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## Upcoming Meetings and Other Events

**Date:** November 18, 2019 @ 12 pm  
**Place:** Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre  
**Topic:** Retrieving and Interpreting Military Records  
**Presenters:** E. Clare Stewart and Iain S. Sneyd, Military Genealogists

**Date:** March 9, 2020  
**Place:** In home WEBINAR  
**Topic:** Tragedies, Disasters and Disease in Canadian History  
**Presenter:** Kathryn Lake Hogan

## QUERIES

My ancestors lived in three counties in Ontario, namely Bruce, Grey, and Waterloo. I'm looking for information on my great-great grandparents. **Jacob and Elizabeth (Rossell) Schenk**. Other spellings are **Shenk**, and **Schank**,

They last resided in Bruce County, Brant Township. They had 9 children. I have found more info on Elizabeth this year. She is buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Neustadt. My cousins and I were in the area last fall trying to find answers but didn't find answers to two questions. I have been trying for years to find (1) where Jacob is buried as he doesn't appear to be buried beside his wife. No cemetery record I've seen shows a burial record for Jacob.

I know he came from Germany but (2) can't find a record of where in Germany.

Can anyone enlighten me on where else to go to look for information. Is there any genealogist in the area who would take on this project to answer those two questions ? I would need to talk costs first of course.

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## Twelve Ways to Become a Better Genealogist

*Lorne McGinnis Schulze, Olive Tree Genealogy*

1. Copy all documents carefully, word for word, exactly as written. Do not correct spelling or make guesses. Accuracy is one of the most important characteristics of a good genealogy researcher.
2. Analyze new material carefully- think about what the document tells you. What clues are found in the document? Where should you look next?
3. Be methodical. Don't jump around! Focus on one ancestor at a time. Note everything you find.
4. Don't make assumptions. For example, not everyone knew when they were born or how old they were in any given year, so those census records might not agree, but don't assume you've got the wrong ancestor. It's okay to theorize but note that you are working on a theory, not a fact backed up with sources.
5. Gather all documents and records on one ancestor, and study them carefully for clues. Note your sources carefully.
6. Don't grab online trees and add to your own without verifying every single "fact". Use online trees for clues, but remember you do not know how good or how bad a genealogist the person is who did them.
7. Put together a chronological timeline for each ancestor. This will help you see what you are missing and what else you need.
8. Review old research. You will be amazed at what you may have missed the first time around.
9. Write a report on what you have found for an ancestor. This will help you place your ancestor in history and add detail to the bare facts.
10. Remember that your ancestors were people just like you. They loved, they hate, they cried, they laughed, they had good days, they had bad days. Think about this when you are trying to figure out how your great-great grandfather met and married your great-great grandmother. Apply your own life experiences to each ancestor you find.
11. Research the area where your ancestor lived and find out what records were made during his/her lifetime, what has survived, and where they are held.
12. Cite your sources! If you aren't up to citing them in the current approved scholarly way, at the very least write them down in a way that will allow others to find what you used. Yes, some of us still like to verify for ourselves.

If you have any old scrapbooks full of newspaper clippings the Bruce County Genealogy Society clippers would be happy to copy the articles and return the scrapbooks to you. BCGS accepts "pre 1950" Bruce County newspaper clippings of births, marriages, deaths for their surname collection.

## **MacAulay Family Revisited**

*submitted by Heather Ibbotson*

I was surprised to see in the latest Bruce Bulletin a story about my distant relative Graham S. MacAulay, who, at age 12, drowned in the Saugeen River and is buried in Southampton with his paternal grandparents.

I am related to Graham through his mother, Margaret (McLeod) MacAulay.

I thought I would write and add a bit about his mother's side of the family. I have also attached a photo of Margaret (McLeod) MacAulay with her son Graham and daughter Norma.

Margaret, also known as "Peggy", (1870-1921) was one of eight children born to Murdoch McLeod (1823-1890) and Mary Ann Graham (c.1833 -1877) of Huron Township, Bruce County.

