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An International Conference on Family History Research

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at

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on

JUNE 3rd, 4th & 5th, 2011

This event will be the largest English-language genealogical conference ever held in Quebec. There will be numerous well-known speakers discussing all aspects of family history research, computer demonstrations, a book fair, and gala banquet with gourmet meal and entertainment. All lectures and events are in English.

From The Editor

Now that the rush of the holiday season is over for another year we can look forward to the end of Winter's icy blasts and start planning our Spring activities. As you will see throughout this issue of *Connections* the QFHS will be hosting a genealogical conference at McGill University on June 3rd, 4th, and 5th., a highlight of the Spring season for all Family Historians. I Hope to see many of you there.

The photo on the cover of this issue of *Connections* is a vintage postcard of Montreal's Victoria Square - circa winter 1908. It was submitted by Robert Wilkins along with his article *Victoria Square: History Incarnate* on page 6. In his article Robert recounts the tragic story of a freak accident which occurred in 1910 at the Herald Publishing Company building seen in the background of this photo. Other articles in this issue include one written by QFHS' youngest member, Sarah Murphy, in which she writes about how and why she began her *Personal Journey Along the Path of Ancestry* - page 5. Mark Gallop submitted two articles. The first, *My Great-Grandfather and Me* on page 9, is about the life and times of Alexander Parker Willis and the biography Mark wrote on him for the Dictionary of Canadian Biography. The second article was written by Robert's Great-Uncle about his memories of his father, the same Alexander Willis, and the company he founded in Montreal in the 1800's. Pennie Redmile also sent in two submissions, both documents she found at the Archives. *Adoption: 31 March 1848*, on page 8, tells the sad story of a three year old girl given up for adoption by her father after the death of her mother. The other document on page 12, is a copy of an opposition to a *Road from Frelighsburg - to Missisouoi Bay* by two men who cleared the land for their own use and were demanding fair market value for it. *The Story Tellers*, on page 17, I think, describes eloquently why each of us feel compelled to research our family history and to tell our families' stories and pass them on to the next generation. Also from the internet I have listed a few news items that would have been current events to our ancestors in *The Year 1911*. On page 24 the Hillcrest Mine's Disaster Committee asks for help in locating descendants of, or information about victims of *The Hillcrest Mine Explosion* in Alberta in 1914. All 150 miners are listed. Sharon Callaghan has written another article about *Unraveling Quebec Land Records* - page 27, which she hopes will help researchers better understand the the three systems of land registration in Quebec. As stated in my note at the end of her article: Sharon will be giving two lectures on Saturday, June 4th at the QFHS - ROOTS 2011 Convention. In the morning she will be discussing *Quebec Notary Records*: Quebec's unique notarial system and the comprehensive role of notary records. In the afternoon her lecture will be *Quebec Land Records*: where she will discuss Quebec's three land registration systems through the years and the wealth of genealogical data to be discovered in their records, including the current online database. Another informative article can be found on page 30. Submitted by Nicole Watier, Genealogical Consultant of Genealogy Services, Information and Research Services Division of Library and Archives Canada in Ottawa it gives a brief description of what is available at Genealogy Services at Library and Archives Canada and how Consultants can help researchers in their quest for more information on their family history. Also, the QFHS has received a large collection of reference books - mostly in French, which might prove invaluable to anyone researching in Quebec. A list of titles and reference numbers can be found in *Library Acquisitions* on page 13.

THANK YOU to everyone who submitted articles, fillers, photos, etc to *Connections* in 2010
WISHING YOU ALL HAPPY RESEARCHING
and BEST WISHES IN 2011
Dawn Ouellette ~ Editor

Happy New Year

QFHS NEWS AND NOTES



AN INVITATION TO "ROOTS 2011"

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**Dawn Ouellette ~ Vice-President QFHS
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Due to the possibility of inclement weather conditions no lectures are held in January or February.

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SPRING 2011 Lectures

Date: Saturday, March 12th, 2011
Time: 1:30 p.m. (**Note Time**) ~ at St. Andrew's United Church 75 - 15th Ave., Lachine
Speaker: Ray Baillie, retired CFL football player, retired school teacher and more recently author of several books on Quebec
Topic: Ray will be talking about his most recent book, "*Scottish Imprints in Quebec*". Six years of travel and research have produced over 300 photographs that reflect the important role of the Scots and their descendants, particularly in 19th century Quebec. There is little question that they were eminent in bringing Quebec into the modern industrial world.

Date: Saturday,, April 9th, 2011
Time: 10:30 a.m. ~ at St. Andrew's United Church 75 - 15th Ave., Lachine, Quebec
Speaker: QFHS Members
Topic: This will be a "*Show and Tell Event*"
Members are invited to bring an object, photo, etc. that they would like to talk about. Or an interesting short story about their family history. If you wish to take part please leave your name at the office/library. There will be a limit of five presenters

The Speaker for May 2011 was not confirmed at the time of publication.
Please visit the QFHS website at: www.qfhs.ca for futher details

OGS - Golden Anniversary

2011 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Ontario Genealogical Society. In celebration of this event they will be hosting a genealogical conference at the Hamilton Convention Centre, Hamilton, Ontario May 13th to 15th, 2011. For complete details visit the OGS homepage at: <http://www.ogs.on.ca/index.php> And click on conference.

Deadline for the Summer Issue of CONNECTIONS
is: February 15th 2011

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FREE WORKSHOPS presented by the ANQ: THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES of QUEBEC - MONTREAL

The archives contains a wealth of information to our past. Many researchers are overwhelmed by the enormous amount of documentation stored there and need help in understanding it. These workshops help participants demystify the world of archives and discover the hidden treasures waiting to be discovered. submitted by Pennie Redmile

Date: April 9th, 2011
Time: 1:30 - 3.00 PM
Speaker: Denyse Beaugrand-Champagne
Topic: Rights and Obligations Through the Years

This workshop discusses researching in notarial documents to illustrate certain stages of life (marriage agreements, project contracts, wills and inventories of estates) and will discuss hand written wills. The instructor will also touch on guardianships and trusteeships (underage children, banned or missing persons, the emaciation of minors and women).

Date: June 4th, 2011 - (QFHS conference weekend - ROOTS 2011)
Time: 1:30 - 3:00 PM
Speaker: Evelyn Kollish
Topic: Family Drama: Separation, Divorce and Name Change.

Litigants, historians and genealogists will find rich material sources about families in the civil judicial records. The instructor shows how the development of civil law related to the break down of marriage is reflected in the civil records, and what sorts of documents are produced concerning legal conflict between spouses. She then describes the research methodology required to find separation or divorce papers and the research tools available to help in the search. To sum up, she describes the various avenues leading into the past to track name changes so that researchers can pinpoint the most appropriate sources.

To register - please call: (514) 873-4300
or: email animation.cam@banq.qc.ca

The archives will notify all who have registered, if a specific talk is changed or cancelled.

Note:

The February 19th workshop, "*Researching in BANQ's Archives Center*", was cancelled as only 10 people signed up. They require a minimum of 20 people for each lecture.

MY PERSONAL JOURNEY ALONG THE PATH of ANCESTRY

by Sarah Murphy

"People who grow up without a sense of how yesterday has affected today are unlikely to have a strong sense of how today affects tomorrow"

Lynne V. Cheney

This quote manages to sum up my views of genealogy remarkably well. I believe that if nothing else is going to drive you to do great things, it should be the determination to leave something behind for the people who will follow you. And what would be a better way to start this journey than knowing how those before you have impacted your life?

My interest in genealogy was kindled last summer when, prior to a family vacation in Newfoundland, my grandfather gave me a rough sketch of his paternal family tree that he had received from his cousin. My family and I walked around a cemetery in Newfoundland for hours reading names on tombstones of generations of my grandfathers family, and creating links between them with the help of this single, handwritten device. I was immediately intrigued by the thought that each of these people's actions had directly affected my presence at their graves that very day. I suppose you could say that this is where my personal journey along the path of ancestry began.

Soon after my arrival home from our vacation, I got on my computer, e-mailed some family members and asked for any and all information they had about our families to be sent to me. This was followed by the creation of memberships to ancestry.com and the Quebec Family History Society. I was also fortunate enough to be selected for a special program at my school allowing me to take part in my own unique extra-curricular project in which I was asked to find a mentor. As my mentor, I chose none other than the executive secretary of the Quebec Family History Society, Joan Benoit.

From October 2009 to May 2010, Joan guided me in my work, gathering what is considered to be a very large amount of information in a very short amount of time. I found documents, records and relatives on-line and in archives that I never could have imagined existed. Although my family tree is still not complete in all it's branches, I managed to gather enough interesting information to amaze my parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and even cousins.

This project has developed a side of myself I had never known existed. I discovered so many new things, learnt about different cultures and customs and created a remarkable link between myself and the past. This connection with the past has had a profound impact on my life and has inspired me to continue on the journey of revealing more branches of my fascinating family tree



Note:

Sarah Murphy is the youngest member of *The Quebec Family History Society*. She is a high school student and has written this short article to explain how and why she became interested in her family history and where she started.

Joan Benoit - QFHS Secretary

VICTORIA SQUARE: HISTORY INCARNATE

by Robert N. Wilkins

When Victoria Square was so agreeably reconfigured in 2002 – 2003, the extensive undertaking reminded Montrealers of the square's vital importance in the city's history. As it turns out, however, very few are really aware of some of the more remarkable human dramas that have unfolded on the downtown site over the years. In fact, this year marks the hundredth anniversary of one of the worst disasters ever to have occurred in Montreal.

Situated on the southern flank of Victoria Square a century ago was to be found the imposing Herald Publishing Company Building. It was for its time 'state of the art' as befit a modern edifice overlooking the city's most prestigious plaza. Founded on October 19, 1811, the Herald tabloid was by June of 1910 a Montreal journalistic institution.

Although the building had been there for a good number of years, the newspaper giant had occupied it only since Labour Day of 1905. Frequently victimized by fires elsewhere in the city, the owners decided to place a 30,000 gallon water tank weighing 300,000 pounds atop the five storey-structure in order to assure the necessary water supply and pressure in combating any future blaze. That approach, encouraged by the insurance companies of the day, was increasingly popular in the city's business quarter where there were over 100 buildings with huge water receptacles on their rooftops. As luck would have it, however, what would normally have been considered a good idea turned out to be a very bad one.

At 10:40 on the morning of June 13, 1910, and with a tremendous roar heard throughout much of the city, the weighty cistern crashed through the roof, continuing its destructive way until it came to a stop in the basement of the battered building. The entire back portion of the edifice was instantly destroyed while the rest, ironically, was quickly engulfed in flames. There was a very brief interlude of silence, of disbelief, before shrieks were abruptly heard coming from the horrific sight. Throughout the city, people quickly converged on the normally picturesque square to see what had happened and if they could be of any help. Nonetheless, most rapidly realized the scale of the destruction, the structure being essentially sliced in half by the force of the container's descent. There was no warning and, therefore, no possibility of escape for those busily at work that sunny, warm Monday morning all those years ago. Over three hundred people toiled in the Herald Building, most near the front overlooking the tree-lined square. Many of those killed were young girls working in the bindery department that was located immediately under the water container near the back of the edifice.

For nearly a week, police, firemen, and volunteers extracted the remains of some thirty-three employees, 19 men and 14 women - some as young as 14. Many were charred virtually beyond recognition. The bodies were quickly taken to the city morgue where the difficult struggle to identify them began immediately.

Shortly after the tragic event, the requisite inquest was held to determine the cause of the structure's collapse. As it turned out, City Hall had been warned two years earlier by various building authorities of the potential dangers posed by ponderous rooftop water tanks. However, no action was ever taken.

One of the incredible paradoxes in this sad story was that the Herald was able to publish its regular afternoon edition that very same day. Within a couple of hours of the dramatic events on Victoria Square, the Gazette offered those who survived the inferno the use of their facilities in order to put out the Herald's usual afternoon copy. As a result the tabloid was able to report on its own catastrophe.

The Herald Building calamity was not, unfortunately, the only tragedy to occur on the square. In 1910, there was still a handful of Montrealers old enough to recall a violent episode that took place in June of 1853 on the north side of what was then called Haymarket Square. Bernard Tansey, a Montreal restaurateur, was one of them.

At the age of 18, Tansey witnessed a gory sectarian dispute that took place as the result of fiery lecture by Alessandro Gavazzi, an apostate Barnabite priest and self-described Italian patriot. Gavazzi eagerly travelled much of Europe and North America delivering his anti-papal diatribe to anyone willing to listen. In Montreal, where ethnic and religious tensions already flourished, he easily found just such an audience.

When the opposing factions faced one another outside Zion Church where Gavazzi was speaking, troops were called in to enforce order on the square. Inexplicably, the soldiers opened fire on the crowd, killing 28 people and injuring another thirty. By all accounts, Tansey remembered both that bloody event and the 1910 Herald Fire to the day he died.

Despite the fact that over 60 people were killed in the two incidents, there is no commemorative plaque for either. Today, the only reminder of the two events is Victoria Square itself; ironically recently reconfigured to resemble more its original nineteenth century design.



VICTORIA SQUARE - Winter circa: 1908
Showing the Herald Building in the background

Robert N. Wilkins is a retired Montreal-area high school teacher and a regular contributor to the *Montreal Gazette's* history page, "Looking Back". He is currently indexing death announcements which appeared in the now-defunct *Montreal Star*. This data base covers the years 1900 - 1909 inclusive and contains over 111,000 entries.

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His "BLOG" is found at: www.forgoodmeasure.tk

ADOPTION: 31 March 1848

Submitted by Pennie Redmile

This sad document is called an "engagement". There was no adoption as we know it prior to 1925 or 1926

Before the undersigned Public Notaries, duly commissioned# and sworn in and for that part of the Province of Lower Canada, residing in the town of St John Dorchester* in the District of Montreal, in the Province aforesaid. Personally appeared William Henderson, of the said town of St John Dorchester, farmer, of the one part— And John Aston of the said town of St John Dorchester, saddler & harnes maker, and Mary Ann Galbraith his wife, by her said husband duly authorized to the effect of these presents, of the other part. Which said William Henderson, did declare to have engaged, and by these presents doth engage Elizabeth Henderson, his daughter, aged 3 years and six months, whom he certifies to be honest, issue of his marriage with the late Eleanor Nixon, his late wife, unto the said John Aston and the said Mary Ann Galbraith, his said wife, present and accepting the said Elizabeth Henderson, to bring her up as they would do if she was their own child, & to continue from this day until the said minor child will have attained to her age of majority, twenty one years, or until the age of eighteen, should she, with the approbation of her said father & mother, the said John Aston and Mary Ann Galbraith, his wife, find a suitable person as a husband then to contract matrimony. And until such time the said John Aston and the said Mary Ann Galbraith, his wife, to provide her, the said Elizabeth Henderson, with sufficient meals, drink, lodging and with all her wearing apparel as they would do for their own child, and when she will become at a proper age, to be sent to school, and see that she will be properly educated so as to learn the art of reading, writting (sic) arithmetick (sic) and sewing, and also to see that she will attend to church & to be brought up as a Christian and to follow the Presbeterian (sic) Religion, and also should the said Elizabeth Henderson fall sick during the above mentioned term, to have her, by the said John Aston & Mary Ann Galbraith, properly attended and to give her all the necessary douceurs required for a sick person, and to send for a Physician to give her medical aid, if necessary, and should she die during the time she will be with them, the said John Aston and Mary Ann Galbraith, his wife, to have her properly entered in a Christian like manner. To all the above engagement & promise, they, the said John Aston and Mary Ann Galbraith, his wife, obliges themselves jointly and severally to comply with, during the term aforesaid. It is agreed by and between the said parties that if the said John Aston & Mary Ann Galbraith should go to reside in any other place than the town of St John Dorchester, they will have the full liberty to take the said Elizabeth Henderson with them. It is also agreed by & between the said parties that if the said Elizabeth Henderson, should absent herself from the said John Aston & Mary Ann Galbraith's residence during the said term, that in such case, the said William Henderson promises and obliges himself, his heirs and afsigns, to search for her and to bring her back to them, to complete the time remaining, to finish the term first above mentioned, or else to pay the sum of 25£ current money of this Province, as a penalty, which said sum, the said William Henderson, promises & obliges himself to well & duly pay to the said John Aston and Mary Ann Galbraith, or to their heirs and afsigns, one month to be accounted and reckoned from the day the said Elizabeth Henderson will have so absented herself from their residence. And for the true performance of all & every the said covenants and agreements, each of the said parties doth bind themselves unto the other of them firmly by these presents. This done and pafsed at the said town of St John Dorchester, in the office of Pierre Gamelin, one of the undersigned notaries, on the day, month & year first above written and have the said parties signed with us, the said notaries, (except the said Mary Ann Galbraith, who declared she could not sign (and) made her mark of a crofs in lieu of her signature) after the reading of these presents being made in their presence.

