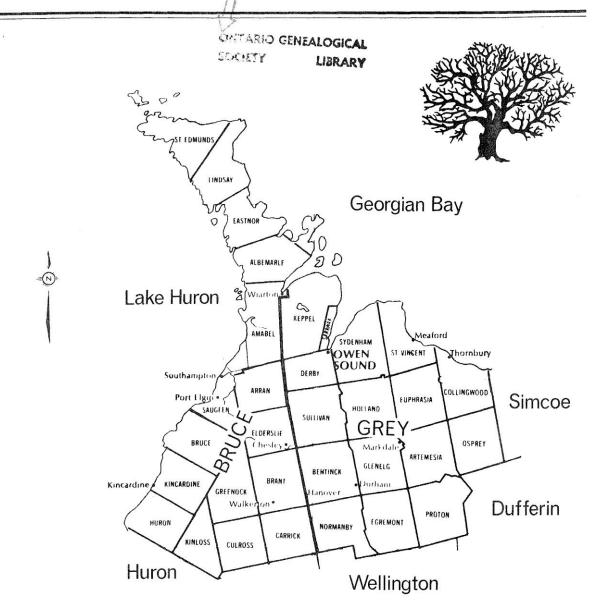
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### PLEASE NOTE

1. Check this newsletter for your 1984 membership card.

- 2. Volunteers are needed to read the 1871 census for Osprey Twp., Grey Co. & Bruce Twp. Bruce Co. Contact Tom Armstrong, RR #7 Owen Sound, Ont. N4K 5N0 for forms.
- 3. The 1983 copy of "Additions to Our Library" is available from Mrs. R. Lundy, 518 8<sup>th</sup> St. A. E., Owen Sound, Ont., N4K 1M9 for a S.A.S.E.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS: Time – 8 p.m.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs Kincardine Group, check with Bill Nagle, Kincardine for the place

4<sup>th</sup> Tues Feb. 28 Owen Sound Public Library

Beginner's Night

Mar 27 Owen Sound Public Library

Show & Tell

ANNUAL MEETING – tentative date is April 14. Plan to be there for an afternoon and evening of genealogical help.

### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS –** convener Tom Armstrong

Help add to our growing collection of genealogical material. The following are in charge of each section –

BIRTHS: Mrs. Jo-Anne Moriarty, Gen. Del., Port Elgin, Ont., N0H 2C0

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: Mrs. Betty Siegrist, R.R. #2, Wiarton, Ont., N0G 2T0

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Obituaries: Mrs. Betty Warrilow, R.R. #6, Owen Sound, Ont., N4K 5N8

Family Reunions: Mrs. Barbara Adolph, RR #2, Walkerton, Ont., N06 2V0

THE CONVENER is also responsible for: Pre 1900 letters, Bible inscriptions, Pedigree charts, names being researched; and 1871 CENSUS.

Lists of Bruce & Grey families found in local histories outside the area are being sent to your editor. Here are 2 examples –

Mary Edith Wegener, 3181 Maple Rd., Nefane, N.Y. 14108 reviewed PROUDLY WE SPEAK, a history of Neche, Bathgate, Bruce & Hyde Park, North Dakota – Feick, Sheard, Carson, Simms, Aiken, Horsley, McFadden, McConnell . . . .

Shawn R. Mooney, Box 3, Plenty, Sask. S0L 2R0. 2 only listed MEMORIES & MILESTONES. SPRINGWATER & DISTRICTS. Springwater Hist. Soc. – Mirehouse, McCallum

WESTSIDE ECHOES. Westside Echoes Book Committee, Area west of Unity, Sask. – Krueger, Cammidge, Housen, Routledge, Sirrs, Vollett, Wrigthson,
INFORMATION WORTH NOTING
The O'Doherty Clan plan their 1st International Reunion in Derry, Northern Ireland in 1985.  Information is being sought on all Dohertys, no matter the spelling.  Contact – Stanley Daugharty, R.R. #1, St. Thomas, Ont., N5P 3S5  Info from CONNECTIONS, Quebec Family History Society, Vol 5.
<ul> <li>HOUSE OF GORDON, Canadian Branch. Contact – C. Edwin Todd, 10 Ottaway Ave., Barrie, Ont., L4M 2W7. Fee – \$10./yr. includes subscription to newsletters from House of Gordon, Scotland &amp; here.</li> <li>Qualifications for membership</li> <li>1. All persons having the surname GORDON</li> <li>2. All persons directly connected by marriage with or descended from persons bearing the surname GORDON.</li> </ul>
3. Septs of the House of Gordon as follows: Adam, Adams, Adamson, Addie, Addison, Adie, Aitchison, Aiken, Aitken, Atkin, Atkins, Atkinson, Barrie, Connon, Craig, Cromb, Crombie, Cullen, Darg, Darge, Dorward, Duff, Durward, Eadie, Eddie, Edie, Edison, Esslemont, Gardiner, Gardner, Garioch, Garrick, Garriock, Geddes, Gerrie, Huntly, Jessiman, Jopp, Jupp, Laing, Lang, Laurie, Lawrie, Leng, Mallett, Marr, Maver, Mavor, Meldrum, Mill, Mills, Miln, Milne, Milnes, Moir, More, Morrice, Morris, Muir, Mylne, Tod, Todd, Troup
THE SHIERS FAMILY HISTORY (2 Vol.) reviewed by Vern Norman, Box 601, Kincardine, Ont. NOG 2G0 The Shiers originated in the Palatinate, fled to England, were settled in County Limerick, Ireland, migrated to Brock Twp. The Purple Grove, Huron Twp., Bruce Co. family are descended from the branch who arrived here via Uxbridge.
HURON TOWNSHIP is to have a new history.  The New Horizons Group who compiled the SCRAPBOOKS OF J.F. YEMEN are once again at work. This time on the history of Huron Twp., Bruce Co. They are – Mrs. Gladys McCosh Arnold, Mrs. Gwen Smith Harrison, Mrs. Minerva McGugan Stewart, Mrs. Kathleen Stewart Thorburn, Mrs. Janet Welsh Needham, Mrs. Violet McLennan MacKenzie, Mrs. Margaret Smith Funston, William A. Collins, Robert Courtney, Stewart Shiells, Francis Gemmell.  Huron Twp's first settler was a Frenchman, Louis Bellemore.  The Scots usually voted Liberal, the Irish Tory (Some Huron Twp. facts by Robt. Courtney)
Christina M. Pickett b. 1888 is Ripley's oldest resident. For many years the Picketts lived in the Regina area where Mrs. Pickett was a mid-wife.  From Mrs. Peggy Chappel, Ripley, Ont.
1850 – 1950 SCRAPBOOKS OF J.F. YEMEN a pioneer's collection of historical and genealogical date of south west Bruce County. Stan Brown Printers Ltd., Owen Sound, Ont., 1983 ISBN 0-9691523-0-2. Available from Mrs. Gladys Arnold, Box 35, Ripley, Ont. NOG 2R0. Price \$15.00 plus \$2.00 postage.

Gwen Smith (Mrs. Howard Harrison) was the young teacher who replaced Joyce Campbell (Mrs. Bob Courtney) in 1952 at Lurgan School, S.S. #1, Huron. When the assignment concerned local history, Gwen found that her students would bring in various writings about the area by a Jane Fyfe Yemen. Who was this person?

Miss Yemen was born in Ballinafad, Halton County 6 Aug. 1866, daughter of Thomas Fyfe Yemen and Jane Jamieson Welsh. The family settled in Huron Twp. 1867. According to her obituary (d. 8 Feb. 1954) she had a notable career as a school teacher in Western Canada and the Western States. On her retirement, she returned to Kincardine.

Miss Yemen wrote many articles of pioneer days, local history and even some poetry. They were published in the Kincardine weekly paper and some in the Toronto Globe under the pen name of Tillietudlem.

Miss Yemen was a scrapbook maker. The late Norval Stewart, nephew of Miss Yemen had inherited the scrapbooks of her articles. His widow, Minerva Stewart gave permission to have the material published.

### **SCRAPBOOKS**

.... "How to make one. Remember it is for use and help in the years when your memory needs priming. Secure a book for the purpose with lots of pages. Boiled paste in a bowl and old cotton pieces which can be rinsed out .... I insist on the scraps being neatly cut ...."

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### PIONEER DAYS by Jane F. Yemen

It is rather interesting to find that a great many settlers of Bruce, even as early as 1858 were the sons, grandsons and early great grandsons of pioneers of old counties, Lanark, Halton, Ontario, Hastings, Middlesex, Perth, etc.

Adam Hodgins and his brother James, coming from Domineer, Tipperary, Ireland, settled on their farms near Lucan in 1831 – one hundred and three years ago. Adam Hodgins had been in the Irish Police force in Ireland.

Mr. Thomas E. Hodgins, of Princes street who came in to Lot 49, Durham Road in 1871 is the great grandson of Adam and still treasures the gun his ancestor carried on his beat. The police could only use blank cartridges, but in a flurry in 1809 the mob began stoning the police. Contrary to rules Policeman Adams stooped for a handful of gravel which he flung with such good effect that the back of the riot was broken. It was never known who sent the gravel.

Mr. Hodgins is also a grandson of "Adam's brother James", commonly called "Big Jim", who was the first land-agent of Biddulph. When the Hodgins brothers came into the bush London City of today was marked by only two log-cabins.

Three brothers had landed at Halifax, but one was lost and never heard of till the older generation had passed away. Fifty or sixty years afterwards one of the grandsons of John, the lost brother, an M.P. from Quebec came to Lucan to seek for kindred whom he had learned lived there. John seeking his brothers in vain had gone with other settlers to the province of Quebec.

This story belongs to the same period. Three other brothers and their father were following a blazed trail to Lucan. The father was elderly and became very ill so he was left at a settler's log house sixteen miles from Lucan. The father carried the money. Next day the sons returned. There was a fresh grave but no trace of the occupants of the shanty and never were these people heard of.

As the decades passed on the family of Hodgins increased until distinguishing names had to be used. One family who lived in the gully of the River Sauble were "Gully Hodgins". Another lived on top of a hill. The father was "Hill John". "Big Jim" was Deputy-Reeve so his son, John and his son C.C. Hodgins, M.P. were "Deputies". One built a big house and they called him "Caslte Hodgins."

Mr. Hodgins, of Kincardine was the son of "Drom's Adam". His brothers were "Long John" and "Butcher Jim", Reeve of London township for years. Another Hodgins was known as "Raker" because he bought the first rake and one was "Billy, the Cook."

The late Mr. Bloor took our neighbour Thomas Hodgins to the old log school when he was three years old. Interested home people asked how many marks he got. "Three black and three white", answered the undaunted child. One day he became hungry and as he says he "took the pouts and struck for home." Not far on his was he saw a big dog and turned back to his teacher Mr. Dearness, who was destined to become one of London's famous teachers and Inspector Dearness.

For many years the settlers made their way to London with their produce, thick bush on both sides. A young settler lost his wife by death. Neighbours carried her body on a stretcher with two poles, to London. The young man went away and never came back.

The father of John Atkinson, who was killed while working on the Durham Line bridge, a few years ago, walked from Lucan to Kincardine, a distance of 165 miles.

Two Coursey sisters of the family, who took land in 1832, became wives of two Hodgins brothers and each family had thirteen children. Mr. Thomas Hodgins is the grandson of one Coursey-Hodgins house.

### MARINE-RAIL HERITAGE CENTRE

1165 1st Ave. W. Owen Sound, Ont N4K 4N8 Phone 371-3333

A project of the Owen Sound Historical Society

From Mrs. Daphne Johnston & Mrs Paula Niall

"During the time period between 1880 and 1912 Owen Sound was known as the "Liverpool" of Canada. The Marine aspect of the city was complemented by two railways, the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific which embraced both sides of the Harbour.

Unfortunately much of this early glory has left us and is all too quickly being lost or forgotten."

The Owen Sound Historical Society has undertaken to develop a Marine-Rail museum in the C.N.R. station which was built in 1930 but became redundant in 1970.

Already, a great deal of work has been done to renovate the building, collect artifacts and interview ship's captains & retired sailors.

Glass & Marble showcases were donated by Birk's Jewellers when they moved their Sparks St. store in Ottawa to a new locations.

2 techniques used by O.S. Historical Soc. could be used by genealogists.

- 1. Special events & projects, old photos & postcards are documented & preserved on "slides"
- Oral history is preserved on tape. It requires experimenting & practice to develop a good technique. Paula Niall pointed out some of the problems encountered when reviewing the interview recorded with Dr. Arthur Middlebro.

THE MANISOO was caught in stormy seas in Georgian Bay in Sept. 1928.

Dr. Arthur Middlebro was one of 5 survivors. The 19 Sept. 1928 SunTimes lists the following 15 missing at that time –

### 15 MISSING - PRESUMED DEAD

A list of missing, now believed to be dead, was issued this morning, by the Owen Sound Transportation Co. The list follows:

FRANK HUTCHISON, second mate, Shallow Lake

MAITLAND BEATTIE, wheelsman, 11th street east, Owen Sound

ALLAN SCOTT, second engineer, 1086 1st avenue "a" west, Owen Sound

DOUGALD McCLEAN, fireman, Burgoyne

SING QUON, chef, Toronto

HUM TOM, second chef, Elizabeth Street, Toronto

DONALD ROSE, waiter, Annan

JOSEPH MENSOUR, waiter, Little Current

E. STEWART, watchman, Owen Sound

CLARK FOX, fireman, Oxenden

THOMAS LAMBERT, passenger, Oil Springs, Ontario WESLEY GALBRAITH, deck hand, Owen Sound GORDON BAIRD, deck hand, Annan ELI SHAWANAS, deck hand, Sheguindah AMBROSE SHAWANAS, deck hand, Sheguindah

THE 125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE DESBORO FALL FAIR, Anniversary Committee

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Available from Mrs. Bruce Stephens, R.R. 3, Chatsworth, Ont., N0H 1G0

Price - \$10.00 plus \$2.00 postage

Desboro is in Sullivan Twp., Grey County. Has many names & pictures.

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From THE PATHS THAT LED TO HOLLAND a History of Holland Township, edited by Mildred Young Hubbert, Stan Brown Printers Ltd., 1983, ISBN 0-9691275-0-2. Indexed. Price \$15.00 plus \$2.00 postage. From Mrs. Ross Rosenburg, R.R. #1, Chatsworth, Ont., N0H 1G0

### THE LIFE OF THE PIONEERS

In 1924, Mrs. John Ferguson of Chatsworth was 91 years old. At that time she wrote a description of her early years in Holland Township, where the experiences of her pioneering family were shared by many others around them. The description is reprinted by courtesy of the Owen Sound Sun Times which published the account on January 8, 1936.

"Islay, Scotland, near the hamlet called Port Helen in the north was my birthplace and I was born in February 1833. My father was Duncan Sinclair and my mother's maiden name was Euphemia McDougal. My father was a farm labourer and never received over 50¢ per day for his work. His brother, John, came to Canada in 1841 and settled in Chinguacousy. My father also decided to try his luck in Canada. On the day of his departure my mother fainted because he was going away. He sold what little stock he had and bought tickets for the family. My mother had the washing on the line, but we hastily got out few belongings together and started for Greenock. We had to wait there a few days to catch a boat and this gave my mother an opportunity to dry the washing she had taken off the line the day we left home.

I was ten years old at the time we left England. We were about six weeks on the ocean but eight weeks from the time my father stopped working in Scotland and started working in Chinguacousy. We had lived in Chinguacousy three years when my father left for the Georgian Bay district and took up land for himself and his eldest son John. They located not far from Annan, but the land proved to be undesirable, mostly swamp. They did not remain there, but the following year my brother, Donald, took up a grant of 50 acres and 70 acres reserve on the Second Concession of Holland Township not far from the village which later was known as Chatsworth.

In the spring of 1847 my father and brother, Donald, moved to Holland Township. Their first abode was made of slabs, split from cedar trees which were leaned up against a tall tree that has been turned out of root. This sort of tree was called "turn-up". In May of the same year my brother went to Chinguacousy for my mother and me. We left my only sister, Effie with a neighbour woman for the summer as she was too small to walk the distance. We drove our cattle and sheep with us and three days from the time we left we arrived in Holland. We walked all the way. We had to detour five miles at the 40 mile swamp, which was 40 miles from Owen Sound and hence its name. At McCauley's beaver meadow, near Williamsford, we had to pay 25 cents to go through Mr. McCauley's farm to get around the beaver meadow...... continued in the History.

Holland Township was incorporated in 1850, and as in the case of other Grey County Townships, was named after a member of the British Nobility, Lord Holland, Baron of Holland in the City of Lincoln and Baron Holland of Foxley in the County of Wilts.

Lord Holland (Henry Edward Fox) was the fourth and last Lord Holland. He was born in 1802 and died in 1859, a very wealthy man.

An added note of interest was the connecting with Lord Holland to the area.

Dr. Charles Alexander Fox Gaviller was a well-known surgeon in Owen Sound. He was the son of Florence Strangways, a great granddaughter of the second Earl of Inchester and second cousin of the Fourth Lord Holland.

Mrs. Gaviller lived in Owen Sound with her son from 1912 to 16. (Two grandsons still live in Owen Sound, Charles & Dr. Edwin.)

This History of Holland is a credit to the committee who tell me they have enough material to write another book on the FAMILIES. Below from p. 290.

### **JOHN SPECK**

A tight rope walker in Walter's Falls? Yes, it is told that a man called John Speck climbed out of an upstairs window in the hotel and walked the tight rope that was strung across the road to the Reynold's store, balancing a bamboo pole.

He seemed to have no fear of height and when the flour mill was rebuilt John stood on his head on the corner post of the new mill over the water flume and the fast flowing river below. Also, when the grain elevators were completed at Owen Sound harbour, a request was made for someone to place a flag on top of the elevator. Mr. Speck, not a young man said, "I can do that" and he did, being paid for his services \$25.00.

A pioneer long remembered, he was the husband of the first white girl, Sarah Walter, born in Walter's Falls. He could be found in his workshop where he spent his last years working on his hobbies. In many of the brides' kitchens you would find one of his rolling pins in use on bake day. Each fall he ran a cider press for the homes that had a cider vinegar barrel, and fresh cider was added each year from apples collected in the orchards.

Telephone lineman was also one of his jobs and he was always on call to the St. Vincent Telephone System and the Chatsworth line too. He became well known to all. He and his wife raised a granddaughter Mildred Plourde (Mrs. Alec Carmichael) of Bognor.

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### **QUERIES & NEWS FROM YOU**

1. Mrs. Florence Denning, Box 505, Turner Valley, Alta., T0L 2A0

Sent about 25 pages of family history including letters. The first dated 17 Jan. 1835 by Robert Haighle tells of the trip over, the Cholera epidemic and the misery of their stay on Grosse Isle. He also stated, "I have bought fifty acres of land of excellent quality all covered with timber such as you never say in the township of Dumas by Peterboro . . . "

It was addressed to his father, John Haighle, Newark, Milton of Urr, Dumfries, Scotland, Cas Douglas.

Robert was killed by a falling tree (family tradition) in 1841/42. His wife Jannet, daus. Margaret, Elizabeth & Mary were still living in Dummer Twp., Peterborough Co. in 1851.

Mrs. Denning states, "This family could not be located again and I thought that was the end of the road. Never give up they say and lo and behold Andre Dorfman who was researching to write a book about Dummer Twp. and knew that I was looking for this family came across the marriage of Margaret . . . to Henry Esplen . . . The name was being spelled Hatchel by this time . . . Further to this he came across an unpublished family history of another family, where it stated that they had been met in Bruce Co., Ontario in the 1860's by several families who had gone there as some of the first settlers in Elderslie and Arran Twps. in 1853. He looked up the 1861 and 1871 censuses for Arran Twp., Bruce Co. and there they were . . . "

Margaret m. Henry Esplen – 12 children

Elizabeth m. Joseph Schroeder

Mary m. Malcolm McLean – 3 children

Additional information is desired on the above Esplen, Schroeder & McLean families.

### 2. P.L. Hanrahan, 1424 SE Rex, Portland, OR 97202

Sent us his newly published HANRAHAN FAMILY HISTORY. Library of Congress Catalog Number 83-82980. Indexed.

The Hanrahan & O'Brien Clans were located in Co. Clare and in parts of Co's. Limerick, Tipperary and Waterford.

"County Tipperary was the home of John Hanrahan (the younger) and his parents before emigrating to America. It is known for its fertile green pastures and today much of its land is used for dairy farming.

The town of Nenagh is located in the northern part of the county. A village of the same name was later found in Canada adjacent to the Hanrahan farm. No connection has yet been made with the Hanrahans and Nenagh, Ireland.

