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Upcoming Meetings and Other Events

Date: Monday September 9, 2013 @ 7 pm

Place: Walkerton Library

Topic: Joe Richenbach, retired Lawyer, will talk about Land Patents, Law Stamps, Documents, Conveyances, Patents and Pioneer Lawyers from area since 1850.

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2013 @ 1:30 pm

Place: Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre (Theatre)

Topic: Bruce Grey Ontario Genealogy Society Meeting.

Date: Monday, November 25, 2013 @ 12 pm

Place: Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre.

Topic: Annual meeting, pot luck, bring and brag. Announcement of winners of "The Tombstone Challenge."

Highlights of Previous Meetings

June: The Forgotten Lives Bus Trip conducted by the Bruce County Genealogy Society and the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre, focused on Paisley and surrounding area this year.

The bus arrived from Southampton at the Treasure Chest Museum in Paisley about 9 am on Monday June 10. The twenty-three

passengers were warmly welcomed by Judy MacKinnon who also shared the history of the museum. Marguerite Caldwell then told the delightful stories of the first settlers, Simon Orchard and Samuel Rowe. Mary MacKay drew attention to the 1856 Townplot survey which shows the names of all the original streets in the village. During the tour she referred frequently to this map and told the stories of how the streets got their names.

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Before taking a short walk down Church Street and Victoria Street Judy told the group about the Hanna Hotel and showed pictures of its one-time grandeur. She also talked about Dr McLaren's house. Marguerite told the Janet Walker story and commented on the Hanna home .

The walk continued along the dike where Mary explained how the course of the river was changed when clay was dug out of the banks of the river and used to make bricks for the first brick buildings.

Standing on the town square Mary told the story of Thomas Orchard and drew attention to the store he built in 1860 and the stone warehouse added in 1864. The plaque for Isabella Valency Crawford was explained by Judy. Rob Bonderud , Paisley's fire chief told the history of the hose tower and opened the doors for a tour.

The group then boarded the bus for a tour to see some of the fine old homes and businesses of Paisley. What a surprise awaited them when they returned to the Village square to see "Simon Orchard and Samuel Rowe" and two helpers come floating down the river. The role of the early pioneers was aptly played by Ed Maxwell, Greg Walke, Brian Beech and Susan Beech members of the local Trappers and Crappers Group .

The ladies of the Paisley Legion supplied a bountiful lunch and Marg Smith told a short history of the building and took the group on a tour (including the jail in the basement).

After lunch Cindy McKenna opened her home for a quick tour of a very early home in Paisley. The group then boarded the bus and headed east to the Paisley Cemetery where Marguerite , Judy and Sue Schlorff conducted a tour commenting on the grave sites of the early pioneers. Boarding the bus again the group proceeded to Lockerby where Mary told the story of Thomas Hembroff and his brother-in-law David Lyon who brought their families to Lockerby the same year Orchard and Rowe floated down the

Saugeen and decided to stay in Paisley. At the site where there once was a mill, store and post office Judy told the story of the early settlement at Lockerby.

Boarding the bus again the group continued east to Gillies Hill where Mary shared her story about the Gillies family which she had written about in her book "Always a Hill to Climb." The bus then made its way to Concession 8 Elderslie and west to the Elora Road. This was the area where another set of brothers-in-law staked out their claim the same time as Orchard and Rowe and Hembroff and Lyon. John McPhee and Angus Galbraith came overland from Mariposa Township, Victoria County, The following year when John McPhee brought his wife and four little children to his shanty at the top of the hill going north out of Paisley, they had to walk all the way from Invermay via Burgoyne.

Angus Galbraith only spent his first ten years in Elderslie clearing his farm and establishing his family before he took off for the gold fields of British Columbia. He was in every gold rush and returned home for only a short time before taking off again. In 1888 his wife and family finally joined him in Victoria BC. In his 70th year he finally struck it rich and lived out the rest of his years in Victoria.

John McPhee lived to see his farm cleared and the village of Paisley grow and develop. He died age 92 years, 6 month and 25 days.

The bus returned to Paisley down the "Hogs Back" arriving at the Treasure Chest Museum at 4 pm. All agreed it had been an excellent look into the lives of the early pioneers of the Paisley area. Sue Schlorff expressed the thanks of the group to Taylor Brown from the T A Brown Funeral Homes for sponsoring this event.

