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THE COVER PHOTO IS OF  
VICTORIA BRIDGE - MONTREAL 1905

# SPRING ~ 2013

As winter snows slowly melt away, and gardens start to bloom we look forward to another beautiful season of warm breezes and soft rains, chirping birds and the blossoming of flora that proclaims the start of springtime in Quebec

## **QFHS HOLIDAY HOURS:**

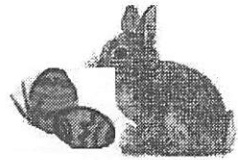
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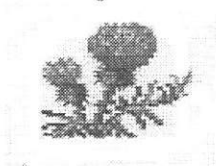
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## **FOR ALL OF YOU WHO WILL FEEL A "WEE" BIT IRISH ON MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**

### **AN IRISH WISH**

May good luck be your friend  
In whatever you do  
And may trouble be always  
A stranger to you.  
May you have all the happiness  
And luck that life can hold  
and at the end of all your rainbows  
may you find a pot of gold



### **FOR ALL OF YOU WITH SCOTTISH ROOTS**

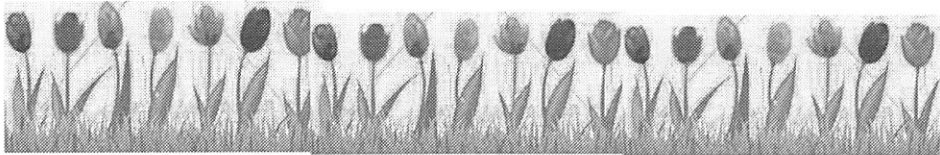
Remember to wear your clan tartan on April 6<sup>th</sup>  
TARTAN DAY - in honour of your Scottish heritage

### **FEBRUARY is BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**A HAPPY VALENTINES DAY to every on February 14<sup>th</sup>**

The QFHS Free Public Lecture Series will resume on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 2013  
at Briarwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 70 Beaconsfield Blvd., Beaconsfield, Quebec

***and remember to sign up early for the QFHS Spring Seminars listed on page 5***





# *From The Editor . . . . .* ■

The photo on the cover of this issue of Connections is from a vintage postcard, circa 1905, showing a group of people gathered on Montreal's Victoria Bridge. For a brief history of the building of *Victoria Bridge and The Irish of Montreal* see my article on page 17.

The articles featured in this issue of Connections are, once again, interesting and varied. Thank you to everyone for your submissions in 2012. My thanks to Rosemary Jones for suggesting the article, *The Mintram Family Barnardo's and the Titanic Connection* by Wenda Mintrum - page 7. This story was first posted by Lori Oschefski on Families of British Home Children / British Child Migrants Facebook Page. When I read it I immediately e-mailed Lori for permission to reprint it in Connections. Lori, in turn forwarded my e-mail to Wenda Mintrum, author of the article. After a slight editing Wenda was happy to give her permission to reprint, and Lori added her permission as well. This is a story of murder, mayhem, Home Children, and death on the Titanic that will interest all genealogists. It is well researched and documented - one never knows what you might discover when you begin a genealogical research! Thanks to Lori also for sending me so many more interesting sites related to *British Home Children in Canada* - page 11.

In her article, *Streetcars Named Tragedies* on page 12, Sandra Belliveau writes about how tragedy brought notoriety to one member of her family . . . and death to another. Robert Wilkins gives us a glimpse into the seedier side of life and the battles between courts and clergy to shut down the *Disorderly Houses' in Edwardian Montreal* - page 18. On page 20 Sandra Belliveau compares the research work required in *Looking For an Obituary* to the investigative work done on her favourite TV show, CSI - a very good analogy, as we all feel like amateur detectives as we search for clues about the lives of our ancestors. And, it is always helpful to know what was happening in the world around them as I stated in *What Was News to Your Ancestors* on page 21. Many of you may find the e-mail from Lyn Downer of interest, it's about the *1812 Veterans Graveside Recognition Project*. Lyn is the chairperson of the Southern Georgian Bay War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee. She sent the e-mail to Michael Jaques, Query Chairperson of the Lanark County Genealogical Society who forwarded it to me as he thought it would be of interest to QFHS members as well. You can read about the project in Lyn's e-mail on page 22. Many of you, I have noticed, post messages on the QFHS Facebook Page asking if anyone can help locate a person, or place, or where to find certain information . . . etc. When posting these questions take a minute or two to send a copy to Pennie Redmile for inclusion in the Can You Help column of Connections. Just e-mail it to [qfhs@bellnet.ca](mailto:qfhs@bellnet.ca) - subject line: Can You Help. Connections is exchanged with other societies across Canada, the United States, UK, and Australia and this service is Free to all QFHS members. You never know who may read your query, the more places it is posted the more chance you have of finding the answers you seek.

Derek Hopkins, Long-time member of the QFHS, retired as a volunteer in 2012. Derek served, for many years on the Executive Committee as a Vice-President, Project Co-ordinator, and Webmaster. He was always willing to lend a helping hand when needed, either at the Library, at Road Shows, or at Roots Conventions. On behalf of the members of the Quebec Family History Society I would like to thank Derek for his years of volunteer service to the QFHS. *Thanks Derek*

**WISHING EVERYONE HAPPY NEW YEAR 2013**

Dawn Miller Ouellette ~ Editor

# QFHS NEWS AND NOTES



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## NEW QFHS Mailing Address:

The QFHS now has a new mailing address - please send all correspondence to:

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QFHS Secretary, Joan Benoit can be reached at: [qfhs@bellnet.ca](mailto:qfhs@bellnet.ca).

QFHS Public Relations Correspondent, Jackie Billingham at: [qfhs.communications@bellnet.ca](mailto:qfhs.communications@bellnet.ca)

To ensure that you receive all QFHS correspondence please send any changes in your e-mail address to Joan Benoit with a copy to Jackie Billingham. Also, if you are not receiving e-mails about upcoming QFHS events and wish to please contact Jackie at the above e-mail address.

For these and other QFHS direct e-mail contacts see the list of Committee Members in 'About Us' on the QFHS webpage and click on the name of the person you wish to contact.

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## Have you joined the QFHS Facebook page ?

Registration is free and the name to look for is: **Quebec Family History Society Facebook Page.**

Sign up today and connect with other genealogists; read what they have to say; join in the discussions; add your comments, questions, and maybe a few answers; another great way to learn more about what is happening in the world of Family History Research.

## E-mail Notification of Qfhs Facebook Group Posts:

Jackie Billingham advises everyone that: In order to receive QFHS Facebook messages to your e-mail address you must click the 'notification' tab on the QFHS Facebook page. If the notifications tab is not checked you will not receive a notice, you will see the messages only if you open this page. Please note that this does not have anything to do with the QFHS member e-mail list.

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## Deadlines for Upcoming Issues of "CONNECTIONS" are:

SUMMER Issue . . . . .	February 15 <sup>th</sup>
AUTUMN Issue . . . . .	July 15 <sup>th</sup>
WINTER/ SPRING Issue . . . . .	October 15 <sup>th</sup>

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

# QFHS NEWS AND NOTES

## QFHS PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES:

Held the second Saturday of each month September to December and March to May.  
At: *Briarwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 70 Beaconsfield Blvd., Beaconsfield, Quebec*  
With the possibility of inclement weather conditions no lectures are held in January or February.

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

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

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**Date:** Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 2013  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m. ~ at Briarwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 70 Beaconsfield Blvd  
**Speaker:** QFHS members Janice Hamilton and Bev Renaud  
**Topic:** Great Moments in Genealogy  
*Janice Hamilton* will discuss the exciting discoveries she made about her great-great-grandfather's family in the *Kirk Sessions Records for Banff Parish* while on a recent trip to Scotland. She will also talk about the other varied research sources she used and highlight her presentation with photos of the stunning Scottish countryside she visited

*Bev Renaud* will discuss two newspaper articles she found, "*Late Townships 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.

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**Date:** Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 2013  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m. ~ at Briarwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 70 Beaconsfield Blvd  
**Speaker:** Pepper Mintz of Creative Memorirs  
**Topic:** Pepper will talk about two ways of creating a Family History album; by scrapbooking - using archival quality materials and by creating photo-books using a special software program.

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Speaker for the May 11<sup>th</sup> 2013 lecture was not confirmed at time of this publication - Please check the QFHS website ***www.qfhs.ca*** "Events" for this information. Information e-mails will be sent out in April

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## AGM - 2012:

The Annual General Meeting of the Quebec Family History Society was held at Briarwood Presbyterian Church Hall on Saturday, November 10th 2012 where the Board of Directors' Reports and Financial Statements were presented and the election of the Board of Directors for the year 2012 - 2013 was approved. QFHS President, Gary Schroder publically thanked Derek Hopkins, who retired this year, for his years of volunteer service as First Vic-President, webmaster and project co-ordinator.

Board of Directors for the year 2012 - 2013: President: Gary Schroder; Vice-Presidents: Dawn Ouellette and Cecilia Karwowski; Executive Secretary: Joan Benoit; Corp & Recording Secretary: Lorraine Gosselin; Treasurer: Dorothy Weller

### IRISH GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR with KYLE BETIT

Renown genealogist Kyle Betit presented an extremely informative lecture on Irish genealogical research to a packed room at the Quebec Family History Society Library on Wednesday evening, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012. It was a rare opportunity for all those present to meet one of North America's best-known Irish genealogical experts and learn about the latest sources and resources available in Irish genealogical research. It was also a unique opportunity to hear the answers he gave to the questions asked by members of the audience. Some of the topics he discussed were finding an ancestor's place of origin in Ireland using sources available in Canada such as church records, cemetery and census records, tombstones, newspaper announcements, passenger lists, military and occupational records, wills, even bank and insurance records, and listening to family stories. He discussed finding parishes and townlands in Ireland using information about an ancestor's religion or occupation and explained the various divisions of parishes and townlands. Also discussed were Tithe Applotment Books, Griffith's Valuation, Civil Registration, Wills and Administrations, Registry of Deeds, and DNA. He emphasized the fact that you should also research brothers, sisters, friends and neighbours of an ancestor and the witnesses on any documents such as baptisms, marriages, deaths, wills . . . etc. There was a question and answer period after the lecture and time later for a one-on-one discussion with Kyle Betit.

Dawn Ouellette ~ Editor

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### CHATEAU DE RAMEZAY HISTORIC SITE and MUSEUM of MONTREAL

The Chateau Ramezay Association of English Guides requires volunteers who are interested in becoming guides for living-history school programs, week-end guiding or group tours for students / tourists. A nine week training session is essential and available.

For more information e-mail: [chateauramezay.qc.ca](mailto:chateauramezay.qc.ca) or telephone 514-861-37088, ext: 225.

Or you may contact [communicationa@chateauramezay.qc.ca](mailto:communicationa@chateauramezay.qc.ca).

Potential volunteers are invited to an Open House January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

2012 was the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the non-profit organization: The Antiquarian Numismatic Society of Montreal which founded the Museum Chateau Ramesay and continues to administrate it today. The ANSM developed this historic site into a history museum, a national portrait gallery, and a public library in 1895. The ANSM continues to ensure conservation, interpretation and dissemination of our heritage.

The Chateau Ramezay Heritage Site and Museum of Montreal was selected by a team of experts, in collaboration with UNESCO, as one of the 1001 historic site you must see before you die. It is the Province of Quebec's oldest private history museum.

The Chateau Ramezay was built in 1705 as the residence of the then Governor of Montreal, Claude de Ramezay and his wife Marie-Charlotte Denys, whom he married in 1690 in Quebec. Their home changed hands over the years and has had an interesting history. The building was enlarged since 1756.

The museum is located at 280 rue Notre-Dame East, in downtown Montreal.

Submitted by Lorraine Palmer  
Chateau Ramezay Volunteer



## QFHS SEMINARS ~ AUTUMN 2012

The Quebec Family History Society is offering *TWO one day intensive seminars* in early Spring. 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 25 Persons for each seminar  
The first 25 for each seminar who pay are guaranteed a seat  
We will stop one hour for Lunch ~ Please Bring a Lunch

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### “WHAT DO I DO WITH ALL MY STUFF ?“

The problem that the modern family genealogist has is not that he or she will not find out any information about their ancestors but rather that they will find so much information or find so many documents that they will literally drown under a sea of documents and photographs. Important clues that would lead them to find other ancestors will be lost in a mountain of material poorly or not organized at all.

The focus of this seminar will be on how to preserve the documents and photographs that you already possess and how to organize and arrange the material that you have already accumulated and the new material that you plan or hope to obtain. The seminar will also examine the dangers inherent of simply having all your material on your computers or as Archivists would say “not having it at all “.

**Lecturers:** Cecilia Karwowski and Gary Schroder  
**Date:** Saturday, January 26, 2013  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 15:00 at the QFHS Library  
**Fee:** \$ 30.00 for members; \$ 40.00 for non-members

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### “HOW DO I FIND MY ANCESTORS

#### in the BRITISH ARMY and THE CANADIAN ARMY FROM 1760-1945 “

Almost everyone who had Ancestors who lived in Canada or the British Isles had relatives who served in the British Army or the Canadian Army. For many this would have been a highlight of their lives either in a positive or negative way. The focus of this seminar will be on how to discover if your ancestors served in the British or Canadian Armies. The second step will be to explore how to obtain detailed information on their military careers whether they were officers or enlisted men.

The seminar will examine the types of records available for military genealogical research like compiled service records, muster rolls, description books, medal rolls, war diaries, military histories, etc. The seminar will focus also on the most important websites used in military genealogical research. Maybe, you will find ancestors who fought at the Battle of Waterloo like Gary Schroder did. Come and Discover the Exciting World of Military Genealogical Research.

**Lecturer:** Gary Schroder  
**Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2013  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 15:00 at the QFHS Library  
**Fee:** \$ 30.00 for members; \$ 40.00 for non-members

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#### Further Information and Reservations:

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

## SIR JOHN JOHNSON'S BELL

submitted by Brenda Dougall Merriman, CG

It's likely well known in Loyalist circles that in 1822 Sir John donated a bell to St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Chambly, Quebec. Although once stolen, the bell was recovered and can be seen at the historic church. It was made in England in 1812 by Isaac Tod .

Perhaps not as widely known is the bell Sir John donated to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in St. Andrews East (now officially Saint-André d'Argenteuil), Quebec. Having purchased the Seigniory of Argenteuil in 1808, Sir John had built a home there - later destroyed by fire. He donated land for the Scottish church which was completed in 1821. I quote from W. Harold Reid, *The Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews and Lachute, Quebec, 1818-1932* (Hamilton, ON: Eagle Press, 1979):

"Sir John Johnson had brought up from his former home in the Mohawk Valley this bell which at first was used at his new Manor House, but later he presented it to Mr. Henderson [incumbent 1818-1877]. It was used for some time as a church bell, then was taken down, and for many years has stood on a table in the vestibule of the church. The inscription on the bell reads: ME FECIT PIETER SEEST AMSTELODAMI AD 1764" (p. 11)

Since Sir John died in 1830, clearly the gift was presented in the 1820s. A little research showed that master founder Pieter Seest was the foreman of Amsterdam's bell and cannon factory, eventually becoming a director of the firm in 1770. The date on St. Andrew's bell makes it a year older than the famed "U.S.S. Constitution bell" being displayed in a Rhode Island museum's War of 1812 exhibit in September: <http://www.hearthsidehouse.org/news/2012.constitution.html>. The American ship U.S.S. Constitution, nicknamed Old Ironsides, won an 1812 sea battle with the British H.M.S. Guerriere and took the bell as a war trophy.

Apparently other bell and cannon artefacts have been occasionally located with Pieter Seest's foundry signature. With only superficial research, I wonder if many are older than 1764.

My burning question is: Does St. Andrews Presbyterian Church still have and display its historic bell? Anyone ?

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## MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

<http://www.irishtimes.com>

<http://www.independent.ie>

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 *Irish Independent* and *Irish Times.com* news services published articles about a message in a bottle from Quebec found on a beach in Ireland. The articles stated that Oisín Millea, a 10 year old boy from the village of Passage East, County Waterford, Ireland found a plastic bottle containing a rolled up sheet of paper that had washed ashore on the beach near his home. When he pulled the paper out he was surprised to find that it was dry and quite readable. It was a note, written in French, by two young girls vacationing in Gaspé, Quebec eight years ago. The message gave only their first names, Charlaïne and Claudia, that they were from Montreal, and their email address - which was no longer in use. The story was picked up by the *Montreal Gazette* who published it on their on-line edition and their printed edition the next day. It was seen by a man who believed that a friend of his was one of the girls. He immediately told her about it and she contacted the *Gazette* and identified herself. Everyone seems to have taken an interest in this story - it is on numerous websites, blogs, facebook, and the news. Charlaïne and Claudia, now 20 years old, have been invited to visit Ireland at the expense of Tourism Ireland. To read more about this story It seems easiest just to type in the name of young "Oisín Millea".

Dawn Ouellette ~ Editor

## THE MINTRAM FAMILY BARNARDO'S & THE TITANIC CONNECTION

by Wenda Mintrum

First posted on Families of British Home Children / British Child Migrants by Lori Oschefski  
permission to print by Wenda Mintrum & Lori Oschefski

A new study was published in February 2012 in *The English Historical Review* (Volume CXXVII, Issue 524Pp. 83-109) by Sarah Gregson, entitled "*Women and Children First? The Administration of Titanic Relief in Southampton, 1912-59*". The aim of this study was to examine the administration of the Southampton Titanic Relief Fund, collected for the victims of the Titanic. An oral interview was recorded with a Rosina Broadbere (tape held at SOHA, M0092T) in which she recalled her mother's treatment by the fund. "Having lost her father in the sinking, Rosina's mother was sent into service at the age of 15. She was unable to visit her sister who was ill in London and her three brothers were sent to Dr Barnardo's in Canada and were all working on different farms."

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William Mintram Sr

Researching this story and the three children sent to Canada has uncovered a very different set of circumstances than those related in this statement. Rosina's mother was born Rosina May Mintram on February 12, 1887. She was the daughter of William Mintram and his wife Eliza May Rose Veal. William and Eliza May were married on the 16th August 1886. Eliza was already pregnant with Rosina when her parents married.