Murdoch came from the Isle of Lewis with his widowed mother, Christine, and brothers John and John (yes two Johns) and Donald. (I am a great, great granddaughter of Donald "Big Dan" McLeod and his wife Annie McLennan of Huron). These McLeod and McLennan families were among the Lewis Settlers of 1852.

Here is what I know about Graham's tragic death. Also note that the MacAulay name is spelled various ways in various records, such as MacAulay, McAulay and McAuley.

Twelve-year-old Graham died on July 23, 1907 when he fell from a bridge and drowned in the Saugeen River.

Graham and his family lived in Wiarton, but that July he had gone to spend some holiday time with his MacAulay grandparents in Southampton.

On that fateful day, Graham and his best friend "Mado" McLeod went out to bring home a cow at about 7:20 p.m., and returning over a bridge on the Saugeen, they paused to watch a canoe travel below.

The boys were leaning over looking into the water when the railing gave way and Graham fell about 20 feet into the water. The water was about 12 feet deep at that spot and it was thought he was partially stunned by the fall.

He was seen in the water by a man who lived nearby but that man had no means to reach him. An alarm was raised and another man jumped in and dove for the boy without success.

About 40 minutes later, Graham's body was grappled out the river and taken to his grandfather's house where a local doctor and friends worked for over an hour to try to revive him, without success.

The Southampton newspaper stated, "The deceased boy was the eldest son, was a bright boy and well known in town as he spent his vacations here, and the parents and other relatives have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement."

Graham is buried with his MacAulay grandparents.

The family had more than their share of sadness, as Graham's baby brother Donald died in 1912 of whooping cough, his sister Norma died at 17 of tuberculosis in 1914, and his brother Erwin/Irvine was nearly killed by an automobile. Their mother, Margaret, died at 51 in 1921 after a hysterectomy operation.

I would love to hear from any relatives of these particular McLeod family lines mentioned above.

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**Margaret (McLeod) MacAulay with her son Graham and daughter Norma.**

## **A Visitor From Across the Pond**

*submitted by Mary MacKay*

The August 17, 1911 edition of the Paisley Advocate contained the following interesting news in the Cantire column.

**“On Tuesday last Mr. Arch Bowie of Maryport, Cumberland, England began his return journey after a two weeks’ visit to his aunt, Mrs. P. Reid, and other relatives in the Cantire vicinity. Mr Bowie is a typical Scot.....”**

I don’t often find a story in the old Advocates about my ancestors but I did recognize Mrs. P. Reid. She was my great-grandmother. Her maiden name was Christina Taylor, married to Peter Reid and was left a widow in 1895. That is sixteen years before this Arch Bowie came all the way from England to visit his aunt.

Christina Reid wasn’t really his aunt. It’s the deceased Peter Reid that was Arch’s uncle because Arch Bowie’s mother was Peter’s sister. And she also had been dead for forty-two years.

Peter Reid, born in 1829 in the parish of Saddell, Kintyre, Argyllshire, Scotland was an orphan. Peter and his two sisters were brought up by an aunt in Campbelltown, at the tip of the Kintyre Peninsula. At a very young age he was apprenticed to a blacksmith in Clachan, Kintyre and sisters Margaret and Mary became housemaids. Margaret married Lachlan Bowie (Arch’s parents) and moved to Maryport, Cumberland, England. Peter’s sister, Mary, married John Brown and moved to Shedock farm on the Isle in Arran. And Peter immigrated to Ontario because Christina and her Taylor family were already pioneering in Elderslie Township.

So what is Arch Bowie doing in Cantire after all these years? Being the oldest child of Margaret and Lachlan Bowie he was the one to keep up the correspondence across the ocean. He was the one to send a family picture of his wife and nine children and was pleased to receive back a picture of Peter and Christina and their nine children. No doubt he felt as if he knew these cousins. But why a visit now?

