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TWO QFHS UNPRECEDENTED EVENTS

An Event Not to be Missed !!

FREE Lecture by the Research Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation

Date: MONDAY EVENING, September 13th 2010

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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

Speaker: Dr. William Roulston

Research Director, *Ulster Historical Foundation* - Northern Ireland

Topic: **GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

This talk provides a broad overview of genealogical research in Northern Ireland, focusing on the sources that can be used to explore family history and where they may be found. Dr. Roulston will discuss land divisions in Ireland: county, parish, townland, etc.- and will tackle the myth that researching Irish ancestors is pointless due to the destruction of records in 1922. He will also talk about census, civil and church records. Sources that can be used to study the farming community in Ireland will also be highlighted. These include the records of landed estate and land valuations, such as the Tithe Valuation of c.1823-37 and Griffith's Valuation of c. 1847-64. Griffith's Valuation is a particularly useful source as it can be used to pinpoint the precise location of an ancestral home.

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Sampling four Irish whiskies and delicious appetizers ~ \$40.00 per person

"THE QFHS - IRISH WHISKY TASTING"

Tickets: \$ 40.00 per person - for reservations contact the QFHS Library Office

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ~ Free parking available

Join us and bring your friends for an interesting and enjoyable social evening

Date: FRIDAY EVENING, October 22nd 2010

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Location: This event will be held at *The Scottish Center of Montreal*,
1610, rue Stephens, Verdun, H4H 2H3 QC.

Presenters: Brian McQueenie and Theresa (Terry) McGoldrick of OUIDRAM

Topic: A fabulous Irish Whiskey Tasting. Brian McQueenie will lead you through a tasting of four of Ireland's finest whiskies. Delicious appetizers will be served with each whisky selection. He will entertain you with Irish and Scottish trivia from the 900 year old distilling tradition . . . be prepared for some surprises.

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From The Editor

Cover Photo:

Autumn in Montreal. The tranquil scene depicted on the cover of this issue of Connections is from a postcard which shows occupants of a caleche enjoying the serene atmosphere of Montreal's Mount Royal Park with its beautiful Fall foliage reflected in Beaver Lake. A great way to spend a leisurely Autumn afternoon.

To see this photo in all its blazing colour you can now view the PDF version of this issue by visiting the QFHS website and clicking on "Databases". This option is available to QFHS members only and access will require your membership number, user name and password. Forgot your password . . . or need help? Contact the QFHS Help Desk at: helpdesk@qfhs.ca.

Articles in this issue:

In her article, *William Thomson, General Merchant*, on page 6, Elizabeth Waymann tells the story of her great-grandfather - a man of many talents - the son of Irish immigrants from county Antrim, who established himself as a leading citizen and businessman of Thurso, Quebec. On page 10 Robert Wilkins divulges how he discovered the true identity of *The Friendly Spirits of my Home and Library*, and on page 22 you will find his article, *Playing With Fire With Our Heritage*, about the fires that have destroyed the old Franciscan Chapel and other historic Montreal churches. *Letter From An Attorney*, on page 19, is a humorous account of how one attorney apparently compiled a land title search for the benefit of bureaucrats in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Estelle Brisson's article, translated by Jacques Gagne, on page 24 tells of the *The First Protestant Church Service in Montreal*. Murry Quinn's short article and poem on pages 26 and 27 are in memory to those killed and injured in *The Windsor Station Train Wreck* of 1909. In *Can't find Your Quebec Relatives?*, page 34, Bruce Henderson explains the meaning of a Quebec Stray. On page 20, Judy Gauthier praises *QFHS President Gary Schroder's Speech at the OGS Conference in Toronto*. There are three interesting books reviewed, on pages 12 and 13, that you may want to consider *For Your Bookshelf* or as a Christmas gift for someone else.

For Your Autumn Calendar:

The *QFHS Annual Open House* will be held on Saturday, September 25th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Everyone is welcome*, so invite your friends to join you and learn more about what is available at the QFHS Library / Heritage Centre. The QFHS will also be hosting a social evening of *Whiskey Tasting* on Friday, October 22nd at the Scottish Centre of Montreal. This is also open to the public, so invite friends and relatives to join us. Complete details in *News and Notes* on page 2.

There are four all-day seminars planned this autumn. One on *Family Tree Maker and Legacy Family Tree*; one on *England*; one on *Ireland*; and one on the *British and Canadian Armies*. Reserve early, bring a lunch, and spend an enjoyable day learning more about genealogy.

Our apologies for the late delivery of this issue of *CONNECTIONS*. Renovations were being done at the QFHS Library and computers had to be shut down for much longer than expected. Although I compile and print the master copies from home the mailing labels are printed and *CONNECTIONS* is mailed out from the QFHS Library. With no computers and no space to work we had to wait for the renovations to be finished.

Dawn Ouellette ~ Editor

QFHS NEWS AND NOTES

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Autumn 2010 ~ Lectures and Events

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An informative lecture on genealogical research in Northern Ireland by renown expert Dr William Roulston of the *Ulster Historical Foundation* who will discuss numerous sources that can be used in your research.

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ~ Free parking available

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Date: Saturday, November 13th 2010

Time: 10:30 a.m. ~ at St. Andrew's United Church 75 - 15th Ave., Lachine, Quebec

Speaker: Christain Aubert and Gisela Dube - of "*Bios4ever*"

Topic: *Bios4ever* creates unique, customized, professional video biographies for families who wish to preserve their history as a legacy to be passed down through future generations. Their unique and insightful interview questions help you create an accurate and captivating record of your past that will serve as a lasting archive of your family history.

Date: Saturday, December 11th 2010

Time: 10:30 a.m. ~ at St. Andrew's United Church 75 - 15th Ave., Lachine, Quebec

Speaker: Justin Bur - Public Transit and Railway Enthusiast

Topic: A talk about the development of early railways / tramways in and around Montreal

QFHS NEWS AND NOTES

QFHS - OPEN HOUSE: Saturday, September 25th 2010

As part of the "Journées de la Culture" Festival the Quebec Family History Society will be holding an *Open House* at their Library / Heritage Centre, 173 Cartier Ave, Pointe Claire on Saturday, September 25th 2010, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The QFHS is constantly adding to its extensive collection of genealogical and historical material - books, cds, microfilm, microfiche, journals, on-line databases, including Free access to the Deluxe Edition of Ancestry.com databases. Come in and browse, and learn more about 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.**

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REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS - Duty Librarians:

The Quebec Family History Society needs your help ! Due to the recent retirement of some long-time QFHS Duty Librarians we have a number of vacancies open for this position in 2011. This is a remarkable opportunity for anyone interested in learning more about genealogical researching. Full training is provided. You will have first-hand knowledge of what is available in the QFHS Library; and sources on the internet; you will learn how to access our computer and on-line databases; and how to make use of new library acquisitions as soon as they become available. A great way to meet the members and use your acquired expertise to help with their research.

Duty Librarian are needed once or twice a month on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays
If you would like to volunteer for this interesting position please phone
Joan Benoit at the QFHS for more details: 514-695-1502.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 13TH 2010

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 2010

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 2010 - 2011

PRESENTING ANY OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED APPROPRIATE

LORRAINE GOSSELIN - CORPORATE & RECORDING SECRETARY

QFHS SEMINARS ~ AUTUMN 2010

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

A SEMINAR on USING *FAMILY TREE MAKER* and *LEGACY FAMILY TREE*

Come and compare two of the most popular family tree packages, as half the session will be devoted to *Family Tree Maker* and the other half to *Legacy Family Tree*.

Basic information will be provided as well as more advanced subjects, such as how to enter many types of sources, how to find and correct errors, how to incorporate photographs of people and documents, etc. If you have any special subjects you wish included, please contact Lorraine at least two weeks before the course at: computree@yahoo.com. A free CD of the new *Legacy 7.0 (basic edition)* will be given to each participant, thanks to the makers of Legacy.

Lecturer: Lorraine Gosselin

Date: Saturday, October 2nd, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ~ at the QFHS Library

Fee: \$30.00 for Members // \$ 40.00 for Non-members

Note: if you join the Society at the course, the extra \$10 will be deducted

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 In *England*.

Lecturer: Gary Schroder

Date: Saturday, October 16th, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ~ at the QFHS Library

Fee: \$30.00 for Members // \$ 40.00 for Non-members

A GENEALOGICAL DAY IN THE BRITISH AND CANADIAN ARMIES 1660-1945:

Everyone whose ancestors came from the British Isles has ancestors who served in the Army. This seminar will examine the various sources like Army Lists, Pension Records, Muster Rolls, Personnel Files, Medal Rolls, War Diaries, etc. that are used in genealogical military research. The seminar will also examine the most important Web Sites used in Army genealogical research.

