

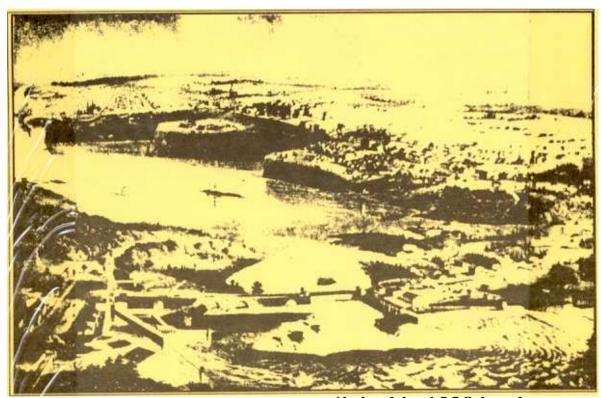
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## **Pioneer Connection**



Wrightville and Bytown were linked in 1828 by the Union Suspension Bridge. The villages prospered and became the City of Hull and the City of Ottawa.



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#### **President's Corner**

I would like to begin this note with a sincere thanks to those officers and directors who have retired from the board, **Bob Campbell**, **Ken Collins** and **Fern Small**. I would also like to say a special thanks to our outgoing President, **Brian O'Regan**. Thanks are also due to **Gerry Neville** who had to leave the board earlier in the year for health reasons. All of them have made great contributions to the formation and growth of the Society. I look forward to being able to call on

them for advice and counsel during my term in office. Brian retains a close association with us in his role as past President.

I would like to welcome the new officers and directors that were elected at the Annual General Meeting on September 14: John Townesend, Vice-president, publishing, Ralph Davis, Vice-president, membership, Bernice Severson, Director of Communications, and Jim Shearon, Director



of Research and Projects. I am looking forward to working with them and with the continuing officers. Our goal will be to provide you with the best possible support that we can in your family history endeavours.

I am sure we are all looking forward to an active and productive year of family history. The annual conference was a marvelous starting point for it. Please feel free to call upon me or any of the other officers and direc-

tors that you think may be able to help you. We will be looking for additional Associate Directors to replace those whose positions have become vacant. Being an Associate Director is a great way to make a contribution to the Society and to your own favourite hobby. Please consider volunteering for one of the many tasks that need to be done.

## Canada in 1814-1815

Among papers relating to the **Holmes** family of Coleraine, County. Londonderry, 1782-1876, in Northern Ireland's Public Record Office, is a journal kept probably by an army surgeon named **Samuel Holmes** in 1814 and 1815. It runs to over 200 pages, is detailed, well-informed and self-consciously literary.

He begins by describing the voyage from Cork to Quebec and from the point where he lands in Canada he becomes absorbed with questions of Canadian history, politics, society, emigration, farming, etc.

#### In Quebec

Quebec itself is subjected to a shrewd analysis: The merchants of Quebec are British and American from the United States; the French, from their supineness will soon be elbowed into the suburbs, and there undergo the silent evanescent fate of the aborigine.

From Quebec he travels, apparently on foot and with a few companions, through Portneuf, across the St. Maurice River to Three Rivers, and along the north side of Lake St. Peter to Montreal. At this stage in his travels his journal abounds with comments such as: the agricultural emigrant should not think of settling lower than Lake St. Peter'; a Canadian likes his religion, and dislikes the Bostonnes; he likes smoking tobacco and drinking rum, and dislikes spending his money extravagantly. These appear to be his chief partialities and repugnancies; the Canadian seigneur receives little rent from the cultivator of the soil; his principal emolument is the fine paid on the alienation of property.

#### To Glengarry & Stormont

From Montreal Holmes moves on through Glengarry and Stormont and even the smallest communities are described by him with a fastidious attention to detail. One general comment he makes at this point is: Townships, in this province, rate generally at nine miles in breadth by twelve in length, extending back from the river and lakes; and, on the St. Lawrence, the country is settled to the extent of three and, in some parts, four townships in depth, or about forty miles back into the country.

He reports a conversation with an emigrant from County Antrim whom he meets working as a

teamster carrying the army baggage. This causes him to muse on the effect of emigration upon Canada: From the number of Irish and Scotch who have found their way into Canada by a detour through the States, for few or none have come direct, and from the satisfaction they express with their situation and prospects, one might be led to consider this country as the natural receptacle for our superabundant population. But the northern Irish only, chiefly from the counties of Down, Antrim, Londonderry, Tyrone and Donegal, have as yet, settled in the province. And it is one that however just and well-founded the modern principles of population may be, will be long exempt from their operation, as some centuries must elapse before the people will be numerous enough to press, in any considerable degree, on the means of subsistence.

#### **Kingston to Toronto**

He passes through Kingston and then, via Prince Edward County, through Toronto, and both places are described with his customary liveliness. In Toronto in particular he is concerned with the structure of the government of Upper Canada.

But Holmes returns again to his interest in the conditions of existence of the typical emigrant family: When a settler arrives and buys a farm, the first thing he does is to build a hut, which seldom consists of more than a single apartment, and a lumber garret. Next, he clears the field, and erects a barn. Every summer sees an addition made to his land under cultivation. But he struggles, for the first few years, with many difficulties—want of hands, want of cattle, want of money, with the badness of the road to his eyelet hole in the forest, and, in all probability, with repeated attacks of the ague. On some of the best lands, the recent settlers look like ghosts from this disease.

Still, in time, with patience, he surmounts them all. His children are grown up, and his sons are assisting him on the farm; and now a more capacious barn must be built for his augmented produce. His hut, though enlarged, won't lodge his family with any convenience; and besides, his neighbour Such-a-one, who has not more acres than himself, built a frame-house a year or two ago. neighbour Such-a-one, who has not more acres than himself, built a frame-house a year or two ago

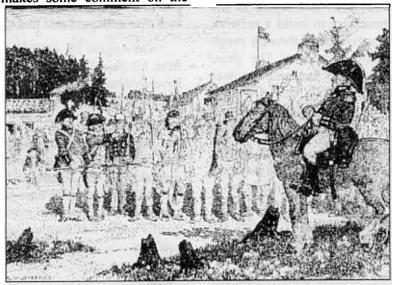
#### **Growth & Progress**

His new dwelling is two stories high, with a portico or veranda in front, and is painted either red or vellow or white. It contains of five or six apartments, beside the kitchen; but if he has no daughters one or two only will be inhabited; the rest are filled with flour, peas, wool, flax and apples-or they lie waste. If he has daughters, the bed must be removed from the parlour and a carpet must be bought and a tea equipage and decanters of cut glass, and a large mirror, and the walls must be painted;—till at last, the interior corresponds with the gay exterior of the house. But in this province, a stone house is the residence of highest dignity; and Mr. So-and-so, of the stone house, is generally Mr.—, the judge, the member, the Sheriff, or the Colonel.

#### Niagara District

Holmes also makes some comment on the Irish Presbyterians being prone to conversion to republicanism. Eventually, after delays and vicissitudes caused mainly by the state of the roads, Holmes and his companions rive at Niagara. Inevitably he goes to see the Falls and he describes them with a romantic en-

thusiasm.



All able-bodied men were in the Militia and mustered each June 4th on the birthday of King George III.

But the purpose of his journey is to join his regiment engaged against the Americans in the Niagara campaign. In fact he arrives just in time to join Gen. Drummond's withdrawal from Fort Erie upon Chippewa [Chippawa since 1844].

Holmes then embarks at Fort Niagara for the Forty Mile Creek, returning to Niagara towards the end of November 1814. He spends the winter in the area and describes in particular detail a visit to an Indian encampment at Burlington Bay in the spring of 1815.

The conclusion of peace with the Americans leads him to reflect at length upon the horrors of war and in particular upon the Peninsular War in Spain in which he had evidently served, because he describes several incidents there involving 'he Spanish peasantry and French atrocities which were probably within his own experience.

#### **Effect of Peace**

He comments somewhat wryly on the immediate effect of peace in the Niagara area, no sooner was the treaty of peace signed, than Jonathan put on his best locks, and crossed the Niagara to sell his oxen and grain in Canada, where the stock was much exhausted. A crowd, too, of pedlars and

> hawkers came over with tinwares, cotton goods, French silks. wooden clocks, and other articles manufactured in the State of New York, which they soon disposed of among their old customers. Thev were received as old friends, and many an enquiry was made about kindred and acauaintance on the other side of the water.

Holmes embarks in May 1815 at Newark, [now Niagara Falls], travelling mainly by boat to Quebec. From there he sails in June, arriving without mishap at the great Vanity fair of Portsmouth. At this point the journal ends.

Deputy Keeper's Report, 1960-65, PRO. Govt. of N. Irl., Belfast, 1968

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Research Help in NWT: Dr. Nancy Fraser offers research assistance to other BIFHSGO members who need it in the Northwest Territories. We appreciate her generous offer to share her time

for other ancestral researchers. Let your editor know please if you would like to make a similar offer. Contact: Dr Nancy Fraser, 2 Otto Drive, Yellowknife, NWT.

### The Rideau Canal 1826-1832

by Margaret Moffatt

Following the 1812-14 War the British Government was anxious to provide an alternate route for transport of military stores and troops from Montreal to Lake Ontario in case of another war with the United States. Colonel John By (1799-1836) was sent out as Superintending Engineer of the Corps of Royal Engineers from Great Britain to construct this alternate route. He arrived with his family in the area in September 1826.

Two companies of Royal Sappers and Miners were raised in Great Britain consisting of 81 men each; the 15th company arrived on site June 18, 1827 and the 7th company September 17, 1827. They camped under canvas on Nepean Point until barracks were erected on Barracks Hill.

Because of turbulent falls and rapids in the Rideau River, it was necessary to build a network of locks and dams in certain parts through rough bush, swamps and rocky wilderness. The giant stairway (eight steps of locks) at Entrance Bay was built through high limestone cliffs at the Ottawa River to raise the water 81 feet - a magnificent feat of engineering.

Estimated manpower was about 4000, half of whom died from accidents and disease (malaria). Wages for skilled workmen - working 16 hours a day, six days a week, were seven shillings (7s) per day for the very best stone masons; 6s per day for blacksmiths; 5s per day for carpenters; and 2s 6d per day for labourers.

