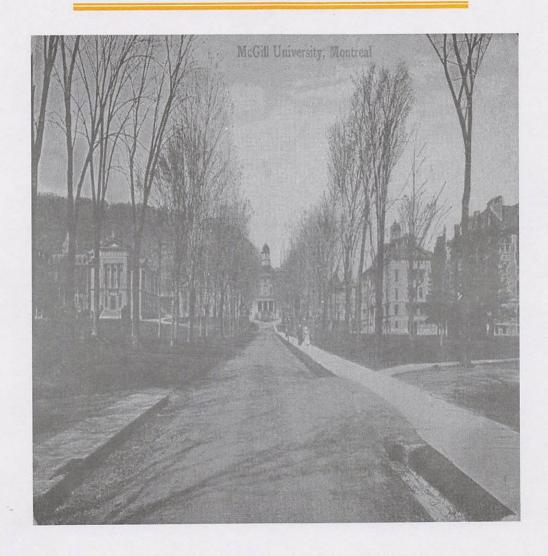
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# IRISH SEMINAR

# Presented by renown genealogist Kyle Betit

A VERY SPECIAL LECTURE . . . NOT TO BE MISSED!!



Date:

Wednesday Evening, November 21st, 2012

Time:

7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Quebec Family History Library

Speaker: Kyle Betit

professional genealogist, lecturer, author



This is a rare opportunity, offered by the Quebec Family History Society, to meet one of North America's best-known Irish genealogical experts.

Kyle Betit resides in Salt Lake City, Utah and was, for many years, co-editor of the popular genealogical magasine, The Irish At Home and Abroad. He is also co-author of the book, A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Irish Ancestors and author of numerous on-line articles. As a professional genealogist and lecturer he travels extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Ireland, and many other European countries.

This seminar is open to the public Reservations are required as space is limited Fee: \$30.00 for members - \$40.00 for non-members Please register early

We expect this interesting and informative lecture to be sold out quickly

Contact the QFHS Library Office at: 514-695-1502 or e-mail: qfhs.communications@bellnet.ca

From The Editor ......

The photo on the cover of this issue of Connections is of the entrance to Montreal's McGill University taken in 1911. I first used this photo in the Roots 2011 syllabus. With all the student unrest in Quebec so much in the news for the last few months I felt this photo was appropriate for this particular time of year - when students should be returning to class. It shows the serene setting and some of the beautiful architecture of McGill campus in the heart of downtown Montreal On the previous page you will see an announcement for a special IRISH seminar to be given by renown genealogist Kyle Betit. This is a unique opportunity to learn more about Irish genealogical research from an expert. Please register early. There are four other interesting lectures planned for the autumn and early winter, see page 3 for the details. And, once again the QFHS will be offering three all-day intensive seminars, full details will be found on page 4. Plan to join QFHS President, Gary Schroder on his cemetery tour in October where you will visit and learn about Montreal's two major cemeteries while enjoying the beautiful Fall foliage in serene surroundings on the slopes of Mount Royal. See page 5 for more information. There is a short, but very interesting article on another major Montreal cemetery on page 6 titled The Trolley and Hawthorn-Dale Cemetery, My thanks to Roger Agnessi for his translation of a chapter in a book originally published in French. I have written a brief article, on page 7, about my research into the Roots and Branches of My Maternal Tree. It is not always an easy task to decide what should, or shouldn't be written in an article about family history research. I have not used identifying names of any living persons, and tried to word it so as not to offend or upset any living descendants. There is always more that could be written but limited space has to be taken into consideration. But it can be done, and I hope that my efforts will encourage others to write their research experiences and their family histories. Read about young love and the antics of teenage Romeos at the turn of the last century in Robert Wilkins' article, Sex in the City and Edwardian Mores, on page 20. But really, being fined for a little hugging and kissing . . . What would our Edwardian ancestors think of our 21st century mores! Robert also submitted a short write-up about his Montreal Star Death Data Base which is now complete for the years 1900 to 1910. On page 22 Linda Hauley uses her own experiences as Your Introduction to Goons when she explains what a one name study is and invites you to visit the Guild's website for more information. Do you remember your 8th grade exams? How did you fare? Would you, your children, or grandchildren be able to pass the 8th grade Graduation Examination of 1895, as seen on page 17, without the aid of a calculator, dictionary, thesaurus, or the internet? Test your knowledge and see if you can answer some of the questions that your great-grandparents may have had to answer. In Computree on page 27, Lorraine has, once again, given us a number of interesting websites to visit and more information on genealogical software. Can You Help, on page 24, is compiled by Pennie Redmile to help family historians breakdown those brick walls and find their elusive ancestors, Can you help? The deadline for the Winter / Spring 2013 issue of Connections is October 15th 2012, please submit all material before the deadline date. The success of Connections depends on the material I receive for each issue. Thank You to everyone for your submissions in 2012.

... Once again I do hate to rush the seasons ... but as this is the last issue of Connections for 2012 I would like to wish everyone a HAPPY THANKSGIVING and a safe and HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

Dawn Miller Ouellette ~ Editor

# **OFHS NEWS AND NOTES**

# QFHS LIBRARY & OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS:



THANKSGIVING:

will close Friday October 5th, 2012

will re-open Tuesday October 9th, 2012

CHRISTMAS: NEW YEARS: will close Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 will re-open Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

#### THANK YOU to the QFHS VOLUNTEERS

On behalf of the Directors, Executive Committee and QFHS members, a very sincere thank you to our dedicated duty librarians - all volunteers - who make it possible to have our library open six days a week, plus 1 evening a week from September to June and three days a week during July and August. Our library could not be accessed without you. **THANK YOU.** Joan Benoit, Executive Secretary

## REMINDER - Have you renewed your QFHS Membership?

If you have not already done so, Please *REMEMBER TO RENEW* your QFHS membership for the year August 1st 2012 - July 31st 2013. With so much going on during the summer it's easy to forget to renew.

\* If you membership has expired this will be your last issue of Connections \*.

Your Membership Renewal Form will be found in the center of the SUMMER 2012 issue of CONNECTIONS [ Volume 34 - issue # 3 ]. Or visit the Quebec Family History Society website at: www.qfhs.ca and Click on *Join Us.*.

Dawn Ouellette ~ Editor Connections

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 10™ 2012

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE QUEBEC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

WILL BE HELD AT Briarwood Presbyterian Church Hall
70 Beaconsfield Blvd., Beaconsfield, Quebec
ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10™ 2012

AT 10:30 A.M.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

PRESENTING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS

AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ELECTING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR 2012 - 2013

PRESENTING ANY OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED APPROPRIATE

LORRAINE GOSSELIN - CORPORATE & RECORDING SECRETARY

# OFHS NEWS AND NOTES

QFHS PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES ~ [ Please note new location ]

Held the second Saturday of each month September to December and March to May.

With the possibility of inclement weather conditions no lectures are held in January or February

Due to the closure of St Andrew's United Church in Lachine these lectures are now held at Briarwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 70 Beaconsfield Blvd., Beaconsfield, Quebec

All lectures are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC . . . . SO BRING A FRIEND !

For directions and any changes in dates, time, and location visit the QFHS webpage at: www.gfhs.ca and click on "Events"

Date:

Saturday, September 8th, 2012

Time:

10:30 a.m.~ at Briarwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 70 Beaconsfield Blvd

Speaker:

Three QFHS members

Topic:

Great Moments in Genealogy

Janice Hamilton will discuss the exciting discoveries she made about her greatgreat-grandfather's family in the Kirk Sessions Records for Banff Parish while on a recent trip to Scotland. She will also talk about other research sources she used and highlight her presentation with photos of the Scottish countryside.

Bev Renaud will discuss two newspaper articles she found, "Late Townshipper honoured at Milby Schoolhouse" and "The History of The Guaranteed Pure Milk Company" that shed

new light on her ancestors who lived in the Eastern Townships.

Date:

Saturday, October 13th, 2012

Time:

10:30 a.m. ~ at Briarwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 70 Beaconsfield Blvd

Speaker:

R. H. "Bob" Thomas, Retired Naval Officer

Topic:

An overview of seven generations of the Thomas family in Montreal from 1780 onward

and their experiences against significant events in the growth of the city over two centuries.

Date:

Saturday, November 10th, 2012

Time:

10:30 a.m.~ at Briarwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 70 Beaconsfield Blvd

Speaker:

Mario Robert, head archivist, Montreal Archives

Topic:

Discover 100 Years of Records at the Montreal Archives

Learn what records are held at Montreal City Hall and how they can be used in genealogical and historical research. The Montreal Archives will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2013. Although Montreal was founded in 1642 the first municipal election didn't take place until

1833, and in 1913 Montreal's Department of Archives was created.

Date:

Saturday, December 8th, 2012

Time:

10:30 a.m. ~ at Briarwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 70 Beaconsfield Blvd

Speaker:

Sebastien Robert, Vice-President of the "Institut genealogique Drouin

Topic:

Drouin Genealogical Institute

What the Drouin Genealogical Institute can offer people doing family history research.