Lecturer: Gary Schroder, and others

Date: Saturday, November 20th, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ~ at the QFHS Library

Fee: \$30.00 for Members // \$ 40.00 for Non-members

QFHS SEMINARS ~ AUTUMN 2010

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 in *Ireland*. It will examine the major Irish genealogical resources used in family history research in both Ireland and Northern Ireland. And, will explore the exciting new Internet developments in the World of Irish Genealogy, from Civil Registration to Probate Records to Land Records, Come and Discover How to Find Your Irish Ancestors

Lecturer: Gary Schroder

Date: Saturday, December 4th, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ~ at the QFHS Library

Fee: \$30.00 for Members // \$ 40.00 for Non-members

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The QUEBEC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

will, once again, be hosting
AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH
in MONTREAL in JUNE 2011

ALL EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
ALL LECTURES WILL BE IN ENGLISH
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 webpage at: www.qfhs.ca



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DEADLINE FOR THE WINTER EDITION OF "CONNECTIONS"

is October 15th 2010

Anyone wishing announcements to appear in this issue
must submit the material before the deadline date

William Thomson, General Merchant, Thurso, Quebec

A Man of Many Talents

by Elizabeth Waymann

Although a man of many talents, my great grandfather, William Thomson, was known in Thurso, at an early age for his merchandising interests and skills. Thurso was described in Lovell's 1871 Quebec directory as a thriving village with a wharf and steamer service, and daily mail delivery. With a population of 700, it was located 96 miles from Montreal and about 28 from Ottawa.

One of its various occupants, William Thomson is listed as storekeeper.

The Thomson family is believed to have been established in this community by the mid- 1850s. William was the second son of James Thompson and Agnes Kyle, both having emigrated from Country Antrim, Ireland. Born in Ballymena in 1803, James and his father were operating as traveling merchants off the coast of the Hebrides in 1826. Shortly afterwards, James left for Canada and the city of Montreal. His marriage to Agnes Kyle in 1833 at St. Gabriel's Presbyterian Church recorded the fact that James earned his living as a pedlar. Through the succeeding years, this family moved about along the St. Lawrence living in Montreal; St. Denis-sur-Richelieu; South Hero in Grand Isle County, Vermont; and Chatham Township in Argenteuil County. In addition James and Agnes lived for a short time in Cornwall, Ontario where William was born on 15 February 1844.

After locating in Thurso, James Thompson bought a farm at the end of the village which he made the centre of his business activities. Through time they included a general store, lumbering and a sawmill which he erected at St. Louis to the north of Thurso. In the early years the storekeeping business was carried on in a log house likely situated on Galipeau Street which leads north from the Ottawa River. It was James' wife Agnes who, according to the 1861 census, was in charge of the house store.



William Thomson, 1844 – 1913 of Thurso, Quebec

At an early age their son William showed great interest in the store business. In fact members of the whole family were pressed into service and in time all three sons owned their own stores in various villages and towns of Quebec and Ontario. William, however by the age of nineteen, was the one largely in charge of the Thurso store. On September 17, 1866, William Thomson purchased lot 63 from Donald McLean Jr. on the northwest corner of Galipeau Street and Victoria Street. There was already a house on the lot and it is assumed that business was being carried on here at least as early as 1863. Over time William purchased adjoining lots to the west.

During this period, William and his father James were returning from a business trip on the west shore of the Richelieu River. They crossed the river on a sail-powered ferry owned by Thomas Henry Ryan of Sabrevois. Thomas offered them the overnight hospitality of his home located nearby which they accepted. As a result of this stay, William became interested in the daughter of the house, Clementa Clarilda Ryan who he married at Sabrevois Anglican Church of the Messiah on Jan. 7, 1869. They moved her belongings from Sabrevois to Thurso by sleigh which included travel on the ice of the Ottawa River. William brought her to the new house he recently had built south of the store on Galipeau Street. Their family was to include two sons William Henry and Lyman James as well as two daughters Clarilda and Sarah Maria.

William Thomson's Family



rear: Lyman, William Henry, Clarilda, front: Sarah, and wife Clementa

With the railway starting in 1873, William used the need for railway ties as an opportunity to add cutting of ties to his business. With the need to travel far up the Lievre River valley William drove by sleigh on the river ice. On some occasions the sleigh would break through and he would be forced to leap to safety. His resourcefulness and courage were called upon to rescue his horses from the icy water. In the early days William would also travel to Montreal with money to pay his suppliers and for the bank. A rough looking lot of men at the Carillion hotel where he regularly stopped caused him to use his ingenuity. Under the cover of darkness he hid the bags of money inside the dressed turkeys he was taking to market. During this period that the "p" in Thompson was dropped from their surname. Their mail kept getting mixed up with others of the same name.



The first brick store, 1879 –1897, built by William Thomson, Thurso, Quebec

Increased business gave William reason to build a large brick store in 1879 with front show windows. A ledger from 1877 indicates accounts were well established. In some instances potatoes, peas, oats and barley took the place of money on the credit side of the ledger. He added a bake shop at the back of his home property which produced bread for the village for some years. When the newly hired baker failed to appear, William with advice from his wife, took on the role of baking the bread. In May 1897 the new store was largely demolished by fire which spread to a number of other village businesses. The ledgers and records were saved, the horses released from the stables and friends helped carry merchandise to a building down the street. Within a day or so he resumed business and by September the store was rebuilt and completed in 1898.

About 1900 William gave his sons William Henry and Lyman James a financial interest in the business and it became known as *W. Thomson and Sons*. Now William looked to new endeavours for himself. He made several trips to western Canada where he invested heavily in land in towns along the railway. Many of the purchases were made in the names of his sons and daughters. He appeared to have confidence in the future of the economy. In 1940 William's grandson Loyal Alexander Thomson became the fourth generation to assume ownership of the family business followed in 1978 by his great grandson Alexander James as the fifth generation.

Known as a sound and reputable business manager, William was encouraged to become involved in the community serving as mayor for 17 years and councillor for 20 years. Being a practical man, William did not hesitate to step into a situation when needed. During his time as mayor, the water mains were being installed on the main streets. Dressing in overalls and lowering himself into the excavation, William demonstrated to the local workers, who were having difficulty in joining the cast iron pipes, the method to be used in joining them.

On Feb. 4, 1908 a public gathering presented William Thomson with a gold headed cane inscribed: *To William Thomson, Mayor 1890-1907, The Citizens of Thurso*

A public address read by the new mayor Gonzague Gagnon included the following words "*Your present high standing, from a very humble beginning, without help, outside influence or favors, speaks eloquently of your administrative ability.*" In addition to being councillor and mayor for so many years, William was at one time Warden of Labelle County.

On December 15, 1913 William Thomson died after a seven week illness.

A newspaper clipping from that time reads:

" Mr. Thomson's standing in Thurso cannot be emphasized too strongly. To his long career of intelligent and faithful services as councillor and his successive terms as Mayor must be attributed in a measure the good financial position of the village at present and the hearty good understanding existing between its citizens of all ranks and creeds."

In 2003 the Thomson store built by William Thomson in 1897 was demolished after the death of the fifth generation owner, his great grandson Alexander James Thomson. Business had been conducted on the same corner for at least 150 years of Thurso's history as a community.

References:

Family History writings of Loyal Alexander Thomson regarding his father Lyman James Thomson, his grandfather William and great grandfather James.
Newspaper clippings, family documents and photos



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LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFT . . . OR BIRTHDAY PRESENT ?

Why not surprise someone with a QFHS Membership - a gift that will open up a whole new world of discovery as they uncover their own family history. They will receive copies of *Connections*, can borrow books and journals, have access to numerous databases, including ancestry.ca, and meet new and interesting people. For more information visit the QFHS website at: www.qfhs.ca Or call Joan Benoit at the QFHS Library at: 514-695-1502; or e-mail: www.qfhs.ca

Dawn Ouellette ~ Editor

THE FRIENDLY SPIRITS of MY HOME and LIBRARY
by Robert N. Wilkins

Every spring (particularly when it was time to clean the windows!), I would see them yet again. Year after year, for nearly a decade, whenever I approached my living room's French-style casement, I could not help but notice two names etched onto one of the six glass panes that composed the venerable curtain-clad opening. 'A. Hudson and Rose Hudson,' they read inoffensively enough.

Initially, I thought little of my seasonal companions but as the years went by my inquisitiveness was roused about who actually took the time to engrave these letters on a window in my Victorian row home. Needless to say, I was also curious about when it was done. So, one spring rather than cleaning the windows, I decided to investigate them! I further determined that a visit to my nearby municipal library was in order.

Once there early one morning, I sought assistance in the Reference Room where a very mannered young woman suggested that I start my research by examining the local street directories. "Be careful," she cautioned me, "sometimes the address of a home may have changed down through the years." In retrospect, it was good that she forewarned me of this possibility for, in fact, I subsequently learned that the civic number of my home had been altered four (in italics) times since the building's construction in 1873.

At the outset, for whatever reason, I anticipated finding the name 'Hudson' at my home address in a post World War II directory but as I proceeded backward in my search, it became increasingly evident that the window etchings were much older than I had originally thought. Eventually, with great astonishment, I backed my way into the 1800's and continued my quest in that century's records. Losing faith somewhat as my now-frenetic pursuit took me to within the period of the first decade of my home's erection, suddenly, before my incredulous eyes appeared in the 1881 Montreal Lovell's Directory the entry 'Alfred Hudson, commercial traveller, 258 St. Andre Street.' After having rummaged through nearly 100 years of this city's frequently heavy and cumbersome street annuals, it was as an apparition to see his name before me. Unknowingly, I uttered a rather muffled cry of joy. My eyes caught those of the librarian.

