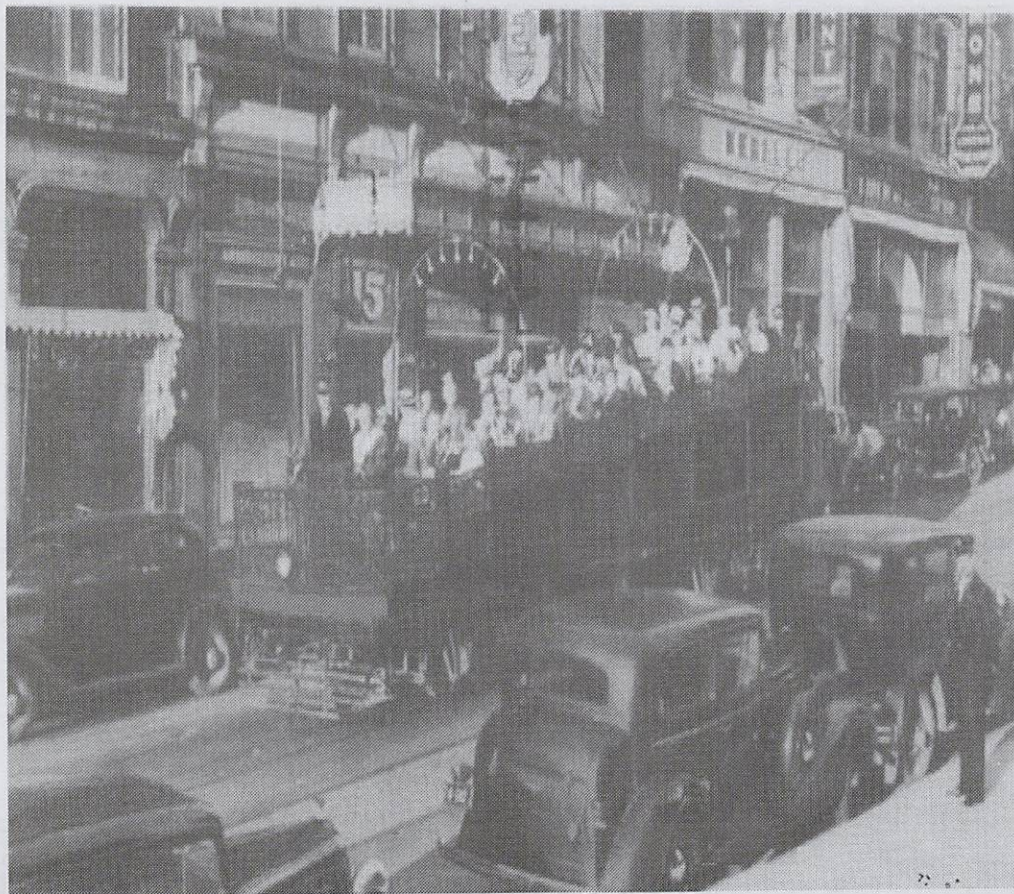


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**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 26th & 27th, 2009**

10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

EVERYONE WELCOME

From The Editor

Cover Photo:

The photo on the cover of this issue of *Connections*, from an old postcard - circa 1930s, is of one of Montreal's famous observation streetcars, nicknamed "the golden chariots". They were used for summer sightseeing until 1957 and were very popular with the tourists. I believe it is still possible to see one of these vehicles of a by-gone era at the Canadian Railway Museum in Delson, Quebec. Their site can be found at: http://www.exporail.org/public/index_flash.asp

For your Autumn Calendar:

The *Quebec Family History Society* has a number of activities planned for the upcoming Autumn season. We will usher in our 32nd year with the Annual Open House and Book Sale - September 26th and 27th. This is always an enjoyable event when members and their friends and the general public can come in and wander around the QFHS Library / Heritage Centre; learn what is available to aid in genealogical and historical research; browse through the books for sale; chat with fellow members; or just enjoy the friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Dates, time and the Library address can be found on the previous page and in News and Notes. There will be four all day seminars given this autumn, plus free monthly lectures, and a free guided tour of Mount Royal and Notre Dame des Neiges cemeteries. See News and Notes on page 3 for the complete list of speakers and topics to be presented the QFHS Free Lecture Series in Lachine and Seminars and Excursions, on pages 4 and 5 for dates, times, and details of the all-day seminars and cemeteries tour . . . which is always a pleasant outing. Reserve early for the seminars as these interesting and informative workshops are always extremely popular.

Articles in this Issue:

The first article in this issue, *The Archway of Tears*, on page 6 was submitted by Robert Wilkins and tells the sad, but true story of his great-grandfather's sojourn and eventual death in a Birmingham workhouse. It also gives a short account of some of the other information he found in that institution's record books, including more facts to add to his family tree and he included a photo of the Western Road Workhouse in Birmingham, England. Robert also submitted two other articles: *Louis Rubenstein and the Great St Urbain Street Fire of 1877* on page 12, and *Youth Today - 1907*, page 27. Both these articles relate to life in Montreal during the Edwardian era. Margaret Belfry Lynn's article, *The German Palatines*, on page 8 recounts the experiences of these people in their search of a new homeland - a search which began three hundred years ago in September 1709. Joyce Munro's article, *Dinner at Eight*, on page 25 tells of a business dinner in April 1900, given by Joseph Rielle, for eight distinguished guests to discuss the prospect of railway expansion. Pennie Redmile submitted two interesting snippets of information she found on microfilm at the Montreal Archives [ANQ]. One is *Excerpts from the Quebec City Gazette*. The other is *Marriage Bonds* from the 1840s - pages 22 and 23. Read about *The Scottish War Memorials Project* on page 32, submitted by Paul Goodwin, and visit the websites mentioned for more information and photos. Richard Goodwin, Managing Editor of "The Gazettes" sent an e-mail detailing what is available on *The London Gazette* website. I have also printed the abridged article *The London Gazette: Treasure Trove of Historical Information* from the site. All this information can be found starting on page 33. On page 35 Lorraine Gosselin talks about *Genealogical Netiquette*. For a more humorous look at genealogy Dorothy Weller submitted some epitaphs found by people while *Browsing Old Cemeteries*. And Rosemary Jones sent in a few samples of ads for *What was in Great-Grandma's Medicine Cabinet*.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to research and submit material for this issue of *Connections*.

Editor ~ Dawn Ouellette

QFHS NEWS AND NOTES

QFHS - OPEN HOUSE:

As part of the "Journées de la Culture" Festival the QFHS will be holding an *Open House and Booksale* at their Library, 173 Cartier Ave, Pointe Claire on September 26th & 27th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come in and learn what records are available in the QFHS Library and where to find information about Your Canadian, American, Irish, English, French and Welsh ancestors.



EVERYONE is WELCOME so bring a friend.

Anyone wishing to donate books may drop them off at the QFHS Library. We need books of any description for the Book Sale: novels, history, mystery . . . etc. For further information about the *Quebec Journées de la Culture* visit their website at: http://www.culturepourtous.ca/journeesdelaculture/index_en.htm

ROOTS RESCHEDULED !!

Due to the uncertainty concerning the Grande Prix Formula One Auto Race in Montreal in 2010 "ROOTS" has been postponed until the following year.

After long and careful deliberation the "ROOTS" planning committee decided to reschedule the fifth International Conference on Family History Research, sponsored by the QFHS, until June 2011. Further details, including a list of speakers, topics, events and a registration form will be published in upcoming issues of *CONNECTIONS* and on the QFHS website at www.qfhs.ca

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 14TH 2009

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE QUEBEC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
WILL BE HELD AT ST ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH
75 - 15TH AVENUE, LACHINE, QUEBEC
ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH 2009
AT 10:30 A.M.**

FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

**PRESENTING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS
AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
ELECTING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR 2009 - 2010
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QFHS NEWS AND NOTES

QFHS FREE PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

Held the second Saturday of each month September to December and March to May at 10:30 am
Due to the possibility of inclement weather conditions no lectures are held in January or February.

Location: St. Andrew's United Church 75 - 15th Ave., Lachine, Quebec

Date & Time: for dates, time and directions visit the QFHS webpage at: www.qfhs.ca
and click on "Happenings" then "Lecture Series"

PLEASE NOTE THAT:

~ These lectures are now held the second Saturday of each month at: 10:30 a. m. ~
~ The October Lecture: will be held on Friday, Oct 23rd - 1:00 p.m. - at the McCord Museum ~

AUTUMN LECTURES ~ 2009

Date: Saturday, September 12th 2009
Time: 10:30 a.m.~ at St. Andrew's United Church 75 - 15th Ave., Lachine, Quebec
Speaker: Judy Isherwood - of *Shoreline Publishing* in Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue
Topic: She will talk on what a publisher can do to help you get your family history into print.

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Date: Friday, October 23rd 2009
Time: 1:00 p.m. ~ at the *McCord Museum* in downtown Montreal
Speaker: Nora Hague
Topic: Nora will talk about the Notman Photograph Collection and how it can be used by family historians. After her talk we will tour the Irish exhibit at the McCord

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Date: Saturday, November 14th 2009
Time: 10:30 a.m.~ at St. Andrew's United Church 75 - 15th Ave., Lachine, Quebec
Speaker: Peter Harrison - a great-grandson of Dent Harrison
Topic: He will tell the story of how Harrison Bakery, founded by Dent Harrison of Yorkshire, England, evolved into Harrison & Sons Bakery and finally POM Bakery.

