Mrs Geo live in Paisley in 1880. – Mrs Genevieve Tissot, 303 Cottage Ave, Cle Elum, Wa 98922

#### ARMSTRONG WEAVER HALL CORNET

Jas Armstrong b 7 May 1850 in Petrolia, m Ann Dorothy Weaver 22 Dec, 1874 in Brant Twp, 5 daus 2 sons b Dundalk? Wm Walker Hall b Dec 10, 1846 in Kings, Ont m in Proton Twp to Mary Ann Cornet moved to Sault St Marie 1902, 4 sons and 1 dau b in Hopeville – Mrs Dale Hall, 555 Elgin St, Fergus, Ont N1M 2C1

#### MORRISON ANDERSON WATHBORN

David Morrison b ? d Jan 13, 1961 m Mary Anderson had 1 child, after her death m her sister Harriet Amelia Anderson had 9 chil. David's parents? was m Mary Wathborn?? – Glenda Fenlon, 39 John St, Ridgetown, Ont N0P 2C0

#### REAR BATH

John Rear, Con 12 Lot 3 in Collingwood Twp. George Bath, Con 3 Lot 10 Euphrasia Twp, farms in Duncan and Kimberley areas – Mrs Sally Tigert, 33 – 11292 – 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Richmond, B.C. V7E 4J3

#### FROELICH WAECHTER

Bartholumu and Elizabeth Froelich Stephen W. Waechter from Carlsruhe, Mildmay, Ayton area. Need birth dates, place; parents names and family members. – Mrs E.S. Olson, 8407 Mt Thielson Ave, Vancouver Wa 98664

#### CLENDENNING/CLENDINNING LEGGETT

Arthur Clendenning / Clendinning of Brant Twp, Chatsworth, Ireland, Leeds Co to Bruce Co also seeking John Leggett of Bruce Twp. – Mrs Doris Hales Grant, 222 3<sup>rd</sup> St N.E. Medicine Hat, Alta T1A 5M3

#### UHLMAN CUSHING ELDRIDGE WALLACE WESSELL BAKER

Mrs Florence Uhlman, R. R. #1, South Brookefield, Queen's Co, N.S. B0T 1X0 of South Shore Genealogical Branch reports they are recording cemeteries and have 143 done. She is interested in above names.

#### DICKSON GARDHOUSE LAMBE GREEN RITCHIE

Wm Jas Dickson m (1) ?? (2) Gardhouse ? (3) Maria Ellen Lambe. W. J. Dickson b 1863 d 1938 at Grand Valley son Elmer b 1910 Owen Sound dau Margaret Green of Arthur. Also birth date of W. Giffin Ritchie of Walkerton m Isabelle Dickson, m to Detroit and to Paisley 1910-20. – Mrs Ruby Engler, 145 Burns Cres. N.W., Medicine Hat, Alta T1A 6W2

#### MILLAR KENNEDY

G. G. Millar, Saugeen Twp 1860's from Penn, USA, w Mary Kennedy from Penn – Barbara Millar, 173 MacDonnell Ave, Toronto M6R 2A4

#### ADAMS MARTIN

Philip Adams b Flamboro, Wentworth m Elizabeth Martin, moved to St Edmunds Twp, Bruce 1880's. Need parents names, info on marriage, brothers, sisters and occupation. – Mrs Cheryl Wilbert, 1485 Churchill Rd, Sarnia, Ont N7T 7H3

#### SHUNN WHEELER

Info and birthplace of Thomas Shunn, stonemason, b Eng, m Anna Wheeler at Newmarket, Feb 22, 1848. 6 children born while at Owen Sound, m to Toledo, Iowa c 1864. – R.E. Shunn, 17867 Beneda Lane, Canyon County, Sangus Ca 91350

#### READ HALLADAY BROWN

Read, Wm j. settled Kitley Twp Leeds Co, 1797-1830 from Nova Scotia  
Halladay, Geo B settled Allenford, Bruce Co from Elgin  
Halladay Thos settled at Chesley from Elgin  
Brown, Lovina widow from Leeds Co to Arran Twp c 1871 - see BG member #604\*

#### HENDERSON

Jas Henderson family of Holland Twp, Grey Co Jas b c 1804 in Ireland, son Jas Henry b 1845, others ? ? where are they buried ? ? – B.G. member #673\*

#### BURGESS GREIG

Wm Burgess m Ellen Jane Greig, Arran Twp Ellen's parents James Greig and w Mary. Where was Ellen born, Married and When – BG member #671\*

#### McDOUGAL HAWKINS PURCELL SCHLEGELMILCH/SLAGERMAN MELVILLE TEED

Seeking descendants or to exchange info on Alex and Catherine McDougal b Scot, lived Collingwood Twp, farmers, before and after 1865, moved to No Dakota and Manitoba around 1880; Kate b c1853, m (1) Thos Hawkins (2) John Purcell; Jannet b 1865 m Conrad Schlegelmilch (changed to Slagerman); For a m Hugh Melville; Dan, m (1) ?? (2) ??. Chil who remained in Ontario were: Mary, never m.; Annie, m ??; Sarah m George Teed; Neil never m.; Tommy, died young, another boy. – BG member #659\*

#### McCOUBREY / McCUBREY KENNEDY

Alex and w Mary Kennedy b Ireland; chil 4 – Thomas b 6 June 1859 near Walkerton, Bruce Co, moved to Illinois ca 1868/70 need anything prior to 1870, have records of Thomas and family in Illinois and Wash. to exchange. – Mrs. D. K. Carnahan, 7746 28<sup>th</sup> S.W., Seattle, Wa 98126

WALTER PAYNE PRIOR QUINTON MARSHALL TAYLOR GRIER SHEPARDSON

Walter, Joyn, b 1804 Somerset Eng, d 6 Oct 1867, Holland Twp, Grey Co m 3 July 1825 Elizabeth Harris Payne, b 1804, Somerset, Eng, d 22 Apr 1882, Walters Falls, From Eng to Elmsley Twp, Lanark Co, to Holland Twp. Info on descendants sought by Mrs Sharon Dubeau, 96 Ranstone Gdns, Scarborough, Ont M1K 2V1

McKNIGHT CAMPBELL STOUTENBURG

Jane McKnight b 1840 Ireland m Thos Mitchell Campbell c1860 in Collingwood or Thornbury, Where? 5 children Mary Ann b 1862; Margaret b 1867; Emily Jane b 1868; Sarah b 1869; Thomas Mitchell b 1871. Thos Mitchell Sr b Scot?, was Pres minister in Dunnville, Haldemand Co 1871-1893. Mary Ann Campbell m Albert Chauncey Stoutenburg, Collingwood, b Au 1862, m 28 Mar 1885. – Mrs Marietta Lehman, 5905 No Cook, Spokane, Wa 99207

EMMERSON HARRISON WARBUSH WOODS WORROD

Thomas Worrod lived in Glenelg Twp near Markdale 1869, ?? b 1878 at Markham, Charles b 1856, Owen Sound; May m ?? Woods in Toronto; Thomas b Glenelg 1864; Henry b Glenelg 1865 d 1876; Thomas m dau of Thos and Emma Harrison (nee Emmerson) Emma late m ? ? Warbush. When and where are these people buried? – Edward H. Ward, 20 Marion Cres. Barrie, Ont L4M 2L3

DOBBIE

Seeking descendants of Thos Dobbie, settled Perth district c1816, after 1830 moved to Williamsford and Chesley. - Laura G Brown, Research Convener, Grenville Co Historical Society, R.R. #3, Spencerville, Ont K0E 1X0

NELSON

Charles Nelson and wife Phebe of Egremont Twp. – Lionel Gerrie, 195 Catherine St, Wingham NOG 2W0

SIM AITKEN SITHES PINDER ORCHARD BEATTY

Egremont Twp, need land records and year – Alex Sim, R.R. #3, North Gower, Ont K0A 2T0

PILKEY / PILKIE Le PELLETIER THIBAUDEAU BARNHART CARNER MIDDAUGH

Of Glenelg and Twp and Grey Co – BG member #664

PERRY BREADNER FIRTH GLENCROSS

Perry of Meaford; Breadner of Rocklyn; Firth of Durham; Glencross of Glenelg, former Kirkwall near Galt – BG member #666

GEDDES ROWAND

Descendants of John Geddes from Glasgow, m in Beith ca1860, emigrated and settled near Burgoyne, several sons went West, Alex stayed, married a Rowand. – J.E. Geddes, 12 Alley 90, Lane 80, Wen Lin N. Rd., Peitou, Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China

MUIR ROBINSON

Seeking data on Wm Mui and his wife Margaret Ellen Robinson of Walkerton and later Manitoba – Mrs H. B Quinn, 17 Asmundsen Ave, Red Deer, Alta T4R 1G1

#### CASWELL

Shirley Mayse, 3451 W 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver, B.C. V6R 1T4 has written a book "Our Caswell Relatives" and is anxious to contact anyone descended from or possessing info about Caswells to up date her book.

#### McGEORGE

Robt McGeorge migrated to Montana from Guelph or Kitchener area, born on boat coming from Scotland – Mrs Sam McGeorge, 1812 6<sup>th</sup> Ave N Great Falls, Montana 59401

#### JONES TRAVIS HAMILTON

Wm Jones whose family were John Evans, William, Jim and Lila Jones. John Evans b May 6, 1871 in Port Elgin m Minnie Mae Travis in Bruce Twp Minnie Mae dau of Ezekiel Travis and Mary A Hamilton. Bros & sis of Minnie Mae: George, Samuel, Betsy, Elspeth, Wes and Charlie. Minnie Mae b 1877 at Port Elgin. John and Minnie Mae had George Wm Clifford b 1901 at Port Elgin and 7 other chil in Alberta where they moved in 1903. – Mrs Wayne Asplund, BG Member #650

#### MICHELL WHITING

Benjamin Michell b 1820 Sennon Parish, Land's End, Cornwall, Eng d 1879 at Walkerton, m Mary Ann Whiting, where?? received by petition Lot 15 Con 7 Brant Twp in 1852. Need Benjamin's parents. Will share information – Mrs. J. H. Lander, 71 Temperance St, Bowmanville, Ont L1C 2B1

#### WILSON WOODMAN

John Albert Wilson, son of John Henry Wilson and Alice Brown Woodman; John Albert b in Amabel Twp and his parents were b in ??, Ontario – Mrs Teresa Price, 1230 Inverness Dr., Prince George, B.C. V2K 1H1

#### SHAW BELL

Can anyone provide a marriage date for James F. Shaw and Martha Bell, Lion's Head, Bruce Co, had several chil b at Lion's Head, possible date 1868. – Andrew S. Arnott, 3007 Fifth St, Victoria, B.C. V8T 4B6

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#### **UP COMING MEETINGS FOR SUMMER 1980**

June 24 8 PM at the Parish Hall of the Church of The Messiah, Russell Street, Kincardine, turn west off hiway 21, on Russell St, cross the river.

July 22 at Wiarton – Sheila Gatis will tell of her research, etc for Wiarton History. Bob Kastner will have old picture/slides of Wiarton. Meet at 8 PM at Baptist Church, Frank Street, turn east off Berford St.

August 26 will be a pot luck supper /picnic at Scone Park, sit down at 6:30, bring your own dishes, tea and coffee supplied.

The Local Group in the Southwest of Bruce meet at Kincardine Council Chambers at 8 PM on the second Thursday of the month (no meeting June). Anyone in their area interested is invited to join them.

If you can arrange a meeting in your area in the future or if you have any ideas for future meetings we need your participation. Call Doug Goar 797-2373 or write him Box 1108, Southampton, Ont N0H 2L0

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County Marriage Registers of Ontario is an excellent series of indexes compiled by Wm Britnell. Now that Mr Britnell has begun his series, the quality of our research should greatly increase. To date three volumes have been published, one for Peel, one for Ontario, one for Prince Edward Counties. Each volume is \$2.00 and can be ordered from Generation Press, 172 King Henrys Boulevard, Agincourt, Ont M1T 2V6.