Continuing regressively in order to determine the year of the family's arrival in my home, I quickly established that theirs was a relatively brief stay under my roof - in fact, only four years. But who exactly was this family that left behind a century and a quarter old heirloom on my dining room window? Might I learn more, I wondered? That same attentive librarian said that I could. "If the family you are researching, Monsieur Wilkins, lived in 1881 at your address, you would find them on the census of that year!"

Moments later, the patient young woman introduced me to the microfilm reader, while at the same time presenting me with the roll of film upon which the Hudson family would most likely appear. "There is no index so you must search through it very conscientiously," she stated, quite bubbly. "Now you must start."

Almost dutifully, I sat down in front of my reader, thread the film through its elaborate feeding mechanism, and earnestly began my examination of its contents. After nearly two hours of what became rather tedious foraging about the Montreal - St. James reel of the 1881 Census of Canada, I finally came upon the household for which I was looking: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hudson and their three daughters, one of whom was named 'Rose.' All five were born in Britain, according to the document.

I returned quickly to that ever so dedicated librarian with yet more questions. I was particularly interested in ascertaining when exactly they may have come to Canada. Upon seeing me before her once again, she smiled pleasantly. "To determine that, Monsieur Wilkins, you must find the family on the manifest of the ship which brought them here. Again, there is no index and it is very demanding research, especially for the eyes."

Within minutes, I found myself one more time in front of that same reader, only on this occasion with a microfilm of various ship passenger lists from the 1870's. The search took well over three hours before the family appeared (Montreal bound) on the manifest of the S.S. Polynesian in October of 1876. Only this time, there was a fourth daughter with them!

"Perhaps, Monsieur Wilkins, the child died here in Montreal," volunteered my now increasingly-intrigued bibliothécaire who rapidly handed me yet another microfilm - this one for nineteenth century city deaths. This film (which was in alphabetical order) did quickly locate the unfortunate child - dead of diphtheria in her Montreal abode -my home- at the age four. Oddly, I felt somewhat rueful for a child who had been deceased well over a century.

Nonetheless, I mused that I had acquired a great deal of knowledge about this family in a very short period of time. As I was leaving the library, I encountered that helpful young woman anew. I told her that I appreciated her assistance and that I might like one day to learn more about the origins of that same Hudson family. "I think, Monsieur Wilkins, that you will have to go to Britain to achieve that," she declared with a playful look about her.

The postcard shows my old my old home in the centre





PLANTERS, PAUPERS AND PIONEERS: ENGLISH SETTLERS IN ATLANTIC CANADA

by Lucille H. Campey

To be published 30 Aug., 2010 by the Dundurn Group, Toronto, Canada

In Lucille Campey's own words: "*Planters, Paupers and Pioneers: English settlers in Atlantic Canada* is the first book to give a comprehensive and detailed account of early English emigration to Canada. Because some QFHS members may have English ancestors who settled in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island or Newfoundland my book might be a useful resource. Of special interest to genealogists will be the many passenger lists and shipping details for seven hundred Atlantic crossings, that are to be found in the Appendices.

In writing this book I have ventured into a subject field which few historians have studied. Part of the reason for this neglect is that the English never really registered as an ethnic group when they settled in Canada. The English had come to a country that had adopted their language, customs and values and so they saw little need to proclaim their Englishness. They were happy to fade into the background. Meanwhile, the Scots and Irish did the exact opposite. They sought to highlight their colourful and distinctive traditions, thus attracting considerable attention to themselves, while the English went unnoticed. I want to tell their story - and will do so by way of three books all of which will be published by the Dundurn Group. The first deals with Atlantic Canada, the second book (out in 2012) will deal with Ontario and Quebec and the third (out in 2014) with the prairies and British Columbia. Further details can be found on the Dundurn web-site www.dundurn.com and also on my web-site: www.englishtocanada.com which will develop as the second and third books are published."

Dr. Lucille H. Campey, born in Ottawa and now living in England, is a professional researcher, historian and author of eight books on Scottish emigration to Canada. For anyone with Scottish / Canadian ancestry these books contain a wealth of historical and genealogical information. They are extremely well-researched and written in a narrative style that is both interesting and informative. To read more about these books visit Lucille's Scottish site at: www.scotstocanada.com.

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Dawn Ouellette ~ Editor *Connections*



BOOKS REVIEWED by Mark W. Gallop

A GENTLEMAN OF SUBSTANCE: THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOHN REDPATH (1796-1869)

by Richard Feltoe,
Natural Heritage / Natural History Inc., 2004.

STAYING CONNECTED:

HOW MACDOUGALL FAMILY TRADITIONS BUILT A BUSINESS OVER 160 YEARS,

by James Ferrabee and Michael St B. Harrison,
McGill-Queen's University Press, 2009.

Histories sponsored and published by corporations have a reputation as dry and self-serving, and of modest interest to anyone outside the inner corporate circles. Two relatively recently published volumes centring on Scottish Montreal founding families break that stereotype and will appeal to a much broader audience. While having dynamic individuals at the heart of their stories, they spend as much time informing us of the evolution of Montreal and Canada's economic and social history. They will also appeal to genealogists with family charts, photographs and thorough indices. While both start with Scottish births and arrivals in Montreal as young men, they also emphasize the importance of the extended family as half-brothers, sons, nephews and sons-in-law are recruited to the family businesses. In the case of the Redpaths, the Drummond name is repeatedly woven into the story. It is the Molsons and the Prices who are similarly integrated into the MacDougall clan.

Both books were intended to mark the 150th anniversaries of the founding of the sponsoring corporations. However in the case of MacDougall, MacDougall & MacTier Inc. (the 3 Macs, as it is commonly know) research for the book discovered that the firm's origins could be traced back as far as 1849, instead of the 1858 date being marked. After celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2008, the firm was eligible for a 160th anniversary party the following year!

Richard Feltoe who has worked at the Redpath Sugar Museum in Toronto since 1977 and presently holds the position of Museum Curator and Corporate Archivist authored *A Gentleman of Substance*. He has previously published a two-volume corporate history of the sugar company but reaches back further here, covering John Redpath's significant contribution to the fabric of Canada before founding the sugar refinery in 1854.

John Redpath was born and raised in a village south of Edinburgh and sailed for Canada in 1816. He brought with him skills in stonemasonry, which set the course for the foundation of his fortune. Within two years of his arrival he had established his own building and contracting firm. Early repair work and building garden walls and outhouses led to larger and more prominent contracts including provision of stone work for the construction of Notre Dame Basilica, military fortifications on St. Helen's Island and sections of the Lachine Canal. His reputation and fortune was made with the contract for the Rideau Canal. He spent the following two decades consolidating his position in Montreal society with widespread business interests and social and political involvement, before turning to sugar refining.

Staying Connected is a joint effort of two authors. James Ferrabee, the journalist, writer and retired business editor of The Gazette was engaged. Ferrabee completed the history through to the mid-twentieth century when ill health forced him to pass the authorship over to Michael Harrison, a retired president of the firm known for his way with words.

The first of the MacDougalls to arrive in Montreal was Lorn in 1840. He was born in the Western Isles of Scotland but spent most of his early years in Devon, as his father was an officer in the British army. While the initial decades of John Redpath's mark on Montreal was literally set in stone, Lorn MacDougall made his name in finance, with a brokerage business based initially on flour and grain, with a much more ephemeral history. Indeed the roots of our pre-Confederation trading and financial industries have been understudied and poorly recorded.

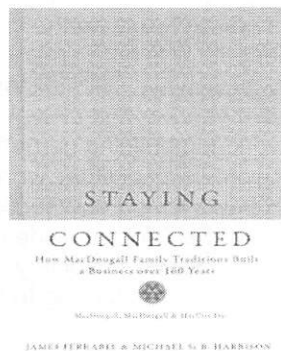
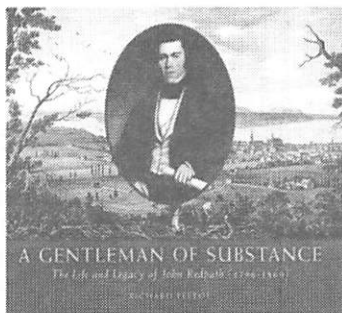
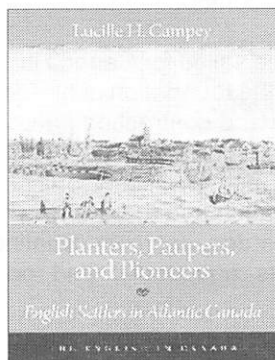
There was money to be made matching buyers and sellers and the business of the MacDougalls evolved with opportunities. Lorn MacDougall also saw the need for order in the markets and was a leader in establishing regulations for different types of brokers through the Board of Trade, and the adoption of the Canadian dollar and a decimal currency through the legislature. A quarter century after establishing himself in business, he was the founding president of the Montreal Stock Exchange.

The stories of the two families and firms follow interesting parallels beyond Scottish roots, Montreal successes and 150th anniversaries. John Redpath and Lorn MacDougall were signatories to the 1849 Annexation Manifesto, and both books devote attention to this fascinating and understudied pivotal period in Canadian history. Involvement with prominent English Montreal institutions such as McGill University, the General Hospital and Mount Royal Cemetery are also common to both families. But the institution with the greatest influence on the two families and firms, and indeed of the economic growth of the city and country, is the Bank of Montreal, meriting almost a dozen references in the Redpath book and over thirty in the MacDougall one. I think my next step in exploring the economic evolution of Montreal and Canada will have to be the corporate history of the Bank of Montreal – although I fear it won't be half as engaging and readable as the stories of the Redpaths and the MacDougalls.



