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Upcoming Meetings and Other Events

Date: Monday, June 9, 2014

Place: Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre.

Topic: Bus Tour: Lighthouses with Bruce County Historical Society

Date: Monday, July 14, 2014

Place: Saugeen First Nations Cemetery

Topic: Cemetery Walk & Talk, Honouring our Ancestors

Date: Monday, August 11, 2014

Place: Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre

Topic: Authors Night in conjunction with Historical Society

Highlights of Previous Meetings

April: Members and guests of the Bruce County Genealogical Society met recently in the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre. Archival Assistant Sue Schlorff welcomed everyone and reviewed upcoming events at the museum where summer hours are in effect. Anne Goeden invited everyone present to introduce themselves and briefly share their interest in genealogy.

Mary MacKay presented a review of her research about Thomas Orchard, brother to the

more well known founder of Paisley, Simon Orchard. She outlined her curiosity about Thomas, several intriguing facts about his life in Paisley and then the challenge of tracing him to Colorado and the various puzzles that she was able to link together to solve the mystery of the existence of Thomas Orchard.

Anne Goeden briefly reviewed the history of the Bruce County Genealogical Society which was founded in March 1989. She presented an overview of the upcoming Family History and Genealogy Workshop, topics to be covered, resources available in the Research Room in the Archives and the joys of doing genealogy.

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March: A large and enthusiastic group of genealogist and family historians met in the Bruce Gallery of the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre recently. With the help of the Assistant to the Archivist, Sue Schlorff, researchers were able to connect to the internet. Anne Goeden of the Bruce County Genealogical Society proceeded with her presentation of tips and suggestions for doing genealogical research on the internet

Check the BCGS website at www.rootsweb.com/~onbcgs for an overview of Bruce County resources available in the Research Room at the Museum. Many Canadian records can be accessed from Library and Archives Canada at www.archives.ca A quick Google search can often provide links for researchers. Photos of gravestones can be found at Canadian Headstones and also Field of Stones.

Marie Charbonneau presented suggestions for researching church records which are generally held at the archives of each denomination.

Historic Canadian newspapers, ships' records lists and Tweedsmuir Histories are freely available online. Many records for the United Kingdom and United States are available on line.

A 7 week Family History & Genealogy Workshop is to be presented in the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre. Everyone is invited to join us on Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. for the FREE Introduction to Family History.

Bruce County Tombstone Challenge submitted by Marie Charbonneau

The idea for an activity to stimulate members' interest as well as that of the public was accepted at the December 2012 meeting. A News Release was submitted to seven County newspapers and to the Society newsletter, *Bruce Bulletin*. Eight categories were set. Replies were received for each one, a total of nineteen submissions. As agreed at the October Executive Meeting, all winners will receive a \$15 gift certificate redeemable for Society

membership or towards purchase of any publication. The officers of the Society were the judges.

The results are:

1. The most distinctive or bizarre stone: McNeill Family proposed by **Jack Cumming**.
2. The most outlandish, colourful, romantic or poignant epitaph: Mary Wiley sent by **Diane Ferris**.



The **second** category in the Bruce County Tombstone Challenge was the most outlandish, colourful, romantic or poignant epitaph: Mary Wiley sent by **Diane Ferris**.

This tombstone is in Bruce County Pioneer Cemetary and I feel has the most romantic epitaph:

IN MEMORY OF
MARY WILEY
DIED Mch.15 1889
AGED 69 YRS

Inscription on the stone - below:

"As a wife, devoted
As a mother affectionate
As a friend ever kind and true.



3. The most famous person: that of Dr Walter Bagot Thorp, also from *Diane Ferris*.

Although Dr Walter Bagot Thorp died very young, he certainly made his mark in life...not just with his patients, but obviously to everyone who knew him. He was born in Ireland in 1822 and was named after an uncle who died of fever when he was in a regiment in the West Indies. Another uncle of his died in the Peninsula War. Dr Thorp's wife, Sidney gave history of her husband saying he was an accountant in the Church Education Society while still young and 'earned his bread always.' He continually tried to improve himself, by learning French, Italian, German, Latin and Greek. Early on, he considered being a stock broker, Sidney related, but he told her it was "against his ideas of right to do some sharp things that are necessary in that business." So, he obviously had integrity too.