When the surviving workers were discharged June 30, 1831, after the canal was completed, many of them received 100 acres of land along the route of the canal.

At the Entrance Locks at the Ottawa River, my ancestor George Bayne was the time-keeper because he happened to have a watch. His brother-in-law, John Robertson, was foreman of construction of the eight entrance locks, working under contractor of the north end of the canal, Thomas McKay, also from Perth, who had been in Canada since 1817 building the Lachine Canal. He happened to meet George Bayne and John Robertson when they were disembarking at Montreal and persuaded them to help with the building of the Rideau Canal.

Under four main contractors, work started at either end of the 123-mile continuous navigable channel, 18 of which are short canals and 105 are natural river navigation - 47 locks with a lift by iron hand winches of 439 feet (33 locks with a lift of 277 feet ascend to the Upper Rideau Lake and 14 locks with a drop of 162 feet, descend from there to Kingston), and 24 dams. The final cost was £800,000 sterling or double the estimate.

The Earl of Dalhousie, the Governor-in-Chief of British North America, selected and purchased the site of the canal entrance. The first step was the eight-span Union Bridge across the Ottawa River at the Chaudière Falls, uniting Upper and Lower Canada, which was finished in March 1828, but the centre span collapsed because of ice and was replaced by the Suspension Bridge. At Hog's Back the lock also collapsed and had to be rebuilt.

On August 16, 1827 **John Franklin**, returning from his expedition to the mouth of the Mackenzie River, visited in the area and laid the first stone in the invert of the third lock from the Ottawa River.

On September 29, 1827 the Earl of Dalhousie laid the cornerstone, a block weighing nearly two tons, several feet under the level of the river on the east side of the Canal. The ceremony was performed inside a coffer-dam (a temporary dam which kept the river out of the work). The depth of water in sills is five feet with navigable depth of four and a half feet.



Looking north to the Rideau Canal entrance locks and the Ottawa River. The commissariat building, at left, is today the Bytown Museum.

The Rideau Canal system was considered the greatest feat of the century - with no machinery, few

horses and oxen, using mostly men's muscles. Fortunately the Canal was never used for the purpose for which it was built, but was used to transport supplies to early settlers along the river and lumber on huge barges from the Rideau and Jock rivers. Since the 1850s the canal has been used by steamboats and other pleasure boats.

Colonel By, the founder of Ottawa, has left to Ottawa and to Canada, a fine legacy of wide streets,

a beautiful canal system, bordered with driveways, parks and gardens, and an eight- kilometre skating rink between Carleton University at Hartwell's Locks to the Entrance Locks, and fine stone houses and buildings built by stone masons who, after building the canal, settled in Bytown.

Abstracted with permission from *The Baynes of By-town and Related Families*, an excellent family history by Margaret Moffatt of Kinburn, ON.

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#### **Internet Interest**

#### Eastman's Newsletter

http://www.rootscomputing.com

Dick Eastman, manager of the Genealogy Forum on CompuServe and WOW, is on this new Web site. It has his Online Genealogy Newsletter, a weekly summary of events and topics; genealogy services available on CompuServe; a few how to files; and promote his book YOUR ROOTS: Total Genealogy Planning On Your Computer.

#### Journal of Online Genealogy (JOG)

http://www.tbox.com/jog/jog.html.

This new monthly online journal began last July. JOG intends to aid the genealogy community in promoting and developing online projects, technologies, and methods of research. It will carry articles covering such topics as: Advanced Projects, Beginner Avenues, Commercial Sites, GENTECH Column, International Efforts, Newsgroups and Mailing Lists, Society News, and Software Trends.

#### GED\*Mate v1.0

http://www.iol

This new Windows software program is for printing charts and reports directly from GEDCOM files. It follows in the footsteps of the PAF\*Mate program, and is designed to compliment your favourite genealogy database program.

The program includes: Ancestor Chart (pedigree); Descendant Chart; Register Report (book format) with index; Family Group Record; and, Fan Chart (half and full circle).

GED\*Mate offers options for customizing reports and charts to suit a particular style and need. It prints on any size paper (even A4) on any Windows compatible printer, including dot matrix, ink

jet and laser! (Note: Fan Chart requires printer compatible with HP- GL.); and also provides fast find and search functions.

This first release includes a total solution for producing large scale wall charts using the exclusive Wall Chart Creator. By directing output to a Wall Chart File, large charts (up to three feet by nine feet) can be printed on a high quality plotter by Progeny Wall Charts, a new division of Progeny Software Inc.

#### Genealogy Site of Interest

Rand Genealogy Club

http://www.rand.org/personal/Genea/

This is an excellent web site to visit, but be prepared to spend time on it. Actually, it could take you many, many hours and likely more time than you can spare at one session. As you will discover, it is chockfull of links and information.

For example, its first section is Featured Resources. It has three options. Roots Location List, the first one, is a searchable index of locations and the people who are searching them. Roots Surname List follows and allows you to search thousands of surnames and find the people searching them. The last option is SoundexConverter to enable you to type in any surname and get its Soundex code.

Under its *Reference Information Section* you will find Tips for Tracing Family History; Libraries and Societies; U.S. Reference Information; and Finding People, which links you to Phone Books, an Internet Directory, and Reunions.

There are six more Sections that lead you to a multitude of links on family history.

## Memoirs by Daniel O'Connor

Daniel O'Connor, a pioneer of Bytown, was born in Clonmel, County Tipperary, about 1796, and died 8 May 1858 in Ottawa. His memoirs were published by his son Daniel some time after 1905. A copy of the rare manuscript is held in the Historical Society of Ottawa library in the Bytown Museum.

Daniel and his wife sailed on the rivers from Kingston to Bytown on a raft. She was pregnant. Abstracts of his memoirs, and editor's notes within square brackets, follow below.

On our first arrival at Bytown in May 1827, we put up for the night at a little stopping place kept by Nicholas

Sparks [a stone house built by Sparks extending from Wellington to Sparks streets and close to or at Bay street].

I had an interview with Colonel By who pressed me very hard to stay. He at once allotted to me building Lot No. 31 on the North side of Wellington Street, then all bush and stumps [the lease records it as Lot 30, 66 x 198 feet, a 30-year lease at an annual rent of £1.0.0. The Confederation Building now occupies that space].

I soon gained the goodwill and esteem of the townspeople generally, and was one of the first Justices of the Peace and Judge of the Court of Requests appointed by the Government. I took a leading part in all matters affecting the interests of the community. When **Mr. Sparks** divided his farm into lots he named one of the principal streets "O'Connor street" after me.

Our first born died soon after arrival. In 1827, a daughter Mary Ann was born, being the first child born in Bytown. Subsequently, we had the following chidren: Charles; John; Daniel; Margaret; Roderick Edward; and Catharine.

Mary Ann [d Feb 1905] married Henry James Friel, a journalist and politician [he published *The Packet* and was Mayor 1858, 1868, 1869].

Charles looks after my business affairs and assists me in discharging the duties of my office as



Daniel O'Connor From an 1847 oil painting

Treasurer of the County of Carleton which position I have held since 1842.

John has entered the church. Daniel entered the legal profession. Margaret died at age 21, unmarried. Roderick Edward entered journalism in partnership with Henry James Friel. Catharine is unmarried.

[The first County of Russell election for the Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada was held at New Edinbugh in October 1834. Candidates were Thomas

McKay of New Edinburgh and Daniel O'Connor of Bytown. After a six-day contest, McKay was elected by a majority of seven votes.

A copy of the Poll Book, containing 155 electors names, townships, lots, concessions, and votes, in Mr. O'Connor's handwriting, was found among his papers. The townships were Cambridge, Clarence, Cumberland, Gloucester, Osgoode, and Russell. The Returning Officer was Simon Frazer of Bytown. The HSO Library has a printed copy of the Poll Book. McKay was a Rideau Canal contractor and Bytown builder.]

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#### **Family History Course**

Another course will be held in cooperation with the Ottawa Branch OGS and the LDS Family History Centre. It will take place for three hours on five Saturday mornings later this month and next. **Jack Moody**, our education vice-president, is the course director. All lectures will be given by member **Norman Crowder**. There will be liberal handouts and tours of major local research centres. All spaces on the course are filled. To get your name on the waiting list for the next course, contact **Jack Moody** at 613 731-6369.

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Erratum: The Summer Issue front cover - 1700 should read 1790

## **Researching Early Hull Settlers**



For the past year and a half, have been researching my paternal family, the **Dunlops**. When I began, I had only a brief outline of the Dunlop family, beginning with my great-grandfather **J. Robert Dunlap**, who was married to **Mary Jane Fenning** and farmed in Greely, Ontario. I also had the names

Diane Proc

of his brothers and sisters (one an identical twin) and their spouses.

I had always assumed that he had come here from Ireland during the Great Famine. I was very wrong. I was very perturbed when I could not find him in the 1871 census of Ontario. I thought an enumerator must have forgotten him or completely misspelled his name. I was shocked to learn, in the 1881 census, that he was not born in Ireland but in Quebec. Now I was hooked. If he was born in Quebec, I could perhaps locate his parents. Also, what had encouraged him to come to Ontario?

When I reported my findings to my Dad, he remembered that he had cousins in Farm Point, Quebec. But he didn't know how they were related. Well, it was a starting point. Eventually, I found Robert and his twin, John, in the 1871 census for Hull, with their widowed father, William who was 78, retired and living with his son William, 28 and daughter-in-law, Catherine. The elder William had been born in Ireland. I was dismayed to find that all these adults were illiterate.... so much for my hope of finding an old family bible with all the important family dates recorded in it.

Thus began my monumental, sometimes frustrating, but ever hopeful quest to discover the details of the fabric of the life of my Irish Catholic ancestors. I was to discover that there is a paucity of sources that one can use to trace the origins of the early settlers of Hull.

Anson A. Gard's book, Pioneers of the Upper Ottawa and Humours of the Valle y revealed that my great-great-great-great-grandfather, Gabriel and his wife Catherine Hoban came to Canada with five of their children: William who married Bridget Daly, Gabriel who married Margaret Daly, Sarah who married John Brooks, Catherine who married

Elisha Sheffield Jr. and Elizabeth who married Thomas Berry.

Apparently some children stayed behind in Ireland. Anson A. Gard's book was especially meaningful in that it gave maiden names of female spouses. The names do not appear in the censuses.