Editor's Note:

Mark W. Gallop is an employee and Director of MacDougall, MacDougall & MacTier Inc., and the current President of the Mechanics's Institute of Montreal [the Atwater Library] of which John Redpath was a founding President.



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This will be my last report as I have stepped down as QFHS Librarian, a task I volunteered for in 1992. It has been a wonderfully satisfying experience to meet and know many of you over the years. Also a great pleasure working alongside the library staff, and I would like to especially thank Cecilia Karwowski, Jane Atkinson, Jackie Billingham and Rita Cloghesy, for their support in making our library the fine research tool it has become. Warm thanks go out to Jackie Billingham, Sharon Callaghan, Judy Mowat and Rita Cloghesy for their months of work organizing the personal collections.

Pennie

From the Editor:

Pennie's decision to resign as Head Librarian of the Quebec Family History Society was received with a feeling of sadness by all who know and have worked with her. Under her quiet direction over the past eighteen years the QFHS Library has flourished and is now the primary source for English language genealogical research in Quebec. Always cheerful and willing to lend a helping hand, Pennie will be greatly missed by all her friends and colleagues at the QFHS.

Pennie:

I am sure I speak for everyone at the QFHS in wishing you all the best in your future endeavors and enjoyment of your well-deserved leisure time. On behalf of all QFHS members, both past and present, *Thank You* for the time and devotion your have given over the years to organizing and maintaining the QFHS Library. I am sure our paths will continue to cross at QFHS and at the ANQ
Dawn Ouellette ~ Editor

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LETTER FROM AN ATTORNEY

Part of rebuilding New Orleans caused residents often to be challenged with the task of tracing home titles back potentially hundreds of years. With a community rich with history stretching back over two centuries, houses have been passed along through generations of family, sometimes making it quite difficult to establish ownership. Here's a great letter an attorney wrote to the FHA on behalf of a client

A New Orleans lawyer sought an FHA loan for a client. He was told the loan would be granted if he could prove satisfactory title to a parcel of property being offered as collateral. The title to the property dated back to 1803, which took the lawyer three months to track down. After sending the information to the FHA, he received the following reply.

Actual reply from FHA:

"Upon review of your letter adjoining your client's loan application, we note that the request is supported by an Abstract of Title. While we compliment the able manner in which you have prepared and presented the application, we must point out that you have only cleared title to the proposed collateral property back to 1803. Before final approval can be accorded, it will be necessary to clear the title back to its origin."

Annoyed, the lawyer responded as follows - actual response:

"Your letter regarding title in Case No. 189156 has been received. I note that you wish to have title extended further than the 206 years covered by the present application. I was unaware that any educated person in this country, particularly those working in the property area, would not know that Louisiana was purchased by the United States from France in 1803, the year of origin identified in our application.

For the edification of uninformed FHA bureaucrats, the title to the land prior to U.S. ownership was obtained from France, which had acquired it by Right of Conquest from Spain. The land came into the possession of Spain by Right of Discovery made in the year 1492 by a sea captain named Christopher Columbus, who had been granted the privilege of seeking a new route to India by the Spanish monarch, Queen Isabella. The good Queen Isabella, being a pious woman and almost as careful about titles as the FHA, took the precaution of securing the blessing of the Pope before she sold her jewels to finance Columbus's expedition.

Now the Pope, as I'm sure you may know, is the emissary of Jesus Christ, the son of God, and God, it is commonly accepted, created this world. Therefore, I believe it is safe to presume that God also made that part of the world called Louisiana. God, therefore, would be the owner of origin and His origins date back to before the beginning of time, the world as we know it, and the FHA.

I hope you find God's original claim to be satisfactory. Now, may we have our damn loan?"

THE LOAN WAS IMMEDIATELY APPROVED I

Editor's Note:

I received the above article in an e-mail from a friend, and decided to pass it along for the amusement of all.

Author unknown.

QFHS PRESIDENT, GARY SCHRODER SPEAKS AT ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OGS CONFERENCE IN TORONTO, ONTARIO

Submitted by Judy Gauthier

On May 14, 2010, Gary Schroder, President of the QFHS gave two workshops on Quebec Records which I was lucky to attend. My French Canadian ancestry can be traced back to the mid-1600's in several family lines, and I am always interested in how to verify those records and to flesh out the details of each family. Gary's morning session was titled "Quebec Church Records".

He covered the history of church records in North America – starting in 1621. He then discussed how the management of records changed in the early 1990s. He discussed on-line resources and those available at the Archives Nationales du Québec / Quebec National Archives (ANQ).

His top secret weapon was the '*Indexes to Marriage Registration Forms 1926 – 1997*' that are open to the public at the ANQ. For 15 cents, one can get a copy of this marriage registration form that provides more detail than is available in the *DROUIN* marriage records.

One of his other helpful hints was to check an ancestor's military records. I'm sure we have all heard this advice before, but it is well worth mentioning again. Some records from WWII could be over 100 pages long !

The confusion of 'dit' names was mentioned also. My problem has always been how to record the names in my family database, but one must keep the various names in mind when doing searches. My Pierre Gauthier (born ca 1629 in France) could be recorded as 'Gauthier', 'Gautier' or as 'Sanguingoir' (his dit name) in a census or church record.

There are so many indexes of BMD records available to the researcher and so much information available through the ANQ, that all cannot be mentioned in a short article.

Gary's afternoon session was titled: "*Quebec Census, Probate and Land Records*".

There are so many records available ! Some census records date back to 1666. Some were taken by the government and some by parish priests. Note that for Parish Census', they recorded Protestants too ! Again, Gary reminded us to check the National Archives du Quebec web site. www.banq.qc.ca

The PRDH (The University of Montreal's Research Program in Historical Demography) is one program to check out for its reconstruction of French-Canadian families before 1800.

Knowing who the 'notary' was for a will or land transaction is key to discovering more data on your families. One exception to the above is if your ancestor owned property in Quebec and, as a result of a death, the land ownership changed hands, then a copy of the will would be included in the land registry documents! I have been recording the names of notaries mentioned in the data I obtained from the free access to the PRDH during the conference! [A suggestion for QFHS to look into for their ROOTS 2011 conference – free access to the PRDH !] One suggestion Gary had was to check the '*Scotland's People*' web site, put in 'Quebec' or 'Montreal' as a place name and see if some of your ancestors had a will probated in Scotland.

The land records sound to be a bit more difficult to research, especially the new Quebec on-line land registry set up recently. I'll have to do a bit more work in this area to be able to find a cadastral number for any of my ancestors in Quebec ... but that is one of the challenges of genealogy research!

Both sessions were well attended.

Thank you Gary for bringing us these helpful hints and ideas.

Editor's Note:

Gary will be giving three full-day seminars at the QFHS Library this autumn.

- A Genealogical Day in England, October 16th, 2010
- A Genealogical Day in the British and Canadian Armies 1660-1945, November 20th, 2010
- A Genealogical Day in Ireland, December 4th, 2010

See: SEMINARS on page 4 for full details.

OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness that we say a final farewell to Hugh Banfill, Past President of the QFHS. On behalf of all QFHS members we extend our sincere condolences to Hugh's family.

Hugh Murray BANFILL, - December 25th 1925 - April 25th 2010

Surrounded by his children, Hugh passed away peacefully in Aurora Ontario, and was buried at Mount Royal Cemetery in Montreal. He was in this 85th year.

Predeceased by his wife, Iona Spencer and son Ian Harold, he is survived by his five children and six grandchildren. As President, Hugh was a strong guiding force at the QFHS for many years and was instrumental in bringing the QFHS into the computer age. Ever the avid genealogist, he was always eager and willing to help and encourage members in their family history research. His friendly personality and quiet sense of humour will be sadly missed by all who knew him, especially his friends and fellow members of the Quebec Family History Society.



Our condolences also to the family and friends of long-time QFHS member Marianna O'Gallagher

MARIANNA O'GALLAGHER - 1929 - 2010

passed away On May 24th 2010 at the "Institut Universitaire de Cardiologie et de Pneumologie de Quebec (Hopital Laval)", at the age of eighty-one years.

Born in Ste. Foy, Quebec, daughter of Dermot I. O'Gallagher and Norma K. O'Neil, Marianna became a nun and taught in Quebec City, Nova Scotia, Massachusetts, New York and New Brunswick before devoting much of her life to preserving the history of Grosse Ile and the role it played in the lives of thousands of Irish immigrants to Canada. As founder and president of Irish Heritage Quebec, she received the Order of Quebec in 1998 and the Order of Canada in 2002 in recognition of her of her work in preserving Grosse Ile's heritage and the Irish Memorial National Site. Marianna was also an author and long-time member of the Quebec Family History Society



Dawn Miller Ouellette ~ Editor
on behalf of the QFHS Executive Committee and Members

PLAYING WITH FIRE WITH OUR HERITAGE

by Robert N. Wilkins

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First Published in The Westmount Examiner in March 2010

The recent suspect fire which destroyed the old *Franciscan Chapel on René Lévesque Boulevard* underscores the sorry fact that Montreal's city centre has lost three historic churches to flames in just a little over twenty years.

