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Upcoming Meetings and Other Events

Date: Monday, June 10, 2013 @ 8:30 am
Place: Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre
Topic: Forgotten Lives Bus Tour. Explore Historic Paisley and Area.

Date: Monday, July 8, 2013 @ 7 pm
Place: Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre (Theatre)
Topic: Author's Night, Wine & Cheese, with Bruce County Historical Society

Date: Monday, August 12, 2013 @ 7 pm
Place: Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre.
Topic: Cemetery Walk & Talk, Saugeen Metis graves with Pat McArthur.

Highlights of Previous Meetings

March: What do we know of the motivations which drew our Irish ancestors from their homeland to a new life in Canada? Patrick Kelly and Joseph O'Hagen enlightened a full house in the Theatre Room of the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre. Finding the Kelly surname on a gravestone in the Chepstow Cemetery when he was a young boy was the start of a lifelong passion for history and genealogy for Patrick Kelly. He heard stories about the eight week journey that his great, great grandfather

made by sea and was curious as to why he would undertake such an expedition. Emigration offered an escape from the harsh rule of British landlords, destitution and starvation.

The promise of land ownership was the key. The 1854 race to claim land became known as "Saugeen fever" as newly landed immigrants became elated at the prospect of owning and not renting an acreage.

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Animosities based on religion continued to create an edge among neighbours in the new land. In 1866 the Fenians who were a group Irish Catholics based in the US attempted an invasion of Huron County.

Doug Lennox thanked the speakers for their enjoyable presentation.

Anyone can unlock the mysteries of their family tree. Find out how at the Family History & Genealogy Workshop presented by the Bruce County Genealogical Society at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre.

7 Weeks: April 16 - May 28, Tuesdays, 7pm - 9pm. \$75.00. Pre-registration required. Contact Sue Schlorff 519-797-2080 / 1-866-318-8889 x129 to register.

For more information: Join us on Tuesday, April 9 at 7pm for a FREE Introduction to Family History at the BCM&CC. 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.

April: Are there treasures in your attic or in a box in the basement? Those papers and family artifacts are a starting point for celebrating your history and answering those great questions, "Who am I? Where did I come From?". Anne Goeden went on to describe just what to do with the findings as you look for clues that tell you more about yourself and those close to you. There are techniques for sifting through that valuable personal history as well as tricks to determine if it's the right information.

Choosing a method of organizing what is found and which style you want to use in showing off those findings is your first decision. Anne stressed - it is your story and your history - so let the telling of it reflect your culture and your personality. A visit to the Bruce County

Genealogical Society library can help with the next steps of your journey into the past. Early official Ontario records are not available to the public; vital statistics are available only from time before 1916-1940 depending on the record. You'll be looking for documents dating later than that. You'll want the ones that tell about your parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents. The Genealogical Clipping Collection holds items of the immediate past. Look there for obituaries, personal announcements, memorials and photographs from local newspapers and scrapbooks. You'll be surprised at what you can find in the binders. Volunteers and staff are there to guide your venture into the past.

To introduce the idea of learning more about family history, Bill Stewart explained other services and tools available at the Bruce County Genealogical Society. His interests center around photography, cemeteries, and historical publications. Bill uses his camera to capture records when he is researching in a library as well as to take photos of gravestones. He told how older tombstone inscriptions can solve mysteries about a family's origins. Knowing about local photographers and when they were in business puts a time frame on family portraits. He showed examples of what is available in the Research Room and described how indexes can help you find an elusive ancestor.

What does a beginner want to hear about genealogy? Mary MacKay decided to tell a success story. As co-incidences often do, several events pointed in one direction. They got her pondering about Thomas Orchard of Paisley. She was determined to solve the riddle of just who was Thomas Orchard? why did he leave Paisley? and most of all, why would he go to Missouri? Well, she didn't know anything about him so she asked and learned he was brother to Simon Orchard. Local records told her a little more about him, but didn't answer her questions. Once she found the name of his new town, she asked Google where it was and who to contact. Answers in hand, she asked the

historian there about Thomas. Indeed, there was a story to be had; he would set his staff to collecting what was known about the man, his wife and children. Mary waited (not so patiently) until the big day a package arrived in the mail. Thirty five pages! Almost everything one wished to know about the Orchards of Missouri was there together with strong leads so she could finish their story. The result of this little episode - look for another book in the not too distant future. For those already into their family tree, her advice was to pay attention to significant dates in local history. Where were your people in 1854? In 1858? And in 1868? Finding answers to where they were and looking at their lives through events current at the time will tell you what happened to them and will explain why their lives changed dramatically.