In 1847 John Hanrahan, his w. Mary O'Brien & family landed in New Brunswick instead of Quebec. "Canada was not prepared for the famine emigration from Ireland. Passengers arriving at Quebec had to pass . . . . . a quarantine station . . . . . . Grosse Isle."

"Today on Grosse Isle, there is a monument which states: 'In this secluded spot lie the mortal remains of 5294 persons who flying from pestilence and famine in Ireland in the year 1847, found in America but a grave'"

The CANADA GAZETTE of 30 July 1852 offered school lands for sale in Grey Co. John Hanrahan purchsased lot 42, concession 3, Normanby Twp.

The family names stressed in the book are Hanrahan, McCanna, O'Brien, McDevit, Malloy and Lauman.

- 3. SMITH: Raymond Kalbfleisch, 4832 Howard Rd., Petoskey, MI 49770

  Mr. Kalbfleisch is the author of "THE BICKLE BOOK" reviewed in the newsletter Vol. 12, p. 45.

  He is at present working on his Smith fam. He needs help to locate a branch who moved from Winterbourne near Kitchener ca. 1874 to the Mount Forest area. No data after 1881.
- **4. McDOUGALL/McDUGAL**: Mrs. Frances C. Eliades, 3113 Olympic Bakersfield CA 93308 Seeks burial place of John McDougall & w. Janet, a widow age 60 in 1871 census Collingwood Twp.; lived con. 2, N ½ lot 20 near Craigleith. Also requires info on related fam's HAWKINGS, MELVILLE, TEED, MUIR, CAREFOOT.
- 5. DORLING, DAWLING, DALDING, DALLING, DOLDER, DOLLING, DORLEY, DORLON Do you have one of the above names in your family? Contact Ted Wallace, 21 South Glen Rd., Brantford, Ont., N3R 6Z8 or Mrs. K. Dorling, 3 Hobart Court, Gunthorpe Rd., Marlow, Bucks, Eng., SL7 1UL
- 6. RANKIN: Mrs. Shirley L. Cleveland, 18 McKinnon Cres., Red Deer, Alta, T7N 0J5 Desires info & contact with the fam. of Ethel Mary Rankin b. 19 Mar. 1888 at Paisley, dau. of William Rankin & Amelia Little.
- 7. NORTON: Mrs. Carol Small, R.R. #1, Denfield, Ont., N0M 1P0

Seeks info on the following fam.

Henry Norton & w. Hannah Tompkin of Co. Wicklow, Ire. to Toronto area. Fam. – William (1833-1907) m. Elizabeth Silverlock; to Holland Twp; 7 ch'n: related names – Henry, Sutherland, Buel, Anderson

Henry (?-?) m. Kathleen Smith, to Holland Twp., related names – Wilson, Dunnington, Fraser, Giles, Binns, Wardrop

Samuel (?-?) lived Holland Twp. & Manitoulin Island? m.?

Elizabeth (1828-1905) m. George Lee, lived Holland Twp., related names Smith McKay Jane (1842-1912) b. Ont., m. Elijah Page, also Holland Twp. 6 sons 2 daus.

**8. COOK, HARDY**: Candice Paisley, R.R. #2, Site 214, Courtney, B.C. V9N 5M9 Seeks David Cook b. 1846, d. 1898/99, a logger, bur. Wiarton? m. Susan Cronkite who has sisters – Mrs. Hetson, Minnie Lockhart, Martha Thane; The ch'n – Alice (m. J. Burley), Maggie

(m. Crone), Maria, Victoria (m. John William Hardy), John, Henry, Millie. All the fm. Deceased before age 24 except for Victoria Hardy.

Also fam. of John William Hardy b. 2 Jan. 1865, Owen Sound; s/o William Winter Hardy & Mary Foxton.

- A. Check Derby Twp. for Hardy. (B.W.)
- FLYNN, McGARITY: Juliet Mannock, 14 Gertrude Place, Toronto, Ont., M4J 1R3 Re: Missing Twin

Harriett & Eliza Flynn were b. 1 Aug. 1901 in Hexham, Northumberland, Eng. Eliza was adopted & thro' marriage to Flynn. She had relatives in the Bruce Co. area of Ont.

In 1912, Mrs. Flynn came to Canada with dau. Harriet. Did they come to our area? Or Toronto?

Harriet, married name unknown with 3 ch'n lived in Toronto as late as 1953.

**10. SMELTZER**: Marjorie Stevenot, 150 Johnsontown Rd., Sloatsburg, NY 10974 Who is F. A Smelser, Clarksburg, Collingwood Twp. con. 10, lot 18? Is he a Smeltzer from Markham Twp. or one from Huron Co. The above from 1890 Atlas of Grey Co.

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### PLEASE NOTE

1. Mail addressed to Box 1606 takes time to reach our far-flung executive so please send query directly to person responsible e.g. re-membership to Mrs. Barbara Adolph. This information is on the inside of the cover sent in Jan.

The telephone number for our vice chairman, Betty Siegrist should be changed to (519) 534-1078.

- 2. This is the last newsletter for 1983 members. If you have not rec'd #3 newsletter by the end of June, your B & G membership has lapsed. Membership cards have been or are being sent with the newsletter.
- 3. Sharon, Mrs. Andrew Marshman, Box 1251, Port Elgin, Ont., N0H 2C0 is available to do genealogical research in the Grey-Bruce area. Please contact her directly re-terms & fees.

### **COMING EVENTS**

April 14 Sat. Annual Meeting of the Bruce & Grey Branch

Join us at the Port Elgin United Church House after 1 p.m. to view displays & collections (greatly enlarged e.g. obit. now alphabetically arranged – 41 books – 1<sup>st</sup> showing of the expanded collection) Photocopier available.

4:30 p.m. Annual Meeting & REPORTS

6:00 p.m. Dinner & Speaker

Cost for the meeting & dinner \$8.00. Contact Sharon Marshman, phone (519) 832 6764 or a member of the executive before April 7.

Keynote Speaker: T. Veenstra, Bruce County Board of Education, "Using the Computer in Family Research".

Note: The Computer age is indeed here as Tom Armstrong is presently listing the "names being research" by you, our members. New members please return your completed form as soon as possible. "Old" members send SASE for a new form or pick one up from Tom at a meeting if you wish to update your names. Various members have tried to organize the forms over the years with varying success, but it is taking the computer to get it finished.

SEMINAR 84, O.G.S. – THE YANKEES ARE COMING, May 18, 19, 20 at Erindale Campus

May 22 Paisley United Church

Tues.
Speaker: Bill Lawson, 82 Keith Street, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, a speaker at the O.G.S. Seminar in Mississauga. Will be bringing colour slides of the Isles and his complete files of the families who emigrated to Bruce & Grey. Please pass the word to anyone you know whose families come from Lewis, Harris, Outer Hebrides.

June 26 Mildmay-Carrick School (west one block from traffic light at the Commercial Hotel, Tues turn left & proceed south past Sacred Heart School, the arena complex to the

8. p.m. school), Mildmay. Mrs. Elmer Schaus, convener.

July 24 Annual Pot Luck Supper at Scone. Fun for everyone.

Tues at 6 p.m. Convener – Miss Olive McLaughlin

### FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As we begin our 13<sup>th</sup> year as an O.G.S. Branch, growing from 14 members in 1971 to over 600 to-day, we see the ever growing interest in documenting family histories and the importance of this Genealogical Society in preservation and perpetuation of the records of ancestors and families who at one time made the Bruce and Grey Association their home.

To the family historian, research is never complete. The enthusiastic newcomer to Genealogy makes rapid progress tabulating the readily available records of their immediate family, but soon finds new skills must be learned to uncover information that has remained hidden for generations. As family charts and pedigrees grow, our area of search widens, we join more Genealogical Societies, we learn more history not only of Canada, but the birthplaces of our ancestors and we become more interested in their way of life and reasons for relocating.

Our Branch members are like a large family whose ancestors were friends and neighbours who helped build churches and schools together, who shared in the hardships and rewards in turning the wild "Queen's Bush" into their home. Our "family" has branched out over all of North America, so that to-day most members live beyond Bruce and Grey's borders. Our newsletter brings our "family" together and we look forward to your continuing support in these endeavors.

My own search was divided between Toronto and Bruce County from the very beginning. My mother's paternal grand-parents, Edward Henry and Leticia Martin arrived from Ireland in 1853; Edward born in Kilsaran, County Louth and Leticia in Dromara, County Down; lived the remainder of their life in Toronto and reared a family of thirteen. My mother's maternal grand-parents, Walter Durward and Isobel Durward left Kincardine-O'Neil, Aberdeen Scotland, with three young children, including my grand-mother Jennie around 1870 and also made Toronto their permanent home raising a family of seven.

My father's paternal grand-parents, John Fredrick Schwegler and Ursula Holler came from Germany, but when and where has not yet been established. I believe they were married in Ontario around 1848. They moved frequently and John changed businesses several times. He was a butcher and later a grocer and a provisions dealer in Toronto between 1855 and 1866; operated a confectionary store at the original four corners in Hanover until 1869, and may have gone to Detroit with two sons, who operated a retail furniture business. My grandfather Louis Schwegler, one of eight children, spent his childhood in Toronto, his youth in Hanover and his short adult life in Walkerton.

My father's maternal grand-parents, Henry Bacon and Ann Margaret Dunbar, settled in Walkerton in 1856, having arrived from the U.S. with their first child Emma, who was only 6 months old at the time. Ann Dunbar left the Cromdale area of Inverness, Scotland before 1850, accompanied by a first cousin, a Grant, from the castle of the same name. Henry Bacon was born in Debden near Salfron-Waldon in Essex County, England. He operated a mill in Walkerton for a number of years and later became a carpenter-contractor and worked in Chicago for a while after the Great Fire. Their five children grew up in Walkerton, but none of their descendants live there today.

The sources for my family information have been several and widespread. Starting from family legend, obits, funeral cards and faded wedding certificates found at the bottom of drawers in my parent's home, copies of wills of family members where my father had acted as executor, information passed down to cousins both documented and heresay. Later L.D.S. searches of IGI micro fishes and micro films of parish registers, census tabulations, O.G.S. library and Toronto City Hall Archives, for old city directories, cemetery records and stone inscriptions, local history books and directories, Land Registry Office abstracts and information from cousins recently discovered.

Many of the above sources will continue to reveal their secrets with continued effort. The discovery of more cousins will help fill in the blanks. Searching micro films of old newspapers will bring a new information to the surface and add personality to statistics, search of old wills will add more dimension to this picture, and finally there is always hope that a long lost relative reads of my plight in the Branch Newsletter and comes forth with a published family history!

### SOME INTERESTING DATA ON NEWER COPIES OF THE 1871 CENSUS

#28 North Bruce – F Amabel Twp – sub Division #1

Deaths:

ARNOTT Sarah, age 19, died Jan.

CUMMER John, age 2, died Feb., unknown disease

DAVIDSON James, age 37, Ireland, died Jan., typhoid fever, farmer

DAVIDSON Mary, age 1, died Jan., unknown cause EBERT Mary, age 48, Germany, died Jan., T.B. HAND Thomas, age 73, England, died Jan.

HENRY Charlotte, age 2, died March, unknown disease

JOHNSON Margaret, died May, unknown cause

KAHBWKONEISKEKY David, age 90, died June, T.B.

MAHEW Henry Charles, died July 2<sup>nd</sup>

McDOUGALL Archy, age 70, Scotland, died Jan. farmer WAUBEZER Margaret, age 1, died Dec., dysentery

Division #2

CROLL Frederick, age 49, Germany, died July of dropsy CUMMER Elizabeth, age 37, England, died March T.B. PEARIE Mary Helen, age 2, died Nov., whooping cough

SIDWERE Samuel, died Feb., croup

Check at Weldon Library, U of Western, Ont. for the PERSONAL NAMES INDEX of the NEW YORK TIMES on microfilm – Reference Z 5301.FZ8

The words "of" and "in" are important to note in Scottish research. John Smith of is the owner. John Smith in is the tenant.

The Scots Magazine, Jan. 1970

Pioneer Cem., Dallas, Texas – Phoebe . . . . J. R. & M. A. Davis, born Hanover, Ont., Canada Jan. 20, 1860, died June 23, 1876, From Dorothy Martin, 40 Foursome Cres., North York, M2P 1W3

TWO HISTORY PROJECTS FOR SALE - The Sun Times, Owen Sound, July 13, 1983, edited version

Walkerton – The effect of the Great Depression on this town and the political intrigue behind Walkerton being chosen as the county seat are the subjects of two recently-published history books.

Published through the effort of the Walkerton Historical Society and Heritage Walkerton, the books are part of a thematic approach to writing the history of the town.

Dale Wilson of Heritage Walkerton said eventually eight books will be published, covering the 125-year history of the town.

Both books are written by Peter Schmalz, head of the history department at the Walkerton District secondary school.

Schmalz is also the author of the History of the Saugeen Indians, published in 1972.

The impact of the depression on Walkerton is examined under several headings such as "relief for workers, not 'shirkers'" and "Walkertons' untouchables."

The "untouchables" or transients drifted in and out of town in the 1930's, sometimes sleeping in the basement of the town hall.

The second book, The County Town Question, deals with the political wrangling that led to Walkerton being chosen the county seat in 1865.

In all, 10 towns vied for the honor, the economic benefits and the political prestige of being the county town.

In assessing the importance of the choice, one need only consider that several of the town's that lost out in the battle are today little more than crossroads on our highways.

The debate, which raged for 10 years, so inflamed local passion that the Paisley Advocate of

"The bribery, the false swearing, the treachery of our public men, the littleness and cunning of office seekers, the bold defiance of law and the whole mass of municipal corruption in the Walkerton move, may achieve a success - but it will be bad pre-eminence to gain and the result will be evil to the place and evil in the management of the county and township affairs in the years to come."

From the article by Randy Threndyle

Copies of the publications can be obtained from - Heritage Walkerton, Box 68, Walkerton, Ont. NOG 2V0. Make cheques payable to Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Walkerton

Schmalz, Peter S.

THE COUNTY TOWN QUESTION. Walkerton, Ontario The Walkerton Historical Society, 1983. 85p., \$7.95 Illustrated add postage 1.00

Schmalz, Peter S.

THE IMPACT OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION ON WALKERTON

Walkerton, Ontario, The Walkerton Historical Society, 1983. 123 p., illustrated \$8.95

Add postage SAVE – Both books \$15.00 Add postage 2.00

Also for sale from Heritage Walkerton

Fleming, Mary and Schnurr, Catherine, Editors

SACRED HEART PARISH, 1872 – 1982. Walkerton, Ontario,

Sacred Heart Parish Council, 1983, 132 p. illus. \$12.00

Add postage

1.00

### THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS

Information gathered & supplied by -

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THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA 23 Prince Arthur Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5R 1B2

Write to them for the addresses of the branches & membership forms.

Purpose of the Association

- (a) to unite together, irrespective of creed or political party, the descendants of those families who, during the American Revolutionary War of 1775 to 1783, sacrificed their homes in retaining their loyalty to the British Crown; and to perpetuate this spirit of loyalty.
- (b) to preserve the history and traditions of that important epoch in Canadian history by rescuing from oblivion the history and traditions of the loyalist families before it is too late.

- (c) to collect together in a suitable place the portraits, documents, books, weapons, flags, monuments, memorials and all other articles and things relating to the United Empire Loyalists, which are now scattered throughout Canada and elsewhere.
- (d) to publish an historical and genealogical journal (see d below)
- (e) to erect, construct and repair buildings, monuments, memorials and also to purchase real estate and other things that may be considered desirable to perpetuate the memory of the United Empire Loyalists.
- (d) The Association publishes the LOYALIST GAZETTE 2 issues/yr. Rate to non-members is \$4.00. Contains a special queries section.

Memberships – (fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00/yr.

Regular to an applicant who provides proof of lineal descent from a proven Loyalist

ancestor. The applicant must owe allegiance to the crown.

Affiliate to an applicant eligible to claim United Empire Loyalist descent but is not loyal to the

crown, for example, a citizen of the United States.

Associate to the spouse of a Regular of Affiliate Member of the Association and to others who

support the aims and purposes of the U.E.L. Association of Canada.

### Accepted Proofs of Lineal Descent

- 1. Any newspaper or printed article giving relationship of a person in one generation to a person in the next, e.g. obituaries, marriage accounts, graduation, birth, death and engagement notices being sure to give the name and date of the publication.
- 2. Church, cemetery records and inscriptions from headstones in cemeteries provided they are copied as written and show relationship.
- 3. Birth, marriage and death certificates. These must have the names of parents to show relationship.
- 4. Birth, Marriage and Death records from Family Bibles, either photocopied or transcribed.
- 5. Census records
- 6. Wills giving relationship to two persons in the line of descent.
- 7. Genealogical records may be useful as source material, but are not necessarily reliable as proof.

### Proofs for the Loyalist Ancestor

Copies of a land petition, land grant as a loyalist, claim for losses, Discharge certificate, name on a muster roll, confiscation list or other document showing proof of loyalty.

(The above info. from "Accepted Proofs of Lineal Descent" taken from "A GUIDE TO THE U.E.L. ASSOCIATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP")

Some good genealogical advise on the form

Show dates as day, month, year e.g. 27 March 1984

Reference to a published source, give title, author, volume, page number, publisher and date of publication.

If reference is made to an unpublished source or record, proof such as a photocopy or certification is needed.

If anyone wishes to become a REGULAR member of the association & entitled to use U.E. after their name, write to the U.E.L. Ass. (address on the previous page) for an application form. The application form is completed in duplicate. It is first sent to a Branch Genealogist with copies of all documents & other proofs plus \$5.00 for processing the application. After approval by the Branch Genealogist, the items are forwarded to the Dominion Headquarters for approval by the Dominion Genealogical Membership Investigation Committee. One copy of the approved application is

entered in a national registry, the other in the Branch records. New members receive an impressive certificate.

Once a member's documented application is entered in the national registry, blood relatives may use this application in fulfilling their own membership requirements.

### **Loyalist Sources**

TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS IN CANADA from Public Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ont., K1A ON3 was highly recommended.

### READING LIST

Britt, Kent, THE LOYALISTS, Vol. 148, No. 4, p. 510 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, April 1975

Fryer, Mary Beacock, (Helene Weaver sent this extended list after the Jan. meeting.)

CALEB SEAMAN: LOYALIST, published 1971, school text for elementary level

LOYALIST SPY, pub. 1974

THE KINGS MEN: THE SOLDIER FOUNDERS OF ONTARIO, pub. 1980, a history of the various Loyalist Regiments and the part each played in the American Revolutionary War.

ROLLS OF THE PROVINCIAL (LOYALIST) CORPS. CANADIAN COMMAND, pub. 1981

BUCKSKIN PIMPERNEL: THE EXPLOITS OF JUSTUS SHERWOOD, LOYALIST SPY, pub. '81 This is the biography of Sherwood, a Vermont farmer who served with Gen. Burgoyne and later with Ethan Allen's Green Mt. Boys as Supervisor of Spies and Prisoner Exchanges. He later settled near Brockville. Complete with maps, charts and dates. 288 pages in a soft cover. Available from Dundurn Press, Box 245, Station F., Toronto, Ont., M4Y 2L5. Also available is

ESCAPE: THE ADVENTURES OF A LOYALIST FAMILY, published Dundurn Press 1982 A fast moving book of fiction based on the escape of Caleb Seaman from New York State as told by 12 year old Ned. For 10-14 year olds. Fun for adults too!

### For publication in 1984

LOYAL SHE REMAINS, Mrs. Beacock Fryer as co-editor. This is the pictorial history commemorating the Bi-Centennial of Ontario. 550 pages, glossy published by the UNITED EMPIRE LOYALIST ASS., available at the following address — U.E.L. Ass. of Canada, 58 Scarsdale Rd., Don Mills, Ont. M3B 3L8

Price – pre-publication to 30 April 1984 \$39.95 After publication \$49.95

Mrs. Fearnall & MRs. MacDonald are descended from Loyalist George Harpell, whose log cabin is preserved in Upper Canada Village. Their route into Grey County from the Kingston area is through Henry Harpell who settled at Griersville.

Miss Fraser and Mark Lemon share Donald (Daniel) Cameron, a native of Scotland, came to American in 1773 and settled in Tyron County, Province of New York. He lived on the farm of his father, Angus Cameron, who was a tenant on Sir John Johnson's land. Donald Cameron joined the First Battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York, under Sir John Johnson, at the start of the war in 1776.; but later he transferred to the First Battalion of the 84<sup>th</sup> Regiment, known as "The Highland Emigrants". Donald's claim for losses was heard by the Loyalist Commissioners in Montreal on January 28, 1788, and the witness to his claim was his father Angus.