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Date: Saturday, December 12th 2009
Time: 10:30 a.m. ~ at St. Andrew's United Church 75 - 15th Ave., Lachine, Quebec
Speaker: Heather McNabb
Topic: Tartan Weave: Patterns of Scottish Immigration and Settlement in Quebec before the 20th Century. Heather was the principal researcher for the exhibit '*The Scots: Dyed-in-the Wool Montrealers*' which was shown at the McCord Museum in 2003-04

DEADLINE FOR THE WINTER EDITION OF "CONNECTIONS"
is October 15th 2009

SEMINARS and EXCURSIONS

Once again the Quebec Family History Society is offering a series of *one day intensive seminars* given by experts. These seminars examine various facets of genealogical research within a given country or province - including the latest databases available at the QFHS and on the Internet, or on a subject related to family history research. This autumn there are FOUR *one day intensive seminar* planned. There will be time in the afternoon to ask your specific genealogical questions and seek research guidance

Please Remember that Space is Limited to 15 Persons for each seminar
The first 15 for each seminar who pay are guaranteed a seat
We will stop one hour for Lunch ~ Please Bring a Lunch

WHAT DO I DO WITH ALL MY GENEALOGICAL STUFF:

The Preservation and Organization of Your Family History Documents and Photographs. This seminar will examine how to organize and preserve your documents and photographs, techniques for scanning documents and photographs and how to incorporate your materials into the Family Tree Maker and Legacy genealogical computer programs.

Lecturers: Bob Dunn, Lorraine Gosselin, Derek Hopkins, Cecilia Karwowski and Gary Schroder
Date: Saturday, September 19th, 2009
Time: 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. ~ at the QFHS Library
Fee: \$30.00 for Members // \$ 40.00 for Non-members

FAMILY TREE MAKER 2009

See details on the next page

Lecturer: Lorraine Gosselin
Date: Saturday, October 3rd, 2009
Time: 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. ~ at the QFHS Library
Fee: \$30.00 for Members // \$ 40.00 for Non-members

A GENEALOGICAL DAY IN ENGLAND:

This seminar will examine what's new and exciting in the world of English Family History and how to find your ancestors lost in *England*.

Lecturer: Gary Schroder
Date: Saturday, November 21st, 2009
Time: 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. ~ at the QFHS Library
Fee: \$30.00 for Members // \$ 40.00 for Non-members

A GENEALOGICAL DAY IN IRELAND:

This seminar will examine what's new and exciting in the world of Irish Family History and how to find your ancestors lost in *Ireland*.

Lecturer: Gary Schroder
Date: Saturday, December 5th, 2009
Time: 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. ~ at the QFHS Library
Fee: \$30.00 for Members // \$ 40.00 for Non-members

SEMINARS and EXCURSIONS

FAMILY TREE MAKER 2009

Come and learn about the most recent version of Family Tree Maker. FTM bills itself as "the #1 selling genealogy software." It's also a favorite with QFHS members, so if you run into problems, it is likely one of your friends will also be using it to track genealogical research.

This course is given with our projector linked to a computer showing the actual FTM software, and not overheads. This makes it possible to show examples of the software in actual use and to illustrate answers to questions as they are asked.

Bring your questions, and as many as possible will be answered. Those that can't be answered on the spot will be covered in a future edition of *Connections*.

You may also send questions and suggestions for the course ahead of time to *computree 'at' yahoo.com* and every effort will be made to incorporate them into the course (provided they are sent early enough!).

Please reserve early

Presented by Lorraine Gosselin

Saturday, Oct 3rd, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the QFHS Library.

Bring your lunch!

A "FREE" TOUR OF MT ROYAL CEMETERY and NOTRE DAME des NEIGES CEMETERY

This "FREE" tour of both cemeteries will be conducted by QFHS President, Gary Schroder. During this four hour tour you will visit the resting place of more than 50 famous people including Thomas D'Arcy McGee, Mrs Anna Leonowens [the real Anna of "The King and I"] and victims of the *Titanic*.

Date: Sunday, October 18th, 2009

Time: 10 A.M.

Tour Starts at The front gate of MOUNT ROYAL CEMETERY
1297 Chemin de la Foret, Outremont.

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. PLEASE BRING A LUNCH

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS
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QFHS OPEN HOUSE and BOOK SALE:

We need more books for the Book Sale !!!

If you have any books to donate to the QFHS book sale please drop them off before September 26th.
An opportunity to clean off your bookshelves of books you no longer want, but don't know what to do with.

~ BOOKS OF ALL KINDS ARE WELCOME ~

The Archway of Tears

By Robert N. Wilkins

Homeless and destitute, he sought refuge in a Victorian-era workhouse in Central England. Shortly thereafter, in August of 1900, he fell ill and was taken to that same institution's infirmary for medical attention. There, by and by, he expired - a lowly pauper with his duly assigned administrative number affixed to his beggar's clothes. Late in that same summer season, the mendicant's body was interred "at the corporation's expense" in a municipal burial ground on the periphery of the city centre. The cycle that is life was now complete; in this case, that of my Birmingham-born great grandfather.

The unrelenting and crushing poverty omnipresent in Victorian England was such that the fate of my late great grandfather was far from unique. During a recent and otherwise pleasant visit to Birmingham's Central Library just opposite the historic Council House on Chamberlain Square, I painstakingly studied a ledger for admissions to that city's now defunct Western Road Workhouse. The register was, like so many other records from that period, a massive document which revealed that on any given day there would be found in just the infirmary alone well over 1,000 patients.

Such was one of the many paradoxes of Victorian Britain that a log detailing such profound human misery was meticulously kept in a beautiful hand, containing some 45 items of diverse data about the inmate in question. Two columns in particular troubled me. One read simply "Number Affixed to the Pauper's Clothes" while the other coldly instructed the attending clerk to write merely the word "dead" in case of death. "Alfred William Wilkins, number 258, dead." It's odd seeing a comparatively close ancestor described in such unaffected, brusque language.

Yet, in terms of longevity, my great grandfather did not do too badly for those times. For men, average life expectancy in 1900 in much of the industrialized world was about 50 years of age. While he eked out an existence to the age of 63, what can be said of an infant who lived but three days - all in the Workhouse Infirmary? According to the surprisingly well-preserved record book, his impoverished mother, Ellen Gwinnell, gave birth to twins in the sick-quarters of the legendary parish facility on June 1, 1900 only to lose one of the newborns three days later in that same dark and dismal nineteenth century stone structure. One can only wonder about the eventual fate of the baby's mother and twin.

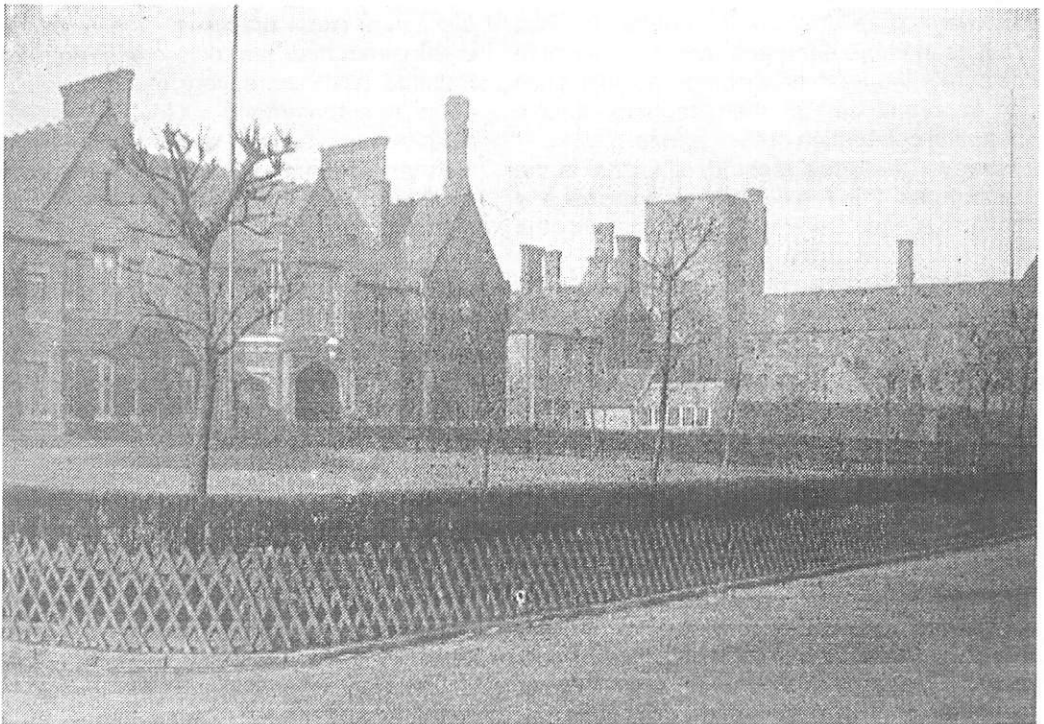
As I continued to thumb my way through the infirmary's ledger, I could not help but remark the great number of children who passed through the dreaded gates of the Workhouse. In many cases, little ones accompanied one or both of their parents into the poorhouse, some so young that they could not possibly have understood what was happening to them. Others - orphans - wandered in on their own accord, or were brought there off the streets by Birmingham bobbies. The Western Road Workhouse, like most others in Britain, also served as a sort of crude yet inevitable delivery venue for women in trouble. A quick glance at the shelter's records as well as parish baptismal registers details a very high number of illegitimate births which took place in these rather contentious facilities. As it happened, the 1885 ledger for that identical infirmary brought unexpectedly to light to me the fact that the nineteen year old unmarried daughter of my great grandfather had herself given birth in the same asylum in which her father died fifteen years

later. The popular notion of Victorian prudishness is rapidly repudiated by such archives. With my time at the Birmingham Library and its precious ledgers quickly ebbing, I picked up my pace. One of the last references I came upon before returning the dated books to the Local Studies' Sixth Floor counter was that of a 42 year old man whose name was reported as "unknown." What further could be said (I thought to myself) about the demise of an individual whose very earthly existence could not be filed in any official document, particularly a death certificate?

Later, when back in Canada, I subsequently discovered that the main entrance to the Western Road Workhouse was commonly known throughout the years in the Midlands of England as "The Archway of Tears." Then, struck by my finding, I could not help but wonder if my great grandfather wept as he passed through that vaulting entryway and into the infamous building on its other side. Like most, he was surely aware that the better part of those who set foot in the shabby structure never left it alive.