Is genealogy fun? Is it ever! It gives one purpose, some say it's addictive, as all good things are. You'll meet interesting people, even an unknown cousin or two. Can you do it alone? Of course, but it is easier when you ask for help and can share your story with others who'll appreciate just what you've done and where you've gone on your journey. This news release gives a taste of what you'll learn at the course being offered Tuesdays, 7-9pm Apr 16 - May 28. Future sessions will guide you to records, methods, preserving, and publishing. It's not too late to sign up. Call Sue Schlorff at 519-797-2080/ 1-866-318-8889 x129 to pre-register.

Queries

1. **STAIT:** Seeking information about William Stait family. Wife was Nancy (nee Stevens). Moved from Hamilton to Paisley in 1854. 1871 census shows 10 children. William worked as farmer and teamster until his death in 1902. Buried Starkvale. Contact Jim Davis in North Carolina at jbd729@yahoo.com

2. **JACKSON, BEST:** I am researching John Jackson born 1797 in Ireland and wife Jane Eliza Best born 1805 in Ireland, both came to Emily, Victoria, Ontario and where married in Emily in 1822, they had nine children there then they moved to Paisley, Bruce, Ontario sometime around 1850 with their children. Both died in Paisley and are buried in the Jackson cemetery there. Does anyone have any information on them or their parents, any information would be greatly appreciated. My email is kev.jac@hotmail.com
3. **WATSON / HUME:** Looking for ancestors/descendants of my great-great-grandparents David WATSON & Elizabeth HUME WATSON...lived in Teeswater, Bruce County, Ontario. Their daughter, Ann Jane WATSON was born in Teeswater 17 February 1866. Please contact Frances Marion HARDING INGRAM at fmiseeks4u@gmail.com



**Skipness 1905, Amabel Township:
Sunday School Picnic**

Point Isle of Lewis Families go online

Northton Heritage Trust are happy to announce that the next instalment of their hebridespeople database is now available on www.hebridespeople.com The first stage was the publication of the emigrant database, and this was followed with the database for families connected with the Isle of Harris, including Berneray and St Kilda. Now it is the turn of the Point area of Lewis.

The site works on the principle of purchasing credits, which will be familiar to those who have used the scotlandspeople website. Entering a name will show all persons of that name on the database, their date of birth and parish of birth, and by choosing the appropriate entry you can find access directly to place of birth, parents (where known) date and place of marriage and death, together with a note of where that person appears in the census records from 1841 to 1901. Dates are only shown as years, but with this information exact dates and certificates etc. can be accessed from scotlandspeople if desired. The database also allows access to two further unique features - family notes and family sheets. These take the researcher beyond research into individual persons to research into whole families. The family notes give a summary of the family history. They are based on the 1851 census as a datum-line, working back as far as possible – usually to the generation born in about 1750/60, and forward as far as 1920. The family sheets are hand-written work-sheets, compiled by Bill Lawson for each family, showing the lines of descent in the male line, together with cross referencing of the female line to their spouses' family sheets. There is also a gazetteer available, with a summarised history of each township for those less familiar with Harris.

So there we have stage 3 of the database containing 12,000 records of people connected with the Point area. It is hoped to gradually add all the other parishes of the Outer Hebrides over the next few years.

The project has been funded by HIE, LEADER Innse Gall, Comunn na Gaidhlig, and the

Heritage Lottery Fund and the website design and genealogical application is by Reefnet Ltd. Seallam! Visitor Centre
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Bruce County Strays

by Leona Taylor

Died Jan 28, 1930 at Alexandria, Virginia, Hugh John, son of late Neil Stewart, of Chesley, Bruce County, Ontario. He leaves widow, 5 children, brother, 4 sisters.

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Jan 1, 1925, 6 - Sergeant Robert Walker [Bruce County, ON] celebrates 35 years' continuous service in Victoria police dept. Sworn in Dec 31, 1889.

