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Upcoming Meetings and Other Events

Date: Monday, March 18, 2013 @ 1 pm
Place: Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre
Topic: Irish Genealogy: Patrick Kelly and Joe O'Hagan.

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2013 @ 7 pm
Place: Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre
Topic: Introduction to Genealogy: Anne Goeden

Date: Monday, May 13, 2013 @ 7 pm
Place: Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre.
Topic: Internet Workshop: Marie Charbineau, Anne Goeden and Joe O'Hagan.

Highlights of Previous Meetings

November: Archaeologist Dr. Bill Fitzgerald presented an illustrated talk to a large number of members of the Bruce County Genealogical Society and guests. He gave a detailed review of a recent dig which took place at Lot 45, Concession A, Kincardine Township. A series of aerial photographs dating from 1938 provided an indication of pioneer buildings which had disappeared. The site to be excavated was sectioned onto plots one metre square and careful exploration resulted in the discovery of

clusters of broken pottery, nails, buttons which provided clues as to the past history of the site. All findings were measured and recorded in detail.

Fragments of ceramics were compared with records of the design, edge treatments and colourings of pieces produced in England or Montreal through specific time periods. Yellow earthenware mugs and pots, and coarse earthenware crocks were produced during later years. Thickness of window panes varied through the years.

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Surveyors maps and field notes indicate that the long and narrow lots west of Highway 21 were occupied by squatters prior to the 1851 census. According to census records the property was occupied by families by the names of McLean, McIntyre and the Belden Atlas of 1880 records a George Bissett resided on the property.

A potluck luncheon preceded the presentation.

Doug Lennox announced that a new long term space agreement between the BCGS & the BCM&CC has been signed.

A brief business meeting followed the speaker's presentation. The minutes were read and Anne Goeden gave the treasurer's report.

It was noted that the Chesley cemetery transcriptions have gone to the proof reader. Kinloss cemetery transcriptions have been entered in the computer. Sue Schlorff announced that the Museum is operating on winter hours. The Shanty exhibit which is based on David Kennedy Sr.'s book has opened.

Shirley Moulton welcomes articles for the newsletter.

The donation from the Grey Bruce Foundation is earmarked for the purchase of estate files on microfilm.

There is no change in the executive for the coming year. Audrey Underwood installed the officers for the coming year.

December: The 2012 edition of the BCGS Bring & Brag produced many interesting artifacts and stories. A small diary contained entries documenting daily life in 1905. A bowtie family tree displayed thumbnail photos of many family members. A small handgun known as 'Little Princess' and stored in a wooden case belonged to an ancestor who kept it as protection from bears. An interesting WWI memorial brass plaque which was sent to the families or next of kin of deceased soldiers became known as a 'Death Penny'. Published books included a volume about the early settlement of Dobbinton and a book of historical fiction based on experiences at Arran Lake. Detailed scrapbooks, stories of connecting with cousins through DNA research or travel and the

role of the internet in resolving queries were all reviewed.

Sue Schlorff reported that the General Store exhibit is to be recreated.

Volunteers will be welcome to assist with the Family Heritage Day on February 18.

Additional microfilm of wills and estate files are to be purchased.

Names for Ontario volunteer awards are to be submitted.

The updated volume Eastnor Cemetery transcriptions has been printed. Proof reading of the Chesley cemetery transcriptions and formatting of the Kinloss transcriptions are progressing. The clippers continue to work through newspapers of the 1950-1970's from the Kincardine & Walkerton area.

Queries

1. **GREYELL - AMECK** - Seeking family information on Christina AMECK and Edward E. GREYELL married in the Town of Goderich (1873). Parents of the couple were George and Margaret AMECK and Emmanuel and Alice Greyell. The GREYELLS evidently lived in Kinloss in 1861 but subsequently moved to British Columbia prior to 1891. Any news/information of the GREYELLS/AMECKs would be appreciated. Email Bob Greyell at: greyell@frontenac.net
2. **MACDONALD:** 1851 Glenelg Grey County, Ontario. GG Grandfather Donald MACDONALD and GG Grandmother Jane MCLEAN came to Canada with 4 children Neil, Donald, Duncan, Jane, Hugh (Red) died, but don't know when, maybe on route. Had another son Hugh (Black) first to be born in Canada. G Grandfather Hugh (Black) Ronald MacDonald. G Grandmother Christina MCLENNAN -- Parents Margaret MCKENZIE and

