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Upcoming Meetings and Other Events

Date: Monday, February 26, 2018 @ 7 pm

Place: Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre

Topic: Irish Night with Celtic Dancers

Presenter: Patrick Kelly

Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 @ 7 pm

Place: Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre

Topic: Introduction to Genealogy

Presenter: Anne Goeden

Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 @ 7 pm

Place: Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre

Topic: Genealogy DNA Workshop

Presenter: Anne Goeden and Lolly Fullerton

Highlights of Previous Meetings

November: President Doug Lennox welcomed the 35 attendees and introduced our guest speakers Yvonne Drebert, producer and Robin Hilborn, author, of the Bruce County Heritage documentary project called the Bruce. They shared the history of the project, how it was put together, behind the scenes research and material acquisitions. Further information can be found at www.thebrucemovie.ca. The 3 part series will be broadcast on TVO in 2018 and the

accompanying companion book will be published by the Bruce County Historical Society.

Doug Lennox stepped down as President after serving a six year term. Our thanks goes to Doug for his leadership, efforts and his dedication. Glenys Johnson will be taking over as President.

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Queries

1. **SCHEFKOWSKI**, Mary Ann, b. 09/10/1867 in Colpoy Bay, m. Angus MacLeod, b. Lucknow @ 2/2/1885 or 1886 and immigrated to North Dakota. Her brothers also immigrated to North Dakota, and changed name to Tuskie. Mary Ann's parents are **Joseph SCHEFKOWSKI** (b. 1835) and Margaret KRUPP (b. 1848), both born in Hanover Germany. **Archibald and Jessie (Nicolson) MacLeod** are Angus's parents and are buried in S. Kinloss Presbyterian Cemetery. I am not positive about the spelling of SCHEFKOWSKI. This is the spelling found on a tombstone in Westhope, North Dakota. One of her brothers was Simon Tuskie, who is buried in Westhope. Many thanks! William Beckman. From what I have been able to trace, Margaret Schutkowski (sometimes spelt "Schefkowski", "Tuskie", etc.) was originally **Margaret Grub** (spelt "Krupp" above) from Bruce county, Ontario, Canada.

The records indicate she was the daughter of my great, great, great grandparents (**Philip Grub** - 1819-1892 and **Anna Stetzger** 1820-1894) and sister of my great, great grandfather. All of my direct ancestors originate in Bruce county from Philip and Anna.

The records indicate that Margaret was born in Germany/Prussia (approx. 1846-1847) and we have never been able to trace where her parents (Philip Grub and Anna Stetzger) were from. If I am able to find out where Margaret was born though this would probably reveal the answer.

Perhaps if you have any information on **Margaret Schutkowski** it would help. Or maybe you have information on the Grub family? Thank you. Please contact Daniel Grubb <grubb.afai@gmail.com>

2. I am looking for some information regarding John Cornish and Arabella Jane Johns Cornish. They lived in Huron Township, Bruce County. I volunteer for a thrift shop near Saskatoon and a Bible from the 1870's was donated to us. The family section records the births of the Cornish children Mary Elizabeth, Francis Alberta, Thomas James and Margaret Ann. Do you know of any descendants of this family? I would like to reunite the family with their Bible, if they are interested. Please email: Rochella Fehr <Rochella.Fehr@richardson.ca>

3. I am researching the **TAYLOR** Family, many of whom lived in Tara (c.1850s-1900), specifically these names: **Malcolm Taylor** born c.1812 from Argyleshire Scotland, his sons James , Alex, Archie (father of Cyclone Taylor); James Taylor was a doctor in Tara, died 1896 interred in Hillcrest Cemetery, Arran Township; James was married to **Eliza Cryderman**; their children - **Anna Linda** (b.1860-1943), **Ella M** (b.1861-1931), **Albert Edward** (1864-),

Walter James Taylor (1865-1925), **Sylvia Eliza** (1868-1871). **Albert Edward Taylor** born 1864. He studied law by articling (for five years) in William Avery Bishop Sr's (father of flying ace Billy Bishop) law firm in Owen Sound. Albert was my great-grandfather, and eventually was a judge in Sarnia. If anyone has any information please contact me: patmacd@me.com



Your Queries Please!!!

