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From The Editor

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QFHS members and our numerous fellow-researchers around the world who read *CONNECTIONS* have diverse and varied interests in genealogy. Therefore, we are always looking for a variety of interesting articles, news items and fillers for each issue.

In this issue there are articles about the Grand Trunk Boat Club of Point St Charles; finding ancestors in Scotland; and Leicester, England; a list of families who petitioned to establish a school in Williamstown, Quebec in 1824 - including the number of people per family; names, ages and academic proficiency of the children who attended the school in 1827; a short list of wills from the Clarenceville area of Quebec, circa 1885; and an update on Access to Post 1901 Census Returns.

There are two book reviews, one on *Place Names in Quebec and Elsewhere* and the other on the Johnston/es. Bev Renaud, who reviewed *The Gentle Johnston/es* also wrote an article about her own ancestor, Frank Johnson, including one of his poems.

For the beginner, or anyone else who wishes to take a refresher course, the QFHS is offering a 12 hour [4 session] seminar on research techniques. Two Spring tours are also offered - one to Ottawa, the other to the cemeteries atop Mount Royal. Our guest speaker, at Maison du Brasseur in Lachine, for March is author and feature writer for *The Montreal Gazette*, Alan Hustak discussing the Irish in Montreal and in April Johanna Pelletier, Director of the McGill University archives, will discuss using McGill University records for genealogical research.

A number of new books, microfiche and microfilms are listed in the *Library Report* and QFHS members are permitted to borrow three books, five periodicals from the circulation section of our library - this means any books which do not have a Ref (reference) code number. Out of town members see details on page 19. *Computree*, once again gives many interesting web sites to visit and Lorraine Gosselin has now obtained an e-mail address exclusively for *Computree* use - see page 30. *Queries* may also be submitted to Nora Bernier via e-mail - see page 31.

The pull-out *mail-order booklist*, as you will see, has been revised. Karen Ross, Publication Sales, will be adding to this list as new books become available - so check each issue of *Connections* and our web site for new publications. Derek Hopkins, Project Co-ordinator, and his team of volunteers have been extremely busy transcribing the Non-Catholic Marriage Indexes for Montreal area parishes and now offer a Surname search for either partner in a marriage - see page 36 for details. The form is on page 35. And don't forget to submit you Ancestral surnames before April 1st for inclusion in the next issue of *The Ancestral Surname List*.

If you just want to get out and enjoy the warm Spring sunshine Margaret Marshall challenges anyone to find "out of the way" historical plaques - she found a few in Lachine - see page 6. Or send us those amusing and informative epitaphs from country gravestones.

DAWN QUELLETTE / EDITOR

NOTICES

VISIT TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF CANADA AND NATIONAL LIBRARY OF CANADA IN OTTAWA

DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 14TH, 1999
TIME: 7:30 A.M. "SHARP" [FROM: Q.F.H.S. LIBRARY - POINTE CLAIRE]
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TO COVER THE COSTS OF GAS AND PARKING FOR THE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS.

LUNCH: BRING YOUR OWN - OR - EAT AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES CAFETERIA
SUPPER: AS IN THE PAST, WE STOP AT AN INEXPENSIVE RESTAURANT IN OTTAWA
BEFORE RETURNING TO MONTREAL.

IF YOU ARE TIRED OF RESEARCHING
YOU CAN EASILY VISIT THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
THE BYTOWN MARKET AREA, AND OTHER AREAS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST
AS THE ARCHIVES ARE LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN OTTAWA.

MINIMUM TWO [2] VOLUNTEER DRIVERS ARE NEEDED

TOUR OF THE HISTORICAL MONUMENTS, and TOMBSTONES OF MONTREAL'S MOUNT ROYAL CEMETERY and NOTRE DAME DES NEIGES CEMETERY

WITH GARY SCHRODER

YOU WILL VISIT THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF MORE THAN 50 FAMOUS PEOPLE - INCLUDING
THOMAS D'ARCY MCGEE AND MRS. ANNA LEONOWENS
[THE REAL ANNA OF "THE KING AND I"]
AND VICTIMS OF THE *TITANIC*

DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH, 1999
TIME: 10 A.M. - TOUR STARTS AT THE FRONT GATE OF
MOUNT ROYAL CEMETERY
1297 CHEMIN DE LA FORET, OUTREMONT
FEE: \$ 5.00 PER PERSON

DURATION OF TOUR: 4 HOURS
THIS IS *NOT* A WALKING TOUR
AS THE CEMETERIES ARE AMONG THE LARGEST IN CANADA

THIS TOUR IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
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TOPICS COVERED WILL INCLUDE

- ✦ THE FUNDAMENTALS OF FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH;
- ✦ THE USE OF ORAL TRADITIONS;
- ✦ SOURCES COMMONLY USED IN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH;
- ✦ THE EXPANDING ROLE OF COMPUTERS IN RESEARCH; AND
- ✦ MAJOR FAMILY HISTORY RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES IN THE MONTREAL AREA.

REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOUR ANCESTORS ORIGINATED MUCH GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH CAN BE DONE ON THE ISLAND OF MONTREAL.



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NEWS and NOTES

ANCESTRAL SURNAME LIST (Members Surname Interests)

Please submit your entries now for the 1999 Edition of *Members Surname Interests*.

The Deadline for entries must be postmarked by early April. The new edition is scheduled to be published in June. You will find an entry form on last page of each issue of *Connections*. If you prefer you can E-Mail the information to: <d.mcclatchie@sympatico.ca> or <hopkde@cam.org>

Please provide all the information as requested on the form. Your E-Mail address is important for the QFHS Web site version of the Ancestral File as it allows people to reach you directly. Both home and E-Mail addresses are provided in the printed version. Home addresses are *not* published on the WWW. Inquiries from there, without an E-Mail address, must be forwarded through the QFHS office.

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HOME CHILDREN FILE

Barbara Young has compiled a 'help file' for those members interested in researching *Home Children*. It can be found in the QFHS Library Vertical Files under the title "Home Children".

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Maison du Brasseur, 2901 rue St. Joseph, Lachine, Quebec
7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, March 9th., 1999

Mr Alan Hustak, feature writer for the *Montreal Gazette* and author.

Topic: *How the Irish Saved Montreal for the Anglos.*

Tuesday, April 13th., 1999

Ms. Johanne M. Pelletier, Director of the McGill University Archives.

Topic: *Is McGill in Your Family?*

A "How To" on Using McGill University Records for Genealogical Research

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MARCH ISSUE	JANUARY 15TH

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PLEASE SUBMIT THE MATERIAL BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE

PLEASE PRINT YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDANCE

THE GRAND TRUNK BOAT CLUB

Submitted by Marilyn Hindmarch

The Grand Trunk Boat Club [GTBC] was originated in 1875 and incorporated in 1888. In 1923 the membership numbered 250-300 and as late as 1928 the club was still situated in the same quarters at 578 Wellington Street, Montreal and raced over the same waters as when it had first started. It was an amateur club and could have been the first boat club in Montreal, as much later (1930) it is referred to as the "mother club" in contrast to the younger "sister clubs".

Prior to 1923, the annual boat club season began at the beginning of May and finished at the end of August; thereafter it ended at the end of July. Canoe races were held evenings during the week and on Saturday afternoons for juniors. The last Saturday of the season was Regatta Day with prizes won being distributed at an evening dance. These prizes included silver trophies, cups, and silver and bronze metals. The final event of the regatta was generally the Men's War Canoe, ½ mile with 15 paddlers. These events attracted a large number of spectators - between 6,000 and 7,000 being noted in August 1921①. In the 1920s the GTBC was always among the best scorers in competition and in the 1923-24 season the club was the all around winner with a total of 21 points. In early regattas a popular closing event was a "goose hunt" also known as a "duck hunt" or "duck race" in which a live goose or duck was released into the water with boaters poised to chase and capture it. The caught bird was the prize in this event, sometimes with a small money prize as well. Little wonder interest in this event appears not to have been sustained.

In March 1924, just prior to the opening season, The GTBC proposed changing its name to the Canadian National Canoe Club. This proposal seems not to have been supported. However, officers of the club up until this time had been: Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore, Captain,

Assistant-Captain, Recording Secretary, Secretary Treasurer. At this meeting it was decided to change these to: Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear-Commodore, Captain, Assistant-Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and also to increase the club's annual membership fees from \$ 7.00 to \$ 10.00 for seniors and from \$ 2.00 to \$ 3.00 for juniors②.

Women were active in the GTBC with "ladies events" being on the program since the club's inception. None of my family, the RAMSDEN women, seem to have competed in this sport and no women at all seem to have ever been elected to the executive committee of the club.

It is uncertain whether William RAMSDEN paddled for the GTBC. Especially in the early years, competitors in team events were not named, wins being reported to "GT men" with occasionally the captain and stroke given individual honour. However, William participated as an official starter for the Canadian Canoe Association Regatta, 1921; the GTBC 46th Annual Regatta, 1921; the GTBC 47th Annual Regatta, 1922; the Cartierville BC War Canoe Regatta, 1922; the GTBC 48th Annual Regatta, 1923; and the GTBC 49th Annual Regatta, 1924. At the annual meeting in April 1928, William's name was proposed as Vice-Commodore for the club's coming season. It is possible that William's interest in the boat club developed from his gun club involvement which had begun in 1919.

The GTBC had a lengthy history of community involvement in Point St Charles. Mayors, aldermen, prominent professional and businessmen and executive committee members of the Canadian Canoe Association (CCA) numbered among the judges at annual regattas. In April 1888, the annual meeting of the GTBC was held in St Matthew's Presbyterian Church school room on Congregation Street and in August 1888 the Reverend W.R. Cruikshank of St Matthew's served as one of

THE GRAND TRUNK BOAT CLUB

the judges at the GTBC Regatta, attesting to the popularity of the club within the community at that time. The GTBC continued to provide a social arena for residents of Point St Charles and surrounding areas. In 1919 it was observed that

*The Grand Trunk Boating Club has one of the finest dancing halls in the city, and in the summertime it is a "hotel de luxe". There is nothing better than on Monday and Friday evenings to go up in the hall and enjoy a dance with the many pretty girls who are members of the Ladies Social Club of the Grand Trunk Boating Club, then step out on the gallery and take in the cool and refreshing breeze that floats across the St Lawrence, or else borrow or steal one of the numerous canoes that the club can boast of and take a paddle up the bay by moonlight*③.

In 1925 the club's growth was again celebrated

In a right Royal manner, the Grand Trunk Boating Club commemorated its 50th anniversary, Golden Jubilee, by holding a

*dinner at the Windsor Hotel when over 300 members and invited guests partook of the club's hospitality. The affair was an overwhelming success, typical of the club's progress since its inception. Starting in a small way in 1875 it has now become the premier club in Eastern Canada and the leader in canoeing and aquatic sports*④.

In 1919 the club raised concern over a sewage problem "caused by the City of Verdun emptying its sewage into the Bay"⑤. In 1920 the Grand Trunk Riverside Gun Club started using the GTBC grounds for trap-shooting during the winter months and in 1928 tennis courts were opened, offering another attraction on the GTBC site.

References from *The Montreal Daily Star*:

- ① Monday, August 29, 1921, pg 16;
- ② Monday, March 31, 1924, pg 26;
- ③ Monday, April 28, 1919, pg 6;
- ④ Monday, May 18, 1925, pg 22;
- ⑤ Monday, March 10, 1919, pg 6.

HISTORICAL PLAQUES SITUATED IN LACHINE, QUEBEC

Submitted by Margaret Marshall

At 34th Avenue and St Joseph:

The Fort Rolland was built near by François LeNoir dit Rolland in the year 1670.

1689 - 1939 To the victims of the massacre of Lachine

Here "Upon Andre Rapin's place, were found in a hollow five skulls those of Perrine Filastreau, wife of Simon Davaux dit Bouterain, and of a young man, said to have been a soldier, those of two children and their bones, and that of Marie Cadieu, wife of Andre Canaple dit Valtagagne, whose bones were found in a pit at the foot of the great Bastion of Fort Rolland"

This plaque was found in front of the Lachine Fur Trade Museum

LACHINE MASSACRE - during the night of 4 - 5 August 1689, 1500 Iroquois landed at Lachine and placed themselves in small groups near all the houses along the shore. At a given signal the massacre began; 200 persons perished and 120 were taken into captivity. The year was long known as "The year of the Massacre".

Margaret challenges other members to find 'out of the way' historical plaques.

FAMILIES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMSTOWN SEIGNEURY OF BEAUHARNOIS

Submitted by Helen Kominek

Helen is transcribing correspondence related to the schools at Mount Johnson, Seigneury of Monnoir and Williamstown as her gt gt gt gt grandfather, Norman McLeod, was the schoolmaster who came from Glenelg to Glengarry then on to Mount Johnson and Williamstown to teach. Norman taught until 1829 and died, at age 85, in 1844. Following is the petition submitted by 28 families to start the school in 1824 with the number of people per family. Also a list of students in attendance at the school in 1827.

27 March 1824 - Petition from settlers in the Town of Williamstown, Seigneury of Beauharnois for the establishment of a school under the charge of Mr McLeod, submitted 6th April - Handed (?) to the Reverend J. Bethune 21st April.

Montreal 27th March 1824 - I believe the written statement to be correct. (Signed) John Bethune.

A list of the families and the number of souls in each Township of Williamstown of Seigneury of Beauharnois attached to the petition.

Name	Families	Number of souls
Lauchlan Stuart X his mark	1	8
Donald MacLean X his mark	1	6
Roderick McLean X his mark	1	1
Farqhar (?) MacLennan X his mark	1	8
Donald Finlayson X his mark	1	6
Norman McLeod (he wrote document - this is his signature)	1	7
Donald MacGilvray X his mark	1	6
Hugh McPherson X his mark	1	3
Martin MacPherson (different handwriting - actual signature-this is Martin who deeded land on 1st concession to RIAL)	1	2
Thomas Gordon X his mark	1	2
John McRae X his mark	1	4
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Donald Finlayson X his mark	1	4

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Donald Finlayson	X his mark	1	3
Alex Matheson	X his mark	1	3
Duncan McRae	X his mark	1	4
Duncan McLennan	X his mark	1	10
John Finlayson	X his mark	1	7
Catherine McLennan	X her mark	1	4
Duncan McCuaig	X his mark	1	9
Finlay McCuaig	X his mark	1	5
Marshall(or Marchand) MacLellan	X his mark	1	2
Donald Finlayson	X his mark	1	2
John MacLennan	X his mark	1	2
Simon Murchison	X his mark	1	4
Widow Ferguson [strange first name - but says <i>his mark</i>]	X his mark	1	2
Alexander Matheson	X his mark	1	2
Total		28	121

List of children attending the school under the management of Mr Norman McLeod at Williamstown, Seigniory of Beauharnois - Thursday, 26th of March 1827

	Names	Age	Began at	Proficiency	Attendance
1	Rodrck Stuart	9	letters	spells	
2	John Stuart	7	letters	spells	
3	Alan McLean	7	letters	spells	
4	Catherine McLeod	11	letters	spells and reads	
5	Alexdr McLennan	19	letters	spells and reading	
6	John McLennan	10	letters	spells and reads	
7	Catherine McLeod	12	letters	reads and spells	attends
8	Nor. McLeod	17	History	reading and arith.	attends
9	Catherine Finlayson	8	letters	spells and reading	attends

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10	Christian Finlayson	7	letters	spells and reads	attends
11	Mary McRae	10	letters	spells	attends
12	Norman Finlayson	5	letters	spells and reads	attends
13	Joseph Fodden (Todden or Fadden - can't tell)	8	letters	spells	attends
14	Nancy Cunningham	13	letters	spells	attends
15	Dond McRae	8	letters	spells	attends
16	Bell McRae	10	letters	spells	attends

THE CANADIAN SOCIETY OF SON'S OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Submitted by Rob Tyler

The Canadian Society of Son's of the American Revolution [SAR] is a heritage organization created to honour the participation of our ancestors that fought as U.S. Patriots in the American Revolution. One could say. We are the opposite side of the same coin as our friends in the United Empire Loyalists.

As we are in a building mode, we are looking for people that share our heritage. The Canadian Society is based in Toronto. As our membership expands we have plans to create Chapters in B.C., Ontario & Quebec.

As an Ex-Quebecer, with my heritage firmly rooted in the Eastern Townships I have a vested interest in establishing a Quebec Chapter as soon as possible.

One might ask why SAR in Canada, and why SAR in Quebec? History holds the answer to that. By 1775 The Northern Army (U.S.) was in Canada, and Gen. Arnold had his H.Q. in Montreal. This led to the seige of Quebec, which failed. By 1776 they had with-drawn from Montreal to St. Jean, and down Lake Champlain. This finally led to the Battle of Saratoga. In short, Quebec, and Quebecers were very involved in the Revolutionary

War on both sides. Many French Quebecers fought for the U.S. against the British, many Indians fought on both sides. At the end of the war a great number of American Patriots came north to Canada for free land. The latter is the story of my ancestors. Free land in "The Wastelands of Quebec" sounded like a good start after years of war. The Eastern Townships is usually known to have been settled by Loyalists, but there were a goodly number of U.S. Patriots looking for a new start. In my own family, it appears members of the same family shared different allegencies. Some Loyalist, and some U.S. Patriot.

I invite anyone with lineal ancestry to a U.S. Patriot to join the Canadian Society of Son's of the American Revolution.

The Canadian Society is also looking for the right person to help us establish the Quebec Chapter of SAR. Help us preserve our history.

Contact: Rob Tyler,
President, Canadian Society of SAR.
33 Marowyne Dr.,
North York, Ontario. M2J 2A2
Email: tyler@ican.net

OLD STORIES

Submitted by Eleanor Hammond

In 1984 I was part of a marvelous QFHS Tour to England, led by Margaret Turner. She reminded me, not long ago, of my shriek (I hope it was a small one) in the hallowed Guildhall Library. I had just discovered, in the Kirkaldy / Dysart, Scotland, Cemetery List, the family of my gr-gr-grandfather, John CLARKE.

Dysart Barony Churchyard: [fallen obelisk]

JOHN CLARK, 31/5/1848, LATE LAND STEWARD TO THE EARL OF ROSLYN, BORN BARROW, SUFFOLK. ONLY SON, JOHN GREGORY, 21, DROWNED WITH TWO FRIENDS, FIRTH OF FORTH, 24/7/1858. WIFE, ELIZ. BARTON, 12/11/68, 67, OF BURNT ISLAND, BORN ROUGHAM, NORFOLK.

Prior to our trip, I had written to a cousin, Doreen Owen, of Epsom, Surrey (our grandmothers were sisters). She had once overheard two old great-aunts discussing a family drowning in the Firth of Forth. Those words leapt out at me from the page in the Guildhall Library. Doreen and I had never met, but Margaret kindly allowed me to invite her to the reception held for us at Quebec House. When I rode up in the tiny elevator she was there ahead of me and I knew her at once as she bore such a resemblance to my grandmother.

Doreen told me she had an old recipe book, belonging to Eliz Barton Clarke's grandmother, Frances Saffery. Doreen felt that Frances' husband must have kept an Inn around 1810, since there were such huge quantities in the recipes. Inn-keeping, I found out later, ran in the Barton family.

Following up on the Firth of Forth drowning, Doreen wrote to an old friend, Dr Iain Brown, in Kirkaldy. He did some research and provided us with this information:

Fifeshire Advertiser. 31/7/1858.

"Melancholy Accident" 'MR JOHN GREGORY CLARK, WITH TWO COMPANIONS, MR JOHN ORRELL AND MR WM GOWNS, LEFT BURNTISLAND AT 6 PM ON 24TH JULY 1858 TO SAIL TO GRANTON. THEY LEFT GRANTON TO RETURN AT 9:30 PM BUT NEVER REACHED BURNTISLAND. THEY HAD REFUSED THE

OFFER OF A TOW FROM THE FERRY STEAMER WHICH WAS ALSO CROSSING AND WERE CAUGHT BY A SUDDEN STORM. EACH OF THE YOUTHS WAS AN ONLY SON AND the report goes on at some length about the virtuous qualities of the three youths. THE BOAT WAS FOUND CAPSIZED WITH ITS SAILS DOWN AND, THE SHROUDS CUT, EVIDENCE OF GOOD SAILSMANSHIP AND NO BLAME CAN BE ATTACHED TO ANYONE FOR THE MISHAP. ALL THREE BODIES WERE FOUND NEAR QUEENSFERRY. JOHN CLARKE WAS THE ONLY SON OF MRS CLARKE OF THE FORTH HOTEL, BURNTISLAND'

In 1996 I took my daughter, Judy, to Scotland to show her where her ancestors had lived. In Dysart, we soon found the old cemetery, but the big granite monuments had almost all toppled. They were intact, but the cement holding them to the bases hadn't stood the test of time. From the Census, I knew the street on which the Clarkes had lived. It was disappointing, but where their house must have stood there is now a modern Nursing Home.

We drove to Burntisland but no one had heard of the Forth Hotel. Unluckily for us, it was a public holiday and the library was closed. We went into a hostelry for lunch and found the host there collected old pictures of the area. He was a gold-mine and directed us to the railroad station on the waterfront. There, beside it, was a burnt out derelict building, *The Forth Hotel*. In its day it was probably quite presentable. I have a sterling gravy ladle, initialed "C" with a hallmark on the back showing it was made in 1824, during the reign of Wm IV. My middle name is Clarke and it was passed down to me. It is possible it could have been used in the Forth Hotel, and has real meaning for me now.

The moral of this story for genealogists is: pay attention to small details. You never know when a chance remark can send you on a really rewarding journey into your family's history.

SARAH UPTON THOMPSON

Submitted by Jane Atkinson

It seemed strange that when Manton Thompson died in 1854, his wife was not mentioned on the certificate, and I wondered whether she was still alive. She was included with the rest of the family in the 1851 census for Leicester, a large town in the English Midlands. So I bought the microfiches of the Leicester burial records to see if Sarah was there. The records give only the name, month and year of death, and burial ground. I found several Sarah Thompsons, but only one between 1851 and 1854, and the age was a year out. I added the information to my "Next time at Myddelton Place" list and mentioned this in a letter to a very distant cousin who has done some research on the family. Imagine my delight when her next letter enclosed a death certificate - I had found the right Sarah Thompson, and she died on November 5, 1852. The witness to the death was Hannah Upton, and on the IGI I found that Charles

Upton (Sarah's brother) had married Hannah Moss in 1831 in Desford, Sarah's birth place. When I went back to her burial record to highlight the entry, my eye moved down the page and saw three burials for Upton, Sarah's maiden name. There were two entries for 1840: Joseph Moss Upton, 6, died in November; Mary Moss Upton, infant, the same month. Joseph Moss Upton, infant, died in 1842, Poor Charles and Hannah.

Perhaps one day I will learn the full story of Sarah and Manton. After giving birth to six children (from 1829 to 1843) out of wedlock, they were married in 1848 in Leicester. There were loud sighs of relief from my living relatives when I finally 'found' the marriage. Most of them knew no more than the names of their grandparents until I started researching, and under British law, the marriage legitimized all the children.

HEMMINGFORD CELEBRATES 200 YEARS 1799 - 1999

The year of 1799 was very important for the township of Hemmingford .. It is situated in the County of Huntingdon and part of an area that is known as the Chateauguay Valley. The date March 18, 1799 is the official date of the establishment of the Township. That is the date that the legal papers were registered in Quebec City. Therefore, starting March 18, 1999 and continuing until March 17, 2000 Hemmingford will be celebrating its 200 years of existence.

During the years 1792 and 1793 the British government decided that the land that is now the County of Huntingdon [formerly known as waste land] should be surveyed and divided into lots.

The County of Huntingdon is situated between the Seigniorie of Beauharnois to the west and the Seigniorie of Lacolle to the east. The southern border is that of New York State. The Township is named after Hemingford, England - there is also a town of Hemingford in Nebraska.

A family from Hemmingford went to Nebraska and helped to establish this town - names were put into a hat and Hemmingford was the winner.

An agenda will be ready during the month of March. This agenda will list the activities for the duration of the celebration. We also have a committee that has a list of available Bed & Breakfast Homes. You may have information about accommodations by phoning 450-247-2828. For further information about the Bi-centennial activities please phone 450-247-2571

[see *The Mailbag* in the June issue of *Connections* for more details]

Submitted by Betty McKay MacKenzie

FRANK JOHNSON

1810 - 1892

Submitted by Bev Renaud

When I read the book *THE GENTLE JOHNSTONES* I especially enjoyed the ballads and poems, as my own ancestor Frank JOHNSON was also an author and poet, born in London, England and in 1825 he attended the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

As a young man he travelled a great deal to many parts of the world. In 1837 he was on board the ship *Achilles*, which left London bound for the Pacific. He wrote about his experience in a poem titled "*Lashed to the Mizzen: A Night off the Cape*" which he dedicated to Richard LEE, Master of the *Achilles*, who was later massacred by natives of New Georgia on his return cruise homeward. The advertisement of this poem was written as follows:

1st. That Richard Lee, Master of the *Achilles*, south seaman on board of which when bound for the Pacific, I experienced the gale I have sung of - dying on his return cruise homeward, was buried on an uninhabited island in the Tahitian group where any frail memorial must have been long since disappeared.

