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Upcoming Meetings and Other Events

Date: Monday, September 12, 2016 @ 7 pm

Place: Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre

Topic: Wills and Estate Files: A Genealogical Perspective. Hints and Stories by Anne Goeden and Mary MacKay

gravestone which is in memory of a David Taylor family. Doug Lennox highlighted history of his Ward family ancestors. Bob Murphy represented the Murphy family which has resided in Chesley for six generations, each generation having several talented hockey players.

Date: Bruce Grey OGS

Place: 490 2nd Ave SE, Owen Sound

Topic: Topic to be announced

Date: Monday, November 21, 2016 @ 12 pm

Place: Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre

Topic: Pot Luck at noon. Presentation

Highlights of Previous Meetings

June: The recent Walk and Talk in the Chesley Cemetery was very well attended. Glenys Johnson reviewed the early history of the cemetery which was established in 1891. The entrance was upgraded with new gates in 1977. Everyone was invited to walk with the presenters to selected grave stones. Glenys shared details of the James Hammond family whose members were noted for their musical ability. Anne Goeden chose a very unique

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History of the McClure-Elliot family connection was related by Faye Bell McClure. The McClure Mill which was built in 1881 is here Bob, son of Bill and Faye McClure operates a feed and fertilizer business at this time. Ron Oswald's ancestor William Oswald Sr. was among the early settlers in Elderslie Township. The Oswald family journeyed on to North Dakota for a number of years but returned to resettle in Elderslie.

William McDonald who was born on the 7th Concession of Elderslie was a very public minded citizen who served as Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Chesley, Secretary Treasurer of Chesley High School as well as the Chesley Fall Fair for a number of years. He published the Chesley Enterprise from 1891 until 1939. Sylvia Hasbury presented the highlights of his life.

Glenys Johnson shared a tribute to the Krug family noting their involvement in the manufacture of furniture in Chesley for 101 years. Peter Krug and his wife Annie were German immigrants Their sons Conrad and Christian along with other family members arrived in Chesley in 1886 and proceeded to establish their business and build many fine homes in the village. Howard and Bruce Krug were among those of the next generation to carry on the Krug interest in furniture. Howard Krug had a lifelong passion for the study of nature, the Bruce Trail Organization and the Bruce County Historical Society. His brother Bruce dedicated his life to recording and collecting local history. Photographs, books and artifacts were included in his vast collection.

Mary MacKay directed our attention to a gravestone in memory of her McCurdy ancestors. Family lore states that the fine tombstone may have been purchased from a travelling salesman. Her research causes her to question some of the details 'written in stone'. Gravestones in memory of the Fry family and also the Greygoose family were visited.

July: President Doug Lennox, historian Patsy McArthur and researchers Anne Goeden and Glenys Johnson provided commentary for members and guests of the Bruce County Genealogical Society recently.

The Historic Southampton & Saugeen Metis Walking Tour began at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre and proceeded down High Street, over to the Harbour and back by Clarendon, Albert and Lansdowne Street.

This walk was inspired by Robin Hilborn's book "Southampton Vignettes". Fairy Lake was the site of a sawmill and tannery business. It was important for the ice blocks which were cut for use in the fishing industry as well as local iceboxes.

Stories were presented about Captain John Spence who is considered to be one of the official founders of Southampton although evidence points to Metis settlement as early as 1812. Personalities mentioned included the entertaining auctioneer Al McGuire, Aunt Annie (Longe) the first white woman to be born in the Southampton area and Alexander McNabb, the land agent in 1854.

A fire in 1868 destroyed property on the north side of High Street from the harbour east to St. Paul's Anglican Church.

Front Street was the location of the Metis settlers who were fur traders and fishermen. Historic buildings of note included the old town hall which was a yellow brick structure used as the Masonic Hall.

The red brick "new town hall" features arched windows, a church like entrance and an imposing bell tower.

The evening concluded with refreshments and chat in the Museum Café.

