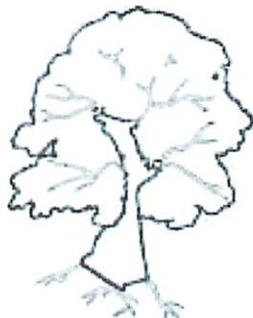


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Dear Members:

What a year we've had! It's gone by very quickly considering the endless days many of us have had to spend at home. Hopefully you've had time to catch up with friends and family via video chat, sort through endless boxes of photos to save to the Cloud, make corrections on your Family Tree and maybe even find some new long-lost relatives as you seek to break down those daunting Genealogical walls.

I hope to that you have had time to tune into one of our many Zoom Webinars over the past months. As much as we've missed seeing many of you it has been our way to reach out to let you know that we are still here providing all kinds of research tips. We have one more Webinar scheduled for **Monday, Nov 9 @ 7 pm.** Erin McCann Netzke and Damien McCann will lead us through "**Organizing a Family Reunion**". To register email: lolly.fullerton@gmail.com

It isn't possible to have our usual November Pot Luck lunch and Annual General Meeting at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre so we will instead have a Zoom AGM on **Monday, Nov. 16 @ 7 pm.** To register email: lolly.fullerton@gmail.com

To date, the Bruce County Genealogical Society has not decided whether to host Webinars in Dec. Jan. and Feb. So I would ask that you keep a look out for an

email from Lolly Fullerton about what we may decide to offer.

Our next Newsletter is scheduled for February and as such I won't be able to wish everyone a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. Please accept my well wishes now, stay safe this winter and cross those fingers that 2021 will be a year to look forward to.

FYI...We Still need a Newsletter Editor!

Best Regards,
Glenys Johnson
President

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William Elliott and Rosa Jane Clark

And the Elliott Brickyard

submitted by Deb McAuslan

William Elliott was born in Petrockstow, Devon, England on 13 Mar 1864 to James Elliott and Susanna Turner.

He was their second child and son, but the first baby had died in infancy. His father was a brick and tile maker on the Lord Clinton estate and made shoes in the winter. They lived close to his Uncle Eli, a brother of James. We know that for a couple of years the families moved to Cardiff, Wales, as the next child was born there, but they returned to Devon. By the time he was 10 years old, both his family and his Uncle Eli's family had decided to move to Canada.

The family came to Canada in 1873 or 1874 on a sailing ship with their 6 children ages 10 to 1 years old. William was the eldest. What an adventure this must have been for a 10-year-old boy! From an interview done for the Wingham Advanced Times William told the story. The ocean voyage proved more of a hazard than they had anticipated. They were 16 days at sea, delayed by storms and shortage of fuel. William remembered that the ship's furniture was broken up to keep the engines going and when the news of this got aboard passengers were reluctant to travel on subsequent trips of the same vessel...because of the fuel shortage the ship was diverted from its intended port of call, Halifax to Portland, Maine. This alteration in plans and delays in transmitting news of the change in ports caused many friends to despair for their safety fearing the ship had been lost.

William's family settled at Clinton, Ontario with his Uncle Eli Elliott who had come at the same time. They were not satisfied with the quality of clay, so James & Eli moved to Wingham and started a brick and tile yard at the north end of Wingham. William recalled travelling with his father and mother and the other children by wagon along the trail from

Clinton to Wingham when they first arrived in the district. Their conveyance was a wagon borrowed from Purdon Wilson. He remembered that five toll gates were passed on that trip, the last being located between Belgrave and Wingham. Five more siblings were born in Turnberry Twp. Money was tight and William had memories of his father working for three months to get enough money to buy him a suit. William worked for 10 cents an hour and his board while laying brick produced in the Elliott yards, for many of the business establishments in Wingham.

At only 21 years old (1885), William Elliott and his cousin William Henry (Harry) Elliott purchased a brickyard in Culross Township, Bruce County, just over the boundary from Huron County for \$800 from a Mr. McLean. On the Turnberry side of the road was the Clark family.