Signatures William Henderson; John Aston; Mary Ann (X –her mark) Galbraith
Notaries:: P. Demarq NP; Pre Gamelin NP

* St John Dorchester is currently known as St Jean sur Richelieu
double "S" – looks like "f" (ie: afsigns= assigns)

THE DICTIONARY OF CANADIAN BIOGRAPHY MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER AND ME

By Mark W. Gallop, UE

Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote, "We are all omnibuses in which our ancestors ride". Well, on my bus a great-grandfather, who died a quarter century before my birth, made his way early in my life's journey to the front.



Alexander Parker Willis would fit anyone's definition of a family patriarch. His multi-columned obituaries in all the Montreal newspapers of 1934 commended his influence over his extended family (two wives, eleven children, and multiple siblings, nephews and nieces, many of whom he employed), his church (Anglican), his business (manufacturing and selling pianos), and his city. The Standard was typical of the tone with the headline, "Montreal Merchant Prince, Native of Nova Scotia, Greatly Honored in Death".

I heard many stories around the dinner table of his dictates and influences, and during the summer months it was around his own dinner table in the country house he built well over a century ago south of Montreal. In fact, I am typing these words in that house. I don't have to move very far to feel his gaze upon me, as there are no less than three framed studio portraits of him on the walls. And that doesn't count the metre-high bronze bust I climbed over in the barn as a child (since donated to a museum) and the rough cartoon of him slapped on the inside wall of the boat shed with house paint.

By its nature, family history research sweeps across centuries and generations. At its core it is about making links, from grandparent to parent and child as they move across borders, oceans, decades and life events. Occasionally we permit ourselves the pleasure of getting sidetracked, exploring, for a bit, the social, historical or geographic context of our ancestors' lives. But for the most part the greater our success in building our family history, the larger the number of pieces we know are missing from our jigsaw puzzle (a puzzle without outside borders at that). And so we press on to the next census, cemetery or website, jumping from branch to branch of our family as our access to information and time permit.

I recently had the experience of putting aside my ever-expanding family files to concentrate very narrowly and in great depth on the life of a single ancestor, APW (as he was and still is often called), on behalf of the Dictionary of Canadian Biography (DCB as it is often called).

The DCB is a great Canadian resource in the humanities that deserves more attention. Its roots go back to the Dictionary of National Biography, founded in the 1880s with Sir Leslie Stephen as its first editor, which publishes concise biographies of notable figures from British history. The Canadian version started in 1959 with a bequest to the University of Toronto, with the Université Laval joining the project. The first Canadian volume was published in 1966 with a further thirteen volumes since then. In 2003 an agreement was reached with the federal Department of Canadian Heritage to launch the DCB Online (DCBO).

While scholarly in its roots and purpose, the DCB also makes for great casual reading, especially for a genealogist or local historian who will often find individuals who influenced the lives of their ancestors or region. While the biographies of notables such as the Fathers of Confederation can run to multiple pages, the DCB also strives to profile a broader range of individuals who influenced or reflect our national character. These shorter write-ups of athletes, vaudevillians, midwives and criminals often make the most entertaining reading. This very Canadian effort to be representative seems to have reached an extreme in the biography of an Ontario farmer that ends with the following sentence: "No one is completely average, but James Blair commands notice because he so nearly was."

The influence of Alexander Parker Willis on my family has been far more than average, but did he merit inclusion in the DCB? Editorial teams based at the two universities make decisions on inclusion. I have no insight into the editorial meetings drawing up the list of names to be included in the volume of those who died between 1931 and 1940, but APW made the cut. Through an unusual set of circumstances that started with a stint volunteering at the McCord Museum archives, my name was brought to the attention of one of the committee members as the great-grandson of APW and someone with a keen interest in history. When I reviewed the qualifications of published DCB authors I saw a preponderance of professors and professional archivists. I am an amateur historian (my career is in finance) but this was a challenge and an opportunity to honour my great-grandfather that I could not turn down.

Being a pack rat, I had already squirreled away every reference to APW that had come to my attention over several decades. These started with the oral stories from grandparents and great-uncles, and were supplemented by family letters and printed material. I also have a trove of corporate material. The family sold the firm, Willis & Co. Ltd., in 1967 after decades of declining sales of pianos and increased foreign competition. The company finally declared bankruptcy in 1978. The trustee in bankruptcy was contacted and I was permitted to visit the Sainte-Thérèse factory and take away a trunk-load of archival material. The factory burned a few years later.

My first task was to assemble and review the material I already had referencing him. I started a chronology, with significant gaps, especially in his early years, and some interesting contradictions that would have to be solved. I then turned back to on-line sources and the newly-opened Bibliothèque Nationale to do as complete a sweep of additional sources as possible, recording every Lovell's Montreal Directory entry for example, first for him starting in 1876-77 through to his death, and every reference to his business, from its first appearance, as the partnership Willis & Roy, a few years later. I also pursued references to his business colleagues through censuses, directories and newspapers.

His early years were the hardest to document. A treasure trove of information was an annotated copy of The Scotsburn Congregation, published in 1925 and passed to me by a great uncle. Not only did it include a one-page biography of APW, it also gave me a good understanding of the community in Pictou County, Nova Scotia where he was raised. I learned my biggest single lesson in genealogical research from this book: Never underestimate the importance of religion in trying to understand past generations. Affiliation with the Anglican Church was always important to the stories I heard about my great-grandfather, for example that his sons were given only two career choices; to join either the family business or the priesthood. The twist and the lesson from the book was that The Scotsburn Congregation was a story of Presbyterianism as the Willis's were the only Anglican family for miles around. It was only after understanding Presbyterianism better that I was able to see that while APW's allegiances were Anglican, his ethics and motivations seemed to be Presbyterian to the core.

After a half a dozen years as a schoolteacher in Nova Scotia, and after being discouraged from studying for Anglican ministry by the local bishop, APW made his way to Montreal and embarked on a commercial career. However the dates for the end of his teaching career and the arrival in Montreal varied, depending on the source, by as much as half a decade. This called for me to think like a detective, first of all by examining and ranking the sources with respect to credibility. For example, a 1927 profile in the Montreal Daily Star was likely based upon a direct interview with APW, while the 1934 obituaries in the same and other newspapers would have been, of necessity, based upon secondary sources. The next step was to try to corroborate, or refute, the more likely dates by other means. As Arthur Conan Doyle said, by way of Sherlock Holmes, "When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth". It was in trying to do so that I had my best needle-in-the-haystack moment that adds such a thrill to genealogical research, in searching through microfiche copies of the Star for 1877 and finding the advertisement launching APW's independent business career announcing that Willis & Roy had been granted the agency for the sale of the Wanzer sewing machine in Quebec. Even in the 20th century material I could not take everything I read at face value. I was impressed with the DCB editor assigned to my biography. She held me to a high standard of accuracy and insisted on supporting documentation. Sometimes salesmanship and "spin" (to use the 21st century term for it) fooled me, with respect to factory production levels in the 1920s and '30s for example, and she kept sending me back to cross check my sources.

I had one regret in the process of preparing the biography, and that was my inability to track down what I felt would be a crucial source. APW's son, John, was one of two sons who had chosen the path of Anglican ministry rather than the piano business, however he had written memoirs that as the eldest (born 1877) covered much of the earlier period. Significant parts of it were transcribed and published in a 1977 genealogy of the Willis family, a copy of which is in the QFHS Library. Family lore was that this transcription was incomplete however, as comments Canon John had made about the business had been left out so as not to offend the sensibilities of some members of the family and firm still then living. I was bound and determined to find the original of his memoirs, contacting the cousins who had prepared the 1977 genealogy and Canon John's family, but without success.

Of course what should turn up in the basement of a different cousin, about a year after my DCB biography was finalized and sent for translation, but a photocopy of Canon John's memories of the business. They are a fascinating and colourful evocation of business life in 19th century Montreal and a transcription has been included in this edition of *Connections*. I was relieved that my research into my great-grandfather's life and business seems to have been sound and, at most, the memoirs would have allowed me to replace some of the qualifying "might have"s with more definitive statements. And of course to my 21st century sensibilities, I couldn't find anything particularly controversial in them.

Editor;s Note: Mark has also submitted the article, *Reminiscences of the Family Business* written over fifty years ago by his Great-Uncle, John James Willis. Mark states that: The memoirs are undated but that the author refers, in the present tense, to the Sainte Catherine and Drummond Willis building and showrooms. This was sold in 1955 so the memoirs would have been written before then and probably date from the late '40s or early '50s.

**ROAD From FRELIGHSBURG - To MISSISOUOI BAY
SEIGNEURY OF ST. ARMAND**

Submitted by Pennie Redmile

Quarter Sessions Oct 1804

On Proces verbal of Deputy Grand Voyer, dated June 1 1804, establishes a road from Frelighsburg to Missiskoui Bay, Seigneury of St. Armand. Reason of Opposition E #25 22 Oct 1804

Montreal, Quarter Sessions of the Peace Oct 1804

Reasons of opposition of Peter Krans & John Reynolds of the said seigneury, to the homologation of the said Proces verbal

Because they, the said opposants wre not present at the visit of the said Deputy Grand Voyer, not did they in any manner consent that the road in question should pass upon their respective lots of land – in manner as stated in the said Proces verbal. And the said Opposants further say that their said respective lots of land over which the road passes, is cleared land, and of great value, and therefore the price and value thereof ought to have been ascertained and paid to the said Opposants as by law required, but for which no provision is made by the Proces verbal

Wherefore the said Opposants pray that the Proces verbal aforesaid be disallowed.

Js Reid , Atty of Ops
22 Oct 1804

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Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us, "Tell our story!" So, we do.

In finding them, we somehow find ourselves. How many graves have I stood before now and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors, "You have a wonderful family; you would be proud of us." How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say.

It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who am I and why do I do the things I do. It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying, "I can't let this happen." The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish, how they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family.

It goes to deep pride that the fathers fought and some died to make and keep us a Nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us. It is of equal pride and love that our mothers struggled to give us birth. Without them we could not exist, and so we love each one, as far back as we can reach. That we might be born who we are. That we might remember them. So we do.

With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are they and they are the sum of who we are. So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take my place in the long line of family storytellers.

That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and restore the memory or greet those whom we had never known before.

Author Unknown

THE YEAR 1911

When searching for your ancestors on the 1911 census do you ever wonder what was happening in the world around them? Here are a few facts, gleaned from the internet, of what our parents; grandparents; and great-grandparents would have perceived as current events
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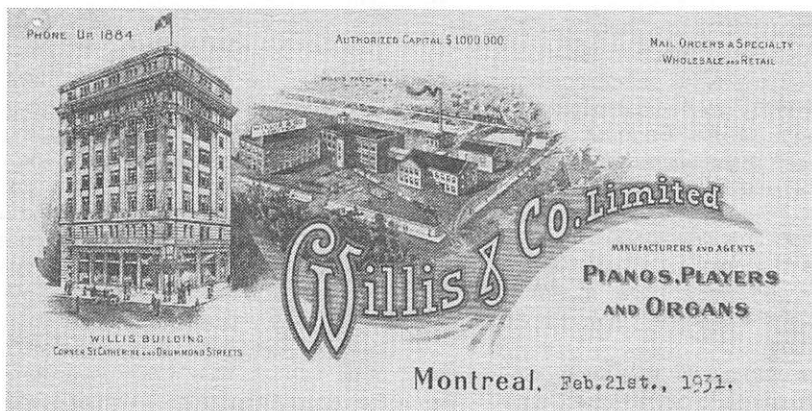
- ❖ With the death of King Edward VII at Buckingham Palace on May 6th 1910 his son George became King of England. The coronation of King George V and Queen Mary took place at Westminster Abbey on 22 June 1911.
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A story that captivated the interest of people worldwide.
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- ❖ Outbreak of the Italian-Turkish War (1911-1912).
- ❖ Revolution in China and Mexico
- ❖ On July 20th Generals Henry Wilson & Auguste Dubail sign a plan for British Expeditionary army in case of war with Germany, and on August 23rd British Prim Minister, Asquith holds a secret meeting about British strategy in case of war with Germany
- ❖ Roald Amundsen becomes the first man to reach the South Pole - beating Robert F. Scott
- ❖ The first non-stop London-Paris flight (Pierre Prier) in 3 hours 56minutes - on April 12th
- ❖ R.M.S. Titanic launched on May 31st.
- ❖ New York Public Library opens, dedicated by President Taft.
- ❖ The Ottawa Hockey Club won the Stanley Cup from the Montreal Wanderers in the second season (1910-1911) of *The National Hockey Association* which consisted of five teams playing 16 games each.

Dawn Ouellette ~ Editor

REMINISCENCES OF THE FAMILY BUSINESS

by John James Willis ¹

submitted by Mark W. Gallop



Will & Co. Corporate letterhead - circa 1931

Alexander Willis, was born on Mt. Dalhousie, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, on May 11th 1845, the eldest son of James Willis J.P., and Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, his wife. His early education was under the supervision of Sergt. Ross – whose home was about 1 ½ miles ups the mountain from the Willis farm. Later he attended a small log school half a mile away, whose only mark today is a pile of blackened stones at the corner of a lane. After a few years in this school he went to Pictou Academy, boarding in the home of a Mr. Cruickshank. In 1862 he graduated from the Academy, receiving a Teacher's License. During his teaching years at Tatamagouche he lived with David Mingo. He was Anglican Catechist in addition to the school work. For this he received an honorarium from the English Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. In 1869 he won for Pictou Co. a prize as the best teacher. In that same year he left Tatamagouche and went to Halifax hoping to enter King's College as a student in Divinity. But the way did not open up for him. So he began to look westward. From Halifax he went to St. John N.B. where he often told me that he made a little money trading in American dollars which were much below par at that time. An old school friend of his, D.M. Stearns, and he decided to go further west. They walked through Maine to St. John's, Quebec, earning their livelihood by the sale of Chromos. At St. John's our father decided

to try his luck in Montreal. Stearns went to New York to engage in Y.M.C.A. work, eventually becoming a minister in the Reformed Episcopal Church. The friendship of the two men lasted until death. Late in 1870 father arrived in Montreal. Immediately he entered the employ of D. & J. Sadlier, Book Sellers. A few months later he went to Scott's, Picture Dealers, and also Agents for the Wanzer Sewing Machine. In 1871 the Scotts decided to given up this latter agency. Mr. Wanzer, being in Montreal at the time was anxious for a representative. Our father asked for the chance. Mr. Wanzer's reaction was, "You have no capital!" But he was impressed, and sent goods to father on consignment. I have the impression that at first business was carried on under the Wanzer name. But in our scrap book there is an address presented to father on Sept. 11: 1877 wishing him success in striking out for himself with the Wanzer Machine. It was about this time that he added Parker as his middle name, after the American Poet Nathaniel Parker Willis, always a favourite of his. On May 15th 1876 he married Jane Burness Duncan. Their first home was on Bleury St. near Craig, where his first son was born March 24 1877. The first store was at the corner of St. Peter and Notre Dame, an old Hudson Bay Store. It was a successful venture upon which he embarked in that tiny shop about half the size of one floor space in the present building. In 1883 the business had so

developed that the Wanzer factory was sometimes forced to work overtime to supply the demand for machines in Quebec, Eastern Ontario, and the Maritimes. Father was full of ambition and a great believer in advertising. Attached to these memories is the account of the Banquet rendered Mr. Wanzer. The list of agents is as impressive as that of the guests, and most informative. I can just recall home conversation about the banquet. And I do remember the first store - I can see the machines in the window. And there is Mina MacNamara who must have (been) the first employee for she was present at my Baptism in St. George's Church.

The business outgrew the little shop. So in 1884 the move was made to 1824 Notre Dame St. the property of Senator Ferrier. A "reader" in the press states that \$10,000.00 was spent in the removal and renovation of 1824. I remember the day of the removal. We were living at 226 St. George St. Mother spent the previous day making stacks of ham sandwiches. The memory is poignant for Robt, Beth, and I were forbidden to touch. We could watch, however. Our first visit to the new store was a triumph. We were very proud to walk through the three floors. Beth and I are the only ones left of that group, and she was just 6 years old. So I can describe that store. It was a double store with the largest plate glass windows in town. The machines had disappeared. Nothing but Pianos and wondrously decorated Parlour Organs. Pianos - Williams "D" - "Bonnie Doon" (to catch the Scottish trade) - "M" (a super-production) - Bell Organs - later came the Bell Piano.

Miss Quinn, as receptionist, sat at a desk near the door. I thought her to be a perfect one for the job. She was always so nice to me. She looked after MacDonald the carter - a good man - but inclined to be surly. She also attended to the tunings. F.G. Sharpe came first as a tuner. That first floor was full of Pianos. There was a mezzanine where those Parlour Organs were displayed. At the back of the second floor there was as motley a collection of old trade-ins as you will ever see. Across the front were two offices. One where Miss Kelly presided as book-keeper, except when she was taking dictation from Father in his private office. All the letters were in long hand in those typewriterless days. Towards evening they were all copied in a press which stood

in the corner. There Anna Dumont also worked on the books. And by 5 p.m. the collectors turned up and reported to Willie Willis.