# OFHS SEMINARS ~ AUTUMN 2012

This Autumn the Quebec Family History Society is offering THREE one day intensive seminars There will be time in the afternoon to ask your specific genealogical questions and seek research guidance These seminars examine various facets of genealogical research for tracing your ancestors, including the latest databases available at the QFHS and on the Internet.

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

# A GENEALOGICAL DAY IN QUEBEC: 1621-2012

This seminar will examine the main sources used in Quebec genealogical research regardless of whether your ancestors originated from France, the British Isles, or any other part of the world. We will explain Church Records, Civil Registration Records, Censuses, Notarial Records, Ship Lists, Newspapers, Land and Judicial Records. There will also be emphasis on the most important web sites used in Quebec genealogical research and how to use the website and databases of the Bibliothegue and Archives Nationales du Quebec.

Lecturers:

Sharon Callaghan and Gary Schroder

Date:

Saturday September 29th, 2012

Time: Fee:

10:00 a.m. to 15:00 p.m. at the QFHS Library \$ 30.00 for members; \$ 40.00 for non-members

A GENEALOGICAL DAY IN ENGLAND AND WALES: 1066-2012

This seminar will begin in the morning with a reminder of the main sources for genealogical research in England and Wales, Civil Registration, Church Registers, Censuses, Probate Records, Passenger Ship Lists, Military, etc. In the afternoon the focus will be on what new databases are now available on the Internet, what's on Ancestry and what's not.

Lecturer:

**Gary Schroder** 

Date:

Saturday October 27th, 2012

Time:

10:00 a.m. to 15:00 p.m. at the QFHS Library

Fee:

\$ 30.00 for members; \$ 40.00 for non-members

# A GENEALOGICAL DAY IN SCOTLAND: 1500-2012

This seminar will examine the major sources used in in Scottish genealogical research from civil registration to kirk records, from censuses to probate records. It will also will explain how to use correctly the information contained on the website Scotland's People and what should your research strategies be if you plan to visit Scotland in person. Lecturers:

Jackie Billingham, Susan Gingras, and Gary Schroder

Date:

Saturday December 1st, 2012

Time:

10:00 a.m. to 15:00 at the QFHS Library

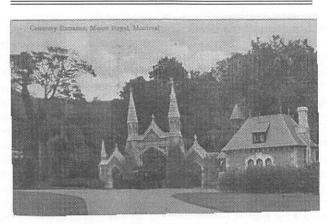
Fee:

\$ 30.00 for members; \$ 40.00 for non-members

Further Information and Reservations:

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# TOUR OF MONTREAL'S MOUNT ROYAL CEMETERY AND NOTRE DAME DES NEIGES CEMETERY



Entrance to Mount Royal Cemetery

Tour of Montreal's Mount Royal Cemetery and Notre Dame Des Neiges Cemetery Given by Gary Schroder, long-time President, Quebec Family History Society, genealogist, lecturer, author, and well known speaker on a wide variety of historical topics. He has been giving tours of these cemeteries for over 20 years.

Date:

Sunday October 21, 2012

Time:

10:00 to 15:00 Rain or Shine

Fee:

\$ 20.00 payable when you arrive - No Reservations Are Required

Mount Royal Cemetery and Notre Dame Des Neiges Cemetery are two of the largest cemeteries in Canada with Notre Dame Des Neiges Cemetery having over one million persons buried there. Both cemeteries opened in the 1850's and are located next to each other on Mount Royal in Montreal

As these cemeteries are so large, this is not a walking tour. You will go by car to the different parts of the cemeteries to learn the history of each, the architectural differences between the two cemeteries, of course you will be seeing the final resting places of victims of the Titanic, Canadian Prime Ministers, famous historical figures like Joe Beef and Anna of the King and I as well as famous criminals, musicians, authors, strange and magnificent tombstones.

The Tour starts at the Front Gates of Mount Royal Cemetery 1297 Chemin de la Foret, Outremont, Quebec at 10:a.m. ~ Please Bring a Lunch.

For Further Information contact Jackie Billingham at 514-428-0236

## THE TROLLEY and HAWTHORN-DALE CEMETERY

Translation by Roger Agnessi

January 1st, 1910 marked the beginning of an unusual but lucrative contact for the Montreal Street Railway; the transport of the dead. This contract was unexpected, but welcomed. The Hawthorne Dale Protestant Cemetery corporation had just acquired new land in Pointe-aux-Trembles. No decent roads can be used to access this new land, so the MSR is approached, the line that leads to the eastern tip of the island crosses this land. A deal is signed for the transportation of the bodies for burial. The MSR does not refuse any source of revenue. The initial investment is minimal, a branch line and a car. An old tramway from the Montreal Park and island railway is modified and 197 feet of track is laid to the main building of the cemetery. The coffin is transported in one car, but the mourners must use the regular trams to get to the cemetery, a small station is built for this purpose. This service works so well that the car is not sufficient to handle the work. An opened car acquired in 1901, is completly remodeled, frosted glass and a side loading door are installed. The inside is configured so that 6 racks can hold the same number of coffins. This new car is bigger than the first one, which is retired soon after. Everything is going fine until the Spanish flu epidemic of 1918. Nobody wants to get close to the car, never mind drive it for fear of contamination. At the end of each run massive quantities of disinfectants are applied, the car has a smell of death. Fortunetly the epedemic is controlled in less than two months, everyone breathes better. The service continues until 1927, when the "Bout de l'Ile" line is sold to the CNR, cutting the access to the cemetery. Meanwhile better roads are built and motor vehicules can reach the cemetery. This puts an end to the contract, and the funeral car is dismantled the same year.

This article was first posted on "The Point site" [ Pointe St Charles, Montreal ] You can visit the site at: http://www.thepoint.ca
It was translated verbatim by Roger Agnessi from a chapter of a book published in French titled: "LA BELLE EPOQUE DES TRAMWAYS DE MONTREAL".

Hawthorn-Dale Cemetery is located at the east end of Montreal Island at 15005 Sherbrooke St. East, in the area known as Pointe-aux-Trembles. The land was bought by The Mount Royal Cemetery Company in 1907 from a local farmer named George Irving. It is a tranquil country setting, with green lawns, bushes, shrubs, and Hawthorn trees along the main pathways, far from the everyday hustle and bustle of the city.

The QFHS published a book in 1992 titled: *Hawthorn-Dale Cemetery*, available through the QFHS Bookstore, which contains more than 4600 monument inscriptions. If you are looking for elusive ancestors from the Montreal area this might be a helpful aid.

There are also a few names listed as buried at Hawthorn-Dale on the Find A Grave site, or you can add a name at: http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=2146562. You can even read the short story of Jocelyn Gordon Whitehead, the McGill University student, now buried at Hawthorndale, said to be the one responsible for the death of Illusionist, magician and stunt performer Harry Houdini in 1926. The records for Hawthorn-Dale Cemetery are held at Mount Royal Cemetery, 1297 Chemin de la Forêt, (Outremont,) Montreal. QFHS President, Gary Schroder will be giving a tour of Mount Royal Cemetery and Notre Dame Des Neiges Cemetery on Sunday October 21st 2012, from 10:00 to 15:00 ( rain or shine ). See page 5 for details. This is your opportunity to learn more about the history of these two major Montreal cemeteries while enjoying the Fall foliage in the peaceful, serene surroundings on the slopes of Mount Royal.

# ROOTS and BRANCHES of My MATERNAL FAMILY TREE by Dawn Miller Ouellette

The family photo below was taken 100 years ago, on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 1912, at the baptismal of my uncle, Thomas Alexander McConachie, From left to right they are: Mariah (Ruscoe) and Thomas Bayliss, my Great-Grandparents, with baby, Thomas Alexander on his Grandmother's knee; in the middle, my Grandmother's sister, Eleanor Bayliss (age 17); and next to her my Grandparents, David and Mary Ann (Bayliss) McConaghie.



I was fortunate to have been born into a large family of aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, great-aunts and uncles and extended families that were added whenever someone married. My best friends are still my cousins. And, being the eldest daughter of the eldest daughter I was privy to many family secrets . . . *Except one*. The enigmatic story of my maternal grandfather, David McConaghie. All I knew about him was his name and that he was Irish. Hearsay within the family was that he was considered persona non grata - and therefore, not to be discussed. As a child this only served to pique my curiosity even more and made me determined to learn all I could about him.

The answers to my questions were always the same, "Oh, I don't know all that much about him." OR "You don't want to know about him." Yes, I did want to know about him! Who he was; where he came from; and who his parents were. After all these were MY ancestors.

So, before I was even in my teens my interest in family history began . . . It didn't become an obsession until much later. Over the years, and with the confidence of youth, I set about the task of finding David - asking questions of relatives and their friends, reading old letters and carefully examining old photos, visiting cemeteries, and even phoning some churches. All to no avail - David remained a mystery.

As we know family history research can be a very time-consuming hobby and other priorities - education, work, marriage, and raising a family - left little time for researching. So, it wasn't until 1994, when I joined the Quebec Family History Society, that I was able to begin my quest in earnest.

My amateur sleuthing, in my search for David, had provided me with some information about my maternal family, and I had kept scribbled notes. With this information and years of researching I have been able to piece together a great deal of family history about the roots and branches of my maternal family tree.