A Good Irish Name—Daniel

Submitted by Mary MacKay

One Saturday afternoon, back in November, I was invited to a sixty-fifth birthday party for a young man who used to be my neighbour when I was growing up. I think of Dan as young because I was already in High School when he was born. That makes him seem young to me. It was a good old-fashioned birthday party, lots of food and friends, cake and candles and visiting. It was held in the heritage farm home where Dan has lived all his life--as did his father, grandfather and great-grandfather before him.

Each Irish family seemed to have a favourite name that was used in every branch down through the generations. The McCaw name was Daniel. The first known Daniel McCaw had a November birthday too. He was born in Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, Ireland in 1812. In 1839 he was living in Bushmills, County Antrim working in the linen trade when he married Isabella McCurdy (also born in November). Irish records are hard to find but I did find her baptism in Dunservick Church three miles east of Bushmills. At the same time I also found proof that Isabella McCurdy had a brother John who was my ancestor.

In the 1830s and '40s living conditions in Ireland were deplorable. People relied completely on potatoes for food so when the potato harvest failed many people starved. Crops were a failure in the years 1832 and 1836 and in 1839, the year Daniel and Isabella were married there was only half a crop. The winters of 1846 and 1847 were very severe and 1847 was also very wet. It is no wonder that Daniel and Isabella, like many other Irish couples, decided to leave their homeland and book passage on an boat going to the new world.

In 1848 Daniel and Isabella sailed on the American ship "Liberty" with their three young children John 7, Katie 3 and Patrick 2.

Their fourth child was born aboard ship on July 22, 1848. Since it was the first baby born aboard the ship the captain wanted them to call him "Liberty". But Daniel said "No" and turned down the offer of five hundred sovereigns. To the captain's inquiry of what they were going to call the baby, Daniel and Isabella replied "He will be called Daniel." The captain said: "Make it Daniel Liberty and I'll still give you five hundred sovereigns." But being true-blue Irish they answered "No". ***Being a true-blue genealogist I know they were following the Irish naming pattern--oldest son named after father's father; second son after mother's father; third son after Father.***

So now we have a second generation Daniel in the McCaw family!

The ship landed in New Amsterdam (now New York.) The new baby was registered at Staten Island New York but on the 1891 census place of birth is recorded "***on the sea***".

The family then went to Virginia. From Virginia they moved to Hibbert Township, Perth County, Upper Canada and then to Fullarton Township also in Perth County. Their fifth child, William, was born in Fullarton Township February 16, 1853.

Even before the survey for Elderslie Township was completed Daniel and Isabella were among the first settlers who squatted on Concession 1 Elderslie. They staked out a claim for 200 acres, lot 7 and 8 Concession 1 Elderslie (second farm from the Saugeen River which brought them into the area.) Their first home on lot 7 was log but later a white frame house was built at the top of an incline about half way back the farm on lot 8. Daniel and his sons carved a farm out of the virgin forest. They used the Saugeen River for transportation to Walkerton and Paisley because the road was only a blazed trail. Their youngest child, Mary Ann was born in Elderslie three years later. (1857).

Isabella planted a garden near the house and grew most of the food for her family. When she looked out one day she saw a deer eating her garden. She grabbed a board, ran out and killed it by hitting it in the right place. This gave them a good supply of fresh meat.

When the Wesleyan Methodist Circuit Riders called the family attended service at Vesta and the three youngest McCaw children were baptised there. Often when there was no minister Daniel took the service himself. They were well respected citizens of the community and taught their children to be God-fearing, law-abiding citizens.

One Sunday the Wesleyan Methodist Circuit rider failed to show up for service, so their oldest son, John, accompanied by other young boys of the community went to the Saugeen River for a swim. Tragedy struck! John was drowned just 25 days after his 17th birthday. They buried him in Paisley Cemetery, the only established cemetery at the time.