It was in the year of the NorthWest Rebellion (1885) that the first telephone arrived. It was on the first floor of course. It would ring. Someone would like to speak to Mr. Willis. The handiest one would go up stairs and notify the "Boss" who then threaded his way through the second-hand stock to answer the call. Think of that you descendants who do not even move from your desk when you want to talk to the man in the next office.

Let us now walk up to the 3rd floor where Wm. Lussier lorded over young Bellefeuille. The smell of oil, varnish, glue, I can never forget. That was the repair shop. Also a further storage space for trade-ins hopeful of restoration to pristine beauty. Of course there was a rope hoist on which the carters used to give us the occasional ride.

Of course there was a cellar - earth floor - no light - a haunt of rats, two toilets, a sink; the only light a barn oil lantern which you turned up if you ventured below. Father's notices all over the place - "Beware of fire!" That was one thing they were spared. But what a gorgeous fire the whole place would have made. Next door was Jas. Steel, a furniture man with as heavy a stock and as inflammable as our own.

Let me recall a few of the faces I saw in that store Gonthier and Vaughn - Collectors - Delfosse, Bergeron, F.G. Sharpe, Rayner, W.A. Willis, Geo. L. Duncan, O'Reilly, R. Ewart Crane, Charlie Motley, C.D. Patterson who came as a book-keeper from Archambault's School, MacDonald the carter who was succeeded by Fennell.

Oh! Yes! Lest we forget - those days every purchaser of a Piano received a handsome brocaded silk scarf - red, blue, yellow, white. To the purchaser of a Parlour Organ, a free instruction book - Bellak's Organ Lessons. It was also the day of gaily lithographed business cards. The piece de resistance, daintily scented blotting-papers. Boys and girls collected these cards and blotters from store to store. One day a chum of mine stumped me to go into C.W. Lindsay's on St. Catherine St. and ask for cards. We went in but a man named Lomax, who had worked for father, recognized me and we were chased cardless. It was a day of bitter competition - cut-price etc., for both W&Co.

and C.W.L. were early in their careers. To think even of entering the store of the competition was reprehensible. Of course I did not tell father or mother.

I have no record of the actual date – but about 1887 or 1888 an auspicious advance was made by W&Co. Father went to Baltimore and came back with the Knabe contract in his pocket. Immediately he advertised the arrival of a carload of Knabe Pianos. That was more than L.E.N. Pratte, until then the Knabe Agent, could stand. He replied in ads reflecting upon father's credibility. For several weeks the controversy waged. Then the trump card appeared. A copy of the bill of lading. I read those ads with glee. Why did I not make a collection of them? Well the Knabe put W&Co. right into the concert business. For at the time Knabes were foremost in that field (Steinway really began with Paderewski who greatly aided the S.Co. in making their Grands much better than they had been.) Of course father saw to it that the artists came to Montreal. And we older children heard many of the great artists of day - D'Albert, Mde. Carreuo, DeKontzski, Stavenhagen, Emil Sauer (who pleased me more than any Pianist I ever heard), Gerardy, Ysaye, the Hambourgs, Louis Graveure, Godoursky, just to name a few. We were never asked if we wanted to go - The tickets were given to us and we were dressed up for the occasion. Sometimes we took our friends. In these later years I recognize the educational value of these musical treats.

Two other Pianos appeared in the store about this time most likely 1890 when I was attending high school for my school-mates joshed me. On every hoarding were huge signs "The Incomparable BAUS" W&Co. 1824 N.D. St. Yellow framed – black letters – reminiscent of the big small-pox placards of 1885. There was also the "Sweet-toned Emerson".

The first Knabe concert was Count or Chevalier de Kontzski, Court Pianist to the Emperor of Austria. On the afternoon of the concert he ran his agile fingers over the Grand in the window. A large crowd gathered and loitered until the police dispersed. Up to that time the most wonderful piece I ever heard on a Piano was "A Maiden's Prayer" which Nellie Kelly would always play for me on request. The Chevalier's runs, trills & arpeggios

ushered me into a new world, and I nearly lost my eyes that afternoon.

In the same year another Pianist visited Montreal – I forget his name. As the carters were moving the Grand up the stairs of the Queen's Hall on St. Catherine St. – the site of Eaton's now – the straps slipped or broke and the Grand crashed down the stairs. In due time the Grand, despite a damaged case, was on the Stage. Sharpe said it was in tune. So did the artist. Then father (trust him!) went to town in the advertising columns. Even the music critics spoke of it. For in those days all critiques carried a "plug" for the Piano and the agent who, of course, was an advertiser.

A year or so after the Knabe, the Newcombe Piano was added to the list. So W&Co. had a varied assortment on their floor.

Who remembers the time father was arrested and brought to court for stealing his own Piano? The 80s & 90s were glorious days for the landlords. He could seize a Piano for rent. And there was plenty of evidence of collusion between a debtor and creditor landlord. In this instance father suspected a trick, and he and the carters got there before the bailiff. Well, father was found guilty and fined. To our great relief he was able to pay the fine and costs, and return home. There and then he made up his mind to work for the correction of the law in regard to articles sold on the Installment Plan. For many years he and C.W.L. and later Laytons lobbied at Quebec. Now the law is fair to all parties concerned. At the time I spoke of the Piano was the only thing sold on the installment plan. It is well to remember that in a day when wedding rings are bought on a so-much-a-week-plan.

Another feature of the business at first was that relic of the feudal bartering days – the trade account. So much cash for a Williams "D", and so much in groceries, boots, and clothing. Once a red-headed policeman came to 226 St. George St. We were afraid we children had done something wrong. But he just came to get a grocery order. His wife kept a grocery store in Griffintown. There were times when a shoemaker or a tailor would come to the house and measure us all for boots or suits. The tailor did have a measuring tape, but the shoemaker just used strips of paper which he partially cut at mysterious points. The boots fitted and wore well. In 1885 everybody had to be

vaccinated because of the small-pox epidemic. When Dr. McConnell came to put us through the ordeal we all sat with bare arms in the front parlour. I wondered if he had bought a "D" or an "M". In 1889 we moved to 100 Tupper St. cor. Sussex. Then I went to high school and college. And strange to say I do not remember when W&Co. moved up to St. Catherine St. to the Empire Building - nor the year when the new store was built, and later added to. I do recall the Open House at the Empire Bldg., and that in the new store. For I felt immensely proud of the progress of the Business, though it was understood that I was to have no part in it.

On Feb. 19th 1881 father's brother Robert, whose business in Stellarton had failed as a result of the Food Pit Disaster, left Stellarton for Montreal. He too was a born salesman, but of indifferent health. Certain steps had been taken towards a partnership between the two brothers. But in 1888 Robert Willis fell a prey to consumption, as tuberculosis was then called. He refused to sign the papers of partnership. On Easter Day April 21 1889 he died at our home on St. George's St. He was buried on 25th in Christ Church Cemetery, Stellarton. A fine Christian man, with a very happy manner, his passing was a great blow to our father.

The experience of the business through the years indicates happy relationships between employer and employees. It is a great joy and pride to me, the oldest in the family, to greet veterans in the business. All have spoken time and again of their admiration for the founder of the Firm. And it is most gratifying to see that spirit pervading the more recent additions to the business family.

Father evidently had a breakdown of some kind in the fall of 1880. For on Christmas Eve of that year the employees sent him a Christmas gift - could not have been cigars or spirits for he was rather puritanical in those matters - and an address of good wishes which I have in a scrapbook.

On Christmas Eve 1884 the employees gave him a crayon portrait of himself - by Herbert. It hung in our library for many years - I still have it. It shows him with a fine growth of whiskers, the custom of the '80s.

I often look at the bronze bust in the Store today. Sometimes I feel it to be out of place with a collection of records, kettles, clocks, etc. at his feet. And have wondered why the bust is not placed in one of the niches in the beautiful 3rd floor salon, in the midst of a stock of such quality and beauty as prove that the present generations have built wisely and well upon the foundations laid by him.

A.P. Willis was a great "Piano" man. He could not play a note. I believe he did know the difference between "Yankee Doodle" and "God Save the Queen". But he knew his "Pianos". They were his great love. That will go a long way towards explaining his absolute refusal to "diversify". Though out of the business "financially" it is the great "sentimental" interest of my life. Because of that sentiment I refused several opportunities of leaving Montreal, of probably betterment of my status. Therefore I had several years of real worry as to the outcome if diversification were much longer delayed. I tried to find the reasons for his refusal in this connection, and I think of two. To A.P. Willis "diversification" never suggested "departmentalizing". That is just diversification ??? He never thought of that. Then he was afraid of the "counter business" for he told me once "You can't sell pianos across the counter".

I like to prowl around 1220 St. Catherine West and do so unnoticed, unquestioned. I alone remember the first tiny shop. No one else can recall as much about 1824 Notre Dame St. as I can. So as I roam around just remember that oft times I am dreaming of bye gone days, comparing the beauty of stock and building, the luxury, the conveniences of today, with the, frankly, ugliness of the pianos of the '80s and '90s, the dinginess of the old stores, the economizings, and the inconveniences of days long past. I recall that when A.P. Willis came to Montreal with hardly a dollar in his pockets, an unknown young man to my knowledge snubbed by some who later valued his worth and appreciated his generosity, he was ambitious to found a business and a family. When he died the products of his factory were sold from Atlantic to Pacific, and he had built up a credit and good-will which bring profit and esteem to the 20th century business.

¹ The Reverend Canon John James Willis (1877-1965), eldest son of Alexander Parker Willis and minister of the Anglican diocese of Montreal.

- ² The David Mingo family lived in River John, on the road to Tatamacouche, but still in Pictou County, as per their entry in the 1881 census.
- ³ The dates of his departure from the teaching profession and of his arrival in Montreal differ amongst sources, with April 1871 and June 1873, respectively, being most probable.
- ⁴ From Lovell's Montreal Directory for 1873-74, "Sadlier D. & J. & Co., publishers, booksellers and stationers, 336 and 338 Notre Dame cor St. Francois Xavier"
- ⁵ From Lovell's Montreal Directory for 1873-74, "Scott William, carver, gilder and art repository, 363 Notre Dame"
- ⁶ This happened in 1877, as per an announcement in The Montreal Daily Star, 18 September 1877, stating that William Scott had "relinquished the agency for the sale of the Wanzer Sewing Machine, which will in future be carried out by Messrs. Willis & Roy, at their store 404 Notre Dame St."
- ⁷ Nathaniel Parker Willis (1806-1867). He is best known in a Canadian context for having authored Canadian Scenery (London, 1842), illustrated with prints by W.H. Bartlett.
- ⁸ This building was notable for having been used as the American headquarters in the 1775 invasion of Canada.
- ⁹ Hon. James Ferrier (1800-1888), former mayor of Montreal, senator and chairman of the Grand Trunk Railway.
- ¹⁰ From Lovell's Montreal Directory for 1901-02, "Willis William A., cashier Willis & Co., 751 Mance, Ville St. Louis" Not a relation.
- ¹¹ From Lovell's Montreal Directory for 1885-86, "Steel James, Upholsterer and Bedding Manufacturer, Bedding renovated and remade, Show Rooms, 1826 Notre Dame. Factory St. Helen."
- ¹² Eugen d'Albert (1864-1932), German. Bernhard Stavenhagen (1862-1914), German. Emil von Sauer (1862-1942), German. Theophile Ysaye (1865-1918), Belgian. Michael Hambourg (1855-1916), Russian, and sons. (source: Wikipedia.org)
- ¹³ From Michael Bliss, Plague: A Story of Smallpox in Montreal (Toronto, 1991), "Miss O'Connor of the Wanzer Sewing Machine Company entered a house on Montcalm Street on a normal business visit and found herself in the same room with a sick child. She almost fainted with revulsion, and, according to the Witness, ended up in the smallpox hospital. That house had been placarded with the black-and-yellow warning: "SMALLPOX-PICOTTE." But the placard had been torn down."
- ¹⁴ From Lovell's Montreal Directory for 1885-86, "McConnell J.B., M.D., C.M., physician, surgeon and accoucheur, professor of materia medica and therapeutics, Medical Faculty University of Bishop's college, 141 Bleury" From Plague: A Story of Smallpox in Montreal, "At the Natural History Society early in April, Dr. J.B. McConnell gave a learned lecture in the history of epidemics and the prospects of a new assault on Montreal."
- ¹⁵ From the Stellarton Miners' Memorial, "IN COMMEMORATION OF THE MEN WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN RUSH OF WATER IN FORD PIT OCT. 12 - 1880" (6 names listed) and "IN COMMEMORATION OF THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ON FORD PIT EXPLOSION NOV. 12 - 1880" (43 names listed)
- ¹⁶ Sculpted by Coeur de Lion McCarthy for Willis & Co.'s jubilee in 1925, it is now in the collection of the Chateau Ramzey Museum in Montreal.

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Hillcrest Mine Explosion, Canada's Worst Mining Disaster:

Do you have a family connection?

Written by Belle Kovach

Canada's worst mining disaster occurred at 9:30 a.m. June 19, 1914 at Hillcrest Mines, Alberta, a small hamlet located in the Crowsnest Pass, in the Canadian Rockies. Of the 228 miners on shift at the time, 189 were killed. This statistic makes it Canada's largest mine disaster.

A special section of the Hillcrest cemetery was dedicated to 150 of the victims, buried in two mass graves. Others were interred in private plots in Hillcrest, small towns throughout the Crowsnest Pass and region, and some were returned to Nova Scotia courtesy of the CPR.

The men, who were victims of this explosion, had come to work in Hillcrest Mines from many areas. Very few of them arrived before 1900 when the Crowsnest mines were opening. Many had just immigrated to Canada. This makes it difficult for us to find information about the men – the majority arrived after the 1911 census. Some locations they arrived from were Nova Scotia, England (northern), Scotland, Wales, Italy, Germany, France and countries in Eastern Europe, Poland, Ukraine, Russia etc. They were escaping depression in their own countries. The onset of the First World War 2 weeks later consumed public interest and victims of the disaster were never properly documented. For more information about the disaster see:

<http://coalminersmemorial.tripod.com/hillcrestminedisaster.html>

As the Hillcrest Mine's Disaster Committee prepares for the approaching 2014 Centennial Commemoration, a short biography of each of the 189 victims is being prepared. In order to facilitate this task we are searching for the descendants of these men to help with our research. We are finding that only a very few of the families remained in the area. Some returned to their home countries, others moved into mining communities in British Columbia, and still others got as far away from mining as possible. As there was no social support available in those days, most of the widows, who were young women with children, soon remarried.

If you have any information about and of these early miners or their descendants please contact Belle Kovach at bellekov@jrtwave.com.

