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Upcoming Meetings and Other Events

Date: May 11, 2020 @ 7 pm
Place: In home WEBINAR
Topic: **Researching Black Sheep Ancestors**
Presenter: Kathryn Lake Hogan

Date: June 8, 2020 @ 7 pm
Place: In home WEBINAR
Topic: **Tips and Tricks for German Genealogy**
Presenter: Ann Goeden

Date: June 13, 2020 @ 7 pm
Place: TBA
Topic: **Walk and Talk in a Bruce County Cemetery**
Presenter: TBA

Write us

We are looking for your story... send us a paragraph or more on "My ancestor was a....." Could be an occupation, an event, a surprise... Send your story (and a photo if possible) for publication in our quarterly Newsletter - Bruce Bulletin to smoulton@bmts.com. We'd love to hear from you.

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.

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The Howe Family of Culross Township

submitted by Sandra Howe

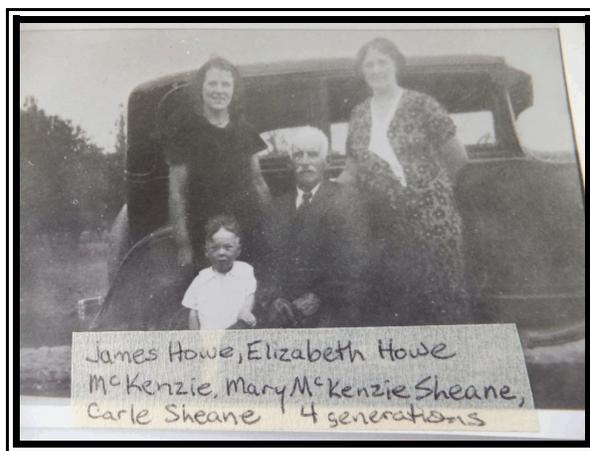
I have been researching HOWE family of Culross Township history and have learned and confirmed a few interesting things. I also have many questions still unanswered. I am especially keen to learn about and connect with descendants of John Howe (1858-1934), and Walter Howe (1854-1934). They married Mary Kerr and Ann J. Lindsay respectively and all four are buried in Culross-Teeswater Cemetery. Walter and John were younger brothers to my great-grandfather, James Howe (1849-1936), and these three brothers came separately from a larger family in Howick, Quebec. James and Walter were blacksmiths and later farmed in Culross. John, I think, mainly farmed. In later life, James stayed on the farm near Salem, Culross with his youngest son, Leslie James. Walter lived in Teeswater, possibly near Sacred Heart Church and School. John retired to Lucknow, according to James' obituary. Any additional information would be most welcome.

James Howe married Mary McKague in Teeswater, and we know a lot about our line through McKague research and the Burt Family. My grandfather, William John (WJ) Howe (1877-1958), was the eldest of James and Mary's children. Emma married David Ballagh and moved to Saskatchewan. Elizabeth married William MacKenzie in Lucknow. Laura married Charles Burt of Kinloss. Leslie James never married, farmed, worked at the Vendome Hotel in Teeswater, and is buried with his parents in Culross-Teeswater Cemetery.

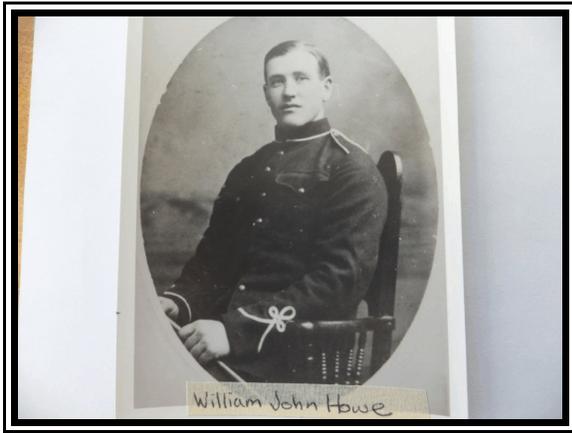
Many readers will be familiar with the Culross Quilt now housed at the Bruce County Museum and archives. <http://www.crcq.co.uk/culross/culross.html>

This quilt is attributed to "The Junior Workers of Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, Concession 10 & 12, Bruce Co., Culross, Ontario, Canada 1918." It includes about 344 embroidered names including several of the HOWE Family with helpful biographical information. It is very exciting for me to see the images and read these details on my ancestors. I have yet to see the quilt in person but that is on my to-do list when the Archives re-opens after this pandemic has passed. William John, Mrs. William John (Cora Chilton, grandpa's first wife), Herbert Fenwick (their son who died at age 11 years), and Leslie James are all listed on the Culross Quilt.