My Grandmother, Mary Ann Bayliss was born in Bethnal Green, East London on September 8<sup>th</sup> 1893, the daughter of Maria Ruscoe and Thomas Bayliss. Thomas was an upholster, following his father, and grandfather into the furniture trade where they had both been japanners - defined as one skilled in the art of lacquering wood, metal, glass, leather, in the manner of the Japanese. He also loved to sing and dance and apparently occasionally performed at local pubs and music halls. He may have been a cousin of Lillian Mary Baylis, manager of the Old Vic and Sadler Wells, but this is as yet unconfirmed. Maria's family, the Ruscoes had been tobacco pipe makers in Kent and London for generations.

Thomas and Maria were married at St Thomas, Parish church of Bethnal Green, London on March 28th 1887. Maria's parents, Sarah (Jones) and George Henry Ruscoe had both died in 1885 and Thomas and Maria became substitute parents to Maria's three siblings, Jabez, Isabella and Alfred. Alfred later married Thomas's niece, Mary Ann Elizabeth Morgan, daughter of John William Morgan and Mary Elizabeth Bayliss. Space, in this short article, does not allow me to give a detailed account of my research findings of these families as I have amassed a great deal of data, photos, and stories going back generations. I have also connected with distant cousins, always an added bonus in family history research!

In May 1904 Thomas, Maria and their four children, Mary Ann; Eleanor Maria; Thomas George; and James Alfred immigrated to Canada where Thomas was employed, in Montreal by the Grand Trunk Railway. There was another child, Lillian - one month old on the 1901 census born in Hackney - but she was not named on the ship manifest and no one in the family had ever heard her name mentioned. I have not been able to find either a birth or death for her, although I did find an Isabella Bayliss on FreeBMD born 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 1901 Hackney; died 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 1901 Bethnal Green who is probably baby Lillian . . . named for her aunt, Isabella Ruscoe? I have not yet sent for the certificates to verify the facts.

Eleanor (1895 -1979) married George Henry Britton in Grace church, Montreal July 31<sup>st</sup> 1915; James Alfred (1898 -1858) married Isabel Hall in Montreal Baptist church 30<sup>th</sup> April 1927; Thomas George (1897-1916) drown at the Val Cariter, Quebec Army Training Camp, on July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1916, two weeks after his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. He had signed up, with his father and brother, James to served with the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Forces at the outbreak of World War I.

Mary Ann (1893-1978) married David McConaghie in St Edward church, Montreal July 15<sup>th</sup> 1910. Their first children, twins William David and Eleanor Grace, were born on August 4<sup>th</sup> 1911 and died of dysentery eleven months later - William on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1912 and 'Grace' on July 15<sup>th</sup>, her parents 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. Mary was seven months pregnant with her third child, Thomas Alexander .... she was just eighteen years old. The babies are buried in Mount Royal Cemetery - no stone to mark their graves. My mother was born two years later, a month before the outbreak of World War I. Other babies followed every two years and by1921, with the birth of another set of twins, Mary, now 27 had given birth to eight children in eleven years. One of the last twins, Thelma Lillian succumbed to dysentery at thirteen months. She is buried beside her brother and sister on Mount Royal.

From scant information I have been able to gather the marriage, by this time, was in deep trouble. While Mary was home, with five young children, struggling to make ends meet David was 'living the high life' - drinking, gambling, womanizing, and disappearing for days at a time. Of course this is all hearsay and totally one-sided. But, his children did agree that he was not a pleasant person and best to be avoided whenever possible... stronger words were used but most are unprintable. So my search for David continued. It took me more than five years to find the marriage for, as many of you know genealogical research in the 1990's was much more time-consuming than it is today. It meant numerous trips to Salle Gagnon, the LDS Library, the National Library & Archives in Ottawa, and of course the QFHS. At all these places, and others, I spent countless hours scrolling through microfilm, microfiche, books, registers, ship lists, etc, etc, David's name had disappeared from Montreal's Lovell's Directory after 1927 so I presume that is when he and Mary Ann separated. My mother said she saw him in 1934 and two of my uncles met with him before they left with the army in 1939. But other than Lovell's I could find no information on him. Knowing that he had a sister, Grace McLaughlin living in Montreal I decided to find out what I could about her. I found her on the Quebec Provincial Death Index which gave her age and date of death. With that information I was able to find her birth date on the Irish Birth Indexes at the LDS Family History Centre which also gave her county of birth - County Antrim, Northern Ireland. I immediately sent to Ireland for her birth certificate. The day it arrived was an exciting one! Opening that envelope was like opening "Pandora's Box". The certificate gave her full name, and date of birth, plus her exact place of birth including townland. It also gave the names of her parents - "My" Great-Grandparents.

My Grandmother, now long dead, had given me the names of two of David's brothers so I put all the information I now had on a genealogical message board. Two years later, on Valentine's Day I received a wonderful surprise! An e-mail from a woman in Ireland which asked a simple question: "Are any of these yours?" They were all mine - my Great-Grandfather and all his children, including David - listed on the Irish 1901 census which had just been released.

I e-mailed her right away and that began a friendship that has endured for many years. She is researching the same name in the same area and we have tried to make a connection - but have not yet been successful. Over the years she has done an amazing amount of research for me in Ireland - research I would never have been able to do from here - and she has sent me numerous birth, marriage, and death certificates. She is no longer doing genealogical research, but we are still good friends and keep in touch often. We met in Belfast in 2004 and she took my husband and me on a tour of the city and to see the houses some of David's siblings had lived in in the ealy 1900's, then to lunch at a private room in one of the oldest pubs in Belfast.

The information on the certificates, of course, gave the family's religion and I contacted, what I thought would be, the church they may have attended. The minister told me, via e-mail that he

had passed the information to his clerk. When I didn't hear any more news for weeks I again e-mailed the minister. He responded right away with the clerk's home phone number and told me to contact him directly !! I couldn't believe it! I finally got up the courage to call his home and he apologized to me for taking so long! But told me there was a letter in the mail to me with some information that I would find interesting. He said there had been no information on my ancestors in their church registers . . . he had gone back decades, but there was a Mr McConaghie who belonged to a business association that he also belonged to so he showed him my letter. Mr McConaghie was extremely surprised! The names I had sent were his Grandfather, aunts and uncles and his father . . . . Mr McConaghie was my mother's cousin!

I received the letter from the church clerk a few days later and called Mr McConaghie. I held my breath, This was David's nephew - what was he like; what stories had he head about us; how would he feel about getting a phone call from a stranger in Canada. I need not have worried, it was like talking to an old friend. He wanted to know all about his Canadian cousins, and I definitely wanted to know all about my Irish family. He then passed the phone to his wife and I had a long chat with her.

He is the son of David's youngest brother (there were eight siblings) and therefore much younger than his Canadian cousins. I had him call my uncle - his cousin (David's last surviving child) one Christmas and they had a brief chat. He told me, in one of our conversations, that he remembered a picture of David on the wall when he was growing up. Some weeks later I received a very large parcel from him - a framed studio portrait of David and his brother William [who had died in France in WWI]. I had copies made for my cousins, it was the first picture, other than the one in this article, that any of us had ever seen of David, and the first ever of William.

When I called him in 2004 to tell him that we were going to the UK and planned to spend a week in County Antrim he told me not to make hotel reservations that we would stay with them. It was one of the most enjoyable holidays I have ever had. Every day was filled with site-seeing drives through the towns, villages and beautiful countryside of County Antrim while he entertained us with amusing stories, local history, and the history of our family. They arranged a family reunion while we were there so that I could meet most of my Irish relatives. We visited his brother, who is the current owner of the family farm, and wandered through the abandoned farmhouse where David once lived, and strolled the fields where my ancestors once walked [I have traced my McConachie ancestors on the same townland in the 1803 Agricultural Census; and found two I believe may be mine as British tenants on the East of Antrim Estate (in the same Barony) in the 1630 Muster Rolls of County Antrim - more documentation is needed to prove a connection]. There is only one piece of the puzzle still missing, the date and place of David's death.

But, in researching his life I have uncovered the history of my Irish roots and had a glimpse into the lives of my ancestors, and reconnected with my my Irish family. My search still continues, and maybe one day I will learn what became of David, but the book will never be closed there are too many interesting and amusing stories to still uncover in the roots and branches of my family tree.

The family portrait in this article is one that a cousin rescued along with a box of family photos that had been long forgotten in his parent's basement. The original was quite badly damaged but I took it, and another one of my Gt-Grandmother, to a professional photographer and had negatives made then had copies of both printed for my cousins and other family members. Although they are faded and scratched they are still priceless keepsakes. One of my cousins and I have now scanned all the other old photos from the box and made cd copies for everyone.

## **BOOK REVIEW**

by Mark W. Gallop, UE

CEMETERY HERITAGE IN QUEBEC: A HANDBOOK, by Matthew Farfan, Quebec Anglo Heritage Network, Lennoxville, 2008

Cemeteries in Quebec number in the thousands, ranging from the enormous and well-staffed Mount Royal and Notre Dame des Neiges Cemeteries, to forgotten plots in farmers' fields. Quebec Anglo Heritage Network (QAHN) has published a management handbook for those interested in the well-being of the smaller cemeteries that don't benefit from endowed funds and paid staff.