July: Doug Lennox welcomed everyone to the presentation of Local Authors in the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre and introduced each of the featured speakers.

Wilmer Nadjiwon spoke of his troubled childhood, his scars of war and upon his return from the war, finding himself a second class citizen. In spite of many challenges, he was chief of Cape Croker for fourteen years, founder of the Union of Ontario Indians, a celebrated wood carver and an author. His recent book, *Not Wolf, Nor Dog is An Ojibway Elder's Tales of Residential School, Wartime Service, First Nations Politics and Some Experience with the Great Spirit*. Nadjiwon continues to be a voice for economic development and independence for native people.

Paul Duff has documented seventy years of his career in his book, *My Life, My Art*. After a short time studying to become a medical doctor and receiving his teacher qualifications, Duff began focussing on his artistic endeavours. Group of Seven painter A.Y. Jackson encouraged him to go abroad to develop his career and in 1952 he left Canada. He received recognition for his work in Brazil and Scotland. A few years after his return to Canada in 1981 he discovered the Bruce Peninsula where he and his wife built their home. He continues to showcase local flora and landscape in his paintings.

Bob Day author of *Shore of Heaven: the Birth of Bruce Peninsula National Parks* spoke of his career which began as a Registered Professional Forester and then with Parks Canada where he worked in the Yukon, Maritime Provinces and points in between. After relocation to the Bruce, a six year process was initiated which involved the local public approval, assistance from local leaders and also provincial and federal governments. Bruce Peninsula National Park and Fathom Five National Marine Park were established in 1987.

Queries

1. **MCLENNAN, Murdock**, was an original Elder in Knox Presbyterian Church. I am seeking any history of Murdock and his Family in Kincardine, Ontario, Ca. Murdock and his family came to Kincardine some time after 1843 and by 1851. Contact Jim McLennan, Vice President Clan MacLennan USA in Kissimmee, Florida Email: jimmclennan.clanmacclennan@gmail.com Alternate email: jimpmclennan@yahoo.com.
2. **BELL, Donald**: Seeking information on the descendants of Donald and Flora (McKinnon) wife. Their daughter Isabella Bell, married Wm Cameron, my grandfather, at Port Elgin Oct. 1889. The 1881 census shows Donald 70 years old, Flora 54, Murdock son 31 Allan 15 and Isabella 20 years old. They farmed on Lot 18, Concession 11, Kincardine Twp. Contact Gordon Richardson, Nepean, Ontario at gord.globalrich@rogers.com or phone (613) 721-3713.

Bruce County Strays

by Leona Taylor

...continued from May 2013 newsletter...

Died Jun 15, 1926 at Toronto, ON, Miss Elizabeth Dewar, 52, of Paisley, Bruce County, ON. She is the sister of David Dewar, Alderman R A C Dewar, brothers, and sister Mrs J R Clements, all of Victoria. She also leaves mother, Mrs Robert Dewar, of Paisley, and siblings James Dewar and Mrs George Allan of that place. Died Jun 26 at Paisley, ON, Mrs Robert Dewar. Aged 87 she leaves 2 sons and a daughter resident in Victoria, and another son and daughter at Paisley. Her husband predeceased her by 12 years.

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Oct 26, 1926, 4 - Grant McKay, 25, was shot and killed by an unknown Saugeen native near Tiverton, Bruce County, ON. Oct 29, 9 - Daniel Crow said to have confessed...

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Died Dec 30, 1926 at Chesley, Bruce County, ON, Martin Schroeder, 83, father of A Schroeder of Victoria.

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Died Jan 31, 1927 at Oak Bay, BC, Frederick Henry Nobbs, 88, born Feb 1839 in Bramerton, Eng. Leaves daughter, 5 sons [wife Martha, nee Hoke][one son, Harry, married Rosa Tranter born Chesley, Bruce County, ON]. G 045 W 09

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Feb 11, 1927, 8 - Mr & Mrs James E Thomas of Victoria celebrate 50th wedding anniversary. Formerly Emma Glover, they were married in Invermay, Bruce County, ON. Resident here 40 years.

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Died Aug 11, 1927 at Victoria, BC, Andrew Lockerby Rae, 48, born at Paisley, Bruce County, ON. Leaves wife, 3 sisters [Misses Jessie & Belle Rae, Owen Sound, ON, and Mrs Kate McLeod, Dundalk, ON]. Family plot burial at Owen Sound, ON.