I have attached HOWE family pictures with labels on images. I would love to hear from cousins or others with information relevant to this story. Please email: Sandra J. Howe, howesandraj@gmail.com



Four Generations: James Howe, Elizabeth Howe McKenzie, Mary McKenzie Sheane, Carle Sheane



William John Howe



Elizabeth Howe McKenzie



Emma Howe



Laura Howe

Samuel Wilson and Sarah Cockburn
submitted by Joan MacDougall nee Maxwell

My great-grandparents, Samuel Wilson and Sarah Cockburn were married in 1861 at Dungannon, Ashfield, Huron County.

Samuel Wilson owned lot 2 on the 4th concession of Ashfield. From the History of Kinloss Township: "Lot 5 Kinloss Township 1869 crown to Samuel Wilson ." In 1869, Samuel bought this farm from the Crown for \$150.00. In 1873, he sold the farm for \$2,500.00. There was a small log house. Only 35 acres were cleared. In the County of Bruce Directory, 1876, Samuel was listed a grain dealer in Lucknow.

Sam and Sarah had nine children. Sara probably died of childbirth complications in December, 1877 or early in January 1878 in Lucknow, Huron County. After their mother died, seven of the nine children went to live with their Uncle William Wilson. William's wife was Elizabeth Benson. William became a deputy reeve. He lived on Lot 20 Conc.3 Huron Township. Bruce County.

The census of 1881 showed that Ruth, Elizabeth Ann (my grandmother), Margaret

Jane, James Bendon, Clara Maude and the baby, Albert Edward who was born December 6, 1877 attended the church in Kincardine.

Two older boys went to live with their father, Samuel on a farm 3 miles from Callander near North Bay. Sam later married a widow named Charlotte Riley on July 11, 1882. They had a second family of nine children. Sam died on January 26, 1908 in Nipissing County.

I have been unable to trace the burial site of my great grandmother Sarah Elizabeth Cockburn/Wilson. I have been able to trace the majority of the Wilson/Cockburn family.

I am hoping someone might have some information about the family. Please email: robada@cogeco.ca



Samuel Wilson and Sarah Cockburn

My Great Great Grandmother was a “centenarian” . . .

Submitted by Donna Coffey

At the time of the Rebellion of 1837-38, great great grandmother Maria (Walker) Lloyd was a young woman married to a first cousin of Jesse Lloyd, founder of the village of Loydtown in the former township of King in York County. A newspaper item written at the time of her 100th birthday and her obituary suggest that she was proud to have been associated with the rebels.

“AURORA WOMAN IS A CENTENARIAN
A resident in Aurora, Mrs. Maria Lloyd, celebrated her hundredth birthday . . . Mrs. Lloyd is still hale and hearty and her intellect is undimmed. She remembers the Rebellion of 1837 and she was a personal friend of William Lyon McKenzie. During the struggle her house was looted by the Loyalists, who stripped it of all provender, but were unable to find the object of their search—concealed arms.

Mrs. Lloyd was born in County Tyrone, Ireland on April 14, 1811, emigrating to Canada in 1822, taking over nine weeks on the Voyage. She spent most of her life in King Township, marrying Joseph Lloyd, a farmer, in 1831. On his death in 1879, she went to Aurora to live with her daughter.