As a military claimant, Donald Cameron was granted land in Roxborough & Cornwall Township in Stormont County.

During the 1840's no less than five of the children of Donald Cameron and his wife Margaret Fraser moved to Sydenham & St. Vincent Twps, Grey Co. (For added info see the minihistory section of our collection – Donald Cameron History, Mark Lemon, 1977.)

### **Interesting Items from Our Members**

- Mrs. Daisy Watts, 11668 85A Ave., Delta, B.C., V4C 2V6 sent 50<sup>th</sup> Ann. of Joseph Waugh & Mary Schermerhorn, Christian Guardian, 1911
- 2. Ervan L. Amidon, Lt. Col, USAF (ret.), 3782 Incochee Trail, Traverse City MI 49684 Obit. Mary Louise Moag, Mrs. Wm. Leavens at Frankfort, MI, age 104, b. Paisley, Ont., d/o Andrew Moag & Rachel Jones. From Traverse City, Michigan, Record-Eagle 9 Sept 1983
- 3. Mrs. Harry Denning, Box 505, Turner Valley, Alta, T0L 2A0
  Obit. W.H. McClelland d. 4 Nov. 1983, b. Shelburne, Ont., fam moved west ca 1907, resided High River & other areas
- 4. Ryan Taylor, editor Waterloo-Wellington Branch of O.G.S. 50<sup>th</sup> Ann. of John Fairbairn & Margaret Morrison, Egremont Twp., from The Globe, 4 April 1914.
- Mrs. Audrey Clarke, Gen. Del., Dundalk, Ont., N0C 1B0
   Map: Civil Parishes, Scotland, purchased at the Registry House, Edinburgh
- Donald Nisbet, 10056 148<sup>th</sup> St., Surrey, B.C. V3R 3N9
   Newspaper clippings from the GARDINER SCRAPBOOKS, Hamilton Public Library relating to Duncan McGregor b. Callendar, Perthshire, Scot., to Perth, Lanark Co., to Paisley, Bruce Co. 1861.

### **QUERIES**

All queries are to be directed through the convener – Gladys Arnold, Box 35, Ripley, Ont, N0G 2R0

Gladys has asked me to include a note on a Family History with a difference

"The 21st Generation", a Journal of Family History edited by Peter B. Merey, Vol. 8, No. 1, Summer 1982, Toronto, Canada. Special Issue: The Thomson Family

The Rev. Doctor William Barrie, Guelph, died 28 July 1879. At the reading of his will, the family and friends noted that all close relatives had been excluded. It was concluded that the will was not authentic. The legal action which followed forms the setting for the History.

The author states, ". . . . the Transcript (of the trial) becomes a useful document – albeit a secondary source requiring verification through other means."

One section deals with family members in the order they were called to the stand eg.

"Mrs. Ellen Burr, nee Mitchell, daughter of William Mitchell."

For clarity, charts, photographs, maps, newspaper articles as well as the documents from the legal action are used.

The connection to the Thomson Family? The Plaintiff was Anne Thomson.

 THE WILLIAM MASON FAMILY – From Leona Mason Heitsch, 307 Arbor Lane, Webster Groves, MO 6311

William Mason operated the Mason's hotel later known as the Coyne House in Mount Forest. He died 1893, Detroit Mich., his w. Grace Wright d. 1880. Records indicate the birthplace of the fam. as follows – John, Maxwelton, Dumfries Co., Scot. also Marget; Ellen, Edinburgh, Scot; William, Robert, Jessie b. Mount Forest, Ont. The Mason fam. moved to Detroit MI. There is no record of Marget of Robert. Fate of these 2 not known by relatives. Both are in 1861 census for Normanby.

LEE: Mrs. Carol Small, R.R. #1, Denfield, Ont., N0M 1P0
 George Lee & w. Charlotte Hawkins of Co. Wicklow, Ire., to Sullivan Twp. Geo. d. 1867, 88
 yrs. Charlotte d. 1883, 98 yrs. Would appreciate additional family data on the following fam.
 & contact with descendents.

- 1. Francis (1811-1853) m. Emma Marie Fitzjohn, Holland Twp. Related name Porter. (Emma m. 2<sup>nd</sup> John Elliott) 6 Children
- 2. Robt. (1815-1882) m. Isabella McCauley, Newdale, Man. 15 ch. Related names Ireton, Wilson, McNichol
- 3. George (1810-1903) m. Elizabeth Norton, Holland Twp. 8 ch. Related names McKay, Smith
- 4. Abigail ( ) m. Barry Burns, Holland Twp. & U.S.A.
- 5. Charlotte (1825-1892) m. Joseph Byers, Holland Twp. 10 ch. Related names Smith, Carlette, McIntosh
- 6. John (1832 ) m. Margaret Carson, Holland Twp. & Man. 12 ch
- 7. William (1837 ) m. Ellen McAllonen, Sarawak Twp. 5 ch
- 8. Charles (1831 )
- 9. Son?

A cousin Robert Lee b. 1811, bricklayer, Sydenham Twp. 6 ch. Dau Sarah m. Wm. Nash & lived U.S.

Ed. Note – One of the earliest queries after the Branch was formed was from a descendent of Wm. Nash & Sarah Lee. At last we have found a person with some of the answers.

- 3. **LAST:** Mrs. Linda L. Marthen, 1329 Carolina Ave., Marysville, MI 48040 Frederick Last d. 25 Aug. 1914, Paisley area, bur. Stark Vale Cem. Has very little info on this fam.
- 4. **CAMPBELL, McLEAN**: Mrs Margaret G Cook, 983 Berkley Dr. NW, Calgary, Alta T3K 1E3 Alexander Campbell b. 1821/22, Scot., m. Isabelle McLean ca. 1855 in Bruce Co.? fam. Allan b. 1856/57, Lauchlen b. 1858/59, Katherine b. 1865/66, Malcolm b. 1867/68, Sandy? b. 1869/70, John b. 1871/72. In 1879 the fam went west to homestead at Shoal Lake, Man. Contact desired with others searching Campbell & McLean fam's.
- 5. **GALBRAITH**: Gordon MacCaffrey, 176 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. E., Owen Sound, Ont. N4K 2E6 Seeks info on Roderick Galbraith b. 1870; s. of Archie Galbraith & Margaret MacNeil, Elderslie Twp.; settled Regina ca. 1914; occupation blacksmith. A bros. John b. 1874 believed to have gone west with him.
- BROWN. McALEER, CARMICHAEL: Doreen Dolleman, 5570 S. Langston Rd., Seattle, WA 98178

Interested in any info. on the connection between the names Brown & Carmichael. Ann (Nancy) Brown b. 1817 Ire. m. Wm. McAleer. Lived in Vaughan Twp. & then settled St. Vincent Twp. 1854. Nancy may have been descended from Stuart Carmichael.

- BEACON, WHITE: Ivan Inkster, 2245 College Ave., Windsor, Ont., N9B 1M7
  Beacon & White fam's lived Duncan, Clarksburg, Thornbury areas of Grey Co. Some
  migrated to Edmonton area in 1910. Needs info on Grey Co. fam's.
  NOTE OF INTEREST: Inkster is of Viking origin & fond in the Orkney Islands. Ivan's
  ancestor came to the North West in 1797 with the Hudson Bay Co.
  A: From Gladys Collingwood Twp. 1865, Wm. & Samuel White, Beacon Nil, 1890
  Henry & W. H. Beacon, 13 White fam's.
- 8. **BRADEN**: C.R. Braden, 28283 41<sup>st</sup> S.W., Calgary Alta T3G 3K8
  Seeks info on Gussella Braden in 1881 census for Greenock with sons Robert b. 1867 & William b. 1877, widow of Arthur Braden.

A. From Gladys – 1880 Culross Twp. Mrs. Braden (Teeswater) con. 14, lot 15. Wm. Braden (Belmore) con. 3, lot 5

- 9. **BOWLES / BOWELS**: Mary Bole, 1932 Lakeway Blvd., Lethbridge, Alta T1K 3E5 Mary Anne Bowles/Bowels b. ca 1833 Canada, where? m. 1855 Thos. Hamilton in Sydenham. Is Mary Anne's mother the H. Bowels, widow b. ca 1810 Can., listed in the 1861 census.
- 10. SPITZIG: Marlene Tait, 150 Herbert St. W., Listowel, Ont. N4W 1X4 Seeks info. on Lawrence Spitzig b. 1818, Germany, m. Elizabeth? B. 1828, Germany. Fam. Mary, Henry, Helen, Joseph, Catharine, Louis & Lawrence. Is Joseph the one who m. Barbara Graf & lived Brant Co. before moving to Hanover area? They were Roman Catholic & had 13 ch. Only info. dau. Mary b. 1889 m. Alexander Knoll, dau. Adeline m. Wm. Knoll, another dau. was Sister Celine.
- 11. KIRK: Mildred L. Lyon, 216 West 13<sup>th</sup> A St. Port Angeles, WA 98362 Seeks info. on the parents of William Kirk, Owen Sound & bros. & sis. Henry, Mary, James, Margaret, Lizzie, William, May, Hannah, Samuel. A. There isn't a listing for Kirk in the 1881 census for Owen Sound. This surname is found in Holland Twp. (James 1798-1883) & Sarawak Twp. (Samuel & others are listed in SARAWAK SAGA) Contact Mrs. Rose MacLeod, R.R. #2, Kemble, Ont., N0H 1S0
- 12. **BRODIE, MacDONALD**: Jean R. MacDonald, Box 18, R.R. #1, Thessalon, Ont., P0R 1L0 Ellen Brodie b. 1848 Scot., living Bentinck Twp. at the time of her m. to Donald MacDonald at Latona, Sullivan Twp. in 1873. Donald was b. 1845 Isle of Skye, Scot. s. of Donald MacDonald & Catherine McKinnon. Need dates, bros. & sis. etc. Also info. on Angus MacDonald b. 1813 Scot., to Canada 1863, d. 1893.
- 13. ANGER, McKIBBON, SINCLAIR: Jean Kane, 15629 Hollyhock Court, Orland Park, II 60462 Seeks info. on Armena Anger b. 1864 Walsingham, dau. of Benjamin Anger & Jane McKibbon; m. David Sinclair 1882 in Wiarton, s. of Duncan, Meaford.
- 14. PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED: Ruth G. Burritt, 502-29 Church St., Weston, Ont. M9N 1M5 Needed photographs of these brothers Edward Jessup Burritt (1828-1912) farmer, Euphrasia Twp.; Stephen Burritt (1838-?), moved to Illinois sometime after 1865; Augustus Burritt (1827-1917?), proprietor of the Travellers' Home, Kimberley and Truman Burritt (1830-1914?) co-proprietor with Augustus. Will pay for costs involved. Please Note: Miss Burritt has old photos of these early residents of Euphrasia area: Eldon Lewis, Annie Myrtella Helen Thurston, Knotts, Abercrombies & a Sunday School picnic group prior to 1912 from Kimberley with members from the Wallace, Ferguson, Weber, Hutchinson families. Copies can be provided.

Note of interest: Mrs. Stephen Burritt, Margaret Abercrombie, d. 7 Aug. 1954, interment – Flesherton Cem. (from the obit. collection)

N.B. Be sure to provide cost for the print & SASE if you are interested in the above photos.

15. **BARTHOLEUM / BARTHOLD, FROELICH/FROEHLICH**: Mrs. E. S. Olsen, 8407 Mt. Thielson Ave., Vancouver, WA 98547 Seeks information on these families of the Ayton area, Normanby Twp., & Carlsruhe area.

16. **BALLAGHS**: Pat Alexander, Box 759, El Granada, CA 94018 Seeks info on the Ballaghs of Teeswater.

A. Gladys has already sent all Ballagh names found in telephone directory for Teeswater. Also add Mrs. Blake Alton, Lucknow, Ont., N0G 2H0 & Mrs. John Norman, R.R. #3, Wingham, Ont., N0G 2W0

Attention Members: The above answer was included to remind members of 2 sources especially useful for names in an area. These 2 resources - Telephone directory & later

- obituaries, the above names were from the obit. of Arthur Ballagh, d. 28 Feb. 1983, his daughters. Women usually know more about family history than the men.
- 17. OVERAND, THOMPSON: J. D. Grant Overand, Box 201, Elkhorn, Man. R0M 0N0 Seeks info. on John Overand b. ca 1850, d. 1930, s. of William & Eliza? & his w. Elizabeth Thompson, Chesley, d. of? Date of m. 29 Apr. 1877 by Rev. Wm. B. Danard & Overland. From Obit Collection Wesley Overand d. 13 Nov. 1930 & w. Maria d. 764 4Ave. E., Owen Sound, Ont. N4K 2N6

Overland fam. associated with Meaford area.

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Mrs. Gladys Arnold, Box 35, Ripley, Ont., N0G 2R0

Direct all changes of address & memberships to

Mrs. Barbara Adolph, R.R. #3, Walkerton, Ont., NOG 2V0

### NOTICE

A membership list update – March 1983 to March 1984 is available for a S.A.S.E. or free at our meetings.

The membership List for year ending March 1983 plus the above update is \$1.00 from the editor Betty, address above.

In future the list of new members plus change of address will be published once a year. We need the space to print some of our backlog of information (info.)

It is very important for members especially our new ones to send queries to Gladys for cross referencing & publishing in the newsletter.

### MEETINGS TO THE END OF 1984 – Circle dates on your calendar now

4<sup>th</sup> Tues. of month (Kincardine Group 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thurs.) Check place with Gladys Arnold for place. Phone (519) 395 2958

Time: 8 p.m. except for July meeting at Scone.

24 July 6:30 p.m. Pot Luck Supper at the old school at Scone. Beverage is supplied.

Bring something for the Pot Luck & Dishes for your own needs.

Convener: Olive McLaughlin. Phone (519) 363 3239

23 August Frank St. Baptist Church, Wiarton

Panel to answer questions on where to look etc. Convener: Betty Seigrist. Phone (519) 534 1078

25 September Presbyterian Church, Tiverton, Ont.

Speaker – Shirley Woodason, on the history of Bruce Twp.

Convener: Hilda Downey, Phone (519) 368 7253

23 October Durham, place to-be-announced

Speaker – Gerald Merrick

Convener: Arvid MacPherson. Phone (519) 369 3079

27 November Owen Sound Public Library

Topic – Update on Library holdings

Convener: Shirley Lundy. Phone (519) 376 0931

**DAFOE FAMILY REUNION**, August 9 – 12, 1984, Kingston, Ont.

After the American Revolution, the 5 sons & 2 daus. of John Ernest Dafoe (1726-1784) and his bros. Abraham & fam., arrived in Fredericksburgh, Upper Canada from Vermont & New York States. If you have a Dafoe/Defoe connection or are interested in learning more about this event, contact: Mrs. Eleanor Moult, 20 Greencrest Circuit, Apt. 209, Scarborough, Ont., M1G 1B8. Phone (416) 438 1955

Eleanor is searching for Carleton Fam., Tara area & Crozier Fam. of Walkerton.

Ed. Note: Mrs. Leif Gordon Crozier (Helen MacLeod) was a reeve of Walkerton and the first lady member of Bruce County Council.

OSTRANDER FAMILY REUNION, 21 July 1984 in Kingston, New York, where a Dutch army cadet, Pieter Pieterzen & fam. settled in 1660. All Ostranders in U.S. & Canada are descended from him with few exceptions. Info on reunion available from - OSTRANDER FAMILY ASSOCIATION, 17 Vani Ct., Westport, CT 06880. SASE requested. Please note U.S. stamps are required. The Owen Sound Public Library has just published a revised and updated edition of a BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE IOLEEN A. HAWKEN MEMORIAL LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION, compiled by Cathy Lehmann & Janet Iles, 1984. (ISBN 0-9691650-0-5) in recognition of Ontario's Bicentennial. This 106 page bibliography lists all catalogued material in the Local History Copies available at the Owen Sound Public Library, 824 1st Ave., W., Owen Sound, Ont., N4K 4K4. Price - \$10.00 (included postage & handling) or \$12.00 per copy outside of Canada An excellent guide to American research by the speaker at the FIRST ANNUAL J. HOUSTON LECTURE at the recent O.G.S. seminar, Norman E. Wright, Brigham Young University -PRESERVING YOUR AMERICAN HERITAGE, A GUIDE TO FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY. (ISBN 0-8425-1863-0), Indexed, Available at Brigham Young University Press, Provo, Utah 84602 Available in August GREEN MEADOWS AND GOLDEN SANDS, A HISTORY OF AMABEL TOWNSHIP, editor Annis Blake Price - \$20.00 plus postage Check with or order from - Clerk Amabel Township, Sauble Beach, R.R. #2, Hepworth, Ont., N0H 1P0. Phone (519) 422 1551 Municipal Directory 1983 from Audrey Clarke with this note, "Anyone wanting to contact a municipality anywhere in Ontario can find the address here. Also, in the back are the addresses for land registry offices." Municipal Directories are available in the office of the municipal clerk and in libraries throughout Ontario. They are updated yearly. DAVID McELROY has given us hope that our Irish Ancestors are not lost to us forever. Many records are being unearthed. Heraldic Artists Ltd. has published IRISH GENEALOGY, A RECORD FINDER, 1981. (a copy has been purchased for the Branch library but do not look for it until it has been to some of our local meetings.) I would like to also report that David was very successful in locating our LONG & COSTLY Line for Ann Kelly. Wm. Long & Mary Costly were the parents of 2 Long bros. who settled Sydenham Twp. from Parish of Aghalee, County Antrim, Ireland. To Contact this member of the Association of Genealogists and Record Agents write - David McElroy, 60, Ivanhoe Avenue, Carryduff, Belfast, BT8 8BW N. Ireland.

IRVINE HISTORY by Arnold Irvine, Box 382, Emo, Ont., P0W 1E0. Available from the author

was made to this in obituaries of the descendents – ARAMINTA DORAN d. 19 Aug. 1943 – "She was a granddaughter of David Doran, a United Empire Loyalist . . . ." Proof for your U.E. might be closer than you think.

### **BRUCE & GREY BRANCH MEETINGS from THE WIARTON ECHO**

Reporter: Betty Seigrist

25 April 1984

The annual business meeting of the Bruce-Grey Genealogical Society, held April 14 in Port Elgin, had an added attraction this year, as they were able to have David McElroy to speak to them in the afternoon. David is a professional researcher of Irish Ancestors and as an Irish citizen living in Carryduff, near Belfast, has the knowledge and access to the various places of genealogical records. He was a most interesting speaker and as Ireland consists of an island about 300 by 200 miles, the distances in Canada have awed him considerably. A ten mile jaunt in Ireland is thought of as a long trip, so his visit from Toronto to Port Elgin and back in one day was something to be reckoned with. The records in Ireland are much more complete than in England and readily available from the 1600's and 1700's but the professional researcher can make the task much simpler with far better results.

The dinner was held in the Port Elgin United Church House with the dinner speaker being Teake Veenstra, from Chesley, who had a computer there demonstrating how easy it is to build a family tree and keep it sorted out. Each person is given a number and upon request the computer will find that person in the records and list all the information needed. Several Wiarton and area residents were present, enjoying the speakers, the dinner and also were able to do research of their own in the obituary records (48 books), the cemetery records of Bruce and Grey and also the collections brought in by various members.

### 6 June 1984

The May meeting of the Bruce-Grey Genealogical Society met at Paisley May 22 with over a hundred present despite the atrocious weather. There were visitors and members present from Hamilton, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Kingston and Guelph, as well as a great many from Bruce and Grey Counties who can trace their ancestry to the crofters of Lewis, Harris, Ulst and Barra, the Islands of the Outer Hebrides.

Mr. Bill Lawson from Stornaway, showed slides of the Islands and when one sees the rugged terrain, small plots of land and the oppression of the landowners, it's small wonder the people emigrated to Canada and did so well in the new land. The crofters were expected to make a living off 14 acres at the most, often being forced to relinquish half or more of those acres if the owners decided they wanted to move people from one section to another. There are no trees, except for a couple dozen imported (along with some soil) to a rich landlord's property at Stornaway. There are excellent records of the crofters of the Islands and Bill is attempting to trace their descendents after they came to Canada. A great many settled in the Eastern Townships of Quebec and Cape Breton Island . . . .

This research is also giving this generation here a chance to trace their ancestors as well and to give them a greater understanding of the hardships they endured before coming and after arriving in Canada. The names which Bill is researching are Beaton, Campbell, Gillies, Graham, Martin, Matheson, Morrison, Murray, MacArthur, McLay, MacLean, MacLeay, MacLennan, MacLeod, MacPhail, MacRitchie, Saunders and even Smith.