To prove the merit of owning all three sets, Gerald Merrick lists the following marriage of people of Bruce Grey area from the series:

John Wright m Ann Wright, 1858, Artemesia  
Catherine Crawford, Proton, m George Williams, Caledon, 1869  
Jesse Dowding, Euphrasia, m Priscilla Hudson, Albion, 1864  
Alexander Falls, Euphrasia m Elizabeth Toller O'Brien, Toronto, 1861  
Henry Fenwick, Artemesia m Elizabeth Roth, 1865  
Fraser/Frazer, William of Howick m Janet McDonald, Chinguacousy, 1868  
Mary Rutherford, Proton, m Thomas Stevenson, Proton, 1858  
John Hill, m Mahala Humphries, all of Londesborough, 1867  
Stewart Houston, Mt Forest m Fannie Stewart, Brampton, 1865  
Anne Watts, Sydenham, m Jehoiadad? Haines, Cheltenham, 1858  
Andrew Wilson, Artemesia m Jane Ann Rutledge, Streetsville, 1866  
Thomas Kerfoot, Egremont m Thurza Stephens, Trafalgar, 1863

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County Marriage Registers of Ontario, Canada indexed by Bill Britnell some from this area

George Lawson, Euphrasia m Margaret Dinkall, Toronto Gore 1867  
John Pringle, Culross m Margaret McDonald, Chinguacousy 1861  
John Richardson, Proton, m Margaret Phillips, Chinguacousy 1865  
Heriah Roadhouse, Sydenham m Elizabeth Johnston, Sydenham 1861  
Elijah Roszell, Carrick, Frances Atkins, Erin 1863  
John A Scarlett, Proton m Elizabeth Natrass, Toronto Gore 1863  
Robt D Wilson, Amaranth m Anne Waite, Brampton 1865  
George Gregg, Kincardine m Christiana Ogston, Whitby 1858  
Peter Dick, Arran m Annie White, Pickering 1867  
James Henderson, Artemesia m Mary J Belany, Brock 1866  
Duncan McLean, Saugeen m Catherine McKinnon, Mariposa 1862  
James Paull of Egremont m Mary McKer(ra)cher, Nassagaweya 1861  
Levi Shell, Saugeen m Margaret Faulkner, Uxbridge 1859  
James Sullivan, Artemesia m Anne Curtain, Brock 1859  
Lawrance Yeomans, Mt Forest m Anne Darlington, Brooklin 1863

Names of fathers and mothers and witnesses are included in the index and this alone makes them of value. We hope we have whetted your appetite; you will see the need for these indexes as part of your library – also ask your local library to order them.

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#### IN THE LIBRARY

Joseph and Regina Buckels Descendants from Mrs Elmer Schill, 9 Springhome Rd, Barrie, Ont N4N 2W4. Rachael m Ignatz Steffler, Culross Twp: Caroline m Frank Sadlo, Rivesdale area; Henry m Susanna Gildner, lived in Michigan; Joseph m Anna Anthony, Culross; Catherine m Wm Fuss, lived New York; Edward m Margaret Mae Wilson, lived Sask; Mary Ann m Wm Hundt, lived Carrick and Kitchener; Mathilde m Jos Weber, lived Carrick: Emma m Chas Reinhart, lived Sask; Lavina m Claire Carter, lived Alabama.

Mathew Weber & Catherine Lattneer, Formosa also from Mrs Schill Mary and Joseph Kuntz, Culross; Margaret Sr M. Peata; Otilia, Sr M. Charitina; Joseph and Mathilda (Buckel), Carrick; Anthony and Adeline (Kunkel), Culross; Henry and Rose (Kupperschmidt), Carrick; Wm and Lena (Philippi), Carrick; Bernard; Bertha and Frederick Newhaus, N.Y.; John of Winnipeg.

The Collins Family from M. A. Collins

Frances Colwell m Jane Collins 1854, lived at Bervie, Kincardine Twp, moved in 1880 to North Dakota, had 17 children including: Mary Ann, 1855 m John Burley, 1873; Elizabeth 1859 m John Glass 1873; Maria 1859 m Robt Glass; Deborah Amanda b 1861 m Wm McDonald, Ripley 1879; Sarah Jane 1863 m Jas Stirling 1882; David Henry 1866 m Marguerite Cuyler 1891; Anna Laura 1875 m Rev O.E. McCracken, founder of Glad Tidings Mission, Fargo, N.D.; & Samuel Preston Colwell, Sisters of Jane Collins Colwell – Deborah 1822 m Patrick Whalen; Eliza m Richard Dagg; Anna Marie m Thomas Stewart. Bros of Jane: Edward 1825 m Jane Blackwell; Francis 1832; Thomas Foster 1838 m Ann Guest.

Southwest Bruce Local Group met in April at Kincardine Council Chambers Answered roll call with a source they found helpful, including Irish research from Bob Courtney: Four Courts, Dublin; Genealogical Office, Dublin Castle; Sup't of Registers Office, Thrules, Tipperary; Reg-Gen Office, Custom House, Dublin. Also Dr Reid's U.E.L. Families has been reprinted and is in Ontario Archives and on Inter Library Loan.

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#### PIONEER LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY

By Elizabeth Atkinson Hambley, given at Mt Horeb (Clavering) Women's Institute about 1928 or 1930 contributed by Mrs Carl Rourke, Hepworth.

My parents, Edward and Sarah Mullen Atkinson, lived near Beeton before they came to the Township of Keppel in Sept, 1862. They had three small children, Jane, Will, and Susan who was just one year old when they moved. Our nearest neighbour was two and a half miles from us, and when I was born, on Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1864, the nurse had to walk all that way in snow on a track Father made on his way there and back with nothing to guide them but a blaze on the trees. The nurse was so exhausted when they got to the creek near Harvey Wilson's that Father had to break a hole in the ice to get water for her to drink. Mr Swain, a carpenter, made a cradle out of a basswood log, in which I was rocked and also the younger members of the family.

These were the true hard days of pioneering. The very first thing one had to do was clear a space in the bush to build a log cabin or shanty, which was usually 10 feet by 12 feet, with their only tool, an axe. Wedge pieces of timber called chinks were shoved in between the logs and, if necessary, stuffed with moss to keep out the wind.

There was only one door, hung on wooden hinges, one tiny window, 8 X 10 inches. I think the reason for the tiny window was protection from bears and wolves, which were quite plentiful. There was a prop coming from the opposite side of the room used against the door to insure further safety. The roof of the shanty was made of split cedars called clapboards and the floor of hewed basswood, for sawmills were not in existence then. There was an enclosure made of stones something like our present day fireplaces where cooking was done – until that new and wonderful invention – the stove – was seen in this country. It was called the 'Burr' stove and was low with a high oven at back. It was bought in Owen Sound and brought as far as Matthew Boyd's in one day with a team of horses and my father carried it home from there on his back the next day or so. How many of the present generation would ever think of attempting anything like that? Besides the stove there was a table roughly hewn out of timber, a bunk which served as a seat by day and a bed by night. You could either lie lengthwise or crosswise, it all depended on the size and number of 'childer' as our Irish parents would say. There was also a bench, usually a wiggly affair, which often tipped over. There were no cupboards for sideboards, just holes bored in the walls and wooden pegs drove in, then a piece of flat timber laid on top to form shelves. After the timber was cut down, rolled into piles and burned, potatoes or grain was planted among the stumps. The following season wheat was generally planted and when ripe was cut with a sickle and bound by hand. When it was dry it was carried to a stack on two poles and was threshed with a flail or Poverty stick. The first implement was a harrow made of a crotch of a tree with wooden pegs driven through, later harrows had iron pegs. It resembled a giant grasshopper and the first plough was called a grasshopper plough and had long wooden beams. The first conveyance was a wooden jumper, not unlike a sturdy handsleigh about 3 x 5 ft. It was used both winter and summer and I remember my first ride was to get a load of wood. A longer ride would be to Mr James McCullough's (Mrs Harvey Wilson's grandfather) who lived nearly across the road from where Mr Albert Hill now lives.

Mother and Father had been in this part of the country twelve years, and had neither ways nor means of going back to Beeton until the railway called the 'Narrow Gauge' was built to Owen Sound. When Martha was six weeks old, Mother walked to Owen Sound, carrying the baby, while Father carried the lunch and what few belongings were needed for the trip. Mother stayed at Beeton about two weeks, then my Uncle Jonathon and Aunt Mary Magloughlen brought her and the baby home.

Spring time came with maple syrup and sugar to be made and stored, or taken to the store in exchange for provisions. With this sugar wild fruits were preserved so thick that they could be cut with a knife and used as butter, for they were kept in crocks, as there were no sealers.

Mrs. McCullough came to see us but Mother happened to be away at the time so Jane told me to make her a cup of tea, for in those days we never thought of letting anyone go away without giving them something to eat; so I made her a cup of tea and cut a slice of bread (you know in olden times you always sliced the bread the length of the loaf instead of crosswise as we do now) and spread thick plum preserves all over the slice and gave it to her to eat without even



cutting the slice in two. Just imagine how it looked! Of course I thought I had done it very nicely, but I remember the others laughing about it afterwards.

When enough land was cleared and fenced sheep were raised. The wool was carded, spun and dyed either red or blue at home for yarn, but if flannel was needed, as was usually the case, for the family kept increasing until there were twelve children, the yarn had to be taken elsewhere to be woven. We used to dye factory cotton at home. If we wanted a brown shade we used hemlock bark, but if grey was wanted, beech bark was used.

The boys wore high boots with copper toes and a red band at top. The boots were hard to pull off so we had a boot jack. We just got one pair of boots a year, so, of course, had to go barefoot in summer in order to have boots to wear in winter and I never had a pair of rubbers until after I was married.

You know in those days money was about as scarce as hen's teeth, but even so we had to pay about \$40 a year on the mortgage, so it was necessary for Father to go and work. I can remember him going to work for farmers in Derby for fifty cents a day.

We were on the old homestead for about six years before we moved to the farm where Tom now lives. If I remember rightly there was, I think, just one house in Wiarton when our parents came to Keppel township.

The first minister I can remember was a Mr McGuire who preached in the little basswood schoolhouse, which was just west of where John Morley's house now stands. Our first teacher was a Miss Brown, who I understand is living near Kilsyth now.

The mail carrier from Owen Sound left what mail there was for the settlers in a little wooden box nailed to a tree near the corner where Darwin Soper now lives. I think it was in 1874 that the telegraph office was opened in Wiarton, with Mrs C. Matthews as operator. I remember Mr. Matthews drove down with the telegram the time Grandfather Mullen died.

I remember there was quite a heated discussion concerning the railway been brought to Wiarton. Everyone thought their horses would be running away and people getting killed, but finally the majority vote was in favor of the railroad. Of course, the building of the railroad in 1883 provided work for the men who took out ties. This was an opportunity for the farmers to earn money. Bob and I used to carry dinners to the men when they were working near where the railroad crosses the County-Line between Clavering and Hepworth.

To have seen the Township of Keppel develop from a virgin forest, each clearing becoming a field of growing grain, the oxen give place to the horse and wagon, the slow growth of industrial, educational, and farming advantages, has been one of my great privileges.

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### **Application for Title to Land**

Henry Arnold was a brother of my husband's grandfather, Wm Arnold. Henry, John and William all left York County and came to Kinloss Twp. William remained but John and Henry moved to the Wallaceburg area. Related families were the Burgess and Kaake families who also came from York to Bruce.