Source: *scrapbook clipping from an unidentified newspaper.*

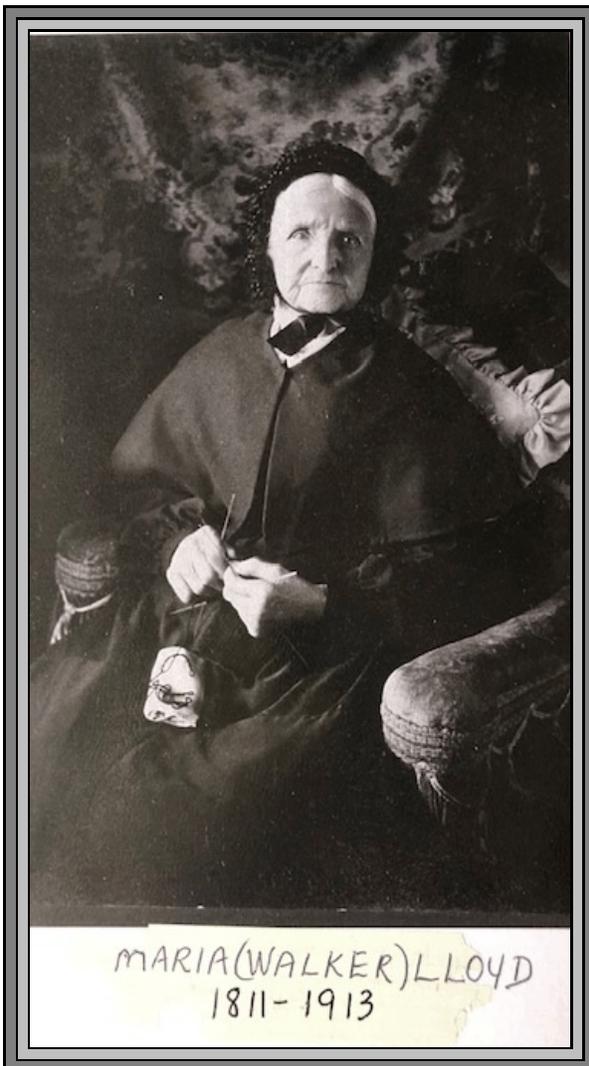
OBITUARY “Aurora, Feb 10. Mrs. Maria Lloyd died here today at the home of her son-in-law, Jas. Playter, at the age of one hundred and two years. Deceased was born in Ireland on Good Friday, 1811 and came to Canada when a child. She, with others walked up Yonge Street to their settlement in King Township . . . She was the widow of the late Joseph Lloyd of

Lloydtown...She was confined to her bed only a few days. Her memory was clear, and she could recall incidents of her younger days . . .She was a staunch admirer of Samuel Lount and other patriots of 1837 . . .”

Source: *Toronto Globe*, Feb 11, 1913

Joseph and Maria Lloyd were buried in the Pioneer Cemetery in Lloydtown.

Note: A plaque on a cairn at Lloydtown includes “Jesse Lloyd, the found of the village, had played a significant role in the Rebellion of 1837. He raised and trained a local force, but following McKenzie’s defeat Lloyd was forced to flee to the United States where he died in exile.”



Can you Identify these 4 Men?

Perhaps resident of Port Elgin, ON or members of Port Elgin town council?

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Reflections on the thirties

submitted by Lolly Fullerton

*During Covid 19, I have been going through some papers and found a note from my mother-in-law **Amanda Johnstone Fullerton** to one of her granddaughters.*

Meaghan, I was born in 1929. That was the year the stock market crashed, and a lot of people lost a lot of money. On our farm, men from Walkerton would come to our place to work. They would just show up and my parents would pay them with eggs, chickens, milk, and things like that because we had no cash. Even people who had jobs

earned little money. Most men could not get jobs.

My father lost a lot of money on beef cattle, he cashed all our life insurance policies and then went into dairy cattle.

In Sundridge, where my grandparents lived, their house faced the railroad track which was the direct route from Ontario to the West. Every boxcar had men on the roof, riding the rails to the west for work. They could ride there for free but the railroad police would make them get off as it was dangerous. Yet they would climb back on. Several fell and lost arms and legs after falling under the train.

The dam on the Saugeen River in Walkerton broke (or went out as they said then) My father was a foreman and they built a new dam. Most of the men boarded at our farm. They slept in the granary, which was like a room made from hardwood flooring, to keep the mice out of the grain. So, it was clean. There were cots for each man and army blankets from the first world war that Mother had kept. I remember helping to make the beds every day. The wool blankets were gray and each was two lengths long. Those blankets lasted for years until we finally gave them to the Salvation Army in Toronto. They were still good and warm.

Mother fed all those men three meals every day. We were the closest farm to the dam where they all worked. Our team of horses were hired too to work on the dam.

Mother made all our clothes, knitted all our winter things. We had lots to eat but it was plain and simple, no frills. We grew our own vegetables, always had eggs and milk - unpasteurized, as pasteurization had not come in yet We killed our own beef and pork and chickens We had a freezer locker downtown in the creamery where we kept our meat. So, meals had to be planned because we had to go to town to get a piece of meat. Mother made

bread. canned our vegetables, put meat up in jars. Lard for the pies etc. came from the rendering of our meat.

Everyone in town got corn from our corn fields. It was cattle corn, but we all ate it.

I got a doll every year for Christmas, and I did not notice that it was the same doll with a different outfit. Actually, we lived quite well but simply.

Later in the thirties we each had our own pony. My father would not let us have a bike, as it was considered to be too dangerous. We had to look after our pony. Feed them curry them, clean them out, rub the saddles and keep the bridle and halter and saddles in good shape. We rented them out to the kids from town for a few cents an hour on the weekends. Sometimes the kids from town who were not very good riders, fell off, and the ponies always came home by themselves, with the rider limping along behind. No one ever got seriously hurt. They always came back to rent the ponies again. That was our spending money

Later we got an allowance every week if we had fed the chickens, gathered the eggs, took care of the ponies, went for the mail on our pony. We were expected to call in on my grandmother everyday to see how she was and in the summer take a hot lunch to our boarder Mr. Ockley who worked at the Hydro Plant.