Chapters cover the legal and organizational structures governing Quebec cemeteries, fundraising and recruiting volunteers, and extensive information on repairs and maintenance. While this practical information is valuable, the greatest attribute of Cemetery Heritage in Quebec is as a rallying cry to remind us to care and do more for those last resting places of our ancestors that embody our heritage. In many rural communities the volunteer pool is aging and needs the rest of us to reach out from a greater distance to assist with our volunteer hours, donations and encouragement.

In a related initiative, QAHN has developed an inventory of cemeteries at risk: http://qahn.org/cemeteries Cemetery Heritage in Quebec

is available by cheque or money order for \$15.00 (including shipping and handling to anywhere in Canada) payable to QAHN, 400-257 Queen, Sherbrooke (Lennoxville), QC J1M 1K7

Mark Gallop would be interested to know if anyone can identify the cemetery in the photo below, The minister leading the service is Mark's great uncle, the Reverend Canon Selwyn Willis. If you are able to identify the cemetery send a note to "Can You Help" at *qfhs@bellnet.ca* 



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# **NEW BOOKS AT QFHS**

1)	Répertoire des mariages de St Joachim-de-Châteauguay 1736 à 1963
•	par Bruno Julien
2)	Titanic: an illustrated history
	by Don Lynch
3)	Titanic: The Canadian Story
	by Alan Hustak HG/100.01/H8/1998
4)	Titanic: Halifax: A Guide to Sites
	by Alan Jeffers and Rob Gordon
5)	Digitizing Your Family History
	by Rhonda McClure GN/200.1/McC4/2004
6)	Mariages de St-Pierre-de-Sorel 1675-1865 (Richelieu Co.)
	Antonio Mongeau - compiler
7)	Franklin, New Hampshire Marriages 1884-1937; Baptisms 1884-1921; St Paul's parish
	American-Canadian Genealogical Society REF/GS/210.4
8)	Gravestone Inscriptions of Mount Calvary Cemetery, St Joseph parish, Burlington, Vermont
	by Ann Marie Dunton compiler
9)	Mariages du comté de Soulanges
	Centre de genealogie, Ottawa REF/CL/210.4/D8/1991
10)	Repertoire naissances, mariages et sépultures de l'Eglise évangélique,
	Baptiste de Saint-Pie 1845-1912
	Pierre Rannon
11)	Partial Index to 1851 Census of Northern Ireland
12)	Microfilms produits par Les archives national du Quebec 1992 GS/150.01/1992
13)	A History of Lake Champlain & Indian Participation:
	The Record of Three Centuries 1609-1909
	by Walter Hill Crockett
14)	The Oris Family of Dover (N.H.): Captured at Cocheco
45\	by Alice N. Nash
15)	Collection: First Census of Canada circa 1790;
	Protestant Marriages for the parish of Montreal;
16\	Various Talks on United Empire Loyalists
16)	Abenaki Indians of Odanak, St Francois-du-Lac, P.Q. by Madame Esther Wawanolet
17)	by Madame Estiner vyawanojet
17)	Indians of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces: An Historical Review
18)	By Dept of Indian Affairs & Northern Development, Ottawa, Canada HG/100.9/1971
10)	Indians of Canada: A Reference Bibliography; The Ojibwa of Southern Ontario;
19)	The Fur Trade in Canada
13)	by Edgar Andrew Collard
20)	Call back Yesterdays
,	by Edgar Andrew Collard
21)	The Sinking of the Titanic: Thrilling Stories of Survivors
/	with Photographs, Sketches
22)	In Search of Your German Roots 4th ed.,
•	by Angus Baxter
	GIVI3 10.1763/2003

23)	Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada 1761-1853 by Terrence M. Punch
	Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada 1761-1853 Vol 2
24)	by Terrence M. Punch
05)	Erin's Sons: Irish Arrivals in Atlantic Canada 1751-1858 Vol 3
25)	by Terrence M. Punch
26)	Eriala Cana: Iriah Arrivala in Atlantic Canada to 1863
26)	by Terrence M. Punch
27)	Des loups dans la bergerie:
21)	Les protestants de langue française au Québec 1534-2000 HG/100.4/L3 2002
28)	Hamilton: An Illustrated History
20,	by John C. Weaver
29)	Collection of Essays on First Nations of Canada - various authors
30)	The Golden Bridge: Young Immigrants to Canada 1833-1939
,	by Mariorie Kohli
31)	Kirkland, Quebec 1961-2011
32)	All Call Iona Home 1800-1950
•	by S.R. MacNeil
33)	Ancestral Trails: A Complete Guide to British Genealogy and Family History
	by Mark Herber GN/400.01/H3/2006
34)	A Son of Quebec
	by Andrew Roy FH/100.33/R6/2004
35)	An Unstoppable Force: The Scottish Exodus to Canada
	by Lucille Campey
36)	The Canadian Encyclopedia James Marsh editor-in-chief
27\	The Canadian Encyclopedia
37)	James Marsh editor-in-chief
38)	The Canadian Encyclopedia
30)	James Marsh editor-in-chief
39)	The Canadian Encyclopedia
00)	James Marsh editor-in-chief
40)	Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research 5th ed
,	By Michael J. Leclerc - editor
41)	Tracing Your Scottish Family History
•	by Anthony Adolph GS/450.1/A36/2009
42)	The Royal Atlas of England & Wales
	by J.G. Bartholomew REF/HG/430.8/B3/1891
43)	Tracing Your Irish Family History
	by Anthony Adolph GS/460.1/A36/2009
44)	Centennial Celebration of the town of Randolph (Mass.),
4	July 19, 1893
45)	Town of Randolph (Mass.) 123rd Annual Report 1958 GS/210.01/R3/1958
46)	Scotch Irish Pioneers  CS/230 01/PS/1073
	by Charles Knowles Bolton
47) 48)	Town of Randolph 125th Annual Report 1960 GS/210.01/R3/1960
48) 49)	Catholic Families of Southern Maryland
48)	by Timothy J. O'Rourke GS/220.3/OR6/1985
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50)	To Maryland from Overseas
30)	by Harry Wright Newman GS/220.3/N4/1982
51)	The Flowering of the Maryland Palatinate
•.,	by Harry Wright Newman GS/220,01/N4/1985
52)	Braintree Massachusetts: Its History H.
•	Hobart Holly - editor
53)	A Gazetteer of the State of New York 1824
	by H.G. Spafford
54)	San Francisco Ship Passenger Lists Volume 1
	by Louis J. Rasmussen GS/280.3/R27/1978
55)	The History of Londonderry (New Hampshire) by Rev. Edward L. Parker
E6)	History of St. Mary's County, Maryland
56)	by Regina Combs Hammett
57)	History of Randolph
0.,	by Rev. Harry R. Butman
58)	Marriages and Deaths St Mary's County, Maryland, 1634-1900
,	by Margaret K. Fresco REF/GS/210.33/F7/1982
59)	Historical and Genealogical Record of Colchester County by Thomas Miller
•	by Thomas Miller
60)	History of the Townships of Dartmouth, Preston, Lawrencetown (Halifax Co.) Nova Scotia
	by Mrs. M.J. Lawson
61)	Pictou County, Nova Scotia Death Records Vol 2, 1870-1874
	Stephen A. Bridges - compiler
62)	A Dictionary of Immigrants to Nova Scotia Vol 1,
00)	by Col. Leonard H. Smith Jr
63)	Maryland Index to Wills of St Mary's County 1662-1960; Somerset County 1664-1955
64)	Joan Hume - editor
64)	by Rev. J.P. MacPhie
65)	Out of the Past: Vignettes of Pictou County
00,	by Roland H. Sherwood
66)	Pictou County's History
00,	by James M. Cameron
67)	Century Buildings of Rural Pictou County
68)	Wreck of the Melmerby and other Pictou County Stories
•	by James M. Cameron
69)	The Parliamentary Gazetteer of Ireland (1846) CD-REF/AD/430/16/1846
70)	Index to Irish Wills 1536-1858 Phillimore & Thrift
71)	Destination Canada: A Genealogical Guide to Immigration Records
	by David Obee REF/GS/100.1/O2/2010
72)	Counting Canada: A genealogical Guide to the Canadian Census
<b>-</b> 0.	by David Obee
73)	Tracing Your Irish Ancestors, 4th ed,
741	by John Grenham GN/460.1/G7/2012
74)	Protestant Marriages in the Didtrict of Bedford, Quebec 1804-1879  R.Neil Broad Hurst - compiler
75)	Before the King's Daughters: The Filles à Marier, 1634-1662 HG/100.33/G33/2002
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76)	Album du Protestantisme français en Amérique du Nord par H. Fines	HG/010.88/F56/1972
77)	Ayrshire: A Historical Guide by Thorbjorn Campbell	
78)	Growing up in N.D.G. by Russell Bain	
79)	The Ancestor Trail in Ireland: A Companion Guide by Donal F. Begley	
80)	Montreal Metropolis 1880-1930  No Corner Boys Here Volume 1	HG/151.88/M66/1998
81)	by Jean Crozier	HG/170.33/C76/2007
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Joan Benoit, Secretary

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# GRADUATION EXAMINATION SALINE COUNTY, KANSAS April 13th, 1895

The following was sent to me by an e-mail contact titled "8th Grade Final Exam, Salina, Ks - 1895" and may be found on numerous internet sites by typing that title into your search. The original was transcribed from a document in the collection of the *Smoky Valley Genealogy Society*, Salina, Kansas and may be found at: http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/saline/society/exam.html..