He chose to be a surgeon and his diplomas and certificates are listed:

City of Dublin Hospital, certificate, 1850.
 Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland botany certif. 1850
 Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Latin,

Green certif. 1850.

Lying-In Hospital, Dublin, obstetrics dipl. 1851.
 Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, licentiate, 1851.

Prov. Ontario, UC, certif. of physic, survey, midwifery, 1856.

College of Medicine and Surgery, Lower Canada, 1856.

Associate Coroner, certif. 1857.

1st Battalion, Bruce Militia, certif. as surgeon, 1858.

Sadly, Dr Thorp's expertise and great lifetime training which would have benefitted Southampton area, was cut short when he died at an early age of 37 in Southampton, Sept 9, 1859. He had only worked as a physician in the area for a little under 2 years.

4. A relatively unknown character who made a mark on the outside world: John Stewart as found by *Marguerite Caldwell*.

This man was raised around Milton, later getting involved with the Rebellion of 1837. He was captured, but escaped and went to USA. When Queen Victoria pardoned the men, he returned to Canada, then bought the Foundry at Paisley, working till his death. Very few knew about his past till he died. This is my fifth photo. It was taken in the Paisley Cemetery.



. . . . The last four winners will appear in the August 2014 edition of the Bruce Bulletin. . . .

QUERIES

1. **KELLY, Robert** b c 1832 married **Elizabeth BRILLINGER** c 1867 in York County, Ontario. Robert died c 1868 and is buried in Heise Hill Cemetery Whitchurch-Stouffville, Ontario. On his marriage registration he came from "Saugeen". Nothing is known of his parents. I was wondering if anyone knows of this person or his family? Contact Elaine Rose at elainerose50@gmail.com Thank You
2. **FAULKNER, Joshua**, father of William Faulkner (Sarah Langstaff, married 28 Dec 1876). Believe wife of Joshua was **Elizabeth McCullough**. Joshua Faulkner listed as first postmaster at Arkwright in 1857. Children of Joshua may be William, Jerry (Leslie?), Isabella (Matchett), Mary (Trelford), Letitia (Porter), Susannah (Brinkman). Children of William Faulkner and Sarah Langstaff are: Joshua (died?), William (May Manchester), Selena Beatrice (died), Mary Anne (W. King), Florence (A. Clark), Edna Evelyn (S. G. Brown), Adrian Britton (A. M. Wells), Norman (B. McLean). Please contact elannewelker@hotmail.com if you have any information. I am the granddaughter of Norman Faulkner and Beatrice McLean, my surname is Faulkner.
3. **CRAMPTON, John and Ellen**. Looking for info on John and Ellen (BRADY) CRAMPTON family especially Canadian years. Married in Puslinch, appear on 1861 census in Brant Township, moved to Fitchburg, Wisconsin in 1865 and to Ethan, South Dakota in 1880. Email Mike Moffatt at: banffdog@msn.com
4. **MEIKLE, Isabelle** or Isabella. Born in Scotland about 1818. Wife of William Meikle. Died in or near Chesley about 1890. Presbyterian. I am seeking her place of burial and obituary. Also any other family info, particularly one of her sons, Daniel Meikle, my gr grandfather. Contact Judith via email: jugagirod@roadrunner.com
5. **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.
6. **COLWELL, Bruce** Searching for Catherine (Catharine) Colwell who married Thomas E. Bruce or James Brewster. Children were Robert, Ann & Catherine Agnes Bruce. My grandmother Catherine Agnes was born 1902, Paisley Ont., married my grandfather David John Rothwell Hartley in London in 1939. Marriage certificate says parents were Thomas E Bruce & Catherine Colwell Catherine Colwell may have moved to Scotland with her children Robert & Ann. Email: jfoster40@cogeco.ca
7. **HARTLEY, John** Searching for obituary for John Hartley b abt 1824 Durham C. & d. 14 Jan 1894 Tara, Jane (Taylor) Hartley b. 1824 Cavan, Durham Twp d. 06 July 1896 Tara, both buried at Tara Hillcrest Cemetery. Any information about Alfred Nelson Hartley b 1866 Ontario married Frances Caroline Cole, Viola G Hartley. Also Edwin Hartley b. 1866 Ont., last known residence 1896 Invermay, Ontario. Email: jfoster40@cogeco.ca