2nd. That two boat's crews - all of them my old companions were during the same return cruise, massacred by the natives of New Georgia.

3rd. That the bank upon which we got on the second night was part of the great one lying to the west of South Africa, and named after Cape Agulhas. It is formed by two currents, one from Mozambique and the other from the Indian Ocean. Impelled by the south east trade winds. Our gale meeting the one from Mozambique occasioned the fearful broken seas spoken of.

From his book, *The Village of Merrow: It's Past and it's Present*, which he dedicated to Wm Chambers, Esq. he quotes: "I was still a young man when I first passed through the

Village of Merrow, I was out botanizing. This was some years prior to when old remembrances induced me to loiter on my way homeward in it's burial ground. I recall that on reaching about the halfway house a few straggling cottages, which was all that existed of Merrow as a village. [Merrow is a village and parish in the Guildford district of Surrey]. I was bound at the time for Shropton, a borough town, between which and Lavant, where I had taken up my abode, and equally distant by a mile or two from either lay the Village of Merrow."

He also quotes: "It fell to me in my checkered career, to find myself on a bright morning in October on my way to the Bathurst Plains, Australia, and a dozen or so years later, returned to Merrow, from five or more years as a farmer in Pembrokehire and many more years as a pioneer in New Zealand. Some twenty years later again at my birthplace, and my old home in Lavant has long since been broken up by death or departure".

As he did not give much in the way of a biography, except for the above, it has been very difficult to trace his parents or other family members, or a marriage record. The town of Shropton must be a misprint as this town does not exist. He came to Quebec in 1850 with his wife and two young sons (wife's name unknown). His first son, Edgar Robert, born in 1846 and Alfred William, born in 1848. The census of 1871 for the county of Ascot, Quebec states that both the boys were born in New Zealand and the parents were born in England. The Church of England shows as religion and Frank Johnson as a widower.

Two more sons were born in Quebec, Edward Fitzgerald in 1856 and Robert T.W. in 1858. Robert died a few days later and was buried in Sherbrooke, Quebec - his mother's name was not listed on the death certificate.

I am hoping that someone, somewhere can solve this mystery so that I can continue on my search for ancestors. The following books by Frank Johnson can be found in the Archives at the National Art Centre in Ottawa; Le bibliothèque National de Quebec, in Montreal; The London Library, in London, England and also at the West Surrey Local History Studies Library, in England.

All books were published in Montreal, Quebec by J. Lovell.

Giles and Janey: The Kindly Gentleman, published in 1867.

Lashed to the Mizzen: A Night off the Cape, published in 1872.

The Village of Merrow: It's Past and It's Present, published in 1876.

MERROW CHURCH YARD BY MOONLIGHT

From: *The Village of Merrow*

by Frank Johnson

Now Dian's Orb was hung high,
and all so sunk in rest
a stranger to the world had deemed
it's habitants were blest.
Who with the sorcery around
of a night so calm, so clear
could have borne to think, that it's
least content,
could have ever known a tear?
A night indeed so hushed, serene
Scarce a dead leaflet stirr'd
If, in the far, a cry, a chime
who would not such have heard.
The snowy moon that lives aloft
seemed all alone to bide
as if the only thing awake
and watching all beside.
I could but think, if days bright Orb
were made alone for light
man might have done without the sun
for the sake of such a night.

NEW BRUNSWICK ANCESTORS - ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

The New Brunswick Genealogical Society will be holding their 20th Anniversary Conference from July 30th to August 2nd, 1999, in Moncton, New Brunswick. The list of speakers includes: John Grenham, Marjory Harper, Ruth Legge, Alan Robertson, Ross Hebb, Robert Fellows, Kathryn Hilder, John Elliott, Richard Thorne, Patricia Townsend, Judith Colwell and Mary McDevitt. The program will also include "ask the experts" panels; a genealogical marketplace; research rooms; a computer laboratory; and opportunities for private consultation. For more information visit the NBGS web site <http://www.bitheads.com/nbgs/> or write to New Brunswick Ancestors, P.O. Box 7102, Riverview, N.B. E1B 4T8, Canada

QUEBEC CITY GAZETTE 1846 -1855 MARRIAGE NOTICES ["B"]

BABIN, Mary see **Boudrot**

BABY, June 30, 1847 at Montreal, Chs. **Baby** of Sandwich, C.E. to Mary **McGuekin** niece of Dr **Stewart**

BABY, Eliza Anne see **Vidal**

BACHELOR, Nabby see **Richmond**.

BACON, married Jan 16, 1853 at Santa Clare Valley, Wm. H. **Bacon** of Montreal to Nancy Jane **Jimmerson** of Ky.

BADDELY, Cecilia see **HillBAGOT**.

BAGER, Jane see **Powell**.

BAGOT, married Nov. 21, 1846 at Staffordshire, Capt **Henry Bagot**, R.N. son of Bishop of Bath and Wells and Lady **Harriet Bagot**, to **Frederica W. Bagot**, dghtr of late RT. Hon. Sir **Charl** and Lady **Mary Bagot**.

BAILEY, Susan see **Kinnear**.

BAILEY, Susan see **Rodden**.

BAILEY, Mary see **Wilkins**.

BAILLARGE, Cecilia see **Cannon**.

BAILLARGE, married June 11, 1849 at Beauport, **Charles P. Baillarge** to

Euphemia Adelaide, dghtr of late **Jos. Jacques Duval**, of **Quebec**.

BAILLIE, Ellen see **Morris**.

BAIN, Aug 18, 1846 at Cornwall Rev. **W. Bain**, Perth to Ann, dghtr of late **F. Urquhart**.

BAKER, Jan 24, 1854 at Wellington, County Prince Edward C.W., **Sidney Bathurst Baker** of Hamilton son of Capt. **G.W. Baker** of Bytown to **Rachel Amanda**, dghtr of **Benjamin Cory M.D.**, of **Wellington**.

BAKER, Jane see **Speridan**.

BAKER, Mar. 23, 1854 at Toronto, **Eldzide R. Baker**, of **Andover, N.S.** to **Matilda G. Fulton** of **Montreal**.

BAKER, Susan see **Nelson**

BAKER, Sarah see **Tracey**.

BAKER, married May 11, 1854 at Mount Prospect, **J.C. Baker** to **Louisa Frothingham**, dghr of **Wm Workman**, all of **Montreal**.

BALDWIN, Aug. 29, 1854 at Kensington **Wm Willocks Baldwin** son of **Hon Robert Baldwin** of **York**, to **Eliza**, dghtr of late **Alexander McDougall** of **Weston Hall, Grenada, West Indies**.

BALDWIN, Margaret see **Thurber**.

BALDWIN, Feb 5, 1850 at Sherbrooke, **W.L. Baldwin** of **Stradford, N.H.** to **Mary J. Holmes**, sister of **Rev. J. Holmes** of **Quebec**.

BALDWIN, Eliza see **Ross**.

BALDWIN, Kezia see **Begg**.

BALFOUR, Margaret see **Kingan**.

BALFOUR, June 28, 1848 at London, **Major George Balfour** to **Charlotte Isabella** dghr of **Joseph Hume**

BALGALLETTE, Katherine see **Gore**.

BALL, marr. May 1, 1848 at Port **Whitby**, **Bernard Frey Ball** to **Emily**, dghtr of **L.S. Church**, of the same place.

BALL, July 24, 1847 at Grimsby, **Frederick Augustus Ball** to **Mary Ellen**, dgh. of late **Hon. Samuel Smith**.

BALLAH, Nov. 28, 1854, **John Ballah** to **Elizabeth Rutherford**, dghtr of late **Peter Rutherford** of **Toronto**

BALLS, married May 15, 1854 at **Guelph**, **William Balls Sr.** of **Eremesa** to **Elizabeth Higginson**, of **Puslinch**.

BALZARETTI, Marie see **Couillard**.

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BALZARETTI, Antoinette
see **Gingras**.

BALZARETTI, Nov 12,
1850 Napoleon **Balzarettei**,
son of G.D. **Balzaretti** to
Marie Elise **Bonneau**, dgthr
of late Pierre **Bonneau**.

BALZARETTI, Emilie
see **Blanchet**.

BANCROFT, Harriet
See **Rice**

BANNING, Sept. 6, 1853
William **Banning** to Maria,
dgthr of late ??? **Hall**, of
this city.

BARBEAU, Phoebe
see **Belanger**.

BARBEAU, Oct. 17, 1850
at Bytown, Sir Hyacinthus
Barbeau to Julia **Boucher**,
both of same place.

BARBIER, Mrs. L.M.R.
see **Dubé**.

BARBINEAU, marr Jan. 11
to Feb. 8, 1847 at Arichat
Edw. **Barbineau** to Mary
Samson.

BARD, Maria see **Dubé**.

BARING, Feb. 10, 1854 at
Paris, France Henry **Baring**
to Maria de **Martinoff**.

BARKER, Lydia
see **Adams**.

BARLEE, Feb. 23, 1854,
Frederick **Barlee**, son of
late Rev W. **Barlee** of Chil-

ington, Sussex to Emma
Suzanna, dgthr of S.
Strickland, Canada West.

BARLEY, Jane see **Ward**.

BARNABY, Harriet
see **Dickson**.

BARNARD, Sept 12. 1849,
Herman A. **Barnard** of
Durham to Delia **Boright** of
Famham, dgthr of George
Boright.

BARNARD, Margaret
see **Sargeion**.

BARNARD, July 6, 1853 at
Cobourg, Mr. F.J. **Barnard**,
of this city to Ellen, dgh
of Mr. R. **Stillman**, late of
Quebec

BARNESLEY, Feb. 12, 1855
at Hamilton, Charles **Barn-
sley** of Toronto, to Isabella
Cochran of Glasgow, Scot.

BARR, Feb. 14, 1850 at
Auchinlek House, James
Barr of Norwichville C.W.,
to Beatrice, dgthr of Robert
Eadie, Laird of Auchinlek.

BARR ?, Marie
see **Mathey**.

BARRON, married Jan. 24,
1854, Mr. W.T. **Barron** to
Maria S. **Smith**, dgthr of
J.G. **Smith**, all of Montreal.

BARROW, Martha
see **Callam**.

BARRY, July 10, 1851 at
Green Island, J.E. **Barry** to

Marie Aglae **Rouleau**, dght
of Mr. M. **Rouleau**, both of
that parish.

BARRY, Grace see **Boyer**.

BARRY, Jane
see **Brabdon**.

BARSALO, June 26, 1848
at Montreal, Oscar **Barsalo**
of St Scholastique to
Eugenie Agathe Eleanore,
dgh of late Pierre **Beaudry**,
of that city.

BARSLOW, Herminie
see **Wilsam**.

BARTON, married Dec. 9,
1847 George **Barton** of St.
Sylvester to Sarah **Horn** of
same place, in this city.

BARWICK, Agnes
see **Cameron**.

BASTEDO, Marion
see **Johnston**.

BATES, June 8, 1848, at
Three Rivers, Alexander
Bates late of Quebec, to
Jessy **Lonthood**, dgthr of
Alexander **Lonthood**, also
late of Quebec.

BAXTER, Jemima
see **King**.

BAXTER, Mary
see **Witherspoon**.

BEAL, marr. Jan. 16, 1851
Caroline, dgthr of James
Cox to Robert Adler **Beal**
of Bytown C.W.

QUEBEC CITY GAZETTE 1848-1855 MARRIAGE INDEX

BEAMISH, Eliza
see **Abbott**.

BEATON, Isabella
see **Johnson**.

BEATSON, married Sept. 8, 1853 at Kingston, C.W. Roger Stewart **Beatson** to Charlotte Frederica **Zebie**, dght of Lt Col Alex **Gordon**

BEATTIE, July 2, 1853 at Peterboro, John **Beattie** of Peterboro to Jane **Ivison** of Smith.

BEAUCHEMIN, Mar 6 1848 Ste. Anne d'Yamachiche J.O.H. **Beauchemin**, M.D. to L. Elzire **Richer**, both of same place.

BEAUDRY, Eugenie
see **Barsalo**.

BEAUSEJOUR, married ? 12, 1846 at Arichat, Docite **Beausejour** to Melanie **Penn**.

BEAVEN, Catherine
see **Shanklin**.

BECK, Susan
see **Bilodeau**.

BEGG, Jan. 24, 1855 at Hamilton, James S. **Begg** to Kezia **Baldwin**.

BEIQUE, Aug. 25, 1847 at St. Mathias, Dr. F. **Beique**, of St. Jean Baptiste to Louisa Matilda **Johnson** of

Former place, dghtr of Lt. Col. John **Johnson**.

BELANGER, Feb. 16, 1846 Joseph John **Belanger** to Phoebe, dghtr of Samuel **Barbeau** of Kingston.

BELANGER, Ursulee
see **Vezina**.

BELANGER, married Nov. 8, 1853 at Montreal, Louis **Belanger** to Marie Louise **Hermenegilde**, dghtr of J.A. **Labadie**.

BELCHER, Eleanor
see **Burmister**.

BELL, Sarah
see **Bennett**.

BELL, Jemima
see **Houghton**.

BELL, Margaret
see **Hitchcroft**.

BELL, married Nov. 18, 1846 at Montreal, Rev George **Bell** to Mary, dghtr of James **Whiteford**.

BELL, Oct. 24, 1854 at Montreal, Adam Rutherford **Bell**, of Montreal, to Ann **Eveline**, daughter of Adam **Higgins**

BELL, married Dec.1,1846 at Pictou, N.S. Basil **Bell** to Mary, dghtr of Adam **Carr** of New Glasgow.

BELLEAU, Apr. 6, 1853 at St. Albert, Gaspé Basin, Lt. Col. J.C. **Bealleau** to Jane **Bride**, sister of Henry **Kavanagh**.

BELLEAU, married Oct. 10, 1853 R.G. **Belleau**, to Julie M. **Donahue**, both of this city.

BELLEFONTAINE, married Feb. 16, 1847 at Tracadie Auguste **Bellefontaine** to Mary **DeCoste**.

BELLEFONTAINE, Adela
see **Groir**.

BELLEW, Olivia
see **Lawrence**.

BELTON, Mrs.see **Cox**.

BENDER, Aug. 24, 1846 at Montreal, Philip **Bender** to Christine Catherine **Wilhelmine Sprecht**, both of this city.

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Library Acquisitions - MARCH 1999
Submitted By PENNIE REDMILE - LIBRARIAN

Note: As I write this, these books are not available as we do not have a printer to print out labels and cards. The books will be on the shelves as soon as possible. Some have asked about the "Sellars" book and that too will be on the shelves as soon as....

News: Patti McVetty is a Megantic researcher who recently stumbled upon some loose newspaper clippings covering that region. QFHS has been selected to put these together alphabetically and to make an index. There will be a copy in our library and one in the Megantic Archives. We would really like to find a volunteer who will take on the job of mailing out requests for this information to anyone who sends in a sase. We do **NOT** have permission to sell this data.... but for Megantic researchers it will be a "lucky dip" to find some of their family members. If interested in helping please contact the library.



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| 1. Reflections of the Last Quarter Century 1973-1998
125th Ann. of St Paul's Anglican, Lachine | HG/151.9/N8/1998 |
| 2. STRAYS: An Index to the Ontario Genealogical Soc. Strays Project Vol 4 | REF/GS/160.3/O6/1998/V4 |
| 3. This Unique Heritage: Story of Waterloo County, Ontario
by Bill Moyer | HG/163.9/M6/1971 |
| 4. The Montreal Children's Hospital: Years of Growth
by Jessie Boyd Scriver MD, FRCP(C) | HG/151.99/S4/1979 |
| 5. The Abbey of Saint Benoît-du-Lac: A Plea for Permanence
(Brome County) | HG/153.99/S3/1952 |
| 6. (England)Essex: The Genealogist's Library Guide Vol 2
Family Histories and Pedigrees
by Stuart A Raymond (FFHS publication) | REF/GS/435.1/R32/1998 |
| 7. Douglas Cemetery of Napierville, Quebec,
by René Péron | REF/CL/152.3/P4/1998 |
| 8. Fife Family History Society (Scotland) Publication #12
Wills 1824-1892 Registered with the Sheriff Court of Fife at Cupar Part 4
(Robb-Zeigler) | GS/455.3/F5/1998 |
| 9. Roots and Branches: The Story, Documentary and Traditional,
of the Angus and Leybourne Families,
especially of Northumberland and Durham (England)
by Mary McIntosh | FH/439.01/M3 |
| 10. Beaconsfield and Beaurepaire (Qc): A Chronicle of the Development
by Robert L Baird | HG/151.99/B3/1998 |
| 11. Battle of Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford, Ireland 1898
by Art Kavanagh | MH/464.9/K3/1996 |

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by Gerald Clark HG?151.99/C5/1982
13. Land and Window Tax Assessments
by J Gibson REF/GS/400.4/G5/1998
14. Tracing Your Roman Catholic Ancestry in England (FFHS) REF/GS/430.1/G3/1998
15. Essex: The Genealogist's Library Guide
Vol 1: Genealogical Sources
by Stuart A Raymond. REF/GS/435.1/R3/1998 (FFHS)
16. Using Computers in Genealogy 2nd Ed
David Hawgood (FFHS)
17. Toronto's 100 Years 1834-1934 Official Centennial Book HG/164.9/T8/1934
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- Film 125.3** **Anglican:** Hatley 1829,
Hereford, Barford, Lennoxville 1877
- Film 125.4** **Anglican:** Lennoxville 1878/9,
Magog, Melbourne, Cleveland, Richmond, Sherbrooke 1869
- Film 125.5** **Anglican:** Sherbrooke 1870, Shipton, Stanstead, Windsor
Baptist: Barnston 1857, 59, 73, 79
- Film 125.8** **Congregational:** Sherbrooke 1870, Shipton: Stanstead, Waterville
Methodist: Barnston 1874
- Film 125.9** **Methodist:** Barnston 1875, Bury, Compton Dudswell, Eaton, Fitch
Bay, Georgeville, Hatley, Lennoxville, Magog
- Film 125.11** **Methodist:** Shipton 1863, Stanstead, Windsor
Presbyterian: Eaton, Lingwick, Melbourne 1864
- Film 125.12** **Presbyterian:** Melbourne 1965, Richmond, Sherbrooke, Shipton
Universalist: Ascot

All these films were very generously donated by Doug Pope



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New Microfiche - MARCH 1999

Tay Valley FHS Scotland: 1998 Member's Interests (donated by L Lowery)	--3 m/fiche
County Londonderry Ireland - Griffith's Valuations (with index)	--13 m/fiche
County Waterford Ireland - Griffith's Valuations (with index)	--12 m/fiche
Journal of One Name Studies Vol 6 Issues 1- 4	--1 m/fiche
Register of One Name Studies 1998	--1 m/fiche

*From the Office of National Statistics - England -- 164 m/fiche
These are GRO Marriage indexes -- as follows:

GRO Chaplain Returns	- marriages - 1796-1880
GRO Army Index	- marriages - 1881-1955
GRO Consul	- marriages - 1849-1905
GRO Service Dept	- marriages - 1956-1965
GRO UK HC	- marriages - 1950-1965
GRO Abroad	- marriages - 1966-1994
GRO Article 6, Art 18	- marriages - up to 1965
GRO UK HC	- marriages - 1950-1965
GRO Army (within Brit. Lines)	- marriages - 1914-1925

These 164 m/fiche were purchased by QFHS
and well worth the time it takes to look through them all.

The One Name Soc donated their 2 m/fiche.
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QFHS BOOKLIST - SALE

Two sale items which may be of great interest to anyone searching ancestors in Quebec are: *Family Histories Index* (Fortin) - a 275 page guide to numerous family histories in various archives and libraries in Quebec. SALE Price \$ 20.00 plus \$ 5.00 p&h. And *Guide to Quebec's Parishes and Civil Reg.* 1621-1992 (Fortin - 499 pages). SALE Price \$25.00 plus \$ 5.00 p&h. See the QFHS Mail Order Book List in the center of this issue of *Connections*.

BOOK REVIEW

THE GENTLE JOHNSTON/ES

THE STORY OF THE JOHNSTON/ES FAMILY
BY THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE
RUSSELL C. HONEY, Q.C., I.L.L.B.

This is a fascinating informative book of 392 pages, which takes us on a journey through the centuries. Starting from prehistoric Scotland, after the ice age, to the present. It captures the lives of the Johnston/es in Scotland, Ireland, England, Europe and Australia. They were among the first settlers in North America, settling in Quebec, Canada and the United States.

The book brings to life the people, their everyday lives, hardships, wars, feuds, their pleasures and festivities, their passion and courage, and their battle to survive.

This is not a history book, but rather a clear understanding view that portrays the individual, the language and customs of the era, their fierce loyalty to their clan and country. --- *But* not all the Johnston/es were gentle - as the book reveals.

The beginning of this book gives a brief, interesting description of each of the 32 chapters. The last two chapters consisting of ballads, stories, poems, legends and quotes. The book concludes with appendices endnotes, bibliography and index.

For anyone that has been fortunate enough to have traced their ancestors back to ancient times in Scotland, Ireland, England or Europe and for everyone who has dared to dream of doing so, whether or not you have a *JOHNSTONES* among your branches - you will appreciate this book

REVIEWED BY BEV RENAUD / MARCH 1999

THE GENTLE JOHNSTON/ES

Discover the Wonderful Story
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PLACE-NAMES IN QUEBEC . . . AND ELSEWHERE

A Book Review by Lorraine Gosselin

Noms et lieux du Québec, Dictionnaire illustré. Commission de toponymie. Les Publications du Québec, 1994, 925 pages, col. ill. & maps, 9x12", \$79.95. Also available in CD-ROM format.

This book is available in French only, but since it is an "illustrated dictionary", this should present only a minor problem to anyone who wishes to consult it. It contains over 6,000 entries, 20,000 place-names, 500 colour photos, and 35 colour maps. Please do not be put off by its hefty price, it is after all a hefty volume! You should find it in most public libraries in Quebec, and probably many outside of the Province as well. Both the book and the CD-ROM can be purchased from the Government of Quebec publishing office.

This is a precious tool for anyone who is researching family history, and wishes to learn more not only about the location and geography of Quebec locations, but the source of the place-names. Information is provided on the geography, history, economy, and folklore of the place-names.

Its usefulness became evident in the question and answer period at our January 1999 monthly members' conference. The speaker was Mrs Betty McKay-MacKenzie, QFHS member and Co-Chairman of the Hemmingford Historical Archives, who entertained us on the history of Hemmingford 1799-1999 "From the earliest settlement to the up-coming bicentennial. Several questions from the audience were about the origin of place-names in the Hemmingford area.

I thought it might be interesting to check a few of them in this dictionary prepared by the Commission de toponymie our much-maligned government department responsible for the naming of natural and legal places in Quebec.

Here are a few examples about the nomenclature of the towns and counties in the Hemmingford region. Liberal translations done by the undersigned.

HEMMINGFORD

"... the name was borrowed from a town in the county of Huntingdon, in central England" (p273)

HUNTINGDON

"... carries the name of a county in England, north of London. In England, Huntingdon, Oliver Cromwell's birthplace, and Godmanchester are twin cities, joined by a bridge. First attributed [in Quebec] in 1792 ..." (p284)

GODMANCHESTER

"Surveyor William Chewett gave the new township the name of an English town in Huntingdon county. The oldest denomination relative to Godmanchester is **Gormon Castris**. In England, nearly all geographical locations that had **Castris** as part of their name at the time of the Roman occupation eventually were transformed into Chester. (Castris comes from the latin *castra*, camp)." (p 244)

HAVELOCK

"The name was chosen to honour British general Sir Henry Havelock (1795-1857), who distinguished himself especially during the Crimean War (1854-1855) and in India during the Sepoy Rebellion (1857) in Uttar Pradesh." (p 270-271)

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QUEBEC AND AROUND THE WORLD

The publishers of this book also maintain an Internet site. In addition to the expected information about the Toponymy Department of the Province of Quebec, you can also search their TOPOS data base at

www.toponymie.gouv.qc.ca/Accueil.asp

Although it is in French, just enter your location name in the first **blank** box, and press on the 'Rechercher' button. There are over

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200,000 place and location names in the database, and a location map is provided for most of them.

The site also maintains links to toponymic and topographic sites around the world, many of which are in English; see www.toponymie.gouv.qc.ca/autliens.htm. The links are grouped under the following headings: Africa, the Americas, Europe, Asia, Australia, and international sites.

Under the Americas, you will find Canada by province, several US sites, and Mexico. The Canadian links also have many specialized sites, such as native names. Under the international listing is a link to the International Geographical Union in Helsinki. These various links should help you locate place-names that appear in your genealogy, and their meaning in many cases.