Queries

1. **CAMPBELL, Samuel Henry** born in 6/13/1853 in Ontario possibly Kincardine and died 2/5/1945 in Hanna Alberta. Married **MacFARLANE, Mary Jane** born 1/1/1856 in Ontario and died 3/29/1930 in Hanna Alberta. Samuel is my third great grandfather and any information on his family would be helpful. Email: jrjbauer@shaw.ca
2. **BONNET, Mary Theresa.** I am searching for any information on Mary Theresa Bonnet from Normandy Bruce County area. I think she was born in 1909. She gave birth at around the age of 19 to **Lawrence John Bonnet.** Any information to help me continue on my search towards my family tree would be more than appreciated. Thanking you all for helping me with a promise I made to my father. Email: hdesjard@sympatico.ca
3. **KITCHEN, Maggie Jemima.** I'm interested in finding info about Maggie Jemima Kitchen, born 1897 or 1899 probably in Kincardine. Her father was James Kitchen, also born in Kincardine in 1864 and her mother was Elizabeth Ann Anderson, also born in Kincardine in 1863. Maggie was the second wife of Archdale Burton Burtchaell of Toronto who died in 1938, and she is buried in Kincardine cemetery as "Margaret Kitchen wife of Burton Burtchall 1897 to 1977." I'm particularly interested in learning if she returned from Toronto to Kincardine immediately after losing her husband? Also, are there any descendants. I believe the couple had no issue but do not know that for sure. Burton had a child Margaret M. Burtchaell, born 1916, from his first marriage, and I wonder if Maggie and

her step-daughter remained in contact after Burton's death? I am related to Burton Burtchaell. My great-great-grandfather and Burton's grandfather were brothers. Anything you can tell me about Maggie would be greatly appreciated. Linda Ford. Email: lindaoford@yahoo.ca

4. The research phase of the **Dunblane project** will conclude this fall, and the process has proven to be an enlightening and exciting one. I have gone through extensive newspaper archives; studied church, school, farm, and business history in the area; and even met descendants from earlier farm families that I never expected to see. Each day I seem to uncover new and fascinating anecdotes about former residents of the hamlet. However, there are still many questions that remain unanswered about Dunblane: Where did Jesse Shissler or the Stanley family live? Their names are in the school registry and pictures. Where did the Quigley, Hindman, McFadden, Roberts families move to from Ebenezer? Who were the blacksmiths that worked near Stark's mill? What of the cheese factory on the Hanbidge farm? Are there still descendants that could enlighten me? If you have information about these topics, or would like to assist in my research, I can be reached at 519-389-5229 or aumelrosefarm@bmts.com. As I work to finish the last chapters in my book on Dunblane, its pioneer church has opened a new one: With a new steel roof, a fresh coat of paint, and minor repairs to the interior, new life has been breathed into this historic landmark. A campaign to raise more funds for a complete interior redecoration is ongoing. Donations to this cause can be sent to: Margery Campbell, 657 Catherine St. Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C4.

**Bruce County Strays as found in
Victoria Daily Colonist, Victoria, BC**

Compiled by: Leona Taylor

While identified with salvage work, McHardy had considerable to do with the floating of the freighter Siberian Prince from Bentinck Island, near Race Rocks, and the raising of the steamship Prince Rupert, which sank at Swanson Bay.

He retired 10 years ago, but was always keenly interested in the work undertaken by the salvage company. Leaves widow, daughter, brother, 2 sisters. ROBP

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March 16, 1938, 3 - died yesterday at Victoria, BC, V, David McNab, 82, born in Bruce County, Ontario, coming here 19 years ago from Neepawa, Manitoba. Leaves widow, son, 2 daughters, sisters. Colwood.

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March 24, 1938, 5 - died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Lottie Teresa Forster, 48, born in Teeswater, Bruce County, Ontario, resident here 31 years. Leaves husband, G E, 2 sons, mother, Mrs James Straith, 4 brothers, sister. Pallbearers: W L McDonald, G Ree, P Caine, C O Regan, J Smith, J Green. W 022 E 49

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July 17, 1938, 7 - photo of former Miss Jean MacKenzie Turner, only daughter of Mrs M B Turner, Victoria, who married Dr E Kenneth Dawson, mayor of Chesley, Bruce County, Ontario, at Toronto recently...

