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Message from the President

Dear member of Heritage Renfrew

Here it is almost Christmas and we have once again fallen down on sending out regular Newsletters to you.

We have been extremely busy here at the Archives and there is never enough hours to go around and do all the things we must get done.

First let me tell you about the dilemma we found ourselves in when we were told we had to move all our collections into our meeting room once again. It seemed like an impossible feat but we did it. Thanks to Pat McIntyre, who had his men install shelving wherever we wanted it installed and then worried like crazy when we started to move box after box into the room. Thanks goes to a lot of people but it is done. We now need help again in double checking our new inventories that we had taken etc. The days for using our room for information have been changed to Tuesdays and Thursdays only, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Other days arrangements by appointment can be made by contacting one of the board members who are staffing the room. We are always ready to receive more Family Tree Donations. We also have Publications for sale as listed in this newsletter. It is time now to renew your membership again. We have attached a form in this newsletter as well. This year we are asking for your email address as well. This way if you wish we will send your newsletters to you by email. **BUT ONLY IF YOU REQUEST IT.** We are going to start a small column in the Renfrew Mercury called **DID YOU KNOW**, please watch for it. It will be just short excerpts from the old Mercurys, about Renfrew and District. You will have to read them to enjoy them. Well worth saving in a scrapbook.

Our Annual General Meeting will be the last Thursday in January, the 26th, 2006. So make a note of it so you will not forget to attend. We are starting to plan for our Heritage Luncheon again in February. Your support would be appreciated. Anyhow its time to wish you and all your family a very Merry Christmas and a very wonderful New Year.

Sincerely, Audrey Green, President



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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)



MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION NOTIFICATION

Subscribe to *Opeongo Lines* for the new year!

Subscriptions for the calendar year 2006 are \$10.00 (\$15.00 outside of Canada).

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- Local newspapers
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- Birth, marriage & Death information
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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:

NOTICE

HERITAGE RENFREW'S

NEW HOURS FOR RESEARCH

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

9:00 AM ——— 4: PM

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS, BY SPECIAL

APPOINTMENT ONLY

CALL:

432-6958 — OLGA LEWIS 432-4354 — AUDREY GREEN

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INFORMATION PLEASE:

Erma J Francis , research, anyone doing the Family Tree of McNevin's, Alexander McNevin 1802 to 1904, born Argyleshire, Scotland—died Bagot Twp. Married Elizabeth Johnston, born Scotland, immigrated to Canada 1i 1839. They had eleven children and one daughter Margaret married John McLean. She died in Beachburg. Please write Erma at Bridlewood Apartments, 107-20 Mutch Drive, Stratford, PEI, C1B 1S3

Send in your queries to Heritage Renfrew, Newsletter Editor, and they will be published in this space.

Help Wanted

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

DONATED FAMILY TREES

- Peter Dick Family Lois Dick
- Ferguson Clan Glenda Tippins

DONATED BOOKS

Heritage Renfrew gratefully acknowledges the generosity of these donations.

Canadian Railways Wayne Tasse
Grattan Twp. Elaine Hanniman
Collection of 11 Books Pat Patterson
(most on Prince Edward County)
Tweedsmuir History Books
Rosebank Women's Institute 1979—
2004
Renfrew District University Women's
Club 1995—1999
Township of Brougham minutes 1893-
1919

The following books were all donated
by Shirley Mask Connelly
Polish Pioneer Families (Brudenell)
Brudenell Revisited
Kashubia to Canada
History of Wilno Heritage Society
Renfrew's First Polish Families
Across the Grain (Toys) Jim Smith
Collection of Interviews DVDs Jim
Austin

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE:

CEMETERIES:

Castleford Union	\$8:00
Goshen Cemetery	\$15.00
Sand Point Cemetery	\$ 9:00
Flat Rapids Cemetery	\$ 6:00
St Alexander's Cemetery RC	\$ 8:00
Hillcrest Public & Lakeside Cemeteries Calabogie	\$9.50
Our Most Precious Blood Cemetery Calabogie	\$ 8:00
Springtown Cemeteriew	\$ 8:00
Malloch Road Cemetery	
Arnprior	\$30.00
White Lake Cemetery	\$20.00
North Horton Cemetery	\$12.00
Haley Station Cemetery	\$10.00
Rosebank Cemetery	\$15.00
Admaston Public Cemetery	\$12.00
St Andrews Cemetery	
Forrester's Falls	\$10.00
Opeongo Road Cemeteries	\$12.00
Mt. St. Patrick Cemeteries	\$12.00
Plus Mailing Costs, Subject to Change	

Founding Families of Admaston

Horton & Renfrew	\$10.00
Faces & Facades	\$ 2.00
Index Cards small	\$.75

COMING EVENTS:

HERITAGE LUNCHEON FEB. 20/06

**BUS TRIP TO UPPER CANADA VILLAGE
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER**

**BAKE AND GARAGE SALE IN THE SPRING
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER**

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER!!