WILLS FROM NOTARY LOUIS H. TRUDEAU

Submitted by Pennie Redmile

Notarial records contain a great deal of information that helps genealogists. From Notary Louis H. Trudeau we found the following wills. This is by no means a comprehensive list. In fact these do not include all the wills for the years included here.

John ALLEN	Clarenceville	Sep 23 1884
Hiram BADGER	Clarenceville	Dec 31 1884
Wm Uziel BROWN	St Thomas	May 4 1886
P.M. DERBY	St Thomas	Aug 25 1887
Rev John GRENFELL	Clarenceville	Mar 2 1885
Asahel HAWLEY Esq	Clarenceville	Oct 21 1884
George MANNING		July 5 1886
John McCARTHY	Henryville	Sep 22 1884
John McNEIL	Clarenceville	Oct 5 1885
Thomas MELAVEU	Henryville	Nov 25 1884
Josias Jesse ROY	St Hyacinthe	Aug 4 1885
Daniel SALLS	Clarenceville	Jan 23 1886
Louis SAMSON	Henryville	Mar 1 1886
Benjamin THIBAUT	St Sebastien	Aug 21 1884
Sarah TIERNEY	Henryville	Dec 5 1884
John YOUNG	St Thomas	Oct 29 1886

ACCESS TO POST- 1901 CENSUS RETURNS

There has been much discussion over the past few years concerning access to post 1901 Canadian Census Returns. The QFHS has received a number of letters and inquiries on the subject and I have been asked to inform our members of the current status for the transfer of Census data from Statistics Canada to the National Archives. Editor

February 1998 - Letter from

Ivan P. Fellegi, Chief Statistician of Canada to Ms Ann Ward, Pres. Ontario Genealogical Society

I must inform you that, under current legislation, the 1911 and other post-1901 census records cannot be transferred to the National Archives of Canada for subsequent public release. Starting with 1906, censuses have been conducted under the authority of various *Statistics Acts* each containing strict confidentiality provisions. These provisions are such that only the persons named in the record may have access to their own information. They are timeless and remain in effect even when the person is deceased.....

I should also point out that there is no proposal to change the Statistics Act to allow access to post-1901 census records and no such proposal is foreseen in the near future
[letter on file at the QFHS Library Office]

October 15th 1998 - Special Newsletter from The Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogical Group

Dear Genealogist: This letter is to inform you that on September 10th 1998 three members of the UOVGG executive met with the Honourable Mr Hector Clouthier, MP for the riding of Nipissing, Renfrew and Pembroke to discuss the 1911 census and all future censuses. We asked Mr Clouthier if he would be willing to help us and the genealogical community with getting the 1906 law changed in order to give researchers access to the census reports in the future. Mr Clouthier was very responsive to our suggestions and he promised to present a letter and a report stating our concerns to the Government House Leader, Mr Don Boudria. We ask you and your members to talk or write your MP and get his support on this. We would also ask all your members from outside Canada to write or talk to the Canadian Officials in their area. We would also suggest that you and your members lobby the Honourable Sheila Copps, Heritage Minister; The Honourable Don Boudria, The Government House Leader; and the Honourable John Manley, Minister of Industry..... [on file at the QFHS Library Office]

Copy of the Report presented to Mr Clouthier

ARCHAIC LAW: In 1906 the Laurier government passed a law that would prohibit the release to the public of the 1911 census and any other subsequent censuses. At that time this law might have seemed necessary in order to have the people answer the census takers questions, but the government did not foresee the problems this would cause in the future. The census reports are a vast source of information to various researchers, not only in Canada, but all around the world. Census data is used by genealogists, family historians, historians and other segments of the population. The data on census forms has been helpful in tracing family trees, it has helped in tracing medical problems passed along in family lines. Family lineage has also successfully

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been used in court cases to prove lineage and settle inheritance legalities. Genealogical research is a boon to the Canadian Tourist Industry. Anyone who is involved in researching their family history usually consults the census reports released by Statistics Canada. After locating useful information these researchers end up visiting various locations in Canada where their ancestors lived. Thousands of tourists come to Canada from around the world to do genealogical research, they spend hard cash for meals, accomodations, transportation and souvenirs. Genealogy is becoming one of the fastest growing hobbies/businesses. There are numerous Canadian companies doing millions of dollars worth of business yearly in this field. From researchers, publishers, writers, suppliers of software, books, etc. There are at least 35 publishers in Canada whose main interest is family history. There are hundreds of Genealogy Groups from coast to coast, every province in the country has provincial societies. There are approximately 500 societies across Canada. Almost every family in Canada has someone who is doing family research. People from all walks are involved in this pastime. Even members from the Canadian Senate are involved in the family history research game. One volunteer group in the United States which is on the internet has released the following figures for the month of July this year. Their group, RootsWeb, released the following information for the month of July:

- * 2,975 Independently-Webmastered Websites hosted by RootsWeb.
- * 5024522 total Web hits: [13,608,736 were HTML pages; 6,879,675 were cgi-bin database searches and such; 29,568,584 were graphics (gifts, jpegs, etc)
- * 995,249 FTP file downloads from the USGenWeb.
- * 3,967 indepently-list owned mailing lists are hosted by RootsWeb.
- * Thanks to Tom Pierce we know we shipped 99,934,614 pieces of e-mail to our mailing lists.
- * 60,000 alt.g and s.g *Usenet News articles to host on three continents.
- * Approximately 830,304,000,000 bytes in total

This is what one group did in one month and there are many groups like this one around the world. Canada is the only country in the free world that has banned the release of census information to the public. We, the members of the Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogical Group, are hereby asking the Canadian Government to repeal this archaic law, by way of a Government sponsored Bill. We are asking the Government to give the researchers access to all or part of the census reports. We would appreciate access to at least the following sections of the census reports: Names of the head of the households and all other persons living in the dwelling. Place of birth / Place of origin / Age or date of birth of each person / Religion of each person / Profession of each person / And any other information that is deemed not to infringe on the privacy of the people.

The repeal of this law not only benefits the people of Canada but also researchers around the world. The Genealogists, family historians, historians and other researchers need the census records to be released on a regular basis. We are not asking that the 92 year release period be changed, just the release of certain information within the report. This is a valuable research tool. There are at least 7,500,000 people involved in Canada alone doing genealogical research and millions more around the world. I will end this with a quote from Father Joseph Gravelle, genealogist and historian, Otter Lake, Quebec: *"Genealogy is not concerned with Blue-Bloods and First Families but rather with Little People who make up the back-bone of the country, who pioneered and settled and made their own contributions in their small and untrumpeted ways"* Father Gravelle died in 1971.

QUEBEC CITY GAZETTE 1846 -1855 DEATH NOTICES ["H"]

HACKETT, Alicia, d. Feb. 17, 1846 at Newington Pew near Kingston, age 23 years, daug. of Dr. Hackett, Deputy Inspector General of Military Hospital (from Jamaica Dispatch).

HACKETT, Edward Hackett, d. Sept. 11, 1846 at Lacolle, collector of customs.

HADDAN, Robert Haddan, d. Aug. 1, 1847, age 65 years, formerly of Québec.

HAGAR, William F. d. Oct. 19, 1847 at Montréal, age 31 years.

HAGERMAN, Ann Hagerman, d. Jan. 4, 1847 at Bath, age 88 yrs widow of Nicholas Hagerman of Adolphustown, mother of Justice Hagerman of Toronto.

HAGGART, Elizabeth Haggart, d. Nov. 10, 1846 at Long Point, age 76 yrs, widow of late James Fisher, native of Kenmore, Perthshire, Scotland.

HAGGERT, Christiana Haggert, d. June 1, 1854 at Côte St. Paul, age 74 years, widow of late Duncan McNaughton, native of Breadalbane, Perthshire, Scotland.

HAINES, Joseph Haines, d. Sept. 22, 1853 at Niagara, age 85 years.

HALDEMAND, Louis d. Dec. 18, 1848 at Montréal, age 49 years, of that city.

HALDIMAND, Sarah, d. Nov. 4, 1854 at Montréal, age 23 years, daug. of late L. Haldimand.

HALE, Charles Hale, d. Jan. 18, 1851 at Port Stanley, age 38 years, son of late Vicessimes Hale.

HALE, Eliza Cecilia Hale, d. Feb. 19, 1850, wife of Edward Hale of Sherbrooke, daug. of Hon. Chief Justice Bowen.

HALE, William Forester, d. May 4, 1848, age 2 years, son of late William Ambert Hale.

HALIBURTON, Thomas d. Nov. 4, 1847, son of Hon. Judge Haliburton of Windsor, N.S.

HALL, Charles L., d. Feb. 22, 1849 at Niagara, C.W., age 36 years, son of late Capt. G. Hall.

HALL, Clara, d. May 5, 1852, age 1 year, daug. of Dr. Hall.

HALL, Eleanor Hall, d. Aug. 4, 1846, age 54 years, widow of late Henry Cowan.

HALL, Eliza Hall, d. Feb. 28, 1850 at Chambly, age 25 years, wife of John Yule.

HALL, George Hall, d. Apr. 7, 1852 at Toronto, formerly of Québec.

HALL, George Hall, d. Jan. 7, 1854, age 4 years, son of William Hall.

HALL, James, d. Dec. 31, 1853 at Montréal, age 8 years, son of William Hall.

HALL, John Hall, d. Dec. 3, 1853 at Lanark.

HALL, Louisa Maria, d. July 23, 1848 at Dudewell, wife of Elisha Kingsley, daug. of H. Hall.

HALL, Margaret Agnes, d. Feb. 22, 1847, age 7 months, daug. of George Hall.

HALL, Phoebe Jane, d. Jan. 6, 1851, age 6 years, daug. of G. Hall.

HALL, Sarah, d. Sept. 5, 1846 at Kingston, age 61 years, wife of Francis Hall.

HALL, Sarah, d. Jan. 14, 1852, daug. of F. H. Hall.

HALL, William J. Hall, d. Aug. 13, 1847 at Whitby, age 28 years, son of late Capt. William Hall.

HALL, William Hall, d. June 25, 1854, passenger on ship "Glenmanna" from Liverpool to Québec.

HALL, William Hall, d. June 26, 1854 at Montréal, age 43 years.

HALL, William Hall, d. Dec. 5, 1854 at Pointe Lévi, age 87 years.

HALLIBURTON, Inglis d. Sept. 1, 1847, son of Hon. Chief Justice Halliburton of Nova Scotia.

HALTON, James Halton, d. Dec. 29, 1852, age 60 years.

HAMEL, Charles Auguste, d. Feb. 15, 1854, age 10 years, son of Abraham Hamel.

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HAMELIN, Marie Magdeleine Hamelin, d. Jan. 12, 1847, age 80 yrs widow of late John Simpson chair maker, of this city.

HAMILTON, Alexander Chetwood Hamilton, d. Jan. 2, 1855 near St. Catherine's, age 42 yrs.

HAMILTON, Lady Anne Hamilton, d. Nov. 10, 1846, age 81 years, daug. of Archibald, ninth Duke of Hamilton.

HAMILTON, Catherine, d. Nov. 28, 1847 at Kingston, age 34 years, wife of Robert J. Hamilton of Bellevue, Hamilton.

HAMILTON, Catherine Alexandrine Hamilton, d. May 23, 1846 at Tumblebridge Wells, Kent, wife of Thomas Nelson, M.D. of Wampole St, London, mother of John Nelson of this city.

HAMILTON, Elizabeth, d. Feb. 2, 1852 at Wolfe's Cove, age 18 months, daug. of John Hamilton.

HAMILTON, Henrietta, d. Dec. 5, 1846 at Cornwallis, age 32 yrs, wife of Charles G. Hamilton.

HAMILTON, Isabella, d. Dec. 23, 1852, age 5 years, daug. of Thomas Hamilton.

HAMILTON, James Hamilton, d. Jan. 10, 1855 at Hamilton, age 35 years, late of Ayrshire, Scotland.

HAMILTON, Joseph Hamilton, d. Nov. 13, 1847 at Toronto, age 49 years, son of late Hon. R. Hamilton of Queenston.

HAMILTON, Margaret, d. Jan. 30, 1846 at Hamilton, age 25 yrs, wife of Alexander Hamilton, late of Ayrshire Scotland.

HAMILTON, Marion Hamilton, d. Sept. 21, 1850 at Montréal, age 23 years, daug. of late William Hamilton, late of Stonehouse, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

HAMILTON, Mrs. Hamilton, d. Dec. 10, 1849 at Whitburn, Linlithgowshire, Scotland, age 84 years, relict of late W. Hamilton, mother-in-law of Rev. W. Taylor of Montréal.

HAMILTON, Sarah M. Hamilton, d. Feb. 2, 1854 at Montréal, age 55 years, widow of late Louis C. Provandie.

HAMILTON, Lt. Thomas Hamilton, H.M. 14th Regt. Foot, d. June 12, 1846, age 26 years, victim of fire in Theatre Royal.

HAMMILL, Mary Sarah, d. Jan. 17, 1855 at Brantford, wife of Charles Foster, daug. of late Patrick Hammill of Ancaster.

HAMMOND, Lt. Charles Hammond, R.N., d. June 5, 1853 at Haldimand, age 73 yrs.

HAMMOND, Maria, d. Apr. 1, 1852, age 8 years, daug. of Mathew Hammond.

HANAHER, Mary Hanaher, d. Dec. 24, 1854, age 61 years, relict of late Patrick Cosgrove, native of Bellins, Co. Mayo, Ireland.

HANDFORD, Sophia, d. Oct. 3, 1847, age 6 months, daug. of William Handford of St. John Suburb.

HANDYSIDE, Isabella Marion, d. Nov. 4, 1854 at Boston, Mass., age 18 years, daug. of Adam Handyside of this city.

HANNA, James Godfroy Hanna, d. Dec. 19, 1851 at St. George, Co. Dorchester, age 64 years.

HANNAH, Janet Hannah, d. Dec. 16, 1854 at Montréal, age 47 years, native of Edinburgh, Scotland.

HARAM, Susannah Jane, d. Jan. 28, 1854, age 4 years, daug. of Thomas Haram.

HARAN, wife of John Haran of St. Roch, d. Mar. 23, 1853, age 75 years.

HARAN, Mrs. Thomas Jackson, d. Mar. 10, 1853, age 27 years, daug. of G. Haran.

HARBESON, Jane, d. Oct. 12, 1852 at Charleston, S.C., age 37 years, daug. of Mr. Harbeson of this city.

HARBOTTLE, Edward Harbottle, d. Mar. 5, 1851 at Cumberland House, age 65 years, formerly resident of this city.

HARDIE, Emily Harriet, d. Aug. 2, 1846, age 4 years, daug. of J. H. Hardie.

HARDY, J. B. Hardy, d. June 4, 1851, age 48 years.

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HARDY, Jessie Hardy, d. July 22, 1849 at Kingston, age 27 years, daug. of George Hardy.

HARKEN, Jane Harken, d. July 15, 1849, age 52 years, wife of Patrick McQuilken.

HARKIN, Mary Ann d. Jan. 25, 1851 at Montréal age 14 months

HARKNESS, Jane Harkness, d. Jan. 10, 1855 at Montréal, age 68 years, wife of James Galley.

HARPER, Charlotte Harper, d. Mar. 22, 1846, age 45 years, sister of Rev. C. Harper of Nicolet College.

HARRISON, Ann Anthony, d. Mar. 29, 1851, age 69 years, widow of late Thomas Harrison, native of England.

HARRISON, Anne, d. Dec. 27, 1854, age 40 years, wife of R. M. Harrison.

HARRISON, Mary Eleanor, d. Mar. 1, 1846 of measles, age 17 years, daug. of R. M. Harrison.

HARRON, Mary, d. July 9, 1853 at Shipton, age 55 years, wife of John Harron.

HART, Alexander Thomas d. Apr. 26, 1852 at Three Rivers, age 48 years, Seigneur du fief et Seigneurie de Courval.

HART, Patrick Hart, d. July 4, 1854, son of John Hart.

HART, Philip Daeres Hart, d. Nov. 13, 1853 at Brantford, age 63 years.

HARVARD, Joseph Butterworth, d. July 5, 1847 at Toronto, age 17 yrs, son of Rev. W. Harvard.

HARVEY, Dr. L.D. Harvey, d. Feb. 25, 1854 at Malbaie, age 36 years.

HARVEY, William Harvey, d. Mar. 30, 1847 at St. Catherine's, druggist.

HARWOOD, Sarah, d. Sept. 26, 1851, wife of G. C. Harwood.

HASE, George Hase, d. Aug. 15, 1847.

HASKIN, E.W. Haskin, d. Mar. 8, 1847 at Port Jarvis, Orange Co., N.Y., native of London.

HASLET, Samuel Haslet, d. May 2, 1847, native of Belfast, Ireland.

HATT, Emily, d. Dec. 19, 1851 at Exeter, England, age 35 years, wife of Thomas Richard Mills, daug. of late Samuel Hatt of Chambly.

HAUTSON, John Hautson, d. Apr. 14, 1850 at Sacramento, California, age 55 years, late of city of Montréal.

HAWKINS, Alfred Hawkins, d. June 30, 1854.

HAWKINS, Miss Hawkins, d. Apr. 19, 1846 at Montréal, sister of Lewis Hawkins, merchant, niece of Mrs. Drummond Sr.

HAWLEY, Mary Matilda Hawley, d. Sept. 25, 1849 at Montréal, wife of Hon. Justice Gale.

HAWLEY, W. F. Hawley, d. Jan. 14, 1855 at Laprairie, Co. Huntingdon.

HAY, Very Rev. John James Hay, d. Feb. 19, 1849 at Toronto, age 39 years.

HAY, John Hay, d. Jan. 21, 1848 at Montréal, age 36 years.

HAY, Marie Louise Sarah Hay, d. Dec. 14, 1847 at Montréal, age 32 years, wife of Austin Cuvillier, Jr.

HAYCOOK, J. Haycock, d. Oct. 20, 1847 at Port Dover, age 62 years.

HAYER, Michael Hayer, d. July 25, 1849, city police.

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S TO YOU -

'May you be in heaven a half hour before the devil knows you're dead!'

In the last issue, we gave addresses for Canadian and Quebec GenWeb sites.

For March, it seems appropriate to point to the Irish GenWeb Project -

www.rootsweb.com/~irtwgw/. A lot of well-arranged information that should keep you clicking for days. The purpose is to provide access to basic country and county historical and genealogical information. In addition, there are a lot of links to other useful Ireland Genealogy sites, including GENUKI.

Indeed, the Irish GenWeb project works closely with the UK and Ireland Genealogical Information Service - GENUKI - whose aim is to serve as a "virtual reference library" of genealogical information. The information GENUKI provides relates to primary historical material. Their home page is at **www.genukl.org.uk/org**. Go to the "Contents" page for lists of Irish, Scots, Welsh, and English counties, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. Go to the "Index of Surnames Lists" (from the "Contents" page) to find links to researchers compiling surname information in these different counties. In this list, Ireland is divided into Provinces as well as counties.

If you want to know how your surname came into being, a list of published or printed family histories, or the distribution of the surname as recorded in 1890 Ireland, go to the Irish Ancestors surname search at **www.irish-times.com/ancestor/surname/surnameentry.cfm** - Most, if not all, of the content was provided by John Grenham, author of *Tracing your Irish Ancestors*. Lots of references for a common name like Kelly, but nothing at all for others like Scahill and Qualey. Worth revisiting for updates.

Closer to home, you may wish to visit the Kelly Kanadian Kin site at **www.cyberbeach.net/~mkelly/**. This site is "dedicated to the research and resources for the Kelly/Kelley surname in Upper and Lower Canada during the 1800's."

Two sites that are always worth repeating for those interested in Irish research are The Irish Ancestral Research Association - TIARA (**world.std.com/~ahern/TIARA.html**) and the Irish Family History Foundation (**www.mayo-ireland.ie/roots.htm**). TIARA is also interested in Massachusetts Irish, while the Family History Foundation is the "co-ordinating body for a network of government approved genealogical research centres in the Republic of Ireland (Eire) and in Northern Ireland which have computerized tens of millions of Irish ancestral records of different types."

CHATEAUGUAY GENWEB SITE - CORRECTION AND OFFER

A typo appeared in the Dec issue for the Chateauguay County GenWeb site (correct address is www.rootsweb.com/~qcchatea/). However, along with the correction, this brought a kind offer from the host of the Chateauguay County page, Helen D'All. She writes: "I would like to invite QFHS members who have comments or questions on the site or who may want to contribute information to contact me at my email." Her email address is nell@sympatico.ca.

MORE FAMILY NAME LISTS

There appears to be an ever increasing number of sites that provide links to many family name pages. The quality and professionalism of the sites and the pages they point to vary greatly. However, the advantage of these links is that they may put you in contact with someone researching the same family you are. You can usually also post the names in which you are interested. So here are a few more to add to December's list. Go to the Genealogy Web Search Tools for surnames and genealogy links at www.gensource.com/ The site is also indexing web sites containing actual historical records. Try also the Surname Mine at members.spree.com/1ofthefamily/

THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE - DEBT OF HONOUR REGISTER

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission maintains a site at yard.ccta.gov.uk where you can search the "Debt of Honour" Register. It "provides personal and service details and places of commemoration for the 1.7 million members of the Commonwealth forces who died in the First or Second World Wars. (A record [of] some 60,000 civilian casualties of the Second World War is provided without details of burial location.)" The memorials and cemeteries are located in around 150 countries. Thanks to Pennie Redmile for passing this on the address of this beautiful but sad website.

If you do search, and do not get expected results, try again without identifying the country of origin. This is the way I located my great-uncle Charlie Wehr. As an example, these are the results I obtained: "In Memory of Charles Wehr, Cadet 272195, Royal Air Force who died on Tuesday, 22nd October 1918. Age 30. Son of Charles C. and Mary A. Wehr, of Notre Dame de Stanbridge, Quebec. Cemetery: Notre Dame de Stanbridge Roman Catholic Cemetery, Quebec, Canada."

ENGLAND AND WALES REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE TUTORIALS

The web site at shoppersmart.com/otown/registrations/index.html explains the different entries on birth, marriage, and death certificates throughout the history of birth registration in England and Wales. Ireland and Scotland are not covered since the author states that these registrations are different. The procedure for ordering the certificates is also provided. The author cautions that this information should not be taken as a source of information approved by the Registrar General or the British Government. However, the site looks very interesting for anyone doing research in England or Wales.

CITY OF LONDON CHURCHES

Thanks again to Jann LaValley who sent in a long extract on how to search for such information. It appears on the Missing Link Genealogy E-Zine at www.rootsweb.com/~m1news/ Click the "Archives" button; you will see an ftp file, just select item 19990101 for the text. The last item on the list is an index and it will point you to the previous sections of this interesting article by Sherry Irvine. Another London site with considerable information is the GENUKI London page at www.gold.ac.uk/genuki/LND/

PLACE-NAMES AND THEIR MEANING

If you are interested in the origins of place-names in Quebec and elsewhere, please see the end of the book review on *Place-names in Québec ...and Elsewhere* in this issue.

SENDING IN SUGGESTIONS FOR THE *COMPUTREE* PAGE

My thanks to all contributors - many members profit from this exchange. A minor request: please add your name, telephone number and/or E-mail address: there are some cases where more information would be appreciated, or the source of the information needs to be clarified.

As you may have noticed in the past, the E-mail address for this page was the Society's, which meant it had to be forwarded to me by one of our volunteers and could mean delays. I have obtained one of those free addresses available on the Internet and have reserved it exclusively for the readers' of this page - write directly to me at computree@yahoo.com and keep those suggestions and queries coming!

Thanks to all who contributed, and apologies if I missed anyone.