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September 8, 1938, 6 - died yesterday at Victoria, BC, John Duncan Cameron, 82, born in Bruce County, Ontario, resident of BC 40 years. Leaves sons, Duncan & John, 2 daughters, sister [Spindler, Lucknow], brother, Hugh. Vancouver burial.

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September 22, 1938, 3 - died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Jane Richmond Halliday, 76, born at Perth, Ontario, and later her family moved to Chesley, Bruce County before she

came to BC 42 years ago. She leaves husband, William M, for many years at Alert Bay as teacher and Indian Agent, son, daughter. Cremate.

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September 24, 1938, 2 - died September 22 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Jane Doidge, 70, born in Bruce County, Ontario, resident here 28 years. Leaves husband, David A, son, sister. ROBP

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V/Died suddenly January 16, 1939 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Anzonettie Mary Lister, 60, born at Wiarton, Bruce County, Ontario, resident here 50 years. [died in house fire]. Daughter of late James & Mary A Williams, she leaves husband, Edward Russell Lister [#522796, enlisted August 8, 1915, Vernon, BC], brother [Matthews], 2 sisters. Cremate, P 090/091 E L.

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March 10, 1939, 3 - died March 8 at Victoria, BC, John William Brown Briggs, 70, born in Bruce County, Ontario, resident here 23 years, he was one of the pioneers of Carstairs district, Alberta. Leaves 2 sons, 2 brothers. ROBP

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April 18, 1939, 2 - died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Robert Lemon Allen, 69, born February 23, 1872 near Paisley, Bruce County, Ontario. #1015530, he served in the Great War as a member of the Yukon contingent of the Canadian forces under command of George Black, enlisting May 15, 1916 at Sidney, BC. He came west aged 10 with his family. In 1898 he went to the Yukon and, after serving overseas he returned there, where he was a timber inspector for the government. On retiring he came to Saanich 6 years ago. He leaves wife, former Margaret Hay of Paisley, a sister of James Hay, a well known citizen here. He also leaves 2 daughters, 4 brothers. Colwood

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June 11, 1939, 2 - died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Ida Rebecca Watt, 67, born in Port Elgin, Bruce County, Ontario, resident here 12 years. Leaves husband, John, daughter, son. ROBP

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August 4, 1939, 1; 8 - died yesterday at Saanich, BC, Mrs Mary Ann Parker Brooks, 96, born in

White Sands, Prince Edward Island, daughter of the White family long residents there. In 1864, aged 22 she married. They continued to farm there for 9 years, moving in 1873, to Illinois, returning to Canada 2 years later. Their next home was in Bruce County, Ontario, where they farmed for 10 years, and where their daughter Elizabeth was born. They came to Stellys Crossroad, Saanich in 1884... Leaves son, daughter. Family plot, Shady Creek, Saanich.

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August 16, 1939, 2 - died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Rosa Tanner, 65, resident of Central Saanich. Born in Bruce County Ontario, she came here with her parents [John & Fanny Sluggett] 63 years ago, settling at Brentwood. Leaves husband Henry Ernest, 2 sons, daughter, sister, 2 brothers. Cremate

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August 30, 1939, 3 - died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Duncan MacKenzie, 76, of Sooke, BC. Born in Kincardine, Bruce County, Ontario, resident here 32 years. For many years in the truck and dray business. Leaves wife, 7 sons, 3 daughters, 2 brothers, 2 sisters. Colwood

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September 7, 1939, 3 - died yesterday at Victoria, BC, William James Riley, 84, born in Walkerton, Bruce County, Ontario, resident here 27 years, and was one of the oldtimers of Calgary. Leaves 2 sons, 2 daughters.

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November 1, 1939, 6 - died yesterday at Victoria, BC, Mrs Barbara Lumsden, born in Paisley, Bruce County, Ontario, resident here 41 years. Leaves husband Thomas, 2 sons, 2 brothers [Rose]. Royal Oak Burial Park, Saanich

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November 21, 1939, 4 - died November 19 at Victoria, BC, William Laban Pollard, 84, born at Bruce County, Ontario, resident here 31 years. Leaves widow, 2 daughters. St Mary's Cemetery.