The following names are listed by: surname, first name, and age of the victims

ACKERS	PETER	25	BOSTOCK	FRANK M.	32
ADLAM	HERBERT	24	BOTTER	ETALLEREDO	31
ALBENESE	DOMINIC	32	BOWIE	JOHN S.	37
ALBENESE	NICHOLAS	24	BOZZER	PIETRO	25
ANDERSON	ROBERT	40	BRADSHAW	JAMES	46
ANDREASCHUK, JACOB		37	BROWN	JOHN	30
ANDROSKI	GEORGE	36	BROWN	THOMAS W.	34
ARMSTRONG	JAMES	35	BROWN	WILLIAM	39
BAINBRIDGE	SIDNEY	39	BUCKMAN	ALBERT	25
BANLANT	ANDREW	39	CAIELLI	ANTONIO	33
BANYAR	STEVE	39	CAMARDA	JOSEPH	33
BARBER	JAMES	52	CANTALINI	PETER	33
BARDSLEY	THOMAS	36	CANTALINI	SAM	23
BENNETT	FRED C.	30	CARR	HENRY	42
BINGHAM	FRED	35	CASSAGRANDE, CARLO		24
BODIO	VIRGILIO	23	CATONIO	ANTONIO	31
BOLINSKI	JOHN	31	CATTERINO	BASSO	23

CELLI	VITO	26	JANEGO	MIKE	36
CHABILLON	EMIL	34	JOHNSON	CARL	33
CHABILLON	LEONCE	24	JOHNSON	FRED	23
CHARLES	CHARLES S.	24	JOHNSON	WILLIAM	19
CHARLTON	SAM	33	KANE	PAT	41
CICCONI	EUGENIO	21	KINOCK	PETER	37
CIMETTA	ANTONIO	24	KIPRYANCHUK,	MIKE	32
CLARKE	JOHN	32	KOHAR	PETRO	19
CLARKE	LEONARD	34	KOSMIK	CHRIS	34
COAN	CHARLES S.	35	KOSTYNIUK	Dan	29
CORKILL	THOMAS	41	KURIGATZ	FRED	22
COULTER	FRED C.	30	KUZENKO	NICK	29
COULTER	ROBERT	38	KWASNICO	FRED	23
COURT	THOMPSON	23	KWASNICO	WASYL	32
CULLINAN	DAN	38	LABONNNE	FRANK	37
DAVISON	JOHN	44	LEGARDE	ANTOINE	37
DAYE	PROSPER	21	MALANCHUK	STEVE	32
DEMCHUK	GEORGE	24	MARCHETTO	ULDERICO	28
DEMCHUK	NICHOLAS	22	MARCOLLI	GUISEPPI	24
DICKENSON	MATTHEW	25	McISSAC	ROD	23
DUGDALE	ANDREW	24	McKAY	ANGUS H.	21
DUGDALE	ROBERT	27	McKINNON	JOHN B.	30
ELICK, CHARLES (WASIL)		49	McKINNON	STEVE	34
EMERY	DAVID	30	McNEIL	PIUS	28
EVELOIR	EVERARD	32	McQUARRIE	JOHN A.	28
EWING	JAMES	24	MEGENEY	NICHOLAS	54
FEDORUK	PETER	29	MEIKLEJOHN	ADAM	40
FINES	WILLIAM	23	MELOK	JOHN	23
FLOUGERE	AUGUST	34	MILLER	WILLIAM	27
FOGALE	JOHN G.	25	MILLER	WILLIAM G.	22
FORTUNATO	LUIGI	25	MONTELLI	DOMINIC	27
FORTUNATO	VINCENZO	31	MOORE	WILLIAM	25
FOSTER	JOHN	25	MORLEY	WILLIAM	39
FOX	WILLIAM	19	MORRISON	ALEXANDER	38
FRANCZ	GUSTAF	38	MORRON	NICK	23
FRECH	FRANK M.	33	MUDRYK	JOHN	33
GALLIMORE	WILLIAM	30	MUIR	ROBERT	54
GARDINA, EMIL ERMAELE		28	MUIRHOUSE	FRED	47
GASPERION	ANTONIO	25	MURRAY	DAVID SR.	46
GIANOLI	CARLO	19	MURRAY	DAVID C. JR.	26
GRAMACCI	ANTONIO	21	MURRAY	WILLIAM	22
GRAY	JAMES F.	40	MURRAY	ROBERT	21
GUIDO	YLIO	21	MYROVICH	STEVE	52
HANSFORD	RALPH	30	NEATH	WILLIAM	25
HARRIS	DAVID G.	22	OAKLEY	JOSEPH	44
HERBER	JOHN	46	PADGETT	ARTHUR	23
HEUSDENS	ALPHONSE	26	PAGNAN	EDWARD	28
HICKEN	GEORGE	28	PARNISARI	CARLO	20
HILLMAN	WILLIAM	24	PARNISARI	GUISEPPI	19
HNACNUK	PHILIP	22	PAYET	LEON	32
HOOD	JOHN	25	PEARSON	JOHN	18
HUNTER	HUGH	45	PENN	JAMES	46
ILUK	WASYL	24	PENN	ROBERT W.	23
IRONMONGER, CHARLES		19	PETRIE	ALEX	17
IRONMONGER, SAMUEL		23	PETRIE	JAMES	26

PETRIE	ROBERT	25	SOMOTINK	PETER	39
PORTEOUS	ALEX JR.	37	SOUTHWELL	ALBERT	31
PORTEOUS	JAMES	31	STRETTON	EDWARD	39
POUNDER	GEORGE	36	TAMBORINI	ALBERTI	23
QUIGLEY	JAMES S.	40	TAMBORINI	BALDO	19
QUIGLEY	THOMAS	34	TAYLOR	THOMAS	42
RAITKO	STEVE	23	THACZUK	JOHN	22
RAWLYK	BERNARD	22	THOMAS	DEO	29
RAWLYK	FRED	39	TRUMP	WILLIAM	46
REES	ALBERT	22	TURNER	THOMAS	31
ROBERTSON	GEORGE	37	TURNER	WILLIAM	35
ROCHESTER	JOSEPH H.	19	TYRON	MIKE	18
ROCHESTER	WILLIAM	28	VENDRASCO	FRED	26
ROSSANESE	EUGENIO	25	VOHRADSKY	JOSEPH	25
ROSTI	LUIGI	26	VOHRADSKY	VINCE	26
SANDS	JOHN	29	WALKER	DAVID J.	35
SANDUL	JOHN	21	WALLIS	ROD	22
SANDULAK	DANIEL	28	WILSON	THOMAS L.	41
SCHROEDER	CHARLES	33	ZAHARA	JOHN	20
SILVA	ALFRED	35	ZAMIS	LUIS	27
SKURHAN	MIKE	50	ZAPISOCKI	WASYL	22
SMITH	ROBERT	28	ZASKA	MICHAEL	21
SMITH	THOMAS	37			

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UNRAVELLING QUEBEC LAND RECORDS

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Many a genealogy gem is out there, waiting to be dug up. As with any other finds it involves research. I had known nothing about Quebec Land Records and had never included them in my sources to check. Then, as material for writing a book on my ancestors' Irish-Montreal experience, I decided to investigate further. I didn't only want the street address from Lovell's Directory, which would be more names and numbers. I wanted to know how they lived and the land records provided that, with lot and building descriptions. However, I also discovered that Quebec Land Records can provide a wealth of genealogical information.

In previous Connections issues, I had written a two part article on Quebec Land Records, as a follow-up to a conference. Based on several seminars, many email queries and questions, I thought a review might be in order. That brings us to this article, which will hopefully shed some more light on Quebec Land Records and their benefit to family tree researchers. Now, the first important fact to remember is that there have been three different land registration systems in Quebec. That means that, for the most part, there are three separate land record sources to check.

This article will give some explanation of each system – Seigneurie, Township and Cadastre. Having some understanding of them is key to knowing the sources to search. Some overlap exists, including a conversion period into the current system. Pre-investigation is necessary to locate ancestors' lands, based on their time period and location, which will help to determine the land system(s) involved. On a personal level, consider any family documents and anecdotes, which could help identify an ancestor's property. Take into account everything; there is no telling where that vital clue could pop up.

There are many general sources to consider in your quest to pinpoint ancestors' lands. A vital one would be the library and archives of Quebec, BANQ (Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec), including their www.banq.qc.ca website. There are large collections of maps and plans from the different land system periods, notary records (primary in land transactions), surveyors' records, as well as books and document holdings, which might describe settlement including names and locales. Don't forget to check for maps, books, tax evaluations, thesis at municipal and university levels or for collections, digitized records and projects undertaken for websites, museums, societies and groups.

SEIGNEURIAL SYSTEM – stems from the French Regime, beginning around 1626 when the King or other officials would grant seigneuries (eventually about 220). These were mainly along the Saint Lawrence River valley and other major waterways. Usually of higher social status, the owners (seigneurs) would concede use of land to tenants (censitaires). Considered a concession to the first tenant only, the land use could subsequently be sold by that tenant; of course, the buyer would have to agree to continue obligations to the seigneur.

All transactions were documents created by notaries and can be found in records of the applicable notary, when known. However, if your ancestor had land prior to 1790, you are in luck with the 'Parchemin Notarial Database 1626-1789' (at Quebec archives centres), which can be searched by ancestor name. The seigneurial system did continue until 1854, at which time it was abolished. An important point is that the seigneurs were still allowed to own lands. Although, they were required to sell to tenants who wished to pay off their lot's capital worth and own it outright. Seigneurial System records continued until its recording was completely absorbed into the current system (Cadastre). The following are the main sources for this system.

Cadastrés Abrégés des Seigneuries 1854 volumes resulted from a commission set up when the Seigneurie System ended in 1854. Available at Quebec archive centres and library, these are also held at QFHS. They contain an evaluation of worth of lands, so seigneurs would receive fair compensation if tenants wanted to pay off capital. Printed in 1863, the volumes do not list tenants/lots of those already paid off since 1854.

Canadian Genealogy Index is a collection searchable by family name on Ancestry's website. The series of Cadastres Abrégés are shown as the source on any result, indicating the volume and page number where the searched name is listed.

Seigneurie Records availability and archived locations can be checked on indexes at centres of Quebec's archives. Most of these registers, documents, etc., are on microfilm held at these Quebec archives' centres and are searchable.

TOWNSHIP SYSTEM – stems from the English Regime and began in 1763 with notice to authorities to establish Townships. Regarding its name, it is important to note that this system does not only refer to the region known as the Eastern Townships. It applied to anywhere not already seigneurie lands. So, in effect, it ran in time alongside the Seigneurie System; it did not replace it. Surveying began in order to set up these townships, which were divided into ranges and lots (28 lots in 11 ranges, then 62 lots within 10 ranges). This led to giving out lots, commonly known as 'Land Grants', to settlers for colonization purposes. Considered Land Grants only to the first person involved, from then on lot transfers were by notarial deeds of sale. As with the Seigneuries, this system's records continued until its recording was also completely absorbed into the current system (Cadastre). Main sources for this system follow.

Petitions for Land were made to authorities (not necessarily granted). Indexes and documents can be found in books and microfilms at centres of the Quebec archives. Lower Canada Land Petitions can also be searched on the LAC (Library and Archives Canada) website, www.collectionscanada.gc.ca where ordering of applicable microfilms can be done.

Lands Granted by the Crown in the Province of Quebec from 1763 to 31st December 1890 two volume publication (printed 1891) contains listings of those to whom 'Letters Patent' (final grant confirmation) were issued. The publication is held at centres of the Quebec archives and library, as well as at QFHS. This source contains reference to locating the document itself, available on microfilm at Quebec archives' centres.

Township Records which include all the original documentation, registers etc, on these properties are held at Quebec City centre of the Quebec archives. These can be searched, using the lot's identification obtained from the above sources.

CADASTRE SYSTEM – stems from what could be referred to as the modern regime. As previously noted, this is the current and only land registration system in effect. An important point is that, unlike the previous two, this system covers all territory in Quebec. It is the only Quebec land system to have actual land offices and an online database and differs from other land division systems in North America. In this system, begun in the 1830s, any transaction affecting land rights and ownership were recorded in the applicable land office register. No land was assigned as such, but registration and copying of applicable documents are maintained, many relating to personal events such as marriage, death etc. By 1841 it became mandatory to deposit copies of these legal documents for recording. From the beginning these registers have been open to the public, so there would be no question or dispute over land.

Between the 1860s and 1890s, surveyors travelled all Quebec lands, mapping out Divisions (Circonscriptions), with each one divided into Districts (Cadastrés). Properties in each district were assigned lot numbers, at which time a transaction index for each lot was created. Regardless of when a lot was assigned its Cadastre System number and its index began, any and all transactions from 1841 for that lot should be available in the Cadastre System records. Quebec began a reform in 1992 to re-verify all lots and assign a new seven digit continuous number (regardless of cadastre). In 2001 access to its records began to be interactive and in 2003 that was expanded online through its website. The main sources for this current system are the following.

Information Website of the Department of Natural Resources and Fauna, www.mmf.gouv.qc.ca/english/ provides very useful information to get started, with its many Land Register of Quebec pages. Topics include such things as procedures outline, items available, fees chart, land offices details and computer requirements for online searches.

Land Offices (BPDs) (about 73) are located across Quebec, where items not available through the online database are kept, such as cadastral/subdivision plans and reference books and are still available to be seen. Just to note, they will not undertake research to identify lot numbers. One may even be lucky enough to find some offices have name indexes, in which family names can be searched for transactions.

Database Website for the online land register, www.registrefoncier.gouv.qc.ca, can be searched for all Quebec Cadastre System land lot records. Procedures for computer verification and the database search process are in French, but a basic knowledge should suffice. Many items are searchable, but the primary ones are the individual lot indexes and the transaction acts themselves.

This has basically been an overview of Quebec Land Records, what there is available, and should give an idea of the possibilities. When you think about it, even now personal events in a life can affect property ownership. So, it's not only about the land and structures on it, though they do provide insight into an ancestor's way of life. The land records are also about the many personal details that can be revealed, like my ancestors' marriage location in Ireland, or family mysteries unravelled, like the location of a disappeared family member. So, I would suggest you too add Quebec land records to your research routine. You never know what could be waiting to be discovered until you try.



Note: Sharon is a lecturer, genealogist and author of *Paths of Opportunity* - a book which gives a glimpse into the history of Montreal and into the lives of her Irish ancestors who lived there.

Sharon will be giving two lectures on Saturday, June 4th 2011 at the QFHS -ROOTS 2011 Convention. In the morning she will be discussing *Quebec Notary Records*: Quebec's unique notarial system and the comprehensive role of notary records. In the afternoon her lecture will be *Quebec Land Records*: where she will discuss Quebec's three land registration systems through the years and the wealth of genealogical data to be discovered in their records, including the current online database.

GENEALOGY SERVICES at LIBRARY and ARCHIVES CANADA

Submitted by Nicole Watier

Genealogical Consultant / Conseillère en généalogie

Genealogy Services, previously known as the Canadian Genealogy Centre, include all on-site and online genealogical services of Library and Archives Canada. We partnered with the Department of Canadian Heritage to launch a website in 2003 to promote Canadian heritage through the discovery of family history. Genealogy Services make it easier to discover your roots and family history as a basic part of your Canadian heritage and to encourage the use of genealogy and the resources available in libraries and archives as tools for life-long learning.

Not that long ago, in order to trace their ancestors, genealogists and family historians had to spend a lot of time digging through old documents, traveling to various archives, without the opportunity to share their concerns or results with other colleagues. The Internet and the digitization of records offer the ability to reach people who are scattered across Canada who have no easy access to archives and libraries. Now tracing ancestors is not only easier for everyone but is turning into a popular pastime.

The Genealogy Services website is filled with information, indexes and digitized images. In 2008–2009 the site received some 7.5 million visits. You will find an in-depth How to Begin section which contains detailed instructions for beginners and includes downloadable pedigree and family group charts. Included is a detailed guide called *Researching your Aboriginal Ancestry at Library and Archives Canada*.

Among the most popular topics consulted on our website are military, census and immigration records. Library and Archives Canada holds an extensive collection of military records for those who served our country. There are records relating to Loyalists, the War of 1812, the militia, the First World War and the Second World War, many of which are featured in databases, research guides and virtual exhibitions. The records include muster rolls, military service files for the South African War, First and Second World Wars, unit war diaries, medal registries, as well as published sources to put events into context.

Passenger lists contain information such as name, age, country of origin and intended destination. Very few passenger lists compiled prior to 1865 exist. The Genealogy Services website includes indexes of some surviving passenger lists from 1865 to 1922, and other relevant indexes. Of particular interest is the Home Children database, an index of the names of juvenile migrants found in passenger lists and other records.

Census returns contain the official enumeration of the Canadian population. They are one of the most useful sources for genealogical research. They can help you discover when and where your ancestors were born, the names of their parents and siblings, what year an immigrant arrived in Canada and many other details. Census returns were enumerated geographically, not by name. Many genealogical societies and individuals transcribe and index census returns by name and make them accessible on the Internet or publish them as books or CD-ROMs. The handy Census Indexes section on Genealogy Services website provides a list of all the censuses which have been digitized from 1851 to 1916 and which websites have compiled an index to those records. By the summer of 2011, all digital images and indexes to those census returns should be available on the Genealogy Services website.

Genealogy promotes the interaction between generations. No one is too young or too old to begin to compile a family tree. The Youth Corner section of our website offers teachers and students a lesson plan and other activities. With the help of the mascot EuGENEus, students can discover their family history, complete a genealogical chart and have fun with genealogical quizzes. An outline is also provided for those who are completing their Scout badge in Genealogy.

The Genealogy Services have many ongoing projects to index and digitize Library and Archives Canada records of interest to genealogists. We also develop partnerships nationally and internationally with many individuals, genealogical societies, archives, libraries, and government departments to index and digitize sources of genealogical value in the Library and Archives Canada collections. Our partners include Ancestry.com, FamilySearch, CBC, the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, the Jewish genealogical societies of Montreal and Ottawa, and the University of British Columbia.

If you happen to be in Ottawa, please visit the consultation room located on the third floor at 395 Wellington Street. You can discuss your research with a genealogy consultant and come up with a strategy to find relevant sources to further complete your family tree. You can access some subscription databases such as an institutional version of Ancestry.ca, BMS2000 and Mes Aïeux. There are also two terminals loaded with popular genealogy databases on CD-ROM, as well as some databases that will eventually be available on our website.

The consultation room also features a collection of books, such as indexes to parish registers, newspaper obituaries and cemeteries. You will also find a large collection of published family histories. Library and Archives Canada holds archival records and newspapers on microfilm. Through legal deposit, publishers are required to provide two copies of items published in Canada. You can search for book titles using AMICUS, the Canadian national catalogue. Many of Library and Archives Canada's books and microfilms are available for lending to institutions such as libraries, archives and resource centres both nationally and internationally. The borrowing institution, on your behalf, will make the loan requests. Note that some libraries and archives, including the Family History Library, hold microfilm copies of Library and Archives Canada's archival records such as census and passenger lists.