Turnberry.

We understand that the Messrs Elliott of the Wingham brick yard, have purchased the yard known as McLean's, situated on the boundary line near Belmore. They get an acre of ground and all the plant for \$800.

The Wingham Times, 1885-10-09, Page 4

Rosa Jane Clark was born 17 May 1870 in Turnberry Township, Huron County, the 8th child and 5th daughter to William Clark and Nancy Phillips. Her father was a farmer who had immigrated as a teenager from Scotland. Her mother was 2nd generation Canadian, with deep USA/German roots. She grew up without grandparents or extended family around. She was 15 years old when her mother died of blood poisoning (although family say it was related to giving birth to her 15th child). Growing up on a farm in the early years of opening the township would have meant lots of hard work for the parents and the children.

Rosa Jane and her sister Liza married the two Elliott cousins William and Harry. William Henry married Liza Clark in 1887 and they lived in a white brick home across from the brickyard in Turnberry. They had six children Ida (1888), Thomas (1890), Roy (1892), Ada (1894) and Percy (1899). They moved to Saskatoon in the early 1900's. William Elliott married Rosa Jane Clark in 1888 and they lived in a house at back of the brickyard in Culross.



Wedding picture of William and Rosa Jane. Left to right: William Elliott, Rosa Jane Clark, Witnesses: James Clark, Elizabeth Elliott.

William and Rosa Jane lived on the property of the brickyard initially (see home in picture) in Culross Township, Bruce County. They had five children born there, Mabel (1889), Etta (1890), Ella (1892), William (1895) and Edna (1900). In the early 1900's their home burned down, and they moved across the road into the home that Harry and Liza had lived in. Their youngest child Clark (1909) was born in Turnberry in the white brick house.

In 1893, William and Harry bought Lot 11, Con 12 Turnberry from William Clark (Wm's father in law). It would be after this time then, that the white brick home was built across the road in Turnberry, across from the brickyard. In 1909 Harry sells his portion to William Elliot



White brick house in Turnberry.



Bridge across pond, up to brickyard.

In the early 1900's William's father James and most of his siblings moved to Sault Ste Marie and established yet another Elliott Brickyard there as the area was expanding rapidly.

The Elliott brickyard buildings were on the Culross side of the road and there was a red brick house on the Turnberry side built by William "Bill" Elliott (son of William & Rosa Jane). There was a bridge up to the first building. The clay was brought up in barrels by horse and wagon and dumped into a machine with knives that cut up the clay. It then fell into the rollers. If any large stones were seen, the machine would be turned off and the stone picked out by hand. From there it went into a die and came out molded into a brick or a tile. The same clay was used for both.



The bridge across pond up to brickyard.

The center building was where the brick or tile dried. The building to the right housed the kiln. An office was at the very front. Clay could only be processed when hard frost was over and before it came again. Frost caused the brick to not dry properly and it would crack. Although the brickyard was known for its white brick, they also made some red bricks. The red brick had almost a purplish hue. The bridge went over the pond and the clay was dug from beyond there. William also dug clay across the road where the red brick house stands (before it was built by son Bill), down the one side of the lot...to the back...and up the other side of where the house stands. When the clay became too



Clay was dug by hand and put into barrels. The barrels were pulled by horse in a cart up the bridge and the clay dumped from each barrel into the machinery.

stony, it was the sign that a new clay pit was needed. The white brick house where William and Rosa Jane had spent many years was a bit further up the road. They switched to trucks to haul the clay in the 1920s. A steam engine was used to run the machinery, and grand-daughter Doreen remembers the whistle – always at noon to stop work and eat. Later a tractor was used to power the equipment. Doreen also remembered there being two beds and dressers above the drying building for hired men, who came to their home for meals.

There were dangers...in the brickyard and at other times. There were a few articles about injuries working in the brick yard, from horse teams or from falling objects. There were several articles about the Brickyard teams in the Wingham Papers – and a few injuries obviously in practice! I wonder how difficult it was to get workers for a seasonal business. They were making brick or tile from after the last hard frost to before the hard frost returned. Keeping the men housed and out of trouble would have been a challenge. Perhaps that's why they had sports teams.