8. **PERDUE, Emma** b. 1873, Lucknow. I am seeking any information on my great-grandmother and her ancestors. I only find her in the 1891 census. I have later information but nothing prior to then. Father listed as **Henry Perdue** born in Ontario. Both his parents were born in Ireland. Emma had a sister, Annie May, married **Joseph Gaunt** in 1898, in Lucknow. Email: judylh73@live.com

More From British Newspapers

At findmypast.com

Submitted by Louise Stewart

From the *Aberdeen Journal*, 07 October, 1911
Tarves Man's Death in Canada

The death is announced as having taken place at Tara, Ontario, Canada, on September 19, of **Mr George Lind**, youngest brother of the late **Mr Robert Lind**, Laverockbrae, Tarves. Deceased in his earlier days was in the employment of the late Mr William Duthie, Collynie. He left this country for Canada in 1848 or 1849, and after having been for some time in the Dominion, he acquired land at Arkwright, Ontario, and brought it under cultivation from the bush. He retired from farming a year or two ago. **Mr Lind**, who was 85 years of age, is survived by a family of four sons and two daughters. Three of the sons are farmers and the other is a carpenter. Deceased was an uncle of **Mr John Lind**, Overtoun, Keithfield, Tarves.

From the *Sunderland Daily Echo and Shipping Gazette*, Tuesday, 08 February, 1881.

Death. Cameron – On Saturday, 15th January, in Chesley, Ontario, Canada West, **Christiana**, wife of the late **Rev. D. Cameron**, of Tiverton, and mother of **R. and J. Cameron**, of this town, aged 81 years.

From the *Glasgow Herald*, Tuesday, 03 September, 1889

Death. Little – Accidentally drowned, at Teeswater, Ontario, on 9th August, **John**, age 12 years, and **Robert**, age 8 years, sons of **Robert and Ellen Little**, formerly of 3 Moray Place, Strathbungo, Glasgow.

From the *Inverness Courier*, 14 November, 1861

Marriage. At Saugeen, County Bruce, Canada West, on the 14th ult., **Mr William Floyd**, Michigan, to **Barbara Mackay**, daughter of the late **D. Campbell**, Esq., Mudale, Sutherlandshire.

From the *Surrey Mirror*, 16 May, 1885

Marriage. Lauder – Grece. – On the 23rd of April, **Ferguson Lauder**, of Walkerton, Province of Ontario, to **Eliza L. Grece**, eldest daughter of the late **Frederick J. Grece**, Esq. of Longue Pointe, near Montreal, Canada.

From the *Gloucester Citizen*, 18 April, 1885

Marriage. Hooper – Harris – March 4, at Tara, Ontario, Canada, by the Rev. M. Rupert, **Samuel Albert**, fourth son of **Mr. Joseph Hooper**, of Blaisdon, Gloucestershire, to **Catherine Annie**, third daughter of **Mr. Charles Harris**, of Amabel.

From the *Dundee Courier*, 30 May, 1889

Marriage. At Detroit, Michigan, on the 8th May, by the Rev. J. F. Dickie, Central Presbyterian Church, **Andrew T. Gray**, second son of **Robert Gray**, Baldutho, Pittenweem, to **Nellie M'Ivor**, Lion's Head, Ontario.