Land records for the early years in Quebec are also scarce. These were destroyed in the Great Fire of 1900. Luckily for me, however, records of Crown Land grants survived. From the Lower Canada Land Papers (NAC: RG1L3L), I learned that William and his brother, Gabriel were given crown land in the area of Old Chelsea, where Ski Fortune is now located.

The sisters also settled in this region with their husbands. But there are gaps in my data. What happened to their parents? Where did they go?

Catholic parish records are scarce for the early 1800s in the region of Hull/Chelsea. The closest Catholic churches before 1840 were: Notre Dame, Bytown; St. Michael's, Corkery; St.Jean Baptiste, L'Orignal; St. Philip, Richmond; and, St. Luke's, Curran.

Consequently, the early Catholic settlers depended on missionaries, who did not always keep good records. Therefore, I am still missing some marriage records and, most importantly, the records of the deaths of **Gabriel** and **Catherine**.

To offset the lack of usual sources of information, I began to look for alternative sources. I discovered Pat Evans' book: The Wrights (a genealogical study of the first settlers in Canada's National Capital Region).<sup>2</sup> Mr. Evans traces the roots of Philemon Wright's family back for hundreds of years. But what is useful for genealogists who are not tracing the Wright's is the data that Mr. Evans gives concerning related families. The Wrights married into many other families and much detail is given concerning these as well. It was in this book that I learned that one of the Dunlop sisters, Catherine, had married Elisha Sheffield, Jr., the great-grandson of Philemon Wright's brother, Thomas.

I decided to examine **Philemon Wright**'s papers. Being the founder of Hull as well as an astute entrepreneur, it seemed possible that one of the

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**Dunlops** may have been employed by him. Perhaps there would be other data relating to my family as well. I was particularly anxious to learn the year and county of their emigration.

Thankfully, the volumes (literally) of **Philemon Wright**'s papers have been indexed in MG24 D8, Finding Aid 542, in the National Archives of Canada. Some of the documents have been microfilmed, but the more obscure examples have not. It was in one of these lesser-known files that I found the statistical table that I have reprinted here[see separate page].

The table was probably overlooked because it was not dated, but it is fairly easy to guess that it was drawn up around 1820, since that is the latest year referred to in the table. Because of space limitations, I have left out details concerning the number of acres devoted to specific crops but these only relate to the farmers. Most of the settlers did not own land yet.

This discovery was one of those "Yahoo!" moments in my genealogical research. It reveals the arrival date of these early settlers, their occupation, and family details. It was a bittersweet moment for me though, because my ancestor's first name is omitted. Therefore, I cannot be 100% sure that this is Gabriel Sr. The search goes on.

#### **PERSI For Ancestral Research**

PERSI (<u>PER</u>iodical <u>Source Index</u>) is the largest index of its kind in the world. Articles from the broadest spectrum of genealogy and local history periodicals, including *Anglo-Celtic Roots*, are indexed by PERSI. It cites millions of articles dealing with cemetery inscriptions, military records, church records, census records, land records, and so on, as well as family research articles.

Its first 16 Retrospective volumes, covering the period 1847-1995, are available now in four volume installments at \$300 each or all volumes on microfiche at \$200.

Ancestry hunters should be using PERSI in their searches for source material. It is an excellent finding aid for material on your ancestors. Most major libraries have it on their shelves.

#### **British Isles Journals**

Some members have contributed British Isles family history society journals to us.. These periodicals and the ones we get by exchange are very popular and are read by many members at monthly meetings.

Your Society would like to receive more donations of volumes of journals from more of you. These would be put on *Discovery Tables* at monthly meetings.

Associate Director Louise Anderson has volunteered to catalog our publications and to perform other related librarian tasks. Your donations for sharing with other re searchers will help keep her busy. Thanks to Louise and to donors.

Plans are underway for the construction of a cabinet to hold donated, exchanged and our own periodicals, and to make them available to researchers during the operating hours of the Family History Centre.

#### Genealogical Research Directory

This excellent annual reference for family history researchers in its 16th year of publication is the biggest ever. The 1996 edition has 1,248 pages and about 150,000 research queries. British queries are the largest segment. It also has details on more than 500 genealogical societies worldwide. The feature article is: *The Public Record Office - Britain's Genealogical Paradise*. Other sections include One-Name Studies; Subjects; Events; and Maps. Copies are available at \$34.17 p&h and GST included, from Mrs. Jeannette Tyson, 94 Binswood Ave., Toronto ON M4C 3N9.

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#### **BIG R Deadline**

The Summer Issue of Anglo-Celtic Roots had a form inserted for the British Isles Genealogical Register 1997. It gave Members an opportunity to list 16 surnames of research interest for \$2. If you have not yet filled yours in and mailed it, time is running out. The Federation of Family History Socieites asked us to remind you to not wait until the last minute. The deadline. is 1 Nov 1996.

Gard, Anson A., Pioneers of the Upper Ottawa and Humours of the Valley available in National Archives or Reference section, Ottawa Public Library.

Evans, Patrick M.O., The Wrights (a genealogical study of the first settlers in Canada's National Capital Region, available at the NAC.

## A Statistical List for the Township of Hull, Lower Canada, from its first settlement in 1800 to 1820

	Men	Women	unm sons	unm daus	sons -20	dau -20	sons	dau -10	births	deaths	date settled	Profesions (sic)
2	Mr. J.F.Taylor	Mrs. Taylor	2	3	1	1	1	2	6		1808	Farmer
3	F. Pink	Mrs. Pink									1816	Carpenter
4	O French	Mrs. French							2		1816	Smith
5	[?] Porter	Mrs. Porter									1818	De[ditto]
6	Daurtherty	Mrs. Daurherty	2 2	1			2	1	1		1820	Saddler
7	[?] Hardman	Mrs. Hardman	2				2 3		2		<b>18</b> 17	Cardwainer[?]
8	H. De [ditto?]	Mrs. De[ditto?]	3	2			3	2			1820	
9	R. Hurdmen	Mrs. Hurdmen							1		1817	lumber mer- chant
10	Mr. Cane	Mrs. Cane	3	2	1		3	2	1		1820	merchant taylor
	T. Bricham	Mrs. Brickham	2				2		2		1808	merchant
12	Mr. Moun	Mrs. Moun									1820	taylor (sic)
13	H Easterbrooks	Mrs. Easterbrooks	2				2	1	2		1816	carpenter
14	Dunlap	Mrs. Dunlap	2	2			2	2			1819	sadler
15	•	Mrs. Chamberlain									1804	
16		Mrs. Wright									1800	
17		Mrs. Eddy									180*	
18		Mrs. Marsh	1								180*	
19	T.Buck		1								1817	carpentewr
20	Jno (John)	wife									1816	wheelwright
	Snow											
21	C. Radmoore	De_									1816	earpenter
22	W McConnel	Mrs. McConnel	1	4	1	4					1803	farmer
23	James McConel	Mrs. McConel	6	1	6				7		1803	Dto
24	William Gepson	Mrs. Gepson	3	1	3		1		7		1803	Dto
25	John Ganford	Mrs. Ganford	2	3	1	3	1				1819	Blacksmith
26	<b>Geo Routly</b>										1No1819	[farmer]
27	Ben Symons	wife									De[ditto]	[farmer]

Source: National Archives of Canada MG 24 Volume 124 Wright Papers 66318=66331

## **Emigrant's 1836 Letter to Scotland**

The letter that follows was written by **Robert** Squair, from Whitby, U. C., to a brother-in-law of his, **John Grant**, living in Forres, Morayshire, Scotland. His nephew, the late Prof J. Squair, 'I corrected grammar and spelling, and your editor divided the text into paragraphs for ease of reading:

Whitby, 29th August, 1836.

#### Dear Friend:

I take the opportunity of writing to inform you that we are both well at present and hope that this will find you in the same state. We have enjoyed good health since we left home. Thanks to the Lord for it. I think you have settled in your minds before this time that you are coming to America, and if you come bring all your tools with you because they are all very dear here and not so good as at home.

I may mention to you what things to take for the voyage — 1 boll<sup>22</sup> oatmeal, ½ hundredweight sea biscuit, 1 firlot<sup>3</sup> oats baked (oat cakes?), 20 lbs beef, 20 bs. pork, 16 lbs. butter and a cheese, some sowans<sup>4</sup>, 2 pints whiskey, ½ anker<sup>5</sup> beer, 9 lbs. sugar, ½ lb. tea, 1 lb. coffee, 6 doz. haddocks, some white puddins<sup>6</sup>, 1 firlot potatoes, some pepper, some mustard, some eggs and other things which you may think of.

I need not mention to you about my voyage as I wrote a letter to my father when I arrived at New York, and one to Lewis when I settled in Whitby. We were 28 days at sea and I was well all the time, but was not well. We had a pleasant voyage and not very rough. We paid £6 each

Prof. J Squair, then President of the Ontario Historical Society, reported in President's Address 6 June 1917, Papers & Records, vol. XV p. 46-48. He was a nephew of the writer.

for a two-cabin passage and we paid about £2 eac going up to Toronto, but you will require £25 to tak with you. And if you ship at Liverpool take no paper notes with you because you will not get them off in England, but try to sail from Cromarty because it is very expensive to go to Liverpool or Greenock.

The carpenter's is a very good business in this country because all the houses are built of wood. You would wonder as much to see a stone house in Canada as to see a wooden house in Forres. The mason's is not a good trade in Canada, but it is good in New York. Masons there get 3 to 4 dollars a day and carpenters 2 to 3 dollars, and pay 3 dollars a week for board, but in Canada you will get a dollar per day and board.

You will wonder how large they make their barns. The common size of them is 36 to 40 ft. broad, 60 to 70 ft. long, 20 to 28 ft. high in the walls. They hold all the corn and hay. Men drive in their horses and wagons into the barn and empty in the inside. All the wagons are 8 to 12 ft. long and pulled with 2 horses. There are no coups<sup>7</sup> here as at home. You will get £16 to make a waggon (sic).

Jane and I wish very much that you come out, and Janet is intending to come with you. Sandy is well. I had two letters from him since I came here and he is staying in the same place. He is to have £50 in the year and board. Sandy received a letter from Janet from John Bain, Nairn, and he sent one home.