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Feb 6, 1925, 8 - photo - Maye, daughter of C W Kirk, of Vancouver, to marry Russell, 3rd son of late Mr and Mrs James Bayne, of Kincardine, Bruce County, ON. Miss Kirk is native of Victoria, and served for 5 years during the war with the Canadian Army Medical Corps in Fra, Belgium, Germany, Eng. Feb 7, 8...

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Died instantly in a fall from a window Feb 13, 1925 at Uplands, Oak Bay, BC, Miss Margaret Emma Geraldine Tolmie, 38, niece of late T W Paterson, former Lt-Governor of BC. Native of Kincardine, Bruce County, ON, daughter of late John Tolmie, MP for a Bruce County constituency. Both of her parents are dead. She leaves a brother, Alec. Feb 17, 3 - suicide... Pallbearers: A Gunn, J McKinnon, T F Paterson, J Lumsden, A Wright, G Paterson. H 093 E 25

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Med/Apr 11, 1925, 6 - photo - Miss Florence Nightingale Crane to marry Dr Robert Hamilton Cowan. Crane, native of Bruce County served

overseas as RN with the US Army. After the war she worked at the Belgian Congo for 2 years...

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Died May 27, 1925 at Regina, SK, Annie, 80, widow of G T Boulding, late of Victoria. Born 1845 at Guelph, ON, she moved with her husband and family to Regina in 1884, and then to Victoria, where she remained until 1923. Leaves 2 daughters, 2 sons [one, C W, of Lucknow, Bruce County, ON]. Pallbearers: S J Curry, Hugh Macdonald, J H Baker, Rev W J Knott, W T Howard, R S Anderson. 1 086 W 08

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Died Jul 27, 1925 at Oak Bay, BC, Alfred William Godfrey Lee, 67, native of Southampton, Bruce County, ON. Leaves his widow and a sister. Vancouver burial.

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Died Jul 4, 1925 at Vancouver, BC, John McGillivray, 55, 2nd son of late Donald McGillivray, of Bruce County, ON, resident of BC for 30 years. Leaves 3 sisters, 2 brothers. Pallbearers: R Bryce, D Peters, N McGillivray, F Hawkins, J Holmes, D Carron. O 059b060 E T

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Died Nov 7, 1925 at Pender Island, BC, Henrietta, wife of Albert H Menzies, 66, native of Bruce County, ON. She made the trip west from ON to Kildonan, MB, by covered wagon when a young girl. She also leaves 3 daughters, 2 brothers [MacDonald], sister.

Died Nov 16, 1925 at Victoria, BC, Dr Roderick L Fraser, 65, native of Kincardine, Bruce County, ON, resident here since 1883. He taught school in Saanich for 5 years upon his arrival in BC. He married in 1887, and deciding to enter the medical profession, he resigned his post and proceeded to Philadelphia, where he graduated in medicine in 1891. He established his practice here that year, 1st at the corner of Yates and Douglas, and later moved to the Fraser Block, at the corner of Douglas and Broughton streets.

He was for several years City Health Officer [until 1900]. On several occasions also he acted

in consultation with the quarantine officials here, and his judgment was of great weight in disputed cases. He held consultative posts at Jubilee and St Joseph's hospital... He leaves his widow, son, daughter, 2 brothers, 4 sisters. Nov 18, 5 - photo. Pallbearers: Drs George Hall, Forrest Leeder, E C Hart, H E Ridewood, M J Keys, W Barrett. Nov 20, 4 - poem dedicated to Dr Fraser, by nurse M Busby... Nov 22, 7 - tribute paid by Rev Dr Clay... funeral flowers placed at War memorial base... Vancouver cremation.

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V/Died suddenly Jan 16, 1926 at Victoria, BC, Sergeant Robert Hampton Walker, 67, of the Victoria city police. He joined the force 37 years ago and held the station of Sergeant for 27 years. He was born Jul 22, 1860 at Teratenoga, ON, and married Margaret Jean Mackenzie Walker in 1883 at Kincardine, Bruce County, ON. He also leaves 2 sons. He will be buried with military honors. Jan 20, 5 - hundreds pay tribute... Pallbearers: Chief of Police Fry, Deputy Chief O'Leary, Sergeants Blackstock and Hall, Detective Calwell, Constable Harper. Feb 6, 6 - policemen pay tribute... ROBP

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May 6, 1926, 10 - Bachelors of Bruce County, ON, cause worry... Committee on rural conditions will throw some light on the mystery as to what's the matter with Elderslie and why so many of her farmers do not marry. Township population is 1,573. This year the assessor made a list of bachelors and widowers and found 196 between 21 and 60, and others over that age. Unmarried men there, nearly 200. The farms of Elderslie seem to be, too many of them, given over to grass for pasture, and the farmhouses, too many of them, are the dwellings of bachelors.