Christopher McLennan. Married March 20, 1877 Bruce County Ontario Rev George MacLennan. Any help or info would be wonderful. Write: Joan Harrop, 23212 Griffen Road, Maple Ridge, BC, V2W 0B6 or Email: cdnjojo@shaw.ca

3. **WRIGHT:** Seeking information about David A WRIGHT & Caroline (Stewart) WRIGHT's daughter, Clara May (WRIGHT) Clark and Clara's daughter, Isabelle Clark (McALPINE) Shouldice. How did Isabelle acquire the McALPINE name? Rebecca Strine Email: Fluttrbye@juno.com
4. **NOBLE:** Seeking information about the children of George Noble (b.1813 in Ireland) and his wife Susan Johnston. Are there descendants of their children: William (about 1837) m. Mary Cook, Maria (b.1847) and husband John Johnston (b.1840's) Francis (b. 1850's) m. Henry Baker who could contact me? Joe Lewis at: jlewismill@gmail.com

For those of you who have Scottish Ancestors

An Arab Sheik was admitted to Hospital for heart surgery, but prior to the surgery, the doctors needed to store his blood in case the need arises.

As the gentleman had a rare type of blood, it couldn't be found locally, so, the call went out. Finally a Scotsman was located who had a similar blood type. The Scot willingly donated his blood for the Arab.

After the surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman as appreciation for giving his blood, a new BMW, diamonds & US dollars.

A couple of days later, once again, the Arab had to go through a corrective surgery.

His doctor telephoned the Scotsman who was more than happy to donate his blood again.

After the second surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman a thank-you card and a box of Laura Secord chocolates. The Scotsman was shocked that the Arab did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had anticipated.

He phoned the Arab and asked him: "I thought you would be generous again, that you would give me another BMW, diamonds & money, but you only gave me a thank-you card and a box of chocolates.

To this the Arab replied: "Aye laddie, but I now have Scottish blood in my veins".

Kistner Query Response

*by Sylvia Hasbury, Research Co-ordinator
Bruce Co. Genealogical Society*

In my response to Lorna Brown's query in August 2012's Bruce Bulletin about her great grandmother, Regina Kistner, I started with the 1861 Census for Carrick Township. It told me Regina Kistner, Servant Girl, born in German State (Gem. St.), 14 years old, female, single. She is working in the household/farm of Valenntin Weiler and his wife Maria Anna Weiler who were both born in Gem. St. and are listed as R. Kat. (Catholic).

Following in the same list after Regina are James Fest 20 years old Eng. Church and Franz Hollderick, 19 years old, Kat. (Catholic) both listed as labourers. After them come Chararina and Joseph Hesh(Hesch?), who are 40 and 35 years old respectively and their residence is noted as Carrick Div. No.3. The second census entry is for Joseph and Maria Weiler, 22 and 20 years of age, they farm and were married in 1861. They are both from Gem. St. and R. Kat (Catholic). The third entry is for Fridolen Weiler, 23, Gem St., R. Kat.

Checking “Historical Walks Through Carrick and Mildmay” I found Kaster, Kastner and Kestner but no Kistner. Stumped, I tried a different tack. Was Regina Kistner a relative of the Weilers? Going back to the local history book I find Weilers on Concession A, Lot 16, Concession 14, lot 18, west half sold to Ignatz Weiler in 1880 and West ½, Lot33, Concession 14. This concession starts north of Formosa in the west and continues east through Carlsruhe, both of which are early settlements in Carrick known for their magnificent and early Catholic Churches. The first mass celebrated in Carlsruhe took place in early 1853. Weiler Lumber operated in Mildmay until 1964.

But I am looking for Regina Kistner. Ancestry.ca tells me there is a Lisabeth Kustner aged 46, widowed, living in Preston (Cambridge), Ontario in 1861 and though she is German, she is Lutheran not Catholic. Ancestry then suggests the Hummel Family Tree which lists Regina in Carrick in 1861, marrying Ignatius Weiler in 1864 and dead in 1881 at age 34. I decide to try marriages for the Weiler family. Two out of three of them take place in New Germany. After all else fails I “Google” Regina Kistner and get a marriage to another Weiler in Maryhill, a town a little to the southwest of Guelph, Ontario.

It is now home to the Historical Society of St. Boniface and Maryhill Community who explain on their website, “Maryhill was formerly named New Germany. German language newspapers sometimes referred to it as Nue Deutschlandle. The name was changed to Maryhill in 1941. Prior to 1972, and the formation of the old County of Waterloo into Regional Government, the village fell within the boundaries of the Township of Waterloo. It is now part of Woolwich Township.