There are stone pillars in the Hebrides the same as Stonehenge in England and it is thought they were put there at the same time.

We have been complaining about a cold spring, but Bill, who was in shirt sleeves, was complaining about it being too warm. The pictures were very enlightening but as he said, did not show the wind which was ever present.

Bill's address is Wm. Lawson, 82 Keith St., Stornoway Island of Lewis, Outer Hebrides, if anyone thinks their forefathers came from those islands and they would like to find out who they were and the circumstances of their coming here.

For coverage of Bruce County settlers from Lewis see p. 23. Also Bill Lawson, 82 Keith Street, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, Gt. Bt. Wishes to hear from those whose ancestors came from the Ourter Hebrides, the islands of Lewis, Harris, Uist and Barra. Please ONLY from these islands. The

surnames are BEATON, CAMPBELL, GILLIES, GRAHAM. MacARTHUR, MacAULAY, MacDONALD, MacFARLANE, MacGREGOR, MacIVER, MacLAY, MacLEAN, MacLEAN, MacLENNAN, MacLEOD, MacPHAIL, MacRITCHIE, MARTIN, MATHESON, MORRISON, MURRAY, SAUNDERS, SMITH.

Dawn Broughton & your editor found while searching local records – A settlement from Harris in the Bognor (Sydenham & Holland Twp.) area. Capt. John McKay was born 1841 on Harris and was the father of our famous mariners – Murdock, Angus, John & Norman. A grandson is Judge lan McKay, Walkerton.

Mrs. Donald MacLeod in 1920 told of coming to Canada 63 years previously on the liner "St. George" to Quebec, and thence to Owen Sound. They arrived at Collingwood via rail and then on the old side-wheeler Clifton to Boyd's wharf. A trail led to the Seldon House Corner (10<sup>th</sup> St. & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. East, Owen Sound, today).

Her gt grandsons Jack & Ken MacLeod who found Bill Lawson in Stornoway last year were happy to entertain Bill while in Owen Sound. Ken was the official host.

Dawn & I found a number of others from Harris but it was a chance phone call that found the "Uist" settlers.

It takes a really good excuse to turn down a game of bridge. When I tried to explain my quest for Lewis-Harris-Uist-Borra descendents, my would-be bridge partner said, "My husband Jack's people came from Uist."

This was the way Bill found the lost Uist settlers. Jack MacAuley's fam. settled in the Proton area with other Uist settlers. It was also rather unsettling for Blyth Broughton to learn that some of his Proton relatives were also descended from Uist migrants. He had kept a deaf ear turned to our Lewis-Harris-Uist-Borra talk but was please to meet Jack MacAuley who remembered his uncle and father, not Uist men but neighbours to them. Some of our discoveries in genealogy seem fated, don't they?

### From the talk by Teake Veenstra

A computer is a relatively new piece of equipment; the first one, of the type that we would consider to be a computer today, was developed and built by the University of Pennsylvania in 1946. This first computer was built using vacuum tubes . . . cost over \$500,000. . . . required a special room with air conditioning and humidity control. It had literally miles of wiring, and required three technicians just to replace the vacuum tubes that burned out while the machine was running. Speed of the machine - - about 5 operations per second; storage capabilities - - none; memory capacity - - almost non-existent.

Compare that first computer with what is available today. This Apple-clone is almost ancient by current standards . . . Even so it boasts operating speed of about 2 million operations per second, has built-in accessible memory of 64K (which is actually 64,536 individual memory locations, 1K-1024) and can use any number of methods of storing information for future use, the most common being floppy disks or cassette tapes for non-business uses . . . . If the automobile industry in the past two decades had evolved as fast as the computer has, a Rolls-Royce would now cost \$2.75 and get almost a million km. per litre of gasoline (. . 2.8 million miles per gallon).

.... The computer does not think! It only follows instructions, but it executes these instructions very rapidly, and it is this quickness of operation that makes the computer so efficient. A program is literally just a complete step-by-step list of instructions on what to do, how to do it, when to do it, what to do with the results . . . The genealogy program used by the Veentra's is a commercially marketed program called "Family Roots" . . . This is only one of many on the market . . . The key feature of this program is that every individual recorded is assigned a number . . . . unique to that individual . . . ."

The Veenstras demonstrated using the computer and were generous with sharing the computer printouts.

### **Letter From Gladys 28 May 1984**

From Betty -

Just wanted to report on the visit of Bill Lawson. Having the Branch meeting in Paisley proved a good idea. (1)

I didn't meet the folks from Lindsay Twp. but some of the Ripley folk recognized them. (2)

I had quite a busy time . . . I enjoyed the Broughtons (3) Dawn helped me quite a lot.

John C. MacDonald who lives 2 doors away had a wonderful time hosting Bill. Took him to see 96 year old Mrs. Picot, a Matheson & MacDonald desc. from Lewis, & Mrs. Belle Henry, 101 yrs. old, a McLay. Both are quite alert. Mrs. Picot "got out" her Gaelic.

Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1984 will long be remembered as the day Bill Lawson of Stornoway, Isle of Lewis visited Ripley to meet the descendents of the 109 families who came from Lewis in 1852.

In the afternoon over 20 registered with Mrs. Katherine Collins listing their name, address & names of their ancestors. We gave Bill these pages. Each family representative told the name of their ancestors. We gave Bill these pages. Each family representative told the name of their ancestor to Bill who checked his records. 3 people were surprised to find that they had the same g.gdf. Others got back 2 more generations.

In the evening we had the hall filled, maybe 50-60. Bill gave his slide commentary. We could ask questions as he went along. Then they had a chance to talk to Bill, give him info., get info. I never saw a happier group of people. He has them geared to send them what they know.

Who do you suppose they decided to collect it? Gladys – without a drop of Highland blood – as far as I know.

The amusing thing was John C. MacDonald (Dorie) & Doug MacDonald (Yarry) lived beside each other for years & were sure they were no relation. Bill proved to them they were 3<sup>rd</sup> cousins.

We have a Donald McLeod teaching in Kincardine whose wife's McGregor grandparents came from Lewis. He & Bill talked Gaelic to the delight of the folks.

Never has a party planned so quickly proven so enjoyable.

Gladys

Ed.'s Note: Gladys was one of the Branch at the O.G.S. seminar on the week-end 18, 19, 20<sup>th</sup> of May at Erindale Campus, U. of Toronto. When it was decided that a trip to Ripley was a "must" for Bill, Gladys as usual came to the rescue – rented a hall, found accommodation for Bill, got word around, arranged for a lunch, acted as chairman & sent a report to the paper which I was to put in the newsletter. I liked her letter better. I am sure our Kincardine members will too. I neglected to say that Bythe & Dawn Broughton were guests of Gladys.

### THE WIARTON ECHO – 6 June 1884 (reprinted 30 May 1984)

The clerks of all municipalities have received notice from the Provincial Secretary to take proceedings against parties who fail to register with them the births, deaths and marriages of their relatives within the specified time. The time allowed is as follows: - For deaths, immediately; for births, 30 days and for marriages, three months. If convicted of neglect in this matter, a magistrate may impose a fine of \$20 and costs.

Those of us who have applied for any of the above certificates, into the early years of 1900, without success can't believe such a notice was ever received.

Our was related as a satisfact was a ball at Baialay, 20 May

Our regular monthly meeting was held at Paisley, 22 May.

Lewis settlers from the original settlement in Huron Twp. went north up the Bruce as land opened up. Bill visited the McLay fam. at Lion's Head who came down to our Paisley meeting.

Dawn Broughton, editor of Newsleaf, O.G.S. & Blythe chauffeured Bill.

**QUERIES**: Please send all queries to the Queries Convener – Mrs. Gladys Arnold, Box 35, Ripley, ONt. NOG 2R0

1. VEYETTE: Audrey Meyers, 2932 Quail Run Rd., Agoura Hills, CA 91301 There was a French settlemen in Huron Twp., about 4 miles south of Kincardine along the shore of Lake Huron. Joseph Veyette is listed on con. A, lot 51; m. 1855; had 20 ch.; dau. Philomene b. 1880; moved to Sault Ste Marie, MI. Seeks info. on family in Huron Twp. including names of children.

From Gladys: The entire French Settlement left Huron Twp. ca. 1881

2. McDONNELL, PURVIS, CARRIGAN (CORRIGAN): Cassius Winchester, 511 S.W. 14<sup>th</sup>, Pendleton. OR 97801

The following info. was supplied to Mr. Winchester by a dau. of John McDonnell, a Canadian of Irish descent, b. 1863; lived Montreal; 1 bro. – Edward b. 1867; 1 sis. – Agnes b. 1869; his father in military, left fam. on a mission in 1869, didn't return; his mother d. ca. 1871. John, Edward & Agnes were placed in a Catholic orphanage. John was befriended by a priest, Father "Lucki" (spelling of name is uncertain). Agnes sent to live with a fam. named White. John & Edward moved to Chicago, Ill. & then west to Holyrood, Kansas. John m. Ellen Purvis from Holyrood, Bruce Co. whose mother was a Carrigan. Purvis relatives lived on the Manitoulin Island. John & Ellen later moved to Kansas City.

A. The Canadian Census is available in the U.S.A. on interlibrary loan. Consult your local library. 1871 reel # is for Montreal are C-10040, C-10041, C-10042, C-10044, C-10046, C-10048, C-10049.

Records of the Roman Catholic Church for Montreal should be checked at QUEBEC PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES (MONTREAL), 1 Notre Dame E., Montreal, H2Y 1B6

Check Public Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington St., Ottawa, K1A 0N3 for information on names of military involved in the Red River Rebellion of 1870 (Closest date to information given above for use of Military.)

HISTORY OF THE COUNTY OF BRUCE by Norman Robertson, available from John Reynolds, Box 1589, Port Elgin, Ont. N0H 2C0. Chapter XXXIV, Township of Kinloss, p. 470 refers to Robert Purvis as one of the prominent men of Bruce & reeve of Kinloss as well as to Patrick, John & Peter CORRIGAN.

There are no Carrigans in any list for Bruce or Grey County (Found Corrigan in obit. collection) used by the Society.

- 3. McALEER, McGIRR: Doreen Dolleman, 55705 Langston Rd., Seattle, WA 98178 Seeks contact with desc. of Edith McAleer b. 1864, Meaford; m. R.T. MaGirr; ch. Elwood, Russ, Vernon, Della, Lloyd, Noble.
- A. The obit. collection produced this gem Meaford, 28 December 1962 (edited version) Al McGirr, former resident of Meaford died at Moose Jaw, age 77, was never married.

Mr. McGirr assisted his father Robert and brothes Russel, Teed and Jack in the family operated Queens and Royal Hotels. They lived in Meaford during the "wet" days when women tended bar, whiskey sold for 5¢ a drink and everyone owned a horse. The Queens burned down about 1906. Three horses were lost in the fire including the Della Mac.

The McGirr boys and their father raced at all the district meets and at the Canadian National Exhibition during the years of trotting races there. They were small men and raced when weights were added to bring their driving weight to a standard of 150 pounds.

Al McGirr became well-known in Western racing and hotel circles. His father, Robert imported a stallion, Merry Direct into the west whose son Kinney Direct developed into a 2 minute pacer, the first in the west.

The write-up also states that Russ was living in California where he trained a stable of thoroughbreds. Jack was believed to be living in Minneapolis, Teed had been accidentally shot in Chicago. Della's death was reported to friends in Meaford by her husband Geo. Connor of

Moose Jaw in Dec. 1957. Her obit. from the Meaford Express stated that she was the dau. of Robert McGirr who had operated a hotel in Meaford, had lived at Feversham, later moved west. No listing for children or bros.

Other McGirrs in the collection settled in the Durham area.

**4. BARCLAY, HARWOOD**: Stanley Daugherty, 15 Locust St., St. Thomas, Ont., N5R 2C2 Seeks info. on Matthew Barclay & w. Mary Ann Harwood & fam. who moved from Owen Sound to Sarnia area.

John Harwood & his brother Andrew came from Ireland with Rev. Mulholland. Mary Ann Harwood, her mother & one of the minister's daughters joined them ca. 1850.

Harry Harwood of Tara is a desc. of Andrew Harwood who says they came from Armagh, Ireland.

A. Harwood & Barclay desc's still in area. The following info. from the obit. of Rev., later Archdeacon, Arthur Hill Ringland Mulholland MIGHT prove helpful. "He was b. 18 June 1823 at Mill Hill House, Ballynahinch, Co. Down, Ireland s/John Mulholland, a linen merchant & Winnifred Ringland; g.s./Rev. John Mulholland; educated at Foyle College, Londonderry (Marsh states he was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, "History of Grey County"); m. Jane Smith of Dublin 3 years prior to coming to Canada; came to Canada as a missionary under Bishop Strachan 1849; posted to Grey-Bruce area."

His excellent records are held at St. George's Church, Owen Sound.

- 5. SCHIEDEL, WILES: Ian H. Schiedel, 20206 Dewdney Trunk, Maple Ridge, B.C. V2X 3E1 Seeks info. on Sarah Ann Schiedel b. 14 Aug. 1863 m. Samuel Wiles & resided Arran Twp. near Elsinore. Fam. Herbert Ira, Edith Hannah, Elmina. Sarah b. Breslau, Ont., dau./John Schiedel & Hannah Miller.
- **6. McLeod, McDonald, SMITH**: Jean M. McLeod, 301 Ribier Ave., Modesto, CA 95350 Seeks info on Neil McLeod & w. Jenette (Jessie) McDonald Smith, dau./David Smith & Mary McDonald from Cape Breton to Bruce Co., sis. of Margaret (Mrs. Alfred? Crowell) & Mary Ann (Mrs. John Wilson). Neil & Jenette (Jessie) were m. 8 Feb. 1872 in Kincardine, 5 ch. b. Tiverton, 6<sup>th</sup> b. Man. Neil homestead in ND.
- A. From Gladys 1867 Kincardine Twp. A. Neil McLeod, con. 5, lot 5; David Smith, con. 12, lot 1 From Betty – Check with Registrar General, Ont. for marriage info. for Neil & Jenette (Jessie). We also find Jenette as Janet.

Terrence Punch, Jean Holder & others have compiled "Nova Scotia Vital Statistics from Newspapers" in a number of volumes starting in 1769. The books are available from Generation Press, 172 King Henrys Boulevard, Agincourt, Ont, M1T 2V6. A check of 1823-28 lists 30 M'Donalds & more Smiths.

Please contact Bill Lawson, 82 Keith St., Stornoway Isle of Lewis. Your Cape Breton ancestors are probably from Harris. They represent the islanders expelled during the 1820's.

**7. BOOKS-IN-PRINT**: Att. Donald Carter, 44 Atwater St., Sault Ste Marie, Ont. P6C 5Y6 Requests lists of publications pertaining to Grev & Bruce

A list of books-in-print is prepared by the Grey-Bruce Arts Council, Box 184, Owen Sound, Ont., N4K 5P3

Bruce County Historical Society's publications are available from John Reynolds, Box 1589, Port Elgin, Ont., N0H 2C0.

The County of Grey Owen Sound Museum, 975 6<sup>th</sup> St. E., Owen Sound, Ont., N4K 1G9 has books related to Grey County.

New books are advertised in this newsletter as we hear of them.

**8. HYNDMAN**: Mrs. Mona Aitken, 307 Wedgewood Dr., London, Ont., N5Y 2G7 Seeks Hyndman/Hundman fam. from Belleek, Co. Fermanagh, Ire. Alexander Hyndman 1784 - ? m. Jane Wynn 1786 - ?; Settled in Ascot Twp., Quebec. Fam. – Robert, George, Jeremiah, Alice, David, Alexander.

Is there a connection to Hyndman Fam. of Bruce & Grey?

- A. Families in the area with Hyndman ancestry appear to be descended from Thomas & w. Jessie Craig. Elizabeth Hyndman m. Wm. Wark 1860; her father David Hyndman, Arran Twp. Edward Hyndman moved to Gladstone, Man. the above 3 appear to be the same generation.
- **9. BANNERMAN, McLELLAND**: Miss H. M. Smibert, Apt. 314, Sussex House, 451 The West Mall, Etobicoke, Ont., M9C 1G1

Seeks contact with desc. of Andrew Bannerman & w. Ann McLelland. Fam. – Janet, Catherine, Wm., Alex, Angus, John, Geo., David; Lived Arran Twp. & Sullivan Twp.

Found Adam Bannerman b. Scot. ca 1821 in our area. Andrew b. Scot. ca. 1817. What is their relationship?

- A. Check Bannerman connection with Mrs. Ken Beckett, R.R. #4, Tara, Ont., N0H 2N0
- **10. SEABROOK, QUINTON**: Mrs. John Warrilow, R.R. #3, Owen Sound, Ont., N4K 5N5 Desires info. on Seabrooks & Quintons from Caledon, Peel County to Walter's Falls in 1869.
- 11. WEIDNER, PFALGRAFF?, PFALCEGRAFF?, SEEGMILLER, KRISTMAN, MORT:

Mrs. Robt. Weidner, W. 2206 Borden Rd., Spokane, WA 99204

The August Weidner Fam. came to Ont. 1845? Son George A. – b. 1845, Germ., m. Anna Marie, Pfalgraff/Pfalcegraff 9 Dec. 1869 Ont.; moved to Mich. in 1882.

Fred Seegmiller & w. Katie Kristman came to Canada ca. 1845. Son Jacob b. 1835 Germany m. Ann Mort of Normanby Twp. 1860, to Mich. 1882. Needs names of children of fam's of original settlers.

A. The Weidner marriage above will be found at the Office of the Registrar General for Ontario, Macdonald Block, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1Y5. Official registration started 1 July 1869.

Is it possible that the name Pfalgraff . . . was shortened to Graff, a name still found at Hanover?

Seigmiller is the usual spelling – Jas. lived con. 10, lot 4 Normanby Twp. in 1865.

The following marriage can be found on p. 36, Grey County Marriage register 1858-1869. Please check with Ontario Archives to recheck the original. Mort appeared as Mart. Other spelling differences too. "Jacob Seigmueller, age 25 of Normanby, b. Germany s/Frederick & Catherine m. Anna Mort (Mart) age 18 of Normanby b. Normanby, dau./ Frederick & Anne, on 15 July 1880. Witnesses – Christoph Seiglr, Frederick Mort, both from Normanby.

- **12. THOM**: Tom Corrigan, Lt. Col. USA (ret.), 3815 Somerset Dr. Colorade Springs, CO 80907 Seeks Margaret Thom(s) b. Kinlough or Whitechurch, Kinloss Twp., dau/Edward b. 1841? Glasgow, Scotland.
- A. In 1880 Robert Thoms, Kinlough on lot 19, con.11, Kinloss Twp.
- 13. PRESTON, ROADHOUSE, WEARE/WEIR, GRANT, WARD, GRAHAM, M'PHERSON, BLACK, SINCLAIR: Gail Gault, 2188 Emard Cres., Ottawa, Ont. K1J 6K6 Sorry Gail if Gladys & I have messed up your query.

Seeks info on Preston fam. from England, to York, to Elora, to Wiarton area – Amabel & Keppel Twps. – Henry Preston & sons George b. 1839 & Joseph b. 1844; Mrs. Henry Preston (Mary Ann Roadhouse) b. Ont. & Mrs. Mark Preston (Rosa May Weare/Weir) 1868-1937, lived Kepple. George Grant 1857-1941 m. Agnes Ward, lived Chesley, Oxenden & Mich. pre-1900.

James & Mary Ann Ward settled Sullivan Twp.; dau. Julia b. 1842? m. Geo. Graham lived North Keppel; dau. Mary Ann b. 1844? S. William b. 1836? to Wiarton area, Keppel Twp. (also

a Wm. Ward & w. Sarah in Amabel at the same time); 2 missing Ward ch. – Ellen & Charles. Catherine MacPherson b. 1834? Inverness, Scot.; m. Alex Sinclair; lived con. 19 Keppel Twp. (Previously lived Nichol Twp.). Is the Catherine McPherson in Glenelg 1861 Catherine Black w./Angus McPherson.

A. Please note that the road in Keppel referred to as the 19<sup>th</sup>, passing east & west through Wolseley & Kemble divides con. 19 & con. 20. Con. 20 is the north side of the road. In your query you listed families on con. 19 but they should be on con. 20. eg. Mark Preston con. 20, lot 3: Alex Sinclair con. 20. lot 11.