On February 19, 1999, a memorial plaque was placed on the now recycled edifice that was once the Birmingham Workhouse. It reads: "*In Memory of All Those Folk Forced by Hardships through the Archway of Tears and into the Workhouse. In Life They Endured Misfortune, in Death They May Rest in Peace.*" Indeed, may he rest in peace.

Photo of Western Road Workhouse, Birmingham, England



THE GERMAN PALATINES

Submitted by Margaret Belfry Lynn

Canada's many early settlers made their way to these shores through often circuitous routes. Such were the experiences of the Palatinate homesteaders from the Rhineland Pfalz in Germany, who were known as the Palatines. Their saga has sparked interest around the globe, especially this year as their initial trek for a new homeland began in 1709, three hundred years ago this September.

The Rhineland Pfalz from which they came is a verdant, picturesque region in southwest Germany, bordered by Switzerland to the south, has France as its southwestern neighbour, and the Rhine River and her tributaries form important waterways to the east. This area is known as *the Palatinate*. It is a lush fertile valley, has miles and miles of rolling vineyards cavorting across its counterpane and is now a mecca for inveterate tourists and wine connoisseurs. Late every August they close the Winestrasse (the main highway) from the Swiss border to Bad Durkheim in the north and mount a festival to celebrate the fresh new vintage which is such an important part of their heritage. It is a beautiful celebration of their efforts.

However, historical records tell us that in the distant past this region was not the peaceful haven it is now. Communities, hounded by the 30 Year War from 1618 to 1684 were continually oppressed by Louis' marauding forces. French Huguenot followers of John Calvin had sought religious freedom in the Palatinate after the Edit of Nates of 1598, but later both they and the local inhabitants were again attacked by Louis XIV after he revoked this Edit in 1685. This rescinded decree stated that those practicing the less formal form of worship no longer had the right to either religious or political freedom. Many German Lutherans supported Martin Luther's stand against the Roman Church, preferring to worship with German language Bibles and were also affected by this policy reversal. Local peasants regardless of their religious affiliation suffered, and major settlements such as

nearby Spires, named for its many church spires but now known as Speyer and the city of Worms were also targeted with their churches left in ruins. Even the beautiful castle in Heidelberg did not escape being sacked. This cast much concern across the Rhine valley.

Louis XIV, their close neighbour who craved power and possessions, now became even more insistent that his motto of "One Faith, One Law, One King!" be respected, so he urged his armies to drive these "protesters" out of their homes and communities on the pretext of their religious practices. One also has to understand that the rich crops and fertile Palatine lands were very much coveted by Louis. At his command, his forces ravaged the land, burning, sacking and terrifying the local German farmers who became increasingly uneasy. Local trade was a shambles and starvation was becoming widespread. These unsettling events were almost too much to bear so many concerned Palatines began to consider refuge in other lands.

At the same time in Europe there was a general surge of information about new lands across the sea. Was there a safe haven elsewhere? William Penn was eager to draw settlers to the Carolinas with the lure of freedom of expression, elected government, trial by jury and religious tolerance. His message was creating a great deal of interest, especially among area farmers who were being besieged. Indeed, the world was opening up. The British government, wanting a strong foothold in the Americas, supported Penn's desires and encouraged the industrious Palatines to consider emigration to the

American colonies. With this in mind a "Golden Book", designed to woo these hard working, German farmers was widely circulated. The land of milk and honey sounded quite wonderful. Bread was to be available until they could produce their own, and many were indeed anxious to leave the problems in their land and begin a new adventure.

While these concerns were uppermost in people's minds, the brutal winter of 1708-09 swept the land. Precious vineyards on which survival depended were still deeply frozen far into April, and farmers who worked the land were unable to find employment. We are told that the Rhine River froze from the North Sea to the Alps. Grape harvests were destroyed, trees and crops were ruined, and thus many of these excellent workers became devastated as their lives and families were at risk.

This uneasy climate convinced many struggling families that the time had come to leave their homeland. Among them were strong, younger men and/or young families who rose to this challenge. These were well bodied, adventurous folks who were inspired by the drama about to unfold around them. But, how daunting this must have been for those loved ones who would be left behind!

Numerous researchers have described the difficulties of following the Rhine to Rotterdam. The journey took six weeks and often their hard earned savings were depleted by the need to purchase food, supplies, or pay exorbitant toll charges. No doubt there were many tears as the enormity of their decision began to sink in. There were six sailings in all, and on the third sailing records tell us that 28 year old Michael Schweitzer with his wife and sons, 6 months and 2 years, and Michael's brother, Johann Christopher, aged 23 years were aboard. Those names (which were later changed to Switzer) appear in my family tree. These brothers with their small family and some neighbours were leaving from the little village of Assenheim, where yet another

Schweitzer brother's chose to remain, and his name can be seen carved on a 1712 historical beam supporting one corner of the Assenheim Rathaus. How many families must have been shattered by these departures? Among others names on this sailing were a Tesky family whose family tree contains Lauren Tesky the wife of Prime Minister Harper. It is quite amazing to read the lists of names, often those with whom we have gone to school and/or whose names appear in our history books or street signs.

Some ships went directly to the new world, but a number of families were held up at Rotterdam while waiting transportation across the sea. Queen Anne of Britain, who had already granted full citizenship to foreign Protestants in March of 1709, wanted to strengthen her holdings in southern Ireland, so seized this opportunity to gain Protestant support there. She offered to supply them with free transportation to England, followed by settlement in the Limerick area. Many, including my forefathers, chose to accept her offer. Consequently, she dispatched the British Navy to ferry these Palatine people across the channel to Blackheath near London.

Thus step two in their eventual settlement was accomplished. After months of waiting in tents south of London, Queen Anne was able to encourage several wealthy landowners in Ireland to sponsor a number of families. As they were hard workers as husbandmen, vinedressers and weavers this was readily arranged. One such landowner was Sir Thomas Southwell, a former British baronet who had moved to Ireland some years before. Sir Thomas agreed to grant tenancies to 103 families so they could work and live at Castlematrix, a few miles south of Limerick. This was the largest group to be settled together and because of his encouragement and generous treatment, they became excellent tenants. However, they remained strongly German, maintaining their own

language and customs for many years. Other families settled at Killeheen and Ballingrane near Limerick which were also part of Sir Southwell's estate. Eventually several new communities sprang up thanks to the generosity of different landowners. On August 8th this large group began the wagon trek across the English countryside to Chester, a distance of 120 miles. From there a schooner took them to Dublin adding another 24 hours to their journey. Finally, they continued across Ireland to Limerick and their new homes.

It was three hundred years ago this September that these wandering Palatine families settled in Ireland and became homesteaders. Their adventurous experience has captured the interest and respect of historians as well as heirs, many of whom are celebrating this historic occasion from the 4th to the 14th of September 2009 in the Limerick area. Representatives from Germany, Canada and the US are joining forces with Irish friends and kinfolk to celebrate their remarkable settlements.

They did become strong, hard working settlers but some of Queen Anne's wishes were not fulfilled. She was anxious that they marry into the community and encourage their Irish Catholics spouses to follow the Protestant faith. This seldom happened due to strong German bonds of customs and beliefs. These large German families encouraged cross cousin marriages with their youth marrying siblings of neighbours or cousins, thus linking their families in marriage and creating substantial farmlands. Often young teen aged girls would be paired off with older, more established sons of friends and their subsequent marriages would be carried out when the girls became young women. Consequently some holdings amalgamated, producing very successful homesteads and their cultural identity was preserved.

Many of the excellent German farming methods were emulated by their Irish neighbors and

these helped to bring prosperity to the country. Their method of planting potatoes in ridges was widely copied and successful crops became the norm. Oats, wheat, fruits and vegetables from their kitchen gardens were a regular part of their daily diet so they were not as affected by the devastating potato blight that later swept the land. Successful flax and hemp crops allowed them to produce fine linens and sail cloth and become prosperous weavers. They practiced mixed farming, rotated their crops, and used horses and tilling tools to cultivate the land for more successful production. Apple orchards sprang up and their cider and cooking methods were shared.

One of the interesting aspects of this successful cider production was their copious use of cider, causing them to become rather raucous and forget their more conservative upbringing. This led John Wesley to return several times to spread his gospel. His message about following a more religious approach to life was taken to heart and great revival tents drew huge crowds who returned to their more contemplative, traditional ways. One of the upshots of Wesley's influence was that some of these settlers such as Barbara Heck and her husband Paul Embury, along with some Embury, Lawrence and Switzer family members were forerunners in bringing Methodism to America, first to New York and then traveling north to Upper Canada. Barbara Heck has been cited as the Mother of Methodism in America and she has been widely celebrated for her effort.

Gradually other descendants of those first Palatine settlers from the Pfalz followed their relatives to America. Some came via New York, and the eastern states, then into Canada as United Empire Loyalists, or via Montreal, York, or other ports, then fanned out across the land. As a result, many towns, villages and Canadian communities have these brave settlers to thank for their efforts to carve homes and create lives among our fields and forests.

Certainly the people of the German Palatinate were not the only group to spread out across America, England, Ireland or Australia. But because of their sheer numbers and large families, their impact was keenly felt. When arriving from Ireland many settled near family and friends who had already formed roots. This resulted in large communities of Palatine

forefathers massed in Ontario settlements such as Brock, Lanark, Blanshard and Emily, and even further into other parts of the country. Their influence on our country and culture has been quite significant. What a huge debt of gratitude we owe those visionaries who have made such a contribution to our communities and to our country.

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The Chronicle Telegraph in Quebec City - On-line as of February 13th 2009

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Louis Rubenstein

AND THE GREAT ST. URBAIN STREET FIRE OF 1877

By Robert N. Wilkins

When Alderman Louis Rubenstein died suddenly early in the morning of January 3, 1931, his loss was deeply mourned throughout the city. Prominent sportsman, engaged philanthropist, and a champion of labour, he had captured the hearts of all Montrealers by his generosity and commitment to this town he loved so dearly.