Gladys Arnold, Ripley

This to show that I am settled on Lots R1  
 & 10 & 11 in the 2 Range north of the Durham Road  
 Township of Huron and County of Bruce  
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 and no person having any claim in said Land  
 but my self I have a great wish to get a  
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 1856 Dated Huron July 6<sup>th</sup> 1857  
 I James Hemmings & Henry Arnold  
 William Ballantyne  
 We both affidavits that the above statement  
 is true -

Sworn before me at Huron this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 1857  
 J. L. Hodgins J. A.

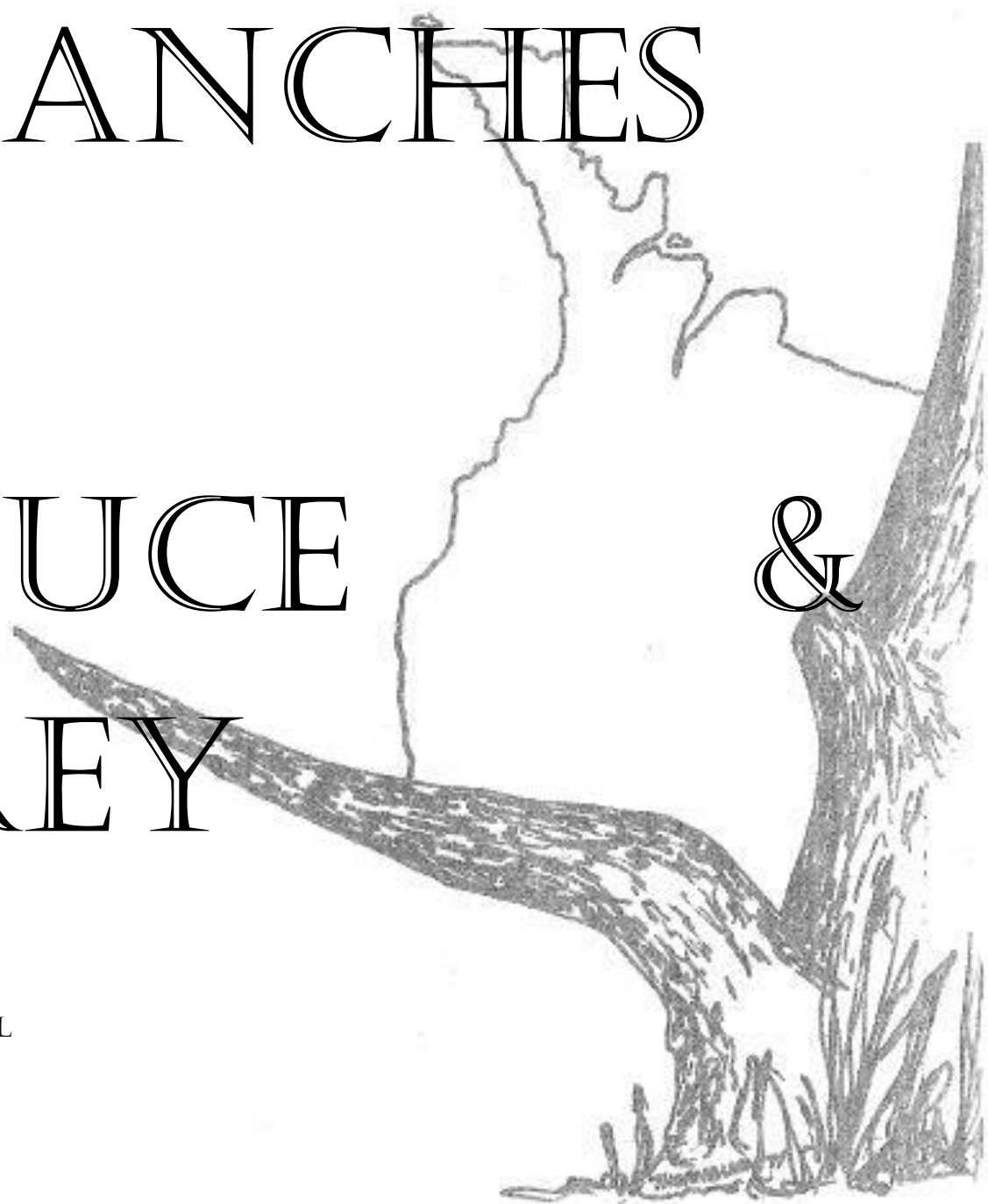
A Statement of Henry Arnold

Family Reunion: Descendants of "Squire" James KERR (1810 – 1895) late of Euphrasia Twp,  
 Grey Co, are holding a reunion at Thornbury Bayview Park, July 13 at 12 noon. Please bring  
 labelled pictures, documents relating to Kerr family. – Joanne Packham, 37 Donlea Dr,  
 Hamilton, Ont L8T 1K5

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### Notes from PAST MEETINGS

June meeting held in Kincardine, chaired by Gerald Merrick and the program consisted of local  
family records including Barber, Funston, Norman, Farrow, McPherson. Gladys Arnold spoke of  
a book written by a traveller from the isle of Islay. John Ramsay visited settlers in our area in  
1870 who had originated from his area (Kildolton); the author Freda Ramsay. Hilda Downey  
spoke on her trip to Scotland and reminded us Donald Whyte needs information on those who  
came from Scotland to Canada and if you can contribute any names, dates, etc write him at 4  
Carmel Rd, Kirkliston, West Lothian, Scot EH29-900

July meeting in Wiarton, chaired by Tom Armstrong. Mrs Sheila Gatis, editor of Wiarton Centennial book spoke on printing such a book and its trials, problems and satisfactions. Robt Kastner, clerk-treasurer of Wiarton gave an introductory talk on the town and showed slides of Wiarton many years ago. He reported on an historical display of photos in the Town Hall. There are minute books back to 1884, of which a page is turned each day, set up for the public to see. Wiarton cemetery records are cross indexed so with what the Branch has we do have a good record of this resource.

August meeting, a picnic at Scone, has become an annual outing. Olive McLaughlin introduced Mrs John Raeburn (Mary) who has visited New Zealand to do some of her family research. She contributes the following:

1. No Census kept, but records of ships on file
2. Society of Australian Genealogists, History House, 8 Young St, Sydney, N.S.W.
3. State Archives, N.S.W., Globe St, Sydney NSW 2000
4. Keeper of the Public Records, Public Record Office, 328 Swanston St, Melbourne, Vic 3000
5. National Archives, 85 The Terrace, Wellington, N.Z.
6. Registrar General, P.O. Box 5023, Lambton Quay, Wellington, N.Z.
7. Otago Early Settlers Ass, Dunedin, New Zealand
8. Presbyterian Church of N.Z., Dalmuir House, 114 The Terrace, Wellington, N.Z.
9. Alexander Turnbull Library, 44-46 The Terrace, Wellington, N.Z.
10. Renee Pollock, 36 Cross St, Ashburton, N.Z.
11. Mrs Noeline Shaw, R.D. 1, Wyndham, N.Z.

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### **UP COMING MEETINGS**

September 23, at 8 P.M. in the Activity Room at Bruce Co Museum, Southampton. 'How to Use the Archives', with Jim MacDougall, of the Museum

October 28 at 8 P.M. in the Public Library, Markdale, Leora Wilson and Alice Graham explore their family Trees with us. Dr and Mrs Smith program Conveners.

November 25, at 8 P.M. in Board Room at Owen Sound Library. 'What's new in resources at The Library' with Betty Warrilow in charge of program.

December no meeting.

January 27 at 8 P.M. in Board Room, Owen Sound Library

February 24 at 8 P.M. in Board Room, Owen Sound Library

March 24 at 8 P.M. in Board Room, Owen Sound Library

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### **Some BOOKS, LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORIES of the area**

Chesley Past and Present: 400 pages with pictures of sports team, school classes, band members, street scenes, groups and individual and the following contents: General History; Government; Industries; Business; Education; Churches; Health Services; Military; Organization and Service Clubs; Sports; Transportation and Communications; Services; Echoes

of the Past; Entertainment and Special Events. Published by the Centennial Committee. Available from Secretary, R.G. Alexander, Box 672, Chesley Ont N0G 1L0 \$17.00 post paid.

WIARTON Centennial Committee publication available from Wiarton Echo, Wiarton, Ontario. Photos of early Wiarton, its business, people and events with brief history of its beginning. Price \$8.00

The FENTON Years, by Grace A Henkel, genealogical history of the family dating back to early 1800's, 388 pages and identification of 1030 descendants, pictures, maps, documents, charts, including the BURR branch in the West, descendants of Elizabeth McCurdy, daughter of Capt Richard Mills Fenton, grt grandfather of the author. Price \$20.00 plus postage from Mrs G. A Henkel, 715 Whetter Ave, London, Ont N6C 2H1 or Mrs Earl Busch, R. R. #1, Southampton, Ont N0H 2L0

The History of OWEN SOUND, 450 pages, 511 pictures will be off the press Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a limited hard cover edition, \$25.00 sent to History of Owen Sound Book Account, c/o 2650 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave W., Owen Sound will assure you a copy and receipt.

Plympton Township's Rural Cemeteries for those interested in Lambton Co, 2 family plots and thirteen cemeteries (not including Wyoming) plus maps, histories, etc, \$9.50 post paid from Mrs. Eleanor Neilson, R.R. #6, Forest, Ont, N0N 1J0

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Bernice Hyatt Pew has kindly given permission to use the following verses from 'Songs from The Sunshine Trail', written by her uncle, Albert Bryon Renshaw. Mr Renshaw was born at Oliphant, Ontario on St. Patrick's day, 1887. He was the sixth child of a family of twelve born to Daniel and Jane Renshaw. He passed away on July 28, 1977. During his funeral service a severe thunder storm came up and all the lights went out. This no doubt he had planned. His final tribute was a beautiful candle light service. His body is interred in the family plot in Balsam Grove cemetery, Oliphant.

### **The Bruce Peninsula Pioneers**

The Bruce Peninsula pioneers, They wore a tough brand,  
They walked into the forest To make a home on the land.

They built their cabins with skill Long hours had to be,  
To make a home from the timbers That were hewn from the trees.

We speak oft of their courage But not of their fears,  
The struggle to survive Often ended in tears.

The old pioneers have passed on, And with sorrow I say,  
There's too few who remember Where their graves are today.

When the pioneers were gone They were oft laid to rest,  
In a place in the forest That they loved the best.

Just a bone by a stream Where the soil washed away,  
Just a mark on a rock By a hill or a bay.

Let those dear pioneers Come back just once more,  
To view flowers that bloomed By their log cabin door.

Now may they bloom forever Where those dear old pioneers rest,  
And may they always be remembered As the kindest and best.

Mrs Pew has had some 40 poems written by her uncle published in a booklet and printed for us all to enjoy. Her address: R.R. #3, Wiarton, Ont N0H 2T0

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I'm sure we are all in agreement when it comes to having a record of those graves and markers of which we do have knowledge. Granted it has not been much of a summer for this type of excursion and we must give credit to those in Owen Sound who are trying to record Greenwood. Anyone who can give some time to this work is invited to call Izetta Fraser, Grey Coordinator and offer their services. It is a large cemetery and much help will be needed. The people at Meaford and Thornbury are also asking for volunteers and if you live in that area or are interested in the cemeteries from those townships, call Mrs Mabel C. Almond, RR #4, Meaford and she will appreciate your help.

Bruce County Cemeteries are almost all recorded but we are asking for help in checking, cutting stencils, tracing the history of each cemetery, including correct lot and concession number, etc, and in some cases even the long lost records! If you are free to help in this endeavor get in touch with Audrey Underwood, R.R. 2, Port Elgin, phone 832 5229.

The following townships in Grey are in need of recorders for the cemeteries in those townships: Artemesia, Egremont, Euphrasia, Osprey, Melancthon, Proton, Normanby, Collingwood, Sullivan. There are often beautiful days in autumn in Bruce and Grey, let us make the most of them!