We walked one and one quarter miles to school every day. There was no kindergarten so I started school when I was almost seven. We took our lunch and ate in one of the classrooms. There was no supervision just the caretaker around. We were the only ones taking our lunch. We lived on a farm but went to the town school, because the country school where we should have gone was five miles away and no buses. We walked every day. I was eager to get to school and I guess my mother was eager to send me, so she took me when I was four, almost five, and when I was five almost six, each time they sent

me home, they had no room for me. I loved school because that is where I met lots of friends I did not have on our farm. At the end of the thirties my sister and I contracted infantile paralysis, they call it polio now. The Hospital could not accommodate us because they did not have an isolation unit. So, we were sent home and our entire farm was quarantined. No one could come to our farm and none of us could leave. All the milk we had was fed to the pigs. We couldn't sell eggs nor cream. We had no money coming in. My mother nursed us upstairs while the rest of my family lived downstairs. One day my brother and younger sister tried to bring one of the ponies upstairs so that we could see it. But my mother caught them, and the pony never got to our rooms. When we were finally better, we had to leave the farm while the entire place was fumigated. All our toys, books, puzzles etc were burned, along with the bedding etc

During those times we had no money, and I do not think there was any welfare or financial help of any kind from the Officials in the Government. So, all the towns people brought our groceries, maps, papers etc. to our gate and we would pick them later. No one refused to help us. After we got back into the dairy business my father paid everyone. As well, the Roman Catholic Church said Mass for us, even though we were Presbyterians all our life.

It was a great town to come from.

When we went back to school we had to stay in at recess and noon hours. We had no supervision, we just looked after ourselves. It was very lonely because we could not go out and play with anyone. We were too weak. Lost a year in school over that illness, but I caught up the next year when I skipped a year. I am not very good at spelling and I always thought that was the year they taught spelling and I

am sticking to it.

We still had 1 ¼ miles to walk to school but it was fun. We lived on the edge of town and as we walked, we gathered friends and by the time we got to the school there was quite a group of us. Some went to the Public School and some the Roman Catholic School. We all walked together. During those thirties, my parents would have us paint baskets, fill them with shredded paper, no shredders, and then we would fill them with chickens, milk, eggs, knitted articles, like scarves, mitts, hats, a few toys, and we would on Christmas Eve take horses and sleigh and sleigh bells and deliver these baskets to houses in the town. My mother had a list of where they should go.

During the depression in the thirties, our farm was next to the town cemetery on a dead end road the river was on the other side, anyway, cars would drive into the cemetery climb the fence steal chickens from our henhouse put them in a bag and back over the fence and drive out of the cemetery. Our dog would alarm us but we never did anything. These people needed the chickens to eat.



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Researching Properties Video Tutorial

As part of Ontario's Archives Awareness Week, the Bruce County Archives launched a video to assist people in learning about resources available to explore the history of properties and their owners. A link to that video, as well as the Online Collections video tutorial, is on the Museum website's Research Information page.

Free Admission for Archives Awareness Week rescheduled

Due to the closure of Bruce County buildings during pandemic, the planned Free Admission and display of archival materials in the Research Room has been tentatively rescheduled to the week of October 26. Watch the Events & Programs page of the Museum's website for confirmation of the date and more details.

Bruce County Cultural Action Plan

The County of Bruce is inviting interested community members to participate in the process of developing a Cultural Action Plan. The goal for the development of the CAP for Bruce County is to identify and leverage the County's cultural resources, strengthen the management of those resources, and integrate those cultural resources across multiple facets of County planning and decision-making. Bruce County invites residents and stakeholders interested in these projects to visit www.planthebruce.ca/heritage to learn more about these projects and share your thoughts, ideas, and experiences with and about Bruce County's rich arts, culture, and heritage.

- Ask questions on the Q&A page.
- Tell us about the successes achieved and challenges faced by Bruce County's Arts, Culture, and Heritage and share ideas about how Bruce County's cultural sectors can thrive on the Ideas page.
- Participate in the cultural mapping of Bruce County's cultural places, events and institutions on the Cultural Assets map.
- Fill out the Cultural Action Plan questionnaire.

Online Activities and Exploration

Visit the Bruce County Museum Facebook page for extra activities for people of all ages and suggestions related to exploring Online Collections and the Research Information page at brucemuseum.ca.

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