Rubenstein was born in Montreal on September 23, 1861, the son of Max and Leah Rubenstein. He had many siblings, both male and female. His parents had emigrated from Poland in the early 1850's and had established themselves in Montreal where all the men worked in the silver and brass plating business on Craig Street. In point of fact, the Rubensteins were one of the oldest Jewish families in the city.

While Louis was also apprenticed in the plating trade, he was probably best known for his passion for sport, particularly figure skating. He had triumphed in several North American competitions in the 1880's but it was his victory in the figure skating championship in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1890 that drew the most attention and recognition to him. Rubenstein was also an avid curler and hockey player. Extolled one Montreal daily at the time of his death, "He was indeed the pioneer of winter sports in Canada." It is also worth noting that, as a young man, wherever he went representing Canada at the amateur level, he always paid his own expenses.

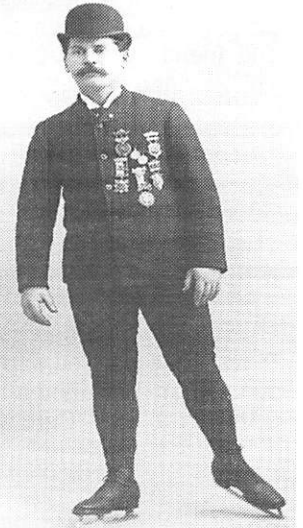
Later in life, Rubenstein, who never married, also pursued a political career, elected by acclamation in 1914 at the age of 43 to the Montreal City Council. There, he steadfastly represented St. Lawrence Ward until the day he died, using his prestigious position unabashedly to champion the rights of the working class. The colourful councillor had no political enemies as such and was considered by all to be a good and decent man.

Whenever a celebrated visitor came to Montreal, it was frequently Alderman Rubenstein who would take charge and make the individual feel right at home. His charm and acute sense of humour made him always the gracious host.

Rubenstein's life was a true litany of achievement and duty. He was president of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association for 18 years and also retained, for a period of time, the presidency of the Royal Life Saving Society. He held similar executive positions with M.A.A.A., Y.M.H.A., St. Andrew's Curling Club, the Bowling Association, the International Skating Union along with being a life governor of the Montreal General Hospital. He also found time to oversee the construction of the Rubenstein Public Bath on Jeanne Mance Street (today where stands Complexe Desjardins). In addition to all this, Rubenstein, a devoted traveller, had journeyed about the world several times.

"As second senior alderman of the City of Montreal, he was beloved and respected by all his colleagues. No one ever heard a bitter word from him in the council. A good sport and pleasant fellow, he was linked with the past and it will be impossible to fill his shoes." So spoke alderman W. H. Biggar, leader of the City Council at the time of Rubenstein's death.

"Linked with the past," indeed he was. A little known fact in the life of Louis Rubenstein was that his civic gallantry began at a very early age. In the pre-dawn hours of Sunday, April 29, 1877, the young boy was awakened from sleep by an out-of-control fire that was raging behind his family's home and business at 537 1/2 Craig Street (today 71 St. Antoine Street West, and part of the Steve's Music Shop complex). In virtual total darkness, Rubenstein ran from his home west along Craig Street until he came to the Central Fire Station where he alerted the men to what was happening. He was all of 15 years of age.



The blaze on St. Urbain Street (opposite today's Place d'Armes Metro Station) was one of the worst in Montreal's history, taking the lives of some seven firefighters and four civilians before it was put out. Several adults, including the caretaker of the building in question, ignored the flames and just went about their business. One can only wonder how much worse the outcome would have been had in not been for the intervention of the adolescent Rubenstein.

Today, in the old Fletcher's Field that Rubenstein undoubtedly knew so well, there is befittingly a humble memorial to this most remarkable Montrealer.

The photo on the preceding page is of Louis Rubenstein ~ with all his medals

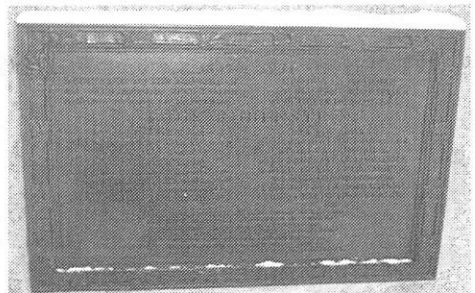
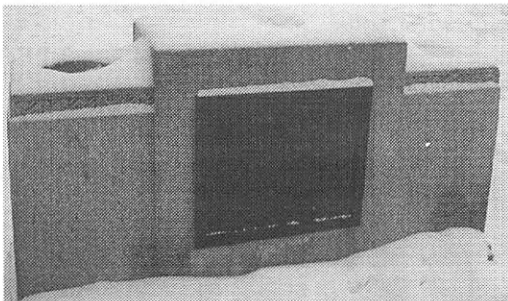


This photo is of the home Louis Rubenstein at the time of his death in 1931. Judging from the cross on the side of it, it clearly has another function today.



Photo of the home from which young Louis Rubenstein ran in a pre-dawn hour to alert firemen of an out-of-control blaze which was raging in April of 1877 on St. Urbain Street [see: *Of Stone Sheds and Firemen - Connections* vol 31 iss #3 pg 4].

Today it is part of the Steve's Music Shop complex on St. Antoine (formerly Craig Street). The building is well over 140 years old



The other two photos show a memorial fountain in memory of Louis Rubenstein. It is found at the corner of Park Avenue and Mount Royal in Jeanne Mance Park (formerly Fletcher's Field).

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1. Thornborough: Past and Present (Bucks. UK)
compiled by Betty Bunce HG/435.9/B6/2003
2. A History of Buckinghamshire
by Michael Reed HG/435.9/R4/1993
3. Wellesbourne At War 1939 - 1945
by Alan Griffin MH/435.9/G7/1990
4. Directories of People in Quebec City, Lévis, Sillery,
Trois Rivières, Ste. Foy, St. Sauveur
compiled by Jacques Gagné REF/AD/150.5/Q8/2009
5. RIDGEWAY ROOTS: Family Journal, Dec. 1995 FH/000.9/R5/1995
6. RIDGEWAY ROOTS: Family Journal, Dec 1996 FH/000.9/R5/1996
7. RIDGEWAY ROOTS: Family Journal, Dec. 1997 FH/000.9/R5/1997
8. RIDGEWAY ROOTS: Family Journal, Dec. 1999 FH/000.9/R5/1999
9. RIDGEWAY ROOTS: Family Journal, Dec 2000 FH/000.9/R5/2000
10. RIDGEWAY ROOTS: Family Journal, Dec 2001 FH/000.9/R5/2001
11. Canadian Types of the Old Régime (New France))
by C.W.Colby HG/150.99/C6/1908
12. The Letters of James and Ellen Robb
Alfred G Bailey (editor) FH/999.99/R6/1983
13. Plague - [story of smallpox in Montreal]
by Michael Bliss HG/151.99/B5/1991
14. Les Ancêtres Beauportois, 1634-1760
by Michel Langlois FH/157.1/L3/1984
15. Dictionnaire généalogique des familles Lepage
Tome 1 FH/150.3/L3/2004/v1
Tome 2 FH/150.3/L3/2004/v2
16. Marguerite D'Youville: A Pioneer for our Times
by Sister Rita McGuire,, GSIC BG/150.99/R4/19982
17. The Anglican Church in Three Rivers, Quebec 1768-1956
by Rev. Arthur E. E. Legge HG/154.99/L3/1956
18. The Lives and Times of Our English Ancestors, Vol.1
By Frank Smith HG/430.99/S6/1974
19. Chateauguay, New York, and the War of 1812
by John A Bilow HG/220.99/B5/1984
20. French Canadians in Michigan
by John P Dulong GS/230.99/D8/2001
21. Family History of Anthony E. Kyffin, Vol.1: My Ancestors
by Anthony E Kyffin FH/000.3/K9/2009
22. Acadian to Cajun: Transformation of a People: 1803-1877
by Carl A Brasseaux HG/260.99/B7/1992
23. Fast Facts For Finding Aids From Manitoba
by Kelly Southworth - compiler GN/170.3/M3/2008

24. Brome County Birth, Death & Marriages: 1880-1899
Methodist & Quaker Church Records: Reel 347.14 & 15
compiled by Lorna Rhicard GS/153.4/B7/2002
25. Brome County Births, Deaths & Marriages: Reel 347.11,
Adventist & Anglican Church Registers 1880 -1899
compiled by Lorna Rhicard GS/153.4/B76/2002
26. Brome County: Births & Deaths, Anglican Church Registers.
Extracts from Reel 124.2, 124.3, 124.4, 124.6 REF/GS/153.4/B7/2001
27. Recollections of Early Pointe Claire
by George E. R.Milne HG/151.9/M5/1962
28. Genealogy Reports: Williatt & Horwood FH/435.33/W3
29. Tennessee & Connecticut Lineages, Book 3 - The Rice Family
Rosemary E. Bachelor - editor FH/210.9/R5/2004
30. Will & Indentures, Buckinghamshire, England 1400-1900
[families: Illing, Oakley, Harrup, Bradbury, Harwood, Willett] GN/432.9/N5
31. My Father's People [South Bolton family Windle & Bracey]
by Joan Windle Barnes FH/153.9/B3/ 2009

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Joan Windle Barnes has generously donated a copy of her newly released book "*My Father's People*" to our library. The book contains information about Sam Windle and Pearle Bracey's families of South Bolton in Brome County. (Joan's grandparents). Sam was born in England and came here with a group of home children. Copies are available for \$25 (plus postage) from Townshippers' Association and from Brome County Historical Society

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The CDs from Barbara Nicholas are in binders.