In the 1851 Census for Canada East, Canada West, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia covering Waterloo Township Part 2, Waterloo County I found a listing for Kester, Michael and Mary and their children Philip, Elizabeth,

Margret, Andrew, Regina, Theresia and Catharine. Is this Lorna’s great grandmother? I would guess that it is very likely because on the St. Boniface/Maryhill website some of the names in the Diane Strickler Collection of Family Trees are listed and read like a who’s who of Carrick Township; Benninger, Weiler, Goetz ...

Have I found Lorna’s great grandmother? I think very possibly. It was the practice of the time for families to rent or lend their older children out to support the rest of the family. I am assuming both the Kistners and the Weilers attended St. Boniface Church in Maryhill and knew each other. The possibility of going to a newly opening area in the Queen’s Bush and of maybe finding a husband with land would have seemed like a great opportunity in this time period. Regina’s later life finds her in North Bay married to Henry Green Orton with their three children according to Lorna’s sources. I could find no record of this on ancestry.ca. Sometimes genealogical searches throw up more questions than answers but hopefully Lorna can move on with her family history.

**The Ontario Genealogical
Society
Conference 2013
May 31, June 1 & 2, 2013
Pulling Up Stakes—Putting
Down Roots**

A few Bruce County Members are going and are willing to drive and share the ride down.

Contact Marie Charbonneau:
raycharb@bmts.com

While browsing through the January 19, 1921 Paisley Advocate I found the following obituary which opens a window into what life was like for the very early pioneers of Bruce County. It had been copied from the Tara Leader. *Courtesy of Mary MacKay.*

ONE of the OLDEST SETTLERS of ARRAN DIES

John Hanbidge Sr. who passed away on January 17 was the earliest pioneer who settled on the 2nd con of Arran and was the last to pass away. His remains now rest in the Mount Hope cemetery on the 2nd con. Sixty-eight years ago in March next Mr. Hanbidge came into the woods of Arran where he remained up to the time of his death. His brother, a young man who followed his sweetheart to America was the cause of his parents emigrating to this country. The mother persuaded the father to follow the son. They were thirteen weeks on the ocean, and the mother and one brother died of cholera, which was raging at the time, and they were buried at sea. The son who preceded them was never found. The father, two sons and one sister came to Dummer township, county of Peterborough where John Hanbidge grew to manhood.

He was married to Miss Ann Crowe, who was a devoted wife and true helpmate, and like himself was ready any hour of the day or night to render assistance to those requiring it. She predeceased him nearly eleven years ago.

In company with the late Alexander and Henry Esplen, John and William McFadden and Francis Crowe he talked most of the way to take up land in Arran. He built a shanty in the woods on lot 2 con 2, and the next March he went after and brought his wife and two children to the shanty. On his return journey he was accompanied by the late Henry and James Esplen. The snow being very deep Mr. Hanbidge was forced to leave his yoke of oxen a few miles from the shanty while he and his wife carried the two children to the shanty, following the blaze or marks he had made on the trees. The bedding and provisions had also

to be carried until the snow went away.

Being an experienced woodsman and superior with the axe, he turned the wilderness into fertile fields and made a comfortable home. The shanty was replaced by a log house then by a frame one, and the frame house by a commodious brick one in which he lived the last years of his life.

His early educational privileges were very limited but he could do his reckoning while a more scholarly person was getting a pencil. His mother was a devoted Anglican and taught him his prayers out of the Church of England Prayer Book, but when the Methodist missionaries came among them and ministered to them in their homes he cast in his lot with them and sent the first team of oxen he owned on a gratuitous trip to Goderich with the personal effects of one of the pioneer preachers. He was known as a man of honor and of high ideals, and his word was as good as his note.

He leaves eighteen great-grandchildren, twenty grandchildren, two daughters and four sons as mourners- Mrs Hagerman, Alberta; Mrs. Campbell, Saugeen; Dr. T. H., Montana; Dr. W. B., Ogdenburg, N.Y.; Robert, Port Elgin and John on the farm his father came to 63 years ago.

“Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, they cease from their labours and their works do follow them” - Tara Leader



Mr. and Mrs. John Hanbidge. Picture courtesy of Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre.