I could wish you would all come here to a land of liberty and plenty. **Donald Munro** and I intend to buy some land and we shall not get it cheap here as in some other places. You need not write to me because I do not know where to direct you to write, but you can write to **Sandy** and he will let us know about you. **Sandy Ross** lives in the same place as we are in and he and his brother have taken 200 acres of land in Goderich.

Dear John, Jane and I are as well pleased to live in Canada as at home and we get a great deal more for our work and better provisions. The whole family eats at one table. Master and servants are all alike, all eat and work together.

I lived one month with Mr. Hall but for my own profit I left him and went to Mr. McPherson.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Boll = 140 lbs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Firlot =  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a boll

Sowans = Oat-shells from which a palatable food is made.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Anker = a cask of 8 ½ gallons (imperial)

White puddins = sausages

<sup>&#</sup>x27; Coups = dump carts

Sir Robert Frederick Stupart (1857-1940), Director of the Mete orological Service, Toronto, kindly informs me (Prof. J. Squair) that the records show that the summer of 1836 was unusually cool.

to take charge of his farm. He lives beside Mr. Hall's farm and Donald Munro and I see each other every day. We have a house to ourselves and the use of the cows and as much potatoes as we need and I have £3.10 per month. He is going to part with the farm and he wants me to take it on sharesthat is to have the half the increase of the land and he affords everything it needs. I am not sure which to do, that or take land of my own in another place or to stay and work as I am doing just now. What do you think?

Jane desires you to take Janet with you to help you on the sea to nurse the children and if Peter comes to take Janet McBeath with him. There is plenty of work here and good pay. You will get as much here in two months as you will get in six months at home.

I was told before I left home that this country was very hot, but it is as hot at home as here this season. Donald Munro is well and family and bids you to send word west to her people that they received a letter from them on the 22d Aug. and that they got no letter from John yet. You will not write me till you get another direction from me because Donald and I are thinking of taking land of our own.

We remain, etc., etc.,

#### Robert Squair

Here the letter closes, but there was still vacant space on the sheet of paper, and since the postage paid was 25 cents, Scottish thrift demanded that all space should be filled. Here follows the filling:

Give my best wishes to Alexr. and Robert and your mother and to William and tell Sandy that I expect he has got married before this time. He better not come here without a wife. Sandy Margach says he would live a bachelor all his days before he would take a Yankee to wife. They are very lazy women and are good for nothing but to sit in their rocking chairs and eat their meat.

Be sure to send best word to the old people that we are all well and quite happy to live in Canada and that we have enjoyed good health since we left home. Give my best respects to all enquiring friends, especially to my parents and sisters and brothers, and let them know that I intend to write to them in October, and let my mother be in no way uneasy about me as I am as well and as contented as at home. Tell them not to write me till I send

them a letter as I am not sure what place shall be settled in.

You can write to **Sandy** and he will send me word. You were afraid that his direction was not right but the same direction will do as before.

#### **British Isles Research Fund**

Last November the Society established the British Isles Research Fund to support Society projects and publications, and to permit members to participate in a financial way, particularly when unable to contribute time. Donations will help us to keep membership fees at the present level for as long possible

Some family historians may wish to include the Society in their will, specifying that the revenue be used for specific projects, or as the Society's board might decide. If you should like to include a bequest to the Society, you could file a statement with your will. The President or Treasurer would be pleased to suggest appropriate wording on request.

Donations directed toward charitable activities are eligible for a tax receipt from the Society. Donors and donations will be listed annually in *Anglo-Celtic Roots* unless otherwise directed by a donor.

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#### **Some Definitions**

Glebe: Land owned by the church authorities and rented out to provide an income.

**Dissenters:** Usually defined as Independents or Congregationalists, Quakers or Baptists.

**Recusant:** A *recusant* was someone who refused to conform to the Church of England as established in 1558-9. The term applied to all non-conformists but especially Roman Catholics. Some Recusant Litss have survived and may be deposited at Record Offices.

1674 Hearth Tax: A tax of two shillings for every hearth was levied on occupiers (not landlords) each year from 1662 to 1689. These lists give some indication as to the size of house your ancestors lived in although poorer families shared a hearth.

⇒ Scottish GS Summer

## Searching a Foggy Past

by Abe Lipson

With no previous training and very little to go on, I decided to determinedly go after a very foggy past. Let me explain.

My wife, and her brother and mother, did not know a lot of her father's pre-Canadian life. He, Joseph Young Patrick, had arrived in the west Carleton area direct from Castlederg, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, in 1889 when 18 years of age. He was married to a local woman for over 30 years with no children.

In that period he became a successful grocer, butcher, home builder, and well-known personage in Westboro (now part of Ottawa). He was a selfmade man. His mother died in childbirth at age 37 in Ireland, and his father remarried there. So really no family to speak of was here in Canada except for an uncle found through my research.

There were no children of his own when his wife died in 1933. Within 10 months of her death, at the age of 60, he married my wife's mother. She was a 30-year old from Burnstown, near Renfrew.

His descendancy was assured in four years of marriage by the siring of two sons and a daughter (my wife). He did not live to see his last child born, dying in Westboro in 1937. His widow never remarried.

Armed only with this sketchy history and a. picture of an old man, in a chair, and two boys, standing, stamped Castlederg Studios on the back; two old letters dated 1907 and 1915; and some vague comments from my wife and two brothers-inlaw (her mother had died), I decided to play detective and start my search. The picture depicted my wife's grandfather and two uncles.

My first step was to set up a file with names and known facts like the dates he was born and died. Into the file went the picture, two letters, and written pages of information not corroborated.

I found out about the wonderful Mormon Church Family History Centre on Ottawa's Prince of Wales Drive and its microfilm and microfiche records of all sorts of things. It was unbelievable what they had to help my search, and their system of fairness and help, all without charge generally.

Without leaving Canada, I filled my file with all kinds of data. I found on microfilm the father's birth date, his place of birth, his parents names, their birth dates and death dates.

The Mormon guidebook for Ireland enabled me to write to the Public Record Office in Northern Ireland to obtain copies of the certificates. They showed me the cause of death, dates, maiden names, where married, and the names of witnesses at baptisms, marriage and deaths.

Obituaries in old newspapers gave me mounds of data and clues. It was amazing to me how my data file expanded. It gave me confidence to continue.

The Canadian background for the father came from city directories and Canadian censuses. I was able at the National Library of Canada to compile a year by year record of my wife's father's residences and business workplaces.

Census records at the National Archives enabled me to learn of the year he came to Canada and his age. I also tracked him to his uncle's farm in West Carleton which is the reason he came to Ottawa.



This photo of my wife's grandfather and two uncles, two pre-World War I letters and a postcard set me off on my search. I'm still parting the fog!

I knew his first wife's name, her family, and where she was buried. His name was already on the stone and the interment place was prepaid. When he died he was buried alongside his second wife at Pinecrest Cemetery. His original plot at another cemetery is still vacant.

Another artifact I had was a picture postcard with no message written on it. The picture of a soldier was inscribed with the name **Sam Patrick**, Royal Irish Fusiliers, Candia, Crete, 1907. He was a brother of my wife's father. I tracked his history by mail with the PRO and the Linenhall Library, both in Belfast, and, through Ottawa's Family History Centre, by film of the 1901 Irish Census for Castlederg.

My research went on and on from one clue to another. I was very careful not to waste too much time pursuing unsure things that would only leave me frustrated. When I hit a snag, I would think about it and then try another approach until I was successful.

My research extends back about three generations. I have found out about the lives of all the fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts and cousins; and what they lived through as if I had been there myself. Without having to go through the years, I learned more about them than they did, as I put the past together like a jigsaw puzzle.

The tracing became an exciting thing. What would I learn next? Innocent conversations with people brought out wonderful things by accident.

I was helped in my Irish research by **Bruce Elliott** of Carleton University, **Brian O'Regan** of BIFHSGO and others. An address and phone number of a woman named **Patrick** in Castlederg turned out to be a godsend.

Although not directly or known to be related, she sent me pictures of gravestones and inscriptions which opened the window blind to my wife's ancestors who many years ago emigrated to Scotland (Paisley), New Zealand and Australia. Her information led to a cousin working at a Ford motor plant as a quality control inspector. He was living in Mississauga, Ontario.

I am pleased at how I went ahead to develop this family history. It is proved and factual, not hearsay or guesses. Putting the story together has given me great satisfaction, and continues to do so. What it has taken is the desire to win, to overcome negativeness on the part of some people approached. One has to be strongly determined to overcome difficulty, and to find the most inexpensive way to get what you want. You must not let frustration get you down. The thrill of the hunt, detection and understanding of clues, and the solving of a mystery. What a game this genealogy is!

People should be more grateful to libraries and archives and the past that they hold. Some people say: Who cares about yesterday or genealogy. But really! There is not a thing in this present world that is not a result of the past. Doctors and many others have to consult books of the past to find the answers of today.

I am aroused to anger by people who take the benefits without consideration of the hard work of people who gave their all in the past so others may today enjoy the results.

Genealogy-bent people should not be afraid of anything in pursuing their detective work. I hope that my personal experience in penetrating and clearing a foggy past will encourage them and others in their quest.

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#### Genealogy on PBS-TV

The long-awaited KBYU-TV production, a 10-part *Ancestors* series, is now slated for national release on PBS-TV in January 1997. The opening episode will be about dispelling misconceptions in genealogy and the use of pedigree charts. A special issue of *Ancestry* Magazine will explore the topics presented in the series. Ancestry Inc., will also assist in the production of a teacher's guide.

Note: Your President wrote to the Program Director, WNPE (PBS), Syracuse, to learn if the station will carry the series. No reply was received prior to publication.

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#### **Professional Irish Genealogist**

I have had very good service from Ms. Nora Hickey, The Almshouse - Church Square, Kinsale, County Cork. Suggest you write her to get her current rates. She has ALWAYS provided much more (invaluable) information than requested. For example, if I ask for my great-grandmother's baptismal data, I get the data on her brothers and sisters as well.

⇒ Dave Riley - Portsmouth, RI CompuServe 102165,3136

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## Make Dull Relatives Sparkle Again! By David Mishkin

Send me your faded photographs and I will make them look almost brand new. I operate JUST BLACK & WHITE, a full service custom photographic processing lab in Portland, Maine.