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- 1650 **BEATTY/BEATTIE/BEATIE.** Seek any info regarding death of Henry BEATTY/BEATIE/BEATTIE, born 1877 Sussex, England. Rumored to have died in Montreal c1960. Also seeking info regarding his children, Catherine (Kate) b. 1899 and Henry, Jr. b. 1912. Catherine had a daughter, Shirley. Henry was a Home Child who was sent to Ontario 1888. Sheila Beatty Alexander, 27 Doblez Circle, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909-5109, USA. Email: salexan@arkansas.net.
- 1651 **CAMPBELL.** Was John CAMPBELL b. 15 Jan. 1798, Ire. (married to Jennett CAMERON) shown in 1851 census of Gore Township, Argenteuil Co., Quebec, a son of James CAMPBELL who is in "History of Argenteuil." He arrived in Quebec City 23 May 1823. Any help appreciated. Leland Guest, P.O. Box 97, Comins, MI 48169-0097 USA
- 1652 **CHARLES ROBINS FISHING CO.** Anyone have information on the CHARLES ROBINS FISHING CO. that was in Gaspé from 1766 to early 1800s? Especially employee/boat lists (most were Jersey and French). Trying to trace relatives from Gaspé back to Jersey/France. Thanks. Christine Marion. Christine Bush, RR#1, Cambridge, ON. N1R 5S2. Email: bush.windswept@sympatico.ca.
- 1653 **CHEARBY,** Guillaume, b. in England or Ireland c1680, m. Marie Anne MILLET, St. Laurent, Isle d'Orleans, 1722, d. Lavaltrie, Quebec 1757. Seek place of birth. Parents were Thomas and Anne deCLIZ. Tom Sherby, 226 Durand Street, East Lansing, Mich. 48823 USA.
- 1654 **CHURCH/MATTHEW.** I am searching for descendants of Amaziah CHURCH and Roda (Church) MATHEWS of St. Andrews Parish, Argenteuil Co. Florence Thelen, 1611 W. Bay Road, McHenry, IL. 60050, USA
- 1655 **CLICHE/BOURCIER.** Any info regarding Jean-Sebastien CLICHE and Catherine BOURCIER, m. 22 Nov. 1819, St-Joachim-Chateauguay, QC. Catherine was the daughter of Jean BOURCIER and Elis PARE. Info on parents would be appreciated also. Gary Cliche, 236 Gould Ave., North Bay, ON. OP1B 7C7. Email: cliche@efni.com
- 1656 **CLICHE/LABERGE.** Narcisse CLICHE and Martine LABERGE m. 1 Aug. 1854, Beauharnois, QC. Martine was the daughter of Charles LABERGE and Sophie HUOT. Any info would be appreciated. See. #1655

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- 1657 **DANIELSON.** Sven Axel David, born 2 Aug. 1877, Stockholm, Sweden. He was son of DANIELSON, carriage proprietor. Who was his mother? We believe he had one brother and two sisters. Where and who are they? Please send info to Pat Danielson, 190 Davignon, Dollard des Ormeaux, QC. H9B 1Y5. Email: patpfmtl@super.net
- 1658 **DEARDEN.** John DEARDEN and sons, John, Thomas, James and George came to Canada in 1817 settling in Windsor, Richmond County, QC. John, son of James, was mayor of Windsor Mills Village in 1880 and George DEARDEN in 1897. Windsor Mills became the town of Windsor in 1899. Bernard QUINN, married to granddaughter Alice DEARDEN, was mayor in 1910. Their son, John Whelan QUINN, was mayor in 1923 and 1939. Seeking descendants or anyone researching families connected to the DEARDENS by marriage. Lillian A. Wood, 10-14045 Nico Wynd Place, Surrey, B.C. V4PO 1J2
- 1659 **EVANS/CRAIG.** Seeking the descendants of Ernest Chs. EVANS and Margaret Mildred CRAIG. Married 10 June 1919 at the Arundel Presby. Church in Arundel, QC. He was son of Loton EVANS and Josephina STEINBERG. She was the daughter of Wm. CRAIG and Margery SMITH. Bev. Renaud, 2357 Hufford St., Apt. 1, St. Laurent, QC. H4R 1L3
- 1660 **FLAN(N)IGAN.** Seeking info on my great Aunt Alice FLAN(N)IGAN, born 11 May 1911, Lawn, Placentia Bay, Newfoundland, CA, m. Albert BRIAND (?) at St. Pierre et Miquelon. Her religion was Roman Catholic. Parents Gregory and Mary FLAN(N)IGAN. Moved to Montreal. Supposedly had twin sons. Seeking info on Alice's family, children, grandchildren, etc. Violet Moores, 14 Brett Place, Mount Pearl, Newfoundland, CA. A1N 3B4. Email: dave.moores@nf.sympatico.ca
- 1661 **FOSTER,** Franklin Joseph. Seeking information about Franklin Joseph FOSTER, b. 31 Oct. 1909, Buckingham, QC., m. 5 Jan. 1928 to first wife, Mary Josephine MACNEIL, Montreal. (Second wife Vera M.?) He died 29 Sept. 1972, Vancouver. His parents were Benjamin Franklin FOSTER, Baptist Minister, b. Montreal (?) and Margaret ?. After Margaret's death he married Lillian MCGINNIS. Benjamin died sometime in the 1940s. Stuart Foster, 29 Shannon St., Toronto, ON. M6J 2E6. Email: sfoster@interlog.com
- 1662 **GRADY (O'GRADY, GRADAY, etc.)** Seek family of Bridget Elizabeth GRADY, O'GRADY, GRADAY, etc., born c1828-30 (perhaps in Ireland), of Bedford, QC. 1847 when she married Jonathon WRIGHT of Brome Cong. Church. Seek info on any others of that name in the Bedford area. One record suggests possible birth at Dublin. James M. Holmes, 244 Flanders Rd., Westborough, MA 01581. Email: 76312.1377@compuserve.com
- 1663 **GUTTERIDGE.** Seek info on my gr.gr. grandfather, Philip GUTTERIDGE, b. 1831, St. Albans, England, m. Marion Dick MCMURTRIE, b. 1836, New York City, N.Y. Also, parents of my grandfather, David Caldwell GUTTERIDGE, b. 2 Dec. 1860, Montreal, QC. Are there any marriage records of Philip and Marion in Quebec? Any immigration records in Quebec? Death record of Philip in Quebec? Ottawa Archives list a Philip GUTTERIDGE as joining the British Foreign Legion July 1855 in Montreal, shipped to Halifax for embarkation to the U.K. for Crimea War. Info runs out in Halifax although the Legion went

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to England and was inspected by Queen Victoria. No further info available on Philip or the Regiment concerned. David Gutteridge, 2180 Bickerton Ave., Gloucester, ON. K1J 6Y3.

- 1664 **HOTTE/LECLERC.** Seeking information on Pierre HOTTE and wife Colette LECLERC who came from Normandy, France in the early 1600s with at least one son, Pierre who married Marie GIRARD in Quebec 1676. I have many of my direct ancestors, but am looking for more info. Will gladly share what I have. A. Hotte, RR2, Thessalon, ON. P0R 1L0. Email: hottes@ssm.ca
- 1665 **HUNT,** Absalom, married Helen SHEPARD/SHEPPARD or HOLLAND/HOLLARD. May have had lumber interests in Montreal area? Son, George F., born 21 June 1851. Poss. 2nd son, Charles. Need help in locating Absalom's whereabouts in Canada. Pennie Redmile, 5020 MacDonald Ave., Apt. 207, Cote St. Luc, QC. H3X 2V5. Email: predmile@total.net
- 1666 **LENNON/ELVIDGE.** Seeking the marriage record for Edward LENNON and Sarah ELVIDGE, who were married in Vermont or New Hampshire, USA, in 1873 (possibly Manchester). Their daughter, Mary Katherine, was born in 1875 in Vermont. The family returned to Compton in 1876. See. #1659
- 1667 **MARRIOTT,** Audrey/Dora, from England who maybe married Kenneth Dean (?) COLE. Had a son, Mervyn Dean COLE, born 6 May 1951, bapt. at Presby Church, St. Laurent, QC. Ken and Audrey lived at 1465 Elizabeth, St. Laurent and then moved to 10902 St. Urbain St. in 1953-54. Audrey had worked as a stock clerk with D'Allaird's. See #1657.
- 1668 **MATTHEWS/WILLIS.** Seeking info on grandmother, Louisa WILLIS (nee MATTHEWS) born Finkley, Andover, Hampshire, England 1876 daughter of George MATTHEWS and Charlotte SIVYER. She married Alfred (Fred) WILLIS 1897 Smannell, Andover, Hampshire. Louisa was one of nine children. Also searching for Maud WILLIS, daughter of Louisa and Alfred WILLIS, born in Andover, Hampshire, c1900 and Fanny Elizabeth MATTHEWS, sister to Louisa, born Finkley, Andover 1886. Trio is thought to have entered Canada period 1907-1917. Postage/expenses refunded. Patrick Burke, 5, Maivern Way, Porton, Salisbury, Wilts. SP4 0NL England
- 1669 **McCANN,** Daniel and Sarah LAVERY. He was from Co.Tyrone and she from Armaugh but where? Dan's father was Bernard but I don't think he came to Canada. Dan and Sarah were married in Montreal 1824. Could Dan have been in British service? Henry J. McCann, 18 Wills Drive, New Hartford, N.Y. 13413-2823 USA.
- 1670 **McPHERSON.** Would like to 'connect' with descendants of Laughlan Thomas McPHERSON (1790-1871) & Margaret URQUHARDT (c1786/9-1859). Known children: Daniel (c1823-1889) m. c1846 Charlotte Holt GETHINGS (1828-1892); Ellen m. George Henshaw HOLT; Margaret m. Charles Holt GETHINGS. Believe Daniel and Charlotte had two sons, Laughlan and Daniel, both notaries, Quebec City. Martha Patterson Costello, 5337 Kilby Ln., Manotick, ON. K4M 1B4. Email: marpat@synapse.net

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- 1671 **McVICAR**. Seeking info on John McVICAR or descendants of John's. He was son of Robert McVICAR, born 1794 and Christine McBETH, born 1810. Robert and Christine married in 1827. Sue Gardner, 82 Augusta St., Port Hope, ON. L1A 1G9
- 1672 **MERIAPSE/MERIAPTE**. Seek information on my ancestor, Mary MERIAPSE/MERIAPTE, wife of Jean COCHENOUETTE. Their daughter, Louise COCHENOUETTE, married Nicolas GLADIUS, 5 April 1701 in Three Rivers, QC. according to the "Dictionnaire National des Canadiens-Français (1608-1760).
Heinrich Sackmann, 31073 Delligsen, Dr. Jasper-Str. 1, Deutschland.
- 1673 **O'MEARA**, Roger. Where in Ireland did Roger O'MEARA and his wife Mary CODY come from? Sons Mark and Patrick b. Ireland 1815 & 1816 respectively. Next child born in Hinchbrook 1831. Was Roger in British Army? See #1669.
- 1674 **O'MEARA**. Looking for any information on O'MEARA family who lived in Quebec City area in 1820s. My maternal ancestor was Eleanora (Ellen) O'MEARA married to Thomas HOLDEN. Ellen was born c1807 and am trying to determine where in Ireland she was born and where in Ireland she was married. Barbara Sue Baker, 206 Morrena Rd., Kanata, ON. K2L 1E1. Email: bbaker@cyberus.ca
- 1675 **RUFFETT/LARAVIE**. Searching for children (Hazel and Gerald) of William Charles RUFFETT and Carrie LARAVIE, who were married in 1896 in St. Judes Church, Montreal. Also wondering if the Desautels photographic studio, Montreal still exists. Any information welcome. Dianne Topley, 2483 Abbott Cres., Prince George, B.C. V2L 2X6
- 1676 **RUMBOLT/WOOD**. Seeking descendants of James RUMBOLT of Lachine, QC and Elizabeth WOOD. They were married in 25 May 1903, Lachute Presby. Church. He was the son of Robert RUMBOLT and Celina RUSSELL. She was the daughter of Omage WOOD and Jessie STOUT. See #1659.
- 1677 **SMITH**, John. Seeking information about my gr. grandfather, John SMITH, who married Judith GRENIER in 1841 in Newport, QC. His parents were Jacob SMITH and Ann McCOMBREY, aka Mary Ann McCONKY. Would especially like to know where and when John SMITH was born in Ireland. Ernie Smith, 1051 Woodside Drive, Dollard des Ormeaux, QC. H9B 1R1. Email: mickey.bain@sympatico.ca
- 1678 **VANASSE**, Onesime. born St. Pauline, Quebec, 16 Jan. 1862, died Calgary, AB, 27 April 1952 (possible son of Francois VANASSE & Domithilde BELLEFEUILLE), m. Helen Marie DeCHAIINE, b. 26 June 1865, Trois Rivières, d. 13 May 1948, Calgary, AB. (possible daughter of Peter DeCHAIINE and Julie BRULLEY. Six children born in Brainerd, MN. USA including my father, Arthur Joseph VANASSE (1903-1955). Looking for any parents or siblings of Onesime or Helen. All of my info comes from an old bible with no other confirming facts. Perry Vanasse, P.O. Box 493, Spanaway, WA. 98387 USA.
Email: p-van@email.msn.com

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- 1679 **VILLENEUVE/BROUILLETTE.** Seeking information on my gr. grandparents, Moise VILLENEUVE and Adeline (?) BROUILLETTE. Her parents were Louis BROUILLETTE and Sophie BEAUCHEMIN dit FONTAINE. Some of Adeline's siblings were born in Beloeil, and some were married in Chambly. The time frame for births of Adeline and her siblings was 1811-1834. Mary Newton Clancy, 83 Downing St., Buffalo, N.Y. 14220-2618 USA.
- 1680 **WEIR.** I noticed in Vol. 21 #2 (Dec.) that a Lieut. George WEIR was murdered at St. Denis, QC. on 23 Nov. 1837. My wife was a WEIR and her family came from Scotland. Does anyone have any info on this George WEIR? Did he have any other family in Canada at the time? Does anyone know of any other family? See #1664.
- 1681 **WRIGHT.** Seek English origins (possibly Scarboro) of Jonathon WRIGHT (c1790-1856) and Mary Elizabeth PERKINS (PARKIN?) who settled in East Farnham, QC. c1824. Children include Mary Elizabeth, Sarah, Jonathan, Isabel Kindall, Annie Victoria. Interested in other English immigrants' origins to area at same time. See #1662.

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SEARCH OF THE NON-CATHOLIC MARRIAGES INDEXES

Search of the Judicial District of Montreal Non-Catholic Marriages Indexes will be carried out for the years 1836 through 1899 for a specific surname. A volunteer will search entries for a requested Surname and all matching entries will be given. Variant of any surname is considered a new surname -
ie: McDonald / MacDonald; McCormick / McCormack; White / Whyte
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PROJECTS

Submitted by Derek Hopkins
QFHS First Vice President and Project Co-ordinator

This is the first of what I hope will become as a regular feature in each issue of *Connections*.

The projects team has been very busy (over the internet) since August 1998 transcribing the Microfilms containing the Non-Catholic Marriage Indexes for the Montreal area Parishes. By the time you read this the years 1836 through 1899 will have been completed. This will mean that searches will be able to be done by SURNAME for both partners in the marriage. For widows their maiden and current surnames are included in the search, when provided in the indexes as are people who go by an alias. These searches can now be accepted by sending a request together with a cheque for \$5.00 for each surname requested to

The Quebec Family History Society

Search1836-1899

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The project is continuing its indexing to expand the coverage to include 1760 to 1835 by June 1999 and hopefully 1900 to 1925 by the end of the year. This information is also expected to be published in early 2000 (A Millennium Project) for those who wish to buy the transcript.

A big THANK-YOU to the 30 members who are working with me on this project.

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Another item which need attention is our QFHS E-Mail list. It is expanding as we collect your e-mail addresses. *Please* if you change it, or acquire a new one, send an e-mail to me at <hpkde@cam.org> If you think you are not on the list send to me to check. I have a number of addresses that currently bounce. If your membership is in this list get in touch please

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One other point, if you live in area code 514 or that part of 450 that is not long distance from Montreal and have a fax at home. Then let me know by fax at (450)678-4252 we now have a fax machine at the Office and would like to add this to our communication list for notices of coming meetings etc. (easier and better that the phone committee call, one fax to send to all).

Any ideas for other projects - please let me know. The total numbers of requests for the same item will set it's order on the list.

PLEDGE APPEALS

To facilitate accounting procedures would anyone who has pledged donations to either of these two projects please send in their cheque or money order *NOW*. For anyone wishing to make a donation for a given county or set of microfiche please enclose your cheque or money order with your pledge.

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IRISH MICROFICHE

As a result of the destruction of the 19th century censuses of Ireland, the Sir Richard Griffith's Primary Valuation of Land for the period 1848-1864 is the principal census substitute in Irish genealogical research. Commonly known as "Griffith's Valuation" it is used as a Heads of Household census substitute for 19th century Ireland. It is available on microfiche for sale on a county by county basis. There is also an index to surnames that accompanies the actual valuation of lands and houses. Due to donations, the QFHS has been able to obtain the following counties

Antrim	Cavan	City of Dublin	Londonderry	Roscommon	Waterford
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IT'S TIME, ONCE AGAIN, TO RENEW YOUR QFHS MEMBERSHIP



You will find your 1999 - 2000 membership renewal form and questionnaire conveniently placed as a pull-out in the middle of this issue. Please remember to fill them out and mail them back to the QFHS with your cheque or money order **BEFORE the July 31st deadline**. Your membership card will be mailed out in the September issue of *Connections*. A \$5.00 charge, to cover administrative costs and 1st class postage and handling will be added to renewals received after September 1st.

Many out-of-town members have written to ask if it is possible to publish, in *Connections*, transcripts of lectures given by guest speakers at QFHS Monthly Meetings at Maison du Brasseur in Lachine. This is not usually possible due to the length of the speeches and the fact that visual aids, such as slides, are generally used. For this issue, however, Betty McKay MacKenzie, guest speaker at the January 1999 meeting, has typed out her speech on *Hemmingford* and submit it for publication in *Connections*. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her time and effort in preparing this interesting and informative article. I have split the article into two parts the first beginning on page 3, the second part on page 24.

I would also like to thank Sharon Callaghan for her article, *The Irish Woman*, on page 23. This is a condensed version from a research paper she wrote entitled, *The Irish - Sorrow to Hope*. Sharon is interested in writing and has been taking courses. As a class assignment she presented a magazine analysis of *Connections*, which led to some of her fellow students showing an interest in The QFHS. Potential QFHS members in the year 2000 ???

Hugh Banfill and Jim Tarlton also submitted interesting articles, *Bessie Jane Banfill, R.N.* pg 32 and *Diary of the Wife of John Mcnider - Metis* pg 14, for your leisurely perusal on those hot, hazy summer afternoons.

Ancestral Surname The 1999 edition of *The QFHS Ancestral Surname Booklet* is now being prepared and will be available for sale shortly. QFHS members may submit unlimited Ancestral Surnames for publication in this annual booklet.

The *Ancestral Surname List* on the QFHS Web site is being revised. No new names will be added and the existing surnames now listed on the Web site will be deleted. A new format-2000 will be published on the site in the autumn. For anyone wishing to have their ancestral surnames published on the QFHS Web site there will be a small fee of \$1.00 per surname. This service is available to anyone wishing to submit the surnames they are researching.

1881 Census - England and Wales A new addition to the 1881 census for England and Wales has arrived. It is an alphabetical index - by surname. If you don't know the county you can now search by surname. ie: ALL *Charles Darwins* living in England in 1881. To have a volunteer search this index the fee is \$5.00 for copies of up to five pages. see the inside back cover of *Connections* for details.

Summer hours for The QFHS Library listed under *Notes and News* on page 2 of this issue.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER

Dawn Ouellette / Editor

NEWS and NOTES

QFHS LIBRARY - SUMMER SCHEDULE [JUNE 21ST TO SEPTEMBER 7TH, 1999]

Commencing June 21st the QFHS Library will be open Monday thru Thursday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Wednesday evenings. The last Sunday open will be June 13th and the last Wednesday evening open will be June 16th. Closed Thursday, June 24th and Thursday, July 1st [Holidays]. CLOSED: August 30th to September 6th inclusive for annual cleaning and repairs.

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The British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa Fall Conference will be held the weekend of September 24th - 26th. The keynote speaker will be Mr Kyle Betit, Co-Editor of *The Irish at Home and Abroad*. For more details see page 11.

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by Betty McKay MacKenzie

To most people March 18th, 1799 isn't of any significance at all but to the residents of Hemmingford it is very important - it is the date that the Township of Hemmingford was officially established - the date that the final papers were signed in Quebec city. One might say that Hemmingford was "finally on the map". Prior to 1792 or 1793 the County of Huntingdon didn't exist. Prior to these dates the area that came to be known as Huntingdon was referred to as the "Waste Land". These "waste Lands" were situated on the US border, between two Seignories. To the west the Seignory of Beauharnois; to the east the Seignory of Lacolle.

In 1788-89 Mr. Chewett, deputy surveyor-general defined the boundaries of the non-fief land west of the Richelieu River - this area constitutes the County of Huntingdon. Mr. Chewett didn't file his report until 1795. However, in 1791 changes were made by the government. Up until 1791 the province had been under military rule. In May 1792 a proclamation was issued dividing the province into 21 counties. One of the new counties was Huntingdon and the names of Hemmingford, Hinchinbrook and Godmanchester were chosen for three of the townships in the county. I was interested in knowing who had the authority to assign names to this newly formed area. I asked someone at the Quebec Archives in Montreal and several other people who I thought would be able to answer my question, but they didn't know. While in the Archives in Ottawa I made enquiries. I later received a letter from Patricia Kennedy telling me that the Surveyors were entitled to assign names but the decision was subject to the approval of the Surveyor-General. In the *Huntingdon Gleaner* dated June 5, 1924 there is an article titled "A sketch of the early History of the three Counties". I noted that the article says that Mr. Chewett took the names for the newly formed County and Townships from "Old Huntingdon". I presume he meant the old county in England. The Townships of Hemmingford, Hinchinbroke and Godmanchester are quite close together in Huntingdon county in England. While I was in the Library of the Quebec Archives in Montreal I found a book titled "The MacMillan Book of Canadian Place

Names" I quickly looked for Hemmingford, there in black and white it read that the name was taken from England. I am interested in trying to find out if there was a family named Chewett living in one of those towns around the 1790s.

In 1771-1773 a surveyor, John Colins surveyed the line along the 45th parallel between the Richelieu river and the St. Lawrence river. In 1791 the Constitutional Act divided the territory into Upper Canada in the west and Lower Canada in the East. It wasn't until 1867 that Canada East became the Province of Quebec- Quebec meaning "narrow channel" a native Indian word.

In 1792 Alured Clarke issued a proclamation concerning the Terms of Grants and settlements. Some of the more interesting ones are - the size of the Township should be ten miles square - no more that 200 acres should be granted to any one person, one seventh part should be reserved for the Clergy (Protestant), all mineral rights belong to the Crown, persons receiving the grant should not pay for the land.

The year 1795 found Walter Diblee surveying the Township of Hemmingford, he laid out five ranges - these ranges ran parallel to the US border. Joseph Kilburn divided these five ranges into 206 lots (approx.) each lot being 200 acres with road allowance. The Crown and clergy lands were surveyed later.

The name Huntingdon applied to the whole district West of the Barony of Longueuil. In 1847 new districts were formed out of the old district of Huntingdon, for some time the name Huntingdon was dropped and Hemmingford was part of Beauharnois. Hemmingford was represented on the District council by John Scriver and Peter McNaughton. With the passing of the Municipal and Road Act in 1855 this District was abolished and the name of Huntingdon restored to the new County. In 1857, 12 Hemmingford lots were transferred to the Township of Franklin and in 1863, 93 lots were transferred to the Township of Havelock. These lots were taken from the the western end of Hemmingford Township. Of the 105 lots taken from Hemmingford - 7 were from the Clergy land and 98 lots were taken from Granted land - if my math is correct it means that

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of the original 206 lots of granted land that was surveyed - 98 were taken from Hemmingford leaving them with 108 lots - this meant that almost half of the original lots no longer belonged to Hemmingford. To date, no one has been able to tell me why this was done - did Hemmingford very happily hand over 105 lots or did the Powers that be make the decision? I am trying to find the answer and I hope that someone will be able to tell me.

Over the years seven land grants were made. One document was used per grant it contained the names of about 20 or more men who were to receive lots, the time period of these grants ranged from April 1799 to March 1865. Copies of all the grants are in the Archives. I'm not sure whether or not the men each received their own copy. The one deed shows the Range and Lot number that each man received. The early grants followed the rules of only 200 acres per person but somewhere along the way the rules were bent.

Here are a few statistics: In 1851 there were 18 blacksmiths, 14 shoemakers, 16 teachers, 6 coopers In 1861, 13 millwrights, in 1881, 9 dress-makers, in 1891 there were 16 merchants and 18 railroad personnel. How the trades of Hemmingford have changed over the years — the residents travel far afield for their necessities today.

Until the arrival of steamships the sailing ships that crossed the Ocean weren't able to sail up the St Lawrence River to Montreal as the channel wasn't deep enough. The immigrants disembarked in Quebec and boarded specially built boats that brought them to Montreal. I had an unanswered question that followed me everywhere - it was - How did the people coming off the boat know that land was available? Once again I asked everyone that I thought may have an answer - finally, I again asked Patricia Kennedy of the National Archives in Ottawa. She told me that Land Brokers met the ships coming into the port of Montreal, as people came ashore they were approached by the Land Broker - after a few minutes of discussion the Broker told the newly arrived immigrants that there was land available and took them to the Office where maps of various areas were kept. We must remember that *James* (I'll give him the name of *James* to avoid using the word "immigrant") hadn't

any idea where he wanted to settle, if he had a relative in a certain district chances were that he would chose to go to the same place. The land broker told them about the land that was available in Hemmingford and gave them the details concerning the lots. As we know the granted land was kept for the men who remained loyal to Britain during the American revolution - many of these patriots didn't intend to remain in Hemmingford and very quickly sold their lots to the first man that expressed any interest. It may have been that the Brokers in Montreal were also aware that there was land available to be resold in Hemmingford. There wasn't any set price per acre, but I'm sure that the sellers were interested in getting the best price possible. The name of the Petitioner wanting land was forwarded along with the reason that he felt that he was entitled to a lot. Based on the information that he gave the Land Committee a decision was made to give him the grant or reject his request - one of the main reasons for the rejection was that the Petitioner had requested land in two different areas and this wasn't permitted.