**Mildmay Carrick Homecoming
Time to Celebrate
Aug 1 - 5, 2013**

<http://mildmaycarrick2013.ca/index.php?limitstart=9>

News Release - January 2013

Bruce County Tombstone Challenge
Courtesy of Marie Charbonneau

In the Hollywood Forever Cemetery you'll find Mel Blanc's famous epitaph. ¹



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

¹ From: Images For Mel Blanc Burial Site:

http://www.google.ca/#hl=en&sugexp=les%3B&gs_rn=1&gs_ri=hp&cp=15&gs_id=1m&xhr=t&q=mel+blanc+burial+site&es_nrs=true&pf=p&tbo=d&scient=psy-ab&oq=mel+blanc+buria&gs_l=&pbx=1&bav=on.2,or.r_gc.r_pw.r_qf.&bv=m=bv.41018144,d.dmg&fp=22b8551371163e6a&biw=1680&bih=967

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,
The 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.

Celebrate heritage month. Spend the day solving your current genealogical dilemmas or clean up those files that have been nagging. Resolve to attend one of the many community heritage functions during the month of February.

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



Finding Aids

In 2006, John Weichel, local historian and author of several books, including *Forgotten Times - Marine History of Southampton & the Bruce Coast*, and *Forgotten Lives - Early History of a Coastal Village*, donated to the Bruce County Archives the documents and newspaper clippings he gathered while conducting research for his writings. Archives Volunteer, Robin Hilborn, created a very detailed index of the documents contained within those research files. This index has been added to our website's Finding Aids page (<http://www.brucemuseum.ca/archives-and-research/archives/finding-aids/>) and may be viewed and searched at home using CTRL-F. Documents or files referred to in the index may be viewed at the Archives.

Archives Events

The Archives is again pleased to be co-hosting, along with the Bruce County Historical Society, a Heritage Networking Forum on February 21, 2013. This is a forum in which to share information, ideas and resources among groups that work to preserve our County's unique heritage. Pre-registration is required by February 15, 2013. Please call the Archives or check the Museum and Historical Society's websites for more registration information.

During the week of April 1 – 6, 2013, we will be celebrating Archives Awareness Week by visiting various branches of the Bruce County

Public Library system across the County. Archives staff will bring copies of unique archival items specific to each community. Staff will also be available to answer questions about how to care for records in your home or donate items to the Archives. A list of dates and locations will soon be posted on the Museum's website, or you may call the Archives for more information.

New Reading Room & Archival Acquisitions

Thanks to the continued generosity of the Bruce County Genealogical Society, our collection of Surrogate Court Records (Wills & Estate Files) on microfilm includes records from 1867 up to 1926 and part of 1927.

In addition to municipal government records transferred to the Archives from the County of Bruce and various Municipalities within the County, the Archives accepted donations of archival material from over 115 individuals and organizations in 2012. Donated materials include original photographs and postcards of areas in Bruce County, personal correspondence, personal diaries, certificates and minute books.

Also included in the 2012 donations were a couple of interesting scrapbooks. The Archives do not always accept scrapbooks as donations; sometimes donors are referred instead to the Genealogical Societies' surname collection clippers. These two scrapbooks were accepted as they are in a format that is useful for researchers and/or contain historical items in addition to newspaper clippings. A scrapbook of items related to the township of Kincardine (A2012.018.001) consists of clippings collected by Florence Manners Evans (1898 – 1987) and organized and indexed by Wanita Hollands. The 16-page index provided with the scrapbook makes this a user-friendly resource and a valuable addition to our collection. It includes notices of marriages and deaths, as well as memorial cards, invitations and stickers. Other articles mention the CKNX Ranch Boys,

Carnegie Medal awarded to Edward Evans, the Blue Moon dance band, Kincardine Fall Fair winners, Seniors "over 80" meeting at KTTPS, and a veteran member of Bervie I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 318 receiving a 60 year jewel.

The Scrapbook for District #10 Bruce and Grey, Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (A2012.019.001) was created by Doris Holland and reflects her experiences with that Association from 1964 – 2005. This binder includes news clippings, pamphlets, notes, correspondence, minutes, programs, invitations, souvenirs, receipts, papers relating to homecraft activities, summaries of events, budgets and more. It includes references to many agricultural societies within Grey and Bruce counties. Reading Room Attendant, Allison Brown, has created a chronological summary of the items included in this scrapbook.



A photograph of the Park Head Softball Team of 1939 is one of the many historic photographs donated in 2012. According to the book *Green Meadows and Golden Sands: The History of Amabel Township*, 1984, the first record of a Park Head Ball Club was in 1921. The club bought new uniforms in 1933 with funds raised through box socials, euchre tournaments and concerts.

If you would like any information about upcoming events or items within the Archives

collection, feel free to contact us. The Bruce County Archives is part of the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre, 33 Victoria Street, Southampton, Ontario, 519-797-2080, ext. 129, and is open from Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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