The first of the three conflagrations occurred on January 16, 1986 when *Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church* was heavily damaged by a blaze of equally dubious origins. The tattered shell of what was originally the old *Sherbrooke Street Methodist Church* stood for many years afterwards before eventually being torn down and replaced with yet another non-descript modern hotel. The demolition took place despite the fact that the City of Montreal initially insisted that, because of its architectural value, the 1865 place of worship be restored to its original state.

A little over a year later, in 1987, the *Church of the Messiah*, also situated on Sherbrooke Street, was the victim of an arsonist in a spectacular conflagration which took with it not only a remarkable ecclesiastic building but also, tragically, the lives of two firemen. Little remained to suggest the possibility of a restoration and so the site now accommodates a fashionable new condominium complex while the Unitarians have moved to a new location in Notre Dame de Grace.

Perhaps to prevent the shambles of a burnt-out religious edifice from scarring the urban landscape for yet another unknown period of time, the fire department proceeded immediately after the February 6 blaze to demolish what remained of the outer walls of the old Franciscan Chapel. When the destruction is total, there is nothing left to contemplate in terms of a refurbishment.

So, whether Protestant, Roman Catholic, or Greek Orthodox, that is three century-old religious temples - buildings in which our civic ancestors once worshiped - which were lost in relatively rapid succession to this city's spiritual heritage.

Yet a fourth church, a pre-Confederation edifice near Viger Square, is scheduled to be torn down in the not too distant future. Built also in 1865 as *Trinity Anglican Church*, the early English Gothic structure has the misfortune to be positioned where the new French language super hospital is soon to be constructed. It is currently abandoned and barricaded - just as the doomed Franciscan Chapel was. Surely a purpose can be found for it within the framework of the massive CHUM blueprint.

While nothing could have been done in 1987 to save the Church of the Messiah from the hands of a deranged firebug, both Trinity Greek Orthodox and the Franciscan Chapel could have been saved if authorities, both public and private, had moved more quickly.

Yet deserted structures situated on valuable downtown real estate don't have a very good track record in this city. They either remain derelict for incredibly long periods of time, ultimately necessitating sudden and dramatic demolition work (as was the case with the *Queen's Hotel* on Peel Street in 1988), or they become mysteriously engulfed in flames in the middle of some well-chosen night.

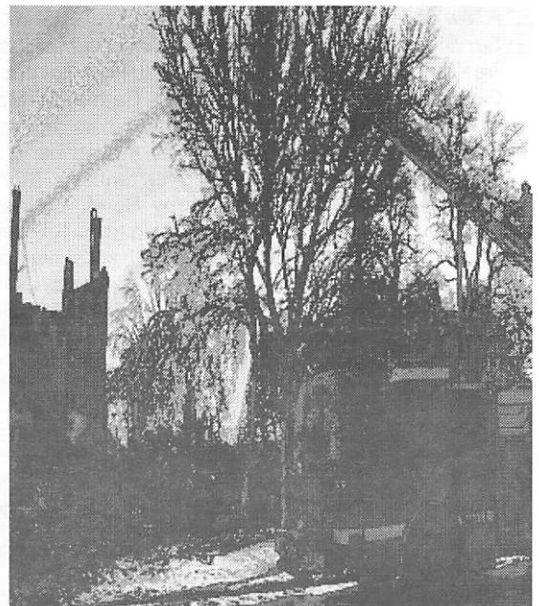
On the other hand, when officials move swiftly and imaginatively historic buildings can be restored and, if necessary, recycled into different callings. That was certainly the case a few years ago when ownership of the *American and Erskine Church on Sherbrooke Street* was quickly transferred to the Museum of Fine Arts. By so doing, a magnificent heritage edifice, whose cornerstone was laid ironically the same year as that of the now-destroyed Franciscan Chapel,

may still be appreciated by generations of Montrealers to come.

Century-old buildings are, as a general rule, solid and well-constructed. With a little vision and determination, new purposes can be found for them. One has only to consider the former *Church of the Ascension on Park Avenue* that was converted some time ago into a neighbourhood branch of the old City of Montreal Library. The once *Hautes Etudes Commerciales* edifice on Viger square – now the Quebec Archives – also comes to mind.

When in September of 1907, Father Denis Schuler, the General of the Order of St. Francis, visited the Franciscan Chapel on the then tree-lined Dorchester Street, the church was described in local newspapers as “strikingly beautiful” and of “an impressive simplicity.” A century later, with the required resolve, it could have been spared such an unfortunate demise and allowed to carry on, in one way or another, as part of Montreal’s magnificent and diverse architectural legacy. Leaving it abandoned was just playing with fire.

Robert N. Wilkins is a retired Montreal area high school teacher. He is currently indexing death announcements which appeared in the now defunct *Montreal Star*. The database now covers the years 1900 - 1909 and contains over 110,000 entries. Information can be obtained at by writing to montreal_1900@hotmail.com or telephoning 514-524-5247.



THE FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH SERVICE IN MONTREAL

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On September 8th 1760 in Montreal, Governor Pierre de Rigaud de Carvagnal, Marquis de Vaudreuil and last Commander in Chief of the French Forces in La Nouvelle France (New France) would sign the capitulation of Montreal and in doing so, would acknowledge the defeat of the French Colony at the hands of the combined British Forces headed by General Jeffrey Amherst, Commander in Chief of the British Army in America. The British Army surrounding Montreal numbered 20,000 soldiers and Mohawk warriors. The following day, on September 9th 1760, the British Army would march into the city, a region now known as Old Montreal.

Among the various British Regiments were a number of Anglican Ministers, among them a certain Reverend John Ogilvie, Chaplain of the Royal American Regiment and Mohawk Warriors.

John Ogilvie had been born in New York City in 1724. He was the son of William Ogilvie, a Lieutenant in the British Army. In 1751, he would marry Susanna Catharine Synes, the union would produce five children. Following the death of his beloved wife Susanna, John would marry again in 1769 with Margaret Watson. John would attend Yale College, years unknown, in New Haven, Connecticut, only to discontinue his studies in order to join the Anglican Church as a Minister. One of his first assignments as a Pastor was as a Missionary to the Mohawk People at Fort Hunter, New York. Pastor Ogilvie would learn the language of the Mohawks to such a high level that he became the official interpreter of the Mohawk Peoples with the British Army. Prior to the invasion of Montreal, the British Army would recruit Mohawk Warriors and did set-up a special fighting unit in which Pastor Ogilvie was used as the go-between. And this is how, Pastor Ogilvie found himself at the gates of Montreal on September 9th, 1760.

A few days later, on September 14th 1760, John Ogilvie was asked to celebrate the first Anglican Church Service in Montreal, in order to thank God for the British victory over the French Forces. The ceremony was held at the Chapel of Hotel Dieu Hospital in a region now known as Old Montreal. In attendance was General Jeffrey Amherst, Sister Catherine Martel, Mother Superior of the Order of the Sisters Hospitalieres, numerous wounded officers and soldiers from both armies.

Pastor John Ogilvie subsequently moved his church services to the ancient Chapel of the Recollets Fathers in Old Montreal. During his tenure in Montreal, Pastor Ogilvie would conduct church services at new Anglican Missions in nearby Sorel, Chambly and Boucherville, the latter were established as fortifications used by the French. Due to his full knowledge of the Mohawk Language, Pastor Ogilvie would publish a number of prayer books in the Mohawk dialect in order to convert the Mohawks from Catholicism to the Anglican faith. In September 1764, John Ogilvie was appointed Associate Minister of Trinity Anglican Church of New York City, a position he would hold until his death on November 26th 1774.

The Archives Nationales du Quebec in Montreal has among its vast collection, a series of microfilms dealing with various Protestant denominations of the early Church movement in Montreal, among them; Christ Church Cathedral.

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Archives Nationales du Quebec [ANQ] / Quebec National Archives

Located at 535 Viger Avenue East, Montreal

website: www.banq.qc.ca - click on *English*

QUERIES . . .

CAN YOU HELP ?

I am in possession of two old tin types and am very sure they are from Quebec City.
I have often wondered of the time frame of the pictures to help me identify who is in them.

Can you give me a hand?

Thank you, Patricia

Contact Patricia at: cpgreber@telusplanet.net

Editor's Note:

The original photos from Patricia are quite dark, ►
I have taken the liberty of making them somewhat brighter and larger in the hope that it will be easier to identify when they may have been taken.

Dawn Ouellette



Mackenzie Nursing Home, Verdun, Quebec

HOARE, Ethel, nee MANN

lived in the 1960's in the Mackenzie Nursing Home, 7401 Churchill Ave, Verdun, Quebec.

She died: 08/11/1963 - undertaker: MacGillivray, Verdun

All information appreciated, such as workers' names at nursing home;

Death and burial information supplied by Jardin Urgel Bourgie,

but I cannot locate the nursing home.

