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## Upcoming Meetings and Other Events

**Date:** Monday, June 15, 2015 at 8:30 to 4:30  
**Place:** Bus leaves Port Elgin Plex @ 8:30 am.  
**Topic:** Forgotten Lives Bus Tour–Kincardine.  
Visit historic houses and sites,  
Dunsmoor Park, Knox Presbyterian  
Church and Boiler Beach. Register by  
June 8, 2015. \$30 for members.

**Date:** Monday, July 13, 2015 at 7 pm  
**Place:** Bayview Cemetery, Wiarton  
**Topic:** Cemetery Walk and Talk, Bayview  
Cemetery, Wiarton

**Date:** Monday, August 10, 2015 at 7 pm  
**Place:** Bruce County Museum and Cultural  
Centre (Theatre)  
**Topic:** Author’s Night, Wine and Cheese,  
with Bruce County Historical Society.

## Queries

1. **KELLEY, James**, born 1847-? in Ontario of Scottish heritage and wife Annie or Annjamine or Anngwane as names appear on various documents, née Johnston born in U.S. 1850-? Children Wellington Clifton KELLEY 1871-1950 born in Huron County, Russell Temple KELLEY 1878-1952 (died Hamilton,

ON.) and Ethel Lamb Booth KELLEY 1880-? Russell and Ethel born in Teeswater, ON. Looking for any information on family members James KELLEY, Annie KELLEY and Ethel KELLEY. Russell Kelley was minister of health for Ontario 1946-1950. I cannot find any info on the parents and daughter. Where are they buried? Please contact Ann Tellier: kindertell@yahoo.ca

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2. Do you recognize this school? Looking for the identity of this school picture.



## A Story From Dunblane

by Mary MacKay

John Alexander McDougall, a return soldier, who lived for nearly twenty years on the River Road in Saugeen Township, has an interesting story to tell. I'm going to call him Jack A., partly because that's what he went by and partly to distinguish him from other John McDougalls, including his father.

My attention was drawn to Jack A. because Audrey Underwood is writing a book about the families who settled in the Dunblane area and she asked me did I have any info about the John McDougall family. Well, yes, I did, but it turned out to be another John McDougall who married Lucy Currie and immigrated from Colonsay with 8 children. They settled first on the Elora Road at Dunblane but no matter how I tried, Jack A. did not fit anywhere in that family so that whet my curiosity. Who was this Jack A. McDougall who lived on the farm beside Dunblane Church on the River Road?

Two small news items in the Paisley Advocate started me off in the right direction.

**Paisley Advocate**

**April 23, 1919**

**Mr. Jack McDougall is now living on the farm he purchased on the river road**

**Paisley Advocate**

**May 1919**

**Married in Windsor**

**John A McDougall, Saugeen**

**To M B Garfat of Chicago**

This marriage really puzzled Audrey because she already had two marriage registrations from Ancestry for Jack A. One was on April 15, 1914 to Maud Belle Dover. The other was to Edith Fraser on April 16, 1923.

Wait a minute! Let's look again at the first marriage registration.

Married in Perth County. Could be he was working there. Born 1889. Close enough.

Groom called Alexander McDougall. Could be. When men were given a second name sometime they went by one; sometimes by the other.

Parents: John McDougall and Christina Currie. No I don't think his mother was Christina because the census records called her Kate. Maybe a second marriage?

Audrey also had a copy of the death registration of Maud Belle McDougall, Jan. 3, 1922. She died in Port Elgin. This was just enough information to make assumptions. Time to search the newspapers for obits. Time to get back to Ancestry and census records to get some proof of what we were assuming.

I discovered the John Alexander McDougall (Jack A.) we were looking for was born Sept. 30, 1888 in Lucknow, the 3<sup>rd</sup> child of John McDougall and Kate McDougall. John McDougall, his father, was born in Caledon, Peel County, the oldest son of Angus McDougall and Elizabeth Porterfield. Sometime between the 1861 and 1871 census Angus and Elizabeth moved to Saugeen Township. Before the 1881 census the family moved to the Lucknow area. Here Jack A's father grew up and on December 20, 1883 married Kate McDougall (no relation) Jack A was their 3<sup>rd</sup> child and one more sister was born before his mother died.

On Nov 13, 1894 John McDougall (Jack's father) married Fanny Thornburn and had 6 more children. The family moved often,

living in Kincardine, Underwood, Lot 1 Con. 1 Arran Township, Bruce Township, Lot 4, Concession 14 Brant, and in Saugeen Township. Finally retiring to Balaclava Street, Paisley in 1923 where his father died in 1928.