Networking to Find Your Ancestors

Written by Mary MacKay

Roslyn Crane and her husband Vince from Forest Beach (officially known as Allingham), Queensland, Australia spent a week-end with me in Paisley exploring the places her ancestors had settled when the Queen's Bush was just opening up. Although she has never seen the popular television show *Who Do You Think You Are?* her story would make a good episode. Unlike the TV show which only follows one branch of the family, Roslyn has researched and recorded all branches of her McDougall family back to Scotland, as well as the three coming to Ontario, and the one going to Australia. She is a keen, very competent genealogist and early in her adventure she contacted me because her McDougall family originated in Colonsay, Scotland and for several years now I have been researching and writing about settlers from Colonsay buried here in Rusk's Cemetery just off Concession 10 Elderslie. Roslyn and I have been working together to research families for eight or nine years. She was able to help me sort out several McNeill families that are intermarried with her McDougalls. This is a great example of networking. It was wonderful to finally meet!

Roslyn's McDougall family was not easy to trace because it has many different spellings. In old Scottish records it can be found as McLuggash, McLugaish, McLugash, Lugash, McLucas. In Canada it mostly appears as McDougall, sometimes with one "l" sometimes two, sometimes McDougald. That's a tip for would-be researchers. Be prepared to accept many variations of surname spelling.

I have not had a great deal of success with finding ship's passenger lists but a number of years ago a researcher of the Hugh Blue Family, who lived in Seattle, Washington, sent me a ship's list for *The Nubia* which in 1862 sailed from Glasgow, or Liverpool, via Belfast to Quebec. On board were several Colonsay families including Archibald McLagash Sr. age 69, a widower and his three married sons and

their wives and thirteen grandchildren, three of them under a year old.

On board was Archibald McDougal's oldest son, John age 45 and his wife Lucy Currie, 38. With them were seven children, Anna Bella 15, Mary 13, Anne 11, Donald 9, John 5, Marion 3, and Archibald 9 months.

Archibald's 4th child, also called Archibald, was on board, too. He was 36 and his wife, Mary Galbraith, was 26. They brought 3 children, Donald 5, Archibald 2 and Peggy 6 months. Mary's parents were also with them. Her father, Donald Galbraith, was 72, her mother Ann McLugash, 55 and two of their children, Lachlan 27, Marion 23 and granddaughter, Flora 2.

Also on board was Archibald's youngest son, Donald McDougal, 25, his wife Sally Blue, 30 and their 3 children Margaret 4, Donald 2, and Mary 6 months. (this is the Blue Family my earlier contact was looking for. Now it was a lucky "find" for Roslyn and me.)

From previous research I had done I was able to tell Roslyn that each of these families that came on the *Nubia* had somewhere to go in Bruce County. Other members of the family had preceded them. Archibald Sr.'s brother, Malcolm, was one of the first settlers in Elderslie. He and his wife, Euphemia Currie, and their seven children came in 1854 and settled on Lot 14 and 15 (corner of the Fifteen Sideroad and Concession 8, Elderslie). After Malcolm's death in 1866 his son Hugh stayed on the farm.

Archibald McLugash Sr.'s daughter, Mary, and her husband, James Gibson, had come on a ship called *The Ocean Monarch* in 1860. *The Ocean Monarch* sailed from Liverpool and arrived in New York August 4, 1860. How do you suppose they got here from New York City in the days when roads were only a blazed trail? The Gibsons took up land in Saugeen Township, later moving to Elderslie and then the Manitoulin Island.

Also on the *Ocean Monarch* were Hugh and Angus Blue, brothers of Sally Blue, Donald McLuggash's wife. Donald and Sally settled on the 20 acres which was her share of the 100 acres known as Scooptown on the corner of the Fifteen Sideroad and the Townline Arran/Elderslie. (but that's another story).