Thanks, Chris and Elen Graham . . . QFHS Member # 3773F

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THE WINDSOR STATION TRAIN WRECK

by Murray Emmett Quinn

Throughout Canada's long railway history, there've been hundreds of horrendous and deadly train wrecks across this country, and the City of Montreal herself, has had its fair share of them. But sadly, although thousands of Montrealers actually walk back and forth daily along the connecting link between the old and venerable Windsor Train Station and the Bell Centre, where the Montreal Canadians play their home games, there's actually very few Montrealers alive today who would even be aware that, just over a hundred years ago, on St. Patrick's Day, 1909, a most horrific and very tragic train wreck occurred just outside those large windows that line the north side of that connecting link, when a run-a-way train, #2102, called the Boston-Express, pranged right through the safety-stop bumpers at the end of Track inbound #7, smashed right through the granite walls of Windsor Station, jumped the track, skidded across the concourse floor, ploughed through the Ladies' Lounge, and sank half-way through the floor to the basement. In that waiting room, a young mother, her two children, along with a young girl from the south shore were crushed to death in the blink of an eye, and various reports indicate that somewhere between 20 -25 others were injured - some very badly.

So, in memory of those killed and injured in this tragedy, this poem is dedicated to the memory Mr. W.J. Nixon and his young family, the little girl, Miss Elsie Villiers*, Mr. Mark Cunningham, the Engineer (who died later that same day), Mr. Louis Craig, the Fireman, who did survive, and all those who were injured in that horrendous train wreck, as well as to all the living relatives and descendents of the victims of probably the worst, and yet virtually unknown, train wreck and tragedy that has ever occurred in Montreal. Sadly, in a strange twist of fate, that third child, *Elsie Villiers, was in fact a survivor of another tragedy the infamous *Hochelaga School fire of February 26th 1907*, which cost the lives of 16 young students and their heroic teacher, Sarah Maxwell, who was killed instantly when heavy debris fell upon her as she tried desperately to rescue children from the conflagration. Miss Villiers, age 12, was at Windsor Station with her grandmother at the time of the accident and, for one reason or another, her body was taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital, where her heart-broken family collected (as was the custom of the day) her badly battered remains.

Author's Note:

In the introduction to this poem, you will notice mention of a young girl, Elsie Villiers, who was in fact a survivor of the *Hochelaga School fire*, but who was also one four people killed two years later in the horrendous *Windsor Station run-away train wreck* accident on St. Patrick's Day Mar. 17, 1909. Also, interesting is the fact that the man who was the fireman on that train, and who, having been scalded badly by the steam escaping from a hole in the engine's boiler when it popped a plug, and who jumped from the cab of that train, was actually a casual acquaintance of my Dad

I am a family genealogist/historian and member of QFHS; also a bit of a history buff, mainly re Montreal-Irish of "The Pint" (Point St Charles - with the Point Irish Accent), "The Griff" and "Goose Village", and St. Columban, Que. I Also do a bit of poetry.

Regards, Murray Quinn

Editor's Note:

For more on the two tragic events mentioned in the above article and poem see CONNECTIONS:

The Hochelaga School Fire, by Robert Wilkins - Winter 2009 [volume # 31; issue # 2; page 6]

Footprints - Montreal's Windsor Station by Robert Wilkins - Autumn 2001 [vol # 30; iss # 1; page 6]

Photo of Windsor Station can be found on the cover of Autumn 2001 [volume 29; issue # 1]

The Windsor Station Train wreck ©
Poem by Murray Emmett Quinn

Early on St. Paddy's Day, in nineteen aught 'n nine
2102 was coasting in from Westmount up the line.
She was bound for Windsor Station in downtown Montreal
'n passengers on bound the train thought all was going well

Meanwhile chuggin' in from Medicine Hat, a town a way out west
Another train was rumblin' east with an onboard special guest.
He was comin' home to Montreal, for his family 'n a break
'n from where they'd all return out west, a new life for to make.

'n down in Windsor Station, in the Ladies' Lounging room
Sat a Mrs. Nixon & her kids 'waiting Dad's arrival soon
But as she chatted with the Ladies, 'n her children ran around
Mrs. Nixon grew quite restless for the later train inbound.

But just west of Westmount Station, there was a BANG 'n sudden scream,
When the engine's boiler blew a plug 'n the cab filled with scalding steam.
The stoker's face was burnt real bad 'n his door escape was out
So he leaped out through his window 'n was tumbled all about.

But he then got up 'n stumbled on a half-mile down the track,
Where the engineer lay in the snow upon his broken back.
'n now the train was gaining speed as she rumbled into town
'n no one down in Montreal knew what doom was coming down.

When she'd rolled through Westmount Station she'd slowed to 45
But with three miles to go, 'n all downgrade, she really came alive.
'n with no one upon the throttle, - nor the whistle, - nor the bell,
The Boston-Express at 55 was a run-a-way straight from hell.

But someone on the run-a-way saw that she was gaining speed,
So he yanked hard on the brake-cord, but too late it was indeed.
The train she just kept rumblin' on, on track inbound number seven
'n ran through the rail-end safety blocks like she was bound for heaven

She crashed on thru the station with its mighty granite wall,
But with all her weight, 'n at her speed, she slow'd down not at all.
'n with her driver wheels still running fast, she jumped the concourse floor
'n screeched right thru the building 'n the Ladies' Lounge room door.

People scattered all about, but others froze whereat they were
Amidst the horrid sights 'n sounds that in seconds did occur,
'n when the train 'n tender stopped, 'midst the terror 'n the screams
She'd sunk into the basement through the hissing of the steam.

'n later on that day, the other train - that one from way out west
Arrived at Windsor Station with its very special guest.
But when he stepped down to the platform amidst this dreadful scene
There was no one there to greet him - 'n his family wasn't seen.

As he looked aroun' 'n wondered what had made his family late,
It never once occurred to him they'd just been claimed by fate
For farther down the platform, under shrouds that numbered four
Lay Mr. Nixon's family and their dreams forever more.

There's no moral to this story folks, which really did take place,
But perhaps we should remember well, we live only by God's Grace
'n though we'll never hear Him coming folks, 'cause He never rings a bell
He still could be your driver on that next run-a-way straight from hell.



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

DECEASED ONLINE ADDS NEARLY A QUARTER MILLION BURIAL AND CREMATION RECORDS

The central database for UK burials and cremations (including Republic of Ireland) announced: "Search registers by Country, Region, County, Burial Authority or Crematorium free of charge. Register as a Deceased Online user and gain access to Computerised cremation and burial records, Digital scans of cremation and burial registers, Digital scans of books of remembrance, Photographs of graves and memorials, Cemetery maps showing grave locations, other occupants in the same grave. Searching is free, and can be restricted as required to country, region, county, or individual burial authority or crematorium. However, once you find a record of possible interest, you do have to pay a fee to read all the details." www.deceasedonline.com.

IRISH CENSUS GOES ON LINE

All thirty-two counties for 1901 and 1911, searchable by all information categories, are now available on this site. Corrections and improvements will be ongoing, it is stated. census.nationalarchives.ie

ST-COLUMBAN IRISH MEMORIAL

Thanks to Shirley Captain for providing information about this site which is dedicated to all the Irish immigrants that came to Canada in the early 1820s and settled in the Village of St-Columban, Québec. A photo gallery of the memorial wall unveiling, which took place in July, can be seen on the site at www.stcolumban-irish.com.

LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA – SEVERAL NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Several announcements of interest to genealogists have been made by the Canadian Genealogy Centre (Library and Archives Canada's website.) Consult these new items at www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy

New digitized images and new html pages are available on Form 30A (ocean arrivals, 1919-1924) microfilm reels (310 reels) have been digitized and are now available online through the Microform Digitization online research tool. Look under Immigration and Citizenship. Note that after you search the index to find the appropriate reel, there is a very tiny "online" to click on to search the actual reel... easy to miss, but the reels have been digitized and are online.

Census column headings: New html pages are available. Transcriptions of census column headings for all censuses from 1851 to 1916 are now available. It was very difficult to read those headings even if you enlarged the census images. Now it will be easier for users to associate content of columns with the proper headings. Click on *Census*.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS HISTORY

Thanks to Gail Dever for making this suggestion: Family historians with roots in the Eastern Townships and anyone interested in taking a day trip filled with historical places to visit should check out the Townships Heritage WebMagazine. This website, which is described as "your window to the history and heritage of the Eastern Townships," features magazine articles about local history, links to heritage organizations and historical societies, old maps and photos, and suggestions for day trips that are filled with historical places to visit, from pioneer cemeteries to Victorian homes to covered bridges. For those unable to travel to the Townships, the site contains several virtual tours. www.townshipsheritage.com

TREASURES OF THE BANQ ... AN EARLY JEWISH 'CENSUS'

The Web site of the Bibliothèque et archives nationales du Québec – banq.qc.ca – has many treasures within its huge site. One of the more obscure is a list of people asserting they were of the Jewish religion and British citizenship. You can see the images and the signatures by going to Pistard (at the top of the screen) and entering "juifs" or "jewish" in the search box and checking off "documents numerisés"; you will be presented a list: select CE 601, which will bring you to a series of 53 images; this marks the beginning of the first official acknowledgement of the Jewish religion in Canada, with signatures and documents from 1832-1889 (Note that I am not giving the path as these frequently change).

