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## Upcoming Meetings and Other Events

**Date:** Monday, November 24, 2014 at 1 pm  
**Place:** Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre  
**Topic:** German Settlers by Patrick Kelly and Anne Goeden. Annual General Meeting to follow.

**Date:** December 2014 No Meeting

**Date:** Monday, January 12, 2014 at 1 pm  
**Place:** Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre  
**Topic:** Bring and brag. Program planning for the year 2015.

## Highlights of Previous Meetings

### August:

Members and guests of the Bruce County Genealogical and Historical Societies met August 11 in the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre. Archivist Anne Marie Collins welcomed everyone and gave an update on the Krug Estate project.

Ross Lamont introduced the first guest of the evening. Dianne J. Ferris used power point to

review her historical novel 'Adventures at Loch Arran'. This book reviews the history of a resort at Arran Lake as well as tells the history of her family who lived and worked there.

Audrey Underwood outlined progress on the Barn Photography project. Volunteers are always welcome to help.

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The second presenter of the evening was John Kaminski, editor of the recently released 'Glamis Then & Now'. This volume provides a detailed review of the history of 68 properties spanning the years from 1850 - 2013. A short break let everyone enjoy the wine and cheese reception, talk to authors and socialize.

Bill Stewart who is the publications editor spoke about on going work to photograph and transcribe the gravestones in the Port Elgin Cemetery

Ruth Mittleholtz was the final speaker. Her poetic text accompanies photographs which she took over the course of six days in August 2008 at the location of each of the 63 bridges spanning the Saugeen River.

It was announced that the German Settlers in Bruce County program for the September meeting in the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre has been moved to the AGM on November 24 , presentation by Patrick Kelly and Anne Goeden at 1:00 pm with pot luck luncheon at 12 noon.

### **Find of the Month by Mary I MacKay**

While scanning the records to see who exactly was the first person to be buried in Paisley Cemetery my attention was drawn to a stone bearing the name Richard Orlando Jolliffe because he died February 25, 1862 age 49 and his twenty-five-year old son by the same name died April 21, 1867.

Who were these people? I wondered. Where did they settle? I wanted to know. And were there other members of the family? A smaller stone beside the one with the two Richard's names answered one of my questions. It bore the name of the wife of the elder Jolliffe, Prudence Orchard.

Now that really caught my attention! Another

Orchard that had never been mentioned in the early history accounts of Paisley. Who was Prudence Orchard? A few minutes on the Internet (thanks to Case Vanderplas) soon proved Prudence Orchard was a cousin of Simon Orchard our well-documented first settler of Paisley. That also makes her a cousin of Thomas Orchard the main character in my latest book "First Among Firsts." I discovered their grandfathers were brothers.

Prudence Orchard was born in Jacobstow, Week St Mary, Cornwall England in 1820 about the same time and place as her cousins Simon and Thomas. Prudence married Richard Orlando Jolliffe on April 23, 1840 and in 1842 they immigrated to Ontario with two little children. Richard Orlando Jolliffe II, whose name appears on the tombstone with his father, was just an infant. I found the family in Georgina Township, York County where their third child was born in 1845 and the following year they were in Whitechurch Township, York County where another child was born. Knowing what I do about early settlement patterns I assume Richard was looking for land he could someday own.

My next thing to check was the 1851 census. I found the Orchard cousins. Simon and his family were in Elderslie, Bruce County; Thomas Orchard was on a farm in Egremont Township in Grey County but where were Prudence Orchard and her husband Richard Orlando Jolliffe?

Well thanks to Ancestry.com Richard and Prudence and their four children appeared on the 1850 census of Palmyra, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, USA!! Wait a minute! Can this be the same couple that is buried in Paisley Cemetery? Well, it proved to be, because on the 1851 Ontario Census (which we know was taken in January of 1852) they are back in Ontario living in Orondaga Township, Brant County

I have no idea why they would go to Wisconsin (or even how they would get there) but they

didn't stay long. The fact they went to Wisconsin didn't surprise me because this is the third family I have researched lately that spent some time in Wisconsin before taking up permanent residence in the Paisley area of Bruce County. These families are hard to spot if it is between census records. I was just lucky!

Next I checked the 1861 census and there they were in Greenock Township with two more little girls both born in Greenock, the elder in 1856 and the younger in 1858. So this establishes their arrival in Greenock about 1854-1855 when other settlers were also pouring into the area.

Next I checked the Greenock land records and confirmed they settled on Lot 2, Concession 21. The story should end with "*They lived happily ever after.*" But, having read the inscription on the tombstone we know that didn't happen. One very cold January night, five years after arriving in Greenock, Richard had an accident with a sleigh while on his way home from the mill in Paisley. By the time he was found he was badly frost bitten and his health seriously weakened as a result. He fell prey to consumption and died two years later.