There were many problems to be taken care of before the family arrived in Hemmingford, James and family knew the location of their lot and the range number. Once they arrived in Hemmingford they would make further inquiries. It was now time to make plans for their trip to their new home. One of the major problems was "how to get to Hemmingford". There weren't any bridges prior to the 1850s - Victoria Bridge was opened in 1860 and this was only for the use of trains. The first step to be taken was to find someone to take them across the St Lawrence river to the south shore by boat, once there it was necessary to make their plans for the next 35 miles. The path through the woods followed an Indian trail - they continued their trip by foot or with a horse and wagon (which most immigrants couldn't afford). This trek must have taken three or four days, especially if James had his wife and children with him. The trip would have been very arduous as a supply of food and water must have been carried with them and they did have to keep watching for bears and wolves - these animals were very aggressive. Making camp at night was a necessity, especially if children were part of the family. The other choice was to

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hire a boat to go to Sorel and then up the Richelieu River to Lacolle, from there they could travel overland - a distance of about ten miles. Between Lacolle and Hemmingford there were many swampy areas as well as wild animals, however, if the weather was favorable the trip wouldn't be as difficult as the overland route through the forest.

Once in Hemmingford they had to find the lot that was to be their new home, occasionally a settler would find a squatters cabin and maybe a few cleared acres on their lot -they paid as little as \$25.00 or up to \$45.00 for these improvements. If they weren't fortunate to find a partially cleared lot with a cabin, it was necessary to clear enough land to erect a cabin for the family and cut trees. Their first seeds were planted between the tree stumps. The yield was wonderful as the soil was very rich. The cut trees were piled and burnt, the resulting ashes were made into potash, put into barrels and floated down the Little Montreal River to Laprarie or Montreal. Price of a barrel of potash ranged from \$25.00 to \$30.00. This was their only cash and allowed them to buy a cow or pig.

During my years of research I found that the first Doctor that resided in Hemmingford was Dr Frederick Steele Verity. He came to Hemmingford about 1850 and spent the rest of his life there serving the people of that community. Many children died of diphtheria and cholera and young mothers often died in childbirth. The only thing that the husband could do if he had several children was to remarry quite quickly to ensure that his children were cared for. Stoves were available around 1830 but very few people could afford such a luxury. If a stove wasn't available a fireplace was built with a hole in the roof for the smoke.

Some of the first settlers to arrive in Hemmingford were James Fisher, Daniel Scriver, Daniel and Ebenezer Norton, the Odells and John and Isaac Manning. These men came from the United States. The story is told that James Fisher came to New York city from Scotland with his parents when he was about 12 years old . Later he made his way to Alburg VT thinking that he was in Canada, however he soon discovered that Canada was a few miles further north. He moved once again and found himself in Hemmingford. He was one of the first settlers to buy his lot. He bought

Lot #4 in the first Range. The Street is called Fisher Street and is the first road inside Canada. James Fisher brought apple seeds with him, the trees flourished very well and within two decades he was a well known apple grower. There are descendants of James Fisher still living in the Hemmingford area. There weren't many cemeteries in the district so James fenced off an area of his farm and the Fishers were buried here. This Cemetery is one of the cemeteries that has been restored. Frederick Scriver left the US rather than swear allegiance to the new American state. He and his wife Sarah Grue settled on Lots 61 & 62 on Fisher Street. They had ten children.

I found a very interesting article in the *Huntingdon Gleaner*, titled "In The Early Days". It describes different ways of selecting a lot, it might be judging a stand of timber or being close to a neighbours. In cases of indecision the early Scots had an unique system, a settler would go to a leading man and after discussing the questions a chapter would be read from the Bible, then a coin was thrice thrown in the air and the side that most frequently came up would settle the question. (There wasn't any explanation what influence the coin tossing had in determined which lot he would choose or on what basis the settler made his decision).

The early cabins were 12 x 18 and lit by one window. The roof sloped to the front and at the back a fireplace was built. If the floor was dry when the cabin was built, no floor was laid but if it was damp logs were split and placed on the floor. About eight years after settlers moved onto the Granted lands things began to slow down, one of the main reasons being that the owners didn't have their ownership papers. A wealthy Montreal merchant, named James Woolrich became interested in these lots and bought up many claims. He would rent these lots for a fee or sell them and charge a yearly fee of six pence per acre per year, these fees were to be paid to him. Even though the property was sold several times this obligation became part of the sale and the new owner was obliged to pay this yearly fee to the Woolrich family. He certainly was trying to set up a "seignory type" holding for himself. In 1822 the Hemmingford Statistical report shows that he

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owned about 80,000 acres. During his time as a Land Owner Mr. Woolrich offered \$200.00 to any one who would clear 30 acres on any of his lots. Around 1808 Mr. Woolrich had a saw and grist mill built just off Rt 202, west of Hemmingford Village. I have been told that the remaining foundation is still visible. James Woolrich married Madeleine Gamelin in Christ Church Cathedral in Montreal in 1791. There were five children in the family. Two sons, James and Thomas and three daughters Julie, Lisa and Elizabeth. The daughters were brought up Catholic as was Mrs. Woolrich, the sons were raised as Protestants - Mr. Woolrich's church affiliation. All the daughters married, son James died an alcoholic, Thomas worked in Mr. John Scriver's store and when the Rebellion broke out in 1837 he joined and became a Captain with the Militia of Hemmingford. Thomas died of TB in Laprarie June 21, 1849

The Land Registry Office in Huntingdon has deeds from about the early 1830s - it is quite difficult to find the names of the owners prior to 1830. I am still trying to locate these early deeds, but to date, I haven't found any. One of the projects of the Hemmingford Archives is to build a history of the Lots, we encourage people to either give or loan us their old deeds. If they are loaned the deeds are photocopied and returned to the owners. This way a file is being built for each lot, as a result it is possible to find the names of previous owners and the dates that the property was sold or bought. One of the areas of greatest interest of people coming to the Archives is "Who owned my Property before me".

While in Quebec city last June, I was reading some of the material that the Quebec Archives holds concerning Hemmingford. I read a rather sad letter - it was pleading the case of a man who had applied for a lot on the Granted Land and had lived there for ten years, he built a house and barns and cleared the fields only to find that his application had been rejected and another man was the owner of his lot. I haven't any way of knowing what happened but the whole thing must have been devastating for him and his family.

The Hemmingford area was settled mainly by Irish Protestants and Scottish people. Many Irish Protestants settled in the village of Sherrington

(north of Hemmingford) but quite quickly found that they had to pay tithes to the Seigneur, this they refused to do and soon moved further south into Hemmingford. The Crown Land, containing about 9000 acres was opened to the public in 1834 between that date and the final sale in March 1867, 97 lots were sold. The Clergy Land had about 6000 acres. It was opened Feb. 1862 and sales continued until September 1876. A total of 33 Lots were sold. In 1834 when the Crown Land opened to the public it was still difficult to travel, but trails through the bush made life much better than when the first settlers came in 1799. The year of 1833 saw the beginning of a real push to have roads built. Last June (1998) my husband and I spent two days at the Quebec archives in Quebec city, there I found a real treasure - the documentation of the laying out of the roads. In order to have a road built it was necessary that several men (they had already decided where they needed a road) approached Mr Roger Robson, Commissioner of Roads, they presented him with their request. He in turn studied the plan made changes, if necessary, and forwarded the request to John Scriver, Surveyor of Roads. If John Scriver approved the plan a meeting was called of the interested men and permission was granted. It was then necessary to have a proper map drawn showing the path of the road. The building and maintenance of the road was the responsibility of the men. If it was deemed necessary to have a bridge built the same procedure was followed. Each group of men brought a plan with them showing the desired path for the new road as well as the number of the lots that would be affected. I'm sure that these proposed roads would be built where foot paths were already established or between farms. As we drive along these roads today, we never think of how they came to be built or why in that certain place. These documents are in the Hemmingford Archives and if anyone is interested you are welcome to look at these plans for the roads. By the time the Clergy lands began to be settled in 1862 there was train service to Montreal from Hemmingford. This train service opened a whole new market to the farmers as it enabled them to send their produce into the city.

The Mailbag

Compiled and Edited
from your cards and letters
By QFHS member Mimi Hayward

The MAILBAG is your forum for genealogical news and debate; your space for announcements, reunion notices, new sources and resources, or achievements to tell the world about. We sometimes must edit for length of an item but not for content.

1784 LOYALIST LANDING at ADOLPHUSTOWN, ONTARIO

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On June 19, 1999 the Bay of Quinte Branch, UEL Association of Canada, will host a special event to coincide with the the Second Annual Ontario Celebration of United Empire Loyalists Day. The event will also mark the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Adolphustown U.E.L. Park. Confirmed plans include the arrival of authentic bateaux with period-costumed crew and passengers led by the brigantine St. Lawrence II; a heritage fair with booths for other UEL branches, genealogical and historical societies; crafts; music and food. All those interested are invited to attend. Any who would like to participate (as more than visitors) please contact Bill Daverne by phone, mail, or e-mail.

SOUTIERE FAMILY of SAINT-JEAN-SUR-RICHELIEU

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Mary Petrangeli has written in response to the December 1998 MAILBAG item about Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec.

"My grandmother, Euphemia Soutiere and her parents Pierre and Desarie Soutiere were from Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu. Euphemia married John T. Moore of Napierville. They had a son, Edward, who died very young and is probably buried in the Saint-Jean area.

John and Euphemia moved to Trenton NJ, in the late 1800s and that is all I know."

Ms Petrangeli would appreciate hearing from anyone who knows anything about this family.

CANADIAN BAPTIST ARCHIVES

From: Relatively Speaking, Alberta Genealogical Society, February, 1999.

The Canadian Baptist Archives has an extensive collection of 19th and 20th century Baptist Church records. They do not do genealogical searches, but will provide the name of a professional researcher who is familiar with the Archives. Contact:

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FARRELL - O'FARRELL CLAN:

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Patricia and Hugh Taylor, with Joan Farrell, have attended two International FARRELL Clan Reunions in Ireland, and at both have been surprised to find that they were the only Canadian attendees.

The next Reunion is in Longford, Ireland, in the year 2000. They would like to hear from other Canadian Farrell/O'Farrells, and encourage any who can to attend the Reunion in 2000.

Queries may also be addressed to the Farrell Clan via their Website:

<http://ourworld@compuserve.com/homepage/TimCFerrell>

WHEN DID WORLD WAR I END?

Pat Geyh

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Pat has queried (rightly!) the item in the December '98 MAILBAG that states that W.W.I ended with Victory Day November 15, 1918. Sorry, that was our copy error. On November 9, 1918, the German Kaiser, William II, abdicated. Two days later, on **November 11, 1918**, an Armistice was signed between Germany and the Allies at Rethondes in France, thus ending World War I. The Treaty of Versailles [optimistically but unrealistically called a "peace document"] was signed June 28, 1919.

GENEALOGICAL ANAGRAMS

Thanks for the idea, to the Derbyshire FHS Journal. Solutions at the end of the MAILBAG.

- 1) Once axing a tall green nail edition (3 words)
- 2) Libby is flame (2 words)
- 3) A mum lent intrinsic spoon (2 words)
- 4) Vile ionic girt star (2 words)
- 5) Greens claim I care (2 words)
- 6) I stored rice (1 word)
- 7) Nun curses rest (2 words)

POLTIMORE & CANTLEY, QUEBEC:

CHURCH RECORDS

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Cindy McClelland and Cynthia McMillan have typed and indexed the records of various churches in Poltimore and Cantley, Quebec:

St. Andrew's Presbyterian/United Churches,

1881-1939, Poltimore and Cantley

Poltimore record book, 1901-1940s

Anglican Church Cemetery Poltimore map & index

United Church Cemetery, Poltimore; map & index

Ottawa Branch, OGS. has published some of

these and is planning to publish the others.

Cindy is willing to search these indexes and says

that if she doesn't have records for a particular

name, she may know of a relative that is still living

in the area or be able to suggest a place to look.

She is not available to do further research in

Ottawa. Cindy is interested in the local history, and since they have a family store business, she has come to know the people well over the last 25 years. [Thanks Cindy!]

TO SCHOLARS OF RAILWAYS and MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS:

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Gail believes that she has located the grave and tombstone of her gr gr grandfather Henry HOUGH, in Mount Royal cemetery. His burial record is dated 14 March 1872, (born England, residence 67 Magdalen Street, Montreal) but the lettering on the tombstone is so worn as to be illegible. What does remain, at the top, is a clear bas relief of a train engine! She wonders if anyone is aware of the significance of this image and, equally important, the name of a monument company of the time that might have produced this kind of image. Please contact Gail Browne at the above addresses with any suggestions. [The burial record does not name any next of kin]

HERALDRY: FAMILY CRESTS OF FRANCE:

Thanks to Ernie Smith (# 876)

Ernie has passed on the information that, for those interested in the Heraldry / Armorial / Family Crests of France; there are three reference works, compiled by different authors, each with the surname of d'Hozier. These books are available at:

- 1) Bibliotheque Nationale, Montreal - by Charles d'Hozier.
- 2) Bibliotheque Municipale, Central Branch, Montreal, Main Floor Reference - by Louis d'Hozier.
- 3) National Library, Ottawa - by Ambroise d'Hozier.

19TH CENTURY FRENCH PROTESTANTS In CANADA EAST and CANADA WEST:

Helen Lamb Shearman (#1720)

Helen Shearman draws to our attention a little known resource at the National Archives of

Canada, for a contemporary glimpse into the lives of French Protestants in Montreal and the surrounding areas along the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Rivers, as well as the Eastern Townships and the counties of Prescott and Glengarry, C.W. The file is called **The Doudlet Sketchbook**. Reverend Jacques Frederic DOUDIET (1802-1867) was a French-speaking Swiss missionary, brought to Canada by the French Canadian Missionary Society in 1844. His sketches reflect the areas he visited between 1845 and 1850. Most are titled and dated.

Helen was fortunate to find sketches of two of the homes of her ancestors - one in St. Andrews, C.E. and the other in Hawkesbury Mills, C.W.

**BROME COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:
ARCHIVES and MUSEUM.**

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The Brome County Historical Society, founded in 1897, maintains a complex of five historic Museum Buildings on their site in Knowlton (Lac Brome), plus a pioneer schoolhouse close by. All are open May to September.

The Archives are housed in the old County Court House, Number 15, St. Paul Street - one of the Museum buildings. Archivist Marion Phelps is most helpful and very knowledgeable about the extensive holdings, as well as about the history - settlement, business, politics and "personages" of the region. The Archives are open by appointment, usually 10 am to 4pm weekdays, but telephone ahead for an appointment.

The Collections are listed and briefly described in two volumes: *Collections of the Brome County Historical Society: [1] Preliminary Inventory, 1954; and [2] Supplementary Inventory, 1993.* The holdings are, of course, most comprehensive for Brome County; but include, as well, material from other Counties - Bedford, Compton, Drummond, Huntingdon, Mississquoi, Richmond, Shefford, Stanstead.

Seigneur Papers of Foucault, Noyan, St. Armand **Family Papers** include: Samuel Willard, 1783-1899 (complete papers, a very large collection);

Knowlton Family, various from 1790-1905;

Samuel Gale, 1774-1903;

Cornell Family, 1809-1871;

Lucius Seth Huntington, 1862 -1887;

Tibbitts, 1799-1828.

Personages: Justus Billings; Rev. John Doty; Dr.

William H. Drummond; Judge Sam Willard Foster;

Colonel Grey's Diary, 1841; John P Noyes Q. C.;

Pettes Family in Nova Scotia, 1784-1786; Henry

Taylor, (journal), 1840; Cyrus Thomas, (historian).

Township Papers include: Ely; Dunham; Farnham; Potton; Shipton; Stukely; Sutton.

Towns and Villages include: Abercorn; Caldwell's Manor; Frelighsburg; Mansonville; Rawdon; Saint Armand.

Military : War of 1812; Rebellion of 1837-1838; Fenian Raids, 1866 and 1870.

The above is just a small sample. Both Collections catalogues are available in the QFHS Library. The Supplementary Inventory was recently donated by Marion Phelps. [Thank-you Marion!]

CHURCH BELLS OF MONTREAL:

Who cast them? What was their occupation called? Were they members of a Guild or Union? What was it called?

These are questions that have come from several people recently. Family stories will say that an ancestor built the bell(s) for some (unnamed) church. So far, we have not found an answer, at least not in a Canadian context, in any book or article.

In England these men were called bell-founders, worked in a bell-foundry, and the process was called bell-founding. No Guild name was given.

From Estelle Brisson, the very helpful Archivist at les Archives Nationales du Quebec in Montreal, we have learned that Catholic churches have three bells of different tone and size, rung singly or in combination for the different ceremonies of Baptism, Marriage, and Burial. Protestant churches usually have one bell.

We would be happy to hear from anyone who has more information about "Who made the Bells?"

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HEMMINGFORD BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS: 1799-1999

Thanks to Betty McKay MacKenzie

On March 18, 1799, the Township of Hemmingford was established. Listed below are just some of the events taking place this year and into 2000, to commemorate the bicentennial of the founding of Hemmingford:

June/July/August:

Hemmingford in pictures and diorama
Old kitchen artifacts & vintage clothing exhibit
Hemmingford Museum
Keddy's sawmill museum

June

6 Pied Piper of Hemmingford (town flutist)
Official town photograph
D-Day ceremony

18 Old wedding dress exhibit

24 Horsestory Hemmingford

July

1 Flag Day -- all cemeteries
Bicentennial Canada Day celebration

Aug

7-15 Old Home Week

6-7 Cercle des Fermieres - quilting, weaving,
antiques - displays and demonstrations

7 Historic bicycle tour

8-11 Shoestring Theatre: Children's play.

8 Masonic Lodge Brunch

8 Cemetery Tour

9 UN Peacekeeping Ceremony

13-14 Quilt Show at St Andrew's Presb. Church

13-15 Hemmingford Impressions: Local artists,
exhibit and sale. St. Andrew's Church

14 Historic Walk through village
Open houses and churches

15 Old Home Week / Bicentennial Parade

28 Horsestory Hemmingford

Sept 1 - Oct 31 Apple Museum

Sept 4 Hay Rides and Old Fashioned Fun Day

Sept 18-19 Wool Gathering - exhibitions
demonstration, centuries old farmhouse
Heller Farm, Roxham Road.

The celebrations continue through Hallowe'en, Christmas and the Millenium Gala, Dec 31, 1999, to **March 17, 2000**. Blessing of the Town for the Millenium (day) and St. Patrick's Day party (evening) ending a full year of special Bicentennial Events! Additional information for participants and attendees from Commerce Hemmingford.

The text of Betty McKay MacKenzie's talk on the history of Hemmingford, given at the QFHS January 1999 meeting, can be found elsewhere in this issue.

COGSWELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Malcolm Cogswell

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Two years ago Malcolm COGSWELL, as one of the few Cogswell Family Association members familiar with Halifax, NS, "vounteered" to organize a Cogswell Reunion. Two previous reunions had been held in Georgia and California.

October 2-4, 1998, sixty-seven Cogswells, spouses and descendants attended a Family Gathering where Malcolm met fifty or so previously unknown relatives. They toured out to the country to see the original Cogswell land grant, and attended church service at the oldest standing Protestant church in Canada, [Saint Paul's Church, Argyle Street, Halifax, 1750] where a Cogswell had once been Curate.

The Association is open to descendants and spouses (even those who are still working to prove it!) of John and Elizabeth (Thompson) Cogswell who came to America in 1635 on the ship, *Angel Gabriel*, wrecked at Pemaquid Point (Maine). They settled at Ipswich (now Essex), MA. The Association has published a reprint of *The Cogswells in America*, 1888, by E.O. Jameson; and in 1998 an updated version, *Descendants of John Cogswell*, compiled by Donald Cogswell of Queen Mary, MD, the family historian, which includes well over 13,000 descendants

The house in England in which the first John Cogswell was born in 1593, still stands and has been identified. Membership in the Cogswell Family Association is \$20.00 per year and includes a three (3) times a year Newsletter.

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STRAYS FROM QUEBEC

In the 1871 ONTARIO CENSUS [cont'd]

Thanks to Luc Lepine (#1878)

In the 1871 Ontario Census there are hundreds of Quebec Strays (born in Quebec) - their descent given as French, English, Sottish, Irish, Belgian, German, Dutch, etc. From the extensive list that Luc has provided, taken **just from the 'As'**, and continued from the September 1998 issue, here are some others:

AGUSTUS John - French - Laborer
AITCHISON John - Scot - Carpenter
AKEY Joseph - French - Laborer
ALKENBRACK Henry - German - Farmer
ALLNZ John - French - Blacksmith
AMALE (HAMEL) Francis - French - Farmer
AMEL (HAMEL) James - French - Laborer
AMO Bengoine - French - Laborer
AMY Henry - English - Farmer
ANDRE Henry - French - Fireman
ANLON John - Canadian - Stonecutter
ANTWALE (ANTOINE) Frank - French - Hunter

ARCAW Christmas - French - Farmer
ARROLL William - Irish - Farmer
ASTLIN Angel - French - Grocer
AUDITTE John - French - Clerk
AUGER Joseph - French - Printer
AUGER Thomas - French - Second Hand Dealer
AUOBER (HEBERT) - French - Farmer
AYRSHAW Kevin - French - Laborer
AUSBITT Joshua - French - Carpenter

SPEAKING of STRAYS: the SPARROWS

In: DeMarco VE. Notebook: French-Canadian settlement in the Champlain Islands, Grand Isle County, Vermont before 1880.

Sparrows "a term used by demographic historians for people who fly into and out of the records very quickly without leaving any further trace" [delightful word for a genealogical enigma!]

GENEALOGICAL ANAGRAMS: answers

- 1) International Genealogical Index;
- 2) Family bibles;
- 3) Monumental inscriptions;
- 4) Civil registration;
- 5) Marriage licences;
- 6) Directories;
- 7) Census returns

Each issue, more and more of your letters come by e-mail. If you wish to have your letter, question, notice, etc. published in the MAILBAG please include your postal address for our many readers who do not use e-mail.

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**BRITISH ISLES FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
OF GREATER OTTAWA**

The BIFHSGO Fall Conference on British Isles Family History will be held on the week-end of September 24th - 26th, 1999 at the National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario. The focus is on *The Irish*. The keynote speaker will be Mr Kyle Betit, Co-Editor of *The Irish at Home and Abroad*. For further information write to: BIFHSGO, P.O. Box 38026, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K2C 3Y7; Telephone: (613) 224-9868; E-mail: bifhsgo@cyberus.ca; Home Page: <http://www.cyberus.ca/~bifhsgo>.

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ANGELICA STUART (ca 1768-1829), SECOND WIFE TO JOHN MACNIDER (1760-1829) and SEIGNEURESS OF METIS.

ANGELICA STUART or ANGELIQUE STEWART and other combinations of the four names - was most likely born in Quebec, the daughter of Murdoch Stuart (1737-1821), the Paymaster in Wolfe's Army,² and Angélique Cartier (1746-1810), great grand-aunt of Sir Georges Etienne Cartier, a Father of Confederation. Her first marriage was to David Ross in Quebec in 1787 and she had two children by him: Angelica Jane (1790-1868) and Charles William (b.1792).

After the death of her husband in 1810, Angelica Stuart married in the following year, John Macnider (1760-1829), a prominent Scottish merchant and widower in Quebec, who through right of purchase, became the Seigneur of Metis on the Gaspé coast in 1807.³ Macnider was the first of the Seigneurs to bring settlers from his native Ayrshire in Scotland to the area in 1818 and although he never saw the results of his investment, an English-speaking community that endures to this day was established in this quaint, quiet and picturesque area of the St. Lawrence River. The comments that follow provide background for Angelica Stuart's Diary in 1822. The diary covers the period of June 21 to August 6, 1822 when Angelica, the Seigneuress at age 54, spent the summer at Metis and experienced first-hand the living conditions in the area. On the way there from Quebec City, her home, she first travels by an ocean-going sailing ship - the *Rebecca* - which regularly plies with trading goods between Quebec and Europe, and indeed brought many of the first Scottish families to the Seigneury some four years earlier. After two and a half days of sailing down the St. Lawrence River - at 7:00 p.m. at night, she is hoisted in a chair down to a waiting pilot's boat and four hours later, is heading for the port of Rimouski - where she arrives at 3:00 a.m. in the morning! An hour later, she then proceeds by boat to Metis - now three days from Quebec - where life as a Seigneuress unfolds. In August, the return trip to Quebec City is largely by road, which proves - in some respects - to be a more arduous experience, and an interesting contrast when one reflects on the time to do the 365 km trip by road today. Still, the period of the diary was only thirty years after the beginning of the French Revolution and seven years after the Battle at Waterloo.