For those who do not reside in the National Capital Region, you will find on our website an Ask a Question button, which leads to a Genealogy Inquiry Form. On average, we receive some 8,000 inquiries per year. Your question is assigned to a genealogy consultant who will usually answer within 30 days, depending on the complexity of your question.

We invite you to explore the Genealogy Services website of Library and Archives Canada to discover a wealth of Canadian genealogical sources. www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy

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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

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Please print clearly and use CAPITAL letters.

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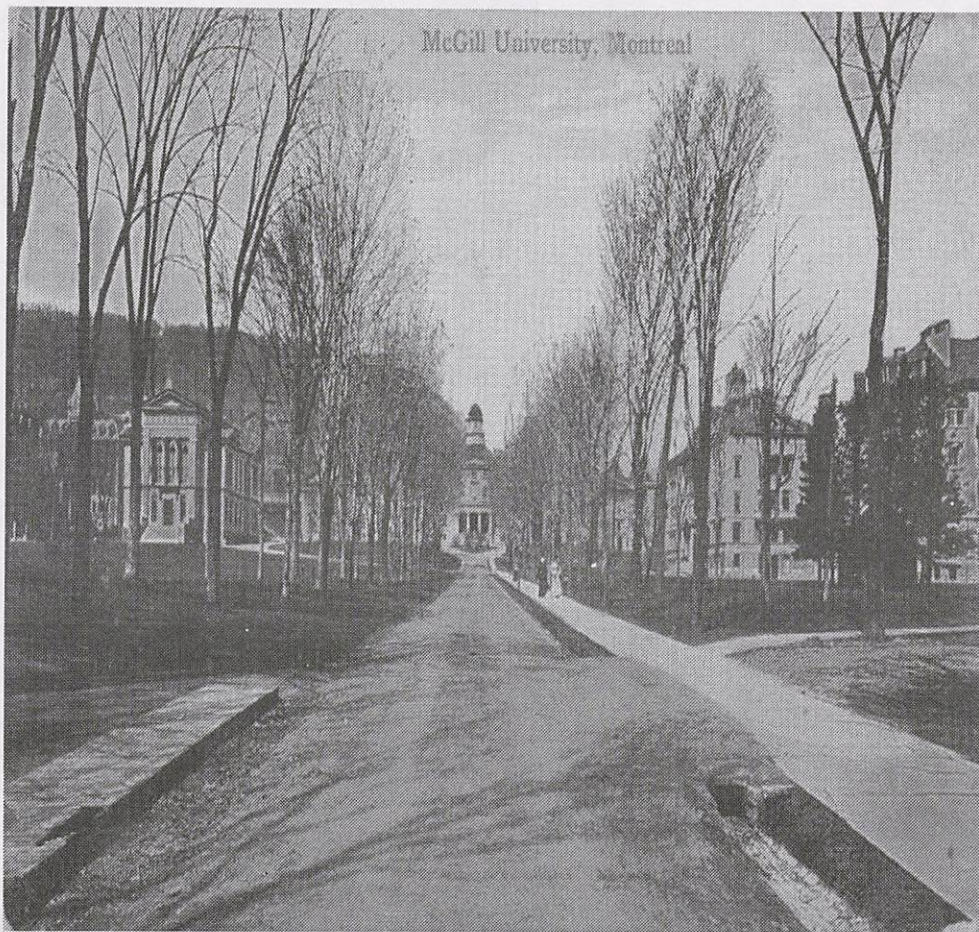


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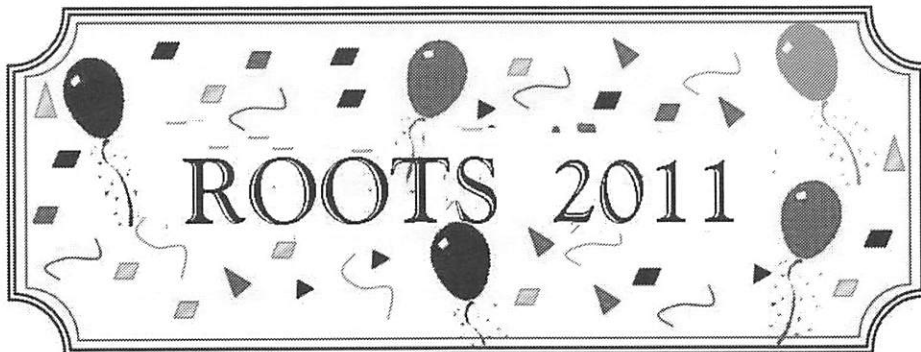
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From The Editor ■

The photo on the cover of this issue of *Connections* is from an old postcard of McGill University campus a century ago - circa 1911

Throughout this issue of *Connections* you will see many references to, and articles about, ROOTS 2011. For those of you who will be unable to enjoy this informative and entertaining conference I have published the *Calendar of Events*, starting on page 4. This includes descriptions of the tours, a photo of the Lakeshore Saxophone Quartet who will be performing at Saturday night's banquet, and a brief synopsis of all the lectures. On page 22 I have also published the biographies of the lecturers. Both these articles are taken from the syllabus, a copy of which will be handed out to all those attending ROOTS.

Other articles in this issue include *McGill's 'Annus Horribilis' - 1907* by Robert Wilkins on page 10 in which he describes a devastating fire that destroyed the MacDonald Engineering Building. He also mentions another fire, the same year, that destroyed the Medical Building - museum and library. In a short article, on page 12, Marney MacDonald explains how she pieced together the story of *Ewan Cameron of Hudson, Quebec* through church registers and the Montreal Gazette. Two new books *For Your Bookshelf* are reviewed on page 13. QFHS Librarian, Cecilia Karowski highly recommends Althea Douglas' book 'Time Traveler's Handbook' to all researchers. Mark Gallop praises the work of Ray Baillie in his latest book, 'Scottish Imprints in Quebec'. Ray Baillie will be the guest speaker on September 10th at the QFHS Free Lecture at St Andrew's church in Lachine. He will be discussing his book and the important role of the Scots and their descendants. Copies of his books will also be on sale. This lecture was rescheduled from Saturday, March 12th 2011. Robert Wilkins gives us a glimpse into the past along *Peel and St Catherine - The Heart of the City* with his description of buildings, events, and the corner traffic cop. Robert also kindly permitted me to publish part of an article he is submitting to the Montreal Gazette for ROOTS 2011. You will find it on page 21, titled *Genealogy - Then and Now*. After reading Pennie Redmile's contributions of notarial documents in previous issues of *Connections* Gina Smith decided to submit one that she thought was unusual . . . *It is!* It's a copy of a legal document about how one husband defended his wife's honor in a way *Better Than a Duel*. I have also reprinted, from the September 2004 issue, the article on *Abraham Martin The Scot*. Compiled by Jacques Gagne, it gives a brief history of Abraham Martin and how Canada's most famous battlefield got its name.

The success of any Family History Society depends on its members. The Quebec Family History Society is fortunate in having a number of hard-working members who volunteer their time and expertise to keep the society running smoothly. But, more volunteers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering some time as a Duty Librarian, or any number of other interesting odd jobs around the QFHS contact Joan Benoit for more information on where help is needed. And, Please, also submit articles or any other information you feel would be of interest to fellow family historians. The success of *Connections* depends on the information I receive for each issue, How did you find that elusive ancestor? What got you started in family history research,? You can always scan in a picture of a grandparent or great-grandparent, great-aunt, or uncle who served in the Great War and send it to me with a brief story about them. Everybody has a story, and everybody's story is different . . . Let's hear some of yours.

Dawn Miller Ouellette ~ Editor

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The QUEBEC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

will, once again, be hosting

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ON FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

in MONTREAL on JUNE 3rd, 4th, 5th 2011

Location: The Samuel Bronfman Building, McGill University

ALL EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ALL LECTURES WILL BE IN ENGLISH

complete details and a registration form

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or e-mail Jackie Billingham at: roots2011@bell.net

QFHS LIBRARY & OFFICE - SUMMER HOURS:

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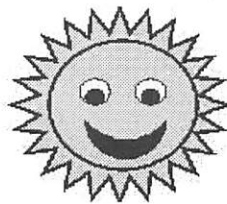
Last Sunday afternoon open: June 12th, 2011

Last Wednesday evening open: June 22nd, 2011

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Closed: Canada Day [July 1st]

Closed: Labour Day - Tuesday, Sept 1st



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for for shelf inventory

Regular hours will recommence on Tuesday, September 6th, 2011

SEMINARS and EXCURSIONS:

As the QFHS will be hosting "ROOTS 2011" in June 2011 *NO* seminars, workshops or excursions will be given in the Summer. All activities will resume in the Autumn

DEADLINE for the AUTUMN ISSUE of CONNECTIONS

is: July 15th 2011

Please submit All Material by the Deadline Date

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RBC Volunteer Grants Program:

The Québec Family History Society and Heritage Centre gratefully acknowledge and thank the Royal Bank for recent gifts and ongoing support through employee involvement in the RBC Volunteer Grants Program. We are also appreciative of the synergy between QFHS members Susan Gingras Calcagni and Bruce Henderson, both Bank pensioners, and Royal Bank for past and potential future support.

Canadian National Railroaders in the Community:

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QFHS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

★ Please remember to renew your QFHS Membership before August 1st 2011 ★

The QFHS Membership Renewal form will be found in the center of this issue of *Connections*. This form may be used when renewing by mail or in person - with cheque or money order. You may also pay by VISA. The Quebec Family History Society also offers you the choice to renew your membership on-line using our partnership with PAYPAL. Visit the QFHS website at: www.qfhs.ca and click on *Membership* to use this service.

Do you have friends or relatives who want to join QFHS ?
New members can join QFHS using our on-line membership service with Paypal.

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. 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.

CALENDAR of EVENTS
ROOTS 2011

FRIDAY, June 3rd, 2011:

- 10:00 Registration Hotel Le Cantlie Suites
13.00 Tour (1) Archives Nationales du Quebec
14.00 Tour (2) McGill University
19:00 OPENING CEREMONIES at the Hotel Omni Mont-Royal
~ Meet and Mingle - Cash Bar ~
19:30 KEYNOTE Address:
Speaker: Louise St. Denis,
Managing Director of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies
Topic: *IT'S A WONDERFUL GENEALOGY LIFE ~ Dreams do come true!*
Synopsis: From a personal hobby in genealogy, to the largest publishing house of genealogy how-to books in Canada, to the world leaders in Online Genealogy Education !
A Canadian success story . . . A talk from the heart
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Two Tours:

Tickets are required for these tours as space is Limited
Prices for these tours may be found on the *Roots 2011* Registration Form

Quebec National Archives / Archives Nationales du Quebec

Tour of the Archives Nationales du Quebec

Date and Time: Friday, June 3rd - commencing at: 1:00 p.m.

This tour will leave The Hotel Le Cantlie Suites at 1:00 p.m. Friday. You will be guided by Quebec Family History Society Volunteers to the Archives Nationales du Quebec, using the Montreal Subway System - a complimentary day pass on the subway system will be provided for everyone signed up for this official tour. After the tour the group will depart from the Archives and will be escorted back to The Hotel Le Cantlie Suites by the QFHS Volunteers. The Archives Nationales du Quebec is located at 535 Viger Street in the Business District near Old Montreal. There is no parking on the premises of the Archives. Therefore, it is strongly advise that, unless you are very familiar with the streets of Montreal, you begin the tour at The Hotel Le Cantlie Suites.

McGill University Campus

A guided tour of Montreal's McGill University Campus.

Date and Time; Friday, June 3rd - commencing at: 2:00 p.m.

This interesting and informative tour will leave The Hotel Le Cantlie Suites at 2 p.m. Friday. You will be guided by members of the McGill University campus on a leisurely, enlightening stroll around the park-like grounds and stately buildings of this world -renown university, learning about its history, architecture and its more notable alumni.

OPENING CEREMONIES
at the Hotel Omni Mont-Royal will commence at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, June 4th, 2011: [All lectures are in English]

08:30 Registration at the Samuel Bronfman Building - McGill university

09:30 - Session One:

- 1-A Quebec Notary Records - Gateway to Our Ancestors
Sharon Callaghan. Author, Lecturer, Genealogist
Synopsis: This lecture addresses Quebec's unique notarial system and the comprehensive role of notary records, which can open up an abundance of data on the lives of our ancestors.
- 1-B Your Family History in Newspapers Online
John D. Reid, Past President British Isles FHS of Greater Ottawa and genealogist.
Synopsis: Explore the potential, and the reality of digitized newspapers in researching your family history.
- 1-C 20th Century Records for Quebec Genealogists
Gary Schroder, President Quebec Family History Society
Synopsis: This lecture will examine the unique set of genealogical records in Quebec that will enable you to find out what happened to your 20th century relatives in Quebec including Indexes to Church Registers that extend sometimes into the 1990's, Statistical Returns of Marriage and Death 1926 -1997, plus much more, come to this lecture and find out !

10:30 ~ Break and Browse ~

11:00 - Session Two:

- 2-A Voyage of Discovery: Identifying Passengers without Passenger Lists, 1815-1865
Glenn Wright, President BIFHSGO
Synopsis: In the period from 1815 to 1865, over 1.2 million immigrants arrived at Quebec. Passenger lists are almost non-existent for the period. This presentation examines other resources -- published, archival and online -- that may provide long-sought answers for those who arrived in Canada prior to Confederation.
- 2-B How do you find a Will in England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales in 60 Minutes or Less ?
Gary Schroder, President Quebec Family History Society
Synopsis: Your ancestors may have arrived in Canada or the United States but how do you find if their ancestors made a will from the Middle Ages to the present, come to this lecture and find out
- 2-C Protestant Church Registers in Quebec
Jacques Gagne, genealogical researcher
Synopsis: The purpose of this lecture will be to explore how to find Protestant Church Registers in Quebec, when do they begin, where are they located , what years are open to the public, and what Indexes to them are available

12:00 ~ L unch and Browse ~

14:00 - Session Three:

- 3-A More Secrets from your past - new databases and projects on Ancestry
Lesley Anderson, Director of Education - Ancestry.ca - Partnership Development and Content Specialist
Synopsis: Lesley will be highlighting some of the new content and databases posted over the past year for researchers to explore. Come and learn about some exciting and different ways that Ancestry plans to work together with genealogy societies, archives and individuals to bring rich genealogical content to the web.
- 3-B Navigating a Magical Web Site
Lorraine Gosselin, lecturer and genealogist
Synopsis: Because of its huge size - about ten million items have been digitized - the portal of the Library and Archives of the Province of Quebec (Bibliothèque et archives nationales du Québec) is not an easy site to navigate: insights, tips, and tricks will be provided so you can find useful family research documents with your own computer.
- 3-C DNA Testing for Genealogy: Not Just for Men
John D. Reid, Past President British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa
Synopsis: Learn about DNA tests that give information on your whole family tree and that can be taken by everyone.

15:00

~ Break and Browse ~

15:30 - Session Four:

- 4-A Quebec Land Records - Unearthing Our Ancestors
Sharon Callaghan, Author, Lecturer, Genealogist
Synopsis: The lecture addresses Quebec's three land registration systems through the years and the wealth of genealogical data to be discovered in their records, including the current online database.
- 4-B How to Find Your Ancestors Buried in Quebec
Derek C. Hopkins, Vice President QFHS, author
Robert Dunn, author and genealogist
Synopsis: This paper will discuss identifying the right cemetery using the QFHS Cemetery Recording Project, discovering location and history and whether it is active, at risk, or abandoned.
- 4-C Give Life to your Family Tree
Christian Aubert, President BIOS4EVER, video Biographer
Synopsis: Imagine if you had a video of your great-grand parents talking to you about their beliefs, their vision, their successes and their fears. This presentation provides an overview on how to tell the story of your life by using your photos and slides, journals and letters, old films or videos and how to shoot a contemporary video biography to create an electronic document that can be viewed and cherished for many generations.