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**CORRESPONDENCE AND QUERIES**

**PETTERBOUGH / PUTERBOUGH / PETERBOUGH / PUTHERBAUGH LEITCH**

Johan Petterbough b Germany, imm to Penn 1752, m ca 1758 Elizabeth ?? family: John b 1770 Penn d Oct 9, 1841 Vaughan Twp, m ca 1794 to Catherine Van Buskirk (1774-1843) chil: Wm, Mary Ann, John\*, Peter, Catherine, Isaac, Elizabeth, Henry, Solomon, Susanah, Sophia, Sarah, Margaret.

John\* b June 28, 1796 Penn, d 11 Jan 1879 Vaughan Twp, m 12 Apr 1821 to Catherine McDonald (1797-1866) chil: Catherine, Alexander\*, Mary, John, Jane, Angus, Sarah Ann, Margaret.

Alexander\* b 14 Sept 1822 Vaughan Twp m (1) Ann Barnes 20 Jan 1846 (2) Rebecca Caldwell at Goderich Chil: (1) Peter, Sarah A., Joseph, Benjamin & perhaps others. (2) Wm John \* 1863-1931, m Catherine McFarlane, their children: Margaret m ? Gottschalk, went West, Christena m ? John Alex b 1897 Kinc Twp m Nov 1924 Edna Rae Culbert of Huron Twp. Wm Peterbough m Beverly Meade now resides RR1, Kincardine.

Info sought on Jane dau of John and Catherine (McDonald). Jane b 1829 in Vaughan Twp m Mar 1845 in Vaughan to Archibald Leitch, d 5 Jul 1905 in Detroit, Mich. – Mrs Barbara Bowles BG member #686

#### KILBORN

Kilborn of Sarawak Twp, Grey – Info requested by Walter H. Grover, 453 Blake St, London, Ont N6K 2N5

#### RANKIN

Seeking Rankin of Plympton and Huron Twp – Wayne Rankin, Gen Del St Mary's Ont

#### PATTON / BLOUGHS

Patton brothers left Ulster ca 1845, Daniel 1819-1897; Matthew 1785-1855, Joseph 1813-1893; Alexander 1824-1890. 1<sup>st</sup> 3 buried in Temple Hill, Euphrasia Twp and Alexander in King, Ont. Living in Artemesia in 1880. Where were they born? – Bruce R. Patton, 2064 Feldwood Rd, Mississauga, Ont L4X 1E9 Also seeks info on Blough/Blouch from Switzerland, Garrett 1824-1909 and Henry 1853-1913. Garrett on Con A (Elora Rd) lot 6 Elderslie Twp 1880, Henry also in Elderslie, where are they buried?

#### McPHEE / McLACHLAN / McLAUGHLIN

Catherine McPhee, from Isle of Islay, Scot about 1855, m Neil McLachlan d in Dundalk 1902 and buried in Ventry Cem, Proton in her 88<sup>th</sup> years. – Mrs Robt Dunsmore, #630, 20146 Beachcliff Blvd, Rocky River, OH 44116.

#### HARGIN / HARRIGAN

John Hargin m 3 times, had dau Margaret m Thos Gardner, lived Taylor Co, Iowa. Margaret b 1851; Thos son of David and Rebecca Gardner. Need more info – Edward E. Spotts, 904 E 21<sup>st</sup> St, Cheyenne, Wy 82001

#### WELDRICK SAYERS

John Weldrick came to Canada 1853 -1857? M Rachel ?? 1851 in England, lived in Osprey Twp, chil; John, Helen (Eleanor) Mary, George, Charles, Frederick. Charles m Clara Sayers in 18 - - in Osprey. John's bro came to Canada with him?? Settled in King Twp, York Co. – Mrs L. Lamoureux, BG #672, RR2, Christensen Site, Prince George, B.C. V2N 2H9

#### MERCHANT BLAKELY

Would like to hear from above families of Bentinck and Egremont Twps. – Mrs Margaret Merchant Roberts, BG #629, Box 208, Henefer, Utah 84033.

#### RITCHIE GIFFEN

Adam and Elizabeth Ritchie, sons John B Sterling and William held land in Greenock Twp 1851. John B m Martha Giffen b 1833?? d 5 Mar 1905, Walkerton. Chil John, Wm., Andrew, Mary Jennie, Elizabeth, Agnes, Catherine b 1867, Louise Lorne. John B was postmaster, Justice of Peace, 1864; d & buried at Walkerton. Need origin in Scot and dates of birth, etc. Adams parents. – Mrs Mary Schoonover, BG #683

#### McLEAN COTTON HAYES WEEDON FIELDS

Martin McLean of Annan, later Arnott, chil Maria m ?? Cotton; Elizabeth m ?? Hayes; Margaret m ?? Weedon of Holland Centre; Evelyn m ?? Fields; possibly Annie and a son a Dr in Smith Falls; Donald d in 1900 at 38. – Mrs Irene Breadner, 1474 Sibbald Cres, Prince Albert, Sask. S6V 6B4



#### BOWDEN COOK BURROWS HOOD BRAY MURRELL

Chas Bowden b April 1, 1850 Hammersmith-Broadway (London) Eng, parents came to Cayuga 1864 with Chas, John, Bill and Albert, 11 month sis who did at sea. Chas came to Oliphant, Amabel ca 1874, had m Charity Ann Cook in Sombra Twp 1875. Chil Mary Elizabeth b Oliphant 1876 m Robt Burrows d 1964 Enderby, B.C.; Emma Jane b 1878 m Alfred Hood, lives Melfort Sask; Albert Henry b 1881; John Sydney b 1883 m Elizabeth A. Bray d 1969 buried Eastnor Ce; Ellen Ann b 1885 m Thos Cook; Eliza May b 1889 d aged 8 or 9; Bertha May Christine b 1893 m Herb Jas Murrell lives Wiarton – Enquirer Mrs F. W. Fox, 137 Hyland Dr Sudbury, Ont.

#### BRADLEY SNOWDEN HOOEY FEATHERSTONE

John Bradley came from Ireland to Logan Twp in Durham Co, then to Amberley area of Bruce Co. Chil; Jas, Stewart, George killed in mines in Montana; Thos of Bruce; Margaret m Wm Snowden; Robt J 1867-1945 m Sarah Hooey, Tiverton; Alfred m Hannah Hoory lived Underwood; Alexander 1848-1877 m Mary Jane Featherstone, buried Kincardine – Enquirer Orlando J. Bradley, 1921 Woodland Dr, Charlotte, N.C. 28205

#### DELAMATER / DELAMARTER CHISHOLM

Homer b New York State Dec 11, 1856, went to Manitoba 1878 from Amberley, Ont. Homer's pars died in a fire and his grandfather Geo Theobald brought him to Jas McPherson family. Homer's father believed to be Edward Delamater. Homer m Ellen Chisholm. Info sought by Miss L.E. Delamater, Ste 7 Assiniboine Hosp, Brandon, Manitoba

#### COLLING BLACK GUEST GEE MARTIN RUTTLE HARRINGTON FEATHERSTONE

Joseph Colling b 1816 at Brier Hill Eng has bros and sis: Hannah 1812, Ann 1814-1844; John 1819-1931; Jane 1821; Cuthbert 1823; Mary 1826-1852; Thos 1829; Whitfield 1831; Phoebe 1834; Margaret 1839. Joseph m Elizabeth 1819-1848; m Jane Featherstone 1850, Jane 1825-1900. Joseph and Jane came to Huron Twp chil John 1851; Mary Ann 1853 m John Black; Hannah 1856; Sarah 1858 m Wm Guest; John b 1860 m Sarah Jane Gee; Joseph 1862 m Elizabeth Martin and Annabelle Ruttle; Elizabeth 1864 m Wm Harrington; Thos 1866-1867; Margaret 1868-1916 – Enquirer Wayne Bauer, Galien Twp Schools, Galien MI 49113.

#### FIZELL / FITZELL

Amos lived at Kinlough, bro Aaron, possible Adam, Moses or George. Adam lived Bervie. Inquirer – Roy Miller, Apt 305, 10841-112<sup>th</sup> St. Edmonton, Alberta

#### COLWELL STIRLING ARMSTRONG PORTICE

Colwell from England to Ireland to Kentville, N.S. John son of Francis d 1924 m Mary Ann Browning b Rosedale, London, Eng d Nov 8/47; couple came to Goderich area, chil William; Francis; Sarah m ? Evans of St Mary's; Samuel; John; Elizabeth m ? Hislop; Ann m John Stirling; Maria m John Armstrong; Jas m Susan Lindsay; Catherine (Kitty) m Frank Armstrong; Rebecca Jane m Wm Stirling; Geo b Nov 1847 m Rebecca Portice; families in Huron Twp and area – Enquirers Frank Colwell, Kincardine, Betty Jane Colwell, Lucknow, Ont.

#### FINLAYSON McRAE

Wm Finlayson 1843-1894 son of John and Christy Finlayson m Margaret A. McRae 1846-1894 dau of Alex and Catherine (Munro) McRae 2 daus Catherine and Annie Elizabeth. Graves in Port Elgin Cem – Enquirer Clark Barrett, 2336 N. 81<sup>st</sup> St, Scottsdale, Arizona 85257

#### HARRIS GEDDES

David Geddes b 7/15/1832 m Anna A Harris 10/3/1839 had 5 chil ? ? ? ? ? Harris family came from Penn in 1785, left Peterboro Co in 1853 for Bruce and then to Michigan in 1880 with part of family lived Saginaw. Were Anna's parents Fifes, Corks ? ? ? ? – Enquirer David G. Harris, Box 301, Stevenson WA 98648

#### HERNSEN HEARNDEN

Info sought on Hernden/Hearnden of Kinloss Twp by Herman Hernden, 4327 Hernden Dr. Lake Worth, Florida

#### MONTGOMERY BRITT

Wm Nathaniel Montgomery b Ballymena, Co Antrim, Ire 1828 m ? ? ? Britt came to Bruce 1859, lived Huron Twp, buried in Kincardine Cem. Chil Wm Hugh; dau ?; Jas; Maggie; Becky; Hannah; Stella; Robert; twins Ben and Ed; - Enquirer Mrs Hugh Ray, 1675 St Croix Blvd, St Laurent, Quebec

#### McDONALD

Descendants of Alex McDonald who owned mills at Paisley Scot, - Andrew McDonald, 15900 Rutherford, Detroit 27, Michigan

#### MULLNOX / MULLINEUX

Descendants and parents of Richard Mullnox and wife Lydia Ann buried Zion Cem, Amabel, Bruce – Mrs Doris Cooper, 2876 Marlinton, Drayton Plains, MI 48020

#### NELSON ARMSTRONG

Johnson K. Nelson b 1831 in N.S. d June 1907 m 1856 ca to Margaret Armstrong b 1841 Ont dau of Jas Armstrong d 17 June 1907 Langley B.C. – Enquirer Mrs Roger Smock BG #682

#### PRESTON CURRIE

Thomas Charles Preston, b Bruce Co 1860, m Floa Currie, moved to Pilot Mound, Man 1885 ca, then to Okanagan Valley, B.C. Buried 23 Dec, 1943 Where was Thomas born, Who were parents, etc. – Mrs Jeanette Fraser, Glencairn, Ontario

#### HESBURN/HEPBURN SMITH HEWITT FAGIN VANDERBURGH POWER TWOHEY

Was Henry Hepburn father of George W. Hepburn? Joseph Hewitt m Isabella Fagin, dau Anna Jane Hewitt b 1869 in Holland Twp. Nelson Vanderburgh and Catherine Bower. Thomas Moffatt Mary Ann Tuey. Rachel Twohey m Allen Gould. Info on any of the above for Mrs Stella Styre, 4816 Lake Rd, White Birch Lake, Farwell, MI 48622