Following Rosina's birth, four more children would be born to this couple, William born 25 Jan 1889, Eliza May born c1891, Charles Thomas born 6 May 1893, George born 1897. The children were all born in Southampton, England. On October 18, 1902 Eliza would wind up dead, stabbed to death in her very home in front of her second eldest, William. The Times, on Monday November 24, 1902 reported this version of the events which actually led to her death:

William Mintram, 33, a mariner, was tried for the wilful murder of Eliza May Rose Mintram, his wife, at Southampton, on October 18th [1902]. Mr Evans Austin, and Mr E. L. Craik appeared for the prosecution on behalf of the Treasury; Mr Emanuel defended. It appeared



from the evidence that the prisoner was a fireman, who had been employed by a large shipping firm at Southampton for many years, and during all the period bore a most excellent character. The prisoner and his wife did not live happily. At 10.30 pm on that day the prisoner came back and found supper prepared for him, the only other person present being his son, William. This lad gave evidence that the wife was sitting in a chair when

the prisoner came in and slapped her in the face. After a short interval, the prisoner got up and took a knife and stabbed his wife in the back, death resulting shortly afterwards. A policeman who was called stated that about half an hour before the time of the occurrence, he heard quarrelling in the house, and had to disperse the crowd that had collected outside. The prisoner gave evidence, and stated that his wife kept nagging at him when he complained of the boy's boots being pawned by her for drink. He had had a good deal to drink, and his wife rushed at him, and he remembered nothing more.

The court – perhaps more concerned with not making orphans of the five Mintram children than an example of William – convicted him of

manslaughter, and sentenced him to 12 years, of which he served only three.

Mintram had claimed that the quarrel was over the fact that his wife had pawned his son's boots to buy drink for herself, and that he had had a bit to drink too when he came home, when she slapped him across the face he stabbed her in the back with a knife, accidentally. Following his 1902 conviction, William was once again imprisoned.

As for the fate of the children, in 1903 Charles was brought to Canada on board the HMS Canada, destination Toronto. In 1905, William also was brought to Canada by Dr. Barnardo. He was aboard the HMS Southwark, destination was the Russell, Manitoba Training Farm. In 1907, Rosina married Walter Hurst in Southampton. She would list her father as a seaman on her marriage record. In 1909, George was brought to Canada by the Dr. Barnardo Homes, aboard the HMS Corsican. His destination was Quebec.

William would come to reside beside his daughter Rosina and her husband Walter Hurst, William at 12 Chappel Road, the Hurst's at 15. Both William and his son in law would wind up crew members aboard the infamous ship the Titanic.

*In an undated letter, Walter gives his account of that night:* "I was serving on Titanic as Engine oiler or as what we British call Greasers it was at 11.20 P.M. on the 14th when I was awakened by a grinding crash along the starboard side no one was very much alarmed but knew we had struck something my Father in Law was in the same room he ran up on deck and back at once with a large lump of ice threw it in my bunk and told me to get up as we had struck a berg at that moment a messenger from the bridge told us to put on our warmest clothes and muster in the Mess Room and as a precaution put on Lifebelts later we went to the Fore Well Deck we were met by a Quarter Master who told us not to come on Boat Deck until later on I could plainly see a ships Riding

Light away on the port side and our ship was sending up Rockets but got no reply we could see that they were lowering boats and I saw the first one away No 1 Starboard boat going into the water there were P.O. in the stern at the Tiller, 4 crew on the oars and about 4 passengers so we all began to go up to the boat deck, my Stations was No 13 Boat but it was gone, there were crowds around some other boats but no one seemed to have got scared yet as they have great Confidence in the ship and stood watching the band playing in the smoke room some in Blue uniforms and others in their White waiting jackets not knowing much about music I could not identify the tunes but it seemed something fine (?) a Lady and two Gents were by me and I heard them say (she cant possibly sink she has so many air-tight compartments) and I advised one man to get her into a boat if possible as I could see the ship was sinking and said if she can stay afloat till morning we may be all right as the Marconi would get help and that certainly cheered him up some. all the boats were gone by now except no 9 and there was a bit of trouble there, the Chief officer was threatening [sic] someone and fired 2 Revolver shots shouting now will you get back I was not near enough to see if anyone was shot . . . .

The Ships Lights were still on from the Emergency Dynamo. there came a terrible crashing of machinery falling forward and one Propellor fell off the After funnel fell in the sea near me and I was half blinded by soot and water then came the raft we had cut adrift it fell within a dozen feet of me and some men were clinging to it there were terrible screams all round and I plainly heard screaming (Save one Life) I've never forgotten that."

That fateful night, reportedly, after he has roused his son in law, William had found a lifejacket, but Walter had not. William gave his lifejacket to his son-in-law. Walter survived but William's body was never recovered.



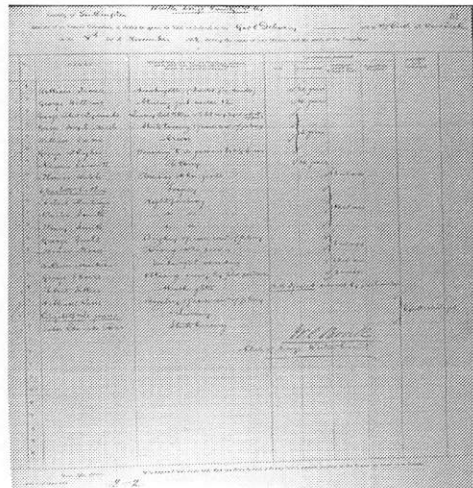


Rosina (with baby) receiving the telegram of her father's death and her husband's survival original in Southampton Heritage Collections, published in Southampton Daily Evening Echo

William Mintram's Prison Record - 1886 →

On the following page you will see "Particulars of Engagement" for W. Hurst & W. Mintram and some of the crew of the TITANAC on that fateful voyage in 1912.

On September 22, 1914, at Valcartier, Quebec, Canada, Charles Mintram, 21, enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces. He declared that he was born in Southampton, England; that his next of kin was his brother, W. Mintram, who resided at Churchbridge, Saskatchewan; that his date of birth was May 6, 1893; and that he was not married. Charles married Florence Wells in 1916. On May 1, 1915, at Sewell, Saskatchewan, William enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces. He claimed his next of kin was his sister Rose Hurst, He declared that he was a widower with 3 children and was born in Southampton, England. On February 22 1916 George, out of Toronto, Ontario, enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces. He claimed that he was born in London, England, that his next of kin was Mrs. Hurst from Southampton, England and that he was a single farmer. George married Lilian Little in 1919. After service, both Charles and George would return to Southampton to live out their lives. Both married, Charles to Florence Wells and George to Lilian Josephine Little. William would remain in Canada. After the death of his first wife Johanna Lilian Thorsteinson mother of Rose Elva Mintram) he married Margaret Alice Ann Chaffin (mother of Margaret & Mary Mintram) in 1918.



Particulars of Engagement TITANAC - pages 289 & 290

W. Hurst - fifth on the list

Titanic Agreement showing

Walter Hurst living at 15 Chappel Road; William Mintram, living at 12 Chapel Road

## BRITISH HOME CHILDREN in CANADA

As stated at the beginning of the article, *The Mintram Family Barnardo's and the Titanic Connection* by Wenda Mintrum was first posted by Lori Oschefski on Families of British Home Children / British Child Migrants Facebook Page. And can be found, with more images of documents at:

<http://canadianbritishhomechildren.weebly.com/the-mintram-family.html>

To join the Home Children Group on Facebook log into your Facebook account and search for: Families of British Home Children. Or go directly to:

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If you think you may have home children or child migrants in your Family Tree visit the Date Base of Child Migrants and Home Children at: <http://www.britishhomechildren.org>

and click on: BHC Database - a log in is required.

My thanks to QFHS member, Rosemary Jones for suggesting the interesting article on the Mintram Family. And, thanks to Wenda Mintrum and Lori Oschefski for allowing me to reprint it in *Connections*.

Lori Oschefski is a renowned genealogist, known world-wide for her research and her steadfast commitment and personal dedication to a number of family history related projects. She has been interviewed on Canadian television and on the BBC. She has also been the subject of numerous newspaper articles on both continents and several magazine articles have been written based on her work. She became involved with the Home Children while researching her mother's ancestry - 'a Child Migrant of the Salvation Army brought to Canada in 1924'. While compiling this research she learned that her maternal Grandfather was also a British Home Child of the Dr. Barnardo Homes. In total fifteen members of her family were British Home Children. Read more of Lori's story at: <http://www.firemanswedding.com/lori-oschefski.html>

Also read her family history story, The Ironic Life of William Cheesman at:

[http://www.britishhomechildren.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=380:wmc-heese-art&catid=28:bhc-stories&Itemid=2](http://www.britishhomechildren.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=380:wmc-heese-art&catid=28:bhc-stories&Itemid=2)

Other memorial sites by Lori Oschefski that may be of interest are:

The Gillingham Park Fete Tragedy, at: <http://www.firemanswedding.com>

The Gillingham & Battle B-26 Crashes of 1944, at: <http://gillinghambattleb26crash.weebly.com>

Lori also sent some other Blogs related to Home Children - these include:

The British Home Children Blogs by Historian Andrew Simpson

at: <http://chorltonhistory.blogspot.co.uk/search/label/British%20Home%20Children>

Child Migrant/Home Children Blogs by Author Sean Arthur Joyce

at: <http://chameleonfire1.wordpress.com/?s=child+migrants>

The Promise of Home by Author Rose McCormick Brandon

at: <http://littleimmigrants.wordpress.com/the-promise-of-home-a-novel>

Dawn Miller Ouellette ~ Editor

## STREETCARS NAMED TRAGEDIES

by Sandra Belliveau

Montreal streetcars brought tragedy to two branches of my family. One streetcar brought notoriety via tragedy in 1903 to my grandmother, Ethel Alberta Saunders. The other streetcar brought death in 1911 to my great grandfather, William Arthur Stuart.

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Ethel Alberta Saunders was my grandmother on my mother's side of the family. In 1903, Ethel Saunders left her small community of Athelstan to move to Montreal. She was but 21 years old. She was a nurse in training at the Montreal General Hospital. On an October day in 1903, Ethel was on the streetcar in Westmount when a streetcar accident occurred. The accident resulted in Hum Kay Chiu having both of his feet amputated right there in the street. According to the newspaper report, my grandmother went immediately to the man's help "although others around her, including strong men, were helpless and sickened". Ethel applied pressure to the spurting blood vessels, saving the man from instant death. Hum Kay Chiu was taken to the hospital where both legs were amputated. But he recovered, learned to walk with crutches and returned to China to visit his family.

A later newspaper article reported on Hum Kay Chiu's progress and his return voyage to China. As he boarded the train to head west, an official of the C.P.R. was reported to have said that " we have been accustomed to think that woman was the inferior of the man". But this woman, Ethel Saunders, "has more resource and courage in her little finger than the man has in his whole body".



Ethel Saunders graduation 1906

The Chinese community were touched by Ethel's act of feminine heroism. The Montreal Chinese Mission applauded Ethel for her promptness and bravery. A letter was sent from the Montreal Chinese Mission on October 8, 1903 thanking Ethel for her courage in saving Hum Kay Chiu's life. They also presented her with a beautiful Chinese tea set. Over a hundred years later, the tea set remains a valuable family heirloom reminding us of our grandmother's strength and courage. Tragedy in this case was thwarted by bravery, bringing honor and respect to my grandmother as a woman and a nurse.

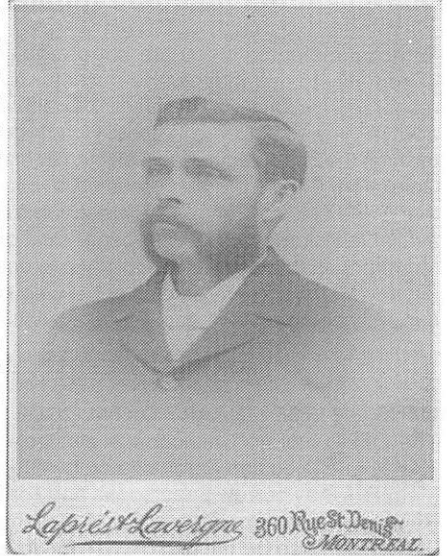
Ethel Saunders back row, second from the right





William Arthur Stuart was my great grandfather on my father's side of the family. At the time of his death, he was a successful Montreal land developer. In 1911 he was selling lots and opening up streets in the Outremont area. He named Stuart Street after the family. He named Pius IX Blvd. after the Catholic Pope of the time.

William Arthur was 55 years of age when he died on August 10, 1911. He was fatally crushed when 2 streetcars collided at LaSalle Avenue and St. Catherine Street. The Montreal Daily Star reported the events which led to his death. Apparently the air brakes on the streetcar failed, resulting in the collision. The motorman working on the streetcar attempted to lessen the speed of the streetcar. But the St. Catherine streetcar going west, rushed uncontrolled down the grade approaching LaSalle Avenue. It smashed into the rear vestibule of a Bout de L'Île car, throwing it from the rails. William Arthur was on the rear platform of the terminal car. After the crash, he was found caught between the cars, mortally injured internally.



William Arthur Stuart

According to the Montreal Daily Star, ambulances hurried from the 3 hospitals to the scene of the crash. Bystanders helped to free the people pinned in the debris caused by the crash. William Arthur was carried into Handfield's Drugstore. Dr. Cypihot was summoned and he determined that William Arthur's injuries were very serious. He was unconscious at first and then revived a little. He was taken in one of the ambulances to the Royal Victoria Hospital but he only lived a short time. He died at Royal Victoria Hospital.

According to his obituary, great grandfather Stuart had a private funeral from his home at 1871 St. Urbain Street. His death was quite a shock to his wife, Theresa Hannah Beardsell, and his 5 children. The family was at their summer home in Longue Pointe waiting for great grandfather Stuart to return from his day working in the city. The obituary stated that he "left to mourn his wife and 3 daughters at their summer home in Longue Pointe". But the obituary was incorrect in reporting that there were 3 daughters. I do believe it should have stated that there were 3 children instead of 3 daughters. One of those waiting at the summer home was my grandmother Eva who had married Malcolm Milne in 1910. She must have been visiting her family on a summer day when the tragedy occurred. The other daughter waiting at home was Theresa who was just 18. Also at the summer home in Longue Pointe would have been the youngest son, Walter, who on that tragic day was only 14. The 2 other adult children were Martin and Edgar. William Arthur Stuart was buried in Mount Royal Cemetery. This indeed was a family story of tragedy that is spoken of solemnly these hundred years later.

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## VICTORIA BRIDGE AND THE IRISH OF MONTREAL

by Dawn Miller Ouellette



Like any island city Montreal is a city of many bridges. One of the oldest still in use is Victoria Bridge. Built in the 1850's it was officially inaugurated on August 25<sup>th</sup> 1860 by Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, as The Great Victoria Bridge. At the time it was said to be the longest bridge in the world and the first to span the mighty St Lawrence, linking Montreal to the south shore at St Lambert. After extensive renovation in 1897 it was rededicated as the Victoria Jubilee Bridge, and in 1971 it was officially given its current name of Victoria Bridge / Pont Victoria.

The Montreal location, chosen by Canadian engineer Thomas Keefer, to begin construction was Windmill Point. This had been the site of the quarantine "fever sheds" where thousands of Irish immigrants had died of "ship's fever" during the typhus epidemic of 1847 - 1848. Many of the orphaned children of these Irish immigrants were adopted into French-Canadian (Catholic) families. The majority of the survivors settled in the near-by working-class areas of Griffintown, Point St Charles, St Henry, Little Burgundy, and Victoriatown (known locally as Goose Village).

During the construction of Victoria Bridge workmen discovered human remains . . . . bodies of the Irish immigrants who had escaped the Great Famine in their homeland, faced the hardships of a perilous voyage across the Atlantic, only to die a ghastly death, far from family and friends, in the fever sheds on the shores of the St Lawrence.

Many of the construction workers were Irish or of Irish descent and wanted a monument erected to the memory of the more than 6000 victims of the typhus epidemic buried there. It was decided that a great boulder, taken from the river bed of the St Lawrence, would be used to mark this mass grave. And so it was that on December 1<sup>st</sup> 1859 the Irish Commemorative Stone - known as the Black Stone was erected on the site. The inscription reads: *"To Preserve from Desecration the Remains of 6000 Immigrants Who died of Ship Fever A.D. 1847-48 This Stone is erected by the Workmen of Messrs. Peto, Brassey and Betts Employed in the Construction of the Victoria Bridge A.D. 1859"*.

Over the years the demographics of the near-by working-class boroughs changed - but the Black Rock remained, a constant reminder of the thousands of Irish immigrants and their care-givers, the Grey Nuns, Sisters of Providence, Sisters of the Hotel Dieu, Clergymen -ministers, priests, brothers, and other volunteers who perished in that dreadful epidemic.

In 1900, without notifying anyone of their plans, the Grand Trunk Railway moved the monument to St Patrick Square, a few streets away. The Irish community demanded that it be returned immediately. Controversy raged for more than ten years with neither side giving in. It wasn't until 1911 that a decision was reached. The land was sold to the Grand Trunk Railway and the stone was returned to a much smaller plot of land with the railway assuming responsibility for its perpetual maintenance.

In the 1960's controversy once again raised its ugly head. The City was planning its celebrations for the hundredth anniversary of Confederation - EXPO '67 and the Black Stone was in the way. But, once more the Irish community came to its rescue. It still stands today, at the approach to Victoria Bridge, a constant reminder of an extreme dark period of Montreal's history.

You can read more about the Irish Stone in Edgar Andrew Collard article published in September 1995 issue of Connections [ vol 18 iss # 1 page 4], also in the Members Only Section of the QFHS website. . At the end of May each year Irish Societies in Montreal hold a "Commemorative March to the Stone" The one held by the Ancient Order of Hibernians begins at St Gabriel's Church in Pointe St. Charles. Everyone is Welcome. For more information on the date for 2013 visit the AOH site and click on Events at: <http://www.aoh-montreal.com/index.htm> Or The United Irish Societies of Montreal site at: <http://www.montrealirishparade.com/gallery/index.php>

The vintage postcard photo on the cover of this issue of *Connections* is of Victoria Bridge - circa 1905

## 'DISORDERLY HOUSES' in EDWARDIAN MONTREAL

by Robert N. Wilkins

On November 25, 1907, an unidentified twelve-year-old girl and her sister ("a regular inmate of the place") were each sentenced to a prison term of six months and a fine of \$50 (or another three months) for having been found to be inhabitants in a disorderly house on Notre Dame East, near Plessis Street. Only two nights before, the police had raided the house along with two others, one situated on Guy Street, the other on St. Charles Borromeo (today Clark Street). The men were let off with lighter sentences – one received two months in jail while the others were given fines ranging from \$10-\$20.