**GALA BANQUET at the Hotel Omni Mont-Royal
Saturday Evening, June 4th, 2011 - 7 p.m.**

~ Meet and Mingle - Cash Bar ~

~ Dinner and Entertainment - Cash Bar ~

THE LAKESHORE SAXOPHONE QUARTET

will be performing live musical entertainment at the ROOTS 2011 Banquet on Saturday evening, June 4th, 2011 at Hotel Omni Mont-Royal. They have been Entertaining audiences in the Montreal area for over 25 years. Their roots are mainly English, Irish, and Scottish, but their multi-cultural repertoire includes classical, jazz & pop music, plus anything else they find interesting.

members include:

Leslie Field - soprano and alto saxophones

David Burrage - alto saxophone

Dave Spencer - tenor saxophone

Keith Field - baritone saxophone



SUNDAY, June 5th, 2011: [All lectures are in English]

09:30 - Session Five:

- 5-A The Montcalm Project: French Soldiers During the French and Indian War, 1755-1760
Luc Lépine, author and historian
Synopsis: The presentation will explain the many aspects of this large research. The author will explain the challenges of the research and the fascinating insights and discoveries we made on 7500 French soldiers who fought in North America
- 5-B Can I Learn Everything I Need About Records and Research Strategies Online ?
Louise St. Denis, author and publisher
Managing Director of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies
Synopsis: Learning has never been this easy. There are so many sites with such a wealth of information. And then, there are various ways of learning — reading text, doing exercises, or interactive activities. This session will provide ideas to expand your knowledge such as articles, blogs, wikis, webinars, courses and so much more. Everyone who attends will receive a chance to win a package of 9 courses worth approximately \$875.00 to be drawn at the end of this session!
- 5-C "Can't find them anywhere!" - Tips for Searching on Ancestry
Lesley Anderson,
Director of Education - Ancestry.ca - Partnership Development and Content Specialist
Synopsis: Ancestry.ca is part of a global network of family history sites, which currently includes about 5 billion searchable family history records and 18 million member family trees. This lecture will explore some of the key Ancestry databases and will cover: best strategies for searching Ancestry sites; various approaches to finding records; types of information to include in searches; how to use names and locations effectively in searches; how to use search forms and wild cards to refine searches; what to do when you find a record; Ancestry Hints; and how to add alternate information and updates to your ancestors' records.

10:30 ~ Break and Browse -

11:00 - Session Six:

- 6-A Bibliothèque et Archives Nationales du Québec, A Treasure Trove of Genealogical Resources
Denyse Beaugrand-Champagne,
Reference Archivist at Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec
Synopsis: Guardianship records, probate and notarial records, parish censuses, and many more. How to use Pistard to locate these records and how to access BAAnQ's databases on-site and on-line.
- 6-B Other Sources for Researching Canadians in the First World War, 1914-1919
Glenn Wright, President of BIFHSGO, Author, Lecturer
Synopsis: Service records provide a summary of an individual's contribution to the War from enlistment to discharge. Other sources are available that will add both context and meaning to the story of a soldier, an airman, a sailor or a nursing sister who served in the Great War; this presentation will explore these resources, published, archival and online.

12:00 ~ Lunch and Browse ~

13:30 Session Seven:

7-A MEET THE EXPERTS PANEL

(Moderator) Gary Schroder, President Quebec Family History Society

Synopsis: The highlight of all the previous Roots Conferences have been the Meet the Experts Panel where you have a chance to ask all the Experts any genealogical questions regarding Quebec, Canada, Computers, the British Isles, etc. Beginning at 13:30 on Sunday they will keep answering your questions until you have no more questions to ask. All the Speakers at Roots 2011 should be there !

PLEASE NOTE:

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NO seminars, workshops or excursions are planned for the Summer of 2011
All activities will resume in the Autumn

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LECTURE RESCHEDULED:

Due to illness this lecture was rescheduled from Saturday, March 12th, 2011

Date: Saturday, September 10th, 2011

Time: 1:30 p.m. (**Note Time**) ~ at St. Andrew's United Church 75 - 15th Ave., Lachine

Speaker: Ray Baillie, retired CFL football player, retired school teacher
and more recently author of several books on Quebec

Topic: Ray will be talking about his most recent book, "*Scottish Imprints in Quebec*". Six years of travel and research have produced over 300 photographs that reflect the important role of the Scots and their descendants, particularly in 19th century Quebec. There is little question that they were eminent in bringing Quebec into the modern industrial world.

MCGILL'S 'ANNUS HORRIBILIS'- 1907

by Robert N. Wilkins

In a little under two weeks during the month of April 1907,
McGill University lost two vintage buildings to fire.

The first fire, which occurred in the early morning of April 5, totally destroyed the Macdonald Engineering Building (known at the time as the Applied Science Faculty) that had been officially opened by Lord Stanley in 1893. It was named after Sir William Christopher Macdonald, one of McGill's most generous benefactors. Macdonald, who until his knighthood in 1898 spelled his name McDonald, had made his fortune in Montreal in tobacco manufacturing, a dubious activity about which he forever lamented his involvement.

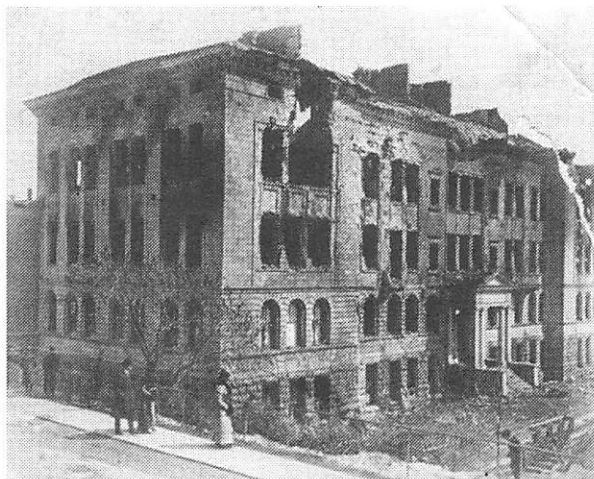
Designed by architects Sir Andrew Taylor and William Gordon, the edifice was five storeys high with an immense glass effect on the upper story where some first year students were known to sunbathe during the summer months. Taylor's building included a symmetrical, Italian Renaissance façade and whose exterior was assembled (much like most of the McGill campus) with Montreal limestone.

The blaze originated on the third floor and quickly took hold of the entire structure. An alert policeman rang the alarm at the corner of Milton and Shuter Streets (today Aylmer).

McGill caretaker, Hubert Lunn, was awakened by the brightness of the flames engulfing the edifice. Thinking that the sun had risen and that it was time for him to get up, Lunn made haste. His window faced the campus grounds and when he looked out, he saw the once – beautiful Mechanical Engineering Building enveloped in flames from the second floor all the way to the roof. The conflagration started around 5:00 A.M. and within only three hours the entire pavilion was destroyed. There was irony to the early spring fire and the Montreal Star quickly picked up on it. "At half past six the roof fell in and then followed a scene of grandeur which of its kind has rarely been surpassed in Montreal. High up towards the heavens the flames rose in such majestic beauty that the onlooker forgot that hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of treasures were being swallowed up."

Indeed, the loss was estimated at \$750,000 while the building was insured for only \$420,000. The inferno consumed all, including an extremely valuable Reuleaux Collection of Kinematic Models that was considered to be "the finest in America." All student records and papers belonging to the faculty were completely destroyed.

In the midst of the blaze, there occurred quite unexpectedly what was at first thought to have been an explosion. In fact, the huge dynamo used to power the building's elevator had come crashing through the structure, flinging burning timber, stone and bricks about the site.



The Star pursued its paradox: "The fall of the dynamo added to the scene of beauty for skyward went sparks by the millions and the heavens were lighted up so that the early riser who got a privileged peep at them before day light interfered with the grandeur of it all, thought that half the city was on fire."

The conflagration was fierce but fortunately the robust winds were coming from the northeast and spreading the burning embers upon the football field on the main campus. A sudden change in direction would have immediately threatened many other structures east of the campus, including the Diocesan Theological College on University Street.

No sooner had the building been destroyed, Macdonald took charge once again. A new fireproof edifice was quickly erected at his expense upon the foundations of the old. It was designed by Percy Erskine Nobbs, the Director of McGill's School of Architecture at the time. Approaching its completion, Nobbs had affixed to the south wall of the new edifice his commemorative sculpture 'Phoenix Rising from the Ashes' which is still present today, more than a century later.

Tragically, the April 1907 "beautiful blaze" was not without a further irony. For a university with but few fires in its history, less than two weeks later a second conflagration essentially destroyed the Old Medical Building, including its historic museum and library.

Perhaps not surprisingly then for the longest time the year 1907 was truly considered to be McGill's 'annus horribilis'.



Robert N. Wilkins is a retired Montreal - area high school teacher and a regular contributor to the Montreal Gazette's history page, "Looking Back". He is currently indexing death announcements which appeared in the now - defunct *Montreal Star*. This data base covers the years 1900 - 1910 and contains over 115,000 entries

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A SAP IN THE FAMILY TREE

by Michael Kesterton

From *Globe and Mail* - Tuesday 25 January 2011

"Next time you need a boost, think about the story of your ancestors," The Boston Globe says. "In a new study, researchers found that thinking about one's ancestors motivates people and can even improve performance on intelligence tests. It didn't matter whether people thought about long-dead ancestors or living grandparents, or whether they considered positive or negative aspects of their ancestors. Thinking about friends or oneself didn't generate the same effect, suggesting that ancestors have a special association with success and perseverance."

All family trees have beautiful leaves. They also produce some lemons, nuts and bad apples

EWAN CAMERON of HUDSON, QUEBEC

submitted by Marney MacDonald

I and an ever-expanding group have been tracing the many Cameron families who had lived in Montreal, Glengarry, and up both sides of the Ottawa. We have been discovering that there are many many connections within these Cameron families. I found the June 19th 1850 Hudson church burial of Ewan Cameron. This led me to a newspaper search that brought up a *Montreal Gazette* June 17th 1850 item. I thought the clothing description might be of interest to others. As he had been first buried in a Presbyterian cemetery, I wonder if his clothing would have indicated that he was not French, and therefore possibly not Catholic. I am hoping there might be a coroner's report. So far I have not come across any missing person report from March. He must have been identified very quickly as he was reburied in Hudson on June 19. He had a daughter born very shortly after he disappeared, and baptised shortly after his burial,

Montreal Gazette Monday June 17 1850:

The body of a man, much decomposed, was, on Friday last, found floating in the River St. Lawrence, about three miles above Lachine. The deceased was in winter habitments, an overcoat of American grey cloth, with capuchin over his head, trousers of same material, blue cloth dress coat with metal buttons, white flannel and blue cotton check shirt, black silk cravat, a pair of strong leather boots apparently but little used, fur cap of black Astraeon, one sealskin gauntlet, and a leather belt around his waist, of robust make, auburn hair, and about five feet six inches in height. The body was removed to Lachine and interred in the Presbyterian cemetery

Hudson Heights and Como Quebec Anglican Church Register

June 19th Cameron Buried

Ewan Cameron, Son of Alexander Cameron, Farmer Pointe a Cavagnal and Nancy McMillan his wife, died on the Eighteenth of March, [as is supposed] being found drowned at Lachine on the Fourteenth of June following and Buried on the Nineteenth of June One thousand and Eight Hundred and Fifty, Aged Twenty five.

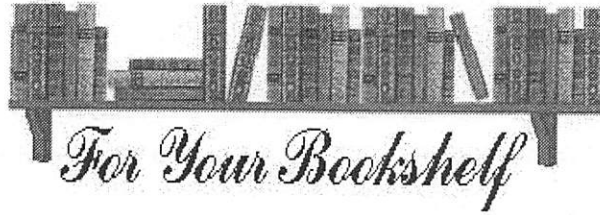
June 30th Cameron Baptised

Mary Ann, daughter of the late Ewan Cameron, Farmer Pointe à Cavagnal and of Mary Hodgson his Wife Was born on the Twenty Ninth day of March One thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty, and was Baptised with Sponsor s on the thirtieth of June following.

Emeritus professor Marcel Trudel

passed away in Ottawa, Ontario on January 11, 2011 at the age of 93 years.

Marcel Trudel was an eminent historian who specialized in New France, He was author of more than 40 works, devoting his life to re-writing a factual history of New France. He taught at Université Laval (1947-1965) and the University of Ottawa (1966 -1982). He was made a Grand Officer of the National Order of Quebec in 2004 and a Companion of the Order of Canada in 2008. He completed five volumes of *Histoire de la Nouvelle-France* (Fides publishing house), a sixth written by historian Guy Frégault. In 1988 the University of Ottawa created a scholarship in honour of Marcel Trudel to recognize graduating history students who demonstrated academic excellence.



TIME TRAVELLER'S HANDBOOK

by Althea Douglas;

This 341 page handbook should be in every researcher's back pack. A quick glance at the Table of Contents shows that the bits of information assembled cover all aspects of life in the past. This includes present equivalents of land measurement, weights, and money; when inventions became commercially available, public health, various occupations and their tools. The layout makes subjects easy to find. The point of view is Canadian.

Reviewed by *Cecilia Karwowski*

SCOTTISH IMPRINTS IN QUEBEC

by Ray Baillie

Price-Patterson Ltd., Montreal, 2010.

This is the fourth in the Imprints series of books illustrating the enduring physical presence of the English contribution to what the Province of Quebec is today. The first three, authored jointly with his wife Diana Baillie, cover geographic segments of the province. This fourth volume covers the width and breadth of Quebec with a Scottish focus.

As Baillie states in his introduction, "this is a representative, not a complete, look at the role of Scots in Quebec." In other words, not every Presbyterian church and cemetery in the province is included; but many intriguing locations and connections are. With photos and a page or two of text, over 300 sites are described. Some are obvious selections, such as St. Andrew's United Church in Lachine, the home of our Society's monthly lectures, including one on September 10th, 2011 by Ray Baillie talking about this book. Other sites must have required extensive sleuthing to bring to light. A favourite example for me is a barn, in some disrepair, dating from 1786 by the US border at Noyan that Baillie suspects is the oldest English barn in Quebec. More modern contributions are also included, such as the fountain installed in front of the National Assembly in 2008, a gift of the Simons family.

The Imprints books will have a broad appeal, as a reference for the genealogist and historian, for a casual read on a rainy day, or as a companion guide for a Sunday drive to one of the regions of Quebec.

Review – by *Mark W. Gallop, UE*

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Submitted by Cecilia Karowski - LIBRARIAN

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PEEL and ST. CATHERINE: THE HEART OF THE CITY

by Robert N. Wilkins

With the advent of a well-anticipated spring, Montrealers will soon be emerging from their celebrated underground network of city centre plazas and shopping malls. The streets of the town will again come to life with tens of thousands of bargain hunters and day-trippers ambling happily about the downtown core. In that regard, perhaps no spot is more popular than that of the Peel and St. Catherine Street intersection that has, for well over a century, been a veritable carrefour of the city.

Indeed, the illustrious urban junction has in its own right a long history of colourful activity to its credit. Nevertheless, Montrealers did not always appreciate all of the goings-on. Take, for instance, the time in June of 1907 when an exasperated citizen wrote to a city daily complaining about the poor driving habits of those passing through that same intersection in their new "fandangled machines." Chief complaint was, of course, the excessive speed of 15 MPH (25 KPH)!

On another very different occasion, some 38 years later, traffic was kept to an absolute standstill as tens of thousands of Montrealers poured into the streets to mark the end of World War II. Huge crowds occupied St. Catherine Street with the focus of the V.E. Day revelry being at corner of Peel. There, Montrealers let loose with joy and celebrations to observe the end of a long and deadly war.

The intersection as such is as beautiful as any you will find in Montreal. Looking north along Peel provides a magnificent panorama of the slope leading up Mount Royal, ending with an unencumbered view of the mountain itself. Gazing south, the view is equally enchanting – historic Dominion Square and, further in the distance, Place du Canada.

Three of the four corners encompass vintage city buildings. The oldest of the three is the four-storey Bagg Building erected in 1911 by the John Stewart & Co., a Westmount based construction company. Just recently restored, today the sparkling clean terracotta-clad edifice is home to H & M.

Three years later, in 1914, the ten-storey Drummond Building was put up in just seven weeks on the northwest corner of Peel and St. Catherine. Nearly a century in age, the remarkable structure is a formidable presence in the very heart of Montreal.

Finally, on the southeast corner is the Dominion Square Building (today home to the Gazette and the Montreal Tourist Office, among others). At the time of its construction in 1929, it was the largest office building in Canada. Designed by the architectural firm of Ross & Macdonald, this extremely elegant edifice stands some twelve-storeys high and was erected over the foundations of Erskine Church, a late nineteenth century Presbyterian religious sanctuary.

Like all major Montreal intersections in years gone by, Peel and St. Catherine was frequently patrolled by several on – duty policemen, one of whom would direct the flow of traffic. In the early twentieth century, one of the most popular of these men was Constable Hugh Maguire whose regular beat was that very same prominent junction. A well – liked officer, Maguire never hesitated to assist passers-by with their enquiries. He was particularly appreciated by McGill University students who always enjoyed playfully and teasingly interacting with him. In October of 1909, all Montrealers were distraught to learn that Maguire, who had contracted tuberculosis (a veritable scourge in Montreal at the time), committed suicide in Mount Royal Cemetery on the grave of his daughter who had died of the same disease a short time earlier. For the longest time, his absence was felt at the historic uptown crossroads.

From rowdy political demonstrations to Stanley Cup and Grey Cup parades, from end of the war celebrations to royal visits, the intersection of Peel and St. Catherine has seen it all in its century and half of existence. Spring will shortly bring it to life once again as Montrealers get on with the agreeable business of enjoying one of the most striking carrefours in the city.