I found in the WARRILOW FAMILY COLLECTION 2 obits of interest to you – Martha Ann Preston b. Elora, dau./Henry, m. Geo. Gardhouse ca. 1892, d. 1942, sis. of Mark d. 1941 & 4 sis. still living. Sophia Preston b. Elora, dau./Mrs. J.A. Preston, Kelowna B.C. m. Thomas Gardhouse; d. Owen Sound 1923 age 61; sis./ Roy, U.S.A. & 2 sis. in B.C.

One of these women was a half sis. to the father of Torrance Preston acc. To the late John Warrilow but I didn't record which one as I took for granted that they were sisters. Just another lesson in not taking relationships for granted.

14. HILTS: Hugh Hilts, Box 5, Dewberry Alta, T0B 1G0

Desires info on Willie Hilts a telegraph operator for the Grand Trunk Railway at Wiarton.

Charlotte (Hilts)Steele, 602 E. 35 Ave., Albany, OR 97321 has published a book of about 300 pages GODFREY HILTS AND HIS CANADIAN DESCENDANTS

- **15. WEIR, McINTYRE**: Mrs. C. Loveless, 4229 Tea Garden Circle, Mississauga, Ont. L5B 2W8 Seeks Charles Wesley Weir & w. Margaret McIntyre, Grey Co. after 1880
- A. Gladys found Weir fam's in Osprey & Collingwood Twps.
- 16. PERDUE, PAYNE: Garvin Boyle, Box 1149, Richmond, Ont., K0A 2Z0

Also location of CHELTON, Ont. Seeks info on Edwin Darcel Perdue whose birthplace is listed as Chelton, Ont. on marriage certificate extract. No Chelton is recorded either officially or colloquially after 1867. According to family tradition the Perdue family of Joseph & w. Eliza Payne came from the Markdale area.

Edwin was probably the youngest of a fam. of 12, b. ca. 1886. Only 3 members of fam. known – Peter. John & Eleanor.

Were the fam. of French Hugeunot extraction? Should the name be Perdeaux? Middle name of Joseph Perdue is GOULD.

A. Researchers of the various Gould lines please check for a Perdue. Thomas Perdue, Massie, lived Con. e6, lot 8, Holland Twp. 1890.

### **DOCUMENTATION**

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While the Presbyterian congregation in Lion's Head appears to have done a better job than the Methodists in preserving congregational and session records, the Methodists did the better job in preserving their Sunday School records. In fact there are no formal Sunday School records available for the Presbyterian Church from its beginnings through to union in 1925. This does not mean that the Sunday School was treated as unimportant by the Presbyterians, for their congregational minutes which commenced on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 1898, does put strong emphasis on the Sunday School and the importance of competent leadership and teachers. From these minutes and newspaper clippings we are able to assemble a pretty lucid picture of the contribution Knox Presbyterian Church made to Christian education during its lifetime. The Methodist minute book commenced in 1899 and gives a comprehensive picture through to union with the Presbyterians in 1925. While it is reasonable to assume that Sunday School was held by the Methodists prior to 1899, we do not have any written record covering that period. The minute book is quite unique in that detailed information is given for every Sunday including the teachers and officers present, visitors, total attendance, verses learned, and the offering received. This date commences on the

first page of the book and proceeds through the remaining life of the Methodist Church extending to year 1934 in the history of the United Church. Meetings of the teachers and officers of the Sunday School were inserted in the same book, commencing on the back page and continued page by page toward the front of the book, until it met up with the Sunday School attendance information which had commenced at the beginning of the book. While this method may have been confusing, it guaranteed optimum use of paper and is also an indication of the frugal use of money prevailing at the time to support the Sunday School program.

LION'S HEAD
Name
Boyd, Hugh
Brooks, Edwin
Brooks, George
Brooks, Joseph
Bridge, David
Bridge, T.J.
Bruin, Less E.
Buckley, James
Burgess, Mrs. James
Forter, Thomas
Gill, Bert
Greenburg, A & H
Henderson, James
Irwin, Mrs. D.
Knapp, Chas.
Lougheed, James L.
Menary, Mabel Moore, F.G.
Moore, W.B.
Moore, R.E.
McCutcheon, Wm.
Norris, Charles
Pacey, Mina G.
Pedwell, Mrs. Chas.
Pyke, Isaac
Rutherford, R.I.
Thurston, Mrs.
Waugh, Blanche
Waugh, John
Warder, Eli
Warder, Walter
Warren, D.S.
Warren, S.F.
Wheeler, Mina May
Wells, Mrs. J. H.

### **HOPE BAY** Name Boyd, Alfred Cooper, George Cooper, Ernest Clark, Mrs.Greig, David Heath, Wm. J. Heath, Joseph Heath, Mrs. Wm. B. Heath, George Heath, John B. Heath's Esther Card Heath, Joseph Lewis, W. & Mrs. McElrea, Samuel McElrea, Walter McElrea, I Ruttle, Miss Richardson, Herbert Richardson, Em Richardson, J.D. Richardson, Wesley Richardson, Gordon Sheffield, James Skeen, Albert Thomson, James Tucker, Henry Walker, Mrs. J. Waugh, Joseph Sr. Waugh, Joseph Jr. Waugh, Isaiah Waugh, Eunice Wilson, W. J. **SPRY** Name

Archer, W. D.

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Baker, Wm. Jr.
Brown, Julie
Brown, Miss
Cesaer, James
Dalton, C. W. W.
Gawley, David
Graham, Mrs.
Hill, Stephen
Landon, Nathan
Lamont, L.
Mylee, Lindsay
McCutcheon, Robert
McMaster, Mary
McMaster, Mrs. R.
McMaster, George
Scott, Ephraim
Scott, Eph. C.
Slocum, Alonzo
Shouldice, James
Shaw, William
Shaw, Robert
Tocher, Wm.
Warder, Wm.
Wahle, Mrs.
PIKE BAY

# PIKE BAY Name Belmore, Fred Harding, H.H. Harding, Richard Harding, Samuel Harding, Miss Emma Hales, Miss Hayward, Mrs. N. Law. Thos. H. Law, Arthur Parker, William

Rogers, James
Rogers, John
Rogers, Rhods
Rogers, Winnie
Rutherford, Joseph
Suter, Louis
Suter's Myrtle Card
Suter, Mrs. Louis
Schell, O
Schwass, Louis
Schell, Andrew
McMaster, Mrs Robert

# FERNDALE Name Bridge, A. C. Bain, John Corbett, Robert Corbett, Howard Cook, J. H. Harding, Wm Friend Landon, Nathan Parsons, Thomas Stewart, John H. Shaw, William Shaw, George

# Name Brooks, Frank Bray, Wm. Jr. Fox, Joseph Hill, Mrs. Frank Hewton, Wm. T. Morton, S.H. Morton, Chas. Warren, Sam'l Wheeler, Wm.

The above from LIVING STONES AN HISTORICAL SKETCH OF CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH LION'S HEAD, ONTARIO AND ITS FOUNDING COMMUNIOS

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MEETINGS: Check June Newsletter for Branch meetings to end of 1984

Note 23 Oct. Is at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Durham

- 29 Sept. Long Point Genealogy & History Fair, Eva Brook Donly Museum, Simcoe, Ont.
- 20 Oct. Genealogical Conversazione ii, 8.30 A.M. to 5.30 P.M. McArthur College, Queen's University, Kingston, Fee \$16. Before 6 Oct. Plus \$2. After, includes lunch. Contact: Kingston Branch of O.G.S., Box 1394, Kingston, Ont., K7L 5C6 for further details
- 17 July 1985, AGNEW FAMILY GATHERING in Edinburgh, Scot. with a planned visit on the 19<sup>th</sup> to Galloway & on 22<sup>nd</sup> across to Ireland to meet the Irish Agnews. The above info. came from Pat Alexander, Box 759, El Granada, CA 94018 who also noted that the AGNEW ASSOCIATION OF THE U.S.A. & CANADA has been formed. Write to Col. John P. Agnew, 6753 Towne Lane Rd. McLean, VA 22101

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The Deputy Registrar-General of the Province, Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, has started on the warpath against the Clerks of the municipalities who have been neglecting to send in prompt returns of the births, marriages and deaths, which they are required to do by law. The department has issued a warning that prosecutions will follow any remissness and an example is cited of the Clerk of Adjala Township, Simcoe, who was fined a few days ago \$50 and \$10 costs for failing to send in a single return in two years. (Meaford Express 1911 from Carol Small)

QUETICO PROVINCIAL PARK ARCHIVES is looking for photographs & stories of any men who were Park Rangers or were with the Provincial Air Service in the Quetico area. Contact: Quetico Provincial Park, Min. of Natural Resources, Atikokan, Ont., POT 1C0 Att. Shirley Peruniak.

A tablet has been discovered bearing an inscription, supposedly to be the 11<sup>th</sup> commandment. The translation resulted in the following:

-won arabraB htiw raey txen rof pihsrebmem ruoy wener uoy fi deknaht ylerecnis eb thahs uohT.

The inscription may be easily read by the Hebrew method of beginning at the latter end and spelling backward.

### IN MEMORIUM

Mrs. A. Miller Peart, Jean N. Jackson, 7 April 1910-30 April 1984, dau. of Vincent Jackson and Grace Carnahan, a loving, caring friend, an inspiring genealogist, an enthusiastic member of our Branch & O.G.S. Our sympathy to her husband Miller.

### HISTORY OF MILDMAY by Mrs. Leone Schaus, Box 224, Mildmay, Ont. NOG 2J0

Mildmay is the largest village in the township of Carrick, situated on the Elora Rd. (#9 Hwy.). It was by this road in 1854 that the first settlers reached Mildmay. The crown lands were offered at \$1.50/acre. At this sale James Clark bought the northeast 100 acres of what is now Mildmay. William Stinson purchased the southeast 100, William Hall the northwest 100 and Adam Johnson the southwest 100 acres.

About a mile from Mildmay, a little hamlet called Balaclava had already been established. Gradually tradesmen moved into Mildmay district & our little village began to grow.

The year 1863 was marked by the arrival of Samuel Merner who came from New Hamburg . . . He came up to speculate & bought 3 lots & built the Royal Hotel on the corner now occupied by Schuett's Furniture Store. Charles Shield who had a tailoring business in Balaclava was made manager . . . . . This corner was then called Shield's corner after Mr. Shield.

The village was named Mernersville after Mr. Merner in 1867 . . . . . How the name changed to Mildmay is still a controversy . . .

When a post office was established after a contest with Balaclave, Mernersville won out. Malcolm Campbell was the first post master, having the post office in his store.

When the great Western Railway came 3 yrs. later, there was another struggle between the 2 communities with Mildmay winning. . . . . George McCallam was the first station agent.

From then on the community of Mildmay grew steadily . . . In 1918 it was incorporated as a village. Balaclava has dwindled down to farms & a cemetery which can still be seen on top of the hill . . . .

TUDESHING MACHINES & OTHER INDUSTRIES AT MILDMAN I MACHINES

# **THRESHING MACHINES & OTHER INDUSTRIES AT MILDMAY** by Mrs. Chas. Lobsinger, Mildmay, Ont., NOG 2J0

The first owner of the Lion Thresher shop was Philip Van Brocklin, then H. Spitzig. In 1881 Jonas Hergott purchased the business which was owned by the Hergott family until 1938. Charles Lobsinger had worked for the Hergott family for many years. When Jacob decided to retire, Charles & his brother Philip bought the business.

Hergott produced 8 threshers per year. Lobsingers started with 10 & by 1967 were building 90 and reconditioning about 25 more. The body of the machine was made from basswood & maple lumber acquired from Schwalm Bros. The iron parts were moulded or cast in the moulding shop. Fire destroyed the shop in Jan. 1960. Fortunately the moulds were saved. The iron work was then done in the Stove Works at Harriston.

Associated with the Thresher Shop was a cider mill. It was big business during the war years when sugar was scarce . . . . At peak production the mill produced 2500 gal. of sweet cider & 500 gal. of apple butter.

In 1967 C.B.C. filmed a presentation for "This Land of Ours."

The cider press, apple butter vat and threshers produced by Lobsingers can be seen at the Agriculture Museum, Milton, Ont.

John WAACK, Box 145, Mildmay, Ont., N0G 2J0 & Herb. Weiler b. 1895 Mildmay and still there are 2 men who should be consulted if you are looking for information on the Mildmay area.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS a history of Culross Township 1854 – 1984, editor – Marion McGillivray, printer – Stan Brown Printers Ltd., Owen Sound, Ont. Available from Township of Culross, Clerk's Office, Teeswater, Ont. NOG 2S0. Cost - \$20. Plus \$2. Postage

At the printers – history of the following townships, Saugeen, Amabel, Huron & town of Ripley, Bruce? Egremont is being reprinted.

### WHAT IS HERALDRY?

"Heraldry is a pictorial system of identification which also denotes possession. It is both an art and a science governed by laws and disciplines . . . .

Heraldry embraces nations, municipalities, corporations, institutions as well as family." (from the Heraldry Society of Canada brochure)

Contact H.K. Edward, 408 Bay Street, Orillia, Ont. L3V 3X4 for more information.

The above preamble was to report on the Highland Games at Fergus, Ont. and the clan societies represented there.

CLAN NAME ADDRESS FOR INFORMATION
Carmichael H.K. Edward, address above

Cameron Mrs. M. W. Garrett, 95 Laurel Ave., Islington, Ont. M9B 4T1

(This includes the septs e.g. Martin, Taylor)

Fergusson Angus H. Ferguson, 18 Culham Dr., Cambridge, Ont., N1S 2G6

(This includes the septs e.g. Ferrie, Ferris)

Fraser Mrs. Victoria Fraser, Box 331, Richmond Hill, Ont., L4C 4Y6

(septs included e.g. Brewster, Frazer, Sim)

Gordon C. Edwin Todd, 10 Ottaway Ave., Barrie, Ont., L4M 2W7

(See Vol. 14, #1, p. 2, Jan. 1984 for a list of the septs.)

Grant Clan Grant Society, 1058 Wembley Rd., London, Ont., N6H 3X6

(e.g. of septs – Allan, Pratt.)

Lindsay Angus Lindsay, Box 351, Port McNicoll, Ont., L0K 1R0

(e.g. of septs – Crawford, Byers, Downie)

MacDougall Marjorie McLeod, 38 Brucedale Cres., Willowdale, Ont., M2K 2C7

(e.g. of septs – Carmichael, MacCulloch)

MacDuff R.A. Duff, 1764 Eastbank Rd., Pickering, Ont., L1V 3J9

(e.g. of septs – Duff, Spence)

MacLennan Doug MacLennan, 255 Elora St., Fergus, Ont., N1M 1Y9

(If you are interested in forming a society, please contact Doug)

MacLeod Marjorie McLeod, 38 Brucedale Cres., Willowdale, Ont., M2K 2C7

(Brochure lists over 50 septs e.g. MacClure, Norman, Macaulay)

MacNeil Clan MacNeil in Canada, 870 Browns Line, Toronto, Ont. M8W 3W2

MacPhee Dr. Ken E. MacPhee, 10 Lockyer Rd., Guelph, Ont., N1G 1K1

(All persons having the name 'MacDubhsithe' however spelled e.g. Fee)

Morrison David Blain, C.I.B.C., Dixie & Matheson, 5330 Dixie Rd., Mississauga, Ont.,

L4W 1E3 if interested in forming a Canadian branch)

Munro Clan Munro Association of Canada, Box 756, Stn. "B", Ottawa, Ont., K1P

5P8, organized in 1974 (Munro, Munroe, Monro, Monroe as well as septs

which I was surprised to see included MacCulloch)

Ross Margaret L. Montgomery, 55 Briarcross Blvd., Agincourt, Ont., M1S 3K6 for

the Clan Ross Association of Canada.

(Septs – Andrew, Corbet, Anderson, Denoon, MacTier, Mitchell, plus 18 more names, also listed was MacCulloch. As a McCulloch descendent how is the clan to which I belong established? Will someone please answer so the reply can be published in the newsletter. I noted other names were also

associated with more than one Clan Society.)

This was my first visit to the Highland Games at Fergus. I enjoyed every minute. Hope to have a  $2^{nd}$  visit next year for the  $40^{th}$  annual,  $2^{nd}$  Saturday in August – 10 August 1985 (Your editor).

## **MILITARY RECORDS & PICTURED SOUGHT**

Murray Telford, 645 10<sup>th</sup> St. E., Owen Sound, Ont., N4K 1T1 is doing research on uniforms of the Militia in Grey & Simcoe Counties from the 1860's to the present. He would like to see any photos of individuals or groups of soldiers from units of these counties from any period. He would also like to see any old uniforms with a view to photographing them for the record. His phone #1-519-371-2175.

## H.M.S. NABOB

Percy Warrilow, R.R. #6, Owen Sound, Ont., N4K 5N8 is trying to locate men with their stories & pictures who served on Board the H.M.S. NABOB, a Canadian-manned Aircraft Carrier which was torpedoed off Norway in Aug. 1944. There are varying reports as to the number of men on board – 840 to over 900.

An association of the Nabob and her sister ship the Puncher has been formed. Send \$5.00 fee and details to PUNCHER NABOB ASSOCN., c/o Robt. Thomson, 562 Elwood Rd., Burlington, Ont., L7N 3C8. Phone #1-416-634-3364

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## RECENT PUBLICATION

PERPETUAL PIONEERS: The Migrations of Caleb Seaman's Descendents in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The movement of the Seaman families and those related to them by marriage beginning when they came in 1835 to St. Vincent, Grey Co., is recorded by the author. Many moved to western Canada & the U.S.

Available from the author – Keith D. Weaver, R.R. #1, Meaford, Ont., N0H 1Y0 for \$6. Postpaid.

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# **NEWSLETTERS**

LOWE NEWS IS GOOD NEWS, a Lowe family newsletter. Edited & published by Arlene L. Lounds, 1887 Yallup rd., St. Johns, MI 48879

Subscription rate - \$5., 4 issues /yr.

Volume 2 has been donated to our library collection. Mrs. Lounds & her husband were married 20 years before they discovered that they both had roots in Grey-Bruce. Mrs. Lounds are LOWE, McFARLAND. Her husband – Lounds & Long. Relatives visited in the area were Silverthorns & Lounds but can find none for her side.

## **FAMILY HISTORIES**

**PORTER** – from Mrs. Ernie Porter, 50 Maitland Rd. N., Goderich, Ont., N7A 2N1. Indexed. History of Samuel Porter b. ca 1817 Ireland; d. 1909 age 92; to Canada 1841; lived Manvers Twp., Newcastle District, now Durham Co.; to Keppel Twp. ca 1869; w. Phebe Jane Rowe; bur. – Oxenden Cem.

Related fam.'s Beacock, Burt, Cavers, Cole, Davidson, Graham, Gunson, Hepburn, Hill, Jones, Lawrence, Lipskie, Marshall, Schleen, Thomas, Walker, Williamson, Wright, West, Wrigley.

**GREENFIELD** – from T.E. Greenfield to Miss Vina Ufland 1967 (Minihistory) Samuel Greenfield was born in Ireland 2 Aug. 1826. In 1848 he left for the new country landing at New York. Before coming to St. Vincent, he cut wood on the banks of the Credit River & dug wells in the Pickering area

On 27 Sept. 1858, Samuel married Mary Jane Frizell from Co. Cork, Ire. This short history deals with the 12 children, who they married and where they travelled.

**GREIG** – from Mrs. Milton Greig. Author unknown but gives line of descent as follows – William Greig b. 1735, tailor, lived at Lembo, fam. – Alex, John, Thomas.

- Alex Greig (s/o Wm above) m. ? Mackie, fam. - 7 sons 4 daus.

- Peter Greig (s/o Alex above) m. Isabelle Henderson 1839, lived Parish of Cruden & various other locations; sailed to American 1857. They planned on settling in Iowa but Isobel (Isabelle) became ill in Toronto. They purchased land at Elora near Guelph. Later they moved to Normanby Twp., Grey Co. In 1860 they relocated in Keppel Twp. 7 miles west of Owen Sound (This type of family outline which give parishes, towns & even the family burying ground in Scotland, we all wish someone would hand us.)

Minihistory in the form of a letter to Mr. Sampson in 1977 from George Lee, Raymond, Alta.

"In response to your letter which arrived a short time ago, I would like to tell you something of a story which will in the main, at least, fit the facts I have accumulated over the last several years.

I can say that if some of these links are eventually uncovered a far richer history of the settling of Brant and Carrick townships will be on display. . . . .

In the American War of Independence was a Sergeant of the Queen's Loyal Rangers of Upper New York State named James Johnston. Right off I ran into a problem of identification for in my research I discovered 3 different James Johnstons who fitted this description of U.E.L. In a petition to the Federal Government by one Mary (Johnston) Burrison dated 1841 she sought as the daughter of an United Empire Loyalist her right to land or value of same. The petition was denied at the time but later on resubmission upheld and granted (1851) . . . . .