Grandchildren have mentioned that William Elliott was frugal and always thinking of the bottom line. The story is told that William felt the fire insurance quote for the brickyard was exorbitant, so he put up his own water tower by the house.



Edna, William, Ella, Clark, Mabel, Bill, Rosa Jane, Etta Elliott

Rosa Jane died at 60 years old. William was 91 when he died.



The Elliott brick was in business until about 1960. The legacy of this Devon family is shown in the many "white brick" homes and buildings in the area that have Elliott brick as well as their many descendants.

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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.

**From Outer Hebrides, Scotland
to Bruce County**

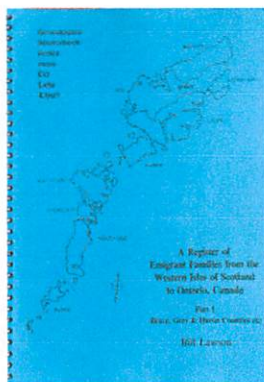
submitted by Linda Huber

My ancestors that left the Outer Hebrides Scotland came to Bruce County.

My Great-great-grandfather Norman MacDougall immigrated to Bruce County area as a young single man. Not sure of the date. McDougall is now spelled with Mc instead of Mac.

My Great-great-Grandmother Annie MacLeay immigrated to Bruce County in 1855. She would have been 10 years old at the time.

Both were from Isle of Lewis. Norman was from Barvas, Annie from Ballantrushal which is just a few miles away. They married in Bruce County, and their first child was born 1867.



I picked up this book on the Isle of Harris at their genealogical museum. The section is my MacLeay ancestors - Annie MacLeay born 1845 and shows her husband's name Norman MacDougall.

This book, 'A Register of Emigrant Families from the Western Isles of Scotland to Ontario, Canada Part 1, by Bill Lawson, is so interesting and full of all the Scots that came to North Ontario from the Hebrides.

I see there were 5 families of MacLeays came from the Isle of Lewis.

In 1877, Norman, Annie and 11 year old Angus (he is my Great Grandfather) travelled to Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan to work for the

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Roderick MacLeay 1813-88 [s.o. Colin] Upper Shader, Lewis
 = Margaret Smith 1819- [d.o. Angus] Upper Shader, Lewis

1 John	1843-1844		
2 Ann	1845-	= Norman MacDougall	
3 Donald	1848-		
4 Murdo	1850-	= Mary MacDonald	DN84
5 Catherine	1853-		
6 Kirsty	1856-	= Malcolm MacDonald	
7 Jessie	1857-		
8 Margaret	1858-		
9 Mary Ann	1860-		

Roderick MacLeay and family emigrated from Upper Shader in 1855 and settled in Huron Township, Bruce County. OPR, SC51, ON61 & 71, OGI.



North-West Rebellion - Ox-carts freighting Qu'Appelle to Batoche, 1885

The tall bearded man in the front standing beside the oxen is my great great grandfather, Norman MacDougall

Shirley Moulton has been the Newsletter Editor for 14 years! She'd like to pass this task on to a willing soul. Fortunately she is taking on the role of Director for the Bruce County Genealogical Society. So, we are not losing her willingness, ideas, and expertise. Thank you so much Shirley! You have been a fabulous editor and we are so glad you are staying on.

Would you like to help produce a newsletter for us? YOU don't need to live in Bruce County to do this! Members send in articles. The newsletter goes out four times a year. Please contact Glenys Johnson at glenysjohnson07@gmail.com or Shirley Moulton at smoulton@bmts.com if you are interested. Shirley is willing to do the November newsletter and help guide you.

Loose in Bruce County

*submitted by Jan Briggs-McGowan,
Walkerton, ON jansgenes@gmail.com*

Like a thread of wool unravelling from a favourite sweater, I have a loose end in Bruce County. Are there any “knitters” out there who could help me find the end of the thread?