Jack A. went through most of these moves with his father and stepmother until 1914 when he enlisted in the 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion. In April 1915 he went overseas and in September crossed to France and for a few months was on the transport corps at the front. In the spring of 1916 he transferred to the infantry and remained in that branch until the end of the war. In September 1916 he was wounded at Somme, a piece of shrapnel lodging in his back. He was admitted to First War Hospital in Birmingham, England. An article in the Paisley Advocate, February 1919, tells us Sergt. John (Jack A) returned from overseas to his home on the Elora Road north. Two months later he bought the farm on the River Road, Saugeen Township and married Maud Bell Garfat (which is quoted above)

Thus proving the marriage we thought was his on April 15, 1914 to Maude Belle Dover was not him at all. That's an example of how easy it is to get off the tack in doing genealogy.

OK now I had to find who was this Maude Belle Garfat from Chicago that married Jack A in Windsor. (Looks a bit far out to me) Garfat is certainly not a Bruce County name. Since we had her death registration that gave me a date to look for her obituary in the Paisley Paper. What an excellent obituary it was!

Maud Garfat was born in Bad Axe, Michigan. She was a teacher, later a bookkeeper for Swift Company in Chicago before her marriage in May 1919 to Jack A McDougall. On January 3, 1922 Maud died on Lot 26, Concession 7, Saugeen, of TB, age 35, leaving a 17-month-old daughter. The obit told me everything I needed to know except how on earth did she meet Jack A McDougall?

A little over a year after Maud's death Jack A married Edith Fraser and they farmed on

the River Road until 1938 when they retired to Paisley. They lived on Victoria Street beside my husband's Grandmother Lewis and Jim remembers Jack had a snappy pair of black horses he used to drive the Presbyterian minister from Paisley to Salem (on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Elderslie). The horses would come steaming into the shed at Salem every winter Sunday morning. Edith was as good a horseman as her husband and drove the minister when Jack couldn't. He kept his horses in the livery stable located at the back of the present day site of Rier's garage. Jack was an auctioneer and also known to imbibe regularly. He and Edith did not have any children.

On February 27, 1947 Jack died in Westminster Hospital, London where he had been a patient for a year before his death. He was in his 59<sup>th</sup> year. He and both of his wives are buried in Starkvale Cemetery, Paisley although Maud's name is not on the stone.

**Note about Westminster Hospital: Begun in 1918 as a military hospital, Westminster Hospital was used to treat veterans suffering from mental illness after World War I. In 1929, Westminster Hospital received its name and also began to accommodate ex-service people who needed medical and surgical treatment. The hospital expanded during World War II to treat the sick and injured from nearby training camps. After the war, the focus returned to long-term and acute care for veterans with disabilities.**

Just in case you are curious about the Garfat family, as I was, try Googling "The Garfat Family" and you will find several websites for them including an invitation to a family reunion, a Garfat family history lesson, a map of Michigan showing where Bad Axe is and Find A Grave sites for Maud's father and most of her eleven brothers and sisters.

It's wonderful what information is out there now and also a bit scary because we don't know whether it is correct or not or if it is just leading us down the wrong path.

I may never know how Jack A met his first wife. Some details are just meant to remain a secret!

## From British Newspapers

At [findmypast.com](http://findmypast.com)

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From the *Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper*, August 6, 1893, "Long Lost Relatives" column  
**HITCHINS (THOMAS)** went to Canada from Middlemore's school, Birmingham, and was there adopted by a **Mr. Donald McLean**; letters to be addressed: -- Lucknow P.O., Ontario, Canada. Brother **George** has had no news for 12 years.

From the *Manchester Times*, March 29 1895, "Missing Friends" column  
**GOSSIP**. -- **John** and **Hannah Gossip**, last heard of at Kincardine, Ontario, Canada. The inquirer is their sister. -- Address Editor, "Weekly Times," Manchester.

From the *Glasgow Herald*, Friday, March 4, 1859  
Births. At Teeswater, Canada West, on the 7th ultimo, **Mrs. John Logan**; a daughter.

From the *Stamford Mercury*, Friday, July 8, 1898  
Deaths. **CHAPPELL**. -- On June 17th, 1898, at Port Elgin, Ontario. **Naomi** the beloved wife of **David Chappell**, and youngest surviving daughter of the late **John Leverton** (late of Pinchbeck West), aged 41.

From the *Western Daily Press*, Bristol, July 26, 1920  
Deaths. **FLETCHER**. -- On July 5, at Kincardine, Ontario, after much suffering, **Frank**, the beloved husband of **Elizabeth Fletcher**, of Kincardine, and eldest son of **Rose** and the late **Charles Fletcher**, 16, Goodhind Street, Bristol, passed peacefully away. Sadly mourned by his sorrowing mother, brother **William** and **Uncle Frank**.