The magistrate meting out the justice on that particular Monday morning was none other than Recorder Francois Xavier Dupuis, no stranger to the delicate question of the sex industry as it was practised in Edwardian Montreal. From the Bench that day, Dupuis stated that he had decided to have no leniency for such cases anymore. On a different occasion only a year earlier, another Recorder, Louis Wilfrid Sicotte, sentenced both Eugenie Dubois Adeline Gregoire to six months incarceration for "street walking" and "keeping a disorderly house" respectively.

For a brief period of time, it seemed that the City of Montreal meant business in its attempts to curtail prostitution.

However, only a few years later police officials had to admit that the frequent law enforcement raids and harsh sentences were only causing the 'social evil' to spread elsewhere in the city. In fact, the flesh trade was indeed thriving. In 1905, for instance, the city's Red Light District is said to have contained some 150 houses of ill repute and perhaps 2000 prostitutes, this in a town of about 350,000 people.

For the churches, both Protestant and Catholic, the torrid situation was intolerable. One of the more militant anti – brothel campaigners was Reverend Arthur Thomas French, curate at the Church of St. John the Evangelist. From the Sunday pulpit, he regularly denounced the lax enforcement of the various laws overseeing the 'disorderly houses' scattered throughout much of the city.

In addition, in July of 1907, Reverend French sent a letter to Recorder Dupuis in which he clearly outlined his views on the matter. In essence, French, 53, wanted to attempt to close all the suspect venues and hand out more severe sentences to every one of those involved. He was not shy to express his thoughts on the matter, even meeting on one occasion with the premier of the province, Sir Lomer Gouin.

Although Recorder Dupuis had proved himself capable of handing out heavy prison terms, he never for once imagined that the phenomenon could be eliminated in such a fashion. The dogmatic magistrate believed that, ideally, the disorderly houses were there to be contained to a very limited area of the city as well as being relentlessly regulated. He reproached French for having, in the learned judge's opinion, of doing more than good.

On February 25, 1909, Dupuis articulated his beliefs on the contentious subject and on Reverend French in his municipal courtroom. There was a big crowd present, including Olivier Campeau, Montreal's Chief of Police. French's arraignment was most unusual in itself while, at the same time, Dupuis' views contrasted greatly from those of his colleague, Recorder Weir, who tended to share the attitude of the Anglican priest.

According to the Montreal Star: "Mr. Recorder Dupuis consumed nearly three quarters of an hour in making his deliverance and at times grew quite eloquent and emphatic, quoting the experience of by-gone days and even the doctrines of the saints in the support of his view that the 'social evil' could not be stamped out entirely and that it was better to segregate and regulate it than to attempt to suppress it".

Dupuis then went on to list a series of rules by which he and Campeau agreed the game could be played, including one which forbade cabman from waiting outside 'disorderly houses' waiting to pick up a fare!

He chastised French for, in his opinion, having liberated the women from police surveillance "and disguised as decent women, have already invaded the restaurants, the stores. We find them in the rooms that they rent from poor families where they corrupt the boys of the household and very often the father of the family, and also the young girls with whom they become companions We find them in hotels which are menaced by the invasion of this legion of freed, loose women – free to rot the city. They live on Sherbrooke street, St. Denis, St. Hubert and such streets, at Westmount and all the fashionable neighbourhoods where they will find rich prey".

Compelling words to which we do not know if the Reverend Arthur French was afforded to opportunity to reply.



Reverend Edmund Wood (right) and his curate Reverend Arthur French, in 1888, on the steps of St. John School ( today, Lower Canada College) on St. Urbain Street, immediately behind the Church of St. John the Evangelist (photo courtesy of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Montreal)

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Robert N. Wilkins is a retired Montreal area high school teacher and a regular contributor to *The Montreal Gazette's* 'Looking Back' page. He has just completed indexing death announcements which appeared in the now defunct *Montreal Star*. The final data base covers the years 1900 - 1910 inclusive and contains well over 125,000 entries. The Montreal Star Death Index data base is not available on the Internet but Robert is willing to look up names for QFHS members free of charge. He also has all the photocopied death columns from *The Star* for these eleven years and is willing to pass that information along as well. You can read more about this indexing project in his article *Montreal Star Death Data Base, 1900 - 1910* in the Autumn 2012 issue of *Connections* - volume 35; issue # 1; page 21.

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## LOOKING FOR OBITUARIES

by Sandra Belliveau

I just love looking for my ancestors. I caught the bug about 5 years ago when my uncle asked me a question about our Saunders ancestors. They had come from Antrim, Ireland to Havelock, Quebec, , , or so we thought. It turned out they did come from Antrim. But Havelock was only one place where they settled. With time I discovered that they had dispersed to many locations in United States.

Another of my passions is watching CSI. I love how they investigate each crime scene for the most minute clue. And sometimes...when they think they are on the right track...poof!!!! The whole story changes!!!! It occurred to me that searching for ancestors was just like searching a crime. Each ancestry clue is just like a crime scene clue...it has the possibility to lead you in many different directions. So how do you know which clues to follow?

Just like on CSI, there has to be a final goal. On CSI, the goal is to find the culprit who committed the criminal act. In genealogical research, my goal is to find an obituary. The obituary is the piece de resistance. It either confirms the story I have put together through my research or it changes the story. Either way, I want that obituary as the final piece in the genealogical story.

I have looked up obituaries in the Halifax Chronicle Herald in an attempt to find obituaries for my husband's family. It is a painful and often tedious process. Depending on the time period, sometimes obituaries are listed on specific pages. But other times, they are scattered throughout the paper. Obituaries can sometimes be long with lots of detail...obvious to see as you scan microfilm. Other times, the obituary is simply a death announcement consisting of a few sentences. These are more difficult to find when they are tucked into a column randomly.

As I said, my Saunders relatives dispersed to many American States and also across Canada. So there have been many occasions when I have contacted municipal libraries and

genealogical and historical societies to ask a volunteer to locate an obituary for me. If it is a librarian who is researching the obituary, they will charge you a fee on behalf of the library. The fees vary from library to library and are dependent on research time, photocopying expenses and mailing expenses. The bottom line is that I have discovered that acquiring obituaries can be costly in terms of time and/or money...either yours or that of someone else. So to reduce costs it is important to research thoroughly before trying to acquire the obituary. You want an exact death date in order to find an obituary. And you especially want an exact death date if you are asking someone else to search for an obituary for you.

There are now an increasing number of genealogical sources of information online. Ancestry is a good place to start. If you don't have it at home, you can now access it at many public or genealogical libraries. Ancestry has lots of good information but it doesn't have everything.

There are many good websites which have been established by volunteers and organizations. I found that in the United States each little town has a genealogical organization staffed by elder community volunteers. Simply google genealogical and historical societies in the area you are researching to see what is available. There is usually a contact address listed on the website as well. The volunteers associated with these websites are very valuable sources of information. So ask questions because they often know what information is available. They can make suggestions which will help to guide your research. Some of the websites I have used are the Chateauguay Valley Historical Society, Hemmingford Historical Archives, Huntingdon County GenWeb and the Quebec Family History Society. Also [www.swquebec.ca](http://www.swquebec.ca) was established by a number of volunteers and is often an important source of information for me. Some families are also setting up

websites. My cousin has one for the Hall, Blackwood, Saunders, MacKeen families at [www.dghall.ca](http://www.dghall.ca)

Many cemeteries are now online. Either you can check for names and dates directly online or you can find an email address to contact a researcher at the cemetery. Notre-Dame Des-Neiges Cemetery, the Catholic cemetery in Montreal, allows you to independently find the name and death date of the deceased person. Mount Royal Cemetery, the Protestant cemetery in Montreal, provides a free research service when you provide the name of the deceased person. I have also used the Northern New York Tombstone Transcription Project. In my travels through history, I discovered that one part of the Saunders family were Sanders living in Mooers, N.Y. So the New York Tombstone site provided lots of information about them.

Directories are another good source of information. Some of these are available on Ancestry. The Montreal Lovell's Directory is online. This was an important tool in tracking down one particular relative. I guessed this woman lived with her mother. So I followed the mother in the Lovell Directory until she died.

The next couple of years, the directory listing was still in the mother's name. But after the third year, the directory was in the daughter's name!!! I knew it was the right person because it was the same address as the mother. I continued to trace her in the directory's listing for subsequent years until one year she wasn't there. I knew then that was the year she died. Sometimes you have to go backwards to go forward. Just like on CSI...when they hit a snag, they back up and reevaluate.

To achieve the goal of looking for and finding an obituary the key is to determine the exact death date. To do that, use all the possible sources available. Google when in doubt...it is amazing what information is available no matter how obscure or how far away. Try to solve the problem of finding the exact death date by looking at the person's life from different perspectives. Just like at CSI, if the pieces don't go together one way, try putting them together in a different context. Save time and money by researching thoroughly so you know the exact death date. In the end, your reward will be the piece de resistance...the obituary. Maybe the obituary will close the door on that beloved relative...or open new doors!!!!

## WHAT WAS NEWS TO YOUR ANCESTORS

by Dawn Miller Ouellette

When researching our ancestors it is always helpful to know what was happening in the world around them. So, as we begin this new year of 2013 let's flip back through the pages of time to see a few of the events that were making news. . . . .

**in 1913:** Thousand of women ( Suffragettes ) marched on Washington demanding the vote for women. The first electric refrigerators went on sale in the United States and Laura Secord chocolates in Canada. The Great Lakes Storm of November 1913 - a blizzard of hurrican force - caused numerous shipwreck and more than 250 deaths

**in 1813:** The Napoleonic Wars were still raging in Europe and the War of 1812 in North America Jane Austen's novel, *Pride and Prejudice* was first published on 28 January 1813.

**in 1713:** The Treaty of Utrecht was signed in which France ceded all its territories of Acadia, Newfoundland, Hudson Bay and the "country of the Iroquois" to England.

**in 1613:** Samuel de Champlain became the first unofficial Governor of New France. Elizabeth daughter of James I of England (James VI of Scotland) married Frederik V, Elector Palatine.

## **1812 VETERANS GRAVESIDE RECOGNITION PROJECT**

An e-mail from Michael Jaques LCGS Query Chairperson states, in part:  
The information below was received by the Lanark County Genealogical Society yesterday  
( Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2012 ) at the BIFHSGO conference in Ottawa.

1812 Veterans Graveside Recognition Project  
Lyn.downer@bell.net

My name is Lyn Downer and I'm the chair of the Southern Georgian Bay War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee. Essentially the project is one that will see the graves of veterans of the War of 1812 located and the veterans identified. If you travel throughout Canada or England, France, Belgium or Holland you can tell you are at the gravesite of a Canadian veteran by the distinctive headstone. For those fortunate enough to survive the battles and are buried by their families later in life, the Legions in most regions hold a flag day ceremony where they identify the graves of veterans. No such honour is accorded the veterans of the War of 1812, the founders of the nation.

Our proposal to the federal government commemorative fund is to seek funds to create 1,000 black granite plaques that are 6 x 10 x 2 inches thick. They will be etched and placed in the ground at the gravesites of the veterans. By placing them in the ground we are not altering or defacing any headstones, and we are not interfering with any landscaping or maintenance at the cemeteries. The 1,000 plaques we seek are an initial order to kick-start the program and after they are used up, the program will need to be self sustaining, in that respect we are trying to keep the cost of a plaque to under \$200. To receive a plaque we will require a biography sent to me of the veteran with as much information as is possible, then we will create a searchable data base of the information for the use of students and history researchers. Once the original 1,000 plaques are distributed, as noted above, they will be required to be purchased by those seeking a plaque. We are keeping the cost of the plaque to under \$200. so a family, a school class, or a heritage group could easily afford a plaque. That is the legacy part of the project. That it will continue after the bicentennial and the database will continue to grow. I should mention that the plaque will have the words "War of 1812 Veteran" and "Bicentennial Tribute" on it in both official languages, as well as the Upper Canada Preserved Medal. That medal was struck in 1813 to be given to veterans and very few were distributed. The gold and silver medals were ultimately melted down and the cash received for the gold and silver was used to help create and sustain the Toronto General Hospital. By including the medal on the plaque, we will be giving them the medals they deserved some 200 years ago. The plaques are for all veterans of the War. First Nations, Metis, French, English, Blacks, etc. and will encompass all participants. They will be bilingual and the project will be nationwide in scope. All seven bicentennial committees in the province have signed on, and we are still seeking funding. We are applying to the commemorative fund by the October 1 deadline, so I would welcome a letter of support from you if you are in agreement, simply outlining some of the points you have included in your email regarding the settlement in your area. As you are aware, with the land grants and subsequent settlement, a great many parts of the nation were created due to the veterans of the War of 1812. Communities, roads, and public infrastructure that we still enjoy today can be traced to the veterans. You will be added to our list once the funding is in place. We will notify everyone as to the status of the project as we get nearer to the date. Thanks for your interest, and if I can provide any other information, just drop me an email.

My email is [lyn.downer@bell.net](mailto:lyn.downer@bell.net)

Thanks again for your interest and thanks in advance for your email of support.

Best regards, Lyn Downer,

Chair, Southern Georgian Bay War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee



## 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 all queries to the QFHS Office or e-mail [qfhs@bellnet.ca](mailto:qfhs@bellnet.ca)  
write "Can You Help" on the envelope or e-mail subject line

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We have only received one query this time. Please send along your questions & brick walls and they will be posted on this page. Free to all members and \$5.00 per question to non-members.

### Anne Quilligan Hannan

Looking for Anne Quilligan Hannan. Anne was born in Co. Limerick on 26 October 1903. She married Augustine Hannan in New York in 1926. She had a son with the same name. Her husband died in 1943 in New York. Anne was living in Montreal in 1953, the last year her family in Ireland heard from her.

Contact: K. Joan Benoit at, [qfhs@bellnet.ca](mailto:qfhs@bellnet.ca)

Joan has already exhausted all resources in Quebec. If anyone knows Mrs. Hannan or her whereabouts, please contact the QFHS Library.

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For a number of years QFHS member, *Jacques Gagné* has spent countless hours trying to locate missing Quebec church registers that are not available at the Archives nor in the *Drouin collection*. For example, for the Eastern Townships, there were churches, such as Abbott's Corner Baptist church, that celebrated their centenary in 1899, yet we only have access to that church's registers from 1850s - where are the early registers? Jacques has searched for and found a good deal of information. It is available at the QFHS Library in the notebooks he has compiled. All areas of Quebec have been included, as well as special subjects - such as the Irish or Aborigines in Quebec etc. Further, Jacques has found resources for other countries, such as France and Northern Europe etc. He has contacted many individuals, archives and universities in search of resources. Wherever you are researching, check out these books for more ideas to try.

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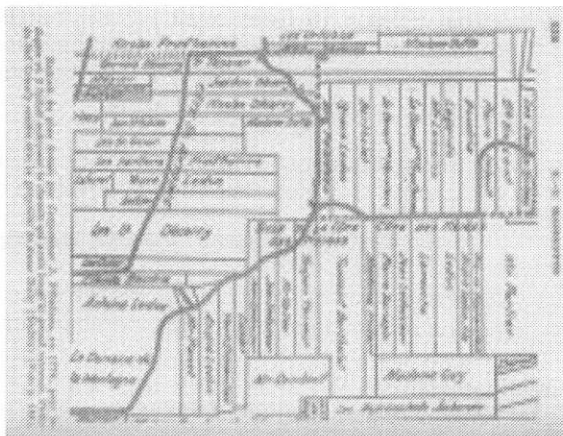
*Jackie Billingham* started a Facebook page for QFHS - free to everyone, and it has been well supported with some very interesting questions, answers and general genealogy related topics. Since we don't all have computers ( or shy away from Facebook ) I'll post a few of the messages in this column. Many items can't be included as they will be out-dated by the time of publication.

**Posted on the QFHS Facebook page:**

Dianne Seale Nolin supplied an 1778 map of Cote Des Neiges (part of Montreal) with names. She also posted a link to the 1823 *Almanac for the province*: Lots of names of people holding office of some kind ( Lawyer, doctor, judges, etc )

[http://archive.org/details/cihm\\_29326](http://archive.org/details/cihm_29326)

Gail Devers brought a chuckle to everyone when she posted this photo, providing us all with a new idea for a vacation



destination!! "vacationing with a genealogist  
She also posted this on the QFHS Facebook page:  
If you don't follow Blair Archival Research's Facebook page, you are missing out on daily genealogical tips. Each month, Canadian genealogist Ruth Blair selects a theme. ( England was the theme for September.) Here is July's list that was all about O, Canada.