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The Two Janet Cochranes

by Mary MacKay

My search for Janet Cochrane began when I found her name on the 1871 Paisley census living with Robert Brown, age 81, and a six-year old girl named Charlotte Orchard. I was really looking for Charlotte Orchard. Charlotte was the eighth child of Thomas Orchard and Christina Brown who came to Paisley in about 1852 and left in about 1869. I figured out that Charlotte was only four years old when her parents and nine siblings moved from Paisley to Carrollton, Missouri. However, there was no Charlotte listed with the Thomas Orchard family on the 1870 census of Carrollton, Missouri. I wondered what had happened to Charlotte? Based on the information in the 1871 census, it appears that she had remained in Paisley with Janet Cochrane.

“Who was this Janet Cochrane?” I needed to know.

I checked the index for the Paisley Advocate and imagine my surprise when I found the following two short notices for her death ten days apart.

**Dec. 9, 1903 at the home of W R
Patterson 8th Elderslie
JANET BROWN, relict of
ROBERT COCHRANE, died
age 84yr. 4 mo.**

**On Dec. 19, 1903 in Elderslie
MRS. COCHRANE died age 84
sister of the late Henry Brown
Buried in Paisley Cemetery**

As I studied these two notices I thought, “There was enough similarities in these notices to make it the same person. But then there were some real differences too.” So was this one person or were there two ladies with the maiden name Brown who married a Cochrane, and died in Elderslie 10 days apart, age 84?

Both ladies had a strong connection to Henry Brown. Janet #2 was his sister (so the notice said). I knew Henry Brown had a sister, Christina, who had married Thomas Orchard. If there was another sister who married a Cochrane than she would be the Janet who raised little Charlotte Orchard. Made perfect sense!

Janet Cochrane #1 died at the home of W R Patterson, who was married to Mary Elizabeth Brown, Henry Brown’s daughter. So, Janet Cochrane #1 died at the home of her niece. Again, it made perfect sense! Besides that, in 1852 Janet’s husband, Robert Cochrane, accompanied Henry Brown when they walked from Egremont Township, Grey County to visit their former neighbour, Simon Orchard, and view the much praised land where Simon had settled. So far, it was fitting together. All I needed was a marriage registration (or two?). First brick wall! These two women, born in about 1819, would be married before 1840 -- and we all know marriages aren’t available until after 1869.

So I headed to the archives and logged on to Ancestry.ca to trace the two Janet Cochranes through census records. Janet #1 was not on the

1851 census. Janet #2 was living with her parents, Robert Brown, 69 and Christina Brown, 64 in Egremont Township, Grey County. Jennit was 30. Except for the spelling that could be her.

By 1861 both Janets were married. On the Elderslie census Janet #1 and her husband, Robt Cochrane, both 25, had a son A.C., age 3. Her age was out by a few years but women tend to forget how old they really are! Janet #2 was 40, still living with her parents but now her husband David Cochran,(sic) who is twenty years older than her, was living there too.

On the 1871 census I found a surprising switch. Janet #1 was now living back in Egremont with her husband, Robert, and four children ranging in age from twelve years to two. Janet #2 was living in Elderslie with her father, Robert Brown who was 81 and Charlotte Orchard age 6 (remember that's where this all started). Janet's mother and husband were both gone. I checked for death records. None available. I checked cemeteries in Egremont and found Janet's husband, David Cochrane, died in June 1862 age 58. He was buried in the plot where Janet's mother was buried three years later, in Feb. 1865. Good! That answers that question.

Both ladies were aging gracefully, about ten years per census, but Janet #1 was fifteen years younger than Janet #2. I was beginning to get suspicious!

The 1881 census showed no change of residence. Janet #1 and her husband, Robert had six children. The oldest was 21 and the youngest was 6. There probably weren't going to be any more babies because Janet was 45 and Robert was 46. Janet #2 (spelled Jenet) was 61, a seamstress, and living with her is Charlotte age 16. Robert Brown had died March 16, 1880 age 91. I found his death registration! The pattern was staying consistent. If Janet #1 forgot her age in 1861 she at least had consistent memory problems! Janet #2 never wavered in confessing her age.

Ten years later, the 1891 census had a few changes. Janet #1 and Robert had only four children still at home; Alexander and Unsworth (?) were both away but I couldn't find a marriage or a census record for either of them. I'm not sure where the name Unsworth came from. The rest of Janet and Robert's children were still at home with them.