BETTER THAN A DUEL

submitted by Gina Smith

Most people when they think about notarial records probably think about wills, deeds of sale, deeds of concessions in the old seigniories, marriage contracts, etc. Every now and again, as I go through some of the old notarial records, I come across one that's unusual. The following is just such a one.

Agreement between Donald Finlayson and Alexander Matheson

On the seventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, and in the ninth year of His Majesty's Reign, Before us the undersigned Public Notaries, duly commissioned and sworn in and for the Province of Lower Canada, residing in the District of Montreal, personally came and appeared Donald Finlayson son of Donald, of Williamstown in the seignory of Beauharnois, yeoman, of the one part. And Alexander Matheson, of the same place, also yeoman, of the other part. The said Donald Finlayson and Alexander Matheson have, by these presents, agreed, covenanted and stipulated as follows, to wit, that whereas the said Donald Finlayson acknowledges and confesses to have very severely and injuriously offended the said Alexander Matheson in his honor and in the honor of one most dear to him the said Alexander Matheson by some attempt for which offensive act the said Donald Finlayson is most sincerely sorry and begs pardon and oblivion, he, the said Donald Finlayson, hereby binds and obliges himself and his heirs and assigns, as a reparation to the offended feelings of the said Alexander Matheson and of that person dear to him, to well and truly pay unto the said Alexander Matheson and his heirs and assigns a sum of one pound ten shillings currency, and two days work, which the said Donald Finlayson binds himself to pay and give as follows, to wit, the two days work on demand, and the said sum of one pound ten shillings in two equal payments the first of which in one month from this date and the other on the first day of July next, besides the costs of these presents which the said Donald Finlayson likewise hereby binds himself to pay. And the said Alexander Matheson in consequence doth hereby engage and oblige himself never to trouble, molest or in any wise inquiet the said Donald Finlayson for or by reason of the attempt of the said Donald Finlayson to stain the honor of the said Alexander Matheson and of that person dear to him, under pain of all costs, damages and interest, he the said Alexander Matheson hereby entirely forgiving the said Donald Finlayson for the said attempt. And whereas some disagreeable opinion might be entertained by some person or persons, that the said person dear to the said Alexander Matheson, that is to say his wife, has favored the corrupted designs of the said Donald Finlayson or yielded to his attempt or sollicitations, the said Donald Finlayson have by these presents, in the hands of Charles Manuel, Esquire, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District of Montreal aforesaid, residing at Beauharnois, voluntarily swore on the holy evangelists of Almighty God, that the wife of the said Alexander Matheson, namely Flora Matheson, has had no carnal intercourse with him the said Donald Finlayson neither by free consent nor by force, but that on the contrary she firmly and honorably resisted the sollicitations and attempt of the said Donald Finlayson. And for the greater security that the said Donald Finlayson will no more attempt to the honor of the said Flora Matheson, he the said Donald Finlayson has by these presents engaged himself in the payment of fifty pounds currency, and Donald Finlayson son of John, of the same place, farmer, and John Finlayson, of the same place, also farmer, each in the sum of twenty five pounds currency in favor of His Majesty, to be paid by the said Donald Finlayson son of Donald, Donald Finlayson son of John and John Finlayson out of their real and personal property, if he the said Donald Finlayson shall make further attempt to the honor of the said Flora Matheson or of any other of His Majesty's subjects within one year from this date, and which bailment or bail bond has hereby been accepted by the said Charles Manuel, Esquire in his aforesaid capacity. And for the further greater security that the said Alexander Matheson will no more trouble the said Donald Finlayson for the offence by him committed as aforesaid, John McLennan, of the

aforesaid place, farmer, have bind and obliged himself to pay all costs, damages and interests which may result to the said Donald Finlayson should the said Alexander Matheson prosecute the said Donald Finlayson for his damages, etc. And for the due execution of these presents the said parties have elected their domiciles or their actual residences at which places, etc. For thus, etc, Promising, etc, Obliging, etc, Renouncing, etc. Thus done and passed at Beauharnois, in the office of Ovide LeBlanc one of the said notaries, the day and year first above written, in the after noon of the said day. And the said parties have signed their names to these presents except the said Alexander Matheson and Donald Finlayson son of John who have declared not to know how to write their names, after due reading of these presents.

Signatures:

Charles Manuel, Donald Finlayson, John Finlayson, John McLennan, Alexander (X-his mark) Matheson, Donald (X-his mark) Finlayson son of John

Notaries:

Ovide LeBlanc, J Maillou

QUERIES

CAN YOU HELP ?

Marie Alphonsine Fleurange, [a k.a. Albina De Mer]

Seeking the date and place of birth for *Marie Alphonsine Fleurange, [a k.a. Albina De Mer]*

Date of birth circa 1860 -1862

She moved to the U.S. as a child.

She married *Maurcie Strelinger [a.k.a. M.B. Curtis]*.

Marriage was 1880-883, possibly in Montreal.

Any information greatly received.

Richard Schwartz

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Cozian, Cozien, Couzian, COZEAU family

Searching for information re the *George Washington Cozean - Milburn Cozean family*.

Milburn married Sarah Tucker circa 1805.

Several spellings Cozian, Cozien, Couzian, Cozeau.

Oral family history states they were Huguenot, no proof found.

Any information about this family name would be appreciated.

Virginia Cozean Holter #3844

5400 NW Cherry Street, Vancouver, Washington 98663, U S A

cozean@pacifier.com

ABRAHAM MARTIN THE SCOT

An adaptation by Jacques Gagne of various articles published on the Internet by various authors, among them Louis Guy Lemieux, Robert Rochon, Francois Marchi, Claude Bordeleau and others.
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A look at the life and times of Abraham Martin
whose land became the site of the most famous battlefield in Canadian history

Most young students in Canada would know about the Plains of Abraham, most could also tell you that this is the place where General James Wolf at the head of the British Army had defeated the Marquis de Montcalm and the French Army in Quebec City on the morning of September 13th 1759, thus taking control of the mighty St. Lawrence River away from the French and opening up the interior of America to the British Forces. But ask the same school children, where the name of Plains of Abraham originated from, and most would simply indicate that they do not know. Abraham Martin dit l'Ecossois was born about 1589, probably in Normandy, France with an unknown family lineage through Scotland. In the spring of 1617, Abraham Martin would leave France with his young bride Marguerite Langlois, daughter of Guillaume Langlois and of Jeanne Millett, the young couple would land in Quebec, along the shores of the St. Lawrence River in the summer of the same year.

Abraham Martin, being a resident of Dieppe in the Manche region (English Channel) of the province of Seine Maritime had previously traveled to the Gulf of St. Lawrence as a Master Pilot of a fishing boat. The region of Dieppe at the time was a center for fishermen who would compete with other nations such as Britain, Spain, Portugal, Scotland, Ireland among others for the bounty along the Grand Banks, off Newfoundland and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The records from the French Colony indicate that Abraham Martin operated a boat as a Master Pilot between the years 1619 to 1629. On September 21st 1621, Marguerite Langlois, wife of Abraham Martin gave birth to her first child, a boy named Eustache Martin. The child was baptized the same day at the church of Notre-Dame in Quebec, and the event was recorded as being the first baptism in New France. Marguerite Langlois would give birth to 9 children between 1621 and 1648, 6 girls and 3 boys.

In 1635, Abraham Martin was granted by the "Compagnie de la Nouvelle France" a choice land of 12 arpents in the region of Quebec, then known as "Hauteurs de Quebec" (Quebec Heights). This prized land was later augmented with an additional 20 acres and both were located north of Avenue Grande-Allee, facing the St. Lawrence River. The region was later named by Captain John Knox of the British Army in 1759 as being the "Plains of Abraham". It was also described by Captain John Montresor of the British Army in 1759 as the "Heights of Abraham". The French General, Sieur de Levis had also described the region in 1759 as "Les Hauteurs d'Abraham" (The Heights of Abraham). Many historians are of the opinion that the present Federal National Heritage Park of The Plains of Abraham is a much larger site to the farm of Abraham Martin.

Unfortunately, none of the sons of Marguerite Langlois and of Abraham Martin would perpetuate the Martin lineage. It was left to the daughters to do so; Marguerite, Helene, Marie, Medeleine Anne.

Through his lifetime, Abraham Martin became the closest friend of the Governor of New France, Samuel de Champlain. In November 1635, two months before the death of the Founder of La Nouvelle France, Champlain would leave his entire estate located in the colony to Abraham Martin and members of his family. The Governor through a previous will had left a much larger estate to his widow of properties and holdings based in France. It is unfortunate that the direct liaison between Dieppe and Scotland was never established but it must be assumed without a doubt that Abraham Martin was indeed a Scot and as so was the first Scot to settle on a permanent basis in New France.

Editor's Note:

Jacques Gagne will be giving a lecture at ROOTS 2011 titled " Protestant Church Registers in Quebec".

GENEALOGY - THEN and NOW

by Robert N. Wilkins

also submitted to the Montreal Gazette

A quarter of a century ago, I found myself in Birmingham, England, hot on the trail of my ancestors. In that city's Central Library on Chamberlain Square, I informed an aide at the genealogy desk that I was in search of my paternal grandfather as a young boy of six on the 1881 Census of England and Wales. At the time, all I knew about him was that he was born in that West Midlands city and that he left from there for Canada in 1887.

As I didn't know exactly where in Birmingham he lived at the time of the government survey, I was handed the ten microfilmed reels containing the entire data for the city. Each one, I was informed, would require approximately two hours to scrutinize. After that, "Good Luck" was all that was said to me.

The following day, some eighteen hours of research later, I found my grandfather and his family on the ninth reel. I later returned the ten spools to the same aide who had first handed them to me. With a somewhat bemused smile, she congratulated me on my tenacity and playfully enlightened me to the fact that that particular census would probably be fully indexed within a year or two.

Well, that was then, this is now.

The growing interest in genealogy and family history on the part of the general public is undeniable. Television and the Internet are rapidly transforming the long embedded hobby into one of ever-increasing popularity. The original British Programme, "Who Do You Think You Are", and the Canadian series "Ancestors in the Attic" are only adding to the allure of the pastime while websites such as ancestry.ca make available many of the necessary tools and databases familiar to most genealogists - those same databases that were, alas, not available to me in Birmingham in 1986.

Nowadays, family history associations and genealogical societies, such as The Quebec Family History Society, are endeavouring to assist people in establishing their ancestral tree. In Quebec, we are fortunate to have this dynamic organization which is this year celebrating its 34th year of existence.

The Quebec Family History Society was founded in the Beaconsfield Library in the autumn of 1977. Its early meetings and activities were mostly devoted to offering a 'Beginner's Course' in elementary genealogy to anyone who was so inclined, and as the years went by this essentially anglophone association widened its sphere of interests and pursuits. By 1987, the emergent organization already had an astonishing 546 members.

With time, the QFHS expanded its operational base to an office and library located at 173 Cartier Avenue in Pointe Claire. There, today is housed an extensive library consisting of a collection of rare books, private papers, family histories, cemetery inscriptions and various databases and indexes - all pertinent to genealogical and historical research. The assembled documentation is from many parts of the world including England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, France, the USA and Canada. In addition, the Quebec Family History Society publishes a genealogical journal, 'Connections', three times a year containing interesting and informative articles and keeping its members up-to-date with the activities of the organization. All members are encouraged to contribute to its subject matter and, as a result, fine examples of local and family history chronicles are to be found within it.

Like most genealogical societies, the QFHS holds regular monthly meetings to which erudite presenters are invited to speak. Furthermore, every five years or so, the association holds a major convention at McGill University. This tradition first started in 1992 in conjunction with the 350th anniversary of the founding of Montreal. It was such an unmitigated success that the event was repeated in 1997, 2002, and 2007. It will once again take place this year from June 3rd - June 5th on that same downtown university campus. The extensive three day function of lectures, tours, and gala banquet at the Hotel Omni Mont-Royal is open to the general public, but registration is a must.

**MEET THE EXPERTS
at ROOTS 2011**

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES: in alphabetical order

Lesley Anderson

Director of Education - Ancestry.ca - Partnership Development and Content Specialist

Lesley Anderson, of Ottawa, has worked with Ancestry since May 2007 supporting the local Ancestry.ca team to develop strategic relationships with archives across Canada and acquire new Canadian historical records. A passionate family history researcher for more than 35 years, Lesley is the Director of Education for the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa and also volunteers at the local Family History Centre where she gets great enjoyment from offering courses and helping other family historians. She consults privately, teaches family history classes and speaks at seminars and conferences. As a first generation Canadian, Lesley's roots can be traced very quickly back to England. Her ancestors were agricultural labourers, gentlemen farmers and shareholders in collieries and the railroad from Derbyshire, Yorkshire and Cambridgeshire. Lesley continues to research her Thorogood and Platts lines going back to the early 1700s and also her husband's line from Antrim, Ireland.

3-A - *More Secrets from your past - new databases and projects on Ancestry*

5-C - *"Can't find them anywhere!" - Tips for Searching on Ancestry"*

Christian Aubert

President BIOS4EVER, video Biographer

Born and educated in Zurich, Switzerland, Christian Aubert immigrated to Canada in 1968 and worked initially in several jobs and industries, including sales, food and mining. He spent one year in Northern British Columbia in an open pit asbestos mining company operating heavy equipment. Christian joined Air Canada as a Purser in 1970 and completed his education at McGill University while working "on the line". He held various management positions and spent the last 15 years in Senior Management as a Director in In-flight Service, Director in Information Technology, Director in Marketing and Director in Human Resources. His most visible contribution to Air Canada was the development and the prototyping of the self check kiosks at the airports. BUT - He was never responsible for baggage handling! With the changes in the industry, he had the opportunity to cash out and start early retirement in 2001. After one year of insignificant progress in Golf, he successfully branched into video production in 2002. In 2008 he incorporated Bios4ever, a Canada Inc company, specializing in video biography services for families and businesses. He strongly believes that a family legacy is more than portfolios, real-estate and trust funds. It's also the traditions, the memories and the values that make the family strong and successful. He is devoting much of his energy to share his vision and to educate people on how to create their own legacy

4-C - *Give Life to your Family Tree*

All lectures will be held at the Samuel Bronfman Building, McGill University Campus

Denyse Beaugrand-Champagne

Reference Archivist at Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec

Reference Archivist at the Montreal Centre of Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BANQ); she holds a M.A. in History. In 2004, her article on the origins in Alsace, France of different protestant families who settled in Bellechasse Co., Qc, and believed, until then to be Catholic and Acadian, has won her the Prix Percy W. Foy. Ms. Beaugrand-Champagne was the genealogist behind ADHEMAR the database of landowners and tenants in Montréal, 1642-1805 available at <http://cca.qc.ca/adhemar/>; and the genealogist of the TV series ORIGINES on HISTORIA and was asked to research cases for Ancestors in the Attic and Who do you think you are? She has done extensive research in notarial records and the judicial archives of New France and is the author of *Le Procès de Marie-Josèphe-Angélique* (Libre Expression, 2004) a well documented inquiry on the trial of a Black slave accused of the burning of Montréal in 1734. She is co-director of *Torture and the Truth. Angélique and the Burning of Montréal*, <http://canadianmysteries.ca/> which won the Pierre Burton Award in 2008. Ms. Beaugrand-Champagne is also a consultant for American, Canadian and English attorneys and heir research firms and she specializes in brick-wall cases

6-A - *Bibliothèque et Archives Nationales du Québec,
A Treasure Trove of Genealogical Resources*

Sharon Callaghan

Author, Lecturer, Genealogist

Montreal born Sharon Callaghan is the author of the non-fiction, *Paths of Opportunity*, and has also completed a fiction, both of which pertain to Irish Montreal history. Following early retirement from the Canadian Forces, she completed her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, with a minor in Anthropology. A long-time passion for genealogy led her to discover mostly Irish roots, but also German, British and French, the last accounting for her earliest ancestors arriving in early 1600s Quebec. A love for history and research has served her well in genealogy and writing endeavours. Articles of hers have appeared in journals and newsletters of three genealogical societies and a writers' association. She has also given presentations to genealogy societies and talked to university writing classes.

1-A - *Quebec Notary Records - Gateway to Our Ancestors*

4-A - *Quebec Land Records - Unearthing Our Ancestors*

Robert Dunn

Author and Genealogist

Bob's interest in genealogy began when he discovered a birth certificate belonging to his great grandfather amongst his father's personal items following his father's death. This single piece of paper led him to the Quebec Family History Society (QFHS) to learn more of his family and relatives. Bob became an active volunteer member from the onset. He now manages the QFHS bookstore, represents the QFHS at genealogical conferences, has written or co-authored several church repertoires and is involved in cross checking BMD indices against church records. Bob is also part of the team working to make all QFHS databases available to members (free) and non-members (on a pay per view basis) on the QFHS website.