From the *Dundee Evening Telegraph*, 12 February, 1937

Noted Baptist Leader's Death

News has reached London from Canada of the death from heart failure, after a week's illness, Of **Principal John Macneill** of M'Master University.

Dr Macneill was of Scottish descent and was born at Paisley, Ontario, in 1874. He had been Principal of the Theological Faculty of M'Master University since 1930.

He is still remembered in this country by an

eloquent speech which he delivered in 1905 on the occasion of the founding of the Baptist World Alliance, of which he held the presidency from 1928 to 1934.

From the *Shields Daily Gazette*, 11 May, 1889
Birth. At Walkerton, Ontario, Canada, on the 18th March, the wife of **John Barber**, late of South Shields, of a son.

From the *Dundee Courier*, 30 April, 1863
Death. At the Township of Bruce, Canada West, on the 1st inst., in the 33rd year of his age, **John Muir**, late of West Calder, Edinburghshire, killed while engaged felling a tree.

From the *Aberdeen Journal*, 10 June, 1915
Death. **Henderson** —At Shallow Lake, Ontario, Canada, on the 20th May, **William Henderson**, mason, late of Aberdeen, and fourth son of the late **James Henderson**, late of Mosshead, Keithfield, Tarves.

From the *Nottingham Evening Post*, 06 April, 1899

A Canadian mail despatch states that **Lieutenant-Colonel Christopher Robert Barker**, who was born at Peterborough in 1814, passed away at Kincardine, Ontario, on March 22nd. He went to Canada about half a century ago, and was division court clerk and justice of the peace at Kincardine, besides filling many important positions as a member of the Town and County Councils. He was long identified with the 32nd Bruce Battalion as an officer, and on his retirement in 1879 was appointed lieutenant-colonel of the reserve militia of South Bruce, which office he held up to the time of his death.

From the *London Standard*, 28 August, 1893
Birth. **Cameron** – August 9, at Kincardine, Ontario, Canada, the wife of **Charles Clifton Cameron**, of a son.

From the *Dundee Evening Post*, 05 December, 1904

These foreign applepackers are born flirts.

Inside a box of apples opened in a Dundee store the other day was a piece of paper containing the words – “If a pretty girl gets this box, write to **James Cameron**, Kincardine, Ontario.” Sad to tell the box was opened by a “mere man”.

From the *Belfast News-Letter*, 19 March 1852
Death. Feb. 13, at Saugeen, Canada West, in the 37th year of her age, **Marianne**, the beloved wife of **Charles Forrest**, Esq., late of Warrenpoint, and sister of **R. O. Blackader**, Esq., Manager of the Belfast Banking Company’s Branch, Dundalk.

From the *Belfast News-Letter*, 07 April, 1865
Death. **Forrest** – April 5, in the 18th year of his age, at Southampton, Saugeen, Canada West, after three days’ illness, of scarlatina, **Robert Blackader Forrest**, second son of **Charles Forrest**, Esq., of same place, and formerly of Warrenpoint, Ireland.

Donations Made to the Bruce County Genealogical Society in 2013

submitted by Anne Goeden

The Bruce County Genealogical Society would like to acknowledge the generosity of the following individuals who donated to our society in 2013. These funds enabled us to purchase more microfilms for the Bruce County Archives. (Our Wills & Estates microfilms now go up to 1930). We also used the funds to purchase sixty new binders for the Newspaper Clipping Collection so that we have enough space to house our ever growing collection of local birth, marriage and death announcements. Thanks to the gifts of our of donors the BCGS can continue with our mission of serving Bruce County Families – Past and Present.

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Carrick Township Minutes, 1856-1900
 Culross Township Minutes, 1863-1899
 Kinloss Township Minutes, 1855-1899

New Archival Acquisitions

The Archives received a significant donation of material collected and created by ***Bruce Krug and his family*** from both the Estate of Bruce Krug and the Bruce County Historical Society.