On February 10, 1864 their daughter Katey married her first cousin John McCurdy. At 18 years of age John McCurdy had found his way to the McCaw homestead in the Queen's Bush and claimed Lot 9 Concession 1 beside his Aunt and Uncle and McCaw cousins. He began clearing some land, fell in love with their daughter and a few months later was killed by a falling tree leaving Katey a widow at 21 years of age. Life was tough! Before the year was over John McCurdy's parents, John McCurdy Sr. and his wife, Ann Mitchell, (my ancestors) arrived in Elderslie to take over the lot their son John had claimed for them. Life went on!

By now I bet you are asking if there really was a Daniel McCaw in every branch in every generation as I claimed previously. Yes there were 5 in all and none of them lived to be 65.

Of course the oldest son, John, who drowned, did not have any descendants. The

second son, Patrick, married, Jane Foster, stayed on the home farm and had six children. The oldest was called Daniel (remember the naming pattern). However this child only lived to be three years old Patrick and Jane also buried their only daughter, Mary Jane, in infancy.

Next was Daniel (the one born at sea). He married his cousin Mary Jane McCurdy and had five children. He built a beautiful red brick home on the second lot claimed, lot 7 Con.1 Elderslie. Their oldest boy was called Daniel. After his wife died when she was only 39 years old Daniel took his young family to Loreburn, Saskatchewan where he lived in a log house until he died of food poisoning, Nov 30, 1911. He was 63. His body was brought home and buried in Douglas Hill Cemetery beside his wife.

The 4th son of the pioneers was William (remember he was the one born in Ontario). He married Mary McCauley and had 12 children. They settled on the Brant side of the road across from his parents and lived there the rest of their lives. They were the first McCaws to live where the birthday party was held. Their 5th child but 3rd son was called Daniel. This Daniel married Annie Fortune. They went west to Manitoba and later to Edmonton. He died of a stroke in his 60th year.

The youngest of the pioneer McCaw family was a girl Mary Ann who married William Shouldice and settled across the road from her parents on the Brant side of the road, lot 7 Con 15. Mary Ann had a son Daniel, too, but of course his surname was Shouldice. Daniel Shouldice died of typhoid fever when he was 28.

Daniel was a good name for an Irish lad. Daniel, the patriarch of the McCaw family lived to be over 80 as did his wife Isabella. The short obituary in the Paisley Advocate follows:

January 1892

Brant Township lost one of its old pioneers in the death on Monday last of Daniel McCaw who was over eighty years of age. Mr McCaw was a worthy upright old



BCGS Cemetery Group News

submitted by Lolly Fullerton

Our cemetery group met this summer to Index some of the photos that we had taken last summer. Not as much fun as taking photos of headstones but very necessary. And it meant getting together and having lunch too.

Many stones are very old so we struggle to read them and ask each other for help. Some are relatively new and easy to read.

Well, we found one stone that read like this:

Elizabeth S.... 1921 - 2015

Wife of

Reginald G.... 1981 - 2013

We were stunned. Did Elizabeth marry a man 60 years younger than herself!

Our conversation was full of questions. When did they get married? How old were they at the time? Etcetera.... Truly we had to find out.

Thank goodness for google. The answer actually was so obvious.

Reginald was of a similar age as Elizabeth. They were married from 1981 - 2013 when Reginald died. Just the very first stone we have ever seen like this — the man's dates being the length of their marriage.

Ontario Church Photo Collection

David Thompson, Director, The Ontario Genealogical Society

OGS through its Branches has for years led the way with cemetery transcripts. Through CanadianHeadstones.com, OGS continues its support for a photographic record of those cemeteries. A number of years ago OGS also led the way with its Places of Worship Records Inventory Project. The purpose of that project, which was undertaken by many, if not all OGS Branches, was to identify the location of existing records of baptisms, marriages, burials and other related data for all places of worship in Ontario in the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries.