We specialize in copying and enhancing faded salt and albumen prints as well as daguerreotypes, tintypes, ambrotypes or any other types, and are one of the only labs in North America that has perfected the technique to provide this service.

When we have completed your work, we will return your original photograph, a copy print and the copy negative. We also give you an archivally processed copy negative. This means the negative will last at least 100 years if it is stored properly.

Our many satisfied customers since 1983 include museums, historical societies, and genealogists. JB&W has also worked with many professional photographers, magazine & newsletter printers, advertising agencies and other commercial accounts such as Blue Cross/Blue Shield, L.L. Bean, and the West Point Military Academy.

We are particularly proud to work with many genealogists and family history researchers helping them to preserve their family photographic heritage. We may have met at one of the conferences where we exhibit our services.

#### **The Process**

Many people use the words enhancement and restoration interchangeably, but they are very different. A restoration is provided to repair a damaged photograph, damaged being the key word. However, an enhancement is used to bring out detail in a faded photograph, faded being the key word.

When a photo fades from poor processing techniques, the darker areas accelerate in fading as compared to the lighter areas. Generally, all the information is there, but it is latent and needs to be made more visible. This is accomplished through the use of different developers, filters and film.

Several genealogists (your editor included), knowledgeable in computers and scanning, have told us their images are so faded they cannot scan them into their files. However, after we have enhanced them, they scanned in fine.

Traditionally, photo restoration is done by a mechanical airbrush that uses no bristles to apply the paint. Instead, compressed air is forced through a fine nozzle to break up the paint into an ultra fine mist. An artist can carefully "paint" a light tone to reduce a dark area and conversely use a darker pigment to cover a lighter tone.

The airbrush gives an artist the most control and allows them to manipulate the "brush" to produce textures difficult to obtain by conventional methods. All work is done on a work print that is copied and a final print and negative is given to the client.

Many people ask us about computer restorations and we have discussed the pros and cons with many folks. The overall consensus is that you can have a better quality job done by a pro, but it will cost a lot more because you are paying for their knowledge and skills. If you do it yourself, it will cost a lot less, but may take a long time to complete it.

Although today many restorations are being done by computer, when we complete your airbrush restoration, we provide you with a photographic print (not a computer printout). You are also given the final negative.



An example of what can be done:

The image of your Editor's father-in-law, in the faded photo, taken about 80 years ago, had almost disappeared. The restoration, by David Mishkin, is like a recent portrait.

How to Contact Us (see page 15)

We are on the Web. Visit our Home Page to see some samples of enhancements and restorations. You can find links on it to get our prices, our history, information about our lecture series, suggestions for safely shipping your irreplaceable photos, preservation tips, a listing of current events, and related pages. We are at:

http://www.maine.com/photos.

Tell us through e-mail that you're sending in an order and we'll give you a special 10% discount on all photographic copies or enhancements. Our E-Mail address is: photos@maine.com I would be

pleased to answer any questions. Restoration orders must be received by December 6 to guarantee delivery by Christmas

You can also contact us by phone at 1-800-827-5881 or 207-761-5861. The mail address is: Just Black & White, 54 York Street, Portland, ME 04101 USA.

[Editor's Note: I met David last year at the FGS Seattle conference and took some faded photos to him at the FGS Rochester meeting last August. The results were excellent. I now have more faded relatives for him to make sparkle again].

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## **Genealogy Publications**

One new and one almost new periodical for Canadians researching their roots are on the market.

Family History News, published quarterly, arrived last November. It is written by Canadians for genealogical and historical researchers. A one-year subscription costs \$18 including GST. Make your cheque or money order payable to Parr's Publishing and send it to 525 Ritson Road North, Oshawa, ON L1G 5R4. Check out the company's web site at

http://www.globalserve.net/~parrspub

The newest periodical is Family Chronicle September/October 1996, a 42-page issue in colour with illustrations. Its Canadian owners publish in both North York and Lewiston NY. It is \$26.70 yrly/\$40.61 two yrs GST included. Call 1-800 326-2476 or Fax 416 696-7395. The company web site is at:

If you are planning a family reunion you should check out *Reunions Magzine*. A 68-page *Reunions Workbook* is on sale for US\$5.00 - half-price while supplies last. The workbook with its checklists and answer to who, what, where, when and why is a bargain at that price. It is also included in the annual subscription which is US\$24. You can write to P.O. Box 11727, Milwaukee WI 53211-0727 or visit the company on its web site at:

http://www.execpc.com/~reunions

The Society has a sample copy of the *Reunions Workbook*. You can review it at the Discovery Table (Publications & Exchanges) at our monthly meetings.

Family Tree with whom we exchange periodicals is now on the Internet. It is an abbreviated version of

the paper copy. Users of the Internet are encouraged to present photos and stories related to the Internet (computers) and genealogy, Scottish related subjects, historical, ethnic groups, etc.

To locate the ezine:

htip://www.teleport.com/~binder/famtree.shtml

You can read the full size Family Tree at our monthly meetings. It is kept on the Discovery Table (Publications & Exchanges).

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#### **Access AMICUS**

AMICUS is the National Library of Canada's bilingual user-friendly bibliographic search service for libraries and researchers. It provides access to more than nine million bibliographic records, more than 15 million holdings, more than 500,000 authority records, and more than 50 search indexes.

The database is available on the Internet. Each user must sign an agreement on its use, and there is a minimum cost of \$40 a quarter. Contact: Client Information Centre, National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa ON K1A 0N4 or phone 819 997-7227 or on the Internet:

clc@nlc-bnc.ca

#### Alderson

The Alderson FHS in England wants to contact anyone in Canada with Alderson connections, particularly to assist with research on Alderson lines in Canada. Contact: Jack Moody, 644 Weston Dr., Ottawa ON K1G 1V8 or phone (613) 731-6369.

## **British Armed Forces Ancestors**

by Iain Kerr 100425,1036@compuserve.com

Note: The PRO do not undertake any re

search for personal or postal enquirers.

They will, on request, provide you with

do not check these people out.

two names from their list of professionals

who undertake work at the PRO - but they

The following notes are offered to help those who are seeking details of an ancestor who served in the British armed services before 1913. The archives for officers and enlisted personnel are held in different places requiring different approaches to access and read them.

There is some risk that the official service records are incomplete. The originals, particularly of British Army soldiers, were badly damaged as a result of a German bombing raid on Hayes, in southeast London, during World War II. Those which survived are often in a poor condition. Earlier records are of varying degrees of completeness and date from an era which was not overly concerned with individuals records and archives.

It greatly assists the search for those records if you are able to provide the full names of the serviceman or woman, the date and place of birth, the dates of enlistment and if possible of service the regiment, branch or ship in which they served.

#### Royal Navy & Royal Marines

commissioned For officers, the first place to look is the Navy List, published quarterly since 1814, and its predecessor, Steele's Navy List, which started in 1782. These are available in specialist libraries, such as the Society

of Genealogists which has a comprehensive archive of Navy Lists, and in the Public Records Office, Kew in their Admiralty section.

The Admiralty was responsible for the Royal Navy and Royal Marines until the Ministry of Defence was created in the 1970s. Admiralty personnel records are held at: Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU, England (phone 44 181 876 3444), under the These are public search Group letters ADM. rooms, open between 09:30 and 16:50 Monday to Friday. A Readers ticket is required for access to the rooms, provided on application on arrival, for which some form of identity (passport, driving licence etc.) is needed.

The Admiralty section has different ADM record sections for different types of officer's commis

sion, for serving and half-pay (e.g. retired on pension) officers, for ships in commission and shore establishments, and for other ranks (enlisted men).

There are, for example, registers of officers' pay; certificates of those passing the examination to become a lieutenant; records of the commissions issued to officers; records of pensions paid to wounded officers, widows and orphans; and returns of a survey of all officers which was made by the Admiralty in 1817. There are also some records of the Royal Hospital School, Greenwich, which provided education especially for the orphan children of Naval officers and ratings who had died in service.

19th Century Royal Navy records at the PRO in London allow one to trace individual sailors. However, prior to 1853 there were no central records of seamen, since they were taken on the books of the particular ship only for the duration of a voyage, and paid off at the end. Many sailors served exclusively in Royal Navy ships; however others may have served on a mixture of Royal Naval ships and merchant marine ships during their career. In 1853, the

> RN introduced continuous service, where a seaman signed on for 10 years (with the option of extending this to 20 or 25 years) and was paid through the entire period, not just when serving on a ship at sea.

Samuel Pepys introduced the original system of maintaining muster and pay books for Royal Navy ships, and the earliest examples date from 1668. The series runs to about 1878: later books were destroyed by bombing in the Second World War. From about 1830, a new printed form of muster book was introduced, with a complete book covering each commission (voyage) together with monthly musters which actually cover three months' worth of fortnightly returns. There is also a description book recording the physical description of each man and details such as place of residence onshore, whether married, etc. These books contain an alphabetical index of the seamen's names.

Unless you know the name of the ship, you will

will have to search each set of muster books for the entire Royal Navy in the relevant period. Fortunately there were not that many ships in commission during the first half of the 19th century, but it is still a laborious process.

#### **Army - Officers**

The War Office which was responsible for the British Army kept no central record of Army officers. Hence you will need to know the regiment in which your ancestor served. A starting point for that search should be the series of Army Lists which have been published almost annually since 1750, initially as *Hart's List*, later as *Army Lists* under War Office sponsorship.

The lists are arranged by regiment; before 1867, they are not always indexed. Later lists include details of staffs at the War Office and command headquarters. The Society of Genealogists has a comprehensive archive of Hart's and War Office Army Lists. The National Army Museum is another possible source.

More detail can be obtained from the detailed records relating to officers which are held at the PRO, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU under the Group letters WO. These are public search rooms, open between 09:30 and 16:50 Monday to Friday. There are two main classes of record dealing with officers: WO 25 lists of serving (and sometimes retired and half-pay officers); and WO76 the regimental records and returns relating to officers. Details of the returns Records of retired officers are in the classes PMG3 and PMG4. (PMG = Paymaster General).