After a number of false trails had been explored and eliminated, I finally found James Johnson secured a homestead through U.E.L. rights in Murrey Twp. Northumberland Co. . . . James Johnston had a number of children and so did another James Johnston on the Bay of Quinte. One enterprising person at the Ontario Archives in diligent research eventually uncovered about a dozen children which were all assigned to the James on the Bay of Quinte when a goodly number were actually the children of the James of Murrey Twp. This was the first misstep in my research as I accepted the list from the Archives and claimed the Bay of Quinte Johnston as my ancestor, immediately getting into a wrangle with the present owner of the original homestead . . . .

- .... I made contact with a student in Toronto ... He located the James Johnston of Murrey Twp. & was able to produce photostats of the births of 2 Burrison children around 1812 or so .... John R. Burrison (husband of Mary Johnston) was registered in at least 3 records only a few miles from the original Johnston homestead (Murrey twp.)
- .... Cinderella .... was probably the last of John & Mary's known children. Cinderella had a terrible thing about dates. . . She varied her age by as much as 10 years in official records which made her very difficult to track. She was finally reported as 83 when she died in 1921 on Manitoulin Island at Little Current (Had married William Richards).
- .... when I first began Genealogical research I took a trip to Salt Lake City ... My records of that visit were .... very poorly organized .. One small film clip recorded the transactions of 3 pieces of land from ... the title holder of the land John R. Burrison (husband of Mary Johnston). I even recorded the title instrument numbers but I neglected to record the exact film number .. To this day I fume for missing that film number for I was never again able to locate that clip.
- John R. Burrison transferred land in 1837, 1849 & 1841 in BRANT twp. a full 11 years before official land records were started at Walkerton. The film clip identified the 3 instrument numbers clearly as well as his name and the names of the purchasers.
- .... the first party to file on land in Brant around 1850 was William "King" Johnson ... beside Johnson were one or two of his sons, down the road were Peter, James & Charles Burrison ... on the lots that today make up the south end of Walkerton ... In HISTORY OF COUNTY OF BRUCE ... Except for William Johnson, all the Burrisons were totally ignored ... I researched the instrument numbers and found their land quickly went to the Walkers ...

(The letter continues with the marriages of the Burrison family, their histories and background of the Richards of Carrick Twp. 2 bros. married 2 Burrison sisters. Around the time of Confederation these 2 families sold their land in Carrick and moved to the Manitoulin.)

"Brant Township does not have a "founder". There were however, many men whose names have the right to be listed among those who first came to Brant. Although old records have been preserved, and are available, it is not possible to determine just who was the first white man to come to the township." p.9 THE HISTORY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRANT, Gateman, Brownson, p. 14 really Burrison – ALL FAMILY NAMES OF SETTLERS OF BRANT TOWNSHIP AS OF 1851 CENSUS?

#### BENTINCK MET ITS NAMESAKE AT BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

When Count Henry Noel Bentinck received an invitation to visit Bentinck Twp., it came as a surprise to learn that there was a township in Ont. named after one of his ancestors although he knew of Bentinck Island off Vancouver & Bentinck Twp. in Australia.

A Count is not a title in English heraldry, but the special title was bestowed on the Count's great grandfather by Queen Victoria for his part in the Crimean War at Sebastopol.

After the war the Count awarded the Bentinck medal for bravery, the first military medal given for bravery, irrespective of rank.

Count Bentinck said the township is likely named after Lord George Cavendish Bentinck, a former Earl of Portland.

This man according to the Count was a great horse racing enthusiast. At one particular race, the Earl knew that his horse was favored to win. He held off brining the horse to the tract until the odds increased. The Earl placed a large bet & only brought the horse to the tract just before post time in a recently constructed horse trailer invented by the Earl & pulled by 6 other horses.

As the horse was fresh it won the race and the wager.

The Earl used the money to build cottages on the Portland estate. To this day, the cottages on the estate are used by pensioners and are referred to as the winnings.

While in Bentinck Township, the Count & Countess were guests of Herb Miller, owner of Wellbeck sawmill.

It was an interesting coincidence to learn that Wellbeck Abbey in Portland is the ancestral home of the Bentincks.

(Taken from a report of the visit, Owen Sound Sun Times, 28 July 1984)

# WATCH FOR NAME CHANGES from Gladys Arnold

These interesting facts were given to me by my neighbour, Stewart SHIELLS, Ripley.

Two brothers, Robert & Peter SHIELDS left Burnt Island, Scotland for New Brunswick. They had been working in sawmills in Scotland with their father, George SHIELDS, who was a widower & who joined his sons in N.B.

When they heard of land in the Queen's Bush, they came to Bruce Co. Peter helped build Point Clark Lighthouse.

There are quite a number of descendants of Robert and Peter in the Ripley-Kincardine area. Note however the name is no longer Shields but Shills.

1853 Map of Ontario (formerly Upper Canada/Canada West) showing location of each township and county. Available from CLUNY PRESS, Box 2207, Kingston, Ont., K7L 5J9 for \$6. Plus \$1.50 postage. Ontario residents 42¢ sales tax.

QUERIES: New members are reminded to send queries to Gladys Arnold for indexing prior to placing in the newsletter.

- 1. ABEL, CARR: Mrs. Pearl Wahlberg, 225 West 13<sup>th</sup>, Port Angeles, 98362 Desire info. on John Abel d. 1 Sept. 1871 presumably in home Twp. of Kincardine. Where buried? His w. Mary Ann Carr d. Hamilton 1874. Is she a connection of the Carr Fam. whose history was written by David Carr, London, Ont?
- A. Bruce Co. directory places part of the Abel fam. in Bruce Twp. Watch for information on the Bruce Twp. History in future newsletter. From the obit collection. Noted one branch moved to Manitoba. In 1975 there were descendents at Minnedosa & Brandon.

The Owen Sound Public Library has copies of both of David Carr's fam. histories – CARR & HENDERSON.

His Carr fam. came to Canada from Scotland & settled in Nelson Twp. which is near Hamilton. Our members will be sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Carr in Aug.

- 2. SMITH: Raymond Kalbfleisch, 4832 Howard Rd., Petoskey, MI 49770
  Raymond is the one who wrote "The Bickle Book". He is presently researching a Smith fam. Samuel Smith & w. Mary Jane moved from Winterbourne to about 1 ½ miles south of Mount Forest between 1875 & 1881. This is in Arthur Twp., Wellington Co. The 1881 census lists Martha age 24, William 21, Wesley 18, Walter 14, Elsworth 9 with the parents. Smith relatives who still reside in Mount Forest have not heard of any mention of Samuel & his fam. What happened to them?
- **3. HAM, McDOWELL, CORYELL**: Peter B. Tomlinson, 329 Hickey Dr., Coquitlam, B.C. V3K 5T3 "As a newcomer to genealogy I am perhaps very fortunate. I inherited several boxes of family records and pictures on the passing of my mother last winter and have discovered much of my family's past."

John Ruggles Ham, gt grandson of 2 Loyalist fam's Ham & Fairfield; lawyer; d. 1883; w. Susan Lillie Coryell (d. 1899); 4 children. One dau. May moved to Vancouver ca 1901 m. Thomas Francis McDowell who also was from Owen Sound. Did John Ruggles Ham practice law in O.S.? "Would like to locate a local individual to correspond with. I would be pleased to share copies of family papers and pictures since they may be of local historical interest."

A. 1st mention of Ham by Melba Croft in Owen Sound is found in THE PEOPLE OF OWEN SOUND in 1892.

Ham is a name found in Meaford area but Frank Harding stated that they came from Cornwall, Eng. to Bowmanville, to Meaford.

- **4. McDONALD**: Dorothy Cadmus, 6135 66<sup>th</sup> St. N., #225, St. Petersburg, FI 33709 Wanted any info. on A. N. (Sandy) McDonald from Lucknow, Ont. Last known address in Goderich. He had much information on family of James & Catharine MacDonald from Isle of Skye, Scotland.
- 5. MacDONALD, McDONALD: Miss Isobel Munro, Box 1507, Kincardine, Ont. N0G 2G0 Seeks info. on John MacDonald & w. Barbara McDonald, b. Scot. where? Settled early 1850's in Kinloss-Kincardine area. Needs info. on fam. Angus (w. Margaret Campbell), John (w. Margaret McKenzie), Janet (m. Dr.? McLean), Sarah (m. Alexander Kerr), Alexander (w. Ethel Jean Harvey/Harvie), Archibald, Malcolm, others? Has info. on John & Angus.
- CURRIE, MacDONALD/McDONALD: Mrs. Joyce McLean, 345 29<sup>th</sup> St., W. Owen Sound, Ont., N4K 4K1
  - Seeks info. on Donald Currie & w. Mary MacDonald/McDonald who lived Holland Twp. 9 ch. Barbara 1879 1959 (m. Edward Mark Nicholson, Sault, Michigan); Bert (w. Mary?); Jenny (m. Norman Willoughby); John: Neil; Dan; Maisie: Margaret; Gillen & George (m. Lucy Merriam, moved west). A bro. Neil M'Donald came from Scotland to live with the fam. He never married.
- A. Carol Small reports that Chatsworth United Church has some of the oldest Presbyterian records found in the area. Some of your records might be there.

- 7. SWINTON: Barbara Moredy, 1016 La Salle, Sunnyvale, CA 94087 Seeks all info. on Swinton. You are asked to not associated fam. names – POLLOCK, CURRIE, MARTINDALE, McIVER, BOUDO, THIBAUDEAU, SHANTZ, SCHANTZ, McDONALD, ROBERTSON, ROBINSON, GLEN, HARRIOT, DURWARD, ROY, MOORE, BOYLES, CRAWFORD, McLEOD, McLEAN
- A. A few Swinton obits have shown up in the collection. The fam. lived Arran Twp. near Burgoyne. Swinton Park is in Proton Twp., Grey Co. but could find no ref. to any Swintons. Thibaudeau is associated with Markdale. A brief fam. history can be found in MARKDALE AND FLESHERTON available from South Grey Museum, Flesherton, N0C 1E0
- **8. ALGEO**: Ann Jensen, 3805 Victoria Ave., Regina, Sask., S4T 1M6 Seeks info. on Jane Algeo b. ca 1826 U.C. m. David Blair 1849.
- A. Gladys found in Jane F. Yemen Scrapbooks, Mrs. Matthew Welsh had a sis. Mrs. Algeo. Also found Algeo in Osprey Twp.
- **8. ABERNETHY**: Mrs. Faye Mowers Topliff, 4163 Helm Rd., Duluth, MN 55811 Seeks info. on John Abernethy & w. Jane Anderson. Who are Nancy Abernethy & Teenie Gilles? They were buried in the fam. plot. Jane Anderson Abernethy was survived by a cousin Jones Abernethy. Who was he? Any ref. to Abernethy would be appreciated.
- A. Found in Brue Co. MARRIAGE REGISTER INDEX Vol. 8 by Britnell-Abernethy, James, Arran Twp. s/o John m. Jane Workman 1860 ref. 6. The ref. is on the page of the original register on which the record can be found at Ontario Archives.
- 9. SCHNURR, STILLHAMER (STIELHAMER/STAHLHAMMER); Martha Jayne Young Schnurr, 921 Big Horn, Alliance, NE 69301 Schnurr, Benedikt (Ben-Benjamin) b. ca 1822 Baden, Germany. What town in Baden? His religion? His parents? M. Margaretha Stillhamer 1849 at Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio. She b. 1828, what town in Wurttemberg, Germany? Her religion? When they came to Canada, what was the point of entry?
  - GROWN, Dumpropre: Martha Jayne Young Schnurr, address above.
    Grown, George Louis b. 1820, Holstein, Grey Co. Father b. New York, name? Date & place of birth? Religion? Mother b. Canada, where? her name? Place & date of birth?
    George Louis m. 1840 Barsheba Ann Dumpropre b. 1822-1825, Holstein, Grey County, dau. of J.D. Dumpropre b. New York & w. B. De Long b. New York, where? George & Barsheba lived in North Bend, Dodge Co., Nebr. in 1885.
- A. Holstein is in Egremont Twp., Grey Co.

  Neither George nor Barsheba could have been married or born in Grey Co. "As late as 1848, . . . . . there were only two families in the township, Simpsons and Fosters . . . " A NEW HISTORY OF GREY COUNTY by DAVISON. Names not in 1865 directory. Check 1871 census.
- **10. BROWN, SCHLESSER**: Wm. Ferguson, 681 Johnson St. Kingston Ont. K7L 2A7 "There seems to be a connection between my Browns of Owen Sound & the name Schlesser. The Browns lived at 970 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W. Mrs. Florence & Henry Schlesser lived in U.S. but apparently originated from Owen Sound.
- A. The address given was the home of Lyman Brown, Classics Teacher at the O.S.C.V.I. s/o William Q. Brown, Derby Twp. m. May Nairn, Aylmer, 8 ch. in Wm Q. Brown Fam. now all deceased. Have not found a ref. to Schlesser. There are Schlossers in Walkerton, & Slessers in Kincardine area.

# 11. SOFTLEY & related names: Stanley G. Softley, Box 1497, Airdrie, Alta T0M 0B0

Surname	Given Name	Place of Settlement	App.
		(Town, Township, or Co.)	Date
Clendening	Arthur & Elizabeth	Walkerton, Brant, Bruce	1850's
Collins	Jeremiah & Elizabeth	Oxenden, Keppel, Grey	1858
Doogood	Maria & Eliza	Walkerton, Brant, Bruce	1862
Curry	James	Simcoe Co.	1840
Davidson	Joseph	Listowel, Perth Co.	1853
Hall	William & Jane	Walkerton, Brant, Bruce	1850
Lamb	Joseph & Maria	Walkerton, Brant, Bruce	1850
Holt	John, Jacob & Joseph	Simcoe Co.	1853
Griffen	Owen	Simcoe Co.	1874
Mundle	William & Jane	Tara, Arran, Bruce	1850
Spencer	George Gardner & Eliza	Oxenden, Keppel, Grey	1856
Story	Elizabeth	Oxenden, Keppel, Grey	1858
Stephens	Richard & John	Bruce Co.	1853
Softley	Edward & Elizabeth Ellen	Walkerton, Brant, Bruce	1865
Reyland	Samuel L.	Simcoe	1855
Johnson	John Henry & Betsy	Simcoe	1872
Wilson	James & Eliza & Hugh	Walkerton, Brant, Bruce	1855
Whitman	John & Matilda	Oxenden, Keppel, Grey	1858

Desires contact with those researching the above fam's.

- A. One of the sources used to help you was Vol 8 BRUCE COUNTY COUNTY MARRIAGE REGISTERS index by Wm. Britnell Clendining Mary A., Carrick twp. dau/o Arthur m. James Alex Wilson, s/o James, Brant Twp. 1860 ref. 6
  - I noted that the index contained many more of the above names. This book is available from Generation Press, 172 King Henrys Blvd., Agincourt, Ont. M1T 2V6
  - An index is also available for SIMCOE COUNTY MARRIAGES, Vol. 12. Wonder if place of settlement is always as listed or if name was spelled as given above.
  - Found in Bruce Marriage index Jane Mundle, Derby Twp., dau./Wm. m. Jno Stevens, Derby Twp: s./John 1869 ref. 120. (see query #8 for explanation re ref.)
- **12. SHOEBOTTOM**: Mrs. Gloria Jackson, R.R. #1, Ridgetown, Ont., N0P 2C0 John Shoebottom b. 1813; d. 1885; m. Jane Ann Morgan; moved to Kinloss Twp. from London Twp. Middlesex Co. during 1850's. Wishes to contact descendents.
- 13. GRAY: David Standen, 19 Shannon St., North Bay, Ont., P1A 1H6
  Desires info & contact with the desc. of William Wallace Gray b. 1841 on board ship coming to
  Canada where his father d. His mother is believed to have stayed in Montreal, worked as
  seamstress. Had 5 sis. How can they be traced?
  William Wallace Gray m. Jean Clare probably from Durham area where he was partner in
  ISAACS & GRAY TANNERS. Moved west to Portage la Prairie Man. One dau. m. ? McGowan.
  Has material to share on a McLeod Fam. of Artemesia.
- A. Sis. to a Jas. Frame Gray, Mrs. John McGowan Sr. received word of her bros death in Portage La Prairie on May 15, 1948 at Durham.
- **14. WALKER, SMITH, McPHEE**: Moira Campbell, R.R. 3, Lloydminster, Sask., S9V 0X8 William Russell Walker b. 1835, Aberdeen area, Scot.; Russell part of name was in honor of his father's employer, Lord Russel; acquired land near Lucknow; m. ca 1857 Helen Smith dau. of William Smith & Margaret Muterer; fam. Alexander, Margaret, Helen; 2<sup>nd</sup> m. Mary Anne McPhee 1883; fam. William John, Anne, James & Donald Ruddell; d. 24<sup>th</sup> June 1905 in accident when team of horses was spooked by a train. Son Donald Russell left Ontario when he was 14,

- d. 1975. Would like to find names of parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> w. Mary Anne McPhee & to contact relatives in Ontario.
- A. Marriage info. available from Registrar for Ontario after 1 July 1869.
- **15. STEWART, WALKER**: Mrs. Orma Stewart Tees, Apt. 808, 844 Red River Rd., Thunder Bay, Ont. P7B 5K4

Seeks info. on Stewarts of Dungannon. Sarah Jane Walker Stewart had 2 bros. Harvey Walker m. Margaret Augustine d. Brussels 1930-1940. Robert Walker farmed Sask. d. Vancouver, age 98.

- A. Walker is found in almost every community in our area. In the obit. collectin found Kincardine Jan. 1948, Mrs. Archibald Stewart, Martha Elizabeth Walker dau. of James Walker & w. Mary Baird age 87 yr. Fam. Mrs. L. Wakefield, Mrs. Gerald Hart, William from Kincardine, Robert & Harry, New Port Ritchie, Fla. (Obit. Collection Walker p. 19)
- **16. GREY, DAVIDSON, ROBBINS**: Geraldine Staggers, 6465 West Brown Place, Denver, CO 80227

Richard grey b. ca 1798, Dundalk, Ire.; Ann ? in Ire.; fam. – John, Jane (m. Henry Robbins), Elias, Caroline (m. John Davidson), Victoria.

The Grey fam. – 1851 Census – Artemesia

1861 Census – Richard & s. John in Osprey

1871 Census - Richard with Caroline & John Davidson. Dau. Jane &

Henry Robbins had moved to U.S. 1866/67

A. Biographical Sketches 1880 Belden Atlas -

Grey, Elias B., farmer. Owning 800 acres in Proton Township. Was born in the town of Dundalk, Ireland 1819. Settled in Grey Co., 1849. P.O., Dundalk.

In TOWNSHIP OF PROTON – Chapter 11, The Village of Dundalk, Post Offices – "The first post office was situated on the Toronto-Sydenham Road and operated by Elias Grey . . . . "

From the obits – Dundalk, Dec. 1950 – "Mrs. Grey, the former Hannah Eden was born near Varney about 1870 and married the late Elias B. Grey of Dundalk in 1893. It was Mr. Grey's father, the late Elias Grey, who gave Dundalk its name after his birthplace in Dundalk, Ire.

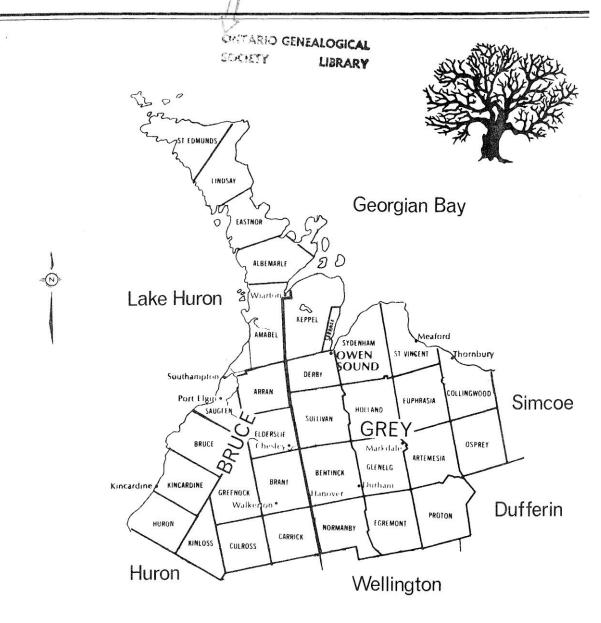
Contact Audrey Clarke, Dundalk, Ont. NOC 1B0 for help in locating descendants.