#### McKAY

Robt McKay b in Ballymena, Scot. Moved to Belfast. Educated for the ministry in Scot. Taught school in Zorra near Woodstock. Moved to Lot 11 Con 7 Kincardine. Robert m Catherine. Buried Kincardine, died June 3, 1870 aged 51 yrs, Catherine Feb 4, 1872 aged 48 yrs. Chil: James, Detroit John, Newberry, Mich: Alex Buried Brantford; George bur in Leeburn, Ont; Archie, Butte City, Idaho; Hugh, Minnidosa, Man; Dan, Leeburn, Ont; Jan Tomlinson, Gordon Lake, Ont. George m Matilda Service. – Mrs Wm. Rattle, 53 Huntington Pk, Sault Ste Marie, Ont P6A 3P3

#### McKAY

Burial place of Capt John McKay (Black Jack) born Nova Scotia, had a schooner out of Stoney Is, Kincardine Twp, brought in settlers, some of whom settled near Tiverton. Died ca 1898. Is there any place where there are records of those lost on the Lakes? Asks Mrs Don Coon, 21630 Bennett Detroit, MI 48219

#### LASSARD ST LOUIS PAYMENT

Zoe Lassard b Ont dau of Elvas Lassard and Merence St Louis. Zoe m to Francis X Payment at Sault Ste Marie, Mi. Francis b Garden City, Ont. married July 1888 age 18. – Lisa Ann Hall, 2074 Mann St, Muskegon, MI 49441

#### HAHN

Anthony J. Hahn, b 7 Oct 1845 in Hanover, Ont, entered USA 1864, need parents, siblings and any other ancestor. Will exchange info on family in USA – Wynona G. Spurgeon BG #687

#### SPEER BARBER MORROW WALLACE SCOTT KENNEDY

Mary Barber b 1833 d 1911, Arran Twp m Charles Jas Speer, b 1826, Ireland, d 1904. Chil Alex; J.B.; and Frank H., could be more. Mary daughter of Mary Morrow, b Dummer Twp.

Wm Morrow b 1839 in Ireland, d 1825, Tara, Ont m (1) Mary Jane Scott (2) Mary Harper Kenendy. Parents were Wm Morrow, b 1798 d 1888 and Eliza (Annie) Wallace both from County Down, Ireland – Judith Bushkek, 4215 W. Portage St. Milwaukee, WI 53209

#### McLEOD McIVOR HUTTON

Donald McLeod m Margaret Mclvor chil: Thomas, went West at about 15 yrs, m in Hamiota, Man to Florence Blowes; Maggie; Anne m ? ? Hutton went to Philadelphia; Alexander; John and perhaps more. Need help to distinguish which Donald McLeod in Kincardine Twp possibly 1871 – Mrs C. McLeod, 314 Winchester St., Winnipeg, Man R3J 2E6

#### BROCK EVANS

James and Mary J. in Elderslie 1871, Chil; William went West ?; Ruth A. m Evans moved to Winnipeg; Charlotte O; Sarah moved to Winnipeg, married Geo A. Rae; Phebe J. died young. James born in Ireland 1831 ca. – Mrs R. McMillan, 4643 Highlawn Dr., Burnaby, B.C. V5C 3S9

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#### Books, etc

Tracing Your Ancestors in Grey and Bruce, from George Cluley, Publication Secretary, Box 24, Port Elgin, Ont N0H 2C0 for \$2.00. Contents: names and addresses of Township clerks; Land Registry Offices; Surrogate Court; Historical Societies; Newspapers; Libraries; Museums and Archives.

#### An APOLOGY and a CORRECTION

We were given the incorrect price for the Indexes to County Marriage Registers of Ontario and passed this incorrect amount on to you. We would like to apologise for the inconvenience caused to our members and to the Generation Press for this error. The following is from a letter from Mrs Elizabeth Hancocks. 'We have been receiving numerous requests through the mail for copies of our marriage indexes - - We would be pleased if you would write a correction in your newsletter along the lines of the flyer I am enclosing.

These indexes are actually much more than an index - - We started with the smallest register, hence the price \$5, but each succeeding one will be larger and so the price will probably rise due to printing costs - - - The whole entry is alphabetized under the grooms names and the brides names - - - (In about ¼ of these marriages the mothers maiden names are given (Prince Edward Co Index).’ Sincerely - - - -

The CORRECT PRICE for these indexes available from Generation Press, 172 King Henrys Boulevard, Agincourt, Ontario M1T 2V6

Peel	\$5.00	
Ontario	\$6.00	include 75¢ postage for first item
Prince Edward	\$6.00	25¢ for each additional item
Huron	\$8.00	

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### **Name Changes**

One of the traps hidden in the underbrush on the paths of our search can be name changes. The following is from newspaper clipping of 1920.

‘Two brothers, one living at Kitchener, the other in York County, today changed their names by deeds poll issued at Osgoode Hall, because the name indicated German origin.

Reuben Alvin Jucksch, aged 32, artist, born at Hanover, Grey County, served continuously during 42 month in the C.E.F. His brother, Major Arnold Homer Jucksch, aged 29, musician, also born at Hanover and rose from the rank of lieutenant to that of major. They now become R.A. Jukes and Major A. H. Jukes.’

In the same vein from L.H. Bosley, 1211 N. Peach Ave. , Marshfield, Wis 54449. Mr Bosley was finding deed ends in his search for BOSLEY but had more success when looking for Beausoliel. Would one of our local members volunteer to do some searching for this name at St Mary’s Parish, Owen Sound? Mr Bosley would appreciate this.

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### **GERMAN ANCESTORS?**

The St Louis Genealogical Society quotes the Clark Co Society of Wash.

‘If you have ancestry from Schleswig, Holstein, Germany, you are urged to write to Prof Paul C Buchloh, Kiel University, Kiel, Germany. They have a project of researching all descendants of the Schleswig-Holstein Area.’ – Dennis Mulligan BG member #221

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### **THE GROSSE ILE QUARANTINE STATION and IRISH IMMIGRANTS**

In September, 1953, A MACLEAN’S FLASHBACK	Reference (1)
In December, 1909 Meaford Express	Reference (2)
In July, 1969, Review-Herald, Thornbury and Clarksburg	Reference (3)

In summer, when the seamen get abeam of Grosse Isle on the journey up the St Lawrence, they see a prospect most romantic. The island is covered with vegetation and is fairly well wooded. Huge mountain outlines make a magnificent back ground to the picture - - And yet there is a mystery in every yard of the islet as we drop along with the tide or steam slowly past.

Telegraph Hill is the highest elevation. And on its rocky heights, far above the swiftly flowing river, is now perched a mighty granite cross which tells a story of human suffering unequalled in the annals of the New World.

The potato crop had failed. There was sorrow and suffering and death in Ireland; men, women and children in the years 1847 and 1848 struck out blindly for the New World. In scores of wooden ships-coffin-ships they were named – they left their native land. There was no ventilation; food and water were scarce; sanitation was unknown. Sick and dying many of them started. There were few doctors or nurses. The fever spreads among the passengers and they died by thousands. In ten of the vessels that arrived at Montreal in July, four from Cork and six from Liverpool, out of 4,497 passengers, 804 had died on passage and 847 were sick on arrival. The 'Larch' on August 12, reported from Sligo, sailed with 440 passengers, of whom 108 died on the passage, 150 were sick and the remainder landed feeble and tottering. At Grosse Isle the Quarantine Station, these cargoes of dying immigrants were indiscriminately dumped. Upon this barren isle, say the historians, 10,000 of the Irish race were consigned to the grave-pit, and 5,000 out of the total number of victims were buried as 'unknown'. (2) The Brig 'Midas' sailed into the harbor at Saint John, N.B., and anchored at Partridge Island quarantine station May 5, 1847. An immigration officer described it as 'the most horrible, the most ghastly, the most pitiable sight ever seen in a Canadian Port'. Hundreds of filthy, ragged, starved immigrants from Ireland were packed in the hold like blacks in a slaver. Between rows of wooden benches that served as berths were piled boxes, sacks, pails, barrels and bundles containing the wretched worldly goods of the passengers. Neither floor nor berths nor passengers had been washed since the ship left Ireland six weeks before. The straw ticks hadn't been aired and were filled with 'abominations'. The ship gave off such a fetid stench that longshoremen demanded bonus wages to board her. Eight children and two adults had died of typhus on the way over and many more were to die and be buried on Partridge Island in the next few days. The Midas was the first of the 'fever ships' from Ireland, many more followed in the next seven years.

Nine days after the Midas, the sailing ship Syria made her way up the St Lawrence to the quarantine station at Grosse Isle. By May 20 no fewer than thirty more ships were anchored at the island. By 1854 Canada's population was increased by nearly three hundred and fifty thousand Irish. And their influx was almost entirely due to potatoes. Without a super-abundance of spuds there never would have been so many Irish in the first place and the lack of spuds drove them here. (1).

Irish Immigration and Grosse Ile Quarantine Station cont'd

The following letter dated July 8, 1969, from Dr Chas. A. Mitchell, D.C.M., L.L.D., F.R.S.C., a native of Clarksburg, accompanied a pamphlet sent to Thornbury, entitled Events Leading Up To and The Establishment of the Grosse Ile Quarantine Station. Dr Mitchell's letter:

Editor, Review-Herald, Thornbury, Ontario:

Having regard to the number of articles that have appeared in 'The Review' that impinge on local history, it occurred to me that you might be interested in the enclosed reprint.

This is particularly true in that not a few of the early settlers of Grey County came through the Grosse Ile Quarantine Station when they immigrated to this country; in fact some of the relatives of families of Collingwood Township lost members while quarantined at Grosse Ile. I may also

add that during and after the war, for a period of twelve years I was in charge of research projects carried on at this station and consequently, at least one Clarksburg boy has a very close connection with this historical quarantine area. Chas A. Mitchell, Dept of Medical Research, Ottawa Civic Hospital.

The first official reference to the island was in 1646 when Governor Montmagny conceded to himself the estate of Riviere-du-Sud and the neighbouring islands which included Grosse Ile. This area lies in the line of flight of wild geese coming from the north and even yet, thousands of these creatures come to rest there at the appropriate time of the year. It is said that the reason Gov Montmagny desired to possess the region was his devotion to shooting. From the Governor the seignory passed successively through other hands and finally Grosse Ile came into the possession of Monsieur Bernier, a Notary, who held the island until it was occupied as a quarantine station. This station was the offspring of Asiatic cholera. Its activities over the years may be divided roughly into four eras based on the dominant problems encountered during eras; Cholera, Typhus, Smallpox together with other infectious disease, and Biological Research.

Asiatic cholera has been indigenous in the East. An outbreak arose in India in 1830, found its way into Germany and arrived in the United Kingdom in 1831. The following year it was introduced into Canada and United States. In 1831 the Royal College of Physicians agreed that cholera is transmissible and the Governor-in-Chief (sic) of Canada was informed that a visitation of cholera was imminent in England and therefore likely to be transferred to Canada by emigration. The Governor alerted Dr Skey, Inspector of Military Hospitals, who, in turn, called the medical practitioners of Quebec together. Dr Skey expressed the opinion that cholera could not cross the Atlantic but this was opposed by Dr James Douglas of the Marine and Emigrant Hospital on the St Charles River. Drs Douglas Morrin with an Advisory Board of Health in 1833 an Act passed and published in the Quebec Gazette and other papers setting forth defensive measures against the introduction of cholera into Canada. The first defence was the creation of an anchorage down river from Quebec with a lazaretto on the island where all vessels were made to anchor and be inspected by appropriate officers. If any disease was found among the passengers or had occurred among them on the trip over or if the vessel had touched an infected area, passengers and their baggage were to be removed to the Station and sick individuals care for in the lazaretto. When the healthy passengers had been bathed, luggage disinfected and the ship cleansed it could proceed.