The SVGS home page, which contains a number of searchable indexes - including marriages, deaths, military and school records, lists of pioneers and settlers to the area, and links to other counties - may be found at: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~kssvgs.

The answers are not available on the SVGS site . . . You will have to figure them out for yourselves.

I did find a some sites which claims to have all the answers, a few examples of these are:

http://www.the-reality-check.com/articles/Education/test\_answers.htm;

http://yhvh.name/?w=736: and http://old.testmy.net/t-15045

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Reading and Penmanship. The examination will be oral, and the penmanship of applicants will be graded from the manuscripts.

J.W. Armstrong, County Superintendent.

#### GRAMMAR

(Time, one hour)

- 1. Give nine rules for the use of Capital Letters.
- 2. Name the Parts of Speech and define those that have no modifications.
- 3. Define Verse, Stanza and Paragraph.
- 4. What are the Principal Parts of a verb? Give Principal Parts of do, lie, lay and run.
- 5. Define Case. Illustrate each case.
- 6. What is Punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of Punctuation.
- 7-10 Write a composition of about 150 words

and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

#### ARITHMETIC

(Time, 1 1/4 hour)

- 1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.
- 2. A wagon box is 2 ft. deep, 10 feet long, and 3 ft. wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
- 3. If a load of wheat weights 3942 lbs what is it worth at 50 cts. Per bu. deducting 1050 lbs for tare?
- 4. District No. 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?
- 5. Find cost of 6720 lbs. coal at \$6.00 per ton.
- 6. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 per cent.
- 7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16 ft. long at \$20 per m?
- 8. Find bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 per cent.
- 9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance around which is 640 rods?
- 10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note, and a Receipt.

U.S. HISTORY

(Time, 45 minutes)

- 1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided.
- 2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus.

- 3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolútionary War.
- 4. Show the territorial growth of the United States.
- 5. Tell what you can of the history of Kansas.
- 6. Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.
- 7. Who were the following: Morse, Whtney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Penn, and Howe?
- 8. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, and 1865.

#### **ORTHOGRAPHY**

(Time, one hour)

- 1. What is meant by the following: Alphabet, phonetic orthogaphy, etymology, syllabication?
- 2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
- 3. What are the following, and give examples of each:
- Trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals? 4.Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
- 5.. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word:
  - Bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, super.
- 6. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: Card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.
- 7. Use the following correctly in sentences:
  - Cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.
- 8. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

#### **GFOGRAPHY**

(Time, one hour)

- 1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
- 2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas?
- 3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
- 4. Describe the mountains of N.A.
- 5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall, and Orinoco.
- 6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S.
- 7. Name all the republics of Europe and give capital of each.
- 8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?
- 9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers.
- 10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give inclination of the earth.

#### HEALTH

(Time, 45 minutes)

- 1. Where are the saliva, gastric juice, and bile secreted? V/hat is the use of each in digestion?
- 2. How does nutrition reach the circulation?
- 3. What is the function of the liver? Of the kidneys?
- 4. How would you stop the flow of blood from an artery in the case of laceration?
- 5. Give some general directions that you think would be beneficial to preserve the human body in a state of health.

# **OBITUARIES**

It is with deep sadness that I announce the passing of two long-time QFHS members
On behalf or the Quebec Family History Society I would like to extend sincere condolences to
QFHS President, Gary Schroder on the death of his father, Ernest Schroder
and to the family of Dorothy Dunkley

Dawn Miller Ouellette
Vice-President QFHS & Editor Connections

# Ernest Kenneth Schroder 1917-2012

a long time member of the Quebec Family History and father of Gary Schroder, President of the Q.F.H.S. sadly died in June as a result of complications from a fall. He was a veteran of the Royal Canadian Navy during World War Two and was active in the Montreal Printing and Graphic Arts Industry for over 50 years. His German ancestors came from the Borkow area in the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg Schwerin and his English ancestors lived for hundreds of years in the Enfield-Cheshunt area just north of London. His great great grandfather Thomas Carter 1787-1870 was a member of the famed 95th Regiment of Rifles later commonly known as the Rifle Brigade and served in the Peninsular War where he was shot three times including at the Battle of Waterloo. He came from hardy stock...

The Schroder family thanks the Q.F.H.S. members very much for their expressions of sympathy.

# Dorothy Elizabeth (Shields) Dunkley, January 6, 1924 - July 29, 2012

Dorothy died peacefully in her sleep at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. Born in Beamsville, Ontario, she grew up on her parents' fruit farm before starting work in Toronto. She had a lifelong interest in books and libraries, working at the St. Lambert public library for many years, and subsequently at the Imperial Oil Library in Toronto. During her retirement in Montreal, she volunteered at the Montreal Children's Library. She was a long-time member of the Quebec Family History Society and the McGill Institute for Learning in Retirement. Dorothy was well-known for her kind and quiet personality and her eagerness to help whenever possible. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

# SEX IN THE CITY and EDWARDIAN MORES by Robert N. Wilkins

In its February 16, 1909, edition, the Montreal Star ran a strange story that had the city's gossip circles all a-buzz. The salacious account was that of a young New York City teenager who accidentally lost his life "endeavouring to elude a bevy of stenographers who sought to kiss him in honor of his 15th birthday". In his frenzy, the ill-fated lad, one George Spencer Millet, inadvertently stabbed himself when he fell to the floor attempting to escape the screaming girls. He died on the way to hospital.

While, to my knowledge, Montreal never has had a similar dramatic denouement to such a playful prank, the city was very much alive with plenty of Edwardian moralastic intrigue. Take, for instance, the case of one Leon Beausoleil.

In July of 1909, young Beausoleil was so enraptured by the pretty female form of a nearby youth that he ran up to her on the street and quickly bestowed upon her a totally unsolicited kiss.

Unfortunately, according to a period newspaper report about the incident, Beausoleil had just previously been involved in a bit of a 'jag' (a bout of serious drinking) around the time of the ostensibly romantic gesture.

A very short time later, in Recorder's Court, Beausoleil was fined six dollars (about \$125. in today's money) for his youthful indiscretion. The Montreal Star could not help but quip: "Was it worthwhile? That's what a clamoring world wants to know. Is a kiss bestowed hastily on a fair lady on the street worth the consequences"?

Beausoleil himself reluctantly accepted the portion of his fine that was attributed to his 'jag' but reports say that he was much less agreeable with regard to the part ascribed to his unrestrained affection for the fairer sex.

In another prominent case a few years earlier, a couple identified in Montreal newspapers only as 'Romeo' and 'Juliet' found themselves in legal trouble for kissing and hugging in Viger Square. The strict mores of the Edwardian period forbade both activities from taking place in public venues.

Judge Louis Wilfrid Sicotte of the Recorder's Court (today's Municipal Court) was certainly not impressed by the couple's defense: as they intended to be married the following month, they saw nothing wrong with their behaviour.

"The loving pair accused had, with utter disregard to the feelings of others, been kissing and hugging one another on a seat in Viger Square about 10 at night. There was no suggestion of indecency", the learned judge himself remarked, "but their acts constituted an offence when displayed in public". The Montreal Star reported in its June 18, 1906, edition that "a constable with an unromantic soul had come along and put an end to the tête à tête".

The youthful lovers, "with indignation peering through their bashfulness", were each sentenced by the 67-year-old judge to pay a fine of five dollars. To say the least, the ruling did not please them.

In the more prudish Edwardian era, there were of course many other ways for young men to get themselves in trouble with the local authorities. For instance, take the somewhat curious case of Henri Bilodeau and Joseph Bechard, both 17.

In the hot summer month of July 1905, the two lustful teenagers had taken to flirting with the young girls working at Peck's factory on St. Lawrence Street in St. Louis-du-Mile End (then an independent municipality).

According to a July 29 report in the Montreal Star under the attention-grabbing title 'The Crime of Flirting', "the management of the factory had complained to the police that several youngsters had

been in the habit of congregating near the building and distracting the attention of the girls. On Thursday, Constables Laframboise and Delorme hid near the factory and surprised the youthful lovers in the middle of their flirtation and placed them under arrest.

Brought before Recorder Hormisdas Pelletier of St. Louis – du – Mile End, the young men were each fined six dollars (about \$125. in today's money), or failing that, as was so often the case in those stern Edwardian times, fifteen days 'in the slammer'.

# Montreal Star Death Data Base, 1900 - 1910

compiled by Robert N. Wilkins

When I first started indexing, back in June of 1997, the death columns of the Montreal Star for the year 1900, I had absolutely no idea where the activity would lead me. Indeed, I cannot even say that the venture was particularly well thought out.