#### **Army - Soldiers**

The main series of personnel records for soldiers are the attestation and discharge papers. These survive for most men who did not die in service and were discharged to pension. These records are held at the PRO, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU under the Group letters WO97 arranged by discharge date as follows: 1750 - 1872 by regiment; 1873 - 1882 alphabetically, by name within groups (e.g. cavalry, artillery, infantry and corps); 1883 - 1913 alphabetically by name for the whole army.

There are also pension records held under WO116 and WO117.

If the soldier died in service, then the muster rolls and regimental pay lists under WO12 and WO16 may be searched. But these records were not kept until after the mid 1890s.

The main source is the Soldiers' Documents in class WO 97, which for 1883-1913 cover all discharged soldiers and are in alphabetical order. These also give information on wives and children, as well as the usual details of service. There are also records of pensions awarded for disability, or for length of service, to men leaving the Army up to 1913.

If the soldier died during his service, unles he was killed during a campaign (for which casualty records will exist), it can be difficult to trace a soldier since he was not discharged or entitled to a pension.

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Readers' Guide No. 2, Army Records for Family Historians by Simon Fowler. This deals only with material in the PRO. Published by PRO Publications, London, 1992 at £4.75.

My Ancestor was in the British Army - How can I find out more about him? by Michael J. & Christopher T. Watts published by the Society of Genealogists (London). Shows how to use material available from many of the record repositories in the UK - covers from 1660 to 1914, with a little on WW1.

Both the above are available from the Society of Genealogists bookshop by post-orders by fax (44 171 250 1800). The Society accepts MasterCard and Visa. The Society catalogue is on the World-Wide Web at http://boulmer.ncl.ac.uk/genuki/SoG/Booklist.html

World War I Army Ancestry and More Sources of World War I Army Ancestry by Norman Fowler, published by the Federation of Family History Societies, Birmingham at about £4.00 each.

#### **Further Information**

The PRO, Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1LR, UK (Phone 44 181 876 3444) publishes a series of leaflets giving further advice on the search of records and registers. The leaflets are free of charge on application with a UK stamped, addressed envelope (or appropriate International Reply Coupons).

#### **PRO Homepage**

The PRO has a homepage on the Internet. Its at http://www.opengov.uk/pro.html

#### **PRO Leaflets**

The following PRO leaflets are relevant to the British armed services: No 3 Operational Records of the Royal Navy 1660 - 1914; No 5 Records of the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen, e.g. the Merchant Navy); No 6 Operational Records of the British Army in the 1914 - 1918 War; No 7 Operational Records of the British Army during 1939 - 1945; No 13 Air Records as Sources for Biography and Family History (the RAF, the

## **Britain's Reivers: Border Surnames**

A news feature by Associated Press writer Graham Heathcote posed this question: Ever suspected that your ancestors were robbers who terrorized the border between England and Scotland?

According to Heathcote's story, Armstrong, Elliot, Graham, Irvine, Johnstone, Kerr, Maxwell, Nixon and Scott were among the families who rode, feuded, fought and plundered over the border country for 350 years.

All the family names of the Border Reivers, whose first allegiance was to their family's surname, are on a list kept m Carlisle, on the English side of the border, he v rites.

From the 14th to the 17th centuries the border was a turbulent place. Raiders stole cattle and women, burned homes and farms and killed rivals without mercy.

From surviving documents such as court and property records and tenure agreements, researchers have identified 74 family names from that region in the 16th and 17th centuries. Some names have changed over the years: **Johnstone** becoming **Johnson**, for example, **Heathcote** reports.

Reive, meaning to plunder or rob, comes from the dialect of the Scottish Lowlands and borders. The folk memory of the Reivers has passed away, but their stories survive in the border ballads, says David Clarke, senior curator of Tullie House Museum. We have music about them and (the novelist Sir Walter) Scott collected a lot about them and put them into his novels.

The museum has made an audio-visual show about the Reivers, the centerpiece of a \$7.5 million restoration. The bell struck to warn Carlisle townspeople of raids is now in the museum, the AP story notes.

The border with Scotland is nine miles north of Carlisle, but in Reiver times nothing was so definite. North of Carlisle were the debatable lands, territory which was declared to belong to neither Scotland nor England, Clarke says. The Reivers operated on both sides of the border.

It was peat moss and bog country, a huge tract of wet and desolate moorland at the head of the Solway Firth. You had to know your way around it or you would have got lost and died. Nowadays it's mostly quarried for peat or drained for farming," according to Clarke.

Clarke says the Reiver story is little known despite George MacDonald Fraser's novel, The Steel Bonnets.

Fraser was astonished by the Reiver connections he saw m a photograph of U.S. presidents Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard Nixon and evangelist Billy Graham together at Nixon's inauguration.

LBJ's visage and figure were straight from Dumfriesshire where everyone was familiar with such lined and leathery faces, large heads and rangy, rather loose-joined frames, **Fraser** says.

The **Graham** features were less common but still familiar, while **Nixon** was the perfect example of the Anglo-Scottish frontier: blunt, heavy features, dark complexion, burly body and an air of dour hardness.

Fraser says all three heads would fit perfectly under a Reiver steel bonnet.

Chris Dobson, a Carlisle city official, says the Reivers were eventually repressed, deported, killed or compelled to emigrate under threat of imprisonment and that many ended up in Ireland.

Hayden Charlsworth specializes m researching family histories around Carlisle and has traced Reiver connections for American clients.

Once you get back to the 16th century, it's pretty difficult to make strong links, but the Armstrongs are well documented, and the Johnstones, Charlsworth says. Men who carried arms were liable to be called up by the sheriff so there are records of them.

Visitors can get a *Reivers Car Trail* leaflet in Carlisle to guide them through 80 miles of Reiver country. It describes one of the most unspoiled and splendid parts of Britain as it was in 1590, just after the defeat of the Spanish Armada.

Towers, churches and castles are still there, though often only as ruins, and so are banks and ditches, remnants of Roman forts built more than 1,200 years before when nearby Hadrian's Wall was

the northernmost frontier of the Roman Empire.

According to the AP story, the 74 family names in surviving documents about the Border Reivers are as follows:

Archbold, Armstrong, Beattie, Bell, Burns, Carleton, Carlisle, Carnaby, Carrs, Carruthers, Chamberlain, Charlton, Charleton, Collingwood, Crisp, Croser, Crozier, Cuthbert, Dacre, Davison, Dixon, Dodd, Douglas, Dunne, Elliot, Fenwick, Forster, Graham, Gray, Hall, Hedley, Henderson, Heron, Hetherington, Hume, Irvine, Irving, Johnstone, Kerr, Laidlaw, Little, Lowther, Maxwell, Milburn, Musgrove, Nixon, Noble, Ogle, Oliver, Potts, Pringle, Radcliffe, Reade, Ridley, Robson, Routledge, Rutherford, Salkeld, Scott, Selby, Shaftoe, Simpson, Storey, Tailor, Tait, Taylor, Trotter, Turnbull, Wake, Watson, Wilson, Woodrington, Yarrow and Young.

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#### **Index of Britons Overseas**

D.H. Pearce who is compiling an Index of Britons Overseas, did an analysis of 928 emigrants from England and Wales who died in Ontario in the 1800s. He wonders why figures are high for Devon 139, Norfolk and Suffolk 48, and seemingly low for Sussex 4, Essex 3, Beds and Bucks 15, and Herts 11 (Readers Letters, Family Tree Magazine Dec 1995:39). Other statistics are Yorkshire 108, and Cornwall 61. If you have answers or data share it with BIFHSGO, and write to him at: Wayside, Roman Road, Twyford Hants SO21 1QW. ⇒ Editor.

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#### **Newfoundland Newspapers**

There are 582 reels and 71 titles ranging from the *Advertiser*, Grand Falls (1984-1990) to the *Weekly Record*, Trinity (1886-1893) in the National Library of Canada. The titles were filmed by the Newfoundland Provincial Resource Library and bought by the NLC.  $\Rightarrow$  NLC News June 1996

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#### Irish to Scotland

Significant numbers of Irish immigrants looking for work opportunities, settled in Dundee in the 1850s. They were so numerous in Lochee that part of it was known as Tipperary.

⇒ From an *Irish Roots* talk reported in the Tay Valley Family Historian May 1996

#### FFHS Open Day, Salt Lake City

Family historians are invited to a free Open Day sponsored by the *Federation of Family History Societies*. It is on Saturday, 19 Oct 1996 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the Family History Library (main floor), Salt Lake City. **Iain Swinnerton**, FFHS president, will give a talk at 11:00 a.m on *The British Army in North America*.

Some other well-known names you may neet for a chat are: Anthony Camp SOG; Michael & Mary Armstrong Family Tree Magazine; Cliff & Jean Debney Berks FHS; David Lambert & Brenda Smith FFHS/FHS Cheshire; Pauline Saul FFHS/BMSGH. 

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#### **London & Country Directory 1811**

William Holden's 1811 directory was the first comprehensive national directory of England and Wales to include Scotland and Ireland, in three volumes. It is available in a facsimile edition of 1,616 pages, and contains 210,000 name and 410 place entries, for £43.50 plus £9.50 surface mail or £23 airmail. Order from: Michael Winton, Eagle Cottage, 33A Newmarket Rd., Norwich NR2 2HN ENG. ⇒ Flyer from Winton

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#### Irish Mail Bride

My great-grandfather who was in the Civil War as a Yankee, ended up in New Orleans at the end of the War. In 1891, he ordered a bride from a man who was importing Irish girls if a man would pay for their passage.

⇒ Joann H. Henely CompuServe 76741,1103

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#### More Irish Help

A new group has been formed in England to collate literature and sources relating to the Irish community in North East England. More information may be obtained from **Godfrey Duffy**, 13 Glebe Ave., Benton, Newcastle on Tyne, NE12 9NS ENG.  $\Rightarrow$  ISBGFH Newsletter Jul-Sep 1996

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#### More Anglo-Celtic Roots Help Needed

The next few issues of Anglo-Celtic Roots will be produced by guest editors until a new editor is found. If you feel inclined to be an editor talk to any director or leave a message on our phone recording device. Also send us your items. We need help.

#### Yorkshire Names In Canada - Part 2

**British Isles** 

**Place Names** 

in Canada

In the Summer issue of Anglo-Celtic Roots, I reviewed several names transferred from Yorkshire, England, emphasizing names given to Ontario towns, villages, townships. There remain several other Ontario names with roots in Yorkshire.

