

# Opeongo Lines

YOU, YOUR FAMILY TREE, AND I.G.I.

There are hundreds of sources, believe it or not, for tracing information about your ancestors. But the single largest collection IN THE WORLD is the I.G.I or INDIVIDUAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX.

And Wayne Walker of the Family History Branch in Ottawa is bringing the ENTIRE ENGLISH SPEAKING WORLD RECORDS to Renfrew, to the Program Centre, on Saturday, 19 May (from 10 to 4) so that YOU can make use of it FREE OF CHARGE.

And WE'LL TRAIN YOU how to access the world of microfilm in just a few minutes. We'll provide background information, assistance and suggestions on further follow-up procedures. We'll have about 10 microfiche readers and over 10,000 microfiche covering birth, marriage and death notices in every country in the English-speaking world.

But the information will be only up to 1875.

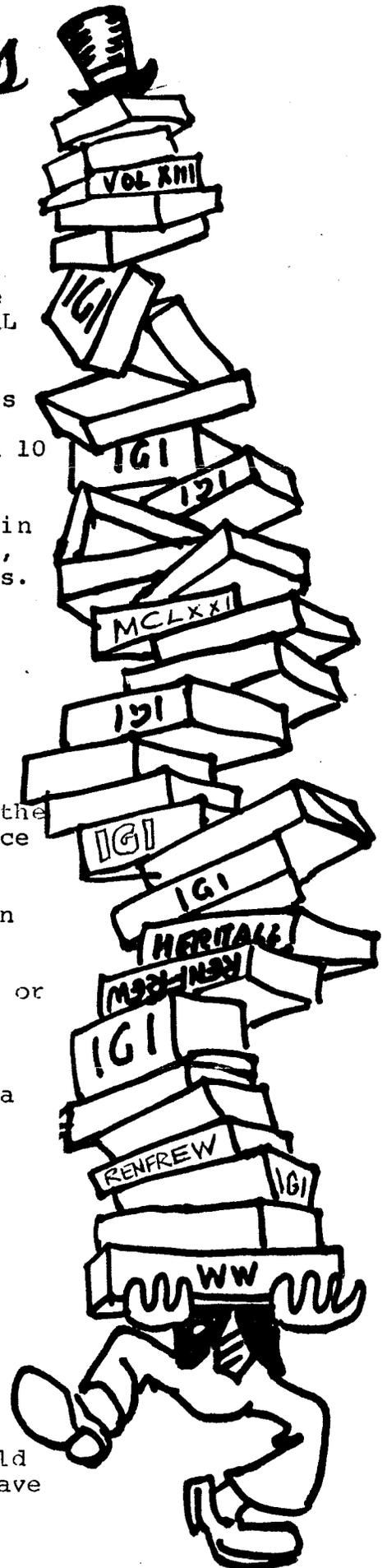
You must come with as much information about your grandfather or great-grandfather as possible. The more, the better: Full names are better than name and initial...place of birth, marriage or death, and date. If you have the names of other members of the family, that will help you zero in on your real ancestor. (It can get confusing when you run across several hundred people with the same name...and if that's possible with a name like "Lorente" imagine how you'd fare with a name like McNab or Stewart, or Smith.)

We start at 10 a.m. when Mr. Walker tells us about the I.G.I. That should take about 30 minutes. Then we have a 15 minute session on how to use the system. And then YOU USE IT. We'll have monitors and helpers on hand, so you need not be afraid.

Please ask that no food, drink or candy be consumed on the premises. This is to protect the microfiche during handling.

We also ask that you pick up a number when you arrive in case our "cup runneth over". We want to ensure that the first ones to arrive are the first ones to be served.

This is the first time that the IGI has gone into the field like this and it is a real coup for Heritage Renfrew to have arranged such a move.



Do come and bring a friend. The session is open to all, as most Heritage Renfrew functions are. We will have memberships on sale but there is no compulsion to buy one.

And if you missed the Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogical Meeting held in Renfrew in April we'll have some of the handouts on what information is available in Renfrew and how to get started on this Family Tree Quest.

*y'all come now!  
Dave*



IF YOU GO ABOUT THIS FAMILY TREE BUSINESS EGGS-ACTLY RIGHT, YOU'LL HAVE NO PROBLEMS.



WHAT YOU GET OUT OF DIGGING INTO FAMILY TREES DEPENDS A LOT ON HOW YOU GO ABOUT IT.



SOME PEOPLE ARE AFRAID TO LOOK TOO FAR UP THEIR FAMILY TREE, FOR FEAR SOMEONE WILL THROW A COCONUT AT THEM; OTHERS BRACE THEMSELVES AND TAKE A CHANCE.



## MEMBERSHIP

Members - paying members - are our life blood. We need you.  
We exist for you.

Fewer than half of last year's members are paid up as we go to press. And we worry about why?

We hope it isn't something we said or did...or didn't do...or is that "due"? Which reminds us of a bit of doggerel that is, perhaps, appropriate:

Some members pay their dues when due,  
Some when over-due,  
Some never do;  
How do you do?...due?...(dew???)

Now it's entirely possible that you don't know if you have paid up already. It's natural enough in these days of a proliferation of wallet-size cards to misplace some, take some out of your wallet (to make room for that extra 9% you'll lose as of Januray 1st), or just not get around to looking through the stack that you carry with charge cards, family photos, licences of sorts and year old discount coupons for the local grocery. (You can see where I am coming from....I just looked in my own wallet!)

As a result of the above considerations we decided to enclose another membership form in the newsletter and to **STICK A REMOVABLE COLORED PIECE OF PAPER ON IT TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU HAVE NOT PAID UP.**

If you have no colored paper on your newsletter it means that you have paid up. (I suppose it could also mean that we made a mistake, or the thing fell off in the post. Perish the thought!)

If you have a colored paper reminder, please consider writing a cheque out NOW and sending it to our secretary Helen Clark or Les Anderson, our membership chairman. Addresses are on the form.

And, by the way, thanks for putting up with this exhortation.

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