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SITES TO CHECK

Renfrew County Website
www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca

Leeds and Grenville Branch
www.cybertap.com/genealogy/

Arnprior & District Archives
www.adarchives.org

Upper Ottawa Valley Group
uovgg@valleynet.on.ca

Ancestry.co.ck

Great Briatain records for people

Gencircles.com

Canadian records for people

Www.polishroots.org

Polish genealogical site

Www.rootsweb.com

For sharing research

Www.familysearch.org

Family History Centre free search



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Olga: From The Renfrew Mercury.

November 3 1871; Accidental Death:

Mr. T.H. Dillon, Postmaster at Calabogie Lake, was accidentally killed on Wednesday night. On his return home from the Fair in this Village, the wagon in which he was riding, struck against some obstruction on the Opeongo Road near Hartley's about four miles from Renfrew, and the shock threw him out so suddenly that the night being dark, his companions at first did not miss him. On going back to seek him they found him dead on the road, the wheel having passed over his head causing instant death. The deceased was about 40 years of age.

November 10 1871; McNab Ploughing Match:

The following is a list of the prizes awarded at the Ploughing Match held on the farm of Allan Stewart Esq. on the 17th of October. 1st prize, Peter C. McLaren \$6.00, 2nd prize John Hamilton \$5.00; 3rd prize James McIntyre \$4.00. Donald Robertson \$3.00. There were no entries in the second class. A fact deeply to be regretted, as it is in the improvement of the young men that we expect any advances in agricultural standing.

June 14, 1872, Obituary:

Mr Peter McIntyre, lately of Admaston, and Mr William Burton, of Horton two of the earliest, oldest, and most respected settlers in this part of the County, died last week, and their mortal remains were consigned to the grave on the same day. Tuesday the 10th instant. Mr McIntyre was a native of Perthshire, Scotland and was 73 years of age, having resided in the neighbourhood about 40 years. Mr Burton was a native of Nottingham, England and was about 80 years of age, and had also been a resident of these parts for about 40 years.

June 28 1872, Grave of an Indian Chief:

The grave of an Indian Chief has been discovered at Curry's Hill, N.B., on the line of the River du Loup Railway, which it is estimated was dug 250 years ago. The remains of the departed "Brave" are enclosed in a huge copper vessel bound around the rim with thick and heavy straps of iron. Five iron axes, of various sizes and peculiar shape were deposited in the vessel, to be used by the departed in the "Happy Hunting Ground".

July 12 1872, Accident From Blasting:

On Friday afternoon as Antoine Vulgar, a Prussian young man, was engaged in blasting stone too large to be otherwise removed from a field belonging to Mr. J.L. McDougall, the charge of powder prematurely exploded while he was in the act of tamping it. His left hand was so badly shattered that, on his being taken to the office of Dr. Mann, immediate amputation of all but the thumb was found necessary. After the operation he walked home declining a ride.

NEW MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL FORM

Annual membership fees are now due! For the year 2003 they remain at \$18.00, outside Canada is now \$15.00.

Name _____

Address _____

City/town _____ Province _____

Postal Code _____

Telephone _____

For Year _____

New Renew Home Children

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FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK:

QUESTION: When I was a kid my parents used to talk about driving up to Renfrew County to see the Magnetic Hill. Can you tell me anything about it?

ANSWER: The magnetic hill you are referring to is no longer much of a hill. It is located at the junction of Highway 132 and 41 in Renfrew County, in close proximity to Griffith and Dacre. At one time it was quite an attraction, even though one of the County's most well-known politicians, Leonard Quilty, former Reeve of Admaston Township, says today that it was, in fact, an optical illusion, and people swore they could see water running up hill. Leonard doubts that. He says it only appears to run up-hill. It cost the government ½ million dollars to build another hill beside it, so that the "magnetic" hill could be kept as a tourist attraction. Truckers weren't at all happy with the new hill because it was steeper, however, they were forced to use it anyway. Today, the Magnetic Hill in Renfrew County is just about impassable and is seldom used as a roadway.



Seasons
Greetings