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Submitted by Cecilia Karwowski - Librarian

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- ▶ Genealogical Research Directory 2002
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- ▶ Mission Anglican de Papineauville et Montebello
baptêmes, mariages, sepultures par Marthe Delisle
- ▶ Story Stratford Past by Robert Ayers & Audrey Lambert
- ▶ Highways and Byways in Sussex by E. Lucas
- ▶ Doune - Post Cards from the Past by A.F. McKenzie
- ▶ Coteau-du-Lac, Que., Christ Church Anglican register 1829-1857
by Miriam Hayward & Shirley Lancaster
- ▶ Saint-Philippe, Grande Pointe, Miscellaneous marriages

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Joan Benoit, Secretary

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Census	19,000	260,000
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CHATEAUGUAY VALLEY GENEALOGY

Genealogists researching the Chateauguay Valley will find the books written by Donna Templeton and Jean Furcall about life and families in the area very interesting.



From Scotland to the English River

Jean Furcall and Donna Templeton

In 1829 Robert Templeton, his wife Margaret Dickie, their six children and Robert's brother Hugh left Scotland and traveled to Canada, settling on the English River in the Chateauguay Valley. Their descendants now number well over 2000. These are their stories.

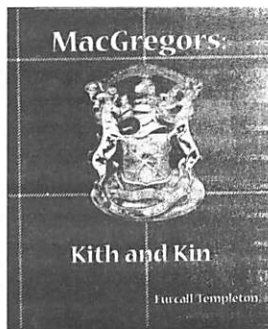
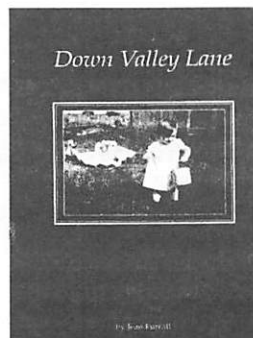
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Jean Furcall

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Close bonds were formed by those hardy pioneers with family as the basis of their existence. Neighbours often became relatives through marriage. Working together and caring for each other became the hallmark of fledgling settlements. These characteristics have left a lasting legacy in the Chateauguay Valley.

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The Quebec Family History Society is pleased to offer the following books compiled by Brenda Wilson Birch, on the Cemeteries of Missisquoi County, Quebec. A combination of cemetery records, headstone transcriptions and information from personal contacts, these books are valuable resources for genealogists researching this area of Quebec.

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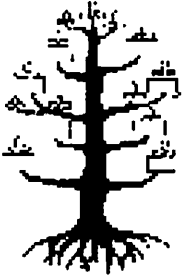
Frelighsburg Twp. Ordering ref: QFHS C4025 Price \$30. S&H \$8; CD \$25. S&H \$3
Cemeteries in this book - Abbott's Corner #1, Abbott's Corner #2, Clark Burying Ground, Deming, Smith, Barnes, Johnson, Bishop Stewart Memorial Anglican, Methodist church, Saint François D'Assise Roman Catholic, Lagrange or Hunter's Mills, Scofield Burying Ground.

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Cemeteries in this book - Pigeon Hill, Saint Philippe Roman Catholic, Philipsburg Protestant, Notre-Dame du Lourdes Catholic, Krans, Hasting, Luke, Vincent, Russell/Hancock Hill, Somberger.

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Cemeteries in this book - Vaughan, Ridge Cemetery # 1, Ridge Cemetery # 2, Old Corey, Pearcetown, Basswood/Martin, Stanbury Methodist, Ste-Jeanne D'Arc Catholic, St-Pierre-De-Veronne Catholic, St. James the Apostle Anglican, Mystic/Stanbridge Centre/Union Cemetery, Notre Dame De Stanbridge Catholic.

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BROWSING OLD CEMETERIES

Submitted by Dorothy Weller

A truly Happy Person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
And, one who can enjoy browsing old cemeteries...
Some fascinating things on old tombstones !

Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York:
Born 1903 - Died 1942.
Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the
car was on the way down.
It was.

In a Thurmont, Maryland, cemetery:
Here lies an Atheist, all dressed up and no place to go.

On the grave of Ezekial Aikle in
East Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia:
Here lies Ezekial Aikle, Age 102.
Only The Good Die Young.

In a London, England cemetery:
Here lies Ann Mann, Who lived an old maid
but died an old Mann. Dec. 8, 1767

In a Ribbesford, England, cemetery:
Anna Wallace
The children of Israel wanted bread,
And the Lord sent them manna.
Clark Wallace wanted a wife, And the Devil sent him Anna.

On a grave from the 1880s in Nantucket, Massachusetts
Under the sod and under the trees,
Lies the body of Jonathan Pease.
He is not here, there's only the pod.
Pease shelled out and went to God.

In a Silver City, Nevada, cemetery:
Here lays The Kid.
We planted him raw.
He was quick on the trigger
But slow on the draw

A lawyer's epitaph in England:
Sir John Strange.
Here lies an honest lawyer,
and that is Strange

John Penny's epitaph
in the Wimborne, England, cemetery:
Reader, if cash thou art in want of any,
Dig 6 feet deep and thou wilt find a Penny

In a cemetery in Hartscombe, England:
On the 22nd of June Jonathan Fiddle went out of tune

In a Uniontown, Pennsylvania, cemetery:
Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake.
Stepped on the gas instead of the brake.

In a cemetery in England:
Remember man, as you walk by,
As you are now, so once was I
As I am now, so shall you be.
Remember this and follow me.

To which someone replied by writing on the tombstone:
To follow you I'll not consent.
Until I know which way you went.

Editor's note:

These epitaphs are apparently real . . . but even if they are not they are always fun to read.

EXCEPTS FROM THE QUEBEC CITY GAZETTE NEWSPAPER

Submitted by Pennie Redmile

For people seeking English family genealogy, the early issues of *The Quebec City Gazette* have been indexed. The information is available on microfilm at the Montreal Archives on Viger St. East. I have culled out a few samples, from the "A" listings. (BanQ film # 5844). The newspapers can be viewed at the Grand Bibliotheque in Montreal, or may be ordered from Ottawa and sent to our QFHS Heritage Center

G.G. AIRD	St Peter St, Quebec	Sworn in as constable	28 July 1823
George AIRD	Merchant, Montreal	Sails for England with convoy	31 Oct 1762
George C AIRD	Quebec	Notice re accommodation with board & lodging	7 Nov 1822
John AIRD	Ensign Militia, Montreal	Promoted Lieutenant	24 May 1821
John AITKEN	Advt	States that Philip Payn,, merchant, is a man of honesty and integrity	18 Aug 1766
Alexander AITKEN	Kingston or Toronto	Appointed to receive claims from those who are to become citizens of this province	10 Jul 1788
ALEXANDER (no first name)	Ste. Famille	Convicted of having harboured a deserter from the 98 th Reg't of Foot. Fined 20 pounds	20 July 1809
J. Bte. ALEXANDER	Montreal	Apprehended for robbery	16 Feb 1818
J. Bte. ALEXANDER	Montreal	Convicted of stealing and sentenced to imprisonment, and to receive 39 lashes	18 Mar 1819
Ths ALEZ		Died at Twp of Ireland, formerly of the Isle of Guernsey	27 Sep 1819

NOTARY DATABASE:

As researchers into our roots, we delight in the moments when we catch a glimpse of the way our ancestors lived. In Quebec the notary documents contain a wealth of information. Each branch of the Archives Nationales du Quebec (ANQ) houses the records for their region - up to about 1899. The notary was an important person, handling various contracts of the day, including wills, marriage contracts, indentures / apprenticeships, land transactions....including rental fees, estate inventories, and protests - to name a few. On a smaller scale we also will find renunciations of estates, contracts by people for specific work, rentals of everything imaginable - from homes to horses. Information in court records often contain more family information than even a will. I have been building a d/base index of notary and tutorship documents for a number of years now. The majority cover the notaries who practiced around the Richelieu River through to Montreal. It costs nothing to ask if I have anything for a specific name. but I charge a small fee of \$15 per document [includes up to 10 pages] to obtain and mail a photocopy of the actual document.

Pennie Redmile I can be reached at: predmile@total.net

MARRIAGE BONDS

Submitted by Pennie Redmile

Microfilm at the Montreal Archives. Each man put up £200.

- **William Young**, Private 66th Regt., Jul 4 1840 To wed **Maria Houston** of Montreal
- **George Young**, Labourer, widower of late **Jane Lake**, Nov 5, 1849
To wed **Harriet Smith** of Qc. City, wid/o **John Smith**
- **Alexander Young**, farmer, Jan 3 1840, To wed **Ana Armstrong** of Montreal
- **James Wright** of St Claire, stevedore, wid/o **Mary Murphy**, To wed **Maria Hezlet** of Qc. City
- **Aaron Workman**, of Barnston, farmer, Jul 9 1840 To wed **Margaret Jane Madden**, widow
- **David Worsfield**. Montreal, sergeant, Feb 1 1840 To wed **Alice Flin** of Montreal
- **William Woods**, of Stoneham, Aug 24 1840 To wed **Elen Jane McKee** (minor) of Tewksbury
- **John Woods**, Montreal, printer, 2 Mar 1840 To wed **Sarah Woods** of Hemingford
- **Mathew Woodro**, farmer, of Longueuil To wed **Mary Brodie**
- **David Wolford**, labourer, Montreal, 24 Mar 1840 To wed **Caroline O'Ricklay**, of Montreal
- **William Gibson Wilson**, tailor, of Quebec City, Dec 30 1840 To wed **Bridgett Kelly**, of Qc. City
- **John Wilson**, of South Georgetown. June 8 1840 To wed **Sarah Ogilvie** of South Georgetown
- **David Wilson**, painter, Qc. City,, Jan 3, 1840 To wed **Helen McCormack**, Qc City, widow
- **Andrew Wilson**, shoemaker, widower, Qc. City, Apr 3, 1840 To wed **Mary Reid**, widow, of Qc. City
- **David Williamson**, Jan 20, 1840, To wed **Sarah, McInnes**
- **William Wrigglesworth**, bombardier, Apr 10 1840 To wed **Elizabeth O'Niel**, of Montreal
- **John Whyte**, merchant, of Huntingdon, June 11 1840 To wed **Margaret McGrath** of Hinchinbrook
- **Solomon P. Whitney**, farmer, of Kingsey, Feb 28, 1840 To wed **Maria Howell** of Three Rivers
- **Simeon Whitman**, widower, of St. Armand, Sept 18, 1840
To wed **Lucretia Richards Spicer**, of St Armand
- **William Edward Whittlaw**. of Montreal, Feb 8 1840 To wed **Pamela Wales Clark** of Chateauguay
- **William White**, gentleman, Qc City, Apr 24 1840 To wed **Mary Todd** of Qc. City
- **Thomas White**, of Qc. City, advocate, Apr 20, 1840 To wed **Amelia Hunter**, of Qc. City
- **Thomas Wheeldon**, labourer, Montreal, Apr 20 1840 To wed **Rose Salter?**
- **Ebenezer Wetenhall**, teacher, Montreal, June 15 1840 To wed **Margaretha Graffton** of Montreal
- **Gardner Welch**, farmer, of Farnham, Jan 9 1840 To wed **Jane Hawthorn** of Farnham
- **Thomas Ward**, of Isle Aux Noix, Mar 17 1840 To wed **Jane Morrison** of Isle Aux Noix
- **James Walters**, of New Orleans,, USA, 17 Oct 1840 To wed **Roxanne Meacham** of Upper Canada
- **George Wallace**, harness maker, Montreal, Oct 14 1840 To wed **Mary Ann Robson** of Montreal