From the *Cheltenham Chronicle*, February 16, 1907

**GLOVER, Mary** (formerly **Morrison**), died in or near Belfast in 1866, her husband, **John Glover**, dying in 1871. She was a sister of **David Morrison**, formerly of Harrisville, Pa., and latterly of Walkerton, Ontario, Canada. Heirs wanted.

From the *Bucks Herald*, April 23, 1887  
Marriages. **BROOKS - HILDER**. -- At Kincardine Township, Ontario, on the 16th ult., by the Rev. S. Selerby, **James Bird**, second son of **Mr. James Bird Brooks**, of Finnimore, Great Marlow, to **Sarah**, sixth daughter of **Mr. Henry Hilder**, of Armow, Kincardine, Ontario.

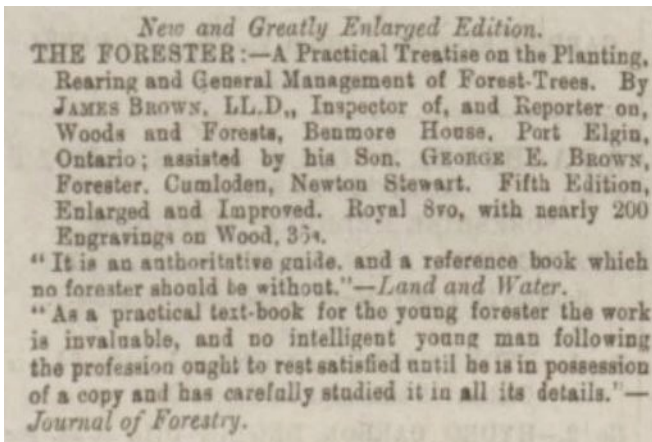
From the *Dundee Courier*, March 1, 1877  
Deaths. At Kincardine, Ontario, on the 4th ult., **Esther MacKenzie**, relict of the late **John Bannerman**, a native of Brora, Sutherlandshire, aged 98 years.

From the *Glasgow Herald*, December 23, 1893  
Deaths. **RUSSELL**. -- Near Kincardine, Ontario, on the 15th November, aged 65, **Mrs. Thomas Russell (Jean Baird)**, daughter of the late **John Baird**, Old Monkland, Scotland.

From the *Glasgow Herald*, Monday, August 2, 1886  
Deaths. **BROWN**. -- After a short illness, at Saugeen, Port Elgin, Benmore House, Ontario, Canada, on 8th ult., aged 74, **James Brown**, LL.D. (author of "The Forester"), late of Craigmill, Stirling, Scotland; deeply regretted.

From the *Yorkshire Gazette*, Saturday, July 21, 1883

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### **The Origin of Heinrich Thede of Saugeen Township**

by Anne Goeden

I decided to see if I could discover the origins of Heinrich Thede who is buried in Sanctuary Park, Port Elgin. He was an early settler in Saugeen and apparently died from a fall from the top of the last wagon load of grain harvested when the oxen stopped suddenly. He has two tombstones, both stating he died 17 August 1868.

There is a Thede family history which was written by Jean Thede de Boer in 1983, so I started with this book, which has carefully documented hundreds of Heinrich Thede's descendants and is filled with many interesting anecdotes. My goal was to trace Heinrich and his wife Caroline back to German records. According to the history:

Caroline's maiden name was Schultz

The Thedes lived in Strasbourg, Alsace

They emigrated in 1839

They arrived at the port of New York

They lost an eleven-year-old son on the docks in New York

The tombstone gave Heinrich's age as 72 years and 2 months which would make his birthday about June 1796. There was also an Ontario death registration record which gave the date of his death as 24<sup>th</sup> of August 1869, aged 72, a year later than the tombstone. Using this record would give us a birthday in 1797.



From the history, we knew of six children: Friedrich 1827, Carl 1830, Johann 1835, Joseph, Henry and Mina. An appendix in the history written by Arthur Thede of Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1955 gives son John Thede's birthday as 7 Feb 1935 and states he was born in Mecklenburg, Schwerin.

On Ancestry.com I did a search of the Hamburg Passenger lists and found the Thede family (minus the two oldest sons Frederick and Charles who presumably emigrated earlier). They left the port of Hamburg on 30 April 1855 bound for the port of Quebec City (not New York). The ages of the family were given: Heinrich 56, Caroline 50, Christian 23, Johann 20, Joachim 17, Heinrich 14, and Wilhemine age 10. Their residence was Glasin, Mecklenburg. The son Christian age 23 had not been mentioned in the family history. Could he be the 11 year old son from the story who went missing on the dock? (On Ancestry.com I found a death certificate of a Christian Frederick Thede 1832-1906 who died in Danville Illinois. This could possibly be the same person as their son, Johann Christian Thede who was born 23 Sept 1832?)