Now join OGS in building a photographic record of the churches of our families and ancestors in order to maintain a permanent record of the places which were so important in their lives, and where christenings, marriages and funerals occurred. In a time of unprecedented challenges for organized religions, rural and urban churches alike are under threat, with more disappearing weekly it seems. You can submit personal photos of

churches currently in your collection, or you can make a point to pull out your phone or camera the next time you drive by a church.

Upload your photos at the OGS [Church Photo Uploader](https://ogs.on.ca/church-locator/). <https://ogs.on.ca/church-locator/> Within days they will be available for viewing, printing or downloading. We ask that you assign OGS copyright in your photographs in order that we can freely display them and allow users to print, download and save them for their personal use. To view this website: <https://ogs.on.ca/databases/ontario-church-photo-collection/>

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Bruce County Strays
submitted by Leona Taylor

August 28, 1942, 3 - funeral for Joseph
 Irwin Thompson, who died yesterday at
 Victoria, BC. Born at Bruce County, Ontario,
 resident here 21 years. Leaves widow, Lucy, 2
 daughters, sister, Marion. Colwood

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September 1, 1942, 3 - died August 30 at
 Victoria, BC, Catherine Baxter, 61, born in
 Bruce County, Ontario, resident here 54 years.
 Leaves widower, Charles B, son, 2 daughters,
 brother [McGillivray], 2 sisters. O 080/081 E T

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September 4, 1942, 11 - died September 2
 at Victoria, BC, Louisa Fisher, 71, born in
 Walkerton, Bruce County, Ontario, resident
 here 50 years. Leaves husband, nephew.
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September 23, 1942, 3 - died yesterday at
 Victoria, BC, Mrs Agnes Gray McMinn, born
 in Tara, Bruce County, Ontario, resident here
 16 years. Leaves husband, Samuel, 2 sisters, 2
 brothers [Douglas]. Colwood

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September 24, 1942, 3 - died recently at
 Vancouver, BC, Mrs Nina Dunlop McNeill,
 born in Bruce County, Ontario. She had lived
 in Victoria for many years. Widow of Donald
 Alexander McNeill.

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November 8, 1942, 18 - died November 5
 at Victoria, BC, Mrs Geraldine Sharpe, 80,
 born April 9, 1862 at Bruce County, Ontario.
 Family plot, N 035 E P.

News from the Bruce County Archives

Ann-Marie Collins, Archivist

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Family Histories now Described Online

Descriptions of our Family Histories collection, including title, author, description and family names are now part of the Museum's Online Collections (collections.bruce-museum.ca). A great way to search for family histories, is to visit the [Online Collections Terms Page](#) and browse the People section.

First World War Newspapers

The digital versions of the Paisley, Port Elgin, Walkerton, and Wiarton newspapers are now easier to find on the bruce-museum.ca website! Just go to the [Collections & Research](#) section and look for the "First World War Newspapers" link in the left-hand column.

Municipal Records at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula records held at the Bruce County Archives are now fully described in the Museum's Online Collections (collections.bruce-museum.ca). Genealogists sometimes wish to review Assessment Rolls to confirm place of residence. To see, for example, a list of Eastnor Township assessment rolls available for viewing at the Museum, type [Eastnor and Assessment](#) in the keyword box.

The Bruce County Archives now holds records for all municipalities within the County. For many jurisdictions, the municipal records held in the Archives include by-laws, minutes, taxation rolls, financial records, and more. Archives staff and volunteers are gradually adding descriptions of all municipal holdings to our Online Collections; in the meantime, feel free to contact us to inquire further about our holdings.

Krug Negatives

Archives staff have been steadily scanning many of the 22,000 negatives forming part of the Krug

family fond, in order to assist the Ontario Visual Heritage Project as it creates a Bruce County documentary. These negatives also feature images of Grey County and other surrounding areas. Thanks to our volunteers, the negatives are gradually being posted online. To date, 75 strips of negatives, totalling over 1,800 images, from a wide date range, are available for viewing on collections.bruce-museum.ca. In the Online Collections Photo Catalogue type [A2014.003](#) in the search box.

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