I chose to start with the year 1900 for several reasons. Firstly, my Grandfather Wilkins' half-brother just fell off the genealogical radar, so to speak, after the 1901 Census of Canada. I was hoping he might show up in one of the 'Out of Town Deaths' in the daily Star feature. He didn't and to this day, I do not know what happened to him other than the obvious fact that he is dead!

The second reason I started with this particular year was the simple fact, as many will recall, that for a period on time in the 1990's, the years 1900-25 card file drawers were no longer available to us at the civil registration office in Justice Building on St. Antoine. I thought that I might in a very modest way fill the vacuum. Thirdly, it was around the year 1900 (perhaps a couple of years later) that photographs began to replace sketches in the daily newspapers. I prefer photos.

So it was in that fashion and for those reasons that I set out on my indexing project.

The year 1900 finished with just over 8000 entries. The file had only five cells: date, surname, first name, maiden name (if one), and whether or not it was an 'In City' death.

Two additional cells were added for the final ten years (1901-1910): burial place (if reported) and whether the age of death was ten or less (again, if reported).

As the years went by, I began to expand my activity onto the other pages of the newspaper by extracting deaths from the news columns, for example. I also began to index stories that I thought would be of potential interest for writing purposes. So I now have this second data base consisting of some 10,000 various news stories from a little bit everywhere, but especially Montreal. While the research is over, this index is not yet complete as I have another fifteen months (October 1909 – December 1910) to enter. It's a very slow process.

On the other hand, the Montreal Star Death Index, or data base, is complete. It covers eleven years (1900-1910 inclusive) and contains over 125,000 entries – many more than I had ever anticipated.

At this point, it is not available on the Internet (perhaps one day) but should anyone wish me to run through a few names, please do not hesitate to contact me. No charge for QFHS members. Oh, I forgot to mention, I also have all the photocopied death columns from the Star for those same eleven years so I can give you that information as well.

Finally, I chose the Montreal Star because, in my opinion, it was the most important English language newspaper of this time period, and, besides, I delivered it door to door when a teenager of fifteen!

You can reach me at: **montreal\_1900@hotmail.com** or at 514-524-5247 Please visit my BLOG at **www.rnwilkins.wordpress.com** 

# YOUR INTRODUCTION TO GOONS!!



Submitted by Linda J. Hauley, PLCGS, APG Regional Rep.-Canada East for the Guild of One-Name Studies

What, you may ask, is a One-Name Study?

Directly from the website, www.one-name.org, the Guild defines a One-Name Study as: "Research into the genealogy and family history of all persons with the same surname and its variants."

"This is distinct from family history, in that it is the surname that is of interest, rather than the family tree of members of the same family with several different surnames. However, it does involve many of the same research skills and techniques as family history, and most one-namers are actively researching both their own family and their one-name study."

You may wonder why or how anyone would get involved in what appears to be an seemingly overwhelming task when you are already well into doing your own genealogy and family history but maybe my own experience can help you understand the benefits of taking on a study such as this.

My maiden surname, VODDEN, was one that seemed to be rather rare. I was born in Wales and my ancestors came from Devon, England where at one time it was spelled Vawden. Try as I might, I couldn't get past my second great grandparents, Henry and Mary Ann Vodden, nor could I find them after the 1881 Census in England.



They had vanished into thin air! So I started keeping track of all the references to this particular surname in whatever dataset of information I came across whether a British, Canadian or USA Census, Birth, Marriage or Death record, wills, probates, land records etc. thinking that at some time this would lead to a breakthrough in my brickwall. And sure enough, it did!

One day, while looking through the US Censuses and continuing to gather the instances of the surname for possible emigration patterns, I came across my great grandfather's brother living on a farm in Illinois. About this same time, after I had posted a query on the Rootsweb page over two years before, I received an email from an older gentleman who asked if my second great-grandfather was a Henry Vodden from Devon with – and he proceeded to tell me of his wife, Mary Ann, and the family as I knew it but with two younger daughters I knew nothing about.

Well, all of a sudden, those US Censuses lit up like fireworks as I was able to find all of my great grandfather's siblings in Illinois, Wisconsin, North Dakota and California. His parents, my second great grandparents, Henry and Mary Ann Vodden, whose graves are just west of Chicago, Illinois were no longer a mystery. Their elder sons had emigrated first to the Illinois area where one stayed to farm, two others travelled farther west where their descendants spread south to California. Henry and Mary Ann at the age of 50 were persuaded to join them in the US about 1880 and settled near the son in Illinois.



My great grandfather (Albert & Grace Vodden, c 1878, below) was the only member of the family that had remained in England!



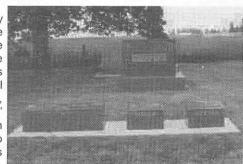
Since then, assisted by other researchers of the Vodden's who had obtained parish records, etc. for research on their trees, I was able to eventually go back to the 1600's in my Devon ancestry. Other sourced records of the name not associated with my family revealed other Vodden's who had travelled to the New World arriving in Halifax and eventually making their way across Canada to the Prairies where they continued their journey to different western States. Others had moved to Cornwall. England and from there travelled to Subsequently, the data Australia. accumulated from these records has been analysed, found links to families

and has contributed to the main nucleus of my study, a very large family tree connecting with cousins all over the world. I have found some as distant as 8th cousins – once or twice removed – and I have enjoyed meeting a number of them through travels and reunions!

Of course, I still have these little pockets where the Vodden name or variants of the name have turned up, one being not 100 miles away from my current home in Ontario and others in Yorkshire, England and Australia and Tasmania but with persistence in my data collection and analysis of the results, we manage to eventually find a connection. New websites, on line records and resources are continually showing up with references of the name. If a fact does not attach to someone in my study initially, it is kept in data files until something again triggers a possible match. Even contacts through Facebook have helped add some of the younger generations. It has been and continues to be an immensely rewarding experience!

I would encourage anyone who may be collecting data similarly to consider doing an official One Name Study on the surname. There are many reasons one would want to do a One Name Study besides breaking down a brick wall. One might want to find emigration patterns, links to famous people, traits or medical history that run in the family and many other reasons. No study is too big or small not to be beneficial.

However, you do not have to commit to a One Name Study to be a member of the Guild. In fact, as quoted from the Guild's website, "the Guild welcomes applications from the broader family history community, including those undertaking DNA surname projects, family historians researching a family name on a restricted basis, local historians, librarians, archivists, and those from academia, all of whom may benefit from the learning opportunities." For further information on names that have been registered, to investigate becoming a member or how to start a One Name Study, I invite you to look at the Guild's extensive and informative website at www.one-name.org.



Voden Headstones - Malta Cemetery

# CAN YOU HELP?

# Compiled by Pennie Redmile

This column is free to all QFHS members, to share research questions, brick walls etc. Non-members are welcome to submit their questions for a small fee of \$ 5.00 per query. If anyone can help, please contact the person directly.

Send future queries to *qfhs@bellnet.ca* and write "Can you help" on the envelope or e-mail subject line.

Denniel Dennyl Denis, Francis Xavior

Seeking confirmation of the date of birth of 24 Apr 1831 for Francis Xavior Dennie, as recorded on the 1901 census of Ontario. Census says he was born in Ontario although siblings Joseph (born 1824), Margaret (born 1827) & Antoine (born 1832) all in St Polycarp, Quebec. Other siblings were baptized in Smith Falls, Ontario. Hoping to locate proof that Francis Xavior was the son of Joseph Denis dit Picard & Adelaide Robideau.

Please contact Jane Vanderzande

R.R. #4, 1164 Millhaven Road, Odessa, Ontario, K0H 2H0, Canada.

Email vanderzd@kos.net

## Reply:

Jane, the only "hopeful" entry I could find was for a Francois Xavior Denis who was born Apr 25 1829 – s/o Jean Baptiste & Louise Denis and baptized the same day at St Joseph Soulanges, Les Cedres. – Les Cedres is not very far from St Polycarp.

Please check under the surname Picard as well as Denis.

# Phillips, John Stanley

Seeking any information regarding the whereabouts of John Stanley Phillips or any descendants. Believed to have lived in Quebec during WW2. A copy of John Stanley's Birth certificate was enclosed. He was born in Everton South, Liverpool County, West Derby 27 May 1890, son of Henry Phillips & his wife Edith Clayton. A niece was supposed to be sent to Canada during WW2 to live with John Stanley, but her father changed his mind. This niece, who is 80 years now, living in Australia would like to make contact with John Stanley or any descendants

Please contact Mrs. S.M.Force,

8 Summertrees Avenue, Greasby, Wirral, CH49 2QD, England (United Kingdom) email: sueforce19@hotmail.co.uk

Reply: no death or marriage was found for John Stanley Phillips in the 1926 -1996 consolidated indexes. The John & Stanley Phillips entries found on the passenger lists have been sent to Mrs Force. Can anyone help?