The area was established on a military basis and a Commandant was placed in complete control. The island was first occupied in April, 1832. A company of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Regiment was dispatched under Capt Alderson accompanied by Dr Griffin. This seems to have been a rather high handed operation because no arrangement had been made with owner nor tenant farmer. The troops moved in and took over the only house for their accommodation. The staff: Capt Reid, commandant; Dr Miller, Med Super. The latter died before the station was completed and was succeeded by Dr Charles Poole. Dr J. Fortier was appointed Inspection Physician, succeeded by Dr Geo Douglas, who returned in 1836 as Superintendent.

Construction was not finished when in June, the Brig Carricks arrived with a person on board whom the Medical officer suspected of being infected with cholera. Even while this was taking place, the first three cases of cholera occurred in Quebec, a forerunner of a catastrophe unprecedented in the colony. Immigrants continued to pour into the colony, while vessels with infected individuals who could not be accommodated in hospital lay at anchor offshore. That what was considered an adequate outer defence soon became apparent was not sufficient. At times, over thirty vessels were present in the anchorage. However, inadequate as it was, Grosse Ile station nevertheless limited the number of victims who gained entry into the interior. The most important factor was the lack of precise knowledge of the causative agents and the methods of distributions of diseases. Had these been known the outcome would have been different and the tragic days which lay ahead for the station and country been averted (3). In 1847 deaths by famine in Ireland were so frequent that whole families who retire to rest at night are corpses in the morning and are left unburied for days for want of coffins. By the middle of March, fifty thousand deaths from starvation and disease had been reported to office in Dublin. Coronors stopped holding inquests for lack of juries. Food riots broke out at the ports, for although the peasants starved the regular export of oats, flour, beef, port and mutton to England continued! Some landlords, eager to consolidate the peasant's plots into larger farms invoked a provision of the Poor Relief Act which enabled them to pay the passages of tenants and take over their land. Often it was easier to pay passages than to have parish officials feed the destitute. In many cases, friends and relatives in North America sent money. Vere Foster, an English diplomat and author, visited Ireland and was so shocked he thereafter devoted most of his time and money to the relief of Irish suffering. In all he helped 25,000 single Irish girls emigrate to North America, 16,000 coming to Canada. He travelled on one ship to get first hand knowledge of the conditions of the sailing, in 1850 and found the medical examination of steerage passengers inadequate. On the first day out only 30 passengers of the nine hundred received any water. Some were cuffed and kicked by mates. To get near cooking fires they had to bribe sailors. (Each brought his own food and prepared it). Those with no money had little food and no way to cook it. Twelve children died of dysentery and starvation. Rats scurried about the holds, biting children and stealing the meagre food supplies. Lice spread disease. One hundred and thirty six person perished aboard the ship Avon, four hundred and eighteen on the Alderberon, In 1847 seventy five fever ships cleared for Quebec carrying 22,000 Irish, many of whom never made it. Many piled up on the rocks in the Gulf of St Lawrence. The passengers who made it ashore were taken in by Canadian fishermen. To this day there are residents in these areas who speak only French but have names like Reilly or O'Flaherty. What happened to the Irish after they got off the fever ships? Many who landed in New Brunswick stayed there and found work on the docks and in winter went in the forests to cut trees for the thriving timber and ship-mast trade. Most settled along the St John River valley. A group of unemployed mechanics from Dublin built a lumber mill and established to community of Mechanic, N.B. Most who landed at Quebec and Montreal remained in Lower Canada, many staying in Quebec City. In 1851 census 6,344 persons were listed as native born Irish. Even today the English speaking population in the lower town is of predominately Irish origin. Some found shelter with relatives already established in Quebec. Steven Broderick and his 18 year old bride Bridget, arrived from Galway at the home of their uncle, John Ford, in Compton with 40¢ to their name. They prospered and one of their daughters Mary Ann Broderick married a local

merchant named Jean-Baptiste Moise St Laurent. Their son Louis has since made quite a name for himself in Canadian politics.

In Montreal a large number of Catholic Irish girls married French speaking Montreal boys. Hundreds of orphans were adopted into Canadian homes. One priest reported bringing 30 orphans ashore and having them 'taken up' within half an hour.

About ½ the immigrants – mostly Protestants from north of Ireland – kept right on to Upper Canada. The 1851 census shows Kingston to have 4,396 Irish born inhabitants, In his book, the Great Migration, Ewin Guillet states 'Citizens of the lake ports recall the sight of sick lying in groups on the open wharves'. Toronto, in 1851, had a population of 30,775, one third of which was Irish; Hamilton about the same proportions. Before long many established themselves in trades, business and professions.

Many sought out relatives and friends on farms. One man named Cooper visited his brother near Brampton, and gave him typhus from which he died. John Clark, Peel County, said a man could work for three years at 25 pounds and then buy land for himself. A publicity brochure from the Ontario Government states many did and so did well for themselves. Patrick Gaerty from Monaghan, Ireland worked as a farm hand in Peel, set himself up and within a few years had land and equipment worth \$25,000.00. Many Irish trekked north in groups to where free land was offered. Simcoe, Victoria, Renfrew, Grey, Huron and other counties received thousands. Peterborough was pioneered by earlier Irish and gained a thousand new Irish before 1881 census. In some cases they did bring their discord with them. The Protestants from the north and the Catholic from the south were about evenly divided and opposed each other in everything. Just north of Omemee is a Concession Line known as the Orange Line. North of it in Downeyville lived the Catholic and south were the Orange; to venture across the line you needed lots of friends armed with shillelaghs.

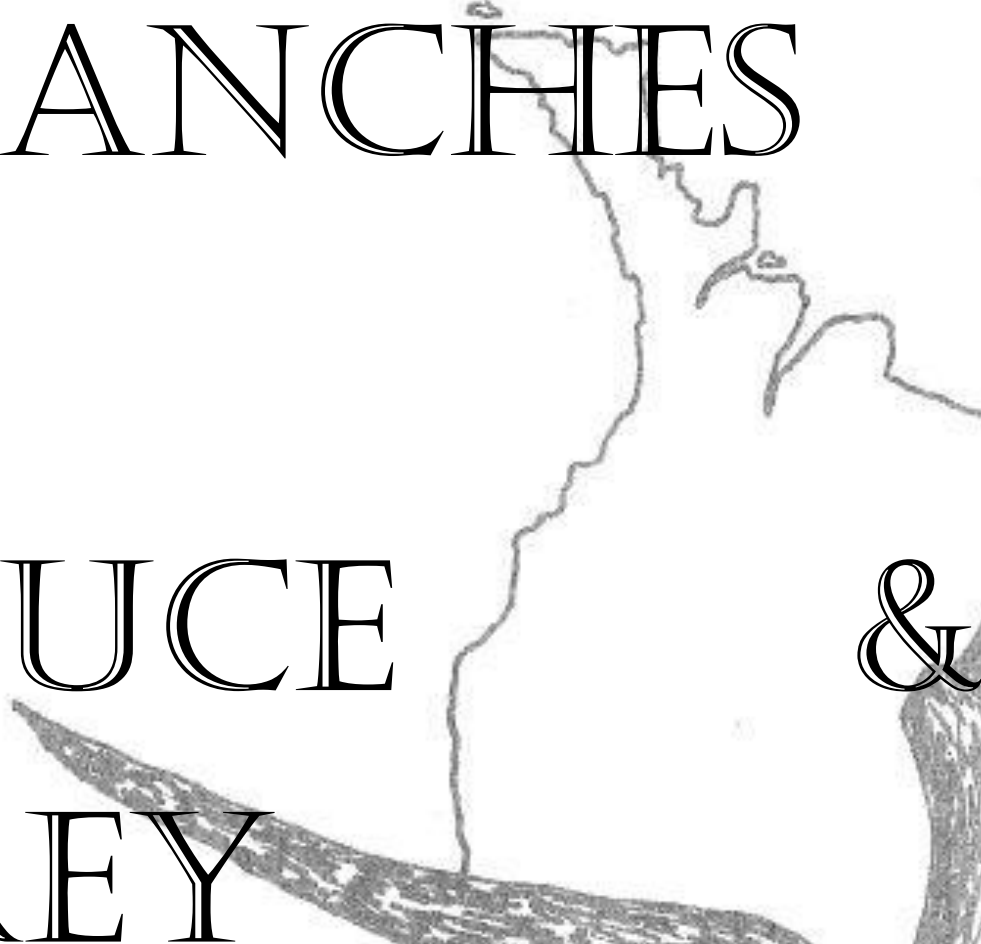
The Irish predominance was short lived. By 1854 economic conditions had improved in Ireland and Ireland could now support her peoples. Emigration stopped. So the influx was as brief as it was violent. Nobody can say exactly what the Irish influence has been. One thing is certain-without them our nation would be a lot less melodious, humorous, rugged and lively. For whatever else the Irish may be they are rarely dull. (1)

(References (1), (2), and (3) were sent to the Branch by Mr Flynn of Collingwood to be edited for the n/l. - Delene)



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Branch Meetings are held the fourth Tues of the month – no meetings in December - at 8 PM.  
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Publications for sale - - "Tracing Your Ancestors in Grey and Bruce" - \$2.00, "County of Bruce  
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Brant, Bruce, Carrick, Culross, Edlerslie, Greenock, Huron, Kinloss, Kincardine, Saugeen and  
the villages of Bervie, Enniskillen, Arkwright, Pinkerton, Invermay, Inverhuron, Kincardine,  
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Teeswater, and the town of Walkerton. Also lists of Council members, Agricultural Soc., Post  
Offices, etc. - - \$4.75 post paid.

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Your editor, Delene, who single-handedly edited, typed, cut stencils, and "ran off" our  
newsletter, as well as answering dozens of queries, is ill. Please express your appreciation by  
sending her get-well wishes. Her address is: Mrs. Earl Sampson, R.R. #3, Wiarton, Ont., N0H  
2T0

## Notes from PAST MEETINGS

An enthusiastic group of local people filled the Kincardine Council Chamber of September 11 to hear an address by Alan Hayne, president of the Ontario Genealogical Society. Mr. Hayne had many helpful ideas for folks interested in compiling a family tree.

The September meeting was held at the Bruce County Museum in Southampton. Mr. J. McDougall, Curator of the Museum, spoke to us, concentrating on the Archival Department of the Museum. He described what type of information could be obtained from the Bruce County Land Transfers Book, and how this differed from the Land Registry Book.

Some of the other sources available from the Archives are: land records 1852-1957; most newspapers for past 20 years; County Council minutes and photographs back to 1870's; a lot of advertising material; Township papers from some townships; Tremaine maps; Survey maps; Directories from 1867; and the Bruce County Agricultural Census on microfilm for 1861, 1871.

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Markdale Public Library hosted our Branch meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Neil Smith was in charge of the program for the evening. We introduced Mrs. Leora Wilson, who is researching the Couture family. Mrs. Wilson shared some amusing anecdotes found in connection with her search.

Next we were introduced to Mrs. Alice Graham, Librarian, and Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Breakwell who are Board members of the Markdale Library. Mrs. Graham mentioned that the Library has a microfilm reader, and all Markdale newspapers are on film back to 1875.

Mr. Arthur Rogers McLeod gave a delightful tape-slide presentation on the McLeod Clan. The commentary was written by Mr. McLeod, illustrating the history of the Clan from the beginning to the present time.

Mrs. Geraldine Robinson gave an interesting outline on the early families in the area, the George Walker family of Markdale and the Munshaw family from Flesherton.

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This issue by Betty Warrilow and June Semple.

