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Heritage Renfrew

December 2004 Edition



Heritage Renfrew—A Year in Review

In retrospect, as Year 2004 drew to a close, Heritage Renfrew experienced a relatively quiet year. However, that is not to say that nothing had happened because a lot has taken place but on a less hectic scale. In all areas, Progress is on-going, ranging from the scanning and digitalization of our Family Collections to the time consuming and pains-taking actual transcribing of church records gleaned either from Micro-filmed or Photocopied Church Registers.

Additionally, our research facility has continued to attract many individuals not only locally but from places as far away as Calgary, Alberta, Canada to Northome, Minnesota, USA. It was gratifying to learn first hand from individuals which have traveled so far who have not only found success with their intended research but have also found new branches of their Family Tree which until that moment were not aware that they even existed.

This Fall we had two events which brought a much needed cash infusion into Heritage Renfrew's Operation Fund. Our first Event was our Annual Fall Bus Tour into the depths of the Ottawa Valley. The Tour was organized and directed by Mary Hass, Vice-President and Narrated with added interesting anecdotes by Dave Lorente, Home Children Co-Chair. While this is a tour which is not intended for profit, it did yield a modest profit margin after expenses. Our second event was a fund-raising Bake Sale, held at the Local Farmer's Market. It was organized by Olga Lewis with the assistance of Delores Agnel & Pat Patterson. and was very, very successful yielding an unexpectedly high profit margin. In addition to the actual sales there was the added cash donations which are too numerous to publish here but we take this opportunity to thank those individuals for their added generosity.

As something different for this Newsletter, I would like to Photo-walk you through our Heritage Facility to give you some insight into our Holdings & Family Donated Collections as well as the Accommodations which have been provided through the kind auspices of the National Archivist of Canada, Mr. Ian Wilson. This will be of particular interest to you, our Out-of-Town Members, who are not in a position to visit your site. These Photos are shown on page 6 of this Newsletter.

(President's Message Continued)

Ken Stafford-Brown

Message from the President

'Tis the season to be thankful and we, the Members of Heritage Renfrew, have a lot to be thankful for. Lets look around and appreciate what we have. First, our quarters, we have the very best of rooms, storage and most of all, around the clock security. Then, there is the People who make it work through their volunteer work...To name but a few, we have Pat McIntyre the Building Manager who is always there to help and support us in anyway possible...Martin Munhall, our own Archival Historian guides researchers into the right direction...Ken Stafford-Brown, who has been our Treasurer for the past four years, is moving on to become the Editor of our Newsletter—Olga Lewis has accepted the position of treasurer once again after having previously served in that position ...Joyce & Clarence McBride will continue co-chairing the Membership Portfolio as they have for many, many years ...Our Secretary, Darlene Mask who is also our Special Events Co-ordinator, has volunteered to remain in that position for another Term. Delores Agnel And Pat Patterson who have recently joined the Board have been invaluable for their willingness to volunteer for and assist in any tasking that is requested....We must not forget Dave Lorente for here is a person who single handily has been the driving force which has kept HOME CHILDREN alive and well.

We also have a board of directors who's purpose it is to give direction and guidance to the Executive and in doing so(continued on page 2)

thus ensuring that the interests of the whole of Heritage Renfrew's Membership is well served...A heartfelt thanks goes out to all who have donated their time and efforts in the past year and their continued support for the forth-coming year.

This year we are committed to more activity in the areas of our Newsletters, Tours and among other things such as in-house courses in Genealogy which has been popular in the past.

We are always looking for new members and our request is simple, get your friends to come out and see what we have to offer and then join our organization.

Come to our Annual General Meeting scheduled for 27th January, we want you to see what we have to offer you.

This is the time, belated or not to Wish you a very Happy and prosperous New Year. Take care and hopefully we will see you in the not-too-long future at the Archives.

Sincerely.... **Audrey Green**

HERITAGE MEETING



Join us every first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., in the Heritage Room at the Renfrew Archives, Gibbons Road. (off O'Brien Road)

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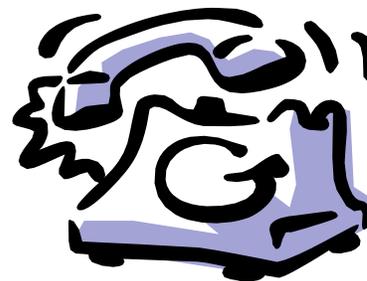
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NOTICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Heritage Renfrew will be holding its Annual General Meeting at 7 P.M. on 27 January 2005. It will take place at the National Library & Archives Building, located at 770 Gibbons Road, Renfrew, Ontario. Speaker is not confirmed at this time but once confirmed, it will be announced in the Local Newspaper. All are welcome, bring along a friend. Refreshments will be served following the meeting

RESEARCH

WHERE DID I COME FROM

HAVE YOU EVER READ AN HISTORICAL NOVEL OR WATCHED A MOVIE AND WONDERED ABOUT YOUR ANCESTORS WHO LIVED IN THE ERA PORTRAYED IN THAT BOOK AND MOVIE? TRACING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY BACK TO THAT ERA MAY NOT BE AS DIFFICULT AS IT MAY APPEAR TO THE NOVICE.

DO YOU WANT TO BEGIN SEARCHING YOUR FAMILY ROOTS BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START? ENTERING INTO THE UNKNOWN CAN BE AN OVERWHELMING EXPERIENCE BUT HELP IS AVAILABLE AND THERE IS A PLETHORA OF INFORMATION READY TO BE DIGESTED FROM SOURCES LIKE OUR VERY OWN HERITAGE RENFREW, TO BEGIN WITH.