"When did they move back to Elderslie?" I wondered. Janet #2 had also left Elderslie. She was living in Chesley with Charlotte who had married William Blair in 1886. William was a merchant in Chesley.

I hoped the 1901 census would tell the tale, as it was recorded two years before these two Janets died. Somehow, I needed to determine how both ladies came to be living in Elderslie at the time of their deaths.

The 1901 census had some surprises! Robert Cochrane, age 66 was living in Durham, Grey County with his daughter, Kate. He was a widower! **Janet #1 was dead.** She died on June 15, 1898, age 63 in Egremont. (I found her death registration) It then became apparent that it was not Janet #1 who died at the home of her niece, Mary Elizabeth Brown Patterson. Janet #1 was not the widow of Robert Cochrane. He out-lived her!!"

"So then who was it that died on Dec. 9, 1903 on lot 23 Con 9 Elderslie on the farm where Mary Elizabeth Brown and William R Patterson were living with their six young children?" I questioned.

There were no surprises with Janet #2 in 1901. She was living in Chesley with Charlotte and her husband. Charlotte had two daughters, Jennie 13 and Agnes, 10. Janet's name was spelled Jennit Cocrone and she was 81. If she was the one who died two years later on Dec. 19, 1903 she should have died at the home of her niece Charlotte Blair in Chesley. But she didn't. At least there was no death registration for a Janet Cochrane on December 19, 1903.

To further complicate things, Charlotte and her family moved to Toronto some time between the 1901 and 1911 census. Did Janet go with them? No. Her death registration says she died in Elderslie after suffering bronchitis for 7 days. Why, instead of going to Toronto to live with the child she had raised and lived with all her life did she choose to live with a niece in Elderslie?

I don't know! But those of you who know me well, know I have no trouble making up a story to go with the known facts. So this is my story.

In the fall of 1903, when Charlotte and William Blair were getting settled in their new home at 100

Cordent St., Toronto, Henry Brown's health gave out (heart trouble his obit said). Janet Cochrane #2 made the trip back to Elderslie to visit her brother and stayed a week or so with Henry's daughter, Mary Elizabeth. Henry Brown died on November 19, 1903 and is buried in Paisley Cemetery.

Winter set in the next week (from the Paisley Advocate), bringing a heavy snowfall to the area. Janet was well into her eighties and not in the best of health. She suffered from bronchial difficulties and before Charlotte and her husband could return to Paisley to take Janet back to Toronto with them, Janet died -- seventeen days after her brother. Makes sense, don't you think? (Her death registration listed bronchitis as cause of death, 7 days). See I didn't make it up!

So, which one of the newspaper items is correct? Neither. Both have some correct parts. Both have errors. Both for the same lady!

According to the death registration, the date and place of death is correct on the first notice. Janet #1 died Dec. 9, 1903 but she was not the widow of Robert Cochrane.

So, where did the editor of the paper get that information?

My story: Probably from Mary Elizabeth Patterson. She knew her aunt had been a widow for a long time. She had often heard her father tell about his first trip to Paisley accompanied by Robert Cochrane. I'm sure she had never heard of David Cochrane. After all he died two years before Mary Elizabeth was born. Nor would she know the other Janet Brown who was Robert Cochrane's wife because she had lived most of her life in Egremont.

The second notice is correct except for the date. It would have been more helpful if it had given her first name or her husband's name but it does confirm her brother was Henry Brown.

Whoever gave the information that Mrs. Cochrane was buried in Paisley Cemetery should have seen to having a stone marker put up for her. It would have made my research go a little smoother!

That's my story and I'm sticking to it until someone proves me wrong.

Lesson to be learned for genealogists. Never take for granted that what is printed in the newspaper is correct. Remember the story of the two Janet Cochranes!

More about Charlotte Orchard when I finish writing my book, "First Among Firsts" about Thomas Orchard

Bruce County Tombstone Challenge

Courtesy of Marie Charbonneau

Join us in a competition as we search Bruce County Cemeteries for unusual tombstones. The categories are:

- The most distinctive or bizarre stone
- The most outlandish, colourful, romantic or poignant epitaph
- The most famous person
- A relatively unknown character who made a mark on the outside world
- An epitaph known to be chosen by the person before death
- The stone or epitaph most detailed about the person's life
- The stone or epitaph most descriptive of the person's occupation
- The tombstone naming the most family members

Only entries from Bruce County cemeteries qualify. The contest runs from January 2013 to September 15th, 2013. Send entries to:

**Tombstone Challenge 2013,
Bruce County Genealogical Society,
Box 1083, Port Elgin, ON
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or send your entries to the web site: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~onbcgs> You are welcome to include a photo with the descriptive essay of your findings. All entries become the property of the Society. Winners will be announced at the Annual General meeting, November 25, 2013.