<http://blog.familyhistorysearches.com/2012/08/366-days-of-genealogy-July/>

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**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](http://www.richmondst-pats.org)

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**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>

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DEADLINE for the SUMMER ISSUE of CONNECTIONS  
is FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> 2013

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](mailto:computree@yahoo.com) ]

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### **CENTRAL DATA BASE OF UK BURIALS AND CREMATIONS**

Deceased Online is the first central database of statutory burial and cremation registers for the UK and Republic of Ireland. The site was launched in 2008. There was no central repository previously. The database holds records mainly from the 1850s onwards. Over the coming years, the owners plan on continuing to build a database of tens of millions of burial and cremation records, as new burial authorities and crematoria join. Searching is free and can be restricted to country, region, county, or individual burial authority or crematorium. If you purchase credits, you can access additional information. [www.deceasedonline.com](http://www.deceasedonline.com)

### **EASTERN TOWNSHIPS CEMETERIES**

Consult Pam Wood Waugh's site, Eastern Township Research, where David Ellis has put up a wonderful list of dozens of cemeteries around Missisquoi Bay – divided by municipality, with address and a location description for each one, read the directions and click on the name for a Google map. [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~qceastwn/archives/CemeteryLocations.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~qceastwn/archives/CemeteryLocations.html)

### **FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE'S LIST OF BEST GENEALOGY WEBSITES OF 2012**

They're divided by country or region (Canada, Ireland) or by subject (photographs); you will see many familiar ones, but there just might be a gem that you did not have on your list. [familytreemagazine.com/article/101-Best-Websites-2012](http://familytreemagazine.com/article/101-Best-Websites-2012)

### **U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES PROVIDING TEACHING VIDEOS ONLINE**

The Know Your Records Program information is explained at [www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2012/nr12-141.html](http://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2012/nr12-141.html) The videos can be seen on their YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com/user/usnationalarchives](http://www.youtube.com/user/usnationalarchives)

### **CZECH INTEREST**

Thanks to information on Dick Eastman's column, a rare book with thousands of Czech names is available for free search on the site. [onwardtoourpast.com](http://onwardtoourpast.com) In addition, the site contains many other items of interest for researchers, including a list of the ten worse questions to ask a family genealogist! I'm sure many of you will recognize them !

### **LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA BLOG**

This is a pilot project at [thediscoverblog.com](http://thediscoverblog.com) Sign up to receive updates in your E-mail. Recent news item is that if you need help and cannot go to Ottawa, you can consult via Skype.

Of particular interest to those who have ancestors who were in WWI is ***From Enlistment to Burial Records: The Canadian Expeditionary Force in the First World War*** which includes guidance to many sources on the war and explanations on how to find the various records: ***thediscoverblog.com/2012/11/06/from-enlistment-to-burial-records-the-canadian-expeditionary-force-in-the-first-world-war*** Many of the sources will be familiar but it's very useful to have them grouped on one page. As an example, my great-uncle Charles Roderick Wehr, who died of the flu in 1918, is there with his signed recruitment form, the cemetery where he was buried, and the name of his parents. There are war diaries to explore, where information about the Regiments' and their activities may be explored.

### **CANADIAN VOTERS LIST 1935-1980**

Ancestry.ca ( remember: free access for QFHS members at our Library ) has announced the release of the Canadian voters list. See a video explaining the list and how it can be used by Lesley Anderson at ***www.ancestry.ca/cavoterslists?o\_xid=52747&o\_lid=52747&o\_sch=External+Paid+Media*** Many of you have met Lesley at Roots 2011. The tutorial video is free so view this from home and be prepared for your research when you reach the QFHS Library!

### **TRACING YOUR LONDON ANCESTORS**

Familysearch.org has issued a free guide to help trace your London ancestors ***familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/London***

While you are on the site, learn all about their wiki – it seems everyone has a wiki these days! ***www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main\_Page***

### **FAMILY SEARCH COURSES**

More tools to help family historians – you can even look up by country, language, skill level, and subject. ***familysearch.org/learningcenter/home.html***

### **JEWISH RECORDS**

Thanks to generous donors, many documents have been digitized and are now available online. This includes over three miles of text documents, 100,000 photographs, 157 recorded historic speeches and broadcasts, 100,000 photographs, 95 oral histories and 1,300 video recordings. Since the documents went online, people have used the collection to discover relatives they thought had died during World War II had actually survived, and the family members reunited, said a spokesperson for the archive. ***archives.jdc.org***

### **MORE FREE BOOKS**

Family History Books is “a collection of more than 40,000 digitized genealogy and family history publications from the archives of some of the most important family history libraries in the world. The collection includes family histories, county and local histories, genealogy magazines and how-to books, gazetteers, and medieval histories and pedigrees. The valuable resources included in Family History Books come from ... some genealogically important libraries such as the Allen County Public Library and the Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee Library...” ***books.familysearch.org/primolibweb/action/search.do?dscnt=1&dsmtp=1351717571413&vid=FHD\_PUBLIC&fromLogin=true&fromLogin=true***

**EARLY CANADIANA ADDING MORE DOCUMENTS**

Even though this is a for-pay site, you can sign up for a free trial, and also receive their Bulletin. **eco.canadiana.ca** New documents are being added on what appears to be a regular basis, and personally, I've found quite a few names that did not appear previously.

**TECHIE NOTES**

Here is a problem I had recently that might be of help: the touch panel on my Epson printer did not respond to touch. I contacted Epson and the solution was to take off the power (either on the printer or at the power outlet) and wait 2-3 minutes before turning it back on. Strange as it may seem, this worked!

Those "non-viruses", i.e. the sometimes hysterical E-mails about viruses or scams: you should check them out before forwarding. I usually use [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) but here is another place to check **vmyths.com**

**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 the QFHS Office  
Attention: Lorraine Gosselin c/o **CONNECTIONS**  
OR E-mail to **computree@yahoo.com**

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**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.

**Irish Church Records Mobile - Freeware**

The claim: This app makes searching through the Irish church records a breeze on your iPhone.

[itunes.apple.com/en/app/irish-church-records/id561083223](https://itunes.apple.com/en/app/irish-church-records/id561083223)

**MACINTOSH PROGRAMS:**

Since I receive requests about MAC genealogy programs, here are two that have been updated recently. You might like to look at them to see if they fill your requirements:

**PAWriter**

[www.macupdate.com/app/mac/27497/paw2u](http://www.macupdate.com/app/mac/27497/paw2u)

**GEDitCOM II**

[www.geditcom.com](http://www.geditcom.com)

**WEB BROWSERS – INTERNET EXPLORER**

This of course is not a genealogical program, but if your browser does not work, it certainly impacts your search. I recently had trouble with IE9 and apparently this is so common that Sympatico has a special service for optimizing browsers on their phone help line. Empty the history is apparently the usual solution to this problem. They also recommend using Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome.

**FUTURE SEMINARS AT QFHS – HELP WITH THE PLANNING !**

I would appreciate your input on seminars that I could give in the future:

Would you be interested in any of the following:

- A day about Family Tree Maker
- A day about Legacy
- A day split between Family Tree Maker and Legacy

Help us plan our future offerings by sending a note to computree "at" yahoo.com if one or more are of interest to you. Or drop a note in my mailbox at the Library.

Feel free to make other course suggestions and we will see if they can be accommodated i.e. if we can find the proper expert!!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS SPRING 2013

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### QFHS SEMINAR ~ SPRING 2013

❖ "What Do I Do with All My Stuff ?"

Start the year off right by learning how to preserve your documents, photos, certificates and other research information that you have accumulated and how to organize new material that you find

❖ "How Do I Find My Ancestors in the British Army and the Canadian Army from 1760-1945 "

Were any of your ancestors in the British or Canadian armies in the last two centuries ?

This seminar, given by QFHS President Gary Schroder, will teach you how to discover if your ancestors served in either, or both of these armies. Gary will also discuss the types of records available and explore how to obtain detailed information on an ancestor's military career

Please book early as Space is Limited to 25 Persons. - the first 25 people who pay are guaranteed a seat. These are full day intensive seminars so please bring a lunch.

Complete details may be found on page 4

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### QFHS PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES:

QFHS Spring Lecture Series for March and April 2013

[ no lectures are held in January or February due to the possibility of inclement weather conditions ]

❖ Great Moments in Genealogy - with QFHS members Janice Hamilton and Bev Renaud - March 9<sup>th</sup> 2013

❖ Ways of Creating a Family History Album - with Pepper Mintz of Creative Memorirs - April 13<sup>th</sup> 2013

❖ Speaker for the May 11<sup>th</sup> 2013 lecture was not confirmed at time of this publication

For full details see *News & Notes*, page 3 of this issue of *Connections* or visit the QFHS webpage at: [www.qfhs.ca](http://www.qfhs.ca) and click on "Events"

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

Location is: Briarwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 70 Beaconsfield Blvd., Beaconsfield, Quebec

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### BIFHSGO CONFERENCE - 2013:

The British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa [ BIFHSGO ] will be holding its 19th annual conference, September 20-22, 2013 at Library & Archives Canada, in Ottawa. The focus this year will be on Ireland. Visit the BIFHSGO web page throughout the summer for more details. <http://www.bifhsgo.ca>

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### ROOTSTECH CONFERENCE - 2013

The 3rd annual RootsTech Conference will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah from March 21-23, 2013. This is a three day conference on the latest tools and techniques of family history research. It is the largest family history conference in the United States with speakers from all over the country, a large exhibitor hall, and over 250 classes / workshops to choose from.

Registration is now open. - to learn more about it got to: <http://rootstech.org>

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To keep abreast of upcoming genealogical events visit the QFHS websit at [www.qfhs.ca](http://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.*

Dawn Miller Ouellette ~ Editor

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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](mailto: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.

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## GENEALOGICAL NEWS

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Dawn Miller Ouellette

### **ANCESTRY: [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)**

Ancestry is FREE for all QFHS members to use at the QFHS Library Heritage Centre. Some new additions include: Canada, Voters Lists 1935-1980. Nova Scotia Land Petitions 1765-1800; Canada, War Graves Registers (Circumstances of Casualty) 1914-1948 [ updated ]; London, England, Electoral Registers 1832-1965; Liverpool Lanc, Catholic Baptisms, 1802-1906, Catholic Marriages, 1754-1921, Catholic Burials, 1813-1988 - all updated; Gazetteer of Great Britain & Ireland, 1898; And much, much more !

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### **Family Search: [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)**

It is difficult to keep up with all the records and images being added to Family Search, but here are a few that have been added since publication of the Autumn issue of *Connections*: 820,716 new records and images from the Ireland Tithe Applotment Books of 1814 -1855; nine million images of World War I draft registration cards of the United States from 1917-1918; 3,136,056 browsable images from places in Italy; England, Kent Manorial Documents 1241-1976; plus Bishop's Transcripts, 1560 -1911 Images, and Land Tax Assessments 1689 -1832 for the same area; Canada has British Columbia Crown Land Grants, 1869 -1930, plus B.C. BMDs; and more Canadian census added in September 2012.

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### **Home Children Indexing Project: <http://www.bifhsgo.ca>**

BIFHSGO volunteers, in association with Library and Archives Canada, are working on two major Home Children projects: the indexing of Home Children names in the passenger lists of ships arriving in Canada from Britain between 1869 and 1948; and the indexing of Middlemore Home Children arriving in Canada between 1873 and 1933. In addition, several groups of Home Children settled in Canada by some small agencies are also being indexed. Read more about it at: <http://www.bifhsgo.ca/cpage.php?pt=>

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### **SCOTLANDSPEOPLE: <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>**

Scottish Wills and Testaments, from 1902 to 1925 are now available on line. you must log in to search at: <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/content/help/index.aspx?r=554&407> This now brings the total of searchable Scottish Wills and Testaments to One Million.- covering the period 1513 to 1925.

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### **At the QFHS LIBRARY:**

A number of new books are available at the QFHS Library - including Tracing your Irish Roots; Tracing your Huguenot Ancestors; Tracing you Yorkshire Ancestors; and on Cd - an Index to Irish Wills 1536 - 1858. Visit the QFHS website - *Library - Catalogue*

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**FIND MY PAST: [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk)**

Find My Past has added a large series of newspapers from 1710 to 1950. These include more than 200 local titles from all over England, Wales and Scotland. You can search by name, date, county, and / or keywords. The search page will be found at:

**<http://www.findmypast.co.uk/search/newspapers>**

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**ROYAL BC MUSEUM: <http://search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Genealogy/BasicSearch>**

British Columbia Vital Records Free online

More than 700,000 birth, marriage and death records are now available. These records include births (1854-1903), marriages (1872-1936), deaths (1872-1991), colonial marriages (1859-1872) and baptisms (1836-1888) - many with images. More records are added each year as release of this information is only permitted as follows: deaths after 20 years; marriages after 75 years and births after 120 years.

Visit the Royal B.C. Museum site at: <http://royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/MainSite> and click on genealogy. You may also access it on the QFHS web page by clicking on Research, then Links and filtering by category to Canadian Resources. BC Archives.

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**GRONI to go on-line in 2013: - A Reminder for anyone with North Irish Roots**

The General Records Office of Northern Ireland (GRONI)! 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>  
Or go directly to: <http://irish-genealogy-news.blogspot.ca/2012/06/groni-online-by-2013.html>

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**LIBRARY and ARCHIVES CANADA: [www.collectionscanada.gc.ca](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca)**

Lower Canada Land Petitions (Quebec) is now available on-line. You can search by name for more than 95,000 individuals who lived in present-day Quebec between 1764 and 1841. Direct access can be found at: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/lower-canada/index-e.html>

For QFHS members read Sharon Callaghan's detailed article, *Quebec Land Grants Database* in the "Members Only" section of the QFHS web page

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**Visit the QFHS website at: [www.qfhs.ca](http://www.qfhs.ca)**

Click on *Bulletin Board* for the latest genealogical updates, and, if you have not already done so, join the QFHS Facebook Page for all the latest news, views and discussions of fellow family historians. Also, visit the QFHS on-line Book Store and browse through the list of books available for sale including *Tracing your Scottish Family History*; *Tracing your Irish Family History*; *Researching Canada's Home Children*; *Canadians At War 1914-1919*; *Paths of Opportunity*; *Chasing Grandma*; *Pioneer Scots of Upper Canada: Glengarry and Beyond*; *Researching Irish Court Records . . . . .* to name just a few.

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### **LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE GIFT for a Relative or Friend ?**

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](http://www.qfhs.ca)  
Or call Joan Benoit at the QFHS Library at: 514-695-1502; or e-mail: [www.qfhs.ca](mailto:www.qfhs.ca)

Dawn Ouellette ~ Editor

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### **TO BECOME A QFHS MEMBER:**

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

### **Membership Offers You:**

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

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### **MEMBERS ONLY SECTION of the QFHS WEB PAGE:**

To access this page you must be a QFHS member.

To *log in* enter the first initial of your first name + membership number + first initial of your last name. For *password* enter the first letter of your first name + up to 5 characters of your postal code or zip code (Australia only has 4) + the first letter of your last name. If your membership registration begins with an initial - example: K. John Smith - that initial becomes the first letter of your access codes. Type in lowercase with no spaces, apostrophes or punctuation. Once you have accessed this page it is advisable to go to "My Profile" ' Member Info' and change your log in and password. This section contains databases, Computree, articles from *Connections*, and other items to aid you in your research. If your membership expires you will not be able to access this page - annual membership renewal date is August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you encounter any problems click the question mark ( ? ) beside the log in name or e-mail the webmaster or QFHS secretary, Joan Benoit by using the convenient e-mail directory in the "Contact" section. Some of the collections / databases available in the Members Only section include: The History of the Anglican Parish of Vaudreuil. Quebec; The Norma Lee Collection - Quebec City; Guide to the Archives nationales du Québec (ANQ ) Montreal, collection of microfilms as well as books on Births, Marriages, and Deaths - compiled by Jacques Gagné. This is especially useful if you're planning to do research at the ANQ. A number of other databases are currently being revised and will be available shortly.

**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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

Birth, Marriage, Death registrations were: **Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish**

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Circa Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

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# QUEBEC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

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The Quebec Family History Society Heritage Centre Library, 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 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  
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## 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.

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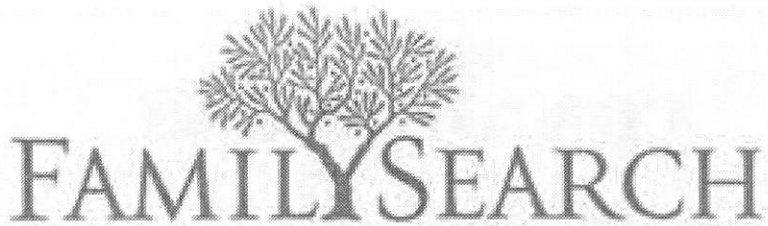
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### **Quebec Family History Society is pleased to announce that we are now an affiliated library of the Family History Library**

In March 2013 the QFHS finalized an agreement with the LDS Library in Salt Lake City, Utah whereby we are now able to borrow microfilms and microfiche from the LDS Library Catalogue to be viewed, at your leisure, at the QFHS Library Heritage Centre.

Under this agreement each individual must place their order themselves through the LDS website at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). To do this you must first create an account, Aqll details on How to create an account; Sign in; accessing the FamilySearch Library Catalogue; and How to place an order can be found on the QFHS webpage at: [www.qfhs.ca](http://www.qfhs.ca). For more information about the inter-library loan process with LDS, please contact the QFHS office at 514-695-1502 or e-mail: [qfhs@bellnet.ca](mailto:qfhs@bellnet.ca)

We strongly recommend that when placing your order you use the "*Extended Loan*" option.

❖ *Short-term loans* have a 90-day duration, beginning when the order is shipped.

There is a return postage fee which must be paid to the QFHS before viewing your film.

❖ *Extended loans* do not have a specified return date.

Dawn Miller Ouellette  
Vice-President QFHS  
Editor Connections

# From The Editor . . . . . ■

The photo on the cover of this issue of *Connections*, taken circa 1937, is of the Montreal historic landmark, *Chateau Ramezay Museum*. Raye Fraser, QFHS Speaker Program Co-ordinator has arranged a group tour, on May 11<sup>th</sup>, of this historied building and its gardens. For a brief description of the museum and its first resident, Montreal Governor, Claude de Ramezay, see my article on page 17

## Articles in this issue:

*Henry's Story*, on page 5 and the author's note about *The Mystery Man*, on page 8, is an interesting tale by Peter Sampson about how he was able to piece together the puzzling story of his Great-Grandfather's death. Is the Mystery Man the elusive Henry ? *Downton Abbey and its Predecessors*, by Mark Gallop on page 9 tells how the Masterpiece Classic triggered, in him early memories of another series that whetted his interest in genealogy, and his connection to the Whiteoaks of Jalna. On page 18 Earl John Chapman gives us *An Eyewitness Account of Montreal, September 1760* taken verbatim from the diary of John Knox, a lieutenant in the British 43rd Regiment of Foot in Montreal at the time of its capitulation in September 1760. In *Tombstone Management*, pages 20 & 21, Judy Gauthier gives her account of two very different experiences she had inscribing her ancestors' names on tombstones – one in Quebec, the other in Ontario. Pennie Redmile honors Eastern Township's icon, *Miss Marion Louise Phelps [1908 - 2013]*, with her admiration and memories of a beloved teacher - obituary on page 22.