Castleford, at the mouth of the Bonnechere River, has one of the earliest post offices established in Renfrew County. It was named in 1832 by Lieutenant Christopher Bell, after his native Castleford, southeast of the city of Leeds. He had received a land grant there in the 1820s.

Just north of Napanee, and in Lennox and Addington County, is the small community of Selby. It had been first called Gallagher's Corners, but was renamed in 1853 by **Edward Storr**, after his hometown south of the city of York.

The village of Clifford is in Wellington County, south of Hanover. First known as Minto Village, it was called Clifford in 1856 by miller and innkeeper Francis Brown, after his native village northeast of the city of Leeds. The nearby village of Teeswater was also named the same year, after the Teeswater River, a tributary of the Saugeen. The river had been named by surveyors four years earlier after the River Tees, which separates Yorkshire from County Durham.

The community of Londesborough, in Huron County, east of Goderich, was first known as Hagyard's Corners, after pioneer settler **Thomas Hagyard**. In 1861 he renamed it after Londesborough, southeast of the city of York. He had lived there on the estate of Lord Londesborough.

The community of Cottam, east of Windsor, was named in 1877 by Major W.E. Wagstaff. after Cottam, east of the city of York. He had spent his childhood there, before settling in Essex County in 1846.

Yorkshire names occur in other provinces in Canada, especially in Quebec. The town of Bromptonville, north of Sherbrooke, took its name from the township of Brompton, which was erected in 1801. The township was named after a place in North Yorkshire, celebrated as the site where the

English led by Henry II defeated the Scots in 1158, forcing the Scottish king Malcolm IV to give up Westmorland, Cumberland, and Northumberland. The Catholic parish at Bromptonville was called Sainte-Praxède-de- Brompton in 1845, after a sec-

ond-century Roman girl who gave her life for her faith. Saint-Denis-de-Brompton and Saint-François-Xavier- de- Bromp ton are municipal parishes west of the town.

The township of Leeds, north of Thetford Mines, was proclaimed in 1802, and named after the English city. Its main urban centre is Saint-Jacques-de-Leeds.

Several townships north of Hull bear distinctive English names. Beginning with Ripon, northeast of Buckingham, and passing west along the second rank of townships, Wake-

field, Masham, Aldfield, Huddersfield, and Pontefract all trace their names to English villages and boroughs in Yorkshire.

The Thetford 1802, a city. Its Jacques-Sev bear dis ginning Bucking

Alan Rayburn

Brighouse is a neighbourhood in the city of Richmond, British Columbia. It was named after **Samuel Brighouse(1836-1913)**, a native of Huddersfield, Yorkshire, which is beside the borough of Brighouse. Samuel arrived in British Columbia in 1862, and two years later bought 697 acres of land in Richmond.

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Merchant Navy); No 6 Operational Records of the British Army 1914 - 1918 War; No 13 Air Records as Sources for Biography and Family History (the RAF, the RFC and the RNAS; No 16 Operational Records of the RAF; No 49 Operational Records of the RN 1914 - 1919; No 50 Records of the RAF in the PRO; No 59 Sources of Bibliographical Information on Officers and Soldiers in the British Army. Editor's Note: This item originally included post and pre-1913 records. Comments and Suggestions If you have any queries or comments on these notes or any suggested additions, please contact me by email

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## In Your Ancestor's Image

That was the title of the annual Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) conference held in Rochester, NY, 14-17 August in the cooper- ation with the Rochester GS. Not all members of BIFHSGO may be aware that our Society is a member of the Federation and a number of like organizations in North America and abroad.

I decided to attend this event because there would not likely be such a large national conference this close to Ottawa in the foreseeable future. I must say that, despite the amount of walking with my poor arthritic knee, I was very glad I had enrolled along with about 1500 other registrants

including several from the Ukraine, the British Isles and Tasmania.

Headquarters for the conference was the Genessee Plaza Holiday Inn where registration and some of the functions took place, but the lectures and exhibits were in the Riverside Convention Center which is joined to the hotel by a skywalk, hence my walking comment.

In a large exhibit hall there were 131 booths with others in the hallways. We had not been able to hire a booth, but displayed our information and conference brochures and publications order forms on a central "freebie" exhibit table. The number that were picked up was gratifying. I feel sure that any book, computer program or other aid to family historians was available there, many at special conference sale prices.

On the first day, prior to a press conference and open forum in the evening, there were a series of seminars and workshops on a number of subjects dealing with operations of a society. I did not attend these, but our president, and others, from whom I heard, said they were very interesting and worthwhile. The Board had given our president prior approval for the purchase of a series of Strategy Papers which he obtained...

The remaining three days were divided into time slots each with a one hour lecture and up to a half hour break. Within each time slot, one could choose from a variety of lectures with six or seven in that period so there was always some subject of interest and, unfortunately, most times there was more than one, forcing a person to make a choice. My observation was that among our eight members attending we had very good coverage

I classify some of the lectures as methods or tools, such as a series of three on Family History Research for Beginners. Some I attended in that category

**Education & Queries** 



Jack Moody

were: Finding Females which gave tips on tracing the female lines which others had ignored, Using New York Land Records, and Tracing Paupers and Orphans, Sturdy Beggars and the Worthy Poor which has no relevance to my ancestors, of course, plus Pitfalls in Quebec Research.

Another category dealt with one f my favourite subjects, the link between genealogy and health problems. I attended the one on *Geneograms* which dealt with preparation of such a chart and *The Y chromosome in Genealogical Research*. I deduced that my **Moody** Y chromosome is defunct as there are no male descendants of my brothers and I.

Six of the 131 lectures were at luncheons sponsored by various societies. The one I attended was by the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History to which BIFHSGO belongs; the topic was A "Neutral" New York Loyalist in Nova Scotia.

As one would expect there was a number of subjects dealing with family history in New York and adjoining states and because of my lineage I was most interested in *Migration Patterns in New Jersey Before the Civil War*.

Some of the talks were about specific groups of people and I found My Quaker Ancestors: An Introduction to Finding and Using Their Church Records and Exploring Native Roots to be most interesting.

As you might expect a number of the subjects dealt with the use of modern technology such as Introduction to Using a Computer in Geneal- ogy and The Internet as a Genealogical Re- source. Of particular interest to me were CD ROM Research Strategies and Multi Media and Genealogy which dealt with use of scanners and video cameras and foreseeable improvements in them.

Obviously I could go on and on just with subjects of interest to me. I would be surprised if any attendee could not find a subject of interest in each of the time slots. I would certainly recommend that you should try to attend such a conference when it is within a reasonable travel distance. I might make the National Genealogical Society's 1997 one in I might make the National Genealogical Society's 1997 one in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

I must make mention of the Banquet which was attended by the majority of the registrants and was very well presented. A banquet is a good mixing ground at which to meet fellow family historians.

#### **Books 1996**

The following books were selected for their potential interest to ancestral researchers pursuing family history and social history information. Your editor abstracted the titles from recent issues of the National Library of Canada's Forthcoming Books periodical.

Associaton for Canadian Studies Conference (22nd, 1995: U du Que) Immigration and ethnicity in Canada, selected proceedings, edited by Anne Laperriere et al, 1996 ISBN 0-919363-33-4: \$15

#### Andersorn, Charles D

Bluebloods and rednecks: discord and rebellion in the 1830s, Burnstown ON: General Store Publishing House, 1996. ISBN 1-896182-45-3

#### Beck, Boyde

Prince Edward Island: an (un)authorized history, Acom Press, 1996. ISBN 0-9698606-1-7: \$18.95

Benazon, Michael Th wandering Josephs: a *biographical* family history, Lennoxville Que: ISBN 0-9680791-0 5 \$15

Bennett, Carol Founding families of Bromley Township, Renfrew Ont: Juniper Books, 1996 ISBN 0 919137-32-6

#### Bowes, Anna Marian

Thomas Foster Hilliard (1819-1889), Charlotte Gillespie (1825-1907) and their descendants. Toronto: Pro Familia Publishing, 1996.

ISBN 1-896596-02-9: \$18

#### Burkholder, Ruth

Vaughan Township, York County Ont Methodist baptisms, 1842-1893: Stouffville Ont: RMB Services 1996. ISBN 0 921494-05 X: \$15

Canada from afar: the Daily Telegraph book of Canadian obituaries Toronto: Dundurn Press, 1996. ISBN 1-55002-252-0

#### Collins, Ken & Evalyn

Bethany United Church Cemetety, Ramsayville, Ont Con VI, Lot 9, Gloucester Twp, Carleton Co, updated by Dolly Allen. Ottawa Br OGS 1995. (Pub # 95-3) ISBN 1-55075-081-X: \$7.30

#### Dupuis, Gaston L

Baptemes, mariages, sépultures, région de Montreal, 1845-1908 Centre de la généalogie de Montreal, [1992] ISBN 2-89407-018-7 (v. 1): \$50

#### Errington, Jane

Wives and mothers, schoolmistresses and scullery maids in Upper Canada, 1790-1840 Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 1995. ISBN

0 7735-1309-4 (bound) ISBN 07735t3108 (pbk)

## From Scotch broth to Irish stew: a history of Hibbert Township, 1846-1996

Dean Robinson, editor, Aylmer Ont: Aylmer Express, 1995. ISBN 0-919939 J2-2

Ireland: the haunted ark, edited by Cecil J. Houston & Joseph Leydon, Toronto: Celtic Arts, 1996. Selected papers presented at the Cdn Assoc for Irish Studies conference, May 1994

ISBN 1-R96756 00-X, \$19.95

#### Kilcup, Marion

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descendants of Thomas Downing Sr. and the history of lime in the Beachville area. Hamilton Ont: Mekler & Deahl, c1995. ISBN 1-896367 01-1

Lauber, W.R. An index of the land claim certificates of Upper Can-

ada militiamen who served in the War of 1812-1814. Toronto: OGS, 1995.

ISBN 0-7779-0190-0: S22

Loomer L.S.

sor. Nova Scotia: a journey in history West Hants, NS: West Hants Historical Society, 1996.

ISBN 0-9680641-0-8

#### MacKenzie, Betty McKay

Times remembered: history of Brownlee, Farr, McKay families, St. Lambert Que: 1996.