"How did I find that out?" you are wondering. From the Orchard Family Book.

I remembered about twenty years ago someone wrote and donated to our Genealogy Society a book she had written about the Orchard Family starting away back in England. Somehow with all the moves and building experiences our Archives has gone through that book went missing. Many of us have looked for it but to no avail. I mentioned this to Sue, our marvellous archivist, and asked, "Where do you suppose it could have gone?"

She wasn't aware of such a book but we checked the family history section and there it was! Thanks to the many volunteers, short term employees and the fact we now have three full time people working hard to get 'hidden' materials on the shelves for us to use, the long

lost book has surfaced. No one exactly knows how.

Land records told me that Prudence struggled on with the help of her two sons, Richard age 20 and John 18. In 1864 she bought the farm they had settled on from her cousin, Simon Orchard and got the patent from the Crown but she had to take out a \$500 mortgage from the W Canada P B & S Society.

Then tragedy struck again. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, 1867 Death claimed her oldest son. That left John to carry on clearing the land and farming. Her oldest daughter Eliza was already married to John Nelson and had a year-old baby

My next great source of information is the Paisley Advocate. Jenny, the second daughter, married the next-door neighbour George Rae Daniel in 1870. John got married in 1871 and built his house on the west half of the farm. Prudence sold the east half of the farm to her son-in-law, George Daniel and moved into Paisley with her two youngest daughters. She supported herself by helping others in time of sickness. She died June 18, 1886 age 66 years 4 months.

This might have been the end of the story. But further research brought to light the great accomplishments of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of this pioneer couple who passed to their reward at such an early age without knowing the legacy that extended into the second and third generation. There were lawyers, nurses, doctors, missionaries, musicians, members of parliament, the first leader of the Ontario CCF party, newspaper journalists and owners, and the President of Rotary International!

But that's a story for another day!

## **New Book: First Among Firsts” by Mary MacKay**

Mary MacKay whose articles frequently appear in this newsletter has just completed her 17<sup>th</sup> book. This one is called “First Among Firsts” and tells the story of Thomas Orchard who was a pioneer with outstanding ability, abounding vigour and the determination to be first.

“First Among First” is a historical narrative that starts before Paisley even had a name and covers the first seventeen years of settlement. The main characters are Thomas Orchard and his wife Christina Brown who came to Paisley the same time as his brother Simon Orchard but Thomas’s name rarely appears in the history of Paisley.

Thomas Orchard had the first store in Paisley, was the first Postmaster, built the first frame house on Queen Street and built the first brick store (which now is the north half of Thompson Bros, Furniture). Thomas was the returning officer for the first municipal election, the first treasurer of the Paisley/ Elderslie municipality, a member of the first school board, and the first Justice of the Peace. Now his story is told for the first time!

Why did Thomas Orchard and his wife and nine children, leave Paisley in 1869 leaving behind a four-year-old daughter and where did they go? That was the question that prompted Mary to spend almost four years researching and writing his story. The narrative also includes Paisley’s first scandal, a suicide, a spring flood story, the first twenty-fourth of May celebration, the Great Land Sale. The Starvation Year and the stories of many very early settlers to the area who undoubtedly shopped in Thomas’s store.

The book is available from the author in Paisley. You can reach her at her email [jms.mackay@bmts.com](mailto:jms.mackay@bmts.com) or phone 1-519-353-5544

## **Queries**

1. My name is Alf Stanley and I live in Brandon, Manitoba. My great great grandpa William Stanley and his son my great grandpa John William Joseph Stanley lived in the Paisley and Chesley area from 1875-1890. John Joseph William later moved to the Miami area of Manitoba but William Stanley passed away in Ontario in 1890. John was married to Isabelle Buchanan and they had the following children while in the area: William Albert 1875, Alexander 1877, Frederick 1879, Jessie 1881, Henry McLaren 1883, Ellen Agnes 1884. We have been unable to find the cemetery that William was buried in. We are also looking for any other information on where he was buried and any other information on this family. Email: [astanley@mymts.net](mailto:astanley@mymts.net)
2. I am looking for information on Samuel Cairns who drowned in the Saugeen River in 1919. His dad was Adam Cairns 1839-1914. His mom was Esther Cherry 1847- I don't have a death date for her if you have one? Also any information on the Cairns and Musselman families? Thank you. Carol Schwoob Email: [geschwoob@bell.net](mailto:geschwoob@bell.net)

### **Websites of Interest to Genealogists**

<http://www.familysearch.org>

The Family History Library Catalogue of material which is available at the Family History Library or any of the Family History Centres is available at this site

<http://automatedgenealogy.com>

This site has over 98 per cent of the material found in the 1901 Canadian census completed.