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IRISH BLOG: *Help! The Faery Folk Hid My Ancestors!*

An Irish blog, that already carries a lot of information, was announced recently: "Both newcomers to Irish genealogy research and experienced researchers alike will find helpful advice, tips, and tactics in Deborah Large Fox's blog, *Help! The Faery Folk Hid My Ancestors* ! (She helps) fellow researchers find those genealogical gems and treasures that often go undiscovered." irishfamilyresearch.blogspot.com"

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS RESOURCE CENTRE

"The Eastern Townships Resource Centre (ETRC) is ... located at Bishop's University. Its mission is to further multidisciplinary research into the history, culture, and society of the Eastern Townships region of Quebec and to preserve the region's English-speaking archival heritage." www.etric.ca/web.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS ARCHIVES

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~qceastwn/archives.html

Books and documents that can be read online, many thanks to David J. Ellis

ROOTS TELEVISION

Dozens of videos on genealogy ...

this is not TV-based, but Internet service run by an individual
rootstelevision.com.

CENSUS FINDER

Canada, UK, US, etc. www.censusfinder.com/index.htm

ANOTHER RESEARCH TOOL – THESAURUS OF PLACE NAMES

The Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names Online lets you search nearly 900,000 place names at www.getty.edu/research/conducting_research/vocabularies/tgn.

MORE FREE GEN BOOKS AVAILABLE ON LINE: THE INTERNET ARCHIVE

Many types of books and other media are available on this site, but there are also books about genealogy that you can download to your computer. These include more than books out of copyright, some are submitted by their authors. I actually found one by someone I knew about a branch of my family.

www.archive.org.

BEST ONLINE GEN SITES OF 2010

The online version of Family Tree Magazine presents this list of Web sites you may wish to explore. Divided into several categories. See familytreemagazine.com/article/101-Best-Websites-2010.

FORGOTTEN PROFESSIONS

Computers and machines have revolutionized society and taken over many jobs previously held by people. The site www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=124251060 honours those defunct professions with a gallery. Along with the descriptions and photos, you can listen to some stories from people who formerly held these jobs.

FAMILY SEARCH FREE ONLINE CLASSES

Read Global's article at www.globalgenealogy.com/globalgazette/gazrr/gazrr194.htm Or go directly to www.familysearch.org by clicking "Research Helps" then on Online Classes on the home page.

FAMILY SEARCH ADDS 300 MILLION NAMES

FamilySearch, at the end of April, announced it will release records containing 300 million names that can now be researched online for free. And in July, it announced "Over 12 million digital images from thousands of microfilm, representing 8 countries, were published online for free viewing this month." A repeat reminder: there are frequent releases for different countries, states, and Provinces, so recheck often. www.familysearch.org. And if you'd like to see how this is done, and where the data is stored, see a video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1OqEEbRTVw or try tinyurl.com/2fevcr5 FamilySearch is also creating a new and improved search site, explore it, they want your comments at fbeta.familysearch.org.

RESEARCH IN FRANCE

Various French libraries have released millions of records to www.worldcat.org. It can be used to find the location of the nearest library that holds the information you want.

FREE ONLINE DATA BASE OF GENEALOGY QUERIES

Another item from gen guru Dick Eastman. There are no fees, no account is required, you do not need to sign up for anything, and all the queries are on one centralized data base; try it at www.GenQueries.com

CEMETERIES OF THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vtcstjoh/cemetery/quebec.htm.

AND STILL MORE ET STUFF

Thanks to Pennie Redmile for bringing this Eastern Townships newsletter to our attention. *Eastern Townships of Quebec Connector Newsletter* Their goal "Is to serve as a communicator for researching and tracing the families of the Eastern Townships of Quebec." To subscribe, contact Laverne Aitchison at laverne@treeseacher.ca.

US WAR MEMORIAL

This World War II Memorial "honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S." www.wwiimemorial.com

ROYAL NAVY RECORDS RELEASED ONLINE

The records of commissioned officers of the Royal Navy dating back 163 years have been published online for the first time by www.Familyrelatives.com. Royal Navy Lists from 1847 to 1945 include more than 2 million names which date from the mid-19th Century.

TOOLS FOR RECORDING DATA

Visit this site for census spreadsheets, as well as forms for cemetery data, passenger lists, etc. at www.censustools.com. If you have Excel on your computer, you can download directly into that program; otherwise, pdf forms are available for printing.

TECH TIPS:**SPAM KEY WORDS – DON'T UNSUBSCRIBE IF YOU HAVEN'T SUBSCRIBED!**

According to a US study, the favourite words of spammers are no longer money, Viagra, and sex, but "unsubscribe", so be wary if you see this from a sender with which you are not familiar.

COLOR PRINTERS

If you're thinking of buying a new printer, note that many color inkjet printers aimed at the consumer market do not use black ink but instead combine the other colors (Cyan, Magenta, and Yellow) to form black. This often results in a grayish black. More expensive printers include all four colors, so it is worthwhile checking the type and number of ink cartridges used by a particular printer.

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

Send your genealogical computer questions/ tips/ reviews/ etc. to Lorraine Gosselin
c/o **CONNECTIONS** P.O. Box 1026, Pointe Claire, QC, H9S 4H9
OR E-mail to computree@yahoo.com

SEMINAR:

Lorraine will be giving a full day seminar on using *FAMILY TREE MAKER* and *LEGACY FAMILY TREE* on Saturday, October 2nd, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ~ at the QFHS Library, Pointe Claire
Half the session will be devoted to *Family Tree Maker* and the other half to *Legacy Family Tree*.
Basic information will be provided as well as more advanced subjects, such as how to enter many types of sources, how to find and correct errors, how to incorporate photographs of people and documents, etc.
If you have any special subjects you wish included, please contact Lorraine at least two weeks before the course at: computree@yahoo.com. A free CD of the new Legacy 7.0 (basic edition) will be given to each participant, thanks to the makers of Legacy. See *SEMINARS* on page 4 for complete details.

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.

DICK EASTMAN'S LIST OF GEN PROGRAMS FOR WINDOWS

If you would like to see what's available in genealogy programs for Windows, gen. guru Dick Eastman has compiled a list with his comments for each one. If you haven't already seen this, go to blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2010/06/genealogy-programs-for-windows.html

FAMILY TREE MAKER FOR MAC ANNOUNCED

"Family Tree Maker 2010 is the current PC version of the software. The Mac version of Family Tree Maker will be built on the functionality of Family Tree Maker 2010 and constructed from the bottom up to take full advantage of the Mac platform in terms of technology and user experience."

FAMILY TREE MAKER WEBINARS

Free web-based seminars about current and a few past versions of Family Tree Maker can be seen at www.familytreemaker.com/About/Webinars.aspx

LEGACY FAMILY TREE

Free video of Legacy 7: Legacy for Beginners and previews of several other CDs at www.legacyfamilytree.com/videos.asp

LEGACY – CHANGING THE SEQUENCE OF CHILDREN

The initial sequence of the children in the child list is set by the order in which they were entered. If you want to change this order, go to "edit", select "children's settings" and highlight the child whose name you want to move and then use the up and down Order arrows in the lower right corner to move the name within the list.

MAC FAMILY TREE – NEW VERSION

The main site is at www.syniumsoftware.com/macfamilytree but a video showing the features of the new version seen at synium.macfamilytree.com/MacFamilyTree/MacFamilyTree%2056%20Demo%20Video.mov (note: the site appears slow to connect; and you may be prompted to download additional software). Or try the shortcut tinyurl.com/24kd7nj

REUNION 9 FOR THE MAC

It too can now be carried on your iPhone.

POCKET GENEALOGIST

There is no longer any need to convert data to GEDCOM before downloading Legacy and several other software programs to your Windows Mobile based devices. www.pocketgenealogist.com.

FAMILY ChArtist

generationmaps.com/familychartist

Free 8.5 x 11 jpg to download and print, or can order from them larger size either pdf or print.

Also see chart in use on a video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GjKLD01Gps

TRY NEW SEARCH ENGINES

These are not genealogical programs, but like Google, they may help you find information.

For example, Microsoft's BING, www.bing.com, has a different approach than the industry leader.

BRANCHES – A NEW GENEALOGY PROGRAM

You may want to try this new program – there is a free 30-day trial at www.branchesgenealogy.com

Gen guru Dick Eastman endorses it highly, however, read all the comments of the people who tried it, along with the problems they had at

blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2010/05/branches-a-major-new-windows-genealogy-program.html The comments are followed by replies and comments by one of the program's designers.

WINNER OF LEGACY 7 PACKAGE FROM LEGACY FAMILY TREE

The lucky winner of the latest version of Legacy, donated by Legacy Family Tree, was Alison Connelly.

PLEASE NOTE:

I no longer plan to send a list of the links in these articles to our Webmaster for posting on the QFHS Web site; if you find this inconvenient, please let me know at computree@yahoo.com. However, the online version of *Connections* (See Editor Dawn Ouellette's note for more details) will have "live" links; if you subscribe, you will be able to click directly from the full text of Computree to the site mentioned. And, of course, the full issue can be saved to your computer.

VIEWING CONNECTIONS ELECTRONICALLY:

In 2011 all QFHS members will have the option of receiving *Connections* electronically. This will be a PDF version of the original printed issue of *Connections* magazine. Access will require your membership number, a user name and password. You will then be able to print all, or part of each issue off or read it directly from your computer screen. A copy of this issue will also soon be available for members to view in this manner. Details will be put on the QFHS site as soon as this option becomes available.