**17. PARKIN, DEEGAN, BOULT**: R.L. Dale, C.E.I.C. Personnel, 4900 Yonge St., Suite 700, Willowdale, Ont., M2N 6A8

William John Parkin & w. Sarah (Jane or Elizabeth) Deegan, Collingwood Twp. Need Where buried & data from stone? Need info. on their Children – Mary Elizabeth m. ? Boult, Frances Jane m. ?, others?

- A. BOTH YOUR PARKIN & DEEGAN FAMILIES ARE FOUND IN THE HARDING COLLECTION. Obits for all branches can be found in the surname collection including Boult.
- 18. MATTHEWS: Box 4272, Stne. "C", Calgary Alta.; T2T 5N1
  - M. J. Woodcock (There are times ?? Name should be first.) Mr. Woodcock is searching for info. Gordon Matthews & w. Elizabeth believed to have hotel in Owen Sound during 1870's. Any desc.s?
- A. PEOPLE OF OWEN SOUND by M. Croft lists 1902-04, W.M. Matthews prop. Paterson House.

# BRANCHES OF BRUCE & GREY



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#### SEASON'S GREETINGS

MAY THE BEST YOU'VE EVER SEEN BE THE WORST YOU'LL EVER SEE; MAY THE MOUSE NE'ER LEAVE YOUR GIRNAL WI' A TEAR DROP IN ITS E'E; MAY YOUR LUM KEEP BLITHELY REEKIN TILL YE'RE AULD ENOUGH TO DEE: MAY YOU AYE BE JUST AS HAPPY AS I WISH YOU NOW TO BE! A Scot's Toast

MAY THE SADDEST DAYS OF YOUR FUTURE BE NO WORSE THAN THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF YOUR PAST. Irish

"Pop, , , don't eat yourself full, , , there's cake back yet" From the ones who said,: "We get too soon old and too late smart:.

Editor: Mrs. Percy Warrilow, RR6 Owen Sound Ont., N4K 5N8 (Betty)

Queries: Mrs. Gladys Arnold, Box 35, Ripley, Ont., N0G 2R0

Memberships: Mrs. R. Adolph, R.R. #3, Walkerton, Ont., NOG 2V0

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**MEETINGS:** 

Tues. 22 Jan. 1985, Owen Sound Public Library, 8 p.m.

Convener: Helene Weaver

The Kincardine Group will not hold regular meetings during the winter.

**NEW LOCAL HISTORIES & SOME STILL AVAILABLE FROM THE MUNICIPALITY** (Order from the Clerk's office, address given. With some of the new books cost of postage & handling has not been determined at this date.

Holland Twp. - Box 197, Holland Centre, Ont., N0H 2R0 - \$15.00 plus \$2. Postage

Egremont Twp. – see page 42. 1st addition price - \$12 plus \$2. Postage, 2nd?

Bruce Twp. - Underwood, R.R. #3, Tiverton, Ont., NOG 2T0 - \$18.00 & \$2. Postage.

Culross Twp. - see page 41

Saugeen Twp. – see page 43 - \$20.00 plus postage.

Amabel Twp. – Sauble Beach, R.R. #2, Hepworth, Ont., N0H 1P0 - \$20.00 plus postage. Order & invoice will be sent for payment.

Recheck the newsletter for other publications such as THE SCRAPBOOKS OF J.F. YEMEN, from Gladys Arnold, Box 35, Ripley, Ont., NOC 2V0 - \$15. & \$2. Postage.

Anyone who has rural roots will enjoy BUMPS IN YOUR COVERALLS by Gisele Ireland. To order, send \$8 to "Bumps in your Coveralls:, R.R. #2, Teeswater, Ont., N0G 2S0 (A sample of her writing was on back page Nov. '83 newsletter.)

"WE REMEMBER BEFORE THEE, O LORD, ALL THEY SERVANTS DEPARTED THIS LIFE IN THEY FAITH AND FEAR:" THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, ANGLIGAN CHURCH OF CANADA.

GEORGE CLULEY son of Thomas b. Coventry, Eng. & Mary Ann Robinson, Bruce Twp. on 13 Oct. 1984, of Port Elgin in 82<sup>nd</sup> yr.; husband of Evelyn Detwiller; father of Ken, Thornhill & Mary Harcourt, Kitchener; bros of Hannah (Mrs. Jim Maas) & predeceased by James Cluley (Feb. 1984) & 2 sisters, Florence (Mrs. Dan McCarrel), Sarah Elizabth (Mrs. W. G. Nicholson) & valued member of our Branch, convener of Publication Sales.

ALICE CUMMING wife of Rev. Ross Cumming, 21 Kent Lane, Stratford, Ont. N5A 1E8, charter member of our Branch & valued member of the Genealogical Community as part of the Cumming Atlas Reprint family. For the help and support in our Branch, Ross & Alice were made life members in 1975. Our sympathy to the family.

THE GUNNS OF KINLOCHLAGGAN compiled by Kathleen Gunn Turpin after a trip to Scotland to attend the CLAN GUNN gathering in 1978.

Six sons, Alexander, Donald, Joseph, George, John & Hugh, of Hugh & Margaert Gunn emigrated to America after 1845. None appear in the 1851 Bruce County census although this is about the time that Alexander was supposed to have taken up land.

There was a notation on the Bruce Township section of the census that said, "The severity of the winter and immense depth of snow . . . have prevented some settlers from going to their land this winter."

This history has been donated to our library by Eileen Jackson, a great niece of Ann Murray Gunn, wife of Joseph McIntosh Gunn, 90 Duke St., Apt. 303, Hamilton, Ont., L8P 1X6 (winter address).

JAMES SOMERVILLE ROSS & JANET HENDERSON FAMILY CHART compiled by Allan and Hugh Ross, Paerata, N.Z. 1967, updated by Nessie McKercher, Winnipeg, Man. 1967 & retyped by Joy Pascoe, Karaka, N.Z. 1975 with the story of JAMES HARDIE ROSS from THE TIGER HILLS TO THE ASSINIBOINE & THE FROST FAMILY by Stanley Richard Frost, West Hill, Ont., 1965. Both histories have been donated by Murray Telford, 645 10<sup>th</sup> St. E., Owen Sound, Ont., N4K 1T1.

The Ross fam. from Currie, near Edinburgh, Scot. 1831, to Galt, to Annan, Sydenham Twp., in 1855, moved to Leith & formed a firm James Ross & Sons with a large general store & business which imported & exported goods, grain & handled the mail. Related fam's 1<sup>st</sup> generation – McKean, Wilson, Reid, Telfrod, Hewit, Muir, Mackey, Sloane.

The Frost history originates with John Frost b. Sheldon, near Kentisbeare, Devonshire, England, in 1783. The son John 1808-1869 came to Owen Sound ca 1845 from Ottawa. "They left by way of the Rideau Canal opened a few years before which took them to Kingston. There they got a lake boat to Toronto. There was no road from Toronto to Owen Sound then, The 'Queen's Bush' being impenetrable. So they went up Yonge Street by wagon to Holland Landing thence down to and across Lake Simcoe, down the Severn River to Georgian Bay and then by another boat to Owen Sound . . . "

Included with the Frost Fam. is a history of John Frost's wife & her family Richard GREENE.

**THE MacDONALDS OF SYDENHAM by JOHN MacDONALD**, 4368 Kerry Dr., Burlington, Ont., L7L 1W1. Donated by the Author

From Part 1 – Introduction and Orientation, Cicero, the famous Roman statesman and orator, states it best: 'Not to know what happened before we were born is to remain perpetually a child. For what is the worth of human life unless it is woven into the lives of our ancestors.'"

1st generation names - Cameron, Widdifield, McQuarrie, McKay

John sent the following address of a Canadian in Scotland who might help Florence Long, query 26, page 48 – Ms. Margaret MacKay, School of Scottish Studies, University of Edinburgh, 27 George Square, Edinburgh, Scotland EH 89.

Note: Correct the address of THE CLAN MORRISON SOCIETY to c/o David H. Blain, 6 Athlone Road, Cambridge, Ont., N1R 1H8

SEMINAR '85, Toronto. All O.G.S. member are invited to submit a paper on any aspect of genealogy. Papers to be presented at Seminar will be chosen by a Selection Committee. They may be presented either verbally or in poster form. Author should submit a title and an abstract of not more than 100 words to Selection Committee, Box 74, Station U, Toronto, Ont. M8Z 5M4, before 15 December 1984.

# A HISTORY OF CULROSS TOWNSHIP

Cost: \$20. Plus \$2. Postage

From: Office of Clerk, Culross, Teeswater, Ont., N0G 2S0

The land in Culross, came up for sale in the "Big" Land Sale, September 27, 1854 which was held at Southampton. The price of 7s 6d (\$1.50) per acre was payable in ten equal annual installments with interest added. Culross was Crown land and did not have any of its land designated as "free grant" land or "school lands". Actual occupation was to be immediate and continuous, with the clearing of a least 2 acres of land yearly on each one hundred acres for the first five years. Other stipulations included the erection of a house, at least 16 feet by 18 feet; the timber was to be held in reserve until the land was paid for; a maximum of two hundred acres was allowed. Occupation was to be null and void if conditions were violated.

It should be noted that Culross was one of the last townships in the county to be settled (the townships in the peninsula excepted). The main reason for this is that no early roads were built in or leading to the township, and the Teeswater River flowed through the dense Greenock Swamp. Any rafts or boats that might attempt the trip would have to travel against the current. Even the areas where roads had been built were in "bad shape". Norman Robertson in his book, *County of Bruce* says, "There is only one mud hole on the Durham Road, but it extends all the way from Walkerton to Kincardine."

Plans were made in 1853 to rectify the lack of roads. A road was proposed along the Carrick-Culross boundary and another along the southern boundary of Carrick, page 39

## THE BANNERMAN

The Bannerman family, which was involved in the early development of Culross Township, originated in the Highlands of Scotland. They lived in Inverness and Sutherland, a sept of the clan Forbes. Those Bannermans whose children pioneered in Culross were from the Strath of Kildonan, which was a very wife valley. However, in 1813, The Bannermans, along with many other Highland families, were evicted from their homes. Their chiefs had decided to turn their properties into sheep farms which were more profitable at that time, and often burned the homes to the ground before the families had their meagre belongings out. Lord Selkirk heard of the plight of the people of Kildonan, and offered to transport them to the Red River Colony, in what is today Manitoba. The Highlanders accepted and left Stromness Harbour in the Orkeny Islands in June, 1813, aboard the ship, "Prince of Wales."

The voyage lasted over 60 days before they reached Fort Churchill in northern Manitoba. The colonists were compelled to winter at Churchill, and due to the severity of conditions, several members of the Bannerman family perished, along with others. In the spring, the remaining colonists struggled south, by boat and portage, to the Red River Colony, centred at the site of present-day Winnipeg, and stayed for one year. Here they were harassed, even murdered by

members of the North West Company, who were greedy for furs and tried to discourage settlement of the West. Several families decided the West was not for them and canoed to Upper Canada. Travelling the Great Lakes they came to Georgian Bay and then portages to Lake Simcoe, where once again they travelled by water until they came to Holland Landing in September 1815. The Bannerman families now split, with some going to the Talbot Settlement near London, and others living on the Yonge St. settlements near Newmarket. Finally in 1819 the Bannermans and the other Selkirk settlers reunited to become the founding settlers of Simcoe County in what became called the Scotch Settlement of West Gwillimbury Township.

It was in West Gwillimbury Twp. that Alexander Bannerman, one of Culross Township's pioneers, was born in 1843. His father died while Alex was a child, and his mother remarried a John Dale and moved to the adjacent township of Tecumseh, Simcoe County. Alexander crossed the county boundary into York County, King Township, to marry Elizabeth Huffman in 1868. Since York County was settled, people were pushing farther westward and Alexander came to Bruce County where many lots were still virgin timber.

The following short family histories are in the chapter on EARLY FAMILIES; Aitken, Anstett-Ernewen, Arkell, Armstrong, Ballagh, Bannerman (see above for part of their story), Baptist, Barbour-Jackson, Becking, Bell, Benninger, Borho, Button, Campbell, Caskanette, Caslick, Collison, Colvin, Cronin, Day, Dietrich-Benninger, Dobson, Doer-Schill, Donaldson, Dosman, Edgar, Elliot, Erb, Ewing, Falconer, Fischer, Gillies, Good, Goodfellow, Grant, Granache, Haines, Heldenby, Halk, Hardy, Harkness, Hauck, Hetherington, Hughes, Innes-Scott, Ireland, Jarvis, Keith, Kennedy, Kieffer-Becker, Knoepfler-Kieffer, King, Kirkland, Kuntz, Lamont, Lindsay, Little, McAllister, McCormick, Mac/McDonald, McGlynn, McIntyre, McKague, McKenzie, McKinnon, MacMillan, Quin, McNaughton, McPherson, McPherson-Geddes, MacRae, McTavish, Marshall, Melvin, Meyer, Millen, Miller, Moffar, Moir, Moran, Mundell, Murray, O'Malley, Parker, Pennington, Reid, Reinhart, Richardson, Ritchie, Ross, Ruth, Schiestel, Schlosser, Schumacher, Scott, Sewers, Sharpe, Sillick, Simpson, Sitler, Smith, Smith Settlement–Bolton-Rawn, Steel, Steffler, Stobo, Struthers-Clydesdale, Stutt, Thacker, Thompson, Voisin, Wadel (Wadell), Walker, Wall, Walters, Watson, Weiss, Whiteman, Willie, Wocks, Zettel.

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## WHILE WE STILL REMEMBER A HISTORY OF EGREMONT 1840-1983

Editor: Campbell Cork, I.B. Printing Co., Ltd., Durham, Ont.

# (1850-1980)

by Robert Gillies, Hugh Hunter, Ken Alles and Campbell Cork

The council minute books record the political workings of Egremont Township and provide a broad window through which we can view the evolution of the township.

Much of the rest of this book on the history of Egremont is devoted to individual families, communities or school sections, but council dealt with the entire township and its history gives us the opportunity to stand back and see Egremont as a whole.

In 1850, the township council's main responsibility was to keep building roads at a pace equal to the speed with which pioneers opened unsettled portions. It was no simple task to build a road at a time when manpower was real and horsepower wasn't just some fancy printing on the side of a diesel tractor.

Over the years roads have remained a major item of business for council and still today they are the single largest expenditure in the municipal budget.

Egremont was one of the final sections of Grey County to be settled despite its southerly location in the county. It seems many of the early settlers coming up from Guelph passed right on through for land closer to the water.

When the township was organized in 1850, most families were farming within two concessions of the Garafraxa Road (Hwy 6) with most farms located right alongside the road.

The early pioneers were mostly Loyalists or else recent immigrants from Great Britain. Egremont used the British money system until 1858.

FAMILIES: Aberdein, Adams, Aitken, Allan, Alles, Arthur, Barbour (Barber), Bilton, Brown, Bryans, Buchanan, Bunston, Burrows, Bye, Calder, Cameron, Clark, Connolly, Coutts, Cowan, Currie, Daly, Dickson, Dixon, Dodds, Donald, Dowling, Drimmie, Durant, Dyce, Eccles, Ellis, Fairbairn, Ferguson, Fettes, Gardiner, Greenley, Gillies, Gordon, Hamilton, Harris, Harrison, Hastie, Hattle, Henderson, Henry, Hincks, Hooper, Hopkins, Horsburgh, Hunt, Hunter, Irvin, Isaac, Isles (Iles), Johnston, Keith, Kelly, Klein, Lamont, Lawrence, Lee, Leith, Leversage, Lewis, Logan, Long, Love, Main, MacCannel, Mac/McDonald, MacEachern, MacKenzie, MacLachlan, Matthews, McArthur, McBribe, McDougall, McGillivary, McGuire, McInnes, McIntyre, McKelvie, McMillan, McNair, McPhee, McQueen, McRobb, McTavish, Menary, Merchant, Mickleborough, Milne, Moore, Morrison, Moyer, Nicholson, Patterson, Philp, Pinder, Plester, Rae, Rawn, Reeves, Reid, Renton, Renwick, Robb, Ross, Runciman, Rusnell, Schenk, Seaman, Seifried, Shier, Sim, Slessor, Smail, Snell, Spence, Spicer, Stevenson, Swanston, Switzer, Taylor, Teddy, Troup, Tucker, Walmsley, Watson, Weir, Wells, Wheeler, Whyte, Wilson, Yake (Excellent short histories)

All lots are listed & have names of all the owners.

416 pages, not indexed

From: Egremont Clerk's Office, Box 183, Mount Forest, On N0G 2L0

# **Bernardo Home Boys**

During the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Dr. Barnardo of London, England launched a scheme to take homeless children, usually orphans, into institutions in the big cities. An awakening social conscience prompted the charity, and the bringing of these boys and some girls to Canada where they were placed on farms to work. They were supposed to go to school, receive some wages and training in farming. Almost every section in Egremont had some "Home Boys"

# **ROOTS AND BRANCHES OF SAUGEEN**

Editor: Dorothy McEwing, Stan Brown Printers Ltd., Owen Sound, 1984 ISBN 0-9691580-0-9 From: Saugeen Clerk's Office, Box 249, Port Elgin, Ont. N0H 2C0

The early settlers came by one of three routes: they drove to Owen Sound, walked to Southampton or Port Elgin and then moved inland; they came up the lake by schooner from Goderich, again to the vicinity of Port Elgin; they followed the Garafraxa and Durham Roads to Hanover from whence point they descended the river on homemade rafts. The latter route was the most popular.

Until 1854, Southampton was a part of Saugeen, and Port Elgin did not become a separate municipality until 1874. Saugeen's first white residents lived in these settlements and their history is one with Saugeen's.

According to Norman Robertson, in the summer of 1850, Saugeen's first land seekers arrived from Grey County. They were Peter Smith, Dugald Bell and Donald McIntosh. Finding land to their liking they went back to their homes returning in the spring of 1851.

William and David Kennedy, in January of 1851, drove from their home near Guelph to Owen Sound. They secured an Indian guide, walked to Southampton and then into the interior of the township. They too were pleased with the prospects and returned to their home to make

arrangements to return the following spring. This second trip to what was to become their new home was accomplished on a hair-raising trip down the flood waters of the mighty Saugeen in April of 1851. When they arrived at their destination, they were greeted by Alexander Wallace who had arrived just a few days previously.

Norman Robertson states in his history that as far as he was able to ascertain, Alexander Wallace is entitled to the credit of being the first settler in what is now Saugeen. Mr. Wallace walked from Owen Sound pulling his possessions on a toboggan and was accompanied by his wife.

It is difficult to prepare a precise list of Saugeen's first residents. Norman Robertson gives a list of some of the settlers who came to Saugeen in 1851 and 1852. David Kennedy in Pioneer Days recalls who his first neighbours were. Over two hundred names are recorded in the census of 1851-52 but Mr. Johnston, the enumerator, had many miles to walk in covering the whole township. In reading the names it is obvious that he started his enumeration in Southampton, followed by the lakeshore and then moved inland. If a settler happened not to be at home, it is doubtful if a return visit was made. Following is a partial list of names that for the most part are common to two or three of the above mentioned sources: Alexander and John Wallace, William and David Kennedy, Peter, Thomas and John Smith, James Orr, James Rowand, Philip Stowger, Thomas Burgess, William Gowanlock, Jacob Atkinson, William, John and Joseph Stirton, John Cook, George Butchart, Clement Seiffert, Iden and John Goble, Nathaniel Edward Leeder, Silas Fuller, Thomas Turner, Archibald Pollock, Robert Craig, Dugald and Neil Bell, Henry and Adam Hilker, John Stafford, Benjamin Shantz, Samuel Bricker, W.H. Ruby and John Zant.

Settlers to Saugeen in the first year were often negligent in looking after the legal aspects of securing their property rights. Archival papers provide evidence to prove that some settlers went through the back breaking labour of clearing their land only to have some astute entrepreneur come along and take out the Application to Settle papers on their property. The settler or squatter was then forced to sell for a pittance the result of all his endeavors while the entrepreneur gained a valuable piece of real estate with no outlay of labour and very little of money. These incidents are not to be confused with the many deals made between settlers and squatters where fair . . . . .