¹ E-Z Massicotte, *Le Bulletin des Recherches Historique*,

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² Alice Sharples Baldwin, *Metis - Wee Scotland of the Gaspé*, 1977 edition p.16:
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³ *Connections*, vol 18, no. 2, December 1996, pp: 23-26

Submitted by E. James Tarlton

Diary of the Wife of John McNider - Metis

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June 21st 1822 Friday morning 7 o'clock embarked on board the Rebecca. Fair wind all days, got as far as (correction) at the Brandy Pott (Brandy Pots). Company on board very pleasant and polite, country all around most beautiful, very good fare on board the Ship and very regular, Breakfast at Nine, Launch (sic) at twelve (sic), dinner at four, Tea at Seven, wine and water at ten, bed at Eleven. Not sick one minute although the Ship rooked terribly.

Saturday [June 22nd], foggy and rainy all day, lay at Anchor. A cold in my head which put me in bad humour as I could not read; the passengers on board having so many new publications and so polite as to offer them to me.

Sunday Morning [June 23rd] thick foggy weather, no public prayers on board, the Company falling to reading; but not Sermons, some observing they always forgot Sundays on board the Ship! In very good humour my cold being gone. Eleven o'clock A.M. a fine breeze down the River, put up all the sails, the Ship going very rapidly (sic) could hardly stand on our feet, the Company all cheerful (sic) - Seven o'clock P.M. was hoisted down in a chair in the pilate's (sic) Boat pleasant enough; a fine breeze, rather cold towards Eleven O'clock.

Monday Morning [June 24th], 3 o'clock landed at Rimouski, very cold, got a cup of tea made, 4 o'clock embarked in another Boat, beautiful morning, quite well but very sleepy. 10 o'clock landed at Grand Metis Cottage after some difficulty (sic) in landing, the tide being too low; at Grand Metis Cottage it looked rather dismal at first, there being no bread in the House, not a bed to rest upon, after all our fatigues, however we made up a dinner at twelve O'clock of some kind, and rested ourselves in the afternoon, we got tea early and went to bed soon after, and slept well.

Tuesday [June 25th] - got up quite refreshed, set about arranging the House and making ourselves comfortable. Mr. Macnider went afishing, got a few

small trouts for breakfast, our servant shot a duck for dinner, and one of our former Woman Servant, who is settled at Metis brought us pigeons (sic), fine bread, and fresh butter, which was all very acceptable. Mr. Macnider caught a good many trouts in the afternoon, and I began to look around me with pleasure, admiring the beauties of Nature and the pleasantest situation in the World for a Cottage as I thought, till I had seen Little Metis, where we went.

Wednesday Morning [June 26th] at Seven O'clock in Mr. Brisbois boat, we had such a beautiful Sailing and landed safely at the Mansion House and were received very cordially. In the course of the day a great many of our tenants came to pay their respects to us; Little Metis is one of the prettiest (sic) places that I ever saw. It is like an Island, the House is built on the Point, and all the buildings which are built around it makes it appear as a little Villa surrounded with water. They have however no Garden which is a great shame as the soil seems very rich. Mr. Macnider had caught that morning a Trout weighing 3 pounds which we took down for dinner, we came home to our Cottage at Grand Metis at Seven O'clock in our own Calash in very indifferent roads, took another very large fish weighing 6 pounds, took our supper, went to bed as happy as can be in this world of troubles. Thursday Morning [June 27th], wet and foggy, very good for the land, put out a Salmon Net, Maid Servant came, a great relief to me. Visit from a well dressed Lady with a Basket of salt herrings, went to bed late having a Gentl. visitor, read a good deal in my room while the Gentlemen were chatting in the Parlour.

Friday [June 28th]. Most beautiful morning laid the corner Stone of our Mill, Mr. Macnider treated the workmen, a Lady to dine with us, a very good dinner, a nice pudding; few fishes that day, put out a net for trouts, the Lady slept (sic) at our house.

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Saturday [June 29th], a fine day, our Men shot a good many Pidgeons. Musquitos (sic) very troublesome, went to bed early. Slept in peace.

Sunday Morning [June 30th], dull at first, Thunder, Lightning, and rain afterwards, rain comming in the House a little. A Visitor, asked him to dinner, a few of our tenants comming to see us, read a religious book, received a Petition from a Man wishing to part with his wife, foggy afternoon, Stormy Night. Slept indifferently.

Monday [July 1st]. Beautiful morning. Mr. Macnider went to fish before breakfast took some trouts, nothing in the nets, but a flounder. Got people to work at the fishery's, a Man from Rimouski with butter, no News. Getting impatient for the Notary.

Tuesday [July 2nd], a fine day, James Macnider¹ to dinner, a very large salmon and a very large trout in the Net, a present of two fresh Cod-fish.

¹[most likely James Macnider (b:1795) first son of Mathew (1762-1820) / nephew of John Macnider (1760-1829), an older brother of Mathew]

Wednesday [July 3rd] - plenty of Marangouins, great Plague, four fine Salmon in the Net, Man, Wife and Children and Neighbors applying to Mr. Macnider to make peace amongst them, tried to chum, could not make Pan cakes with the cream, got the Calash from Little Metis to take a ride and see our tenants next day.

Thursday Morning [July 4th], rainy, very good for our cabbages took a Salmon in the Net, 1 doz Eels in the Basket, disappointed of our ride, got a Suckling pig in a present. Evening two large trouts in the Nets and some flounders -- caught a few small trouts with the line.

Friday, [July 5th] a fortnight from home, a most charming Morning took a delightful ride, stopt (sic) at half dozen Cottages, the tenants very happy to see their Seigneuresse - the Cottages very comfortable and clean, except one in the Style of Glenburny. All the Settlers look en bon point (sic), no need of Doctors at Metis, never was in better health all my life (eat fish twice, and thrice, a day, sometimes) returned to dinner at two O'clock, fine salmon for dinner, good appetites, took an Inventory of our Wine in the afternoon, found a great many bottles missing, and some filled with water, very honest people that we gave the charge of our things to. Port Wine at Little Metis all drank in Winter, none kept for Mr. Macnider, tea and Sugar in the trunk all gone. Evening, a few trouts and

Flounders in the Nets.

Saturday [July 6th], a fine Morning Cleaning the House, lost our Cow, found her again, put a Net for Pidgeons took none, a few fishes, a great fire in Mr. Pages wood, caught Cold in looking at it at Night.

Sunday Morning [July 7th], very fine, a few fishes in the Net took a Solitary walk, beginning to be ennuiez,² a great many pidgeons in the Net, two Gents. to dinner, read a while, tea, walk, and bed.

Monday [July 8th] one Fortnight at Metis. Wind Easterly, rather oppressive, no breath, backed [sic; baked?] in the Chaudron³ very good. One extraordinary large Salmon and one common size, a few Flounders, a few pidgeons, a Neighbor with a present of fresh butter, Washing day, got our Oven mended. ²[bored] ³[cauldron (in English)]

Tuesday [July 9th], Rainy, a few Eels no pidgeons no Salmon, wrote most of the day, a good many pidgeons in the Evening, still raining, went to bed early. Slept sound. P.S. in the afternoon a Woman who had left her husband, came to Mr. Macnider to prevail upon him to ask the Husband to take her back, in which case Mr. Macnider wrote a Note to the Man.

Wednesday Morning [July 10th], very fine, a good many Trouts, two Men to work at our Barn, Mr. Macnider mending his Lines for fishing, took a very long walk after dinner as far as our Mill which is advancing rapidly, very well entertained to see so many Men at work. Millwright, Carpenters, Massons (sic) carters for the Stones &c. Went up a very steep hill to see a Settler, found the Grain there extraording (sic) fine, and every thing around the House Comfortable and neat, the House itself very good and clean but not finished, a most beautiful view of the Country around and of the Mill from the top of the hill, came down again went home, not in the least fatigued after my walk, a Lady to tea. A great Storm after, broke 7 panes of Glass in one of our Windows, got calm again, went to bed and slept.

Thursday [July 11th], got up early, went to see Mr. Macnider fishing, who took a great many Trouts, had some to breakfast, very fine, never had such a good appetite as at Metis. Baked, made a Pidgeon Pie, and a Custard for dinner; took a walk in the afternoon to see our Grain up the hill, which I found very good, but the hill very steep. One of

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our Pigs, died this day, took in our Salmon nets, cloudy Night, to bed.

Friday [July 12th], rainy day. Three weeks from home, the Notary come at last, dined, went afishing, dull afternoon, rainy, received letters from Quebec, no news in them.

Saturday [July 13th], rainy and foggy, Mr. Macnider and Mr. Deguise went afishing, got some. Trouts for breakfast, both Gentlemen went to Little Metis afterwards, paid £4 to Carval,¹ and the same to St. Pierre which Mr. Macnider ordered me to do, being Clerk in his absence. Dined alone, no appetite. Weather clearing up, went to bed early.

Sunday [July 14th], fine morning, a visitor to breakfast, prepared to go to Little Metis, would not go till Ten, on account of the Ride, arrived in safety, although very bad roads. Spent a most pleasant day and enjoyed the Company of Mr. Macnider, had a very good dinner. Fresh Cod, roasted Pig, goose-berry Tarts, and Strawberrys. Slept at Little Metis, came away.

¹[Covell added in brackets after this name in *Le Bulletin des Recherches Historique* reference]

Monday Morning [July 15th], in bad roads again, Thunder, Lighting (sic) and Rain a part of the way; got up home at Grand Metis Cottage. Carier from Rimouski with a present of Eggs, announced that the French Bishop and his Suite would arrive at Grand Metis that Night or next day, in great distress where to put them, by good luck they did not come, went to bed.

Tuesday [July 16th], fine weather, dined alone, Mr. Macnider and Mr. Deguise come back from Little Metis to Tea, a Man from Rimouski with a present of fine Pidgeons fattened purposely for us. Mr. Gagnon, Curé of Rimouski arrived at Night on purpose to meet the Bishop, who he said would arrive that Night or next Morning. He did not come however; went to bed late.

Wednesday [July 17th], fine day, the Gentlemen went afishing, got plenty of small Trouts, looked for the Bishop all the Morning, and waited dinner for him till three O'clock, sat down to dinner without him. At last about Six, his Emminence (sic) made his appearance in his Barge, accompanied by four Priest, they fired Guns, and we answered from our Fort. As the Tide was low we sent a carriage for his Lordship, who arrived in safety. Never was there such a Sight at Metis before. All the Ladies of the Neighbouroud (sic) in their best

attire, came to pay their homage, and ask the Bishop's benediction and went on their knees in great humility to receive it. Some of them had children in their arms to be Chritened (sic) but none of the Priest were prepared for that ceremony, so it was put off to some other time. His Lordship and Suite took their Tea, fresh Cod and Straberrys &c and reambarked (sic) in their Barge at about Eight. We were obliged to send them down the Beach again in the Carriage, the Tide not answering. Mr. Gagnons and Mr. Deguise staid with us that Night. Staid up very late, could not Sleep on account of so many people in the Garret who made a terrible noise.

Thursday, 17 July [should read 18th], fine morning, got up very early, very unwell and fatigued, could eat nothing that whole day. Mr. Macnider and Mr. Deguise extremely busy finishing with the Settlers. Mr. Gagnons went to batize (sic) Children in the Settlement. He came back. A Lady to Confess. Wrote my Daughter, a good many Savages passing, a great Loup Marin [?] with them. Messrs D and G gone after dinner, very glad to be once more alone with my Husband. Discovered a mistake in my journal, went to bed early, slept indifferently, so many flies in our room, and very hot.

Friday [July 19th], 4 weeks from home, got up late, a good sleep in the morning. Had tolerable breakfast. Mr. Macnider went to the Hill [Mill ?], wrote my journal, dressed, went to meet my Husband, came home, had a very nice dinner, Fish and Pancakes, a present of a Ling. Mr. Macnider fishing in the afternoon at a great rate, catching a great many most beautiful Large Trouts. Went to bed early.

Saturday [July 20th], fine morning, passed a pleasant day, put out our Pidgeon Net in a better place. Tenants and workmen coming in the Evening to settle accounts, very troublesome.

Sunday [July 21st]. Cloudy morning, not determined whether to go to Little Metis or stay at home, determined to go at last, the weather clearing up. Arrived there in safety, spoke to a Pilot from Quebec. No letters although the Man had been in our store the Thursday before, very vexing. Gathered Shells, sent to dinner, took a walk, drank Tea and came away pleasantly to our dear Cottage, when there our Men presented us with a most beautiful large Salmon, which some Savages had lost as they went along. Took our

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little Supper, went to bed contented.

22nd July, Monday. Rainy cold weather. Salmon for dinner. Dull all the day, went to bed early.

Tuesday [July 23rd], a good deal of rain early, staid (sic) in bed till the weather cleared up which was about 8. A Gentleman and Lady on horseback, staid dinner with us. A variety of fish for dinner, Custard, Gooseberry jam, very excellent, much better than at Quebec, some pigeons in the Net. Baked very fine bread and cakes, had Coffee, then went afishing. Mr. Macnider took a quantity of fine Trouts, the Lady staid (sic) with us all Night. N.B. The Gentlemen that dined (sic) with us reported that in going to Matane on Friday last, he saw first the Body of a dead Man, then that of a Marsoin, then two dead Pigs. The Bishop was still at Matane and would not allow the dead Man to be buried in the Parish, for fear of his being a heretic. [marsouin - French for porpoise]

Wednesday [July 24th], a beautiful morning, got up rather late having a Cold in my Head, for a wonder. Mr. Macnider gone off with the Lady to fish Trouts for breakfast, got plenty. Went to see them fish, came home, spent a pleasant morning, saw the Lady a part of the way home, saw a few of the Neighbours coming home. Got to bed very much fatigued that Night. Slept Sound.

Thursday [July 25th], rather Cloudy, but very pleasant, a present of fine fat pigeons, two Ladies to Tea, a good deal of rain in the evening, a present of Eggs and fresh butter.

Friday [July 26th], raining morning, 5 weeks from home. Brought a large Salmon from Savages, got Eels and trouts. Weather cleared up in the afternoon, went afishing, could catch nothing, although Mr. Macnider got a good many. A Lady to Coffee, a good many Eels at Night, went to bed. Slept sound.

Saturday [July 27th] - got up early a most charming morning. No fish on our lines, the Savages having stolen them. Company all the afternoon. A Horse and Six Cows from Rimouski.

Sunday [July 28th], rained all day, could not go in Boat as intended. Gentlemen to dinner, very dull, took a walk in the evening, came back in the rain, warned ourselves, went to bed.

Monday [July 29th], very fine weather, preparing to come away wrote letters for Mr. Macnider, plagued with people all the afternoon to bid us adieu, put off our Journey for a day in expectation of Mr.

Johnston's coming. Mr. M. went afishing on the other side of the River, got a remarkable large Trout and some small ones, came home wet.

Tuesday [July 30th], fine and dry determined to go away on the Morrow. Mr. Macnider gone to the Mill, left papers for me to copy, very bad pens, wrote my journal, received visits P P C (sic; ?).

Wednesday [July 31st], good weather, began our journey. Sent our Calash and Baggage by land to La Pointe aux Snelle, crossed ourselves in the Boat, embarked in our Calash, very indifferent roads. Dined at Cariers, rode all the afternoon, arrived at Mr. Trudelles at Six O'clock, very hot our faces like fire. Paid a visit to the Curé, went to bed early. Slept indifferently.

Thursday, 1st August - very Windy, against us, very much disappointed intending to have gone to Trois Pistoles by water. Took a walk in the Garden before breakfast, the parish of Rimouski very beautiful and picturesque. Went away from Mrs. Trudels at Nine O'clock in a Calash, reached River Natte at about ten, dined at Twelve upon our Cold provisions. Strawberrys and cream in the afternoon. Tea in the Evening (being detained by the Tide). Embarked in a Cart to continue our journey, a most beautiful ride in the woods. Now and then the Ground Cleared, and spaces appearing with the trees quite black and dismal, and then to relieve the Eye [eye - most likely], a beautiful spot of Flowers, and fruit, and huts now and then, much worse than at Metis. Indeed the habitations of the human species in these parts are much less attended to than that intended for the Cattle. The Grain looks very well, and the Meadows look Beautifull (sic). Went down the Hill, reached River Bic. A most beautiful and tremendous fall of water quite a surprize (sic). Ver (sic; We ?) had to reach our destination for the Night, got to it at last after a great deal of trouble, (which was to Old Bic harbour). Good accomodations (sic) (except beds). Slept none.

Friday [August 2nd], 6 weeks from home. Crossed the Portage in a Cart, most dreadful and shocking dirty Roads, never was so frightened in my life. Got at last to Trois Pistoles. Slept there, very good beds. Thunder and Lightning in the Evening. Very little rain.

Saturday [August 3rd], dined at green Island, very hot weather. Crossed the river in the Calash, rather allarmed (sic). The Country most beautiful

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and well cultivated, reached River du Loup at about Seven when [sic; went - most likely] to Colonel Fraser [Fraser's], a good deal of Company in the house. Slept none that Night.

Sunday [August 4th], got up early, went to breakfast, 2 leagues further a most pleasant Ride. The Country of River du Loup is charming. Proceeded on our journey, and passed through St. Andrews as the People were going to Church, who were dressed all very fine. The rain began and continued till we reached Kamouraska where we arrived quite wet and put up at the Hotel, where we dressed and dined and paid visits, a Gentleman being so kind as to send his Covered Calash for my use. Went to see the Seigneuresse and others, came home, drank tea, took a long walk, and went to bed. Slept well.

Monday [August 5th]. A fine morning, got up very early, breakfasted, embarked in a good Calash

and two fine horses. Proceeded on our journey very quick, passed through the fine Parish of River Wells admiring every thing, the River in particular. There are some very handsome houses in that place, and beautiful gardens surrounding them. Went through St Roch and St Anne, both parishes well cultivated and dined at St Jean at an acquaintance a very good dinner. Left the House and went as far as Mr. Harrower's, St. Jean Port Joli, where we stopt (sic) and admired the place very much, went on and arrived at St. Thomas at 8 o'clock where we staid (sic) that Night, good beds, every thing Comfortable. Slept, got up next morning pretty late.

Tuesday [August 6th] very Cold morning proceeded on our journey, stopt (sic) at Beaumont to rest ourselves, dined at Point Levi. Arrived at Quebec at four o'clock in very good health and Spirits.

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**TWISTS AND TURNS of the
PROTESTANT REGISTERS 1795-1835**

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Gilbert Bossé has published a few books about genealogy, history, and the Protestant Church Registers in the Gaspé. This latest book deals with the politics, public statements and Acts of the Legislature in enacting legal approval for Church Registers for Non-Anglican "Protestant Dissenting Churches". Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregationalist and Free Will Baptist congregations existed before these denominations were legally approved with official registers for Births, Marriages and Deaths. Gilbert Bossé's book is interesting in two ways. The data is genealogically important. Secondly, for the accounts of religious politics involved in legalizing church registers for religious groups. His quotations show that religious politics were as vicious and controversial then as they are now.

A surprising discovery was the approval of **CIVIL Marriages**. For Gaspé two interesting Acts exist. The first was C.A.P. XIX An Act to confirm certain Marriages, heretofore solemnized in the Inferior District of Gaspé. (15th March, 1821): *"...And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, the Marriages heretofore had, and solemnized within the said Inferior District of Gaspé, by any Minister of the Church of Scotland, or by any person reputed to be a Minister of the Church of Scotland, or by any Protestant Dissenting Minister, by any persons reputed to be Protestant Dissenting Ministers, or by any Justice of the Peace, shall be judged, esteemed and taken to be, and to have been good from the day of the celebration of such Marriages respectively, good and valid in Law, to all Civil effects and to all intents and purposes whatsoever, any Law, Usage or Custom, to the contrary not withstanding."*

The second act, entitled C.A.P. LI An Act to provide for the proof of the solemnization of Marriages and for the proof of certain Baptisms and Burials in the Inferior District of Gaspé. (25th February, 1932) provides that persons wanting legal registration can go before Judge with affidavits from two or more credible witnesses "...and shall order that the Prothonotary or Clerk of the Provincial Court for the said District, do make an entry of Record in the said Register of such District".

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COMFORT FOR THE CORPSE

Submitted by David Carr

My wife, Ann and I have been keen diggers for ancestral detail for a few years and recently were surprised by the following 1683 parish burial record in Lockington, a southeast Yorkshire town:

" buried the third day of February and on the eighth day of the same month an affidavit was brought unto me that she was buried in woollen according to the Act."

To be buried in wool, by law, seemed a bit odd to our standards. To satisfy our curiosity I sent a note to the editor of *The Yorkshire Family Historian* who promptly replied by e-mail:

"Buried in Wool Act 1667 and 1678. these acts were intended to help the wool trade and stated that 'corpses must be buried in wool'. The 1678 Act said 'no corpse of any person - except those dying of plague - shall be buried in any garment made of anything except sheep's wool only'. A relative of the deceased was required to swear an affidavit (recorded in the register) within eight days of the event that a 'woollen burial' had taken place, or else a fine of five pounds was levied on anyone connected with the burial. These Acts were repealed in 1814, but had fallen into disuse by then anyway." Live and learn in genealogy pursuits.

Editor's Note: For more information on this subject see the East of London Family History Society Journal, *Cockney Ancestor* # 78 - Spring 1998 pp. 3-5 *Burials in Woollen* by Prebendary Arthur Royall, available in the Periodical Section of the QFHS Library.

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THE IRISH WOMAN

By Sharon Callaghan

A few years ago while taking an anthropology course I had to write a paper concerning a nineteenth century immigration group. Of course, I chose those from Ireland as they make up most of my family tree background. In the process of doing my research I was surprised at the mention made relating to specific points about the women. As I grew up I had seen the character, strength and concern for family and heritage in my mother, grandmothers and aunts. Perhaps this was due in no small part to the Irish women who were their ancestors. The following are some excerpts from that paper highlighting the part of the Irish immigrant woman.

One of the largest immigration flows to North America leading up to and during the nineteenth century was from Ireland. Not only did many of these immigrants have to face a new land; many had to adapt to the unknowns of city life. A prominent period during this time was their arrival in the middle of the nineteenth century. This event, referred to as the Famine Migration, saw a major influx from Ireland of people seeking to escape hardships at home due to a crop failure. (Lees/Modell, 1977,p391).

Of particular note during these times was the unique role played by the Irish women migrants. It was important because of their high numbers, arriving in families, but also increasingly as single women (Groneman, 1978, p257). Because of hardships and challenges involved at the time, it was usual to see more men migrating than women. But, in comparison to other immigrant groups, these women formed a higher proportion of those leaving Ireland. These numbers even exceeded those of the men with the approach of the twentieth century (Jackson, 1984, p1006). The women probably felt that they had a better chance with immigration, better than facing a life of subordination at home. Nevertheless, in many cases faced with sexual abuse and harsh conditions, their fate was not always much better (Jackson, 1984,p1016).

Probably women could have gained more than men could by immigrating. They had little more skills than those required assisting with domestic chores on farms. However, on arriving in North America these skills did help, as a majority found work as domestic servants (Groneman, 1978, pp258-259). Many of the single women were also

able to try other occupations like the needle trades. But these offered, in many cases, little more than enough to live on and a fair amount of them turned to prostitution. There were also the married women who, according to one study of a city ward, contributed to the household income. Many of them took in boarders rather than work in the factories. This may have been due somewhat to lack of skills, but it was evident that many had made the choice. Faced with urban pressures that could threaten family solidarity, these women, by boarding, were able to maintain their traditional family continuity, while working at home (Groneman, 1978, pp262-263).

The Irish, as with other earlier immigrant groups, were more likely to have married couples immigrate together, thus avoiding family separation. However, of those who did immigrate separately there was something different, again concerning the Irish women. They appeared in relatively larger numbers, compared to other migrant women, to have been the one to arrive first on migration (Robles/Watkins, 1993, pp202-203).

So from their impoverished beginnings in Ireland these Irish, many of them women and rural peasants, undertook the perilous journey before, during and after the famine in search of some hope. Many did not make it, most notably due to disease but many others did (O'Gallagher, 1984 p57). Descendants of those who did are prominent in many walks of life, at varying levels. The women formed an important part of this immigrant group. For they too had made their mark and contribution to settlement in the nineteenth century and on into the twentieth century.