Next, I did a search on familysearch.org in the "Germany Births and Baptisms Index 1558-1898", where I quickly found the baptisms and birth dates of the seven children of Peter Heinrich Thede and Carolina Sophia Peterfeld (not Schultz). The baptisms took place in Gross Tessin, Mecklenburg Schwerin. Consulting Wikipedia we find that Gross Tessin is a village in the municipality of Glasin. So it looks like we are in the right town. I ordered the microfilm into the Family History Centre in Owen Sound for a closer look.

The birthdates in the baptism records tie very closely to the family history. The church record for John's birthday ties exactly to the history book, 7 Feb 1835. Frederick died in Port Elgin 19 Sept 1888 aged 61 yrs, 4 mos and 11 days, making his birthday 8 May 1827 which ties exactly to the church record. Carl's birthday was 5 Aug 1829 per church records and given as 6 Aug 1830 on his death registration in 1920 in

Port Elgin. Joseph (Joachim) died on April 24, 1890 aged 51 years and 9 days, making his birthday 15 April 1839 vs the church record of 3 April 1838. Henry Thede's tombstone in Didsbury, Alberta gives his birth year as 1841 which ties to his birth of 2 June 1841. Christian 1832 as mentioned above. Wilhemine married a Frederick Thurck in Detroit, Michigan in 1868 aged 23, which puts her birth in 1845 which also ties to the church record of 15 March 1845. The original baptism records can all be found on film number 69179.

I could not find the marriage of Peter Heinrich Thede and Carolina Sophia Peterfeld, so it possibly took place in a different town. It was common for a couple to be married in the bride's parish.

My next challenge was to see if I could pinpoint Heinrich's birthday which would be difficult as I could not find his marriage which would have confirmed his parents. I found a baptism record for a Peter Heinrich Thede who was born 26, Sept, 1797 the son of Jochim Thede and Catharina Eleonare Kostow. The date seemed to fit, but there was just one little problem with this entry: the priest had entered a death date in the baptism register of 9 November 1863. (Before this I have never seen death dates in a baptism register.) How could this be the right Heinrich Thede if he died in Germany in 1863 and ours died in Port Elgin in 1869?

Slowly searching through the baptism records, I came across a Johann Peter Jochim Thede born 8 Nov 1798, son of Jochim Heinrich Thede and Maria Salow. The priest had noted his death date of 9 November 1863. Wait a minute, I thought, two Peter Thedes who died on exactly the same day? Maybe the priest made a mistake.

Luck was with me, and the burial records for 1863 were on the same film. I found the entry and was thrilled to find that Heinrich was stroked out and replaced with Johann Joachim, making the name of the person who died on 9 November 1863 a Peter Johann Joachim Thede aged 65 years and 1 day which matches the birthday of the other Peter.

So we can conclude that the Heinrich Thede buried in Port Elgin is very likely Peter Heinrich Thede born 26 Sept 1797 in Gross Tessin, Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

### **Donations made in 2014**

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### **Additions to** **the Bruce County Archives Collection**

The following resources have been added to the Research Room in 2015:

2. Hewton-Waugh family history binder
3. Menerey family history binder
4. Murder, Mystery and Mayhem: 26 True Stories from Grey & Bruce, by Andrew Armitage
5. The History of St. John's United Church, Wiarton, Ontario, 1889-1989

In addition, the Chesley Legion donated digital copies of material it gathered to support its submissions to the Canadian Great War Project and the Ontario Provincial Command Military Service Recognition Book. These materials include photographs, biographies, newspaper clippings and letters concerning those who served in the military and were connected to the Chesley Legion. These materials include Registration Applications for the Volunteer Civil Guard. Almost 200 Chesley area men registered in 1940. Questions answered on these forms include "Place of Birth" (two of interest were Barbados BW Indies and Russia), "Where Employed" (identifies local businesses), "Served in Great War in..." (one registrant was also noted as having served in

the Boer War) and “Served in Canadian Militia...” This gives an incredible view of the men in town, and included everyone from local farm and factory workers to the local teachers, minister, doctors, and business owners. There are no restrictions on access to Registration Applications relating to individuals who have been deceased for more than 20 years. Otherwise, access restrictions may apply pursuant to the *Privacy Act*.

**Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre Summer Exhibits**

After working on your genealogy in the Archives, you may wish to take in the interesting and informative Museum exhibits! New this summer:

***Bruce Remembers, Opening June 13***

Through this exhibit, visitors may immerse themselves into the commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First World War. Explore life in the trenches and rediscover the local stories of Bruce County soldiers.

***60 Years: 60 Objects, Opening July 4***

2015 marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre. To celebrate this milestone, we are featuring 60 objects from our Archives and Collections Departments, representing the last six decades.

**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 2015. 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

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