HERITAGE RENFREW HAS MATERIAL ON HAND WHICH MAY HAVE EVEN BEEN DONATED BY ONE OF YOUR OWN RELATIVES WHO YOU MAY NOT HAVE REALIZED EVER EXISTED OR BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN PURCHASED FROM AN EXTERNAL SOURCE SUCH AS A LOCAL HISTORIAN . *A WORD OF CAUTION: IN SOME OF OUR MATERIAL THERE MAY BE COPY RIGHT CAVEATES WHICH MUST BE RESPECTED ...SO IF IN DOUBT, BEFORE COPYING ANY PASSAGES [USUALLY BUT NOT ALWAYS] FOUND IN BOUNDED MATERIAL, PLEASE GET PERMISSION FIRST.*

RENFREW HERITAGE HAS MANY OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION RANGING FROM CHURCH & CEMETARY RECORDS TO POLISH, IRISH AND SCOTISH IMMIGRANT SETTLEMENT RECORDS. ADDITIONALLY, HERITAGE RENFREW HAS A WIDE ASSORTMENT OF NEWSPRINT MICRO-FILM AND INTERNATIONAL MICRO-FICHE TRANSPERANCIES WHICH HAVE PROVIDED VISITORS WITH DOCUMENTATION OF THEIR OLD-WORLD FAMILY ROOTS. FREE USE OF THIS FACILITY IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC MONDAY THRU FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8 AM AND 5 PM .

PUBLIC LIBRARIES ARE ANOTHER SOURCE OF GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION AS WELL AS YOUR HOME COMPUTER WHICH, ONCE INTERNET ACCESSED, WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH AN UNLIMITED VARIETY OF WEB SITES CONTAINING SEARCH ENGINES WHICH MAY ONLY REQUIRE THAT YOU PROVIDE A NAME , PLACE AND DATE TO CHURN OUT AN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION.

THE WELL RESPECTED RESEARCH CENTRE IN OTTAWA HAS RECORDS OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES FOR CANADA. RECORDS FOR ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND IRELAND ARE ALSO AVAILABLE. RECORDS FOR OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE THE MORMANS HAVE A CHURCH CAN BE ACCESSED FROM SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO USE THIS FACILITY.

SO, THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION "WHERE DID I COME FROM" MAY NOT BE THAT ELUSIVE ONCE YOU TAKE THAT FIRST STEP BY VISITING YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY OR GENEALOGICAL GROUP GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR RESEARCH...SEE YOU AT THE ARCHIVES.

DELORES AGNEL

Healy, Nicholas

My name is Linda Geoghegan. My uncle, Matt Geoghegan, gave me your address to ask me to pass along some information. He wanted me to let you know that he is interested in locating the grave of a distant



Would you like to spend some of your spare time working in the Renfrew Archives?
Contact:
Any Member listed in the Directory [page 2] or e-mail: renfrewarchives@sympatico.ca
visit our Web Site @:
www3.sympatico.ca/renfrewarchives



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DONATED FAMILY TREES

- The Joseph Rousselle & Lucy Fremont Family Tree...Compiled & donated by their Grandson, Gordon A. Bean,
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DONATED BOOKS

Presbyterian Cemetery burial map—Lot 19 Con 3, Bromley Twp. Renfrew County, Ontario. [1987]

Note:

This Cemetery is also known as the McLaren Cemetery.

Donated By Norah H. Cousins [LaRocque].

Heritage Renfrew gratefully acknowledges the generosity of these donations.

Information Please

cousin of ours, a Nicholas Healy.

This is what we know about Nicholas:

\-He was born in County Clare, Ireland

-he immigrated to Canada on the MEGANTIC via Quebec

-He traveled with his cousin, Nicholas Burns

-Nicholas Healy & Nicholas Burns listed their cousin Denis Neylon of Ruby, Renfrew, Ontario as their intended destination.

Matt believes that Nicholas Healy died in Canada within a few years of his arrival. Nicholas Burns returned to Ireland in 1932 and reported that Nicholas Healy had died in Canada.

Any assistance that you can provide is appreciated.

Best Regards,

Linda Geoghegan Ph: 201-332-3942 // lgeoghegan@msn.com

Leitch, James

I am presently researching the following Families:

James Leitch, born approximately 1802 in Lanarkshire, Scotland and died 10 March 1897 in Alice Twp. Renfrew County. He was married in 1826 to Francis Wilson in Ramsay Twp. Renfrew County. Francis Wilson was born on 10 Dec. 1802 at Middle Paisley, Renfrew County. They were listed on the census with 3 children, Robert [he is my Great-Grandfather] born 1851, Margaret, born 1846 and James who was born 1874...These parents seem to be quite old to have had such a young family.

Robert went on to marry Elizabeth Twigger or Ada Twigger on 22 October, 1880 in Alice Twp., Renfrew County. She was quite a bit younger than Robert, being born around 1867.

Do you have any information on the Twigger, Leitch, Wilson or MacLinlay families? I believe Twigger, originally from England, immigrated from Pennsylvania to Renfrew in the 1870's to avoid the Civil War in the U.S. I also believe there is some Native Canadian in the Line.

Any help or information would be appreciated. I may be reached either thru e-mail [sally4@rogers.com] or Phone: 613-837-2669.

Thank you...Sally Acker [nee Leitch]

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NEW MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL FORM

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New Renew Home Children

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Leeds and Grenville Branch
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Arnrior & District Archives
www.adarchives.org

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