Well-known Chesley furniture manufacturer, conservationist, sportsman and historian, Bruce Arthur Krug, passed away in Chesley on May 21, 2013 in his 95th year. The Krug family is well known for the Krug Brothers & Co. Furniture Manufacturers, spearheaded in 1886 by twin brothers Conrad and Christian Krug. It was a true family business with many family members, including Bruce Krug, working at the factory over the years. Throughout his life, Bruce, along with brothers Howard and Wilfred, showed an interest in the recording and collecting of history. Bruce's interests were varied, collecting photography, books, postcards, stamps and a huge array of artifacts relating to pioneer life. Over the years, Bruce and the Krug family have contributed both finances and artifacts to the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre. Bruce was the first President of the reorganized Bruce County Historical Society in 1957 and was recognized as an honorary president in 1990, a lifetime tribute.

On April 8, 2014, the Bruce County Historical Society donated to the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre over 1,500 items purchased from the auctions of the Estate of Bruce Krug, including post cards, souvenir pieces and photographs. The Society saw the importance of preserving the items being sold by the Krug Estate and spent a substantial amount of money to ensure that the items are available to the public for generations to come. As the items are processed by Archives staff, they will be available for viewing by the public, on request, at in the Archives & Research Room at the BCM&CC.

News from the Bruce County Archives

Ann-Marie Collins, Archivist
Sue Schlorff, Archival Assistant
Deb Sturdevant, Archival Assistant



New Research Room Acquisitions

The Archives has facilitated the microfilming of ***Kincardine Newspapers*** from 1862 – 1932. The microfilm reels are now available in the Research Room for viewing. The film will also soon be available at the Kincardine Branch of the Bruce County Public Library. We understand that the Kincardine Review-Reporter's archive of newspapers was burned in the early 1930s, making this an incomplete and rare collection of newspaper gathered from people's homes. For an inventory of the issues available on microfilm, see the "Search Our Archives" page at brucemuseum.ca.

The Bruce County Archives has also purchased microfilm reels of the following ***township minutes and assessment rolls***. These are available for use in the Research Room:

Arran Township Minutes, 1858-1947
 Arran Township Assessment Rolls, 1878-1899
 Brant Township Minutes, 1854-1899

The Estate of Bruce Krug also made a significant donation to the Museum of artifacts and archival items including books, photographs, business papers, furniture catalogues, scrapbooks, diaries, research notes, maps and plans. It will take years to complete the arranging, describing and physical processing of these items to ensure their proper preservation and accessibility for years to come. The items will become available to the public as they are processed.

We recently completed the processing of the **Robert G. Freeman fonds** which consists of four diaries (January 1938 - December 1944) and 143 photographs (1936-1955) created by, or featuring, Robert G. Freeman, known as Bert Freeman, from Teeswater, Bruce County, Ontario. The majority of photographs appear to have been taken from 1939-1944 and some feature Bert as a Flight Officer in his military uniform. The entries in his diaries reflect his attendance and activities at Westervelt College, London, news of friends, social events and recreational activities, church attendance, work at Empire Life, London, Ontario (until early April 1940), bookkeeping and work for his father at the Superior Food Store in Teeswater, and flying lessons / night aviation courses in 1939. Talk of WWII in the community is also mentioned in some of his entries. After enlisting with the R.C.A.F., his entries include notes about flying, training, travel and social activities. Notes are also made concerning his stay at Edinburgh City Isolation Hospital for Spinal Meningitis in 1943. A selection of eleven photos may be viewed at photos.brucemuseum.ca by entering "Freeman" in the search box.

Archives Events

Archivist Ann-Marie will be co-facilitating a workshop related to researching your Bruce County Roots at the Kincardine Scottish Festival on July 4 from 9 a.m. – 12 a.m. Registration is through the Kincardine Scottish Festival: www.kincardinescottishfestival.ca. Stop by our booth at the festival on July 6 as well.

Archives Hours

The Research Room is open Monday to Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. until the end of October 2014. 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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