QFHS OPEN HOUSE and BOOK SALE:

Open House and Book Sale at the QFHS Library, 173 Cartier Ave, Pointe Claire on September 26th & 27th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come in and learn what records are available in the QFHS Library and where to find Information about Your Canadian, American, Irish, English and Welsh ancestors.

EVERYONE is WELCOME so bring a friend.

Anyone wishing to donate books may drop them off at the QFHS Library
We need books of any description for the Book Sale: novels, history, mystery . . . etc.
For further information about the *Quebec Journees de la Culture* visit their website at:
http://www.culturepourtous.ca/journeesdelaculture/index_en.htm

QUERIES

Compiled by Diane Wilson

CAN YOU HELP ?

ABRAY/ABREY/AVERY, FITZGERALD

I am searching for information about the children of John ABRAY / ABREY and Anna FITZGERALD. John was an Anglican British soldier and his wife was Irish.
Their children: Eliza ABRAY / ABREY b1834 Quebec City; Robert ABRAY / ABREY b1836 Montreal
Birth records are in the Drouin collection. Did these children die young, marry, move, etc?
M Harris, maureneh@accesscomm.ca

DOUGHERTY/DOUGHTY/DOCKERTY, ANSTED, MATTHEWS, LYONS, FROST, SEARLE

Searching for parents and family of: Edward DOUGHERTY / DOUGHTY / DOCKERTY (1797-1877)
b Devon (?), England) m Sarah ANSTED (1814-1857 Middlesex, England)
Their children: John b1833 m Susan MATTHEWS; Thomas b1835 m Mary Ann LYONS;
Mary Ann Elizabeth m W J FROST; Sarah b1846 m George E SEARLE; Henry b1850; William b1852.
Lived in Chelsea, Middlesex, England.
Ruth Dougherty, grannyruth4@hotmail.com

MORRISON, GLEN

Searching for parents and family of: John MORRISON born c1790 Lanark, Scotland
married July 24, 1814 in New Kilpractrick to Robina GLEN born c1794.
Their children born in Cadder, Scotland: Robert b1815; Janet b1816; Jean b1818; John b1821;
Catherine b1823; Anthony b1824; Elizabeth Patrick b1826.
Lived in Lanark, Scotland.
Ruth Dougherty, grannyruth4@hotmail.com

JONES/SILVER/PALAMAR

Elijah and Stephen Jones came to Montreal 1889 from South Wales. Elijah married Mary Roberts.
Children: Mary Pamela Ann, Ruth and Eunice Gertrude.
Children's married names were SILVER and PALAMAR.
Any information would be appreciated in trying to reunite the Canadian families with those in Wales.
I usually sign in as valonageorge@shaw.ca but your link has given me my other email address.
Please could you add this query to your internet site
Many thanks, Valona valonageorge@shaw.ca

Queries with e-mail addresses may be viewed on the QFHS webpage
home addresses appearing in *Connections* have been deleted
visit the QFHS website at: www.qfhs.ca
And click on "Queries"

The QFHS also offers genealogical research services conducted for a fee
For further information visit the QFHS webpage at: www.qfhs.ca
and click on "Research Help"

DINNER AT EIGHT

by J H Munro, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Montreal was downright hot in April 1900, which was fortunate for surveyor Joseph Rielle. He accomplished a lot of survey work that month at Verdun, Lachine, Murray Bay, and in the city. A couple of days, work was interrupted while he sweltered in court, testifying in the Molson vs Harbour Commissioners case.

At the end of the month, it turned chilly and damp and Rielle's wintertime neuralgia returned with a vengeance. He probably wanted to spend the final weekend of April in bed to ease his stabbing pain but he couldn't. He had invited thirteen people to dinner on May 6th at Murray Bay and it wasn't just a social event - it was business. Considered one of the chief surveyors of Montreal, Rielle had worked for the Grand Trunk Railroad, the town of Verdun, Mount Royal Cemetery and the Montreal Harbour Commission. The design of Montreal's first suburb, Westmount, was his work. He was a member of the Council of Arts and Manufactures and a stockholder in a number of enterprises associated with transportation. For nine years, he served as Vice President of the Pontiac Pacific Junction Railway, so he knew a thing or two about railroad bridges. In 1898, he was discussant of a paper on concrete railway structures at a conference of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers. In his remarks he expressed concern that concrete may not be able to tolerate great vibration.

After work on Friday May 4th, Rielle left his office on St. James Street and went to Quebec by evening train. Despite a bad night's sleep, he dressed warmly on Saturday morning and boarded the steamship to Pointe au Pic. It was a longer trip than normal and his pain only increased. But when the ship pulled up to the wharf, Rielle caught sight of the brand new cedar-sided hotel high on the cliff and his spirits lifted. With touches of snow on the roof lines and on the rocks below, the view was striking. Le Manoir Richelieu was impressive with its twin towers, long wings and enormous windowed space for dining. Although some sections were not entirely finished, the dining room was open and ready for guests. Rielle ate dinner by himself, made final arrangements for Sunday's event with the maitre de and went to bed early.

Sunday is a nasty cold day. It snows off and on during the morning so Rielle stays indoors and tours the billiard room and bowling alley. In the early afternoon, Rielle bundles up again -he is eager to walk the grounds and see the salt water pool and tennis courts.

Just before eight, Rielle walks to the lounge to greet his guests. Four individuals on the guest list have a vested interest in the hotel, the newest project of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company. Rodolphe Forget, a Montreal financier, is President of the company. Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick C. Henshaw, C.O. Paradis and Edouard Burroughs Garneau are Directors. The navigation company is thriving. It now consists of three regional lines between Montreal and Toronto, Montreal and Quebec and Quebec and Tadoussac, eleven local lines and a second hotel at Tadoussac. The company has borrowed a page from William Van Horne, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, by building hotels at scenic destinations along the railroad - enticing people to travel across Canada. Two other men with railway connections are present: Charles Thomson, an inspector in Quebec and A.D. Harris, a regional agent with the Grand Trunk Railway.

Achille F. Carrier, an advocate and member of Parliament for Qaspe and A.W. Archer, an advocate from Montreal (possibly with Prefontaine, St Jean, Archer & Decary) are indirectly connected to railway companies. By coincidence, two more men named Frederick are among Rielle's guests. One is Frederick L. Gagnon, an engineer for the Montreal Harbor Commission.

The other is Frederick G. Todd, a New Hampshire native who has completed an apprenticeship with Frederick Law Olmsted (a seasonal resident of Murray Bay). Todd has just moved to Montreal.

Joining this intriguing group is Charles-Edouard Gauvin, Superintendent of Surveys for the province. His son Henri is with him for dinner. A couple of years earlier, Gauvin had completed a report on the best location for a railroad bridge at Quebec. He selected Chaudiere because the river was narrower there, the ideal place to connect train tracks on the north and south banks. Hot off the press is news that the construction contract for \$4.5 million has been awarded to a firm in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

A maitre de escorts the group to the dining room and they take seats around an elegantly appointed table at the windows. On the river below, a steamship glides by and ripples of water glimmer in the moonlight. Rielle raises a toast and the dinner party turns to the business at hand - how to expand railroads and their ancillary operations ever further.

Information for this articles comes from Charlevoix, Two Centuries at Murray Bay by Philippe Dube, Jacques Blouin & Tony Martin-Sperry (1990, McGill-Queen's), Journals of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Quebec, New York Times, and Province of Quebec Sessional Papers, (1888-1900, Google books) and Jos Rielle's 1900 diary (with a family member).



YOUTH TODAY ~ 1907

Author's note:

Geography class - 1870
sketch from an 1870 copy of
The Canadian Illustrated News.
From the general disinterest of
the students, one can see that
very little has changed over the
years.

YOUTH TODAY - [1907 !]

Submitted by Robert N. Wilkins

While pursuing my on-going hobby of researching the Edwardian Period of Montreal's history, I stumbled upon this Letter to the Editor in an edition of the Montreal Star. It is here presented verbatim from that same newspaper.

Montreal Star – September 21, 1907

AND THIS OF WESTMOUNT !

To the Editor of the Montreal Star:

Sir,

There is an old adage that "A man's manners make his fortune." On arrival at the Westmount Horticultural Show with several friends last Friday evening, it took but a few minutes to satisfy us that the manners and deportment of the youth of both sexes present at the exhibition would never achieve them fortune. The disorder and confusion caused by these youths (many of whom came there to get presents for raising plants), drove numbers of people out of the room; a policeman was present, but whether his head was full of archaeology or not, one could not say, at any rate he seemed perfectly oblivious to the wild disorder of the youth that were present.