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by Betty McKay Mackenzie

After the end of the Napoleonic War in 1815 there was terrible hardship in Britain, this was the beginning of the great immigration to America. My gr, gr Grandfather, James Brownlee, with his wife Margaret Thomson immigrated from Carlisle, Scotland they landed in Montreal May 1819 after a month's voyage on the *Rebecca*—their fare was 8 guineas each - (one guinea was a little more than a pound). Shortly after their arrival in Montreal their son John was born. James was a carpenter, but work was very scarce. While in St. John QC James met a man who offered to sell him his lot in Hemmingford. The deal was completed and now James was the owner of Lot #142 in Hemmingford Township. He later sold this lot to his brother in law, Archibald Stewart after he came to Hemmingford. James, his wife Margaret and their baby son John went to Hemmingford from Montreal in the month of November 1820. They arrived there in the middle of a snow storm but were able to find shelter in a school house. The next day they went to their lot and found a shanty and a small clearing. He became a very successful farmer. About 1832 James built a beautiful stone house - this house still stands—a tribute to all of his efforts and I must add that the Road passing his stone house bears the name Brownlee Rd. James and Margaret had five sons and three daughters. Three sons remained in Hemmingford but never married—their eldest son John, went to Minnesota. Robert, the other son that married, eventually took over the home place. Two of James and Margaret's daughters died and the third daughter, Margaret married Wm. Alex McKay - my great grandparents. Wm. Alex McKay arrived in Canada in 1844 he went to Hemmingford (why and how I don't know) and opened a tailor shop in the Village. I have his tailoring iron and it weighs about eight pounds. Wm. Alex and Margaret had five sons and one daughter. Their eldest son George was my grandfather. I have copies of several Brownlee letters. One that James Brownlee wrote to his brother-in-law Archibald Stewart who, at the time, still lived in Scotland— the letter is dated 1821. I believe that the intention of this letter was to encourage Archibald to emigrate to Canada —he did arrive in 1822 and brought the letter with

him. I have learned that the mail from Scotland had quite a different journey— a person desiring to send a letter to Hemmingford would (if they lived near a port) take their letter and hand it to a ship's Captain -the envelope had the name of the person to whom the letter was written and below the name was written c/o Mr. Torrance, Merchant, Montreal. Mr Torrance would hold the letter until someone came into his shop to claim it. To send mail to Scotland the procedure would be reversed. Archibald Stewart was married to the sister of James' wife Margaret. The letter very vividly related details about their life in Hemmingford. Unfortunately the farm no longer belongs to any of the Brownlee Family.

The majority of the Scottish and Irish settlers came during the 1830s' and 1840s'. Many of their descendants still live in the area. Names such as McNaughton, Merlin/Marlin, McFee, Hadley McKay Greer, Kingsbury and Kyles are some of the familiar names. The daughters married and their descendants are also living in Hemmingford but their family name disappeared as they assumed their husband's name. Sad to say down through the years the sons and daughters moved to other places and took the family name with them.

In 1845 John Byrne was elected the first Mayor of the Township of Hemmingford along with a council Prior to this, each region in Quebec was administered by a local Justice of the Peace who was appointed by the Government in Quebec city.

In 1852 an exciting new era opened for the people of Hemmingford with the coming of the Railroad. The lives of the residents were definitely changed. As Victoria bridge wasn't open in 1852 it meant that the train left Montreal, went to Lachine where it was taken across the river to Caughnawaga by ferry. It then proceeded to Hemmingford. In 1859 Victoria bridge was opened—the route of the train was changed and after crossing the St Lawrence it stopped in St Lambert and continued on its way to Hemmingford. The purpose of this bridge was to carry trains across the St Lawrence River. The train passed through a steel tunnel - there were openings in the roof to allow the smoke to disperse. Later the tunnel was dismantled. At this time, and until the last passenger trip in 1958 the

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train carried passengers and freight for both Hemmingford and Huntingdon and towns along the way. When the train arrived at St Isidore the engine and the Huntingdon passenger cars carried on to Huntingdon-another engine hooked onto the Hemmingford coaches and proceeded to Hemmingford. One can only imagine the great excitement of the residents of Hemmingford when they realized that they now could ship their fresh produce to Montreal and it would arrive the same day. The merchant's orders could be filled by their Montreal suppliers and would be very quickly received by the Hemmingford merchants. People were able to visit their families and most of all, travel in comfort. At one time there were two trains to Montreal each day. For a few years the train continued on to Plattsburg from Hemmingford. As there wasn't a turntable in Plattsburg it was necessary to have the train back up to Hemmingford - In the morning the train would go back to Plattsburg to pick up the passengers for their trip to Montreal. My Uncle, Albert McKay, had a general store in Hemmingford for 55 years. He told me that every spring and fall and in between, traveling salesmen came to Hemmingford by train - their intention being to show their wares. There were four hotels in the village, as a result, the salesmen were able to spend as much time in Hemmingford as they felt necessary. There was a beautiful brick town hall that was built in 1867 (unfortunately the Powers that be decided that it wasn't safe and had it demolished in 1963-only to find that the structure was very sound, the men that made the decision have feelings of great regret). The salesmen would gather in the Town Hall and display their wares to the merchants. I can see how this would be the best way for the salesmen to approach every prospective buyer. Each spring my Uncle told me he would receive several bolts of dress material, the ladies of the town came in and bought whatever they needed for their spring dress. One can well imagine that the choice of material was limited - as a result , ladies were seen scurrying around town wearing dresses made of the same material but each was made with a different pattern. I personally have great memories of the train, it ran about 1/4 mile behind my home - Mickey McCann was the conductor and everyone knew Mickey. My brother and I were attending school in

Montreal and went home each week end. As Mickey collected the tickets we asked him to stop at our crossing--this he did. Monday morning we would phone the station in Hemmingford and ask him to pick us up at the crossing below our home--once again we were granted our wish. Just imagine making that request of any mode of transportation today. Mr. Pat Simpson was one of the rural mail carriers and (I might add that his trip was by horse and buggy in summer and horse and sleigh in winter). His Mail route crossed the railroad tracks in the village and it just happened that many times when he was ready to start his route the train had backed up across the road and stopped as cans of milk were being loaded onto the train for the trip to Montreal. Mr Simpson frequently had problems keeping his horse steady as the horse wasn't accustomed to the puffing and hissing of the train. Soon Mr Patterson's patience wore thin and stating that he was delivering "His Majestys Mail" he lodged a complaint with the Railroad Company. Orders came through from the Railroad Company that the mail must go through and that the crossing must not be blocked. The order was that, the milk must be loaded before or after Mr. Simpson had crossed the tracks. A good example of the old saying that "The mail must go through" With the popularity of cars and trucks passenger service was closed in 1959 and freight service in October 1966. During the winter when the roads were blocked with snow my brother and I used to walk to school in Hemmingford along the track. We would walk down to the track with our snowshoes, leave them in the bushes and walk the 2 1/2 miles to school. Upon returning home we would reverse the procedure. The track was always ploughed and it was much easier for us to walk to school by the track than to struggle on the badly ploughed roads.

Speaking of schools, I must tell you about the first school teacher, Lucretia Manning, daughter of John Manning. She had attended school in Duansburg NY before her family came to Hemmingford--her father John continued to teach her after they came to Hemmingford village. In 1813 her father erected a small school just south of the village of Hemmingford. An article in the "Chateaugay Valley Journal" states that a lack of textbooks

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meant that the teaching had to be done orally. However they did have a few books-namely "Humes England, Webster's Speller, Doball's arithmetic and the Bible, Lucretia was very successful with her pupils. Lucretia and John Scriver were married in 1816. John Scriver served in the War of 1812 - when discharged he returned to Hemmingford and having saved most of his pay he built a small stone house - he later added a two story section to his first house. This beautiful stone house still stands at the south end of Hemmingford village. Two or three years ago it was purchased by Rev. Don Stirling and his wife Pam. They have restored the house to its former beauty. To get back to Lucretia, now the wife of John Scriver. Lucretia continued to teach in her home. As there weren't any school boards at that time three men Frederick Scriver, John Manning and John Henigan were desirous to promote education in the Township. These three men promised to donate money for the purpose of constructing a building that would be used as a school, church and Township business. Twenty eight other men promised to help, some donated labour, others gave material. In 1820 the building was ready for occupancy. A tract of land was set aside for an University -- sadly this never came about. In 1829 a law came into existence granting \$40.00 to \$100.00 to settlements to help with building of schools. Local authorities didn't have any money for maintenance, the schools were dependant on the settlers who donated time or a small sum of money. The parents of the children were obliged to supply wood, the amount was determined by how many of their children attended the school. In 1842 a School commission was set up. Rural schools were built -I believe that the rule was that they should be about five or six miles apart- this way the children wouldn't have too far to walk. The land for these rural schools was usually donated and with the help of organized bees a one room school building was ready to receive its pupils. These schools would be heated by a large box stove. The first boy that arrived in the morning was responsible for getting the fires started. The teacher assigned the job of keeping wood in the stove to a different boy each day. As one can imagine the children who sat near the stove were warm on one side and cold on the other --many of

the other pupils would have gladly changed seats just to be warmer. Modern plumbing wasn't even thought of in those days and a trip to the outhouse or "Parliament Buildings" as we called them was an adventure- in winter it was a frigid trip. I speak from experience as I went to such a school - my father and grandfather attended the same school. The schooling in the Rural schools ended at the end of grade seven then it was necessary to go to the High school in the village. A new stone Protestant Intermediate School was built in Hemmingford Village about 1843. This building served for many years, since that time it has been used as a private residence. As a matter of fact the present owner is anxious to have it demolished, however, there is a group of interested citizens that is anxious to save it, but as with every other project money is a major factor. Sad to say, the Village has already lost four or five of the very old buildings including the home of MP Julius Scriver, the Railroad Station, the old Town Hall and a beautiful grey stone building. Even when I went to that rural school there wasn't any electricity and that isn't that long ago, well not really - at least in my memory it isn't. If the school didn't have a well on the property it was necessary to go to the nearest neighbour in order to have fresh water. The pail sat at the back of the room with a dipper -I might emphasize "one dipper" no fancy disposable cups in those days. School supplies were quite simple -possibly a few books, a slate framed in wood and slender pencils made of slate. To erase whatever was written on the slate it was necessary to keep it clean with a cloth -if no cloth was available I'm sure that a sleeve served the purpose quite well. Later on ink became available, however it was very scarce and the method of boiling the bark of soft maple could replace the scarce ink. Eventually quills and slate pencils were replaced by pens with nibs and on and on progress went.

There weren't many French speaking people in Hemmingford until the 1840s. In the early days the farmers method of having their children taught was to hire a teacher to teach children of different parents in one of their homes. Today, when I see students on their way to school burdened down with backpacks etc I often wonder how our country

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was governed when schooling was so simple -in my opinion we aren't any better off.

This story wouldn't be complete without telling you something about the churches. In 1822 Rev John Merlin came from Northern Ireland and organized a Presbyterian Church. He was the first permanent Minister in Hemmingford. The first Presbyterian Church was a stone building located at the north end of the village - it opened in 1842. However, the membership grew and a new brick church was erected in the village in 1872, this building continues to serve the congregation today. In the 1850s an Anglican Church was built about two miles north of the village, the stone work was of an inferior quality and a brick church was built in the village in the late 1850's. The first Anglican church, built in the country, had a cemetery near the church. This is one of the cemeteries waiting to be restored. The Methodist Church established their own congregation very early and built a wooden church, later they too built a larger brick building. The first Catholic church was built in 1842 the congregation outgrew this building and a larger one was opened in 1894. Today there are three Protestant and one Catholic church in Hemmingford. There are ten Cemeteries in the Township of Hemmingford - many of these are on private land as during the early years of the settlement of Hemmingford there weren't any designated Cemeteries. Four of these Cemeteries were very badly neglected and in dire need of restoration. About four years ago we organized the "Hemmingford Historical Cemeteries Committee" and proceeded to restore these neglected Cemeteries. Our committee didn't have a cent to start this project. Of the four Cemeteries one has been completely restored, the second is 99.9% restored and the other two are on our agenda for next spring. Jim Laurie, our chairman organized work bees, the response was great, most of the time there would be ten or twelve volunteers, both men and women. As for the lack of money, well, we received posts, pickets etc from the volunteers and cash donations from concerned people. Last year there was an article in the Montreal Gazette about the Cemeteries of Hemmingford and the work that was being done to restore them -at the end of the article there was a notation that

donations would be gladly accepted — much to my delight we did receive two donations of cash and offers to help with the work next summer.

During the 1960s Gerry Rogers traveled through out the County recording information from the stones in the Cemeteries. An update was done by Jeannie and Garry Bickes of Hemmingford. They combined their work with Gerry's and there is a good listing of all the Cemeteries in the township of Hemmingford. This list is available in the Hemmingford Archives.

The Township was always progressive and as far back as 1852 there was a Mechanics Institute Library. Later these books were given to Julius Scriver, son of John Scriver and Lucretia Manning He was the first Federal Member of Parliament for the county of Huntingdon after Confederation. Today, there is a modern up to date Library in Hemmingford, completely staffed by Volunteers.

The 1837 Rebellion had some impact on the settlement of Hemmingford. Col. John Scriver, who had taken part in the 1812 war organized a Militia. The French rebels came down the Richlieu River and landed near Lacolle -then marched toward Hemmingford, the hastily mustered Militia marched eastward toward Lacolle. The Militia and the Rebels met at Odelltown - after a brief skirmish the Rebels retreated. My great great grandfather, James Brownlee, volunteered and in his biography that he wrote in his 83rd year he reported that "he was out in '37 and thought that he had given a good account of himself. He wasn't sure if he had shot anyone but he had been a poacher in Scotland and considered himself to be a good shot. After the Rebellion ended, a Militia was formed and existed in the Hemmingford area until World War I. They were called the Hemminford 51st Rangers -much later they became the 6th Husars. My grandfather, George McKay, was a Captain and Adjutant of the regiment. My Grandfather, along with his four sons went to summer camp each year for two weeks. Some of the places that they went are Three Rivers, St John, Laprairie and Farnham. If I may add a personal note my father, Charles McKay, met my Mother while at camp in Farnham. My Great Grandfather Wm Alex McKay and his sons John and William also served in the Militia. During the Fenian raids Wm Alex McKay was sent by train to Clifton ON (now Niagara) to

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guard the Rainbow Bridge. The Ontario government gave land to all of the men of Ontario who had participated in the Fenian raids later they decided to include those men who came from Quebec. This land is in Northern Ontario, near Sudbury. I didn't realize that I had such a military background. The uniforms and papers that belonged to my Grandfather, George McKay are now in the War Museum in Ottawa. These I found in a trunk in the attic of the old McKay family home. I also was brought up in this house.

In 1831 there was postal service to Hemmingford Mail came to St Remi and then was brought to Hemmingford by horseback. There no doubt were other methods. It must have been a great relief when the train started to come to Hemmingford this ensured that the mail would arrive much quicker than the horseback method. Although I do think that the pony express was still faster than some of the mail delivery today. The mail was and still is delivered to each house throughout the Township - residents of the village go to the post office and take their mail from their personal box. Electricity came to the Township around 1915, and 1900 found very primitive phone service to be available. Over the years the service improved until 1959 when the Bell Telephone Company took over the system and dial phones were installed. We visited Hemmingford England in 1995. A friend of mine had visited the village and while there he met Pam Dearlove, a local historian, as well as Lord and Lady Hemmingford. I corresponded with Pam Dearlove and she was delighted to hear of our Hemmingford. Prior to going to England I wrote Pam and Lord Hemmingford and it was agreed that we visit them while we were in England. There are two villages of Hemmingford--one is Hemmingford Abbots, the other is Hemmingford Grey. I do believe that many years ago they were quite separate villages but, as with everywhere else, they both expanded and are nearly together. We went to the village of Hemmingford Abbots, met Pam Dearlove and had lunch with Lord and Lady Hemmingford. Lord and Lady Hemmingford live in "The Manor house" and are very unpretentious people. Lord Hemmingford had worked for Reuters News in Washington and during one of their trips they visited our Hemmingford. Pam took my husband and me on a wonderful walking tour of

this 1000 year old village and explained the history of the area. The houses for the most part are very old with thatched roofs. The phone and electric wires have been buried.

In 1877 Hemmingford separated from the township and continues to function as such. They have their own Mayor and six councilors. The land for the village was taken from part of granted lots 104, 105, 146 and 147. There are many homes that are older than 100 years. This is a bilingual community with three Protestant Churches and one Catholic Church, an English and French school, a very active Chamber of Commerce and many service oriented organizations.

The citizens of Hemmingford have declared that from March 18, 1999 to March 17, 2000 there will be a year of celebration. A bi-centennial committee is hard at work organizing a very interesting program for the year.

While doing my Family History I received a document from the Quebec Archives - it appeared that an extra paper was enclosed -- upon reading this paper I soon realized that this was a copy of the first grant of land that was made to about 20 men, dated 1799. My curiosity was awakened and before I knew it I was gathering Hemmingford data - I kept everything at my home in St Lambert as there wasn't any room in the Hemmingford Library. A new fire station was built and space became available to house my collection-it was with great delight that I took everything to Hemmingford and thus was established the Hemmingford Historical Archives. It is a place where people are welcome to come and search for their ancestors, holdings are quite extensive - we have all the Census for Hemmingford - copies of all the deeds for the Granted, Crown and Clergy land and copies of Church Registers and we are building a Family data file as well. For information about the opening hours of the Archives please phone the Library - 450-247-3283. The Archives has a volunteer group of 15 people - under the care of Ina Cleland.

There is a very active theatrical group called "The Shoestring Theatre" under the direction of Anna de Caen, who is a playwright. She is preparing a play for the Bicentennial depicting the lives of the early settlers. Hemmingford is a progressive area with a remarkable record of public service and is going into the new Milenium with a steady step.



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WAR GRAVES

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission - yard.ccta.gov.uk - listed in the March issue is very congested at times. You may want to try the Canadian version. QFHS member Gordon A. MacMillan writes that he found better maps for his relative at the Veterans' Affairs Canada site 198.103.134.15/index.cfm. You may want to try both sites, as Canadians in British regiments do not appear on the Canadian site. Map features and/or cemetery locations also appear in detail sometimes on one site, sometimes on the other.

You may also want to read the *Books of Remembrance*, which contain the names of 'Canadians who fought in wars and died either during or after them.' The lists are divided into six books: Newfoundland, South Africa/Nile, The Merchant Navy, The Korean War, First World War, Second World War. Name, rank, unit, date of death, and page number are provided. See 198.103.134.2/books/books.htm.

WAR OF 1812 - MUSTER ROLLS

Several muster rolls are available on the Olive Tree site www.rootsweb.com/~ote/1812mil.htm. This is part of the Canadian Military Heritage Project.

MORE SITES FROM QUEBEC'S EASTERN TOWNSHIPS

The Missisquoi Historical Society, at Stanbridge East, now has its own site at www.geocities.com/Heartland/Lake/8392. It includes a membership form for those who wish to help them keep up the good work. Thanks to Marlene Simmons, whose own informative site is at www.virtuel.qc.ca/simmons.

Pennie Redmile reports that several cemeteries can be found on the Web: Hemmingford cemetery at members.xoom.com/dlmark/cemetery.htm and Cochrane/Sleeper cemeteries in the Compton area at members.aol.com/ssmadonna/cochrane.htm.

EASTERN EUROPE

If you are doing research in Eastern Europe, the Federation of East European Family History Societies' site at feefhs.org carries a great deal of information. The website index can be searched by surname, full name, or placename. There are ethnic, religious and national cross-indexes, several specialized indexes. A few examples: Austro-Hungarian, Baltic Nations, Banat, Carpatho-Ruyns, Croatian, Galicia, German, Hutterite, Jewish, Mennonite, Polish, Slovak, Swiss, Russian, etc.

There is also a location (address) index of member organizations, whether they have web sites or not. An interesting feature is the Map Room, with some 16th, 17th, and 19th century maps available on line.

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS (MORMONS)

A Family History SourceGuide™ is now available at a cost of \$10 U.S; read the full description and system requirements at www.lds.org/en/2_Whats_New/FHSG.html. It can also be ordered by phone from the U.S. and Canada at 1-800-537-5971.

Readers waiting for news of the IGI on line can go to www.familysearch.org, the test site for their FamilySearch®Internet Genealogical Service.

DO YOUR ANCESTORS COME FROM LA ROCHELLE IN FRANCE?

Officials in the Mayor's office in La Rochelle wish to get in touch with the 'Rochelaise diaspora'. They are trying to gather the whole Rochelais community which has settled around the world.

They wish to 'create a link between those migrants and their home town.' As you are no doubt aware, many of the French Protestants (Huguenots) lived in the La Rochelle area at the time of emigration to the New World. If you are a descendant, you may send them your name, address, and your relationship to La Rochelle at the following E-mail address Irmairie@univ-lr.fr. The English version of their Internet site can be found at www.Ville-LaRochelle.fr/Larochelle-uk.html. If you are not on the Internet and are interested, please send me a stamped, self-addressed envelope c/o QFHS, and I will send you photocopies of the letter and form.

JOURNAL OF IRISH GENEALOGY AND HERITAGE

The Irish At Home and Abroad, considered by several QFHS members to be one of the best journals on Ireland, is also available on line. It is a quarterly journal 'focusing on sources and strategies for Irish and Irish immigrant genealogical research.' The site at www.IHAonline.com includes articles, a bookstore, a long list of detailed book reviews, a reference desk, their favorite Irish links, and other research services.

TRANSPORTATION RECORDS

The National Archives of Ireland has a searchable database of transportation records from Ireland to Australia. These include convicts from Ireland covering the period 1788 to 1868. Many Irish people were transported as a result of crimes committed during the Great Famine, the site points out. In some cases these include records of members of convicts' families transported as free settlers. Not all records are there, but if you are lucky, such details as age, alias, place of trial, ship, and petitioner's name and relationship may appear.

See: www.nationalarchives.ie/search01.html.

ACADIAN ANCESTORS

Daniel Robichaud has a very interesting site on Acadia. Although it is in French, the list of family names might be of interest if you think you have Acadians among your ancestors. The list, at www.rpa.ca/acadie/nomacad.html, includes all family names of people who lived there between 1700 and 1755. Although it is generally believed they are all of French origin, this is not the case. There are also several other nationalities represented, such as Irish (Caissy/Casey, Guénard/Gainer, Long, Onel/O'Neale), English (Druce, Granger, Hensaule/Henshaw), Scots (Jeanson/Johnson), and others.

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U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH INDEX

Most people are probably already aware of this site, but just a reminder: it can be searched at www.ancestry.com/ssdi/advanced.htm. It provides date of birth, death, residence, last benefit, SSN, place issued for 60 million names. Note that not all details are always available. An interesting feature is the 'request' column, which provides a formatted letter for the selected person, including all necessary information, ready to be printed and mailed. It is prepared as a Freedom of Information Request for a copy of the application for a Social Security card, ready to be signed.

RELATIONSHIP CHART

A relationship chart can be printed from www.grl.com/grl/relationship.shtml

Thanks again to Pennie Redmile.

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LATE BREAKING NEWS !!!

QUEBEC RECORDS ARE AVAILABLE ON-LINE

Bookmark www.genealogie.umontreal.ca if you are interested in Quebec records. This new site from the University of Montreal's acclaimed PRDH [PROGRAM OF RESEARCH IN DEMOGRAPHIC HISTORY] carries information from 712,000 documents for the period 1621 - 1800. Information and search at the first level are free. After that, fees range from \$9.95 for 150 requests / 24 hours up to \$300 for 18,000 requests / 6 months! Download facilities to be available. Information available also on the English site, but not yet fully up. As the announcement was received and written up on the site's opening day (May 3rd), it was not possible to explore it thoroughly. However, this looks *very* promising.

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BESSIE JANE BANFILL R.N.

by Hugh Murray Banfill

Bessie Jane Banfill was the sixth of eight children of Enos Leroy BANFILL and Sarah Augusta HEALY. Bessie was born January 18, 1899, a winter night without a doctor near, on their farm near Richmond, Québec. She was baptized at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Richmond.

Bessie's background was that of several generations of tough farmers from Quebec and New England. The Banfills probably came from Cornwall, England and show up in Portsmouth, New Hampshire records in the 1670's. Her Grandmother Sarah Mills (Hall) Banfill was a pioneer in 1801 in Compton County of Quebec. After the death of her husband Samuel Hall in 1807 at 25 she was a pregnant widow with two children. She returned to Newbury, Vermont and married Benjamin Banfill in 1810. They came to Brome County about 1827. Their oldest Banfill son, John, in 1834 took over part of the land, now in Waterville, Que., his mother had left in 1807. John was Enos's father and Bessie's grandfather.

John Banfill's wife was Sarah (Sally) STONE who's family came from Groton, Mass. and Bocking, Essex County, England. Bessie's mother, Sarah Augusta HEALY's family came to Richmond through Rehoboth, Mass., from England.