Arch Bowie was 66 years old when he made the trip to Elderslie. He was an engineer by trade and for thirty years had been manager of Blast Furnaces for the Cammille Iron and Steel plant where he had been the overseer of 300 men. This firm imported great quantities of iron ore from Spain and Newfoundland and Russia which they converted into pig iron and then manufactured into steel rails. The company once enjoyed a good trade with Canada but since the bounties have been paid to the steel rail industries at the Soo and Sydney, Cape Breton prices had dropped considerably.

But there was another good reason for Arch to make the trip. He had two sons on this side of the ocean. He had already spent time

with his oldest, Daniel, who was employed in the Union Bank in Quebec City. On his way home Arch planned to spend a couple of weeks in Sydney, Cape Breton Island with his oldest son, Lauchlan who had a position as engineer in the works in that place.

Arch Bowie had another reason to visit Ontario. Back home there was a great movement to leave the motherland and come to Canada. He wondered if he should immigrate? He certainly was struck by the immensity of the country he passed through on his train ride from Quebec to Paisley. He greatly enjoyed discussions with his cousins, although they were considerably younger than him they were married and set up on their own farms.

I wonder who wrote the article for the Cantire news? I think it was Donald Reid, Arch's youngest cousin but I don't know what he meant by the statement "**Mr Bowie is a typical Scot.** Do You?"

### Jacob Hutton Miller

*submitted by Shirley Moulton*

Although this story takes place in Lincolnshire, England in 1877, there are many descendants of Jacob Hutton Miller and Jane Harriet Wilson in the Bruce County and surrounding area today. This article appeared in the Stamford Press, 1877, Lincolnshire, England.

The picture was not part of the original newspaper article. It was added for dramatic effect.

Jacob Hutton Miller, was born 15 Feb 1817 in West Pinchbeck, Lincolnshire, England. He was a blacksmith. Jacob Hutton Miller married Jane Harriet Wilson, 21 Jun 1856. They had eight children: Hutton, Elizabeth, Harriet, Wilson, Jacob, Albert, Bob and

Isaac. They all settled in Canada except Bob and Isaac, who settled in the USA.

### The Jacob Miller Family



### PINCHBECK WEST

#### Fatal Accident Through a Runaway Horse

An accident, which caused the death of a man under very painful circumstances, happened on Friday last. A pony and trap, the property of Mr. Bryan Smith, brewer, of Gosberton, were temporarily fastened to a post in front of the Five Bells Inn, Money Bridge. By some means the pony succeeded in liberating itself, when it crossed the bridge and dashed along the riverside in the direction of Pinchbeck. On the Bridge it came into collision with a man named **Jacob Hutton Miller**, ran over him, and inflicted most serious injury. Having reached Herring Bridge, the pony and trap crossed it, and proceeded in the direction of Northgate Mills. An effort was made in tiring it to a standstill, when the pony completely wrenched itself free from the trap, and continued alone in rapid career past the Horse and Jockey, and then took the

road heading to the Forty-foot. On arriving opposite Mr. Atkinson's cottages, it suddenly swerved, precipitately crossed a narrow plank into a field, and there fell to the ground from sheer exhaustion. The poor fellow Miller was at once conveyed home, and medical assistance procured, but the injuries proved to be of so alarming a nature, that on Friday night death supervened. The poor man Miller was married, and has left a large family to mourn his loss. His wife was in front of him on Money Bridge, wheeling a barrow and he was carrying buckets and yokes across the Bridge at the moment the rebound of the trap from the other wall of the Bridge caught him and inflicted fatal injuries. On the following day, an inquest was held at the Old Five Bells, before Joe G. Calthrop, when facts similar to those above enumerated having been adduced, the jury returned a verdict of "accidentally killed" adding their regret that Money Bridge is in a dangerous state, and should receive the attention of the Deeping Fen Drainage Trustees, who are the owners.