It is not only at public exhibitions that we find such doings in Westmount. Let anyone stand for a short fifteen minutes any fine evening at the corner of Victoria avenue and Sherbrooke street, and he will see a full show of it. Apart from the attractiveness of its beautiful mountainside, the next great attraction of Westmount is its gardens; complaints are frequent as to the lack of the protection people owning gardens need all through the season; plants are torn up by the roots, handsome blooms are destroyed and carried off, garden tools are gone, fruit trees are broken. Rarely are offenders caught, and still more rarely punished. Fences around are practically of no protection, and to many the idea is gaining ground that the town is being given over to two useless things called "Do as you please" and "Go as you please."

This letter is written by a tax-payer and resident of the town, and it is written with perfect good-will, but much sorrow to think such ill behavior, bad manners and destruction exist there, showing a great lack of discipline on the part of our youth. It is rarely the laboring element are to blame, it is the children of the well-to-do, who apparently are not taught in their homes and elsewhere that the foundation of success and happiness largely lies in the direction of good manners and respect for the rights and feelings of others. Surely our young people and their parents do not desire the idea to grow that is already getting prevalent, that the otherwise fine children of Westmount are lacking in deportment and behavior; they are too valuable to be allowed to depreciate in any way, or to be excused with the worn-out palliative of "animal spirits." The managers of the Flower Show were at fault for not giving the children their presents say, for 4 to 5 in the afternoon; this would have made the evening exhibition much more enjoyable.

RESIDENT

Robert N. Wilkins is a retired Montreal-area high school teacher. He is currently indexing the death announcements that appeared in the now defunct Montreal Star. This data base, at present, covers the period January 1900 - February 1909 and contains over 101,000 obituaries and death announcements. Further information can be obtained by telephoning 514-524-5247 or by writing to montreal_1900@hotmail.com Mr. Wilkins' BLOG is found at www.forgoodmeasure.tk



The Computer Page is researched and edited from your queries and suggestions by QFHS member Lorraine Gosselin [E-mail: computree@yahoo.com]

20 MILLION MISSING WWI RED CROSS RECORDS FOUND

Thanks to Mike Howlett for this fascinating story about the discovery of the original Red Cross records from WWI. Read the details at news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7940540.stm. The plans are to get them on line by 2014 ... 100 years after the start of WW I. The hope is that the thousands of 'unknown soldiers' buried in Europe may be identified by the information contained in these detailed records. Copies held by the UK had been destroyed. Soldiers from more than 30 countries are represented.

OCCUPATIONAL TERMINOLOGY FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES

Thanks to Jim Scott for the list of unfamiliar occupational terms and obsolete occupational terminology, which often varies from country to country or even from region to region within a country. www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wiaslan/occupations.html (American.)

www.olivetreegenealogy.com/misc/occupations.shtml (Medieval English and early New World.)
rmhh.co.uk/occup/index.html (United Kingdom.) including the occupations listed in the 1891 UK census.
worldroots.com/brigitte/occupat.htm (German occupations and illnesses.)

THE LOYALISTS – PIONEERS AND SETTLERS OF QUEBEC

A history guide prepared for schools, but if you have Loyalist ancestors, this might prove quite informative. www.uelac.org/education/QuebecResource/index.html

LABELING DIGITAL GENEALOGY IMAGES – A VIDEO

www.rootstelevision.com/players/player_howto3.php?bctid=13970104001&bclid=958499738.

A bit technical, but well-illustrated. Click on the small box sign under the video to see it full screen (Note this applies to most Web videos).

CANADIAN NEWSPAPERS ON MICROFORM

Library and Archives Canada list what is available on microform at

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/8/18/index-e.html#about.

At one of our Lectures, a member asked if there was a list of Quebec newspapers available. You can find a list of Quebec historical newspapers, classified by region, also at this site of Library and Archives Canada www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/8/18/r18-215-e.html.

IRISH FAMILY RESEARCH DATA BASES

Locate information about your ancestors "via the hundreds of Searchable Databases available Online. Each database has been transcribed from Rare 19th Century Genealogical Materials"

www.irishfamilyresearch.co.uk/dbshortlist.htm. Although this is a for-fee service, there are some free searches available. Data base descriptions are provided for each county.

LAND OWNER RECORDS UK

This again is a fee-based membership site. Not only land owner records for England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, but some North American information as well, such as 200,000 Canadian Civil Service records for the period 1872-1918. Go to: www.familyrelatives.com

FAMILYSEARCH EXPANDS CANADIAN CENSUS COLLECTION

Canadian census records for 1851, 1861, and 1871 have been added. 1881 was already there, and plans are to include 1891 shortly. At www.familysearch.org, click on "Search Records", then on "Record Search Pilot". The census records do not appear as separate files, but are included in the results of your search.

CANADIAN WAR CHILDREN OF WORLD WAR TWO

This is a self help website set up to help people in the UK trace their fathers/family in Canada. Also Canadian fathers or a relative trying to trace a child who may have been fathered in the UK during World War II. www.canadianrootsuk.org.

RECORDS OF 250,000 MEDIEVAL SOLDIERS ON LINE

The detailed service records of 250,000 medieval soldiers - including archers who served with Henry V at the Battle of Agincourt - have gone online – a pilot project at the moment. The full profiles of soldiers from 1369 AD to 1453 AD reveal salaries, sickness records and who was knighted. Read about it here news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/8160081.stm

And search here: www.icmacentre.ac.uk/soldier/database

There are currently about 20,000 on line, so it's a site to bookmark.

ENGLAND AND WALES BIRTH INDEXES

Birth indexes, 1837-2005, have been added to Ancestry.ca.

Remember that QFHS members have free access at our Library.

DO YOU HAVE CROATIAN ANCESTORS?

A new Croatian history and genealogy site went on line this summer, at: croatian-genealogy.com.

WHO KILLED THE MEN OF ENGLAND?

Not exactly a help for your current research, but you may find this Harvard Magazine article quite fascinating about your long-ago ancestors at:

harvardmagazine.com/2009/07/who-killed-the-men-england.

CANADIAN NATURALIZATION DATA BASE

Library and Archives Canada has released a new version of the Canadian Naturalization 1915-1932 Database. It now includes the names of 206,731 individuals who applied for and received status as naturalized Canadians from 1915 to 1932

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/naturalization-1915-1932/index-e.html.

RESCUING PHOTOS STORED ON MAGNETIC ALBUMS

If you have precious photos of ancestors that have been stored in these now infamous sticky magnetic albums, go to www.jacobsarchival.com/rescue.html to learn how to rescue them. You don't need to buy the kit being advertised, simply follow the instructions to assemble your own.

CARTOGRAPHY

This site starts off with Rutgers University's special map collection, and many historical maps of New Jersey, but also includes many links to historical maps of the world at: mapmaker.rutgers.edu/MAPS.html.

FREE FORMS

Family Tree Magazine offers free forms at www.familytreemagazine.com/freeforms.

On their home page, you might be amused to follow the link to free videos and view the one on ancestors' hair styles.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN MONTREAL

If you are unsure how to get to the QFHS Library or the Archives, consult the much improved site for metro and bus at www2.stm.info/taz/index.php?lng=en.

TECH TIP

Preserving your data: of course you are already aware that you must back up your information regularly. But are you aware that many both technical and genealogical gurus are warning about the life span of CDs and DVDs? Today's CD-ROM and DVD-ROM disks have an average life expectancy of anywhere from 3 to 12 years, depending on their quality, among other factors. It's a good idea to check them regularly and make fresh copies.

Reminder: if there is no '**www**' shown for a site, it isn't required, so please don't add one.

SUGGESTIONS AND REQUESTS

Please continue to send in any suggestions for subjects or sites. If there is a specific subject for which you cannot find a site, another member could probably help you, so send in requests for this as well. If you use regular mail or drop a note in my mailbox at the QFHS library, please include your name and a telephone number or e-mail address.

Note also that not all material can be used, and that we reserve the right to edit submissions. Please accept my apologies if I forget to give credit to a contributor: in the three-month period between issues, it is easy to forget the source of the contribution.

Note that mention of a product or a web site on the Computer Page does not imply endorsement by the Society
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GENEALOGICAL SOFTWARE

By Lorraine Gosselin

[write to computree@yahoo.com if you want to submit questions or suggestions]

This is a column grouping information about various genealogical software programs. It includes news, Web addresses, questions received via E-mail, and questions not answered at courses or answered at one session but not asked nor answered at another.

MAC FAMILY TREE RELEASES NEW VERSIONSee: www.synium.de/products/macfamilytree for version 5.5.

You can also view a video by clicking on the left-hand column. Version 5.6 is announced but does not yet appear in the products available for download.

WINDOWS 7 ... Or any new software ...

At one of our Lectures, we were asked if Windows 7 – a free download – should be installed to replace Vista, which was disliked by the questioner. Even if this is not a genealogical program, but Microsoft's new operating system for PC's, the question merits to be answered here. And that answer is don't install unless you're a computer techie/professional: it is not yet a production version, which means it may contain a lot of errors, it is being released free so the public can do some testing for Microsoft. Admittedly, early reviews say that it should be very good ... eventually (i.e. a year or two after it is released in production). Anyone that does install it will be advised, shortly before it is released to the general public, to either uninstall it or pay for it. (The latest word is that it will be released in October 2009) Otherwise, your computer will be shut down every two hours until you do!

For any software, it is best not to buy either a new or completely revamped edition until it has been in the public domain for a year or so. Just like cars, you don't want to buy a model that has been completely redesigned the first year it comes out.

LEGACY SEMINARS AVAILABLE ON OR OFFLINELegacy seminars are available at www.legacyfamilytree.com/seminars.asp.

For those who have a slower Internet connection, you can also download the seminar to your computer for offline viewing.