<http://www.usgenweb.org/research/nicknames.shtml>

Common nicknames used by our ancestors.

<http://www.looking4kin.com/>

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~onbruce2/Index.html>

<http://www.alphalink.com.au/~datatree/index.htm>

<http://olivetreegenealogy.com/can/bdm/marr.shtml>

[http://www.genealogy.com/index\\_n.html](http://www.genealogy.com/index_n.html)

[http://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/families/families\\_p.shtml](http://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/families/families_p.shtml)

<http://www.genealogylinks.net/uk/england/>

[http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~pbt/yc/PR\\_Index.html](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~pbt/yc/PR_Index.html)

<http://www.wightman.ca/~dkaufman/>

<http://www.ukgenealogy.co.uk/resources/map-archives.htm>

<http://www.cyndislist.com/>

<http://www.scan.org.uk/knowledgebase/index.htm>

<http://homepages.nildram.co.uk/~jimella/genejoke.htm>

<http://www.virtualreferencelibrary.ca/>

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogy/022-912-e.html>

<http://ohqdigit.tpl.toronto.on.ca/>

## Top Ten Questions

### 1) How Do I Begin to Trace My Family Tree?

Start with yourself and work backwards through the generations, recording each person's major life events on ancestor charts. Interview your relatives - especially the elder ones - and ask them if they have any family documents, photos, baby books, or heirlooms. Don't forget to enjoy the journey - what you learn about your heritage is more important than how many generations back you can take your family tree.

More: Begin Tracing Your Family Tree: Step by Step

### 2) What Does My Last Name Mean?

Only occasionally does your last name provide insight into where your family originally came from. The same surname often originates in many different places or has multiple possible meanings. Or it may be that the present incarnation of your surname bears little resemblance to the one carried by your distant ancestor due to spelling variations or anglicization. It is fun, however, to learn what your last name means and how it was derived.

More: How to Trace the Origin of Your Surname

### 3) Where Can I Find the Book on My Family?

Many people curious about their roots expect to begin and end their search quickly, hoping to find their family tree already done. It doesn't often happen, but both published and unpublished family histories can be found at public libraries, in the collections of local historical and genealogical societies, and on the Internet. Try a search in the Library of Congress and Family History Library

### 4) What is the Best Genealogy Software?

It may sound cliché, but the best genealogy program basically boils down to finding the one that's right for you. Almost all family tree software does a good job of letting you enter your family data and view and print it in a wide variety of formats. The differences add up in the features and extras. Try them out before you buy - most genealogy software programs offer free trial versions or a money-back guarantee.

### 5) How Do I Make a Family Tree?

Family trees are meant to be shared and most people want to find a way to do it beautifully or creatively. A number of fancy family tree charts can be purchased or printed. Full-size wall charts make more room for big families, and great conversation starters at family reunions. Alternatively, you can create a family history book, CD-ROM, scrapbook, or even a cookbook. The point is to have fun and be creative when sharing your family's heritage.

More: 5 Ways to Chart & Display Your Family Tree

#### **6) What is a First Cousin, Twice Removed?**

How am I related to so and so is a question that often comes up at family reunions. Grandparents, aunts, uncles and first cousins are easy, but once you get into more distant family relationships most of us get lost in the tangle. The trick to determining the actual relationship between two family members is to start with the ancestor they both have in common. From there, a handy cousin calculator or relationship chart can do the rest.

More: Kissin' Cousins - Family Relationships Explained

#### **7) Am I Related to Someone Famous?**

Have you heard that you're descended from a president or royalty? Or perhaps you suspect a family connection to a movie star or celebrity? Maybe you even share a surname with someone famous, and wonder if you're somehow related. Just like any other family tree research, you need to start with yourself and work back toward a connection with the famous individual. Many famous family trees can be found online, which can help in making a connection.

More: Researching Famous (or Infamous) Ancestors

#### **8) Where Can I Find Birth, Death and Marriage Records?**

Vital records, called such because they record life's "vital" events, are the building blocks of a family tree. Records of the births, marriages and deaths of your ancestors will generally be civil (government) records back to a certain point in time, which varies by state, parish or country. Prior to that, church or parish registers are the most common source for information on vital

records. Tombstone records can also provide clues.

More: Where to Find Vital Records - Online and Off

#### **9) What is My Family Coat of Arms?**

There are hundreds of companies who will sell you "your family coat of arms" on a t-shirt, mug, or 'handsomely engraved' plaque. They look nice, and make great conversation starters, but actually most likely have nothing to do with your family. Coats of arms are granted to individuals, not families or surnames, and may rightfully be used only by the male line descendants of the person to whom the coat of arms was originally granted.