## Also in this issue:

On page 19 Daniel Parkinson talks about his recently published two-part book, *Up To Rawdon*, a history of Rawdon Township, Lower Canada and its early settlers. There are also two book reviews, on page 10, for anyone with Scottish ancestors: *In Search of Your Scottish Ancestors*. by Christine Woodcock, reviewed by Janice Hamilton; and *Scottish Imprints in Quebec*, by Ray Baillie, review by Mark W. Gallop. On pages 11-13 I have listed a very small selection of some of the *Resources Available at the QFHS, New Library Acquisitions*, submitted by Cecilia Karwowski are on page 15. I have also listed a few of the books for sale at the *QFHS Bookstore* on page 26. Visit the QFHS website, Library catalogue and on-line Bookstore for a complete up-to-date list of both. For those interested in learning more about how to document and preserve your genealogical research information Lorraine Gosselin will be presenting a seminar, June 8<sup>th</sup>, on the use of Family Tree Maker using a "live" version of FTM 2012. Details on page 4. Pennie has submitted some interesting queries and tid-bits in the *Can You Help* column on page 22; and Lorraine has found more interesting websites and genealogical software information for *Computree* I have added as much *Genealogical News* as limited space would allow; and *Upcoming Events* to add to your Summer calendar.

The success of any family history society depends on the teamwork of its volunteers. 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. Why not take time this summer to write a short article about your family history, or your research, or a cherished childhood memory. Christmas in July . . . . Do you have a favourite Christmas story or memory to share ? Deadline for the Autumn issue of *Connections* is July 15th.

Memberships and renewals are the lifeblood of the QFHS so I urge you please remember to renew your annual membership before August 1<sup>st</sup>. A QFHS Membership is always a great gift idea for anyone interested in finding out more about their own family history.

Wishing you all  
A Safe and Enjoyable Summer  
Dawn Miller Ouellette ~ Editor

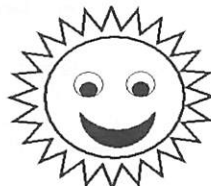


# QFHS NEWS AND NOTES

## QFHS LIBRARY & OFFICE - SUMMER HOURS:

The QFHS Library and Office *Summer Hours* will commence the week of June 24<sup>th</sup> 2013  
**July & August: will be open ONLY on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
Last Sunday afternoon open: June 9<sup>th</sup> 2013  
Last Wednesday evening open: June 19<sup>th</sup> 2013

Closed: Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> 2013 - for St-Jean Baptiste  
Closed: Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 - for Canada Day  
Closed: Monday & Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013 - for Labour Day



Closed: the week of August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
for thorough cleaning and shelf inventory reading  
**Regular hours will recommence on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> 2013**

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## DUTY LIBRARIAN VOLUNTEERS NEED

Thanks to many responsible volunteers the QFHS library is able to open six days a week and Wednesday evenings from September to June. During the summer months ( July and August ) we are open Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m.-to 3:00 p.m.

We are in need of new daily, duty librarians. If enough volunteers come forward, a team of two librarians could be on duty each day; opening hours on Wednesday extended (possibly from 10:00 to 9:00 p.m) during the months of September to June. Three shifts would be required.

**Commitment:** One definite day or evening a month

Hours 10a.m. - 3 p.m. Wed evenings 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Sunday 1- 4p.m.

**Responsibilities:**

Greet members and visitors; Assist or guide members and visitors with research; Answer the telephone; Sign books, periodicals in and out; Read the bookshelves for misplaced books

If you are willing and able, please contact Joan Benoit, Executive Secretary at:

**qfhs@bellnet.ca or 514-695-1502.**

*Thank you, Joan*

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## QFHS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

★ Please remember to renew your QFHS Membership before August 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 ★

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 your cheque or money order. The Quebec Family History Society offers you the option of renewing your membership on-line using our partnership with *PAYPAL*. Visit the QFHS website at: **[www.qfhs.ca](http://www.qfhs.ca)** and click on 'Join Us' to use this service. If you have friends or relatives who wish to join QFHS they can also use this on-line service to become new members. A QFHS Membership is always a great gift idea for friends or family who are interested in tracing their family history.

# QFHS NEWS AND NOTES

## QFHS PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES:

Held the second Saturday of each month September to December and March to May.  
at the *Briarwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 70 Beaconsfield Blvd., Beaconsfield, Quebec*

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

With the possibility of inclement weather conditions no lectures are held in January or February.  
For directions and any changes in dates, time, and location visit the QFHS webpage at:

**[www.qfhs.ca](http://www.qfhs.ca)** and click on "Events"



**Date:** Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 2013  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m. - at Briarwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 70 Beaconsfield Blvd  
**Speaker:** Patricia Burns  
**Topic:** Oral History

Patricia Burns was born in Montreal, graduated from Concordia University and taught school for 32 years. She is also a former Director of the Montreal St. Patrick's Society. She has written several books based on oral history about the Irish in Montreal in the mid-1900's, the most recent being "*Life on the Home Front: Montreal 1939-1945*". She will discuss her motivation for writing a book, finding people to interview and her interview process. *Life on the Home Front: 1939-1945* covers the Montreal "scene", night life, war industries, political strife, family life and how Montreal was changed by the war.



**Date:** Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 2013  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m. - at Briarwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 70 Beaconsfield Blvd  
**Speaker:** Richard Pollock  
**Topic:** The DNA Route to Family Genealogy

Richard Pollock will explain all the fascinating details about DNA and how it may help you find your roots using as an example some Pollock families in Quebec

**Please Note:** The October lecture is a week later than the usual second Saturday

This is to avoid conflicting with Thanksgiving weekend.

*Raye Fraser*



### **DEADLINES FOR UPCOMING ISSUES OF "CONNECTIONS" ARE:**

AUTUMN Issue . . . . . July 15<sup>th</sup>  
WINTER/ SPRING Issue . . . . . October 15<sup>th</sup>  
SUMMER Issue . . . . . February 15<sup>th</sup>

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

## QFHS SEMINARS ~SUMMER 2013

The Quebec Family History Society is offering a one day intensive seminar his Summer There will be time in the afternoon to ask your specific genealogical questions and seek research guidance

Please Remember that Space is Limited to 25 Persons for each seminar

The first 25 people who pay are guaranteed a seat

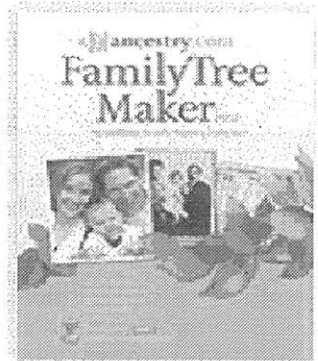
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### FAMILY TREE MAKER 2012:

FTM is the most popular program for recording your family history and creating and publishing numerous charts and reports. It is also closely linked with Ancestry. We will be using the latest version "live" which gives the opportunity to demonstrate as we go along. If there are subjects that are of special interest to you, please let me know at *computree* "at" *yahoo.com* before May 25th and I will try to include them. Note: you do not have to use the latest version to learn from this seminar.

**Lecturer:** Lorraine Gosselin  
**Date:** Saturday, June 8th, 2013  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ~ at the QFHS Library  
**Fee:** \$30.00 per person



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## A QFHS ALL DAY SEMINAR



The Quebec Family History Society presents a number of *Intensive All Day Seminars* throughout the year. These seminars teach the latest techniques in genealogical research, and where to find the newest sources and resources available for tracing your ancestors.

This picture shows QFHS President, Gary Schroder presenting a seminar last Autumn

# HENRY'S STORY

by Peter Sampson

When I decided to research my ancestry in earnest in December 2011, I knew virtually nothing about either side of my family, as little was spoken of the past, although we were still in contact with many of our relatives. On my Father's side, however, the task was particularly challenging due to his estrangement from his Father and his Mother having died around his third birthday. I knew my Grandfather's name was James Ernest Sampson and my Grandmother's name was Anne (née Sampson [too]). We were told that they were not related and that my Grandfather met his future wife at a Liverpool restaurant he came across during his service in World War One. Those were pretty much all that I had as facts to go on..... except another rare piece of family lore. My Great Grandfather was said to have died because he was TOO FAT! Actually, as the story went, he had supposedly perished while riding a Boson's Chair, and his weight caused his death. Boson's Chairs are those contraptions they once used to transfer people and mail between two moving ships at sea. I didn't even know his name, and certainly no other details !

As my research began, I was astonished to unravel my Grandmother Sampson's background and ancestors, even finding a living second cousin in Liverpool who shares my same genealogical curiosity. Within a few months, I had discovered that my paternal Grandparents were in fact related, sharing the same Grandfather but having different Grandmothers. I also discovered the name of my Great Grandfather, Henry Sampson. At the same time, I also became aware that there was a Henry Sampson on the Mayflower, so that served to muddy the investigative waters, considerably. From his arrival in Montreal circa 1888, Henry and family successfully dodged the Census Takers, and the only traces of him were to be found in the Lovell's City Directories of the day. I was able to piece together his life in Montreal, locating his various addresses, one of which was only two blocks away from the place in St. Henri where I had lived for the first eight years of my life. I was also able to track his various occupations as a driver, a cook, a turner and even the proprietor of Sampson's Lunch Wagon. Suddenly in 1911, Henry disappears from Montreal, but resurfaces in Quebec City in the 1911 Census under the name of Samson, along with my Grandfather, James and a woman named Ethel Stone, his housekeeper.

Later research revealed that Henry's wife Mary Ann (Hill) had died of Tuberculosis at the end of November 1911, but Henry was remarried by April 1912 to, you guessed it, the widow Ethel Snell Stone, also originally from Britain. Listed as a Hotelkeeper on their marriage register entry, Henry and Ethel travelled back to Liverpool on more than one occasion in 1912, and then all accounts of Henry vanish. What happened to him ? Any

references to Ethel after that time mention that she is a widow, but when and how that happened were a complete mystery.

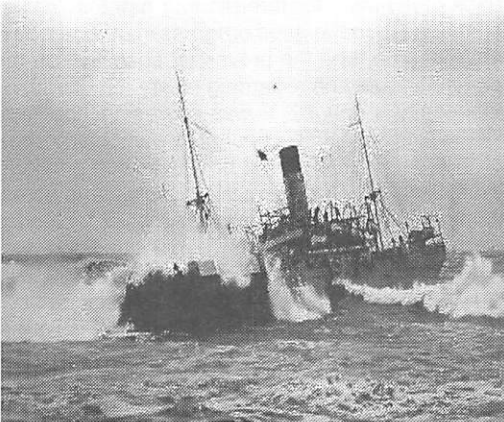
So what ever happened to good old Henry ? One of the few pieces of family lore came back to mind: he died because he was too fat, in a Boson's Chair. Believing that there might be a modicum of truth to this fanciful tale, I then began to wonder how I could find out how Henry met his end. The Boson's Chair suggests that he was at sea, so where do you look for documentation on a potential drowning and the loss of a body at sea ? Davy Jones doesn't give out death certificates ! My work was cut out for me, and I wrestled with this tricky question in the back of my mind for three to four months. While I continued to make good progress in other areas of my research, I hit the proverbial brick wall on this particular question regarding Henry.

Innocently enough, I was perusing the new Website of the QFHS, and more particularly some of the resource links that had just been provided. While I was just browsing, I suddenly came across a link for the Maritime History Archive, located at Memorial University in Newfoundland. There was something. Perhaps they would have an idea of where I might look to find Henry, if he indeed had died at sea. I bookmarked the site and vowed to email them to ask for their direction. After all, if you had to wager who might know where to look, a Maritime History Archive would have to be near the top of the list.....I was hoping.

After a few days of procrastinating, I sent off a message outlining my quandary and asking for any ideas they might share. I hadn't even looked at the Maritime History Archive website prior to writing, but I did so immediately after. It wasn't long into my

browsing of the site, when I came across a listing of documentation dealing with records of all types, but something called "1891-1964 Registers and Indexes of Births, Marriages and Deaths of Passengers and Seamen at Sea" caught my eye. It pointed to the British National Archive, however, access was available online through [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk). I quickly accessed this site and eagerly typed in Henry Sampson to start a query, and waited anxiously for a response.

When the screen refreshed, I saw a list of at least ten Henry Sampsons who apparently were lost at sea, but only one of them had the year 1913 next to his name, and, an odd notation: "(Leixoes)". When I was finally able to view the register, I saw a group of ten individuals who had perished as passengers of the S.S. Veronese on January 16th, 1913, the date that the Veronese had run aground near the port of Leixoes on the coast of Portugal, near Oporto. A Henry Sampson was one of the ten, however, he was the only one to have died of exposure and exhaustion on the following day, January 17th. Checking the few details listing Henry's home city, occupation, age and national origin, I was able to confirm that this was indeed "my" Henry, the 50 year old "Brit" hotelkeeper from Quebec City, Quebec, Canada.



#### Wreck of the S.S. Veronese

What happened? The register noted that all of the other passengers had drowned, or gone missing, after being placed in something called a "breeches buoy". Googling a picture of a breeches buoy

revealed an interesting find.....a Bosen's Chair by another name! Numerous other queries uncovered newspaper accounts from many parts of the world, with each carrying essentially the same story of the wreck. Originating in Liverpool, the Veronese had left Vigo, Portugal where it had taken on a large group of Portuguese passengers bound for Buenos Aires and other South America destinations. A view of the ship's manifest also revealed that Henry was not alone, travelling with second wife Ethel, as well as her former sister-in-law Annie Stone, and both of them had survived.

I had started out trying to find out how and when Henry had passed on, and I had succeeded. I was thoroughly pleased with myself, yet I wasn't satisfied. I needed to know more about the whole affair! "Where was Henry finally buried?" became my new focus (i.e. obsession), and I set out to find as many different newspaper articles as I could. While most of the many articles proved repetitive, they did not provide any information on the casualties, especially Henry. I did, however, latch onto something called the Liverpool Board of Trade Inquiry of the wreck of the S.S. Veronese, which was mentioned in later news pieces. The Liverpool Board of Trade Inquiry can best be described as a Maritime Coroner's Inquest of sorts. Perhaps the Inquiry could shed some light on what happened to Henry's remains.

After a series of emails to the Royal Museums and the National Archive, I was directed to the Southampton Central Library website, where Board of Trade Inquiry reports were available for viewing and download. Naturally, the years I wanted were not available online, so I emailed, explaining my purpose. In a return message, I was most pleased to receive an Acrobat File of the seven page report. It made very interesting reading, as it contained testimony from Mrs. Sampson, and it outlined the complete tragedy. It did not, however, indicate what had become of Henry after his death.

I then had to don my Sherlock Holmes Deerstalker hat and deduce from the facts. Henry had survived his encounter with the Breeches Buoy, reaching land, only to die the following day. His body was therefore not lost, and had to be buried. The choices; repatriate him to Quebec City, return him to Liverpool, the ship's point of origin, or bury him locally in Portugal. Due to the distance and

conditions of that time, returning Henry to Quebec City would have been virtually impossible. Newspaper articles and naval records indicate that the British survivors returned to Liverpool two weeks after the wreck, likely too long for the body to have travelled in those days.

The best answer seemed to be burial in Portugal, but where. One article had mentioned a crew member named Murphy who had been buried in a nearby Catholic cemetery, however, Anglican Henry would not have been permitted to join him. Research indicated that there was a non-Catholic cemetery in the area called St. James Cemetery, and a church had been founded within its walls, which were unadorned by crosses or any other religious symbol, by law. I was convinced that this would have to be the place if Henry was indeed buried in Portugal. Casting about on the internet, I found the St. James Church's website in Oporto, Portugal, and I also found a separate posting by an

individual in 2005 who wished to create a website with a searchable database of St. James Cemetery "inhabitants". I decided to adopt a two pronged approach, emailing both with details of my quest. Within the week, I received a return email, with an Acrobat attachment, from a St. James Church Warden. The attachment contained an excerpt from the burial register showing that Henry was interred on January 20th, 1913, while also providing the exact plot and grave numbers.

Henry was finally found! During the following week, I received a second email from the individual who had posted the message in 2005.

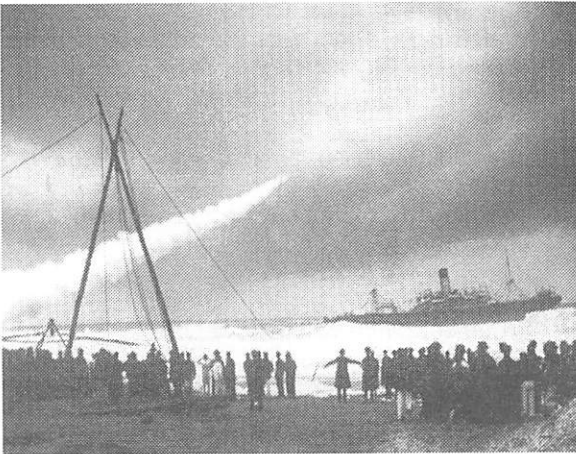
He wanted to be of help as well, and later promised to provide photos of the grave. It has been quite a journey since I began to pull on a small thread, named Henry, in the family tapestry. My sincere thanks has gone out to the many people who so kindly provided me with the help that enabled me to finally find out what happened to Henry.

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### Rescue Attempts

The pictures show the rescue attempts in progress, and the line for the Breeches buoy ( Boson's Chair ) going from the crossed-beams through the surf to the wreck; and the Forrester and Sampson graves at James Cemetery. Oporto, Portugal

### Forrester and Sampson Graves





## THE MYSTERY MAN A Follow-UP to HENRY'S STORY



Author Note by Peter Sampson

I have recently received a picture of a gentleman I strongly believe to be the dearly departed Henry, although this hasn't been confirmed. The first cousin, once removed, that I discovered during my research, sent me a picture over the holidays from Liverpool, however, he was asking if I recognized him. The photo has a St. Laurent Street address here in Montreal. I have no idea what Henry looked like, as I have never seen a photo of him. Come to think of it, I didn't even know his name! The picture was taken 1901-1902 and it is extremely likely that it is none other than Henry, himself. Until I can be a little surer, I continue to call him the "Mystery Man".