Butler, Martin and brother James

Home children orphans born in Warrigton England (had sister Mary)

Children of Stephen & Mary Anne (Daley) Butler

Martin: born 29 Apr 1908, came to Canada 17 Oct 1925

1925-27 – worked for Lucien Brossard, Brossard Station, Qc., Laprairie County

From 1928 - ? worked for Mr Pearsall, Burton Ave, Greenfield Park, Chambly County

James (aka Jim) born 3 Jan 1914, sailed to Canada 30 May 1930

1930 - employed by Eusebe Roberges, MP, Laurierville, Megantic County

1931-33 - Patrick O'Hara, employer, Panmure, Carleton County, On.

Seeking any info. about their whereabouts, whether they married, etc

Please Contact Jackie Fairweather

at Jackie@thefairweathers.co.uk

## Reply:

We found no marriage or death in Qc. Prov. for Martin or James

Because the boys were home children, I contacted Mr. & Mrs. Bampton Who collected a great deal of data about Eastern Townships home children. They are retired now, & their records have been turned over to the Eastern Township's Research Center at Bishop's University. I was in touch with Emily Potter, Archivist, who is currently replacing Ms Judy Robinson, Archivist, there. Ms Potter checked the home children records, & found nothing about these two boys. Ms Potter was friendly & quick to try to assist.

If ever we need help with Eastern Townships' home children, please contact:

Emily Potter, Archivist or Judy Robinson, Archivist

Archives Department, Eastern Townships Research Center

Tel: (819) 622-9600 2261, Fax: (819) 622-9661

E-mail: etrc2@ubishops.ca

Website: www.etrc

Can anyone identify the people in this photo? It is possible the lady is named Jeanne Langevin.

Please contact Pennie Redmile at qfhs@bellnet.ca



#### Wales

A question was asked on the QFHS Facebook:

Why are people in Wales buried "backwards"

(ie their feet - not their heads - being next to the gravestone?)

**<u>Reply:</u>** We asked the Wales Library at **www.llgc.org.uk/enquire** this question And their response was as follows:

Thank you for your recent enquiry, regarding burial customs in Wales.

I have searched our catalogues and records here at the National Library of Wales and have been unable to find any publications dealing with this subject. However I have found several quotations on the internet stating -

In many cemeteries, the vast majority of graves are oriented in such a manner that the bodies lie with their heads to the West and their feet to the East. This very old custom appears to originate with the Pagan sun worshippers, but is primarily attributed to Christians who believe that the final summons to Judgment will come from the East.

Arolygydd Ystafelloedd Darllen Reading Room Superviser Is-adran Gwasanaethau Darllenwyr Readers Services

## Irish in Quebec:

The St. Patrick's Society of Richmond have published a new book entitled Irish Settlement and National Identity in the Lower St. Francis Valley by Peter Southam. Cost: \$25 plus \$14 for postage

www.richmondst-pats.org

# More Irish Help: from the Jewish Genealogical Society

The Belfast (Ireland) City Council has placed on line about 360,000 burial records including Belfast City Cemetery-records from 1869 including Jewish records, as well as more recent burials at Roselawn Cemetery and Dundonald Cemetery. When using the search mechanism—you need at a minimum the surname and the extraction will show the following information: name, age, sex, place of last residence, date of death, date of burial, cemetery, grave section and type of burial—for example, earth burial or cremation. See: http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/burialrecords/index.asp

DEADLINE for the WINTER / SPRING ISSUE of CONNECTIONS is OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2012

Please submit all material by the deadline date



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

## 1940 U.S. CENSUS AVAILABLE ONLINE SINCE APRIL

It was the most awaited genealogical event and, once launched, the next highly watched signal was the indexing for each state. It was expected that this would take some time, but, at this moment (August), both Ancestry and FamilySearch have announced that the indexing is complete and available free. Since both organizations have used different methods, you might like to consult this blog

www.geneamusings.com/2012/07/1940-us-census-comparisons-summary-and.html where Randall Seaver has evaluated the accuracy of both ... his sample is quite small, so you should probably conclude that if you cannot find someone on one of the sites, consult the other!

# **CANADIANA LAUNCHES WAR OF 1812 DIGITAL COLLECTION**

Canadiana announced a "national search portal commemorating the War of 1812

1812.canadiana.ca. This open-access resource collects historical documents and artifacts related to the war, including rare or unique books, maps, memoirs and military correspondence. Also featured are images of War of 1812 artefacts contributed by our partners at Parks Canada." The collection will grow over the next two years as more items are added. (http://1812.canadiana.ca)

#### **FAMILY SEARCH - PRODUCTS**

We usually look at this site searching for family names, but the section called Products has some interesting information based on your computer's software **www.familysearch.org** (at the bottom of the screen, far right).

#### **FAMILY SEARCH - A VIDEO**

A new video from Family Search (LDS) explaining the new research techniques for their website – about half an hour ... (For those reading the paper version:

broadcast.lds.org/eLearning/fhd/Community/en/FamilySearch/Product\_Webinars/Robert \_Kehrer\_-\_June\_21\_2012/Player.html )

#### MARKET STALLS IN MONTREAL

Thanks to Marney MacDonald for this note, which should be of great interest if your ancestors sold produce in Montreal markets in the 19th century: "When I was looking through Montreal Notarial records - *bibnum2.banq.qc.ca/bna/notaires/index.html* - I came across Notary Carpentier, Pierre-Henri, 1851-1863. This notary has many listings for rentals of market stalls. In 1862 these are listed chronologically among all of the other notarial documents. They are not indexed so it means scrolling through each page, and some are not easy to read. They may also be in the previous years, but I haven't gone back to check. These are at least some of the markets: St Antoine, Papineau, St Gabriel, Bonsecours, St Laurent, Ste Ann."

# SHIP DEPARTURES FROM LA ROCHELLE

Thanks to Pennie Redmile for this quite extraordinary site: if expressions like Filles du Roi and Régiment de Carignan appear in your research lists, consult this site. Not only are there lists of marriages, but the actual documents appear with their transcriptions. This is a site from France, and it is not organized in quite the ways used in North America. Nevertheless, a bit of scrolling around should reveal treasures for your family history.

www.migrations.fr/navires\_depart\_la\_rochelle.htm

## SCOTTISH DIRECTORIES ONLINE

Thanks again to Pennie Redmile for this item about Scottish Post Office directories which provide "a perfect basis for researching Scotland's family, trade, and town history." Over 700 digitised directories covering most of Scotland and dating from 1773 to 1911 are available. digital.nls.uk/directories/index.html

# **FAMILY TREES OF THE FAMOUS**

Roy Stockdill details not only the famous person but parents, grandparents, other relatives, and even household boarders whenever possible. He paints a picture of the entire family, not just of the famous person. You can read his Famous Family Trees in the findmypast.co.uk blog at blog.findmypast.co.uk/category/famous-family-trees/

# BUT ... WE ALL DESCEND FROM BRITISH ROYALTY ...

www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2002/05/the-royal-we/2497/

Guru Dick Eastman refers to this article whenever yet more articles appear about so-and-so being descended or related to a famous ancestor.

#### BRITISH NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES

Search by title or by region. Note this is a paying site but you can see samples before registering. **www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk**/

#### ONLINE NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES AT WIKIPEDIA

Wikipedia maintains a list of online newspapers from 57 different countries, Canadian ones are listed by province and of course this list also includes hundreds from the U.S. Many of them go back 50 years or more. (Note to those typing this that the spaces should be entered as underlines) en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List\_of\_online\_newspaper\_archives

## **EASTERN TOWNSHIPS CHURCH TRANSCRIPTIONS**

This Missisquoi blog *missisquoigenealogy.blogspot.ca* mentioned previously for its information is now doing church transcriptions . . . check often as they seem to be going at a good clip!

#### **GENEALOGY BOOK LINKS**

Looking for genealogy books available online? This is a compilation of sites where books can be read on line. Search by family name, place, etc. It will bring you to many sources ... **genealogybooklinks.com** 

#### DNA TESTING FOR GENEALOGISTS

Guru Dick Eastman suggests genealogists interested in learning more about DNA testing read a series of articles on genetic testing for genealogists. The first of a multi-part series appears at www.geni.com/blog/dna-testing-for-genealogy-getting-started-part-one-375984.html

## **NEW YORK STATE ARCHIVES**

If you have ancestors who lived here, this site should be explored. Click on Find Family Records at **www.archives.nysed.gov** 

#### LIST OF WEB SITES FOR IRISH RESEARCH

About.com published a list of Top Web Sites for Researching Irish Ancestors Irish Genealogy Databases on the Web. *genealogy.about.com/od/ireland/tp/irish\_databases.htm* 

#### **TECHIE NOTES**

Simplifying your work: most people who consult or work frequently on a particular document know they can place a shortcut on their desktop and thus avoid having to search for it every time they need to open it. The same facility is available for websites you access often (hint: www.qfhs.ca!) Open the Web site, right click and see "create a shortcut", clicking on this will bring up the next question: "create a shortcut on your desktop?" answer yes, and voilà! This works at least for XP and Windows 7.

#### Reminder:

if there is no 'www' shown before a site's name, it isn't required, so please don't add one.