Many of you might already be familiar with the cemetery at Burgoyne, where distant relatives of my husband are buried. Near the fence is the stone of Robert **Grieve**, his wife Mary Ann **Irving**, next to it, the stone of their son George and his wife Elizabeth **Bell**. Also buried nearby is another son John Murray Grieve (wife Elizabeth **Elspen**), Robert Irving Grieve, (son of George and Elizabeth) Irving’s wife Maggie **McAndrew**, and their sons John Gordon Grieve (wife Elizabeth **Lindsay**) and George Grant Grieve (wife Elda **Gowanlock**). There could even be more relatives buried there that I don’t know about, yet. (Get your knitting needles working!)



I took a picture of Robert and Mary Ann’s stone so you could see greatgrandson John’s flat stone behind it. Son George’s stone is just to the right, with grandson Irving’s stone in front of that.

Robert and Mary Ann married in Galt in 19 April 1844, and their first son Walter was born there the following year. By 1861 census they were living near Avonton in a 1½ storey log house on the 9th Concession of Downie, Perth County with children Ellen/Helen, Saraugh/Sarah, Mary A/Marianne and George. 1871 Downie census adds son John. The family were living close to one another in the 1881 Downie census, and about 1883 they moved to Saugeen Twp., where they were enumerated in 1891 as “Greaves”. Robert died on the 26 Feb 1912 at lot 19 Conc 9 Saugeen Township.

Robert was born 23 Aug 1819 in Castleton Parish, Roxburgshire Scotland, son of Walter Grieve and Helen Elliot. Known siblings include: James, John, Elizabeth, Janet, and Adam. The last two siblings are also known to have emigrated to Ontario about 1840.

I have lots more information on the family, but I wonder if there are descendants still living nearby?

Welcome Back to the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

We are pleased to have welcomed visitors and researchers back to the Museum at the end of August. Visit brucemuseum.ca to review our updated visitor policies and hours and to understand the steps we are taking to ensure that we are all safe to explore Bruce County history once again! Access to the Research Room & Archives is by appointment only. Contact archives@brucecounty.on.ca or 226-909-2890 to schedule an appointment to visit us for research or to make a donation of artefacts or archival materials

Donate Writings, Photos, Videos to Chronicling Community Experiences: COVID-19 Project

We continue to accept donations of writings, photos and/or videos reflecting the experiences of Bruce County community members and visitors during the Pandemic. Does anyone

have an experience to share as a snowbird returning to Bruce County from the United States at the start of the Pandemic? That's one particular experience we have not received any submissions concerning. Visit www.brucemuseum.ca/shareyourstory for details about the project. We are also planning an Oral History project during which we will record video interviews with a select number of people representing various industries, businesses and experiences across the County. Please contact us if you would like to suggest individuals whom you would like to see interviewed for this project.

New Additions to the Archival Collection

This is a listing of some of the items that have been accepted into our Collection in 2020. These are being processed over the next few months, and descriptions will be added to Online Collections. Images of the photographs (taken before 1949) will also be uploaded to Online Collections, collections.brucemuseum.ca.

Arran-Elderslie

Photographs of Allenford Railway Station
 "Out of Kintyre: A McDougald Family History 1819-1993"
 "William McKeen Family 1833-1933"
 Williscroft Cheese Factory photograph
 Worthy Matron Yearbooks, Tri-star Chapter No. 319, Order of the Eastern Star
 Two photographs of Paisley storefront pandemic signs
 Essay by University student reflecting on changes resulting from COVID-19 pandemic

Brockton

Photographs of Patrick James Murray 1917, (Chepstow, Eden Grove)S. S. No. 7 Brant Township) school, 1902; Marva School classes (S. S. No. 6 Greenock)
 Photographs of Glamis: Fullerton Garage, A. A. Greer General Store
 26 articles written about soldiers from in and around Greenock Township
 BG Furniture Catalogue, 2016

Student essays concerning experiences living during COVID 19 pandemic

...and more to come in February Newsletter...

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