Father Enos had been widowed and was 37 years old, 15 years older than Sarah when they married in a double ceremony with Sarah's brother Alphonso (Allie) Healy and Annie Lockwood, on August 17, 1887 at the church in Melbourne. This church was in the picture on the back of the \$2. bill for many years. By 1905 Enos was not well and died on September 22, 1909. His farm had been run by his two older sons Will and Howard since they were 14 and 13. Will, the oldest son, took over the rocky hillside farm, never very profitable. As Enos and Sarah's other children grew up they had to leave.

Bessie got some secretarial training then worked at an asbestos mine office. I think it was at South Broughton near Thetford Mines. She saved enough money to support her first year in nursing at the Sherbrooke General Hospital. She graduated in June 1923. There is a picture of her using an old anaesthetic mask at an operating table. She worked with the Victorian order of Nurses

then she was a post-graduate nurse at the Laurentian TB Sanatorium at St. Agathe.

In 1928 Bessie went to the nursing station at Mutton Bay on the Labrador Coast, for the International Grenfell Association. The nearest doctor was hours away by boat. She delivered babies, lanced fishermen's infected fingers, pulled teeth, sewed up cuts, did what ever was needed. Her first book "Labrador Nurse" was published in 1952 by Ryerson Press in Toronto.

In Mutton Bay, to be religious, one absolutely had to be an Anglican or a Roman Catholic. I was a commissioned missionary of another denomination and was allowed to teach in the Mutton Bay Anglican Sunday School, teach the Girl Guides, help with the Women's Association and stand as a god-mother for certain babies, but they did not consider it right that I should take communion or have any part in the intimate life of the church. Possessing certain signed documents from the Bishop and working with a broad minded clergyman, I might have received permission to take communion in the church; but I did not wish to press my desire, and as I needed no permission from either Anglican or Catholic to have communion with God in my private life.

In the I.G.A. journal "AMONG THE DEEP SEA FISHERS" of July 1929 on page 75 there is the comment "I must not omit the first-class work that is being done at Mutton bay by Miss Banfill, who seems to be as busy as we. Ably assisted by Miss Canby she is dealing most competently with the difficulties which arise in the early stages of the establishment of a nursing station." Dr. D. McL. Johnson, House Officer of the St. Anthony District Hospital, from Bury, Lanc. England.

She then took a missionary training course at The United Church Training School in Toronto. In 1933 in the depth of the depression Bessie opened the new United Church Women's Missionary Society Hospital at Smeaton, Sask. (Wentmore in the book) "Two years later I received a letter from head office 'Urgently need lady superintendent who can give anaesthetics for major operations. Thirty Three bed hospital at Kenyon (not real name). "Pioneer Nurse", published in 1967, was about her Saskatchewan adventures.

Three short words, "Open a hospital" seemed just as simple to me. But all we had for a nucleus was a partially painted building on sand in a jack pine clearing. And this building was surrounded by six-foot snow banks, without the necessities like pots, pans, beds, water, plumbing system, telephone, neighbours or the wherewithal to work. Well I'd asked for the pioneer life and I'd got it.

Both of us could handle a dying patient, deliver a baby, and assist with major operations, but scrubbing these floors nearly defeated us. To make things more complicated, we had to haul heavy crates of linens, blankets, dishes, baby clothes and odds and ends from place to place.

We agree that it was senseless to open an eight bed surgical, medical and obstetric hospital without any inside plumbing or outside toilet, while we had to carry water a quarter of a mile or melt snow. With only one nurse on duty at a time, I felt justified in refusing to take full responsibility and accept hospital specifications as completed until some arrangement could be made for the basic essentials. John had different ideas about western standards of living. He persisted that such unnecessary "frills" as toilets and water were not included in the specifications. Several hot wires flew back and forth to head office before officials decided that perhaps water and a toilet were necessities for the patients - perhaps even for the nurses. But John never gave in. "Luxuries" he persisted. But with the installation of one of the two hollers, we felt that we were living in a luxury hotel.

On March 4, 1935, the Jubilee year, Bessie was awarded a silver medal by King George V for her pioneering work in nursing. After her stay in the Magdalene Islands, 1936 "Nurse of the Islands" was printed in 1965, in large print in 1974.

His axe missed the stick and cut off his thumb. He can't go for a doctor"... I snipped off the thumb end, cleansed the cut, drew the skin together with adhesive... But this was to be a sore thumb problem in more ways than I anticipated. "Someone told Tommy's father Peter, who is mentally deranged, that you had cut off and kept his thumb. He demanded the thumb. He said that Tommy is a minor. That the thumb was his property. That no young snip of a nurse was going to stop him from having his property. I coaxed him to go away and come back later"....With point of his gun pressing

into my back, I lost no time promising and went into the house. When I handed him the gory piece of flesh, wrapped in a gauze dressing, he opened it carefully, rolled it over several times, examined every part of it, thanked me, and left for home.

Weeks later I heard Aunt Liz say, "Du-yu-no Peter still has Tommy's thumb in his pocket. Ben cannot get it away from him.. Susan Ann says it smells worse than a dozen rotten cod heads' Mrs Sampson snorted. I had smelled one rotten cod head, and I was thankful that the thumb was in his pocket, not in my office.

She went to the Indian Residential School at Ahousaht (changed name) B.C. in 1937 and later wrote "With the Indians in the Pacific" in 1966. She commented on the abuse of Indian children at the residential schools ... which appalled her.

"I read recently an article, which made me wonder whether Indians are justified in seeking relief from witch-doctors and whisking babies away! This nurse asked for assistance for a sick Indian baby. She was refused this aid by the agent, the only person authorized to act on behalf of the Indians of that reservation. He claimed that the Indian woman's husband was not a member of that particular band, and advised the nurse to get a box for the baby. The same agent refused the nurse permission to buy milk for the baby and charge it to the baby's father who had credit at the store. In a last attempt to save the baby, the nurse begged to be allowed to take the mother and child into her own home and care for them at her own expense. This request also was refused. And, this happened to a helpless sick baby less than a year old, not in far-off Africa or Asia, but in Christian democratic Canada.

After a few years in B.C. in 1942-44 she was again at the Labrador Mission. During her second stay at Mutton Bay she was thrown off an out-of-control dog sled and injured her back badly enough to reduce her to part-time nursing. For a short time she nursed at the St Anne's Veteran's Hospital. In 1945 she bought a small retirement home at Avonmore, Ontario and then worked part-time in the Cornwall General and Ottawa Civic.

I remember that Bessie had some kind of dispute with Ryerson's and also they stopped publishing. Her three later books were published by William Kimber in London, England. Royalty

cheques were about \$50 at a time \$200 was probably a good total return from a book. In 1963 Bessie signed a contract with Franklin Publishers in New York to have excerpts from her books translated into Arabic, Persian, Urdu, Bengali, Indonesian and Malay for the purpose of enlightening these people into the nursing profession. I have one in Arabic

"**Khibrat Fi Al Tamreed**" (Experiences in Nursing) in 1970 in Cairo. This book may have been translated from "**Great Adventures in Nursing**" compiled by Helen Wright & Samuel Rapport published by Harper and Brothers, U.S.A. None of the books state the exact dates of her actual stay in any one place. Her books were about her adventures, the people she served, with very little about herself.

Bessie wrote some short articles but the only one I have is the chapter on **New London in The Tread of Pioneers - Annals of Richmond County and Vicinity** published by the Richmond County Historical Society of Richmond, Que. in 1966.

My wife and I moved to Cornwall, Ont. in 1949. Bessie was doing less nursing because of her sore back from the dog sled accident, and we were frequent visitors at each other's homes. Bessie really enjoyed the children and at Christmas would happily sit on the floor and play with them. She got a small inheritance after the death of her sister Florence. This made retirement easier so she bought a small Ford and learned to drive again. The salesman was big, heavy, 300 pound man who, when he sat in one of her light chairs, to her amusement, went crashing to the floor. About 1925 she had first owned a Ford Model T which she learned to drive on the fields of her cousin Herbert Banfill's farm at Waterville, Que.

She never lost her sense of adventure. In 1967, the Anniversary of Confederation, she buried a sealed container of artifacts in her back yard under the apple tree. She had a good laugh at what some unsuspecting person might later find. Is it still buried there?

Her brother Will was a visitor from Richmond when he was in his seventies. He mentioned that he had never flown and wanted to try it. So they went to Ottawa and flew to Montreal.

Bessie was strongly independent and never wanted to impose. I was her executor and knew

that both Cornwall Hospitals and a Cornwall Undertaker had instructions as to what to do in case of her death. She broke her hip and would not let the hospital inform me. The day before she was due to go home she died of a heart attack at 8 o'clock in the evening. The Hotel Dieu Hospital phoned me and I arranged for her eyes to go to the eye-bank as she had wanted. I telephoned the undertaker and asked him, to carry-on according to the instructions and call me in the morning.

Her will specified that eyes and any other parts should be donated if useful. Her body was to go to Queen's University Medical School. If Queen's would not take her body then it was to be buried at a particular parish. There was a condition... **There were to be no funeral services and if any one wanted to change her plans then they had to pay all the funeral expenses.**

There was no autopsy and no delay. Queens accepted the body. By 2 p.m., within 18 hours after her death, I was telephoned that the body had been delivered and the hearse was on its way back. I telephoned my Uncles, her brothers, and told them what had happened and what I had done. The replies were "Thanks!"

Some weeks later when I was in Avonmore cleaning out the house I met the Minister of her church. He commented that Bessie went to marriages and baptisms but never to funerals; she cared about the living. He asked what I wanted done. He said that memorial services were generally unsuccessful and in any case none of her relatives could come. My decision was to tell the congregation that we had met... and Bessie's wishes... including no funeral services, were carried out as she requested. She was a very practical christian, not pious or "churchy".

Bessie never wanted to marry, never wanted to be a farmer's wife. In her safe deposit box was a letter...an invitation to marry a farmer. The letter was kept...but the name had been cut off. While she was alive I didn't think to ask about dates and more details. She would be quite surprised that anyone would be interested in her now. Her medal, awarded in 1935, is a prized possession of her nephew Carl Banfill.

I remember Bessie with her wide grin and easy smile.

WE GET QUERIES

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- 1682 **BARRY/DUQUETTE.** Seeking information on Robert BARRY and Rosalie DUQUETTE marriage, probably ca 1828-1830, may be entered in Coteau-des-Hetres or Saint Cyprien Catholic Church records. I believe this is in, or near Napierville. Wanting to hear from anyone who has access to these records and able to do lookup. Jack Smith, 695 Proudfoot Lane, Apt. 801, London, Ont. N6H 4Y7. Email: jackws@home.com.
- 1683 **BOUCHER, Louis.** Seeking to exchange information with descendants of my gr. grandparents: Louis BOUCHER born 1852, died after 1931 New Westminster, B.C. He married 1872 in St. Romuald de Levis, Mary Louise AUBIN, born 1858 and died before 1892. Carolyn Anne Lori, RR1, Deep River, Ont. K0J 1P0. Email: aa563@valley.net.on.ca
- 1684 **BOWEN/LACROIX.** Searching for information of a Joseph BOWEN. Married to Mary LACROIX. Born in or around 1826. Moved to N.Y. before 1857. Four children are listed in the N.Y. census of 1850. Eldest son, Edward, possibly was born in Quebec province. Loretta A. Lay, 6801 Connell Rd., Yale, MI 48097, USA. Email: lorql@greatlakes.net
- 1685 **CAMPBELL.** Was John CAMPBELL born 15 Jan. 1798, Ireland (married to Jennett CAMERON) shown in 1851 census of Gore Township, Argenteuil Co., Quebec, a son of James CAMPBELL who is in "History of Argenteuil?" He arrived in Quebec City 23 May 1823. Any help appreciated. Leland Guest, P.O. Box 97, Comins, MI 48619-0097 USA
- 1686 **CARTER, William Joseph.** Born 1 August 1891 in Liverpool, England. Canadian census for 1901 shows date as 15 Aug. 1891. Sent to Canada 1899 to the Robert Wilson Family Farm (Methodist) in Franklin Centre, QC. Served in WWI as Carter? or Wilson? Enlisted where? In what capacity? Back to Canada in 1919. Came West circa 1921/22. Deceased 17 Sept. 1966. Ruth Carter, 3401 Cambie St. & 18th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 2W7.
- 1687 **DASHNER/DASHNIER/DAGENAIS/DASCHNER/DESCHNER, etc.** Francis DASHNER, b. 1805 Quebec, and wife Margarite JOLY moved c1829 to New York. Their son, Francis H. DASHNER was born 1827 Jefferson Co., N.Y., moved to Illinois, Idaho, then to Iowa 1855. Peter DASHNER born c1840 Canada, living 1873 Jefferson Co., N.Y. was possible kin. Interested in any DASHNER kin correspondence. Jo Ann Schultz, 1510 Norvell St., El Cerrito, CA 94530, USA Email: josz@excite.com
- 1688 **DAVIS, Robert.** Searching for information on my gr.gr. grandparents, Robert DAVIS and Jane WOOD married 19 Jan. 1838, St. Andrews Anglican Church, Gore Twshp. Argenteuil Co. Rumoured to have come from England or Scotland, although he was reputed to have had Indian blood. Marriage license said Jane came from Argenteuil. Two known children born in Argenteuil, Arthur and my gr. grandfather, John DAVIS b. 14 Mar. 1838 d. April 1919 Somerset, Iowa. Would like to know what happened to Robert and Jane after they moved from Argenteuil c1840. Tanya Briggs, P.O. Box 1840, Blausville, GA 30514, USA

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- 1689 **DOBSON**, Robert. Arrived Quebec June 1826 from Yorkshire, UK, with wife, five children, his parents (Robert and Rachel) and brothers (Peter and Isaac). Stayed in Quebec for some years before moving to Upper Canada. Parents and brothers moved in 1826 to Cobourgh, U.C. (Ont). Wanted information about his activities in Quebec. Roger G. Woodhouse, Grey Mare House, Whittonstall, Consett, DH8 9JS, UK. Email: crwoodhouse@msn.com
- 1690 **DUVAL**, Need parents of Michel DUVAL and Marie Philomene LEFEBVRE. Both on 1891 census Hichinbrooke, Huntingdon Co. Their daughter, Rose, born 1878 in Canada was my grandmother. Annette M. Ponto, 5811 14th St W., Lot 31, Bradenton, FLA., 34207 USA. Email: rafamp@aol.com
- 1691 **EMIGRATION**. Interested in finding out if anyone has completed a database of ship arrivals for Quebec or other ports on the St. Lawrence. If such a database exists I would be grateful to know who I should contact or any details of the format it might be in. See. Query # 1689.
- 1692 **FLOWER**, Can anyone help me to locate whereabouts of Henry Tom FLOWER, born in Dorset, England in 1859, who came to Canada around 1909/1910 after his wife's death in 1908, as a master baker, hoping to bring over his twin daughters, Anne and Alberta. Religion: Protestant (Baptist) Tony Kyffin, 4930 Periard St. Pierrefonds, QC. H9J 3T5. Email: tonykyffin@hotmail.com
- 1693 **HALLETT/HARRIS**, James (1859-1924) and Margaret Lavinia (1860-1905) of Bournemouth to Dorchester, Dorset, England. HALLETT'S may have originated in Bridport, Dorset, and could have been twine manufacturers. Three daughters ???, ??? and Carrie Louise HALLETT born 1886. Any info appreciated. C. Duc, 104-2400 Chemin d'Oka, Deux Montagnes, QC., J7R 1P1. Email: cduc@sprint.ca.
- 1694 **HAYWARD (HAYWOOD)/PRATLEY**, Elizabeth 1855 North Cerney - 1927 Paddington, R.D. and James 1855 Eastleach Martin—1923 Paddington, R.D. James was a London bobby. Children were James PRATLEY 1881 St. Marylebone and Caroline Jane PRATLEY, 1883 St. Marylebone. Any info appreciated. See. query #1693
- 1695 **HUGHES/O'BRIEN**, Stella and Francis (Frank) of Montreal, QC. Sons John, Francis Jr., and Robert born 1915. Any info appreciated. See query #1693.
- 1696 **JAMIESON/HUNTER**. Anyone any information on marriage of Thomas JAMIESON and Margaret HUNTER. Oral info suggests they would have been married ca 1825-1840 (probably closer to 1840 date) while residing in New Glasgow, QC area. See query #1682.
- 1697 **KEERN/PRATLEY**, Charles and Caroline Jane born 1883 St. Marylebone, MDX, married in September Quarter 1917 in Hammersmith, R.D. Had a son, Stanley Charles KEERN, born 1918 in Shepherd's Bush. See. Query #1693.
- 1698 **LAUZON**, Amedee married Belzemir BEAUCHAMP 21 Feb. 1898 in Montreal. She was the daughter of Joseph BEAUCHAMP and Clophine PRESAULT who were married 14 July 1857. Will gladly exchange information. Ida DeBUSSCHERE, 250 Running Creek Drive, Wallaceburg, ON. N8A 3K5.
- 1699 **LAVALLEY**, Julia. Need parents of Julia LAVALLEY, born 1823 or 1824 in Canada. Father was Augustin Lavalley, mother ???. See query #1690.

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- 1700 **LAVERTU**, Joseph. Seeking to exchange information with descendants of my great grandparents: Joseph LAVERTU, born 1845, St. Jean Chrysostome, QC., and died 1917 St. Romuald. He married 1870 in St. Romuald, Levis, Marie BOUCHER born 1854 Victoriaville, died 1936 Deseronto, ON. See query #1683.
- 1701 **MacDONELL**, John. Seeking information on John MacDONELL, b. 17 Dec. 1830, Aberdeen, Scotland, died May 1910 in Abilene, Kansas. He married 1870, in Priceville/Price/Matane, Dorothy McINTYRE, b. 11 March 1850, Isle of Iona, Scotland, died 22 June 1923 in Greenleaf, Kansas. Their children were: Allan MacDONELL, b. 22 May 1871 in Priceville/Price/Matane, died Fairbury, Neb. date unknown, and Anna Elizabeth MacDONELL, b. 3 Feb. 1873 in Priceville/Price/Matane, died 7 Nov. 1949 in Fairbury, Neb. Eric McDonnell, 10307 Redbridge Court, Richmond, VA. 23236. Email: stein1@arols.com
- 1702 **MARCOUX/MARCOU/MARCO**, Napoleon. Born 4 March 1849. Became U.S. citizen 5 May 1890. From family gleanings it is thought he came from Three Rivers, Canada. See query #1684.
- 1703 **McNALLY**, Henry. Born 1784, he married Marie DUMAS, lived in Quebec City c1808-1813. Moved to Aylmer, QC. Before 1830 and then moved to Western Canada but do not know where. Brenda McLaughlin, 536 Tweedsmuir Ave., Ottawa, ON. K1Z 5N9.
- 1704 **MOORE**, John Thomas. Seeking information on John Thomas MOORE, born in Napierville, QC., 2 Nov. 1957. His father was William MOORE, also of Canada. William married Margaret KIRKLAND. I would appreciate any information on John Thomas and William MOORE, and Margaret KIRKLAND. M.P. Petrangeli, 609 Noland Ave., #15, Morrisville, Pa. 19067. U.S.A.
- 1705 **NORDONNE**, Mavis Malonia, born 20 April 1895, Quebec, daughter of George Rascas NORDONNE. First husband of Mavis was L.A. THANGNE, who was killed in WWI while with Canadian Expeditionary Force. She then moved to England, sometime before WWII where she married a Mr. TOMKINS. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Derek Tomkins, 38 Raglan Close, Lewsey Farm, Luton, Beds. LU4 ORE, England.
- 1706 **PAGE**, Josiah Edmund. Seeking parents of Josiah Edmund PAGE. Josiah Edmund PAGE, born 17 Dec. 1820, died 24 Feb. 1890 in Joliette Co. He married Selina Lynn ROBINSON (d/o James ROBINSON and Lucy Spalding READ) on 19 Dec. 1842 in Louiseville. They had 10 children: Emeline, Edgar, Arthur, Emily, Willie Henry, Emma Ann, Lucy Eva, Gilbert, Hubert and James Benjamin. Gerald Blain, 675 Prospect St., Chicopee, MA 01020, U.S.A. Email: gblain@mtholyoke.edu
- 1707 **SMITH/GIBSON**, Mabel and George of Howick, QC? Daughter, Muriel GIBSON, born 1910. After George GIBSON died Mabel SMITH may have remarried to a LOVELOCK. Any info appreciated. See query #1693.
- 1708 **SMYTHE**, Peter James. Searching for my uncle, Peter James SMYTHE, b. 6 Aug. 1936. He left U.K. August 1958 for Canada. Believed to have had a career in banking in Montreal. In U.K. he served his National Service in the Middlesex Regiment and transferred to the Para' Regiment. His last job in the U.K. was with Ford, Dagenham as an electrician. Any information would be appreciated. C. Crittal, Redcliff Hotel, 18/19 Brunswick Terrace, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 7SE.

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- 1709 **SOUTEIERE, Pierre.** Seeking information on Pierre SOUTEIERE from France. His daughter, Euphemia, was born 1 Sept. 1854 in Quebec. Possibly Saint-Jean-Sur-Richelieu. I would appreciate any information, such as where in France? Wife's name, date of birth, marriage (when and where) and the cemetery in which she was buried. I would welcome anything that anyone can tell me, including where "Burtonville" is or was. See query #1704.
- 1710 **TREMBLEY, Edward Joseph.** Searching for Edward Joseph TREMBLEY, aka Adolphus Louis TREMBLEY, born 12 Sept. 1880 in San Docochon, QC. His father might have been Abel TREMBLEY and his mother (or stepmother) Julia SENIA (GLENIA?). Diane M. Mattson RR2, Box 264, Ashland, WI. 54806-9578.
- 1711 **WATSON/MARKS.** Seeking info on g-grandfather, James WATSON, born Edinburgh, Scotland. Served with 93rd Regiment, received discharge 30 Nov. 1845, Montreal. He married Jane MARKS (where and when did she come from), worked as brass finisher in Chatham, QC. and plumber in Montreal until 1853 after which we have no knowledge of him. James K. Watson, 2 Hampton Gardens, Pointe-Claire, QC. H9S 5B8. Email: kwatson@kos.net.
- 1712 **WILD.** Searching for John WILD, born supposedly on 16 Nov. 1871 in Montreal while his father, also John WILD, was stationed with the British Army. Would appreciate a copy of the actual birth record from microfilmed church records. Robert E. Wild, 619 Ridgemont Ln., Ann Arbor, MI 48103, USA.
- 1713 **WOOD.** Seeking information re. birth (ca. 1820) and death (ca. 1857) of George WOOD and marriage (ca. 1840) to Catherine FLYNN. Also birth/baptismal records of children (possible loc.: St. Edouard R.C. parish, Eastern Townships): Kate (b.1842), William (b. 1844), Margaret (b. 1845), Robert (b.1848), Thomas (b. 1850), Esther (b. 1852), Albert (b. 1853), Michael (b.1855). Bernard Wood, 439 La Herran Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051, U.S.A. Email: Bernard291@aol.com

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PROJECTS

Submitted by Derek Hopkins
First Vice President and Project Co-ordinator

The projects team has made further progress transcribing the Microfilms containing the Non-Catholic Marriage Indexes for the Montreal area Parishes. By the time you read this the years 1760 to 1835 will have been added to the 1836 through 1899 mentioned last month. This will mean that searches will be able to be done by SURNAME for both partners in the marriage. For widows their maiden and current surnames are included in the search, as are alias names when provided in the indexes.

These searches can now be accepted by sending a request together with a cheque for \$5.00 for each surname requested to:

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We also have the microfilms of the registers themselves for the years 1766 through 1882. If you do find an entry of interest we can supply photo-copies of the actual entries at \$2.00 for each entry.

The project is continuing its indexing to expand the coverage to include 1900 to 1925 by the end of the year. This information is also expected to be published as a book in early 2000 (A Millennium Project) for those who wish to buy the transcript.

Our team of 30 members is taking a short break while we wait for the 1900 to 1925 film to arrive. If anyone else would like to join the team please E-Mail me at <hopkde@cam.org>.

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Another item which still needing attention is our QFHS E-Mail list. I have not heard from all those with problem addresses (mostly from unclear writing on your renewal forms). They were listed March 1999 *Connections* - vol 21 / 33 / pg 36. Please recheck the list.

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Any ideas for other projects – please let me know. The total numbers of requests for the same item will set it's priority order on the list. The only reply so far is to expand the marriage list coverage to other judicial districts for the 1800's.

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The input to the Ancestral file has been closed for the next issue. By the time you read this it will be available for purchase. It includes over 1300 new entries and the entries from the 1980's have also been combined into this one publication.

Search Request -- Non-Catholic Marriages Index.

Search of the Non-Catholic Marriage Indexes for the Montreal Judicial Region Parishes will be carried out for the years 1760 through 1899 for a specific surname. The search will be made on both partners of a marriage (i.e. Husband's Surname and Spouse's Surname), for the requested Surname and all matching entries will be given (this will include both maiden and current names for widows and for alias names when they were given). Variant of any surname is considered a new surname - ie: McDonald / MacDonald; McCormick / McCormack; White / Whyte

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