## SUGGESTIONS AND REQUESTS

Please continue to send in any suggestions for subjects or sites. If there is a specific subject for which you cannot find a site, another member could probably help you, so send in requests for this as well. If you use regular mail or drop a note in my mailbox at the QFHS library, please include your name and a telephone number or e-mail address. Note also that not all material can be used, and that we reserve the right to edit submissions. Please accept my apologies if I forget to give credit to a contributor: in the four-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

#### GENEALOGICAL SOFTWARE

By Lorraine Gosselin
Write to computree "at" yahoo.com
if you wish to submit suggestions or questions

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

# **UPDATES TO GENEALOGICAL SOFTWARE PACKAGES**

They are not being listed in detail in this issue since most of them appear to have been updated at least once in the past few months! Be sure to check any of the ones you are using.

It is a good idea, of course, to check periodically for any update to software packages, genealogical or otherwise, on your computer, E-reader, tablet, or intelligent phone you use.

#### **FAMILY TREE MAKER**

A new yearly version for 2013 will not be issued as usual, but for those who own the 2012 version, an update will be available. This applies to both PC and Mac versions. If you have earlier versions, there are some updates available also, see <a href="https://www.familvtreemaker.com/Support">www.familvtreemaker.com/Support</a>

# **NEW GENEALOGY SOFTWARE FOR THE MACINTOSH**

Read about the features or even download a copy at www.geditcom.com/

#### PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY ON FACEBOOK

Many family historians are using Facebook to help them with research... there are several privacy and security issues of which users should be aware. See Consumer Reports detailed advice at <a href="https://www.consumerreports.org/content/cro/en/electronics-computers/facebook-privacy-tips.html?extkey=nwono1205">https://www.consumerreports.org/content/cro/en/electronics-computers/facebook-privacy-tips.html?extkey=nwono1205</a>

But whatever you do, don't post your vacation plans before you leave!

#### ANCESTRY.CA

Whether you use the free access for members at our Library or have your own copy, you might be interested in these peculiarities picked up recently (they could, of course, be seen using searches on other sources). These were in the Drouin Collection:

Listed in the "B"s: O Brien Listed in the "C"s: Mc Clatchie

This just reiterates the need, for names beginning with O, Mc, Mac, or variations that if information is not found, searches should also be done under the "root" name. Not all search engines will pick up variations, nor will Ancestry when set at "exact spelling".

# **UPCOMING EVENTS AUTUMN 2012**

A VERY SPECIAL 'IRISH' SEMINAR will be presented by renown genealogist Kyle Betit at the Quebec Family History Society Library on Wednesday Evening, November 21st, 2012 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. This seminar is open to the public and reservations are required as space is limited. The fee is \$30.00 for QFHS members: \$40.00 for non-members. See the intro page of this issue of Connections for complete details.

# Tour of Montreal's Mount Royal Cemetery and Notre Dame Des Neiges Cemetery

Given by QFHS President, Gary Schroder Sunday October 21, 2012 from 10:00 to 15:00.

The tour starts at the Front Gates of Mount Royal Cemetery, 1297 Chemin de la Foret, Outremont. This is not a walking tour you will go by car to the different parts of the cemeteries. There will be a rest period at noon ~ Please Bring a Lunch.

complete details may be found on page 5 of this issue of Connections.

## **QFHS SEMINAR ~ AITIMN 2012**

- ♦ A Genealogical Day in Quebec: 1621-2012 Saturday September 29th, 2012
- ♦ A Genealogical Day in England and Wales: 1066-2012 Saturday October 27th. 2012
- ♦ A Genealogical Day in Scotland: 1500-2012 Saturday December 1st, 2012

Please book early as Space is Limited to 15 Persons. The first 15 people who pay are guaranteed a seat. This is a full day intensive seminar so please bring a lunch.

Complete details may be found on page 4

## QFHS PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES:

QFHS Autumn Lecture Series for September, October, November, and December 2012

- Saturday, September 8th, 2012 Great Moments in Genealogy.
- The Thomas Family in Montreal, Saturday, October 13th, 2012
- Discover 100 Years of Records at the Montreal Archives. Saturday, November 10th, 2012
- Drouin Institute, what it can offer people doing family history research Saturday, December 8th, 2012 For details see News & Notes, page 3 of this issue of Connections or visit the QFHS webpage at: www.afhs.ca and click on "Events"

These lectures are FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC . . . SO BRING A FRIEND!

Please note that the QFHS lectures are now be held at:

Briarwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 70 Beaconsfield Blvd., Beaconsfield, Quebec

# **QFHS Special Interest Groups**

Other interesting events taking place at the QFHS Library / Heritage Centre are the informal workshops, known as Special Interest Groups. Members are welcome to join at any time, but the beginning of a new membership years is always a good time to start a new endeavour. For more information, contact gfhs@bellnet.ca; to register Call 514-695-1502.

These groups meet once a month, the dates for September 2012 are as follows:

- Brick Wall Solutions: Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 9:00 pm http://qfhs.ca/cpage.php?pt=93
   Newfoundland Research Interest: Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 3:00 pm http://qfhs.ca/cpage.php?pt=91
- Family History Writing: Wednesday, September 26th, 1:00-3:00 pm http://qfhs.ca/cpage.php?pt=90

Visit the QFHS webpage at: www.qfhs.ca

# \* VOLUNTEERS \*

# THE QUEBEC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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 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,? Send me a brief write-up or article about someone in your family tree. Everybody has a story, and everybody's story is different . . . Let's hear some of yours.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these interesting positions please contact QFHS Secretary, Joan Benoit for more details:

E-mail: qfhs@bellnet.ca Phone: 514-695-1502

#### **DUTY LIBRARIANS:**

Duty Librarian are needed once or twice a month on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays

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.

#### TRAVELING ROADSHOW REPRESENTATIVE:

Become a spokesperson for the QFHS at various genealogical events throughout the year.

Duties include: transporting books to the show; setting up the display; meeting people and talking about the QFHS and genealogy in general; selling publications and taking orders to be filled later.

Throughout the year QFHS participates in a number of events sponsored by other genealogical societies - an excellent opportunity to hear knowledgeable speakers; discuss topics of interest; visit other exhibitors and peruse genealogical material being offered; and meet other genealogists.

#### **DATA ENTRY:**

Typing data for numerous QFHS projects. This can be done from the comfort of your own home. The material will be scanned and sent to you. Once typed and sent back it will be added to QFHS databases.

#### **VOLUNTEER RESEARCHERS:**

Library research for genealogical inquiries received at the QFHS. - A rewarding job helping others find their ancestors while increasing your knowledge of genealogical research.

# **MAILING OF CONNECTIONS:**

Working with a relaxed, friendly group of QFHS members three times a year labeling and boxing Connections for mailing.

# GENEALOGICAL NEWS

Dawn Miller Quellette

#### GRONI to go on-line in 2013

The General Records Office of Northern Ireland (GRONI)! recently announced that digitised records of birth 1864 - 1913; marriage 1845 - 1938; death 1864 - 1963 for Northern Ireland will be made available on a pay-for-view site in 2013. BMDs to date may be searched, for a fee at GRONI. Read more about it on *Irish Genealogy News* at:

http://irish-genealogy-news.blogspot.ca/2012/06/groni-online-by-2013.html

#### Family Search

Family Search website has now added the 1842 Lower Canada Census.

You can search by name, with added fields for birth, marriage, residence, death, spouse's first name, spouse's last name, parents; father and/or mother, or you can browse the collection by specific area. Available at: <a href="https://familysearch.org">https://familysearch.org</a> go to Canada and click on Canada, Lower Canada Census - 1842. Or go directly to:

https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/show#uri=http://www.familysearch.org/searchapi/search/collection/1834340

<u>Find My Past</u> has announced that it has formed a partnership with Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). Read more about it on Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter at:

http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\_online\_genealogy Or go directly to:

 $http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\_online\_genealogy/2012/08/findmypastcom-announces-partners\ hip-with-federation-of-genealogical-societies.html$ 

Visit the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) at; http://www.fgs.org and Find My Past at: findmypast.com.

#### Visit the QFHS website at: www.qfhs.ca

Click on *Bulletin Board* for the latest genealogical updates; *Links* for a list of the most popular genealogical links; *Library* for the on-line catalogue; and our newest feature the *Online genealogist* for information on upcoming free webinars, podcasts, videos, blogs, tech tips, and other on-line resources. And, if you have not already done so, join the QFHS Facebook Page for all the latest news, views and discussions of fellow QFHS members.

# REMINDER - Have you renewed your QFHS Membership?



If you have not already done so, Please REMEMBER TO RENEW your QFHS membership for the year August 1st 2012 - July 31st 2013. With so much going on during the summer it's easy to forget to renew . . . . If you membership has expired this will be your last issue of Connections.

Your Membership Renewal Form will be found in the center of the SUMMER 2012 issue of CONNECTIONS [Volume 34 - issue # 3]. Or visit the Quebec Family History Society website at: www.qfhs.ca and Click on *Join Us*.

Dawn Ouellette ~ Editor Connections

# QUEBEC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY <u>In-Depth Research Request Form</u>

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\_\_\_\_\_

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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 Beaconsfield 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 cockies 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.

<u>Library ONLy is also open - [ September to June ]</u> Wednesday evenings: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. / Closed Saturday

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

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