I was able to show Roslyn and Vince the homesteads where her McDougalls had settled and of course we visited Rusk's Cemetery where most of them were buried.

After a dream-come-true week-end in the Paisley area, Roslyn and Vince flew to Scotland to continue her research. They will visit with descendants of Archie McDougall's other three sons who remained in Scotland.

The next best thing to networking is being there.

Picture courtesy of Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre. . .



Queen Street, Kincardine, 1913 - Warwick Bros. & Rutter Ltd., publishers

News from the Bruce County Archives

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Our most recent additions to our Online Collections website, collections.brucemuseum.ca, include 140 postcard images of Kincardine and 100 postcard images of Chesley area.

Our volunteers have also been busy transcribing diaries, letters and journals. These transcripts are linked to item descriptions in the “Finding Aid and Inventory Links” field on collections.brucemuseum.ca:

- a) Schooner Nemesis ledger and log book, and Schooner Wanderer log book from early 1880s (AX2011.602.002);
- b) Military diary of Gordon Milton McCarter (Walkerton), Sept. 1917 – Nov. 1918 (A2010.099.1504);
- c) Correspondence from Lieutenant Colonel George Whitford Nelson to his sister Mrs. William Kidd during the First World War (A994.058.008);
- c) Audio interview: Alfred Williamson re: Alex McNeill Estate (“The Corran”) (A2012.035.009); and
- d) Audio interview: The Corran remembered by Edward and Clara Eyre (A2012.035.010).

More records are being added on a bi-weekly basis. Check back regularly to see what’s new!

Municipal Records

Bruce County Archives is the official repository for the County’s archival records. In addition, the Archives holds archival records for most of the lower-tier municipalities. Within the last year, Municipal transfers to the Archives have included:

From the Municipality of South Bruce:

- a) Carrick Township by-laws, minutes, and tax rolls;
- b) Mildmay minutes and tax rolls;
- c) Culross Township by-laws, minutes and tax rolls.

From the Township of Huron-Kinloss:

- a) Lucknow minutes and tax rolls;
- b) Kinloss Township by-laws, minutes, and tax rolls;
- c) Huron Township tax rolls; and
- d) Ripley minutes and tax rolls

From the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie:

- a) Arran Township by-laws, minutes and tax rolls;
- b) Tara by-laws, minutes and tax rolls;
- c) Elderslie Township by-laws, minutes and tax rolls;
- d) Chesley by-laws, minutes and tax rolls;
- e) Paisley by-laws, minutes and tax rolls.

For more information about these, and other Municipal Records held by the Bruce County Archives, please contact us.

Bruce County Archives Hours

Summer hours are in effect until the end of October 2016. The Research Room is open Monday to Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesdays until 8 p.m. Please check brucemuseum.ca for holiday hours and call ahead if you are planning to view items stored in the archival storage area. The Bruce County Archives is part of the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre, 33 Victoria Street, Southampton, Ontario, 519-797-2080, ext. 129.

**BRUCE COUNTY'S 150th BIRTHDAY –
FULL STEAM AHEAD!**

Walkerton, ON - Bruce County Council approved plans for a series of events in celebration of the Bruce County's 150th anniversary – Explorers of Bruce.

The 150th anniversary activities include a New Year's Eve Party, curling funspiels, a Halloween event, Culture Days opportunities and Military Reunion Dinner. An interactive outreach exhibit will showcase our county history at local events across the County throughout 2017.

In addition to our Explore the Bruce Passport, we are launching a unique project - collecting stories from past and present residents of Bruce County. These stories will be represented in pictures, text and videos on a website created for the 150th celebrations. The County, given our forestry legacy, will be planting 150 trees of substance.

Additionally, the County will create a time capsule.

Warden Mitch Twolan stated: "On behalf of County Council, I want to thank the cross functional team for all of their planning work. The program is exciting and we will have a terrific year celebrating our 150th Birthday." The committee will now proceed to finalize plans and begin seeking community partners to work together to celebrate the County's 150th!



Picture Courtesy of Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre
Port Elgin - Pioneer Reunion at Lakeshore Park c 1900

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