## RE M I N D E R 1 9 8 1 D U E S

### FUTURE MEETINGS – Time is 8 p.m.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month – Kincardine Council Chambers, Kincardine

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – November 25 – Owen Sound Public Library  
Topic: "New Resources at the Library."

No Meeting December

Meetings on Jan 27, February 24 and March 24, 1981, are in Owen Sound Public Library.

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FOR SALE – Surname Index for "The History of the Township of Brant, 1854-1979, \$3.50 per copy from C. Dennis Mulligan, 658-2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. W., Owen Sound, Ont., N4K 4M3

## QUERIES AND CORRESPONDENCE

If you can help any of these people, please write. Remember, we are people helping people.

In some cases, a partial answer is given with a reference, so others searching in the same area can get some help as well.

1. LAKE: Gene L. Howard, R.1, Box 714, Wellington, Ala. 36279  
Rev. William McAdam Lake was a Wesleyan Methodist Minister from 1854-1864 in Artemesia Twp. His son William Alexander Lake b. 1859. Are there any descendants in Grey Co.?
2. GARDNER, McLEOD: Mrs. Orlene Steele, 1681 Interlachen Rd, 282-1, Seal Beach, Ca. 90740  
James Gardner d. 1897 and w. Isabella McLeod d. 1897, buried St. Paul's Cemetery; living Sydenham Twp 1848. Where is St. Paul's Cem.?
- A. St. Paul's Cemetery is on S.E. corner lot 4, con. 2 Sydenham Twp, Bognor-Walter's Falls area. Found recorded:  
Matthew Gardner, d. 23 Aug. 1878, age 78  
his wife Elizabeth Torrance, d. 25 June, 1868, age 68  
Natives of Lanarkshire, Scotland  
Matthew Gardner, d. 23 February, 1890, age 39  
Isabella McLeod, wife of James Gardiner, d. 8 Mar. 1897, age 75  
James Gardner, d. 9 April, 1912, age 89
3. CAMPBELL: Marietta Lehman, 5905 North Cook, Spokane, Wash. 99207  
Rev. Thomas Mitchell Campbell b. Ireland m. Jane McKnight b. Ireland. Member Dunnville Masonic Order 1871-72. Dau b Guelph taught school at Mount Forest 1878
- A. Have you checked United Church Archives, Victoria University, Queen's Park Crescent, Toronto, Ont., M5S 1K7 for information on Rev. Campbell?
4. SHAW: Mrs. Mildred Shaw Jackson, 4915 Stimson, Houston, Tx, 77023  
Samuel John Shaw and w. Matilda lived near Eugenia or Flesherton in 1850's or 1860's; 14 children youngest b. 1867. No Shaw found in census for Artemesia.
- A. The largest number of "Shaws" in the area of search are found in Collingwood Twp. 13 families listed by 1890.  
1861 Census shows Samuel Shaw lot 40A20, Conc. 11, b. Ireland (1)  
Glenelg Twp. has Samuel Shaw in 1856 and 1880.  
Suggest searching census for Collingwood and Glenelg.  
Also found – Bank Cemetery, Collingwood Twp.  
Samuel Shaw, 1857-1929  
his wife - Mary Park, 1862-1908 (1)

5. TOMLINSON: Mrs. Vi Lambie, Box 661, Mackenzie, B.C., V0J 2C0.  
Stephen Tomlinson, d. 1884 (a 48) buried Kincardine Cemetery. Also Jane d. 1878 and Stephen d. 1867 (a 77). Are Stephen and Jane the parents of Joseph Nicholas Tomlinson?
  - A. Check census Kincardine Twp., Bruce Co., 1861, 71, 81  
If Joseph Nicholas Tomlinson married after 1869, check with Registrar General, Macdonald Block, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1Y5. Give as much information as possible. Fee is \$5 for a 5 year search.
6. McMULLEN, COOK: Mrs. R. de Roo, Box 62, Otterville, Ont., N0J 1R0  
Wm. McMullen, b? Antrim, Ireland, m. Mary Ann Hughson, purchased lot 145, con. 3, Artemesia Twp. 1862, d. 1885, at Flesherton Station. Mildred Cook, b. ? owned store at Ceylon, Ontario, d. ?, where buried?
  - A. Wonder if lot number is correct. Found McMullen W. on lot 144. You live near a gold mine of Grey-Bruce historical data – land records, wills, census, etc.
    1. University of Western Ontario, D.B. Weldon Library, is the depository for our area. Call ahead for hours.
    2. An L.D.S. Stake Library is at 1139 Riverside Drive, London, Ont. Noticed McMullens still live Flesherton. Consult Telephone Directory for “Owen Sound and Surrounding Area” at the library.
7. HAHN, SCHONSTEIN, DIPPEL, REUBER, WEPPLER: Mrs. E. D. Hahn, 12 Dundana Ave., Dundas, Ont., L9H 4E6.  
John George Hahn, b. Kirchheim, Germany, m. (1) Katherine Schonstein, (2) Anna Elizabeth Dippel, b. Germany, came to Canada 1850. Also Peter Reuber, b. 1825, Hattenbach, Kurhessen, Germany, m. Maria Weppler, also of Hattenbach, came to Canada 1854; lived North Easthope then Carrick Twp.
  - A. Harry Radcliffe, 489-17<sup>th</sup> St. W., Owen Sound, Ont., is also searching for Hans.
8. PYE, HOY: Mrs. Deborah Fahlman, 7160 Westminster St., Powell River, B.C., V8A 1C6  
Seeks death dates for: Pye, Charles, b.c. 1826, London, England, and w. Mary Ann Harris, b. c. April, 1829, England, lived Meaford, St. Vincent Twp. Hoy, Robert, b. c. 1821, Ireland and w. Sarah “Sally” Wright, b.c. 1818 Ireland lived Thornbury-Collingwood Twp.
  - A. Lakeview Cemetery, Meaford and Union Cemetery, Thornbury-Clarksburg, are in the process of being recorded. For information on them contact Mrs. Mabel Almond, R.R. #4, Meaford, Ont., N0H 1Y0, ssae please.
9. SMYTHE: Thomas Walsh, 129 Pine Lawn Ave., London, Ont., N4Z 2R3  
Seeks information on Stephen Smythe, lot 12, con 13, Culross Twp in 1867. Where buried? Where are descendants?
  - A. Bruce County cemeteries are in process of being checked as recorded and indexed. Contact Bruce Co. cemetery co-ordinator, Mrs. Audrey Underwood, R.R. #2, Port Elgin, Ont. N0H 2C0, ssae.

10. COUMANS/CUMINS: Eric Jonasson, Box 205, St. James Postal Station, Winnipeg, Man  
Oliver Frank Coumans, (Cumins after 1916) b. 9 December, 1886, Chepstowe, Bruce Co.,  
(d.o. John Coumans, d. August 1926, Chepstowe, and Mary McNab, d. Decemer, 1936) d.  
29 February 1961 at Seville, Spain, buried Toronto. Mr. Cumins owned the Cumins Map  
Co., which produced landowner maps of Western Canada and Ontario between 1917 and  
1930. Mr. Jonasson desires obituaries of John and Mary Coumans, plus other family  
related information.

A. Misses Melinda and Camilla Coumans were both members of Bruce Historical Society. Both  
were deceased in 1977. Had lived in the old Coumans home at Chepstow. No close  
relatives are known. The Walkerton paper would have obituaries for John Coumans and  
wife, but are unavailable for personal search until they are microfilmed. From Gladys Arnold.

11. BLOUGH, PATTEN: Bruce R. Patten, 2064 Feldwood Rd, Mississauga, Ont., L4X 1E9  
The Bloughs were born in Switzerland in early 1700. They all had large families, some came  
to Ontario via Pennsylvania. Garrett Blough, his wife, Henry Alfred and wife, were buried  
Stakvale Cemetery.

12. PATTEN: 5 bros. came to Canada between 1840-1850. They were Presbyterian,  
Orangemen, and married in Ontario.

1. Alexander Patton, 1824-1890, m. Eliza Quinlan, 1830-1872, lived near King, Ontario, had  
11 children.

2. Daniel Patton, 1819-1897, m. Mary Jane McCarroll, 1835-1915. Farmed Euphrasia  
Twp. (Rocklyn 1859), said b. Derry, Ireland.

3. Joseph Patton, 1813-1893, m. Margaret McCarroll, 1827-1894. Farmed Euphrasia  
Twp., 4 children.

4. Matthew Patton, 1785-1855, m. ? Gardner, b.?, d.? buried ?, no children, lived  
Euphrasia Twp., said b. Derry, Ireland.

5. ? saw no future in Canada, went to Boston or Philadelphia.  
Wishes exact birthplace of Pattons in Ireland.

A. Good luck in your search. Your problem of finding a birthplace in Ireland is the aim of  
many of us. To help our readers pinpoint the above Pattons-Euphrasia Twp 1865-

Patton, Daniel, con. 8, lot 23

Patton, Matthew, con. 9, lot 15

Patton, Joseph, con. 9, lot 21

12. SHILSON: Mrs. Joan Hardy, 4654 Burke St., Burnaby, B.C., V5H 1C3

George Shilson, 1861 census – Haldemand North, Cooper: 1871 census?, died 1873  
Durham, Grey Co.; his wife Phoebe Jane Shelson, 1881 census- Paisley, Elderslie  
Twp, with Matthew, Hiram, Ellie, George, Herbert. Descendants? Any information  
appreciated.

A. Barbara Adolph has recorded a number of years of births, marriages and deaths from  
Paisley Advocate. They will be run in future issues of our newsletter. Have you read  
“The History of Elderslie Township, 1851-1977”, Mr. Dennis Mulligan, 658-2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. W.,

Owen Sound, Ont., N4K 4M3, will do a surname search of this book for a fee and s.s.a.e. or borrow it on inter library loan.

13. HEPBURN, GREGSTON, SCANLON, OTTEWELL, CAMPBELL, WILTSHIRE, BLAKEY in Artemesia and Osprey Twps., WILTSHIRE, CLARK in Proton Twp.; McDOUGALL of Priceville – Hugh L. Armstrong, 347 Clinton St., Toronto, Ont., M6G 2Y7

Will exchange information with anyone searching the above names.

- A. We require more members in the above area of search. Understand Mrs. Alda Hawton, R.R. #1, Feversham, might help with Osprey. Please send s.s.a.e. and ask for fee. One township history available, "Peace, Plenty and Progress – A History of Osprey Township." (2)

14. MacLACHLAN: Mrs. Robert Dunsmore, 20146 Beachcliff Blvd., Rocky River, Ohio, 44116, wishes to thank the one who gave the information on Catherine McPhee MacLachlan in the last newsletter. Asks for information on Catherine's son and husband.

- A. The information on Catherine was from Ventry cemetery records provided by editor Delene.

15. ATTENTION MRS. S. McCONNELL of Washington Mi. Sorry we have misplaced your names being researched. (Are there others out there requiring help as well?)

Please resubmit to Queries Editor – Mrs. Gladys Arnold, Box 35, Ripley, Ont., N0G 2R0. Give as much information as possible, including dates and places.

\*s.s.a.e. – stamped self-addressed envelope. If outside Canada use an international reply coupon purchased from your post office or a 17¢ Canadian stamp.

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### **Copied from the Paisley Advocates of 1865, 1866, 1867**

#### **April 5, 1865**

Born at Paisley on 29<sup>th</sup> March, to the wife of Mr. B. MILLER, merchant, of a son.

Born at Paisley on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, to the wife of Mr. George ROBINSON, of a son.

Born at Paisley on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March, to the wife of Mr. R. GILMOUR, of a son.

Married by the Rev. G. BREMNER, at the residence of the bride's father, on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, Daniel SINCLAIR to Jane McGREGOR, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elderslie, daughter of Duncan McGREGOR, Paisley

Died in the Township of Brock, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, Margaret McCALLY, grandmother of Dr. Baird of Paisley, age 95 years.