Family Histories: Baker, Barnes, Beech, Bell/McDermid, Bell, Bennett/Sutherland, Sutherland, Black, Boettger, Brunton, Bryce, Cameron, Campbell, Cann, Cassidy/Nelson, Chappell, Clark, Christie, Clazie, Cobean, Collard, Cook, Cummings, Currie, Daniel, Dawson, Dier, Doll, Douglass, Eby, Eidt, Elliott, Fenton, Fleming, Finnie, Forrester/Munro, Munro, Fraser, Gowanlock, Greathead, Grieve, Guyer, Hackett, Hamilton, Hardy, Haug, Heard, Jamieson, Jeffery, Kelly, Kolb, Krauth, Lamont, Leeder, Manley, McArthur, McCannell, McCarrel, McClinton, McCulloch, McEwing, McIntosh, McKechnie, McKinnon, McRae, McTeer, McVittie, Muir, Miller, Patterson/Miller, Peirson, Pollock, Reany, Reid, Reoch, Reinhart, Robertson, Rowand, Rushton, Schwass, Schildroth, Scott, Seiffert, Shanks, Smith, Sparks, Stanton/Webster, Struthers, Sutherland, Teeple, Thede, Upshall, Tranter, Wallace, Webb, Webster, Weishuhn, Witting, Zant, Wright.

This history contains a number of biographical sketches of individuals eg. Alexander Vidal, the land surveyor with the comment, ". . . the summer of 1851 in Saugeen must have been the wettest on record". Some excerpts from Mr. Vidal's diary are included. Eg. Nathaniel Leeder with excerpts from his day book. Eg. 5 men from the Township who became Bruce Co. Wardens.

332 pages, not indexed, has list of the first census.

# CHAPTER 3, BRUCE COUNTY PIONEER

When much of the eastern part of Canada was settled and immigration grew, there was need to open up new land for settlement. In 1824, the Canada Company began colonization of Dufferin, Perth and Huron Counties. Bruce and Grey counties were inhabited by the Ojibway and Mississauga Indians. On August 9, 1836, a treaty was signed between the Indians and Sir Francis

Bond Head, the representative of Queen Victoria, at Manitowaning, giving the Crown a large tract of land in the area we know today as Bruce, Huron and Perth Counties. It was then known as the "District of Wellington". Most people referred to it as the "Queen's Bush". Later its name was changed to the "Huron District".

In 1847 an Order-in-Council was passed to open up the Huron District to settlement. Surveying began. In 1848 the Durham Road was put through what is today Kincardine, Kinloss, Greenock and Brant Townships. As in all backwoods settlements, the Durham Road was only a "blazed trail", made by an axe on the trees. It wasn't chopped out until 1851. It became Concession I. The Government made the offer of "free grants" of fifty-acre lots on either side of this road. By August of 1848, free grants of fifty-acre farm lots were also offered to settlers on one side of the first two concessions north or south of the Durham Road. Viz. Concession 2, North Durham Road, and Concession 2, South Durham Road.

A settler first went to the Crown Lands Agent in Durham, where he was given a list of the open lots. Then he left Durham with his list and a pack of provisions. He followed the blazed trail through the woods, sleeping at night in the open, made his selection, and returned to Durham to have his claim registered, and taken off the free list.

The conditions of free grant lots were: Settler must be at least eighteen years or age; be able to show proof of means of providing for himself until the produce of his land would maintain him; one to three months to make a start on a log shanty at least 18 X 24 feet; continuous settlement; twelve acres of land to be cleared in four years; and put through a road in front of his property between the second and third concessions of Kincardine Township, unaided by the government. Until this road was satisfactorily done, settlers on concession two, could not obtain the patents to their grants. Any settler who obtained a fifty-acre lot gratis, had the privilege of purchasing up to 150 acres of additional land at eight shillings an acre. The price of land in 1851 was twelve shillings, 6 pence per acre.

Those taking up the free grant lands, endured hardships unknown to those who went into the bush in 1853 and 1854. Men were buried in the bush, where they died from felling trees or from becoming lost and frozen to death. No one dressed warmly in those days. A knitted sash, around the waist, and a muffler around the throat, were the only additions to ordinary dress. Warm underwear didn't come unto use until 1900. How cruel the winters must have been to our people, coming from Ireland where it is balmy.

On May 30, 1849 an Act of Parliament was passed dividing the Huron and Perth. They had to remain united until each county attained a population of 15,000. In 1851 Bruce had 2,837 people. Bruce and Huron Counties remained joined until 1856, when Parliament authorized the County Council of Bruce. Bruce County attained fullfledged municipal status on January 1, 1867.

Source for the above was Norman Robertson's "The History of the County of Bruce". p. 14

From ARCHIBALD AND JENNY ROBINSON AND THEIR DESCENDANTS by Helen Robinson Norman, Box 610, Kincardine, Ont. N0G 2G0.

First Gen. Names – Robinson, Price, Shaw, McLelland, Shewfelt, Tomlinson.

## QUERIES:

1. COOEY, GILBERT: W. R. Cooey, 24-721 Millyard, Vancouver, B.C., V5Z 3Z9

Samuel Cooey/Coey m. Nancy Gilbert, to Canada ca 1834 with bro. Thomas Gilbert & mother Nancy Gilbert.

The Cooeys settled at Newcastle, Clarke, Twp., Durham Co. After Sam's death in 1854, Nancy "went to a farm in Artemesia Township with her children" (John, Joseph and Nancy).

In 1865, Thomas Gilbert Sr., Nancy's bros.? & John Cooey, her son? are listed in Artemesia.

Any info. on these fam's would be appreciated.

2. COUCH, GRAHAM: Mrs. John McCormack, Box 58, R.R. 34, Havelock, Ont., K0L 1Z0

Seeks maiden name of Judith Ann Couch b. ca 1831, Innisfield, Ont., m. James Couch; lived-Brant Twp.; d. 1908 at Owen Suond.

Also info. on fam. – John, Ann Jane, Ellen, Eliza, James, Etta, Judith & Mary L. Has found some of the fam. buried in Curtis Lake Cem., Brant Twp. Members of New Connexion Methodist Church before union.

Dau., Ann Jane, m. James Graham, lived – Peabody. Would like obit. for James who d. 21 Sept. 1901 from poisoning. Also related Graham fam. info. desired.

- A. If Judith Ann's maiden name is not listed on her 1908 death cert., check the marriage certificates of her sons & daughters. After 1869 from Office of the Registrar, Macdonald Block, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ont., M7A 1Y5
- 3. ALGEO, HENDEN, TINLINE, KERSEL Ann Jensen, 3805 Victoria Ave Regina Sask S4T 1M6 Info. requested on the above names regardless of area or date. Note: HENDEN (above) should be HENDRON. Also check Query #8, Sept. Newsletter.
- 4. BARSS: Dale Burley, 671 Garden St., Harbor Beach, MI 48441

"I have accumulated a great deal on this family (BARSS) after 10 years research and would be most happy and willing to donate my collection pertaining to Bruce-Grey Area.

My great-grandfather was Caleb Nicherson Barss of Nova Scotia who removed to York, Upper Canada, now Toronto, Ont. in 1853 and eventually settled on a farm near Desboro, Ontario sometime around 1855 to 1860 . . . . .

I have direct lineage to Caleb Barss from the emigrant ancestor Austin Bearse from England to Plymouth, Mass. in 1638. Caleb's grandfather Benjamin moved to Nova Scotia in 1769 and changed the surname to Bears by which Caleb's birth was registered in 1803 but changed to BARSS in Ontario in 1855".

Our Branch would appreciate the BARSS INFORMATION. Thank you.

5. FRASER: Mrs. Carol Fraser, Box 282, Tottenham, Ont., L0G 1W0

Seeks fam. of Donald Fraser & w. Georgina – Hector, Donald, Barbara, Wilhimina, Levi R. & Margaret Ann, Kincardine to Muskoka 1880.

Son, Levi Rightmere was born Kincardine 28 July 1873. He became a Captain of the Muskoka steamships, "Lake Joseph", "S.S. Rosseau" & "S.S. Southwood".

**6. CAMPBELL**: Mrs. Marilynne Blagborne, S.S. #3, Lower Mud River Rd., Prince George, B.C., V2N 2S7

Seeks info. on Daniel Campbell b. 1841, Quebec; d. 1908, Kincardine; s/o Duncan Campbell & ?, Scotland; bros./Daniel 1854-1937, m. Margaret Milne, hand-painted dishes, killed by lightening.

- 7. **KERNEY**: Tom Peart, 2262 Bostock Cres., Mississauga, Ont., L5J 3T1 Needs info. on John James Kerney & w. Susan Baxter.
- **8. McLEOD**, **BELL**: Jessie Paterson, 874 Pinewood Cr., Ottawa, Ont., K2B 5T4 Seeks desc. of Alexander McLeod, b. Harris, settled Collingwood Twp. with pts. Murdock & Sarah, d. 1943 age 80 yrs.

Also info. on Murdock & Euphemia Bell, settled Osprey Twp. prior to 1861, natives of Tyree, Scot.

DIAMOND, COOK, WHITMORE: Janis C. Ulstein, Box 1185 Bellevue, WA 98009
 Seeks info. on William Diamond, bros./ James who with w. Abigail settled Glenelg Twp. & had
 William, Margaret, Eliza (m. Smith Cook of Glenelg), Mary Jane (m. Samuel Whitmore of
 Egremont), & d. ca 1880.

Has Bible record stating a William Diamon d. 26 June 1864 & an Orangeman's certificate for application for a William Diamond 1867.

- **10. THORNHILL, BARKER, SMITH, McKIBBIN**: Mrs. Edith M. Wertz, 1455 Missouri St., San Diego, CA 92109
  - Seeks info. on Edward Thornhill, b. ca. 1820 England, s/John Thornhill; d. 1906 Toronto, Ont./m. 1843 at Rotherham, Yorkshire, Eng. Martha Barker b. ca 1819 Eng. day/Charles Barker; their fam. Edward (b. 1849 Sheffied, Eng., m. Albina Smith 1871 in Elora, Ont.), Alice, Charles, Mary Ellen, William, Margaret, Isabelle, Fanny, Susan Martha all b. Kincardine between 1851 to 1864. Margaret Isabelle m. Herbert Earl McKibbin. All correspondence answered and postage reimbursed.
- **11. McCORQUADALE / McCORKINDALE**: Bruce A. McCorquadale, 1741 Hastings St., Moose Jaw, Sask., S6K 1A5
  - Needs info. on fam. with named spelled McCorkindale on lots 29, 30, con. 9, Greenock Twp. 1867. Members of fam. moved to Manitoba ca 1880.
- A. Only reference to the above is to those with name spelled McCorkindale. Found 2 fam. lines, one to Owen Sound & one Guelph to Collingwood 1900.
- **12. BROOKS, GUNNING**: Daisy V. Watts, 11668-85A Ave., Delta, B.C. V4C 2C6 Edwin Brooks b. 1821 Somerset, Eng.; m. Ann Gunning (b. 1818 Somerset) 1843 in Eng.; had hotel London Twp. during late 1800's. Need name of hotel. Ann d. 1893, need record. Would appreciate any info. on this fam (There are fam. connections in the Lion's Head area)
- A. This might help Edwin Brooks, St. John's, London Twp., settled there 1875, native of England, address Arva, Hotel Proprietor. (1878 Atlas Middlesex Co., H.R. Page & Co.)
- 13. RICHMOND: Mary I Knaup, 215 Teft Rd., Spring Arbor, MI 49283 Duncan Richmond b. ca. 1806 Scot. & w. Sarah lived Con. 3, Range (sic) 71 Osprey Twp., 1851, Fam. – Mary, Elizabeth, Duncan, Archibald, Alexander (b. Ont. to N.Y., U.S.A. ca 1868, w. Phoebe Louisa Stoddart), Janet & Sarah.
- A. 71 is lot number not range. In 1865 Duncan Richmond Jr. is listed in con. 3, lot 55, Osprey Twp.
- 14. GIBSON, OSLER: T.J. Gibson, Box 172, R.R. #1, Manotick, Ont., K0A 2N0 Seeks info. on Thomas John Gibson, b. ca 1811 Eng. & w. Elizabeth Osler, lived con. 1, lot 16 Derby Twp., both d. 1861-81. Fam. – Ann, Robert, Jane. (Recheck lot #. Should it be 14?)
- **15. SEAMAN, GUTHRIE, KYLE**: Mrs. Sylvia M. Tewsley, 45 Lincoln Green Dr., Markham, Ont., L3P 1R6

Seeks obits for David Seaman d. pre 1881 & Mary Ann Guthrie, widow of Ebenezer Kyle, w. of John Guthrie & alive in 1861.

- **16. WILSON, MUTCH**: Jas. R. Mutch, 6824 Legare Dr. S. W., Calgary, Alta. T3E 6H4 Believe Ann Mutch m. James Wilson, Holstein, Egremont Twp.
- A. Their story is on p. 374 in History of Egremont, Adv. P. 42
- 17. CARSON, HENDERSON: Wayne Pawlak, Box 61, Empress, Alta., T0J 1E0
  Needs info. & would like to contact desc. of Robert James Carson & w. Margaret Henderson from Flesherton area with ca 14 children John, Ann, Frances (m. John Stinson), Margaret Jane (Jennie m. Andrew Brown, lived Sask.), Samuel, Ida, Lovina, Mary, Maud (m. Andrew Dean, lived Sault Ste. Marie), Edith (1887-1923, m. Robt. Wilson, Brimley, MI), Isabella (m. Geo. Miles, lived Hanover), Ethel (m. Armon Cairns, Forest, Ont.), others.
- A. From Obit. Collection Robert Carson s/o Robt. & Margaret Henderson Carson, barber by trade, retired to Markdale, a bachelor, d. Oct. 1968, age 75.

18. CREASER / CRESOR, RICHARDSON, McCAULEY, PERDUE, BLANEY, PALMER, REDMAN, KEFFER, COX: Mrs. Joan Kardash, 1333 1st St. E., Prince Albert, Sask., S6V 0E4 Would appreciate info on the following fam.'s & will gladly share. Carlton Creaser b. 1822 Rillington, Eng. d. 1896 Vaughan Twp.; w. Maria Richardson dau./William & Hannah (Allison) Richardson, b. 1826 Hilderthorpe, Eng. d. 1915, Maple, Ont. Need m. date & place. Had 15 children – Mary Ann (1852-1916, m. McCauley), Mark (1854-1929), Phillip, Hannah (1858-1947 m. George Perdue), Sarah (1858-1947, dau. Essie Lavena m. Frederick Cox), Carleton, George (1862-1923, m. Elizabeth Wood), William, Maria Esther (m. Andrew Blaney), Elizabeth Jane (m. Albert Wood, bros/Elizabeth above & ch. of Emanuel & Mary Ann (Allen) Wood), Thomas Allison, Emma Susan (m. William Palmer), Martha (m. Joseph Redman), her twin Robert E., Amelia Pauline (m. Wilbur Keffer).

Has reason to believe a number of the Creaser Fam. lived in area around Markdale.

Addresses associated with some of the fam. include: Euphrasia Twp., Derby Twp., Markdale.

- A. Obit. for Mark d. 1929 is in the collection. Birthplace is listed as Euphrasia Twp. Survived by 1 dau. Mrs. James McColman, Owen Sound & 10 bros. & sis.
- 19. CASTLE: Heather Falconer, 526 Rockhill Cres., Beaconsfield, P.Q. H9W 3G3 Would like to find birth certificate for Sarah Castle b. Feb. 1861, Dornoch, Sullivan Twp. Had at least 1 sis. Mary & bros. Jim & Geo. As a young woman moved to Manitoba m. John Pritchard. Probably Methodist.
- A. Dornoch, first named Latona. It is in Bentinck Twp. not Sullivan. Castle obit's also indicate Holland Twp.
- **20. BROWN, LAPP, CROUTER, NEWMAN**: Edward R. Dinniwell, 7 Esquire Place, Hamilton, Ont., L9C 2R2
  - Nov. 1902, Mrs. Percy Brown of Owen Sound, attended a W.C.T.U. Convention at Bowmanville, Ont. Who were her parents? Did she have any children? Her 2 uncles were Calvin Lapp & Rev. D. Crouter. 2 cousins were Mrs. Newman Castleton and Charles Albert Lapp, editor of the Brighton Ensign.
- **21. ROGERS, MANSON, GRIFFITH, MYERS:** Mrs. Donald Powell, 1145-152 Ave., Edmonton, Alta., T5X 1T1
  - A ROGERS FAMILY HISTORY is being compiled. Seeks desc. of Thomas Rogers d. 1909 & w. Mary Jane of Cedarville & Mount Forest. He was farmer, postmaster & miller. 3 daus m. Robert Manson, John Griffith & Chas. Myers.
- A. Cedarville is in Proton Twp.
- **22. GILLIES, MATTHEWS**: M. J. Woodcock, Box 4272, Stn "C", Calgary, Alta. T2T 5N1 Donald Gillies & Christena Matthews were married in Owen Sound on 2 July 1877 according to a newspaper account of their 50<sup>th</sup> Ann. held at the home of her dau. in Minto Municipality, Man. The Registrar General for Ont. has no record of this marriage.
- A. Are you asking the correct question when writing the Registrar General? The couple could have been married at Owen Sound but the name Gillies is associated with Sydenham Twp., Proton Twp., Kinloss etc. Matthews is found in the same or adjoining townships. The Township or Grey County might help. Kinloss is in Bruce.

What was Donald Gillies religion? In 1881 census for Owen Sound, a Donald Gillies, age 28 is a Roman Catholic. If he had been m. in Owen Sound the m. would be recorded at St. Marys Church, Owen Sound.

- **23. FREEMAN, SHANNON**: Roy Freeman, Box 223, Foxwarren, Man. R0J 0R0 Thomas Freeman b. 1817, where? m. Sarah Shannon (b?) 1844; at Mitchell 1844-1870, to Wiarton then to Killarney, Man. 1891., with sons William, James & Thomas. Dau. Sarah m. Sam Slack, Wiarton, Dau. Ellinor m. ? Did Freemans & Shannons come from Ireland?
- A. Slack Fam. still in area.
- **24. BROWN, McLEOD, PINKNEY, DEARING, McGEE, WILSON**: E.G. Brown, Box 171, Norwood, Ont. K0L 2V0

Is seeking desc. of James Brown & Bella McLeod. Reported to have lived Meaford &/or Hanover before moving to Manitoulin Island. Had 12 children. James Brown was frozen to death 24 Dec. 1883 walking from Kagawong to Ice Lake. Family as recorded in Bible () added info.

Neil 26 Mar. 1860 (went West), Jessie 14 Oct. 1861, Hugh 14 Nov. 1863 (DATES OMITTED FROM Hugh - ), Annie (m. Abe Pinkney), Belle, Archie, Sandy (m. Minnie Dearing), Tena (went West), Jim (m. Maggie McGee), Mary (m. Tom Wilson), Kate, Nellie (went West).

- A. We all groan when we have a name such as Brown to research. However your Sandy (Alexander) m. Elizabeth Dearing 14 Feb. 1900 lived near Ice Lake, had 1 son William. Contact Mrs. Geraldine Bould, Kilsythe, R.R. #3, Owen Sound, Ont., N4K 5N5 for information on the Dearing connection.
- 25. ADAMS, PRICE, McCLEAN, HEIGHES, CAMPBELL: M.E. Heighes, 16A Stonehill Court, Kanata, Ont., K2M 1E5 Seeks info. on Alexander Adams & w. Sarah Price from Fermanag, Ire.? Fam. – Margaret 1842-1928 (m. Martin McClean – 8 ch.), Jane 1846-1923 (m. George Heighes – 9 ch.), James 1851-1914 (m. Mary Campbell – 11 ch.), Susan 1853?, Oliver 1855?, Eliza 1859? Sarah 1860? John 1861?
- A. Names mentioned above sound like the ones found in Holland Twp., Grey Co. Found obit. for John Heighes 1960 s/o George & Jean Adams Heighes; active in municipal affairs; former Reeve of Holland Twp.
- **26. BLUE, MUNN**: Florence Long. Box 164, Penhold. Alta., T0M 1R0 Hugh Blue & Sarah Munn came from Colonsay ca 1860 to Paisley. Is most interested in learning of the history of the immigration from Colonsay and would like to contact anyone who has done this research.
- 27. BRACKENRIDGE / BRECKENRIDGE / BRECHENRIDGE, REID, GLOVER, TURNER, APPLEGATE, CAMPBELL, VAN WYCK, McGUINESS William Goodwin, 3 Maplewood Rd., Sherwood Park, Alta., T8A 0J9
  Seeks info. on Hugh Reid & w. Jane Breckenridge, b. ca 1824, Scot., dau./ Walter Breckenridge & Jane Glover. Associated names Turner & Applegate. Also on fam. of George Adam Campbell & w. Sarah Van Wyck, Sydenham Twp. Nancy, Eliza, Peter, Gilbert, Geo., Mary,

Lula. Associated names – McGuiness, Reid, Breckenridge.