News from the Bruce County Archives

Ann-Marie Collins, Archivist (on maternity leave)

Sue Schlorff, Archival Assistant

Deb Sturdevant, Archival Assistant

Allison Brown, Reading Room Attendant



New Research Room Acquisitions

The collection of wills and estates microfilm is now complete thanks to the Bruce County Genealogical Society's generous donation of microfilm reels. That group has now finished donating all of the reels from 1867 to 1930.

Did you know that you may request copies of early Crown Land survey plans from the Office of the Surveyor General? Enter "Office of the Surveyor General" into your web browser to find their web page for more information. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources - Office of The Surveyor General has kindly shared with the Bruce County Archives reference copies of digitized images of survey plans dated pre-1860 from areas within Bruce County. Hard copies are available to review in the Research Room. The digital images are also available to review upon request.

New Archival Acquisitions

Records accepted into the Archives' holdings over the past few months include:

18 yearbooks from Saugeen District Secondary School (1961, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1986, 1987-88, 1991, 1992, 1999)

Panoramic black and white photographs of the staff of Chesley Chair Company (1935, 1940, 1950)

Dominion Plywoods, Southampton, Cost Book (1940 to 1962) and 23 slides of Dominion Plywoods (1960)

Fenton Family Memories booklet

Binders containing family history and original documents concerning the families of Cummer & Brunton and Fenton & Linton (including newspaper clippings, original photographs, funeral cards, family documents and certificates, letters and postcards, event programs and orders of service)

On June 26, 2013, Archival Assistant, Deb Sturdevant, interviewed 86-year old Arnold Fraser about life in Bruce County and his operation of the Burgoyne General Store from the 1960s to the 1990s. The digital interview as well as a transcript of the interview is available at the Archives. He provided great insight into the routine and life of a general store merchant in the County during that time period.

General Stores in the Archives

The Bevan's General Store exhibit is now open in the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre. We also have general store archival items that could be used to add some context and colour to genealogical research.

For example, ledgers and day books show us the names of customers during particular time periods, as well as the items being purchased and their price. Our holdings include ledgers from general stores operated by: William Symons, Wiarton (1879-1890s), Thomas McLaughlin, Southampton (1861-1862), Donald Cameron, Underwood (1886-1893), Levine Bros. (1905-1935), McInnes General Store, Tiverton (1904-1906, 1910-1914), John G. McBeath, Teeswater (1907-1908), A.G. Esplen, Arkwright (early 1900s), Spence family, Tobermory, Pike Bay & Dyer's

Bay (1897-1902), and Maxwell & Graham, Chesley (1876-1878).

In the early days, trading was another important function of general stores. Merchants often allowed farmers to sell products like eggs, butter, and poultry to the store. In some cases, trade tokens would be provided to the farmer in the amount of the difference between the value of the produce delivered and the value of the merchandise purchased by the farmer. Tokens were available in different denominations, or sometimes for specific goods, and could later be used to buy merchandise. This system saved bookkeeping and reduced the amount of cash needed on hand. Mr. R.J. Graham has kindly donated digital images of his Bruce County tokens collection, which are available to view in the Research Room.

The receipts and advertising material in the archival holdings also give us a glimpse of life in the past. A finding aid describing more of the items in our collection is available on the "Finding Aids" page at brucemuseum.ca. Archival items are available to view on weekdays in the Research Room, or on weekends with advance notice. Please let the archives staff know which types of documents you would like to look at and they will retrieve them from the secure, temperature and humidity controlled storage area.

Archives Staff and Hours

On July 12, 2013, we sadly bid adieu to Allison Brown who very capably assisted us in the Research Room and Archives over the past year pursuant to a maternity leave contract. We wish her the best of success with her future endeavours! On July 15, 2013, we happily welcomed back Archivist Ann-Marie Collins returning from her maternity leave.

The Research Room is open Monday to Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. until November 1, 2013. 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, ext. 129.

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