More: Heraldry & Coats of Arms - A Primer for Genealogists

#### **10) Where Did My Ancestors Come From?**

What town or country did your ancestors originally come from? Did they sail across the ocean to America or Australia? Or move down the road from one town to the next? Learning where they came from is the key to a new branch in your family tree. Read up on history to learn about common migration patterns or check with relatives for info on family customs or surname origins. Records of death, marriage and immigration may also hold a clue.

### **News from the Bruce County Archives**

*Ann-Marie Collins, Archivist*

*Sue Schlorff, Archival Assistant*

*Deb Sturdevant, Archival Assistant*



### **New Research Room Acquisitions**

The Estate of Bruce Krug has added many interesting resources to our Research Room including:

Memoirs of Griffith Island

Ae' Glint on Ither Days: Tiverton and District

Living Stones: An Historical Sketch of  
Central United Church, Lion's Head,  
Ontario, and its Founding Communions  
The Trial of Scobie Dan: When the  
Great War generation had its eyes on  
Bruce County

The Trials and Tribulations of  
Campbell Grant

History of Alex McNabb, Crown Land  
Agent, 1851-1882

The Ontario Photographers List 1851-1900 and  
The Ontario Photographers List Volume II  
1901-1925

Family History additions to the Research Room  
include:

1. Jermyn family genealogy : Jermyn, Hunter,  
Langord, Tyson, Fairbairn (A2013.032)
2. Descendants of Captain John "Blackjack" McKay (9-  
page chart), (A2013.036)
3. The Miller/Patterson's of Bruce County (A2013.038)
4. The McNeilly Story (A2013.044)
5. William James Harris : his ancestors and descendants  
(A2013.055)
6. Family tree - children of Murdock McLennan (#1) and  
Annie Matheson (A2013.057)
7. Family history of Christopher Engel Sr. and his  
descendants (A2013.058)
8. Guest, Mills-White, Campbell, Shier and Graham  
family histories (A2013.077)
9. James Ferguson 1814-1902 : an Irish pioneer settler of  
Bruce County, Ontario (A2013.084)

### **New Archival Acquisitions**

Examples of archival material recently  
catalogued include:

*School student photographs* scanned and  
added to [photos.brucemuseum.ca](http://photos.brucemuseum.ca)  
including:

- *Burgoyne school (U.S.S. #2  
Arran and Saugeen)  
photographs [1939-1944],  
A2013.069 (donated by  
Catherine McGee);*
- *S.S. #5 Saugeen school student*

*photographs, 1947-1948, A2014.006  
(donated by Audrey Underwood);*

*Cunningham General Store day book,  
1896-1899, and A.A. Greer General  
store ledger, 1922-1924,  
A2013.050.019-.020:* The day book  
reflects business conducted at the  
Cunningham General Store in Glamis.  
It is organized chronologically from July  
1, 1896 - February 1899 and lists under  
each day: customer names, summary of  
goods purchased and price. Goods  
included groceries, hardware and  
textiles. The ledger reflects business  
conducted at the A.A. Greer General  
Store (formerly Cunningham General  
Store) in Glamis from 1922-1924. The  
book has an alphabetical index at the  
front. It is organized by customer and  
lists the dates and details of their  
purchases, credits and payments.  
Purchases are often listed as "goods",  
but the ledger also shows the purchase  
of specific grocery and hardware items.  
(Donated by Mrs. Marianne Greer);

*Tiverton Fire Insurance Plan,  
A2013.050.021:* Surveyed May 1894,  
Revised to 1904. (Donated by Mrs.  
Marianne Greer)

*The Southampton Tennis Club fonds  
(A2013.078)* consists of documents  
created and collected by the Club in the  
course of its activities from 1956 - 2013,  
including documents reflecting its  
development and administration, tennis  
instruction, Cups Day matches and  
events, fundraising and social events,  
25th and 50th anniversary celebrations,  
and interactions with community



businesses. Records include invoices, lists, correspondence, newsletters, financial records, handbooks, schedules, prize lists, photographs, videos, articles, and newspaper clippings.



### Mississauga at War –New Online Exhibit

Mississauga at War. This is part 1 of an exhibit that will introduce historic Mississauga's experience of the First World War. The site will grow until it covers 1914-1918 as seen through the pages of The Streetsville Review, photographs, and personal stories. The direct link is:

<http://www.mississauga.ca/mississaugaatwar>

The site is a beginning look at these years. To learn more about local consequences of the conflict, the public is invited to contact the Canadiana Reading Room, Mississauga Central Library, at 905-615-3200 ext. 3660 or [history.library@mississauga.ca](mailto:history.library@mississauga.ca).

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