### **Pony and Trap**



Annual membership fees for 2020 are now due. Membership fees remain the same at \$20 for an individual membership or \$25 for a family membership. Donations are greatly appreciated, and we are a registered charity so you will receive a receipt for tax purposes. You can send your cheque to: Bruce County Genealogical Society, Box 1083, Port Elgin, Ontario, N0H 2C0. We are now accepting e-transfers so if you would like to send funds this way, please direct your funds to our treasurer's email address at [annegoeden.bcgs@gmail.com](mailto:annegoeden.bcgs@gmail.com) Make sure you include your membership number if known in the description field. Thanks for your continued support.



## News from the Bruce County Archives

Deb Sturdevant, Archivist

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## **2019 Additions to the Archives & Research Room**

In 2019 to date, we have welcomed donations from over 55 individuals. The following is a sample of some of the items that may be of interest to genealogists.

### **1. Family Histories, Business Records, and Personal Papers:**

“The Family History of George and Elizabeth (Bannister) Walker”, 2010;

“Hands across the Sea, Hands across the Borders, 1791-2018 : a Genealogical Record of Clan Broadfoot (revised edition),” 2018;

“Newman, Theophilus and Henrietta - Village of Inverhuron”;

Scrapbooks, albums and notebooks related to Ruth Pringle’s participation in the Weston’s Coronation Tour, 1953;

Dickison/Weigel short course certificates, 1933;

William John Graham’s personal account book, 1900-1919, Arran Township;

Cecil Swale’s Daily journal for 1904;

Walter Burnside Coal Co. ledger, 1918-1920;

"An Odyssey - 100 Years of Larsen & Shaw Ltd.: volume 1 (1919-1994) by Carl J. Larsen; volume 2 (from the 90s to 2019 by John Larsen)”;

Almira Furniture Company catalogue, 1994;

**2. Newspapers:** Issues of “The Informer” newspaper serving Tiverton and vicinity, 1978;

### **3. School records:**

U.S.S. No. 8 Greenock and Elderslie daily school register, 1878-1882;

Chesley District High School yearbook, 1950-1951;

### **4. Photographs:**

Hepworth Continuation School students, 1939;

Tara Continuation School students, 1947, 1949-50;

Girls of S.S. No. 4 Arran, 1943;

Tiverton Council, 1951;

Dr. D.H. Milne;

Joseph Shultz family photographs, 1930s-1950s;

Dr. Percy Nelson Pletsch shaking hands with Premier John Robarts when chiropractic care became part of OHIP ca. 1963;

Carrick Township Weigels at Normanby St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, early 1900s;

Carrick Township farming-related scenes with Dickison family;

97th Field Battery R.C.A., C.A.S.F. May 1940;

Johnston Sherman Ferris, Kincardine Township, First World War soldier;

George William Nicoll, Elderslie Township, First World War soldier;

### **5. Military-themed items:**

Letters of thanks from Canadian soldiers during the Second World War for packages received from the Euchre & Crokinole Club (Bruce Township);

Pte. Sidney P. Sinden, Teeswater, Certificate of Service;

Certificates and documents regarding Lionel Beattie Tranter, Southampton, Second World War;

## 6. Organizations' and Local History Records:

Queens Bush Rural Ministries minute books, 1987-2000;

Kincardine Turf Club minutes, 1908-1930;

Chesley Agricultural Society minute books, 1979-2014, scrapbooks 1946-2010;

Dunblane research materials (digitized);

"Who Lived in Tiverton Early 1900's as told to Betty MacKinnon by Sarah (McLean) Speiran and Johnina Vallance", 1993;

Tiverton Walking Tour Guide, 2019.

More information about these items is being added to the collections.brucemuseum.ca. If you would like to contribute to the preservation of Bruce County's history, and have documents or photographs that help tell a story related to the history of the County and its residents, please contact Archivist **D e b S t u r d e v a n t** (dsturdevant@brucecounty.on.ca) to discuss a possible donation to the Archives!

### Bruce County Archives Hours

The Research Room is open Tuesday to Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until the end of March 2020. On Saturdays, the Research Room is open from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed from 12 – 1). Please check our website 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.

### Bruce County Genealogical Society-2019

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