ISBN 0-9680831-02

Mariages de Notre-Dame-de-Lorette de Hull, 1915-1991. Hull Que: Société de généalogie de l'Outaouais. (Pub #31) ISBN 2-920667-33-5: \$20

#### McCue, Robert J.

International Cousins: the descendants of Charles Thomas Marsden and Isabell Marker. Victoria BC: Marsden Family Organization, 1996.

ISBN 0 9680894 0-2

#### Rioux, Christian

The British Garrison at Quebec 1759-1871, Ottawa: National Historic Sites, Parks Canada, Department of Canadian Heritage, c1996.

ISBN 0-660-16482-5

#### Traill, Catherine Parr, 1802-1899

I bless you in my heart: selected correspondence of Catherine Parr Traill, edited by Carl Ballstadt et al, Toronto: University of Toronto Press

ISBN 0 8020 0837-2

#### Savers, John

Bourget Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Cemetery, Con 4 Lot 20, Clarence Twp, Russell Co, Ont: Ottawa Br OGS 1995 (Pub #95-2) ISBN 1-55075-083-6: \$7 50

#### Sayers, John

The Casselman cemeteries: Casselman, Cambridge Twp, Russell Co, Ont: Ottawa Br OGS 1996 (Pub #96-5) ISBN 1-55075-079-8: \$12.

#### Gifts to the National Library:

#### Avery, Thomas Lynn (Canadian)

The family life of John Henry & Ellen (Andrews) Swann, [United States: s.n.], 1995. The author's family lived in Ontario at the turn of the century.

#### Fullerton, A.L.

Descendants of Capt. Henry Siteman (1741-1813) 2<sup>nd</sup> ed, Bernardson MA 1994. He was a Loyalist who settled in NS

End of National Library of Canada Listings

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#### **Old British Official Publications**

Many early records of Britain's Public Records Office (PRO), selected for research in Canadian studies, are available to family history researchers at the National Library of Canada. They are described in *The British Official Publications Collection Guide* published by the NLC. Most of the material has been extensively indexed.

Many parts of the collection are well-known. A large body of material published by the PRO is less well known, but the contents are invaluable to a social historian or genealogist who wants to explore a family tree to its deepest roots.

In the PRO documents there are ancient deeds and land titles, judgments and criminal records, awards, honours, payments for wages, services, pensions and fines. There are military and naval service records, biographies, and citations for bravery or outstanding deeds in the *London Gazette*.

The Calendar of Assize Records, for example, describes the criminal trials that took place during the reigns of Elizabeth I and James I, covering crimes that range from stealing a loaf of bread to practising witchcraft and committing murder. The records are indexed by type of crime as well as individual names.

The State Papers, domestic, foreign and colonial series, contain information on many subjects, including agriculture, forests, poor laws, treaties, and slavery. Army, navy and air force lists cover more than two centuries. Holdings of the *Army List* begin in 1758 and the *Navy List* in 1807.

Two of many biographical resources in the collection, in microfiche sets, are British Biographical Archive: A One-Alphabet Cumulation of

324 of the Most Important English Language Biographical Reference Works Originally Published between 1601 and 1919; and, British and Irish Biographies, 1840-1940. The Library's general collection is rich in histories, chronologies, memoirs, and diaries.

More than 170 titles are described in the *Guide*. Contact: References & Information Services, NLC, 395 Wellington St., Ottawa ON K1A 0N4, tel 613 943-1112; fax 613 992-6969; or Internet:

reference@nlc-bnc.ca

⇒ Abstract, National Library News, v27n11:1,5/6.

#### A Book Review:

The Surnames of Wales, by John & Sheila Rowlands. 229 pp., illus., paperback. 1996. ISBN 0-8063-1439-7

It is estimated by mid 19<sup>th</sup> century, 90% of the Welsh population shared fewer than 100 surnames, and the 10 most common surnames were shared by about half the population. The book provides the reader with a detailed insight into their origins and occurrence, and may lead to a successful search. Nearly 40 maps show the incidence and distribution of typical surnames.

A copy of the book is available at monthly meetings. It may be seen at a *Discovery Table*.

#### Larry Turner 1952-1996: Author's Legacy

Larry Turner joined BIFHSGO last Spring. In May he met your editor and donated two of his books: *Merrickville: Jewel on the Rideau*, 1995, and his newest book, *A Boy's Cottage Diary 1904*. Both books deal with genealogical sources, cultural transfer, and Anglo-Celtic roots.

The diary of **Tom Dickinson**, then 15, is particularly important as it documents an Anglo-Irish family as it discovers the recreational horizon of the Rideau waterway at the turn of the century. **Duncan McDowall**, a Carleton U. history professor, read the *Diary* just before Larry passed away in Perth 28 Aug 1996. He summed it up as a charming and wonderful book. It is.

Merrickville is a history and guide. Larry wrote it to encourage heritage tourism and historical awareness. It should do both. You can see the books at our monthly meetings on a Discovery Table. Larry, a past chairman of Friends of the Rideau, authored and published six earlier books. His death is a great loss to us all.

## At The Family History Centre: New Indefinite Holdings





Wayne Walker FHC Coordinator

We have had a banner year for new accessions at the Family History Centre. Major accessions on indefinite loan in 1995 included the 1881 British Census Index covering all of England, Scotland and Wales, and Civil Registration 1851-1870 for England and Wales. In 1996 we have added the 1891 British Census, Marriages 1920-1942 for England, and Births, Marriages, and Deaths at Sea for England. New microforms have also been received for Ireland and Scotland.

Closer to home, we have added to our indefinite holdings the Ontario Civil Registration Index for Births to 1899; Marriages to 1914; and, Deaths to 1924. Our parish registers now include those of Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa.

Long-term loans of six months continue to be popular for researchers as evidenced by the four pages listed in each issue of *Anglo-Celtic Roots*. These microforms, obtained by special order to meet the specific interests of researchers, are also available for research by other visitors to the FHC.

We are still working towards extending the hours of operation at the FHC. In the interim, the FHC is now open in the afternoons Tuesday to Friday for researchers that do not require any help - a self-serve operation. If you plan to

visit, please phone ahead to 225-2231.

#### Microforms on Long Term-Loan

The listing of microforms on long-term loan at the FHC shows the name of the researcher, country and county, subject, film number, and its return date. Years 1841, 1851, 1871 and 1881 indicate census records. Many more records are received weekly on short-term (3 week) loans. Check the FHC film register. The files are indexed under country by county or shire.

Count(r)y	Subject	Film #s	Return	Researcher
<b>England</b>				
	Merchant Navy, Lists of Vessels	0847934	09 No 96	SHURBEN
	Index of Births 1st quarter 1907	6102192	17 No 96	MARTIN
	Index of Births 1st quarter 1909	6102200	17 No 96	MARTIN
	Staverton 1841 census	0241314	21 No 96	MAYE
	Lloyd's reg. Brit & Forgn Shipping	6024864-950	23 Ja 97	COYLE
AVN	St. Philip & Jacob - 1851 census	0087354	04 Ja 97	MERCER
AVN	St. Philip & Jacob - 1851 census	0087349	04 Ja 97	MERCER
AVN	St. Paul - 1871 census	0835254-55	04 Ja 97	MERCER
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DBY	Brassington, B&Cs, Marriages	6904782	16 Ja 97	JOHNSON
DBY	Brassington, B&Cs, Marriages	6903254	16 Ja 97	JOHNSON
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DBY	St. Oswald	0422179	10 Jan 97	OLENICK
DBY	St. Oswald	1041136	10 Jan 97	OLENICK
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DOR	Swanage - PRs	1471295	08 Fe 97	PUSHMAN
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HAM	Eversley BTs	159609	14 No 96	SLYFIELD
HAM	Brading - CRs	1278928	22 De 96	HOLLIS
HAM	Froyle - Poor Law Records	1471225	21 De 96	SAYERS
HAM	Wield - PRs	1041368	19 De 96	KNIGHT
HAM	Whield - PRs	0844559	14 Fe 97	KNIGHT
IOM	Probate Records	0106366	26 Oc 96	NORTON
IOM	Death Records 1877-1964	0454957	26 Oc 96	NORTON
IOM	Probate Records	0106479	26 Oc 96	NORTON

IOM	Douglas - PRs	0106716	5 De 96	NELSON
IOM	Douglas - 1861 census	0850886	19 De 96	NELSON
IOM	Douglas - 1841 census	0464357	19 De 96	NELSON
KNT	Brenchley BBB	0992456-57	28 No 96	NASH
KNT	Matfield & Benchley - Deeds	6090609	16 Ja 97	NASH
KNT	Wrotham PR	1040787-88	08 Fe 97	WHITING
KNT	Essex	6903744-45	18 Fe 97	MURRAY
KNT	Pembury - BMD 1813 and on	0916859	23 Fe 97	NASH
LAN	Ormskirk PRs	1068945	14 No 96	RIMMER
LAN	Haslingden PR	1068835-36	07 Fe 97	NUTTAL
LIN	Louth - 1891 Census	6097717	07 No 96	<b>EMPRINGHAM</b>
LIN	Barton-on-Humber CRs	1450440	10 No 96	PEARCE
LIN	Barton - PRs, St. Peter	1450438	15 No 96	PEARCE
LIN	Billing Borough - census ret	0438756	08 De 96	BAYS
LIN	Raithby	0508028	03 Fe 97	LOWE
LND	All Hallows the Less Church	0542672	20 Fe 97	MACDERMID
MDX	Shoreditch computer po	6095909	23 No 96	SHURBEN
NBL	Heddon-on-the Wall, Insc.	6344716	08 No 96	VOISEY
NOR	West Bradenham BTs	1471075	13 De 96	CHAPMAN
NOR	Beeston - CRs	1657202	21De 96	MORLEY
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NOR	Whinbergh - CRs	1595974	13 Fe 97	GRUMMETT
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NTT	East Retford - 1841, 1851 census	0593816	08 Fe 97	MERCER
SOM	Wilkes Recds 1216-1984 1918	6010928	23 No 96	SHURBEN
SOM	Jones	0010720	23 110 70	OHOHOE
SOM	Winfort Property	6069095	28 No 96	CONIBEAR
SOM	wills, probate records	0918435	04 De 96	CHARD
SOM	wills, probate records	0824101	04 De 96	CHARD
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