Dawn Ouellette ~ Esitor

DEADLINES FOR UPCOMING ISSUES OF "CONNECTIONS" ARE:

- WINTER Issue October 15th
- SPRING / SUMMER Issue February 15th
- AUTUMN Issue July 15th

Anyone wishing announcements to appear in a specific issue
please submit the material before the deadline date

CAN'T FIND YOUR QUÉBEC RELATIVES ?

Well, maybe they are a Québec stray.
What is a stray you say ?

By common definition, a Québec stray is someone who was born and lived some of their life in Québec, but reference is found to them in marriage registers, obituaries, newspaper reports, census records, photos, local histories or any other record from places outside of Québec.

A simple example would be the person who was born in Québec, lived most of his life here then moved away in retirement to eventually die outside of the province. Another example would be a Québécois who leaves the province to get married.

A broader definition includes people who were not born in Québec but were residents of the province for extended periods of time. They have developed a strong relationship with Québec and have been discovered in references from places not in Québec. An example of this would be a person born in New Brunswick who spent 40 years teaching and perhaps getting married in Montreal and then dies in Ontario.

The Québec Family History Society can help you in two ways.

1. We receive input from other genealogical societies and scour newspapers for Québec strays which we enter on a database. The information is published on our website at www.qfhs.ca in a truncated fashion.
2. We have also created a publication with several thousand names of Québec strays containing all the data we possess apart from the actual documentation such as an obituary or newspaper clipping. This publication is available from the library for \$15.00 plus postage and handling.

In the event you find a match, for \$5.00 we will send you a copy of whatever documents we have. Hopefully this will give you the lead for which you have been searching.

Bruce Henderson, Strays Coordinator

Editor's Note:

An Alphabetical list of Quebec "*STRAYS*" may be found on the QFHS website: www.qfhs.ca by clicking on "Projects" and then on "Strays."

"*Queries*" with e-mail addresses may also 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*"

QUEBEC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY ON-LINE DATABASES

Available for QFHS Members

This is a work in progress and we are continually adding data

To gain access:

You must be a paid up member - with an email and mailing address registered with QFHS

Here's how to do it:

Go to the QFHS webpage at: www.qfhs.ca

click on "Databases" on left side list, then click on "Members Login"

Type in:

Your QFHS Membership Number

Your User Id: ★

Your Password: ★

★ For your User ID & Password

Contact the QFHS Help Desk at: helpdesk@qfhs.ca

With a successful login you will be taken to the *Members Menu*.

Click on Surname/ Forename Details" to enter the system

Having Trouble ??? Contact the QFHS Help Desk at: helpdesk@qfhs.ca

TO BECOME A QFHS MEMBER:

To become a member of the *Quebec Family History Society*, or to renew your QFHS Membership just complete the Membership Form found in the Spring / Summer issue of *Connections* and mail it to, or drop it off at the QFHS Library with your cheque or money order - address is on the inside front cover of *Connections*. You may also pay by Visa using QFHS partnership with PAYPAL - visit the QFHS website at: www.qfhs.ca and click on Membership.

Membership Offers You:

Use of all QFHS Library facilities - books, microfilm, microfiche, CD collections, and computer databases - including ancestry.ca, within the library. You may also borrow books and journals. You can request microfilms and books through Inter-Library Loan from other sources such as the National Archives of Canada, or the American Genealogical Lending Library. (these Requests must be viewed in the QFHS library). You will receive three copies of the QFHS journal, *Connections* per year and reduced rates on all seminars and workshops. You will also meet other family historians and have an opportunity to discuss any genealogical problems you may have.

QFHS ON-LINE LIBRARY CATALOGUE

You can now search the QFHS Library catalogue on-line - just click on "databases", then "search catalogue". Members may borrow three books and / or five periodicals.

CEMETERY INSCRIPTION – SEARCH REQUEST

A search for **Specific Surnames** can be requested in one or more of the many Cemetery Listing holdings of the QFHS Library.

COST:

Members: \$ 5.00 per SURNAME per CEMETERY

Non-Members: \$ 8.00 per SURNAME per CEMETERY

whether or not there is an entry found for the desired Surname/s is to be paid in advance. Each variant Surname spelling is considered a separate request. All data recorded will be included in our reply to your request.

(Please print in Capital Letters)

(If Known)

SURNAME	NAME	DATE of DEATH	AGE
1. _____	1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	4. _____	_____	_____

NAME OF CEMETERY 1. _____

TOWN/TOWNSHIP _____

COUNTY/PROVINCE _____

RELIGIOUS DENOM. _____

REQUESTED BY: MEMBER ID _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Send your prepaid Cheque or Postal Money Order
and a Self-Addressed-Stamped Envelope (SASE) to:
THE QUEBEC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
Attention: "CEMETERY GRAVE LISTS"

Indicate your preference of a response by email.

QFHS - ANCESTRAL SURNAME LIST - MEMBERS INTERESTS

THE PURPOSE OF THE QFHS ANCESTRAL SURNAME LIST IS TO INFORM MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS SURNAMES BEING RESEARCHED. QFHS MEMBERS WISHING TO HAVE SURNAMES INCLUDED IN THE NEXT EDITION MAY SUBMIT UNLIMITED ANCESTRAL SURNAMES FREE OF CHARGE BY PHOTO COPYING AND COMPLETING THIS FORM.

PLEASE NOTE

ONLY QFHS MEMBERS WILL HAVE THEIR SURNAMES INCLUDED
IN THE PRINTED AND INTERNET VERSIONS.

SEND THE COMPLETED FORM TO:
THE QUEBEC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
ANCESTRAL SURNAMES

P.O. Box 1026
POINTE CLAIRE, QUEBEC, CANADA H9S 4H9

MEMBER NAME		MEMBERSHIP #		
ADDRESS		CITY		
PROVINCE/STATE		COUNTRY		
E-MAIL ADDRESS		POSTAL/ZIP CODE		
ENTRY #	SURNAME	PERIOD	COUNTRY	COUNTY / PROV / STATE / TOWN
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visit us at: www.qfhs.ca

QUEBEC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

In-Depth Research Request Form

Our Volunteer Researchers are prepared to assist you in your family history research – using the resources of the Quebec Family History Society Library, Archives Nationale du Quebec and the Quebec Provincial Library

This form can be photocopied from *Connections*
OR completed on-screen from the QFHS website at: www.qfhs.ca
and printed on your printer. You may also print it and then fill it out.
Please print clearly and use CAPITAL letters.

RESEARCH FEE = \$20.00 AN HOUR. State the number of research hours _____

Births, Marriages and Deaths were registered by the church.
Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish

State Dates as m/d/y

Circa Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____ Religion _____

Circa Date of Marriage _____ Place of Marriage _____ Religion _____

Circa Date of Death _____ Place of Death _____ Religion _____

Name the community or region of Province of Quebec where family settled
or was last known to reside. _____

What specific information or general information are you seeking about this person?

Have you or other people conducted research concerning this person?
What sources were searched? _____

Membership Number _____ Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Province _____ Postal Code _____

Payment: Visa # _____ Expiry Date _____

Cheque _____ Money Order _____

QUEBEC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

www.qfhs.ca

The Quebec Family History Society Library and Heritage Centre, located at 173 Cartier Avenue, Pointe Claire, Quebec, has an extensive collection of genealogical and historical information consisting of: computer databases, microfilms, microfiche, CDs, rare books, private papers, family histories, cemetery inscriptions and indexes, maps, and books and genealogical journals from around the world, with digital imaging equipment to make excellent copies of anything you find. This information pertains, not only to Quebec, but to other provinces, the United States, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, France and many other countries. QFHS Members can also borrow additional research material from other sources such as the National Archives or other libraries through the QFHS Inter-Library Loan system. Our own journal, *Connections*, contains a wealth of information as well as interesting and informative articles. Workshops and seminars are given throughout the year on how to use these resources, and others - including the internet - to trace your ancestry. The QFHS Library is open six days a week and Wednesday evenings - except during July and August when Summer hours of three days a week are in effect. Duty librarians volunteer their time and expertise to help you in your quest. And, there are always fellow QFHS members willing to share their knowledge, give advice or lend a helping hand. The QFHS Free Public Lecture Series is held the second Saturday of each month September to December and March to May in Lachine where speakers discuss a variety of topics of interest to family historians. There is always a question and answer period after each presentation and a chance to meet and mingle over coffee, juice and cookies afterwards. The QFHS also has an on-line book store which carries books on Genealogy, Quebec Census Transcriptions, Church Register Transcriptions, Crown Land Grants of Quebec, Monument Inscriptions, back issues of *Connections*, and a number of QFHS publications and QFHS promotional items. Orders to this store can be made on-line from the QFHS website or by mail.

Located off Autoroute 20 on Cartier Avenue [exit 49] - between St Jean and St Charles
Free two hour parking on the street - Free all-day parking lot off Salisbury Road behind the Library
Bus stops 211 and 201 approximately 100 feet north of the Library, in front of the CLSC
211 bus from Lionel Groulx or Ste Anne de Bellevue - 201 from Fairview Shopping Centre

Regular Library and Office hours:

Monday to Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Library ONLY is also open - [September to June]

Wednesday evenings: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. / Closed Saturday

Summer and Holiday Hours will be published in *CONNECTIONS* and on the QFHS website

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