### QFHS - OPEN HOUSE and BOOK SALE:

As part of the "*Journees de la Culture*" Festival the QFHS will be holding an Open House and Book Sale at the Library Heritage Centre, 173 Cartier Ave, Pointe Claire on Saturday and Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 2013, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come in and learn what records are available in the QFHS Library and where to find Information about your Canadian, American, British, Irish, Scottish, Welsh, and French ancestors. *EVERYONE IS WELCOME SO BRING A FRIEND.*

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# DOWNTON ABBEY AND ITS PREDECESSORS:

## An Unusual Genealogical Legacy

by Mark W. Gallop, UE

The period drama, *Downton Abbey*, was first televised here over two years ago but I only recently borrowed the DVDs from my local library. Minutes in to the first episode we meet the fictional Earl of Grantham, his wife, mother and three daughters (but no sons) and learn of the death of his heir presumptive in the sinking of the Titanic. We are then plunged into discussions of wills, inheritance laws and cousinships. No wonder genealogists get such enjoyment from these costume dramas.

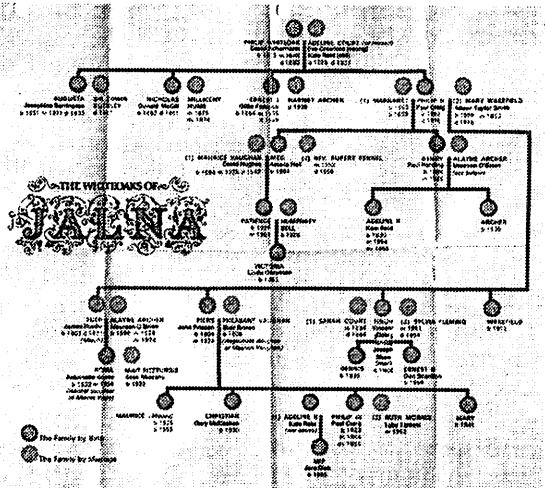
Do you remember the spark that started your interest in your family history? Was it a birth? A death? A conversation with a relative? Perhaps it was an episode of *Who Do You Think You Are?* or *Ancestors in the Attic?* The *Downton Abbey* mini-series reminded me of my start at the precocious age of 11.

*Downton* comes from a long line of period dramas which sweep across several generations of an upper class family, starting with the 26 episode *The Forsyte Saga* from the BBC in 1967. This series was such a success in North America that it is credited with launching "Masterpiece Theater" on PBS in 1971. The success was also noted in Canada and the CBC commissioned a series based upon the novels of one of the best selling Canadian novelists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, now largely overlooked, Mazo de la Roche (1879-1961).

The *Whiteoaks of Jalna* tells the story of Philip and Adeline Whiteoak and their descendants over the course of a century. (As a genealogical aside, de la Roche is said to have taken her characters' names from tombstones in a cemetery near her home in Newmarket, Ontario.) Jalna was the name of the Whiteoak family's fictional estate. De la Roche told their story in a series of 16 books published between 1927 and 1960. The CBC took 13 episodes and a two million dollar budget to do so. Despite the budget and the screenwriting skills of Timothy Findley, *Jalna* was not a critical success. Too many characters and frequent flash-back sequences left audiences and critics confused and unimpressed. Perhaps as a counter to this CBC launched a substantial marketing campaign, including support material. It was the marketing material, rather than the series itself that started me off on my life as a

family historian. The February 5, 1972 edition of the *TV Times*, which accompanied each Saturday's *Gazette*, included a Whiteoak family tree. This obviously intrigued my 11 year-old self because I not only clipped and saved the diagram but got out my coloured markers to create a tree of my own family, with names and dates helpfully provided by my grandparents. I matched the Whiteoak format right down to the colour coding – a red dot for a blood relative and a blue dot for married in. The pack-rat archivist in me still has both of these documents.

Building on this simple sketch, I gathered family information, photographs and artifacts through my teen years and into my adulthood, taking advantage of the interest of a number of older relatives with anecdotes and details dating back into the 19th century. I quickly found that my family stories were every bit as interesting as the fictional melodramas. But my family history files weren't quite finished with *The Whiteoaks of Jalna*. The star of the series was the legendary Canadian actress, Kate Reid (1930-1993) who played Adeline Whiteoak, the family matriarch. At a certain point I discovered that she had a place on my own family tree as she was married for a time to my grandfather's first cousin, the Canadian actor, Austin Willis (1917-2004).





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## BOOK REVIEW

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### **"IN SEARCH OF YOUR SCOTTISH ANCESTORS"**

by Christine Woodcock

Reviewed by Janice Hamilton and now available on the QFHS Library shelf

As director of Genealogy Tours of Scotland, Christine Woodcock has helped many Canadians research their ancestors in Scotland's archives and family history centres, so she knows what baffles them and what they need to understand. In her recently published booklet "*In Search of Your Scottish Ancestors*," she tries to bring some of that knowledge to a wider audience.

Woodcock's booklet is not the only resource you'll need, but it is a good place to start, and it only takes about half an hour to read. After that, if you are a serious researcher, you should tackle a more in-depth book. But Woodcock gives a good basic explanation of how to research the old Parish Registers (OPRs) and the Scottish census, and she provides some fascinating background about Scottish traditions. She also lists some lesser-known on-line databases on topics such as mining, brewing and witches in Scotland.

Finally, Woodcock has a special interest in the Selkirk Settlers, many of whom came from the islands of Skye and Mull and settled in Prince Edward Island, Upper Canada and Manitoba.

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#### **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 previous home of our Society's monthly lectures, including one on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Previously Review by Mark W. Gallop

in the Summer Issue of Connections 2011 - volume 33 ~ issue # 3 - page 13

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For local members if you are not a regular visitor to the QFHS Library you may be missing out on an opportunity to find that elusive ancestor or break through that long-standing brick wall, There are many resources available in the Library to aid you in your research and duty librarians and fellow members always there to help you in finding what you need. As well as the treasure trove of books you can browse through the genealogical journals, family histories, special collections - including the United Empire Loyalist Collection. Or use the numerous CDs, microfiche, microfilms and computer databases. Remember that the World Deluxe Edition of Ancestry is free to all members within the Library. To see more of what is available visit the QFHS web page, click on "Library" and take a few minutes to browse the *Catalogue*. Members unable to visit the Library can use the Library Catalogue to order books & periodicals. Also log into the *Members Only* section of the QFHS web site for a list of resources available. A number of databases are currently being revised and will be available shortly. *Editor: Dawn Miller Ouellette*

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**From the QFHS Library Catalogue**

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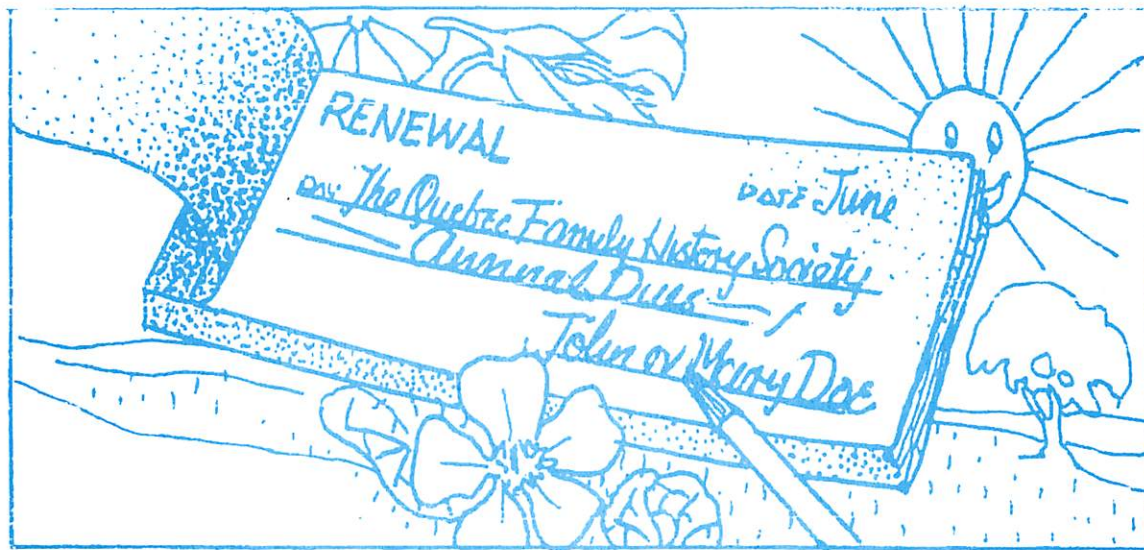
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CHATEAU de RAMEZAY  
A Journey into Montreal's Past  
*Dawn Miller Ouellette*

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Montreal is one of North America's oldest and most unique cities with a history dating back more than 400 years. It is a multi-cultural city with a cosmopolitan flare and old world charm. The thousands of tourists who flock to Montreal each year and those of us living near-by are fortunate to be able to visit its numerous museums, historic and heritage sites that give us a glimpse into its illustrious and sometimes controversial past. One museum, housed in the the first building in Québec to be classified as an historic monument, is the *Chateau Ramezay* on Notre Dame Street in Old Montreal. Originally built in the early 1700's as the private residence of then Montreal Governor, Claude de Ramezay it is now renowned for its collections, permanent and temporary exhibitions, multimedia portrayals of historic figures; and a French colonial garden, Visit the Chateau de Ramezay Museum site at: <http://www.chateauramezay.qc.ca/en>

Claude de Ramezay [ 15 June 1659 – 31 July 1724 ]

Claude de Ramezay was born at La Gesse, France on 15 June 1659, son of Timothé de Ramezay and Catherine Tribouillard. His maternal grandfather, Hilaire Tribouillard, was the intendant in charge of Prince de Condé's stables. The Dictionary of Canadian Biography states "the name de Ramezay was probably originally the Scottish name Ramsay, the family probably emigrated from Scotland to France sometime in the late 15<sup>th</sup> or early 16<sup>th</sup> century. In Burgundy they acquired the fiefs of La Gesse, Montigny, and Boisfleurant and entered the nobility."

As a lieutenant in the Troupes de la Marine Claude de Ramezay was sent to New France in 1685. By 1690 he had attained social and political prominence, first by purchasing, for a large sum, the position of Governor of Trois-Rivieres from the widow of René Gaultier de Varennes, the previous governor of that settlement, who had died in June of 1689. A few months later, on 8 November 1690, Claude married Marie-Charlotte Denys, daughter of Pierre Denys de La Ronde and Catherine Leneuf in Quebec City. Pierre Denys was a prominent businessman, landowner, and one of Ne France's leading citizens. This list of known children of Claude and Marie-Charlotte de Ramezay can be found at:

<http://genealogiequebec.info/testphp/info.php?no=63881>

Claude (1691 - 1711); Catherine (1692 - ); Anonyme (1693 - 1693); Louis (1694 - 1716); Marie-Catherine (1696 - 1725); Charles-Hector (1696 - 1725); Marie-Charlotte (1697 - 1767); Pierre-Timothée (1698 - 1706); Louise-Geneviève (1699 - 1769); Jean Baptiste (1700 - 1725); Madeleine-Angélique (1701 - 1719); François (1702 - 1702); Françoise (1704 - 1704); Françoise-Louise (1705 - 1776); Élizabeth (1707 - 1780); (Jean-Baptiste-Nicolas-Roch) Roch de Ramezay (1708 - 1777)

Most or all of their daughters were boarded at the Ursulines convent in Quebec City. Marie-Charlotte dite de Saint-Claude de la Croix ( born 31 July 1697) joined the Hospitaller nuns of the Hôpital Général of Quebec and was their Superior at the time of the capture of Quebec in 1759. Their youngest son, Jean-Baptiste-Nicolas-Roch ( born 4 Sept. 1708 ), signed, in the name of Louis XV, the Articles of capitulation of the city of Quebec in 1759.

While raising his large family Claude de Ramezay served in the colonial military; as governor of Trois-Rivieres; governor of Montreal; acting governor of New France; and as a seigneur and businessman with sawmills and ties to the fur trade. He had the Chateau de Ramezay built in 1705 as a private residence, while governor of Montreal. He died 31 July 1724, but having always lived above his means he left little to his wife and children. The chateau was eventually sold to Compagnie des Indes - a fur-trading company and has changed hands many times since then. It became the Canadian headquarters for the Continental Army in 1775; and the British governor's official Montreal residence after the conquest; it has also served as the Université de Montréal's first Faculty of Medicine; and in 1894 it was bought by the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Montreal and converted into an historical museum.

## AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT: MONTREAL, SEPTEMBER 1760

By Earl John Chapman

*John Knox, then a lieutenant in the British 43rd Regiment of Foot, took part in the campaigns in North America from 1757 to 1760. He was with Brigadier James Murray's force which advanced up the St. Lawrence, and was present at the capitulation of Montreal in September 1760. Knox kept a private diary which he self-published as a 2 volume "historical journal" in 1769. In 1914, this journal was edited by Sir Arthur G. Doughty and re-published by The Champlain Society.*

*Here is Knox's quaint eyewitness contemporary account of the town of Montreal in September 1760, taken verbatim from volume 2 of The Champlain Society's re-print.*

On the 14th of this month [September 1760] I had an opportunity of viewing the interior parts of Montreal; and, for delightfulness of situation, I think I never saw any town to equal it; besides the advantages of a less rigorous climate, it is infinitely preferable to Quebec. It stands on the side of a hill sloping down to the river with the south country, and many gentlemen's seats thereon, together with the island of St. Helen, all in front: which form a most agreeable landscape, the river here being about three miles across, I mean from the south side of Montreal to the south coast. Though the town is not of a considerable breadth from north to south, it covers a great length of ground from east to west, and is nearly as large and populous as Quebec; the streets are regular, the houses well constructed, and particularly the public buildings, far exceeding those of the capital of Canada [the town of Quebec] in beauty and commodiousness: that of the Knights Hospitallers being extremely magnificent. There are several pleasant gardens within the walls, in which however the owners have consulted profit and convenience more than elegance; among these are the sisters of the congregations, the nunnery-hospital, Recollects, Jesuits, seminary, and a sixth, which, if I am not mistaken, is the property of the Governor; besides these, there are many other gardens and beautiful plantations without the gates, such as the general hospital, and the improvements of M. Liniere, which exceed all the rest, and are at an agreeable distance, on the north side of the town. I have been informed that the fathers of the order of St. Sulpicius, at Paris, were proprietors of the island, which they held by grant or charter from the crown, and produced them a considerable revenue. I saw no paintings, or any thing remarkably curious, in their churches, or other religious houses; every thing carried an air of neatness, simplicity, and plain-ness; how they may be on festival days I cannot take upon me to say.

There are six or seven gates, large and small, to this famous place, but its fortifications are mean and inconsiderable; it is surrounded by a slight wall of masonry, solely calculated to awe the numerous tribes of Indians, who resort here at all times from the most distant parts, for the sake of traffic; particularly at the Fair, a kind of carnival held every year, and continues near three months, from the beginning of June till the latter end of August; I have heard various accounts of this fair from the inhabitants of Quebec and Montreal, and the trade carried on with these barbarians; but they are so confused, contradictory, and, withal, so marvellously romantic, that I shall pass them by in silence, my residence in the country, after the conquest, not affording me an opportunity of being an eye-witness to those scenes. There are no batteries on the walls except for flank-fires, and the most of these are blinded with planks and loop-holes made at the embrasures for musketry; I saw six or seven guns only that were mounted, from four to nine-pounders; and these in a wretched condition, being more for form than for any real service: some writers and travelers have represented these walls to be four feet in thickness, but they are mistaken, because I was at the trouble to examine and measure them in different places: they are

built of stone, the parapet of the curtains does not exceed twenty inches, and the merlins at the flank-fires are somewhat thicker, though not near three feet; hence it is evident they were never designed but as a security against arrows or small arms. A dry ditch surrounds this inclosure about seven feet in depth, encompassed with a regular glacis.

On the inside of the town is a cavalier on an artificial eminence, with a parapet of logs or squared timbers, and six or eight old worm-eaten guns, some of which are not mounted: this is called the Citadel or Royal Battery. Such were the fortifications of Montreal, the second place of consequence in the colony, until the enemy raised the siege of Quebec; and then, in expectation that our forces would soon follow them, they threw up a battery, with two faces for nine guns, but they had only four twelve-pounders mounted, two pointing to the navigation of the river, and the others to the road leading from Long Point to the town, with a traverse or lodgement for musketry elevated on the inside of the battery for the defence thereof, together with some picket-works, forming a barrier to the gate or entrance to the place, with loop-holes for their marksmen; and these, with two advanced redoubts, are all the temporary works that were made for the defence of Montreal. The inhabitants are gay and sprightly, much more attached to dress and finery than those of Quebec, between whom there seems to be an emulation in this respect; and, from the number of silk robes, laced coats, and powdered heads of both sexes, and almost of all ages, that are perambulating the streets from morning to night, a stranger would be induced to believe Montreal is intirely inhabited by people of independent and plentiful fortunes.

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## UP TO RAWDON

Author: Daniel Parkinson

Up To Rawdon, a book in two parts, is the result of the author's many years of research into the early history of Rawdon Township, Lower Canada, where his ancestors settled 1824-1832. It includes most of the immigrants settling there before 1852. Part One profiles 80 families in 64 chapters. The origin of each family is determined when possible and their destinations on leaving which include a dozen American states. Part Two details another 40 families. The balance of its 42 chapters highlight 70 families who moved from Rawdon to central and western Ontario, the influence of American settlers, the first church and school, the military origin of many settlers, the importance of the militia in daily life and the relationship between Catholic and Protestant immigrants. Most of the families investigated are Protestant but the book includes chapters about some of the early Irish-Catholics with details on others. The two parts of Up To Rawdon must be ordered separately; however both parts are available in a single PDF - to order go to <http://www.uptorawdon.com/index.html#order>

*From the Author:* At last Up To Rawdon has been published and the website is fully operational - <http://www.uptorawdon.com> it contains a Table of Contents to the two volumes of 1156 pages. Secondly, there is supplemental information for several families featured in the books. A third section has research files including material about Rawdon from the Diocesan Archives at Bishop's University in Lennoxville, transcriptions of Rawdon censuses from 1825, 1831 and 1851 with corrections of spelling of names and other data and letters concerning Rawdon from the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning files transcribed from McGill Archives. A fourth section Rawdon Yesterday and Today features wonderful photographs by Richard Prud'homme of Rawdon that I feel illustrate how Rawdon looked both then and now. There is a page of links that I have found useful or too pages about Rawdon people in distant parts. Finally, there is a page About the Author.