LEGACY FAMILY TREE FREE VERSION 7

Just as was done for version 6, version 7's basic edition is available for free download at www.legacyfamilytree.com.

SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES FOR GENEALOGISTS

GenealogyWise.com is a new social networking site, similar to Facebook, but dedicated to genealogists. *Legacy Family Tree* has announced its own *Fans* group. Click on groups, and enter the name of the software package you are using. I found that *Family Tree Maker* is also there. As for all social networking sites, be very careful of the personal information you post for the world to see !

THE SCOTTISH WAR MEMORIALS PROJECT

Submitted by Paul Goodwin

Galloway War Memorial is no longer anonymous
Kenneth Osborne Mitchell unveiling

There is a memorial cairn at the site of a WW2 aircraft crash in the Galloway forest, north of Gatehouse of Fleet and not far from Loch Skerrow, it was originally erected at the request of the pilot's mother. Its existence was known to only a few and the details of the pilot commemorated known to fewer still. For over two years Paul Goodwin from Dalry has been photographing war memorials across Dumfries and Galloway as part of the Scottish War Memorials Project and had heard rumours of the memorial so set out to find it and document it as part of the project.

Paul continues: "Bob Peace from the Galloway Mountain Rescue Team guided me to the memorial where I found a small mortared cairn with some parts of a crashed aircraft but nothing to say who it was for. I decided to try and find the details and, after failing in my own research, turned to the Dumfries and Galloway Aviation Museum where Alan Leishman was able to provide the missing information."

Paul decided that the memorial had been anonymous for long enough so arranged for a plaque to be made to be attached to the cairn. Wednesday 18th March 2009 was the 65th anniversary of the death of the Canadian pilot Kenneth Osborne Mitchell and that was the day chosen to unveil the plaque at the memorial site where a few words were said about the man, his mission and his family and a two minutes silence was observed. Pilot Officer Mitchell's Hawker Typhoon crashed fatally while on his way from Hum to Prestwick to begin training in preparation for the squadron's role fighting the German V1 flying bombs then menacing London. He was the son of Theodore Osborne Mitchell and Ethel Lucy Wilson, of Greenfield Park, Province of Quebec, Canada and just 22 years old at the time of his death.

Paul was accompanied to this remote part of the Galloway forest by Morris Service, Davie Reid and Drew Porteous from the Dumfries and Galloway Aviation Museum. Research by Paul and the *Quebec Family History Society* has failed to discover any living relatives but it has nonetheless generated interest in Canada, particularly in this, Scotland's homecoming year. Apart from details of the pilot and the crash, the plaque also carries the phrase 'Until the day break, and shadows flee away' (from the Song of Solomon) which is the inscription the family chose to have put on his gravestone in Ayr cemetery.

Further details of this and other Scottish War Memorials can be found at:
www.scottishwarmemorials.co.uk.

All this information is available online, plus photos of the crash site, the unveiling, and newspaper articles of the event at:

<http://warmemscot.s4.bizhat.com/viewtopic.php?t=3662&mforum=warmemscot>

Also visit The Scottish War Graves Project at: www.scottishwargraves.co.uk

THE LONDON GAZETTE

In an e-mail from Richard Goodwin, Managing Editor of *The Gazette*s he states:

You may have heard of *The London Gazette*, it is published on behalf of the government and is the official newspaper of record. *The London Gazette* is a treasure trove of historical information publication of much of which is or was mandatory by law. The information has varied across the years, uniquely reflecting the pre-occupations of their times. *The London Gazette* is very keen to encourage use of its free online archive by family historians.

What information appears in the archive?

- More than 99% of London Gazette issues since 1665
- Honours and awards, both civil and military
- Appointments to civil service jobs (including the post office)
- Changes of name
- Naturalisations
- Personal bankruptcies
- Corporate insolvencies
- Notification of deceased's estates

Key parts of the website which may be of interest include:
More information about the London Gazette, its history and content:
<http://www.london-gazette.co.uk/about>

The Advanced Search facility:
<http://www.london-gazette.co.uk/search>

Search Builder, an easy way to build an Advanced Search:
<http://www.london-gazette.co.uk/search/steps/1>

Editor's Note:

The *London Gazette* is part of "The Gazette" website at: www.gazettes-online.co.uk which also includes: *The Belfast Gazette* and *The Edinburgh Gazette*
Or go directly to: <http://www.gazettes-online.co.uk> and click on: London; Edinburgh; or Belfast

I was fortunate enough to find a land transaction in *The Belfast Gazette* for one of my McConachie ancestors by simply typing their townland into the "keyword search". I then clicked "previous page" which contained the beginning of the document - and saved & printed both pages. Just to double check the information I went back to *keyword search* and typed in McConachie this gave me another document about the same land transaction . . . published two months before.

Dawn Ouellette ~ *Connections*

The London Gazette - Treasure Trove of Historical Information

Abridged article including references and links.

To read this and the full-length article visit the website at:

<http://www.london-gazette.co.uk/documents/0609FamilyHistory>

Samuel Pepys, Lord Byron and Charles Dickens are amongst the famous names to have written of the London Gazette, Britain's oldest continuously-published newspaper. It has recorded significant political events, the everyday working of government and to some extent the lives of ordinary everyday people since the plague of 1665 drove King Charles II from London. The issue of September 10th 1666 faithfully records the inexorable spread of the Great Fire of London despite "His Majesties (sic) own...personal plans to apply all possible remedies to prevent it" (www.london-gazette.co.uk/issues/85)

By the early eighteenth Century the Admiralty and War Office published despatches in the Gazette and submitted details of the appointments and promotions of their officers, a process continuing even today and known as "being gazetted" and in 1712 an "Act to Relieve Insolvent Debtors" required publication of insolvency announcements. Military despatches published included those of particular importance, Nelson's death at the Battle of Trafalgar and the first news of Wellington's victory at Waterloo. (www.london-gazette.co.uk/issues/15858); (www.london-gazette.co.uk/issues/17028)

The Gazette continued to grow, the railway building boom of 1845, legislation on Patents and Company Law in the 1850s and 1860s, and from 1870 notice of civil service recruitment and examinations contributed to the publication. Civil service notices continued through the first half of the twentieth century and included bodies such as the post office that we don't today regard as civil service.

In 1899 a Naturalization Act (www.london-gazette.co.uk/issues/27039/pages/13) resulted in the regular publication of lists of those granted British citizenship and in 1925 the Trustee Act (www.london-gazette.co.uk/issues/33120/pages/84) picked up pre-existing practice by specifying certain legal privileges for executors giving notice of deceased's estates in the Gazette. Notices of this type are placed even today, providing family historians with a rich trail of information.

In 1843 British commanders mentioned rank and file soldiers (Other Ranks) by name in their despatches for the first time. With the introduction during the Crimean War of three medals to be awarded to Other Ranks for brave conduct, details of the actions for which they were awarded - known as citations - were published in the Gazette. The best-known of these is the Victoria Cross, the first examples being awarded for service in the Crimean War (www.london-gazette.co.uk/issues/21971).

At the turn of the century despatches from the Boer War were frequently accompanied by regular lists of those awarded medals or whose conduct was to be noted. Whilst the names of those whose conduct was noteworthy are sometimes recorded within the text of a despatch, it became common practice to provide a separate list of such names after the main despatch, an appearance in such lists becoming known as a "mention in despatches". Awards of a new medal for naval officers, the Conspicuous Service Cross (later the Distinguished Service Cross) were gazetted from 1901 (www.london-gazette.co.uk/issues/27328/pages/4330).

WW1 led to changes to the Honours and Awards system, reflecting the nature of the conflict. Existing medals for bravery were extended by the creation of the Military Cross (MC), the Military Medal (MM). By 1920 over 120,000 MMs and 40,000 MCs had been gazetted.

The Order of the British Empire was introduced by King George V in June 1917. These awards rewarded British and Empire civilians who were helping the war effort and for the first time recognised the contribution of women. The order recognised outstanding military service of a non-combatant nature or a distinguished contribution to the state in the arts and sciences, public services outside the Civil Service and charitable work. With these regular awards came the institution of the Birthday and New Year Honours Lists,

(www.london-gazette.co.uk/issues/30111/supplements/5453).

WWII saw a similar expansion to the Gazette to that of 1914: extensive lists of promotions and regular supplements of Honours and Awards.

Although it has been available in public libraries for many years, the official nature of the material recorded in the Gazette has meant a limited circulation, making access difficult for many interested users. The Gazette recognised this and now 99%+ of London Gazettes are available online with most being key word searchable.

The best tip to get the most from the web archive is to use the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)/Help screens, the diversity of content makes it a complex publication and search is a skill unless you have an unusual surname!

Today's Gazette still thrives with daily publication of notices and military, honours and other supplements. Whether you are researching a person or a social trend, the Gazette is a treasure trove of family and other history and will probably have something of interest.

For more information about the London Gazette visit us at: www.london-gazette.co.uk/about, a special search facility is available for beginners at www.london-gazette.co.uk/search/steps/1 or use advanced search www.london-gazette.co.uk/search.

GENEALOGICAL NETIQUETTE

by Lorraine Gosselin

If you have not already, one of these days you will receive a note that says "my friend Mary (or Jos) says that you know all about genealogy! Could you help me about ..."

And as a family historian / genealogist, ready as we all are to share information, you will answer with whatever information you have.

My suggestion is to share just a bit at first, until you see what type of person is at the other end of this genealogical line. All too often, unfortunately, you will never hear a word back, no "thank you", not even an acknowledgement. In this case, you will not have invested too much time and, of course, you will not feel any obligation to continue sharing, if the person returns for more information in a few months (or years) time.

On the other hand, if *you* are the one who requested information, please at least push the "reply" button and acknowledge and thank the person. Even a small amount of information required some thought and maybe some research and deserves thanks.

If you think my rant is unwarranted, I've received four requests for help in the last three months, I've answered them all, and I've received *one* acknowledgement and thanks.

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