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....to be continued in the August newsletter....

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,
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.



BCGS Donors 2012

The Bruce County Genealogical Society would like to acknowledge the generosity of the following individuals who donated to our society in 2012. These funds enabled us to purchase more microfilms for the Bruce County Archives. (Our Wills & Estates microfilms now go up to 1928). Thanks to the gifts our of donors the BCGS can continue with our mission of serving Bruce County Families – Past and Present.

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News from the Bruce County Archives

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New Research Room Acquisitions

The Bruce County Historical Society has provided the Archives with another eight microfilm reels of *Die Ontario Glocke* covering the years 1892 – 1898, 1910. The purchase of these films by the BCHS was made possible through a donation received by the Society in honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. Wolf Haessler of Southampton, Ontario. The *Die Glocke* newspaper, published in the German language in Walkerton, was first issued by John Klein in February 1870. The paper was sold by him to A. Eby and J. A. Rittinger. Subsequently, it passed into the hands of J. A. Rittinger solely, who continued to publish it until sometime around 1903, when the plant was moved to Berlin and the paper amalgamated with the *Berliner Journal*, though an edition of the *Journal* continued to be published with the *Ontario Glocke* masthead.

The collection of wills and estates microfilm has again been expanded, courtesy of a donation from Bruce County Genealogical Society. We now have microfilm of Estate Files up to 1928.

New Archival Acquisitions

Cyanotype photos – Southampton (A2013.010)

The Archives recently received a donation of 25 very interesting cyanotype

photographs of the Southampton area, including views of the inside of the Bowman & Zinkan Tannery on Fairy Lake. These prints were part of a collection of old papers purchased by the donor at an auction sale in Orono, Ontario, in December 2012. The papers seemed to relate to a notable artist/engraver, Fred H. Brigden.

When producing a cyanotype print, the paper is treated with a photosensitive solution of ferric ammonium citrate in combination with potassium ferricyanide. The negative or object is then placed upon treated paper and exposed to ultraviolet light, such as sunlight. The combination of sunlight and chemicals then imprint the image onto the paper in a bluish-grey colour. These images are available for viewing and purchasing online at photos.brucemuseum.ca – enter “cyanotype” in the Search Box.

Lindsay Thornburn slides and negatives (A2013.012)

The Archives also recently received a collection of Lindsay Thornburn’s photographs, taken primarily around the Port Elgin area. Mr. Thornburn was a prominent citizen in Port Elgin. He began his teaching career at the Gowanlock one-room school, then moved on to Saugeen District High School where he taught for many years. He was also a photographer, recording local weddings and events in the community over several decades. Lindsay was a Rotarian and Mason, Head of the Bruce County Horticultural Society, and a member of the Bruce County Historical Society. (A2013.012)

Archives Events

During Archives Awareness Week, April 8 – 12, 2013, Archives Staff took the “Archives on the Road” to Tobermory, Wiarton, Chesley, Kincardine and Walkerton branches of the Bruce County Library to show a sampling of the types of material available at the Archives. We

enjoyed speaking with Bruce County residents and visitors about the Archives and answering questions about caring for archival documents and photographs. We also had an opportunity to talk about family history and hand out some Genealogical Society pamphlets.

Archives staff members are again assisting in organizing the annual *Forgotten Lives Bus Trip, June 10, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.* This year's journey "Forging a Home in the Wilderness" consists of an exploration of the founding families, architecture, a cemetery, and museum of historic Paisley and area. Coach bus, guides and lunch included. Members of BCM&CC \$50 (+HTS), Public \$60 (+HST). The deadline to purchase tickets from the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre is May 31, 2013.

Archives Hours

We are pleased to be serving you again seven days a week for the spring and summer. 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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