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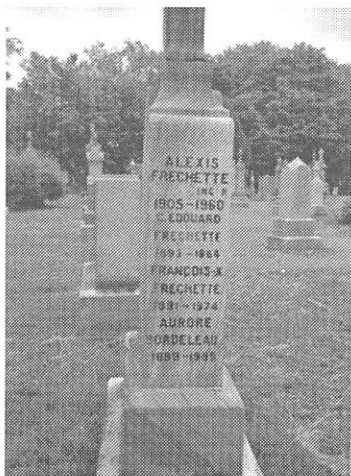
TWO DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES – QUEBEC AND ONTARIO

Submitted by: Judy Gauthier

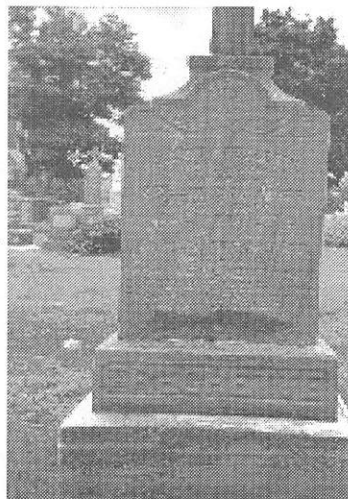
I made this presentation at an OGS Toronto Branch 'Great Moments' meeting and thought I would share it with you.

In 2007 I found out where some of my ancestors were buried. My Gr-gr Grandparents, *Edouard Gauthier* and *Angelique Brasseur* were buried at Notre-Dame-des-Neiges Cemetery in Montreal, QC, and my Great-grandfather, *Emery Gauthier* was buried at Notre-Dame Cemetery in Ottawa, ON.

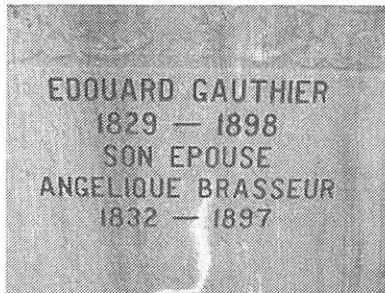
**QUEBEC:** Through the wonderful on-line register at Notre Dame Des Neiges Cemetery, I found that Edouard and Angelique are buried with the FRECHETTE family (their daughter, Azelie married Alexis Frechette). Pennie Redmile of QFHS kindly took photos of the stone for me – many thanks to her! In 2007, after attending the QFHS ROOTS Conference, my husband and I visited the cemetery and found the tombstone.



There were no GAUTHIER or BRASSEUR names on the stone



In 2011, we were at the ROOTS Conference again, so we went to Cemetery Office. I explained that I was the Gr-Gr grand-daughter of Edouard GAUTHIER and Angelique BRASSEUR and that I would like to get their names inscribed on the stone. What did I have to do

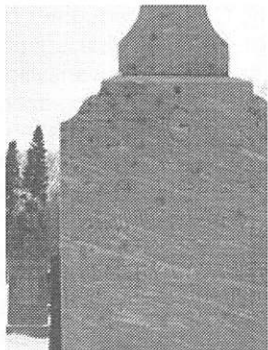


No problem. I filled out a contract, and paid the fee:  
Base price \$105 included 15 characters  
Plus \$5.25 per extra letter  
Total: \$336

They promised the inscription would be done by next spring. In 2011, our friends took this picture for me.

## ONTARIO:

In 2007, I discovered that *Emery Gauthier* (son of Edouard) is buried in Notre-Dame Cemetery in Ottawa. Emery is buried with his wife – *Edouidge AUBERTIN* and their son, GILBERT, BUT only her name was on the stone !



A La Memoire De  
EDOUIDGE AUBERTIN  
Epouse de  
EMERY GAUTHIER  
DECEDEE LE 31 MARS 1929  
A L'AGE DE 62 ANS, 6 MOIS

It was very hard to read !

I made contact with a representative at Notre Dame Cemetery about what I had to do to get the names inscribed on the stone

**First step:** I had to prove who was oldest living relative of Edouidge - who was my father's sister, Genevieve D'Entremont. I called her and explained what I wanted to do. The representative sent forms to her to transfer the plot to her, plus an indication that there was \$1700 in outstanding 'Care and Maintenance' Fees, which I paid on her behalf.

**Second step:** Aunt Genevieve then transferred the plot to me which came with a \$125 'Transfer Fee' which I again paid.

**Third step:** I then had to pay for the new inscription and I also wanted a 're-pointing' of the stone: an additional \$1172.00.

**Total price: \$2997 !!!!**

*But – the results were most impressive !*

### SUMMARY:

**Quebec:** Easy to do. Inexpensive (LT \$350)

**Ontario:** More complicated. More expensive (~\$3,000)

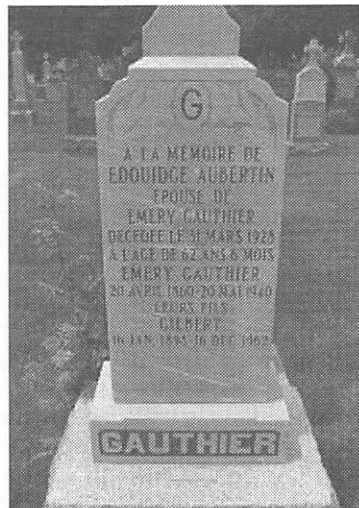
### WHY ?

I believe it was due to 'Perpetual Care Maintenance Fee' being paid in Quebec but not in Ontario. So what 'lessons learned' can I conclude from this experience?

Ensure the 'Perpetual Care Maintenance' fee is PAID !

If anyone has any other possible reasons why Ontario was so much more complicated than my Quebec experience, I would be happy to hear from them.

BUT, on the bright side, I now own a plot in Ottawa, Ontario worth \$8,000. There is room for 1 more casket and/or 8 urns ! Anybody interested ?





## MARION LOUISE PHELPS (1908-2013)

Submitted by Pennie Redmile



January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013 was a sad day for the Eastern Townships when our living icon, Miss Marion Louise Phelps left this life. Born February 1908 in South Stukely, Quebec, daughter of Maude (McDougall) and William W. Phelps, she was a legend in many ways. As a school teacher for years in Cowansville, she was loved by her students, and was often characterized as the best art teacher anyone could have. Kindly & patient she taught us that history was very important and would often point to specific students in the class as being direct descendants of people who were early pioneers of our region. Before and after her retirement, Miss Phelps, along with other local historians, worked to revive the two historical societies in Brome and Missisquoi counties. Later she became the curator and finally the archivist at Brome Historical Society, where many people have benefited from her vast knowledge of the local family history. Because of her

many years of selflessly promoting and preserving local history, writing articles & publishing books, notably the Yesterdays in Brome County series, she won many awards & much recognition. Miss Phelps contributed articles to The Dictionary of Canadian Biography There is a Marion Phelps award granted annually to some person in Quebec who has contributed mightily to preserving & furthering Quebec history. Miss Phelps was always interested in helping people who were pursuing their genealogical roots, & astounded many a visitor, by knowing stories about their families.

My favourite story about Miss Phelps truly shows her character. When she was in her eighties, the Quebec Gov't decided to straighten a winding road that ran from Sweetsburg (Cowansville) to West Shefford (Bromont). Miss Phelps learned that the proposed road would cover over a pioneer cemetery near West Shefford. There would be none of that, while she was alive!!! Indeed!! She openly opposed them & at first they ignored her, but in time this feisty lady won their attention. They were adamant about their new road & she was equally determined to save the burial ground. Finally, they offered her a "compromise" that she could accept – they would erect a monument in the cemetery of her choice with all the names and dates of the deceased who were buried in that little cemetery – some of the first pioneers of the region. True to their word, the gravestone can be found today in the Methodist graveyard in Bromont. Miss Phelps didn't look for trouble, but she was always true to her convictions when need be and was fully convicted to save and preserve our local history.

Miss Phelps was loved by many of us, and we have lost a truly remarkable lady. Her memory will live on in our hearts forever.

NB: The books mentioned above are available at QFHS library.

## 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. Aside from the queries, we will include some interesting tidbits that have surfaced. If you see anything like this, of interest to genealogists, please send them in.

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### Query:

Seeking five (5) siblings who came to Canada as British Home Children in 1888-89. Born in Liverpool, ENG, children of Richard and Jane (Routledge) CARRUTHERS, Dorothy Elizabeth b 1880 (my grandmother); Mary Jane (Jennie) b 1876; Margaret b 1879; Isabella b 1882 and Frances b 1878, CARRUTHERS. I have the girls' records through Barnardos, but there are so many unanswered questions! They all arrived with Mrs Birt's parties through Acton Vale and the Knowlton home. Mary Jane and Margaret were placed in various homes in the Eastern Townships in domestic service and eventually married and lived in Richmond/Melbourne QC. Mary Jane married William SHELL (English born, possibly a BHC also?) in 1895. The SHELL family returned to England around 1901 to live with her family in Liverpool - according to the Knowlton Home visitation records - but when did they return? Jennie's first 2 children were born in Richmond, QC and Margaret May SHELL and Sydney George SHELL (1901 and 1903 respectively) in Liverpool, Eng, then the family returned to Canada ... Jennie and William had Greta Dorothy SHELL and Harry James SHELL in QC, (1906, 1908) Clearly they returned to Canada between 1903 and 1906. Curiously, in the 1911 QC census, Mary and Greta SHELL are "inmates" in a Church of England Female Asylum located in West Quebec, Champlain Ward, Electoral District #89. Where was everyone else in 1911?! Any thoughts or further information would be welcome! Jennie's death notice in the Lowell Sun, Massachusetts July 3, 1950 says Jennie was a resident of Billerica, MA, living with her son Arthur A Shell of Billerica. She was survived by her sons Arthur, Harry R. Shell of Winthrop, MA, and William B. Shell of Montreal, QC, CAN, and daughter Mary Shell Cunningham of Billerica. 6 grandchildren survive her, but no names are provided. Only her sisters Dorothy (TAIT, Montreal, QC) and Francis (STILES, Amherst NS) are mentioned as surviving her.

Margaret CARRUTHERS married William TUDGE in 1896. They had one son, John William Arthur TUDGE born 21 November, 1897, and later left her husband c 1900 and emigrated to the USA with her son. She remarried in the Boston area to a T. Rockwell Osborne in the US 1920 census. That is all I know of Margaret. My grandmother, Dorothy was sent from the Knowlton Home to Forrester's Falls, ON to live, unhappily, with the BROOME family. She went into domestic service in Montreal, then to nursing school at the Montreal Children's Memorial Hospital. She married Herbert TAIT in Montreal in 1908. Unfortunately she passed away prior to my birth. Isabella was adopted by the Geoghan family in ?Dalesville or Pointe au Chene, QC. She lived a fairly "normal" life having married Charles LARNER in the Valleyfield, QC area until her death in c1978. Francis was sent to Amherst, Nova Scotia where she eventually married George STILES.

My primary goal is to try and piece together the lives of my Aunts Mary Jane (Jennie) and Margaret. If anyone can help me with the mystery that is Jennie SHELL and Margaret TUDGE OSBORNE, I would be very grateful!

Jane Tait Soules [Soules1@sympatico.ca](mailto:Soules1@sympatico.ca)

**Potash:**

One of the only ways the early pioneer farmers had of obtaining cash, was through the sale of potash. In the Winter 2013 issue of Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network magazine, there is a very informative article describing this venture. QFHS members may borrow this magazine from our library. The QAHN website is [www.qahn.org](http://www.qahn.org)

**WW2 Airmen:** Dorothy Mather writes:

I have a very old and battered scrap book that was kept by my dad which includes names and events of R.C.A.F. airmen in WW II who were from Montreal and other parts of the province. There are many names in these articles and I thought I would share them in case there is someone who might be researching one of more of these men. The articles, etc. are all from *The Montreal Star* between 1944-45.

L/A **Boosmara** 2702 St. Catherine Rd., Montreal  
 W/O R.L. **Skillen** 30 St. Germaine St., St-Laurent, Montreal  
 W/Cmdr. J.M.W. **St-Pierre**, D.F.C., son of Mr & Mrs. Adolfe St-Pierre of St-Eustache. (St-Pierre's wife was the daughter of the late Senator Arthur Sauv, former Canadian Postmaster-General.)  
 W/Cmdr. Georges **Roy** of Westmount.  
 Both **Roy** and **St-Pierre** served with the famous Alouette Squadron in Britain, Africa and Sicily.  
 F/O Lorne **Fleming**, son of Mr. & Mrs. H. Fleming of 4916 de Grandpr, St, Montreal and nephew of Frankie Fleming, boxer.  
 W.Cmdr. Logan **Savard**, Quebec  
 Flt/Lt Hilaire (Robbie) **Roberge**, M.B.E. of Hull, Quebec  
 Edward J. **Cooney**, air gunner, son of Mr. & Mrs. L. Cooney of 742-5th Ave., Verdun. in hospital suffering from malaria and on a 6 month leave of absence.  
 He had brothers, Kenneth, R.C.N.V.R. and Clifford (army).

**Former Montrealers win D.F.C.:**

F/O W. Laurier **Bernier** of 6617 de Normandville St. (quote: now killed)  
 F/O Shan **Dunn** (first name shown as printed) Australian-born, left McGill University to enlist as pilot with the R.C.A.F. (Nickname: Downwind). This is from an article dated 06 Apr. 1944 and written by Andy O'Brien entitled, "Thoughts in a Dinghy". It is an interview between Shan Dunn and my uncle, F/O Gerald Edward **Geeves** who was home on a month's leave between his first and second tour. (article& pictures).

**The following airmen were commissioned Pilot Officers:**

C.G. Hopton; J.L.V. Morin; W.P. Neale (missing); H.L. Voisy; W.G. Philips of St. Lambert; J.A.M. Nadeau, Quebec (missing); J.B. Thornber; H.S. Simpson, Westmount; R.L. Skillen, St-Laurent; J.R.P.E. Tousignant, Leclercville, QC; J.G. Limer, Buckingham, QC (missing). F/O D.H. Gray (nickname, Dodie) of 3812 Wilson Ave., N.D.G. Served with Middle East Bomber Command (El Alamein, Bengasi, Crete, Tobruk, Malta). Son of Mr. & Mrs. H.J. Gray (address as above); brothers, W/O Frank E. Gray, Coastal Command, P.E.I., Cpl Wilfred J. Gray, R.C.A.F. and OS Ernest Gray, R.C.N.V.R. Mr. H.J. Gray Sr. was also a WW I survivor with the 40th Battalion of Nova Scotia. (Article with picture of family).

**Ontario Names:**

C.M. Coutlee; D.B. Willbee of Ottawa; J.B. Bennett of Carleton Place;  
 F.L. Cliff; J.D. Mawson; S.A. Meeks of Kingston; A.M. Wyatt of Cornwall.

**Dorothy added :**

My uncle was F/O Gerald Edward Geeves born 11 March 1910, son of Thomas R. Geeves and Jane Hamilton of Harvard Ave. Montreal who lost his life 02 Jan. 1945 on his last op returning from a raid over Nuremberg and shot down near Rohrau, Germany. He was a member of # 405 (R.C.A.F.) Pathfinder Squadron which was part of # 156 Squadron, Group 8 and the only R.C.A.F. Pathfinder squadron of the war.

I am researching this squadron. They were an elite, hand-picked group of men. There were seven (7) men aboard Lancaster Bomber III PB477. Three members of this crew were R.A.F. airmen, one from the R.A.A.F. and three Canadians. There were only two survivors - both taken as POWs.....one was a member of the R.A.F; the other, a Canadian, was from Rodney, Ontario.

Although I don't have information on any of the other men included, I have many articles on my uncle if anyone is interested.

Dorothy Mather  
[genechaser@rogers.com](mailto:genechaser@rogers.com)

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**Book:**

They Shall Grow Not Old: A Book of Remembrance  
By Les Allison & Henry Hayward

A new book has been published listing Canadian airmen who died in WWII, including short biographies of the men. A copy of this book may be borrowed from QFHS library by members.

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**Eastern Townships:**

The Sherbrooke Record newspaper (Sherbrooke, Quebec) have started publishing in book form, the covers of their newspaper The first volume (1910-1920) is almost out of print (Feb) and they are working on the second volume with an immediate release date (Feb). If anyone is interested please contact the Sherbrooke Record at [www.sherbrookerecord.com](http://www.sherbrookerecord.com)

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**Montreal Jewish Map:**

Each red dot on the map represents either the location of a Jewish institution or the residence of a prominent Jew going back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Click on the dot to see what it is. Searches can also be narrowed by time period or category: <http://imjm.ca>

This map was created by *the Interactive Museum of Jewish Montreal*,  
Our thanks for permission to reprint

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**Regiment photo - Montreal Maisonneuve regiment 1940 - 1960**

Does anyone have a regiment photo of the Montreal Maisonneuve regiment -- between 1940 & 1960 that includes a man named *Roger Belanger* (medic) -- or can tell me where a photo can be obtained ? submitted by Pennie Redmile .

# THE QFHS BOOKSTORE

The QFHS has a number of interesting and informative books and CDs for sale. These books are available at the QFHS Library Heritage Centre or browse the QFHS on-line Bookstore which lists titles, prices, and a printable order form. For shipping and handling costs for orders to destinations other than Canada and the US, please contact Deborah Robertson at [qfhs.booksales@bellnet.ca](mailto:qfhs.booksales@bellnet.ca)

## A few examples of what is available:

### ***Tracing Your Irish Family History***

Author: Anthony Adolph

Softcover, 224 pages - Item #A1750

An all-in-one guide. Using images to illustrate, this book explains which resources are available, including Griffith's Valuation and Tithe Applotments, and how to use them for family history research.

### ***Tracing Your Scottish Family History***

Author: Anthony Adolph

Softcover, 224 page.- Item #A1775

This book explains how to get started researching family history in Scotland. The main sources of records available for research are described and well illustrated. This is a good book for beginners and experienced family historians alike..