4-B - *How to Find Your Ancestors Buried in Quebec*

Jacques Gagne

Genealogical researcher

Jacques Gagne has been a volunteer genealogical researcher at the Quebec Family History Society for the past four years handling a wide variety of genealogical cases. He has conducted in depth research over the past two years on the missing Protestant Church Registers for what is now the province of Quebec for the years 1759-1899. This research would turn out to be much more extensive than first expected with more than one thousand churches involved. He is the father of Michelle living in British Columbia and the father of Marc living in Pennsylvania with 4 grandchildren. He spent over 35 years working in the Recording Industry of Canada in a wide variety of positions from management, sales, marketing, merchandising, to promotion. Along the way he rubbed shoulders with various recording artists from Janis Joplin to Andy Williams

2-C - *Protestant Church Registers in Quebec*

Lorraine Gosselin

Lecturer and Genealogist

Lorraine Gosselin is a member of the QFHS Board and writes Computree, the PC/Web column for Connections, the Society's journal. She is a graduate of Montreal's Concordia University with a BA Honours in English and Creative Writing and a minor in Quebec History. She has held workshops for the QFHS on Writing Your Family History and seminars on Family Tree Maker and Legacy Family Tree software and on various other subjects. She has given lectures at a Writers' Association, the University Women's Club, the Beaconsfield Library, Beth Ora seniors club, the Montreal Children's Hospital. She was guest lecturer at several genealogical and historical societies, such as the Jewish Genealogical Society of Montreal, la Société généalogique canadienne française, la Société de généalogie de la Jemmerais, those in Vaudreuil and Salaberry-de-Valleyfield, and for the United Empire Loyalist Association, of which she is a member. Her articles are published in Connections and have also appeared in the Loyalist Gazette and as a regular feature in the Allergy/Asthma Information Association's national newsletter. Her ancestors were French, Irish, Scots, and Palatine German. She has been interested in genealogy since she was a teenager when her father inherited the family tree prepared for his uncle, Federal MP Louis Gosselin, by lawyer Joseph Drouin.

3-B - *Navigating a Magical Web Site*

Derek C. Hopkins

Vice President QFHS, Author

Derek Hopkins was born in East Grinstead, Sussex England and came to Canada in 1956 following Graduation from University. He is Vice President of the Quebec Family History Society and Projects Coordinator. He is also a member of BIFHSGO (British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa), and of the Society of Genealogists, (SOG) based in London England. He is a member of OIQ (Order of Engineers of Quebec). He is a Retired Software Quality Assurance Engineer and worked originally for Northern Electric then for Pratt and Whitney of Canada. He has been interested in Genealogy for twenty five years following an Aunt sending a hand written Family tree to his Father. Which has since been greatly expanded. and now goes back to 1680 in Dorset and Norfolk England. He is now, for the last fifteen years,

deeply involved with computers including several Data Bases and Internet Web sites. for QFHS; FreeBMD (England and Wales BMD indexes); Abney Park Cemetary index of Graves; and QAHN (Quebed Anglephone Heritage Network). Derek has co-authored several church repertoires and is involved in the indexing project for BMD's from church records as coordinator. Derek is also part of the team working to make all QFHS databases available to QFHS members (for free) on the QFHS website.

4-B - *How to Find Your Ancestors Buried in Quebec*

Luc Lepine

Author and Historian

Luc Lepine is a military historian specialised in Pre-Confederation military History. In 1996, he wrote a book on the Lower Canada Militia Offers, 1812-1815. In 2005, he defended his Ph.D. thesis on The militia district of Montreal, 1787-1829. A comparison between the French and English militia units and the urban and rural militia Units. From 2006 to 2009, with a group of historians and genealogists, he worked on a database of the French Soldiers in North America. He had the opportunity to present his research in Montreal, Québec, Louisbourg, and at the Chateau de Vincennes in Paris. In 2010, he published an analysis of the French and British strategies during the Seven Years war in North America. Luc Lépine works for the ministry of Education of Quebec. He also teaches military history to officers in the Canadian Forces. He did participate at Roots 92, 97, 2002, 2007.

5-A - *The Montcalm Project: French Soldiers During the French and Indian War, 1755-1760*

John D. Reid

Past President British Isles FHS of Greater Ottawa and Genealogist

John D.Reid: A native of Norfolk, England, he started researching his family history nearly twenty years ago. He has served as President of the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa, Chair of the City of Ottawa Arts, Heritage and Culture Advisory Committee, member of the Library and Archives Canada Services Advisory Board and of the Ancestry.ca Advisory Board. A member of the Society of genealogists (UK), author of "Researching Canada's Home Children", editor of a local history "The Ottawa Sharpshooters", he has also given courses in researching England and Welsh family history. He has spoken at many conferences and workshops from Quebec to BC and authored articles, often with a technology angle, in Family Tree Magazine (UK), Your Family Tree (UK), Family Chronicle, Internet Genealogy, Families, Anglo-Celtic Roots and The Ottawa Genealogist. His blog on family history, at www.anglo-celtic-connections.blogspot.com, is recommended by Dick Eastman.

1-B - *Your Family History in Newspapers Online*

3-C - *DNA Testing for Genealogy: Not Just for Men*

OPENING CEREMONIES and BANQUET
at the Hotel Omni Mont-Royal
1050 Sherbrooke St, West

Louise St. Denis

Author and Publisher

Managing Director of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies

Louise St Denis is a bilingual international speaker; produced an instructional video tape; publisher of the HERITAGE BOOK SERIES with over 100 titles (www.genealogystore.com); author of 10 books; founding president of the Société franco-ontarienne d'histoire et de généalogie -Toronto Branch, Past-president of its' provincial organization; Past-treasurer and founding member of the Association of Professional Genealogists-Ontario Chapter; studied Mathematics/Business at the University of Windsor; starting in 1984, she researched her ancestors to the 1600s. As Managing Director of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies, Louise established a partnership with the University of Toronto to offer comprehensive Certificate programs in Genealogical Studies provided entirely online; this program has received over 65,000 course registrations to date with students from all over the world! (www.genealogicalstudies.com)

5-B - *Can I Learn Everything I Need About Records and Research Strategies Online ?*

Keynote Address: *It's a Wonderful Genealogy Life ~ Dreams Do Come True !*

Gary Schroder

President Quebec Family History Society

Gary Schroder has been the President of the Quebec Family History Society since 1995. He was the Chair of Roots 1997, Roots 2002, Roots 2007, the International Conferences on Family History held at McGill University in Montreal. He will be the Chair of Roots 2011 which will be held in Montreal in June of 2011. He has taught family history courses at McGill University and Champlain College. During the past two decades he has given numerous lectures across North America from New Hampshire to Victoria , British Columbia to various historical and genealogical societies. He was a Speaker at the 2001 International Conference on Irish Family History held at Trinity College, Dublin. Gary is currently a Member of the Special Advisory Board of Library and Archives Canada. He is the editor of various published works including Christ Church, Montreal Marriages 1760-1899. He has been a frequent guest on Canadian radio and television answering a wide variety of genealogical questions and promoting the educational value of family history research. He originated the All Day Genealogical Seminars which are held at the Quebec Family History Society Library. His primary research interests are Canada, England, Ireland, and British Military Resources for genealogists. He has given numerous Seminars on all of the above topics. His first known ancestor to set foot in Canada was his great great great grandfather, Cornelius Flynn who arrived in the port of Quebec in 1805. Cornelius Flynn 1787-1861 served in the Royal Navy for over twenty years and was wounded aboard the HMS Agamemnon during the Battle of Trafalgar.

1-C - *20th Century Records for Quebec Genealogists*

2-B - *How do you find a Will in England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales in 60 Minutes or Less ?*

REGISTRATION - FRIDAY, JUNE 3rd
at the Hotel Le Cantlie Suites
1110 Sherbrooke St, West

Glenn Wright

President of BIFHSGO, Author, Lecturer

Glenn Wright was born and educated in Toronto, Ontario. Following graduation from the University of Toronto in the early 1970s, he joined the Public Archives of Canada as a government records archivist. He subsequently spent one year at the Directorate of History (National Defence) as a research officer and the following year, he joined the Historical Branch of the RCMP where he remained for 8 years. In March 2000, Glenn returned to the National Archives, and retired from government service in 2006. Glenn is a frequent speaker at family history, genealogical and historical conferences. His publications include: *Winning the Second Battle: Canadian Veterans and the Return to Civilian Life, 1915 to 1930* (co-authored with Desmond Morton) (1987); *he CAROLINE and Her Passengers* (2002) and *Canadians at War, 1914-1919: A Research Guide to World War One Service Records* (2010). Glenn's work also appears in the *Canadian Encyclopedia*, the *Oxford Dictionary of Canadian History* and the *Encyclopedia of Social Welfare History in North America*. Glenn is fascinated with biography and his research on various individuals has appeared in publications as varied as the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*, the *RCMP Quarterly* and the *Waterloo Historical Society Annual*; he also contributed to *The Ottawa Sharpshooters*, a book published by the *British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa*. Articles on family history and sources will be found in *Families and Anglo-Celtic Roots*, and *Ancestors*. For *Library and Archives Canada (LAC)*, Glenn contributed to web sites on shipwrecks, immigration and was principal author for, "Men of the Mounted": *The North-West Mounted Police, 1873-1904*". Glenn was featured on the "Don Cherry" episode of the CBC series, "Who Do You Think You Are?" and in 2009, he was a researcher with the popular TV series, "Ancestors in the Attic". And during the Vancouver 2010 Olympics, Glenn appeared on NBC's "Today Show" to comment on the history and role of the Mounted Police in Canada.. Glenn is President of the *British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa*

2-A - *Voyage of Discovery: Identifying Passengers without Passenger Lists, 1815-1865*

6-B - *Other Sources for Researching Canadians in the First World War, 1914-1919*

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

1916 PRAIRIE PROVINCES CENSUS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Access to the digitized images of the 1916 census is available online in two different ways. The first is through a database that is searchable by Province, District Name, District Number, and Sub-district Number, but not family name. The database is available at

www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/census-1916/index-e.html

The other method is through the research tool Amicroform digitization you can browse the microfilm reels page by page. The tool is available at www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/microform-digitization/index-e.html

OTHER DIGITIZED MICROFORM RECORDS AT LAC

The second address listed above also gives access to other microform records, the latest, as of March, is to British Military and Naval Records 1757-1906. This online access to microforms attempts to duplicate the experience of going to a reading room. Use these links as you would an actual reel or fiche of microform. Click on Browse by Title for the complete list.

LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA TO GO 100% DIGITAL

A recent report from Library and Archives Canada announced that, over the next seven years, the records of Canada's heritage will be going completely digital. Going digital means it will be easier than ever to research your ancestry because all of the information held by LAC will be available in searchable databases.

SCOTTISH DIRECTORIES

Thanks to Phyllis McConnachie for this great collection of 19th and 20th century Scottish Directories. There are some 678 of them in total! "They are available for you to download for free and save to your computer. Directories can give you lots of clues and insight into what your ancestor did for a living."

www.archive.org/search.php?query=collection%3Ascottishdirectories

IRELAND'S ARCHIVE COLLECTIONS GO ONLINE

Ireland's archive collections have found a new central home online at www.iar.ie . Dick Eastman gives an extensive description: the web site Aallows the public to search a wide range of Irish archives online. Some of the collections featured include the Irish Film Archive, . . . archives from UCC=s Boole Library and a large number of city and county council archives.

It includes records from current and defunct government and local government agencies, personal contributions, estate records, clubs, societies, trade unions, religious, cultural, sporting and political organisations.links to wherever these archives are digitised and searchable online. One notable collection includes deeds on properties in Cork city dating back to the 16th and 17th centuries.

The same web site also carries detailed descriptions of what is in every archive listed and where it can be accessed physically, if the collection is not online.

MORE CHANGES AT FAMILY SEARCH

This organization continues to release millions of records and add new features. FamilySearch has published a helpful document called "Adjusting to the New Version of www.familysearch.org" and a video tutorial that summarizes the changes to the new site. These new guides can be found under the "*Changes at FamilySearch.org*" link.

MAJOR REDESIGN AT FIND MY ANCESTOR

Find My Ancestor has announced the redesign and update to their site.. The site has received many new pages and features including new downloads, new resources, a completely new blog design, social media integration and many more. With the new design, the site should be much easier to navigate. www.findmyancestor.com

19TH CENTURY SHERBROOKE

Mat Ardron writes about his site which covers 19th Century Sherbrooke, Quebec. See bmd Vitals of Newspapers at andersononline.net/~ardron "All 2,003 birth, 2,142 marriage and 3,604 death vitals from nine Sherbrooke area newspapers between 1832 Jan. 3rd and 1901 March 29th were digitally photographed (1,868 images) and extracted into a sorted index."

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS RESEARCH CENTRE

The ETRC www.etr.ca has launched its new Web site in February.

SALVATION ARMY MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

Thanks to Joan Benoit for this site about the Salvation Army's museum, archives, and magazine the War Cry at salvationist.ca/about-us/history/war-cry-archives.

CANADIAN PORTAL

Canadians now have their very own search engine for discovering Canadian history and genealogy. The Canadiana Discovery Portal connects Canadians to over 60 million pages of Canadian content from various archive collections and includes information from multiple libraries, museums, universities and government agencies. There are multiple ways to search; name, city or subjects beta.canadiana.ca/col/en/

Warning: much of the information is free, but some areas require a \$400 subscription fee!! It has a very bare-bones introductory page; enter a place or name in Browse and the results will be clearly displayed with additional information or click on Contributors for yet more information.

Also note that this is a "beta" site, in un-techie English, this is a warning that all may not yet work as intended. Try it out and bookmark for future reference.

VISITORS TO MONTREAL - ACCESS MUSEUM INFO RE iPhone or iPad

The association of Montreal museums has made available information for your iPhone or iPad if you visit Montreal: 35 museums are represented.

museesmontreal.org/en/iPhone_and_iPod_touch_app. This new app allows Montrealers and Montreal tourists alike to access the complete programming of Montreal museums: Art, architecture, history, science, culture... Thanks to geopositioning technology the Montreal Museums app can be customized to lead you step-by-step to help you find nearby museums, activities, ongoing exhibitions, hours, circuits, etc.

SCOTTISH 1911 CENSUS TO BE AVAILABLE ON LINE

The Registrar General for Scotland has announced that the 1911 census will be released on April 5 2011. This census details information collected from more than 4.7 million Scots. The records will include the name, address, age, occupation, birthplace and marital status of everyone counted in the 1911 census, as well as details about their children. For the first time, the census data will be presented in full colour rather than black and white. www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

NATIONAL CEMETERY OF CANADA: 115,000 BURIAL RECORDS ONLINE

These have been indexed by Ancestry www.ancestry.ca and access is available free of charge to our members at our Library.

TECHIE NOTES

Highly recommended by the techies in my favorite technical mag, Smart Computing, is the free anti-virus program Malwarebytes www.malwarebytes.com

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

QFHS LIBRARY & OFFICE - SUMMER HOURS:

The QFHS Library and Office *Summer Hours* will commence the week of June 20th, 2011
July & August: will be open ONLY on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Last Sunday afternoon open: June 12th, 2011
Last Wednesday evening open: June 22nd, 2011
Closed: St-Jean Baptiste [June 24th]
Closed: Canada Day [July 1st]
Closed: Labour Day - Tuesday, Sept 1st

Closed: August 29th through to September 5th
for shelf inventory

Regular hours will recommence on Tuesday, September 6th, 2011

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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

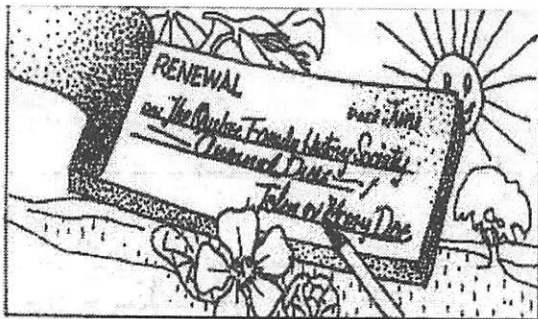
Dawn Miller Ouellette ~ Editor

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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, access to QFHS on-line databases, 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.



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Please **REMEMBER TO RENEW** your QFHS membership **before August 1st 2011**

Your Membership Renewal Form for the year August 1st 2011 - July 31st 2012 will be found in the center of this issue of *Connections*.

Or visit the Quebec Family History Society

website at: www.qfhs.ca

And Click on *Membership*

DEADLINES FOR UPCOMING ISSUES OF "CONNECTIONS" ARE:

AUTUMN Issue	July 15 th
SUMMER Issue	February 15 th
SPRING Issue	October 15 th

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

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
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THE QUEBEC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
Attention: **“CEMETERY GRAVE LISTS”**

Indicate your preference of a response by email.

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ANCESTRAL SURNAMES
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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

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