Died in Arran Township, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, James CROW, 22.

Died in the Township of Brant, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, William FORTUNE, 34.

Died at BROCKVILLE, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, Janet McNAB, wife of Mr. D. WYLIE, editor of the Recorder, age 54.

#### **April 14, 1865**

Born at Paisley on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. to the wife of Mr. William ROBERTSON, of a son.

Born in Brant on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. to the wife of Mr. John LANCASTER, of a son.

**April 28, 1865**

Died in the Township of Bruce, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April, Alexander MATHESON, a native of the Isle of Lewis, Scotland, age 103 years.

**May 5, 1865**

Died in Brant, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, Ann Jane, wife of Robert CANNON.

**May 12, 1865**

Married by the Rev. Jas. GUNDY, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. David ELVES to Miss Mary SCOTT, both of Elderslie.

**June 16, 1865**

Died in the Township of Arran, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of inst., John NELSON, eldest son of Mr. William NELSON.

**July 14, 1865**

Born in Saugeen, on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., to the wife of Mr. William MILLER, twin sons.

Continued in a future Newsletter.

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Have you read "Pioneer Days at Guelph and the County of Bruce" by David Kennedy, Sr? This book was first printed in 1903 and reprinted by the Bruce County Historical Society in 1973.

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An interesting postscript in the form of a newspaper article from the Midland Daily News, Midland, Michigan, was sent to your editor. (Sorry it isn't dated.)

"She's traced her family to 1345"  
by Anne Wolfe  
Daily News Writer

The following are excerpts from the article:

Mrs. Al Manley, 1502 West Hines, has traced her genealogy back to 1345.

Two half-brothers, one Protestant, one Catholic, were identified as the beginning of the Kennedy clan (not related to Sen. Edward Kennedy). The clan has helped populate Scotland, Canada, and parts of the United States.

The search began 28 years ago, when Mrs. Manley visited an uncle in Canada who gave her a picture of the Culzean Castle in Scotland. A big break came when a niece visited the castle and mentioned her aunt's interest to a Mrs. McBride, a tour guide.

Mrs. McBride said, "Write to me," Mrs. Manley did, and received pictures of ancestors, genealogy books, and lists of relatives and family lines.

More relatives sent Mrs. Manley information as they heard of her interest.

Mrs. Manley has visited cousins in New York and Canada, including the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia. She also visited Minnesota cemeteries, where many relatives are buried.



Some relatives did not know her but knew of her grandfather, William Kennedy, who came from Scotland at the age of 2. He travelled down the Saugeen River on a raft, and wrote "Pioneer Days" from these experiences. One goldmine of information was a letter written in 1862 by Hannah Kennedy when she travelled to Balbig Castle to nurse a sick aunt. The letter to her brother told about relatives. It was written in a peculiar fashion. Succeeding paragraphs were written sideways over the initial paragraphs, instead of on additional pages. Marie Kennedy Stride of Belberg Castle in Ayr, Scotland, finally deciphered it.

Robert Burns, the poet from Ayrshire, knew the Kennedy family. There is even a letter from Sen. Alan Cranston of California, saying, I'm sure we're related." Mrs. Manley still has relatives in Guelph. Ont. One niece, Barbara Kennedy, visited Scotland and mentioned that she was a Kennedy. "Don't shout it from the rooftops," she was told. "We don't like Kennedys around here."

The two factions of the family, Catholic and Protestant, have fought for a long time. Once, a monk was travelling in Scotland and met up with Protestant Kennedys, who, the story goes, burned him on the spot. In retaliation, the Catholic Kennedys boiled a bishop in oil. Manley explained that shootings, hangings and beheadings were common. Mrs. Manley's grandfather had trouble, too. He married his widow's sister. That was looked upon as incest, and the church snubbed him for 10 years. . . . . . "

#### Editor's Notes

1. Culzean Castle owned by National Trust for Scotland
2. "Pioneer Days was written by David Kennedy, Sr.

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### FIRST SETTLER OF LION'S HEAD

RICHARD TACKABERRY was born in the County of Carlow, Ireland, in the year 1845. When two years old he came to Canada with his parents, Nathaniel Tackaberry, who was married to Margaret Fernel and settled in Elma Township in Perth County. (The following is taken from his obit. 3 Aug. 1923 – Owen Sound SunTimes)

When 19 years of age Richard Tackaberry went to Forest, Mich. and worked in the mills. Later he came back to Canada and then sold out and moved to Lion's Head which was nothing but a dense forest . . . . He then started to clear the land on the farm at present occupied by Grenville Mitchell. This was the first clearing done in Eastnor. His parents moved onto the farm, no occupied by James Spiers, which is known as the Tackaberry Homestaed. That was in the year 1870. In 1871 the first Government road was being built on the West shore and he worked at it for two years. The East Road was built shortly after at which he assisted.

In the early days they had to bring everything from Wiarton of Owen Sound. They used to come as far as Adamsville the first day and stay the night with William Chisholm and his parents and the second day as far as the late Joseph Waugh's at Hope Bay and then home the third day. Wagons could be used the first part of the way but only a sled hauled by oxen the second part. Many a time he walked and carried provisions from Owen Sound to Lion's Head in a day . . . .

In after years when the township was made he was appointed tax collector, which position he held for some time. In 1874 he was married to Mary Jane Bradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Bradley of Kincardine Township. (Richard Tackaberry died 28 July 1923)

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### **SEARCHING FOR YOUR SCOTTISH ANCESTRY**

Many people had told me – the late Roberta Gilbank, Jean Peart, Hilda Downey and Brenda Merriman in her article “In search of Scottish Ancestry? Try the McLaughlin Library University of Guelph, Ontario. (Canadian Genealogist, Vol. 1, No. 4, 1979)”

I should have been prepared but wasn't for this goldmine of family history treasures found in mid-floor reference shelves on the third floor. (The third floor houses books related to the Social Sciences which includes history, genealogy, maps, etc.)

The card catalogue is on a computer system so some help might be required to get started. I didn't have a specific title or book in mind so tried “93<sup>rd</sup> Highlanders”. Back came - - - “Gordons Under Arms” A Biographical Muster Roll of Officers name Gordon in the Navies & Armies of Britain, Europe, America and in the Jacobite Risings by Constance Oliver Skelton and John Malcolm Bulloch. New Spalding Club. Yes, the publications of the New Spalding Club, the Scottish History Society, the Scottish Record Society are there just to name a few.

One book I found which (can be borrowed interlibrary loan) you might find very helpful if your family came from the North of Scotland - - MEMORABILIA DOMESTICA, by DONALD SAGS. Don't let the title put you off as this is a delightful gossip account of life in the north of Scotland in the early 1800's.

I hope you make an effort to visit the McLaughlin Library. B.W

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### **EARLY SETTLERS OF WALTER'S FALLS, ONTARIO**

The village of Walter's Falls lies partly on Lots 1 and 2, Concession 12, Holland Township, Grey County. The patent to the above lots was registered 17 September, 1860, from the Crown to John Walter, who has first moved into the area in 1850. Two hundred and fifty-seven lots of 1/5 acre were laid out in 1855 by Archibald McNab, a Provincial Land Surveyor, and the plan was registered in 1884 by Philip H. Walter.

The following are some of the early settlers who purchased a lot from John and Elizabeth Walter. (From the Copy Book of Deeds for Holland Township).

Baily, Robert: Waggon-maker of Walter's Falls, purchased lot #40, SW side of Victoria Street, 15 May 1862, for \$40.

Campbell, James: merchant of Walter's Falls, purchased lot #1, corner of front and Victoria, 19 March 1863, for \$500.

Carney, Charles: merchant of Walter's Falls, purchased lot #75, north side of Victoria Street, 12 April 1869, for \$100.

Caswell, George Ackland: cordwainer from Meaford, purchased lot #32, corner Elizabeth and Alma Streets, 27 September 1865, for \$20.

Caswell, Henry Ackland: waggon-maker of Walter's Falls, purchased lots nos. 12 and 13, Thomas and Victoria Streets, 27 September 1861, for \$120.

Deleree, James Henry: blacksmith of Walter's Falls, purchased lots nos. 9, 10 and 17, vicinity Victoria and Alma Streets, 8 May 1861, for \$120.

Dove, Clara Olivia: wife of John Dove of Toronto, purchased lot #28, Front and Elizabeth Streets, 17 February 1863, for \$1.

Elliott, Thomas: shoe-maker from Artemesia Township, Grey County, purchased lot #202, Front and Elizabeth Streets, 11 August 1864, \$16.

Hill, John: merchant of Sydenham Township, Grey County, purchased lot #23, Front and Church Streets, 16 February 1863, for \$100.

Hogg, John: clothier of Walter's Falls, and his wife Ann Jane Hogg, purchased lot #206 on John Street, 13 July 1863, for \$60.

McNab, Archibald: Provincial Land Surveyor, Derby Township, Grey County, purchased lots nos. 25 and 26, on Front Street, 14 October 1857, for \$25.

Olmstead, Richard: sawmill owner of Walter's Falls, purchased lot #6, Victoria and Alma Streets, 17 January 1873, for \$100.

Peterson, James: of Euphrasia Township, Grey County, purchased lots nos. 45, 46, and 47, Alma and Victoria Streets, 3 August 1864, for \$260.

Frier, Peter: farmer of Holland Township, Grey County, purchased lots nos. 198, 199 and 200, NW side of Elizabeth Street, 28 March 1867, for \$224.

Smith, John Henry: gentleman of Walter's Falls, purchased lot #18, Church and Alma Streets, 10 May 1862, for \$34.

Stark, Samuel: of McKillop Township, Huron County, purchased lot #27, north side of Front Street, 13 May 1863, for \$80.

Walter, Philip Harris: miller of Walter's Falls, purchased lot #24, Front and Church Streets, 21 July 1863, for \$50.

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## **“REFLECTIONS”**

a Flashback Column in the Meaford Mirror covering the Years 1885 and 1893

They are more history than genealogy, but they do explain how many early records have been lost in fires, and that travelling by boat was a chief means of transportation.

Ken Gilmore

Jan. 1885 – The steam barge, “Mount Clemens” arrived in on Sunday evening with a small cargo of lumber and lath from Michael’s Bay, consigned to Meaford B. & M. Co., 138,000 lath and 38,000 feet of lumber was her cargo.

Jan. 1885 – DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT ROCKLYN – MR. REYNOLD’S STORE AND THE TOWNSHIP HALL BURNED. The inhabitants of the usually quiet village of Rocklyn were startled at about 3 o’clock Monday morning by cries of “Fire!” The blaze was first discovered at the north-west corner of the building owened by Mr. Wm. Nealy and occupied by Mr. S. W. Reynolds as a general store. The Euphrasia Township Hall stood only about ten feet from the burning structure. Being of stone, it at first appeared to be in no great danger, and the small force directed their efforts towards saving Tom McConnell’s Hotel Buildings on the west side. Had it not been for the fact that the night was calm, the fire would have spread to the stable, and then would have easily spread to Mr. W. H. Dodson’s block opposite, and then would have swept the whole village. Meanwhile, the shingles on the Township Hall were burning slowly but surely. Ladders were placed and water applied, but it was too late. The woodwork was soon all destroyed and the stone walls left standing. Nothing but a few brooms and rakes were saved from Mr. Reynold’s stock. He was the only occupant of the store. He slept upstairs and had to effect his escape through a window.

The township Hall was erected in 1870 at a cost of \$1,400., Mr. J. J. Johnston of Meaford being the contractor. It has since been the scene of many contests, parliamentary, municipal and physical.

Note: A new brick hall was built the same year on a new site at the northern edge of the village on the 7<sup>th</sup> line. It remains standing today (1980) and is used as a private residence.

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