### ***Researching Canada's Home Children***

Author: John D. Reid

comb binding, 117 pages - item #A1380

Perhaps one in ten Canadians has an emigrant ancestor from the British Isles who came with a philanthropic agency between 1869 and 1930. This book provides practical advice on sources and techniques for researching these young immigrants in Canada and the UK.

### ***Paths of Opportunity***

Author: Sharon Callaghan

softcover, 136 pages - item #A1510

This book is a portrayal of the Irish Montreal experience of one family among many who helped make Montreal what it is today. With tens of thousands of other Irish immigrants, John and Bridget Callaghan arrived in Montreal during the 1840s. The author discovered many interesting facts that helped her put together a picture of the nine decades through which the couple and their children had lived

### ***The Loyalists of Quebec -A History of United Empire Loyalists***

Author: United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada

softcover, 485 pages - item # A1700

At the cessation of hostilities in 1783, between England and the American colonies, 35,000 people suddenly left the American colonies and fled to the British colonies in Atlantic Canada, Quebec and Ontario. This book deals with a particular group of Loyalists and those that were resident in the Montreal district. This book details the names, origins and contributions they made to the province and to the city.

## Bookstore News from Deborah Robertson:

Effective March 15<sup>th</sup> 2013, new shipping prices due to Postal rate increases over the past few years since our prices have gone up CD copies of many items will be available as soon as possible for those who can't pick up the books in the QFHS library. For our most up-to-date list of books and cds for sale, please see our *Bookstore Page* at: <http://www.qfhs.ca/forsale.php>



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

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Note: if you don't want to type in addresses, remember that this column is posted on the "Members Only" section of the QFHS Web site and all the links are live: just click on them!

#### **CLANS AND CASTLES OF IRELAND DATABASE**

Irish Origenes interactive castles of Ireland map is part of a project to pinpoint Irish ancestors. Use your DNA to discover your Irish ties. There is a note however, that if your Irish ancestors are "recent" arrivals (with the Vikings or the Normans) it may be more difficult. Click on the family names listed and see where castles were built. [www.irishorigenes.com/clans-castles-database](http://www.irishorigenes.com/clans-castles-database)

Read more:

[www.irishcentral.com/news/Irish-Origenes-interactive-castles-of-Ireland-map-part-of-project-to-pinpoint-Irish-ancestors-159927875.html#ixzz2O19UiSHB](http://www.irishcentral.com/news/Irish-Origenes-interactive-castles-of-Ireland-map-part-of-project-to-pinpoint-Irish-ancestors-159927875.html#ixzz2O19UiSHB)

#### **DUBLIN GRAVEYARDS**

Several downloadable PDF booklets on Dublin graveyards created by Sean J. Murphy and others are available at [homepage.eircom.net/~seanjmurphy/epubs](http://homepage.eircom.net/~seanjmurphy/epubs)

#### **WWII INTERNMENT CAMPS IN CANADA**

They are featured on The Postal History Corner which presents Postal and Philatelic History. Should be of great interest to those who had relatives interned in Canada in WW II: picture postcards of prisoners, addresses in Germany, descriptions of camps: an excellent starting spot to more information. [postalhistorycorner.blogspot.ca/2012/07/wwii-internment-camps-in-canada-post.html](http://postalhistorycorner.blogspot.ca/2012/07/wwii-internment-camps-in-canada-post.html)

#### **CEMETERIES OF QUEBEC IN PHOTOS**

The site is in French, but it's all about place names and family names. It appears to be an on-going project, as there is a notice about last ones listed. [www.cimetieresduquebec.ca](http://www.cimetieresduquebec.ca)

#### **SEARCHING FOR MORE CEMETERY PHOTOS**

In addition to all the usual cemetery sites, I have recently discovered another way of finding information by searching Google Images: enter cemetery and a name of a person or a cemetery or a location. The results may surprise you as it seems many people have posted images of one or several cemeteries. It may be painfully slow to go through the information, but a surprise may await you: that's how I found a picture of the gravestone of my great-uncle Charles Roderick Wehr who died in WWI.

#### **BILLION GRAVES INDEX (Family Search Historical Records)**

An explanation on Family Search Wiki's – what the records contain and how to use the controls. [familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/BillionGraves\\_Index\\_%28FamilySearch\\_Historical\\_Records%29](http://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/BillionGraves_Index_%28FamilySearch_Historical_Records%29)

**BC RELEASES 700,000 BMS ONLINE**

Full digital images of the original records of births, baptisms, marriages, and deaths in British Columbia are now available free of charge through the Royal B.C. Museum and B.C. Archives websites. On-going so ... [search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Genealogy/BasicSearch](http://search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Genealogy/BasicSearch)

**CANADA'S AIR FORCE IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR**

Actually, Canadians who joined the Air Force joined the Royal Air Force- there was no RCAF at this time. I found this out lately while working on a small project about my great uncle Charles Roderick Wehr. Thanks to Earl Chapman, who was the expert at the QFHS Military Roots Day and to David Barnes who maintains the WWI RAF Register at [www.rfc-rnas-raf-register.org.uk/RFCRegister.htm](http://www.rfc-rnas-raf-register.org.uk/RFCRegister.htm)

He says "the main aim . . . is to try to provide a central source of service and biographical information of all those who served in the British and Commonwealth Aerial Forces during the First World War" Pilots, ground crews, everyone is included.

.... I am finding more about this and will publish an article later. In the meantime, here is a book about Canada's early Air Force that is available online

[archive.org/details/aviationincanada00sullrich](http://archive.org/details/aviationincanada00sullrich) thanks again to David Barnes.

**SEARCHING FOR MILITARY WAR MEMORIALS IN CANADA**

Canada's National Defence site has an Inventory of Canadian Military Memorials. Read about them and click on Search for a memorial at [www.cmp-cpm.forces.gc.ca/dhh-dhp/nic-inm/index-eng.asp](http://www.cmp-cpm.forces.gc.ca/dhh-dhp/nic-inm/index-eng.asp) There are currently 6,694 posted. You are also invited to let them know of any that is not listed

**OTHER MILITARY RESOURCES FOR CANADA**

Both these organisations have suggestions: The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery at [www.artillery.net/beta](http://www.artillery.net/beta)

and Canada's Artillery Museum at [www.rcamuseum.com/English/musefind.htm](http://www.rcamuseum.com/English/musefind.htm)

**IRELAND - ANGLICAN CHURCH RECORDS**

The Church of Ireland states this is an "ongoing endeavor to make the registers of baptism, marriage and burial from Church of Ireland parishes available in a digital format." Some Archives are already available, so it's a site to bookmark. Click on Anglican Research Project at [ireland.anglican.org/about/128](http://ireland.anglican.org/about/128)

**TOP 75 STATE WEBSITES OF 2012**

Thanks to Nancy Cunningham's ET newsletter, here are Family Tree Magazine's top genealogy Websites for American States : [familytreemagazine.com/article/top-75-state-websites-of-2012](http://familytreemagazine.com/article/top-75-state-websites-of-2012)

**NEW VERSION OF 1906 CENSUS OF NORTHWEST TERRITORIES RELEASED**

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is pleased to announce the release of a new version of *the Census of the Northwest Provinces, 1906 database*. In 1906, the Canadian government called for a special census of the Prairie Provinces (Manitoba, and the two newly created provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta) in order to track the high rates of population growth in Western Canada. Previously, users could search only by geographical information such as province, district and sub-district. It is now possible to also search by nominal information such as name, given name (s) and age for an individual

[www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/1906/Pages/1906.aspx](http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/1906/Pages/1906.aspx)

**SOUTHWESTERN QUEBEC GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES**

Thanks to Gail Dever for providing information about this site – where you will no doubt recognize the names of some of the organizers! – see [www.swquebec.ca/default.html](http://www.swquebec.ca/default.html)

**ET HISTORY – MEN OF TODAY IN THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS**

Thanks to a member of the QC-ETANGLO newsletter for this free book at [archive.org/details/menoftodayineast00morrufft](http://archive.org/details/menoftodayineast00morrufft) Published in 1917. Available in several downloadable formats, such as EPub, PDF, Kindle.

**TRACING HUGUENOT ANCESTORS**

Listen to this podcast from the British National Archives at

*Tracing Huguenot ancestors*

(<http://enews.nationalarchives.gov.uk/man-13t4m-8i9sud-h6x3u-1/c.aspx>)

**FINDING AIDS AT LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA**

A three-part guide to finding aids appears on LAC's blog – part 1 can be found at [thediscoverblog.com/2012/02/28/discover-finding-aids](http://thediscoverblog.com/2012/02/28/discover-finding-aids)

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**TECHIE NOTES**

Since I received about a million replies when I posted my problem “pdf reader has disappeared”, you might also run into this problem! The standard thing was to download it again of course, but then it would not install. Another million or so responses later: the simplest solution I found, and it worked, was to reload with a different browser than the first attempt, whatever had been used (suggested were any of these three: IE, Firefox, Google Chrome). Have not searched why it disappeared in the first place ...

**Reminder:**

if there is no ‘www’ shown before a site's name, 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  
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OR E-mail to [computree@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

**FAMILY TREE MAKER AND WINDOWS 8**

Thanks to Dawn Ouellette for this techie tip: people have been worrying on blogs if their new Family Tree Maker will run on Windows 8. Although the packaging doesn't state it, Rick Roberts of Global Genealogy checked with the Company and was told it would run. No word if older versions of FTM will run on Windows 8...(NOv 2012)

**MORE ON E-BOOK READERS**

[www.theloop.ca/news/all/consumer-news/consumer-blog/article/-/a/894597/E-books-Convenience-seems-to-come-at-a-cost](http://www.theloop.ca/news/all/consumer-news/consumer-blog/article/-/a/894597/E-books-Convenience-seems-to-come-at-a-cost)

It may be too late for your E-Book Reader purchase, but the most popular format for books is EPub, which the Kindle cannot handle, nor can it be used to borrow E-Books from libraries. However, a program called Grab calibre, can be used to reformat ... it lets you change the format of e-books to match that required by your reader, and is also an excellent e-book management tool – think of it as the iTunes of the e-book world. There is a video on the site explaining how it works, which you can consider before deciding to download. ([calibre-ebook.com](http://calibre-ebook.com))

**FAMILY TREE MAKER *Companion Guide***

And if you do have an E-Reader or a tablet, and also have Family Tree Maker 2012, go to the Help menu and download the *Companion Guide* to your reader as it's a 397-page PDF file and you might like to take it with you to read in sections rather than only consult it when you are working with FTM. If you have an earlier version, or another genealogical program, you might want to check if this feature exists.

**UPDATES TO GENEALOGICAL PROGRAMS**

Update notices received are too numerous to list, so please check if anything new has been added for any program you are using, whether PC or MAC-based.

**REUNION FOR YOUR iPad**

Consult Dick Eastman's list of features on the updated version of Reunion, available from the iStore: [blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2013/03/reunion-for-ipad-version-20.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2013/03/reunion-for-ipad-version-20.html)

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## GENEALOGICAL NEWS

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Dawn Miller Ouellette

### **FAMILY SEARCH:** [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

More records and images have been added to Family Search since the publication of the Winter / Spring issue of *Connections*. These include: 19,206,333 images from the new United Kingdom, World War I Service Records 1914-1920, collection, 2,005,113 index records from the U.S, World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, collection, and 930,622 index records from the U.S., New York Passenger and Crew Lists, 1925-1942, collection, 815,732 index record and images from the BillionGraves Index collection, and 5,522,462 new browsable images for 11 Italy communities, including Palermo, and 758,398 new images for Portugal collections

You can now order microfilm & microfiche from the LDS Library to be read, at your leisure at the QFHS Library

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### **DROUIN INSTITUTE** - online collection

The Drouin Institute now offers six collections on a pay-for-view site, You can search by collection and family, then view the original pages. To subscribe and log in: <http://www.genealogiequebec.com> Visit the QFHS *website Bulletin Board* for more details.

The Drouin Collection is available FREE of charge to all QFHS members at the Quebec Family History Society Library Heritage Centre

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### **ANCESTRY:** [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

Ancestry is FREE for all QFHS members to use at the QFHS Library Heritage Centre. Some new additions include: Scots in the USA and Canada, 1825-1875; Canada, City and Area Directories, 1819-1906; Wiltshire, England, Quaker Births, 1636-1837; Wiltshire, England, Quaker Deaths, 1542-1897; Wiltshire, England, Marriages, 1538-1837; Ireland, Lord Viscount Morpeth's Testimonial Roll, 1841; Northern Ireland, Will Calendar Index, 1839-1943

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### **IRELAND REACHING OUT:** <http://www.irelandxo.com/home> also known as Ireland XO

This genealogical programme was started to help the millions of people of Irish descent worldwide reconnect with their place of origin in Ireland. As of April 2013 *IrelandXO* had volunteers from over 500 parishes ready to assist in answering questions and queries and many more parishes are to be added shortly. An article in the Ottawa Citizen stated that Philip Donnelly of Ottawa has been recruited as the spokesman for this area. He can be contacted at: [pdonnelly@irelandxo.com](mailto:pdonnelly@irelandxo.com)

You can join *Ireland Reaching Out's Mailing List* at: <http://www.irelandxo.com/mailling-list>

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**FIND MY PAST: [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk)**

In the first quarter of 2013 Find My Past added more than 650,000 new pages to its collection of regional British newspapers, bringing the total to 6.5 million pages - from 1710 to 1963. They also added new Westminster parish records from more than 50 churches, a total now of 3 million records for the period 1538-1945. And new parish records to their Canterbury Collection, bringing the total to over 2 million dating back to 1538. They have also added more than 3,000 new records to their Boer War collection, for a total of 271,771 Boer War Records.

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**PRONI: <http://www.proni.gov.uk/index.htm>**

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland

In conjunction with FamilySearch, PRONI has digitised the Valuation Revision Books, 1864-1933, and they are now available on the PRONI website.

Search at: <http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation>

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**GRONI to go on-line in 2013: - Another Reminder for anyone with North Irish Roots**

The General Records Office of Northern Ireland (GRONI) 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.

To read more about it type "GRONI online by 2013" in your search box, or go directly to: <http://irish-genealogy-news.blogspot.ca/2012/06/groni-online-by-2013.html>

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**SCOTLANDS PEOPLE: <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>**

The 1905 Valuation Rolls are now available on the ScotlandsPeople website. You can search, by name and address, over 2.4 million indexed names and over 74,000 digital images, covering every kind of building, or property in Scotland assessed as having a rateable value in 1905.

This is a pay-for-view site.

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**Visit the QFHS website at: [www.qfhs.ca](http://www.qfhs.ca)**

Click on *Bulletin Board* for the latest genealogical updates. Also, visit the QFHS on-line Book Store and browse through the list of books available for sale. There are also a number of new books available at the QFHS Library, including: Dorval: three hundred years of history; Finding Our Fathers: A Guide book to Jewish Genealogy; General James Wolfe & Fraser's Highlanders; Canada's Black Watch 1862-2012; Italian Genealogical Records: How to Use Italian Court, Ecclesiastical and other Records in Family History Research; The Indians of Canada. See the on-line Library catalogue for a complete list.

And, if you have not already done so, join the *Quebec Family History Society Facebook Page* for all the latest news, views and discussions of fellow family historians.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUMMER 2013

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#### **QFHS SEMINAR ~ SUMMER 2013**

Before you depart on summer holidays why not sign up for the QFHS Family Tree Maker Seminar. Lorraine will be using a "Live" version of .FTM 2012 and there will be plenty of time to discuss any questions you may have about Family Tree Maker. You undoubtedly will learn some interesting and helpful tips. Please book early as space is Limited to 25 Persons. See page 4 for details..

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#### **QFHS PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES:**

QFHS Lecture Series is on hiatus for the summer but will resume again Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 2013 with a lecture on Oral History by Patricia Burns, who will discuss her new book *Life on the Home Front: 1939-1945*. This book covers the Montreal "scene", during WWII and how Montreal was changed by the war. For full details see *News & Notes*, page 3 of this issue of *Connections* or visit the QFHS webpage at: [www.qfhs.ca](http://www.qfhs.ca) and click on "Events"

These lectures are FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC . . . . *SO BRING A FRIEND !*  
Location is: Briarwood Presbyterian Church Hall, 70 Beaconsfield Blvd., Beaconsfield, Quebec

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#### **QFHS OPEN HOUSE and BOOK SALE**

QFHS annual Open House and Book Sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 2013, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Library Heritage Centre, 173 Cartier Ave, Pte Claire  
This event is open to the public, so drop by, bring a friend and find out what's new at the QFHS - or just browse the book sale tables and chat with fellow genealogists Full details on page 8 or visit the QFHS website. Anyone wishing to donate books may drop them off at the QFHS Library AFTER Labour Day

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#### **BIFHSGO CONFERENCE - 2013:**

The British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa [ BIFHSGO ] will be holding its 19th annual conference, September 20-22, 2013 at Library and Archives Canada, in Ottawa. The focus this year will be on Ireland. Visit the BIFHSGO throughout the summer for more details. <http://www.bifhsgo.ca>

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#### **NEW at the QFHS LIBRARY:**

The Quebec Family History Society is now an affiliated library of the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Local QFHS members can borrow microfilms & microfiche from the LDS Library Catalogue and spend leisurely summer hours in a relaxed atmosphere at the QFHS Library searching for those elusive ancestors. And remember, the World Deluxe version of Ancestry and the Drouin Collection are both Free at the QFHS library, as well as numerous other databases. Duty Librarians will be there to answer any questions and help you find what you need. Summer hours commence the end of June - through July and August the Library will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m

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To keep abreast of upcoming genealogical events visit the QFHS website at [www.qfhs.ca](http://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](http://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** \_\_\_\_\_

**Surname:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Birth, Marriage, Death registrations were: **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 the family settled or was last known to reside. \_\_\_\_\_

What specific information or general information are you seeking about this person?  
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Have you or other people conducted research concerning this person?  
What sources were searched? \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Quebec Family History Society Heritage Centre Library, 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 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 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. These books can be ordered 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

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## Regular Library and Office hours:

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

## Library ONLY is also open - [ September to June ]

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

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

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

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