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Heritage Renfrew

April 2006 Edition

Heritage Renfrew

Message from the President

Dear member of Heritage Renfrew

What a year we have had. We are really doing well. Our biggest problem still is new members. We need new members and as usual we are appealing to you to help us find some. The need for young energetic people is apparent in all organizations not just ours. Please Help. Genealogy is something that everyone can do and is so interesting. It takes a long time to do a family tree and is well worth the time and effort put into doing their history.

With the beginning of the new year, I am looking forward to our trip to Upper Canada Village, which we will be announcing soon. It will be a one day trip. Why not plan on joining us.

Our Website is now current and we encourage you to keep an eye on our latest events.

If you did not attend our Heritage Tea you certainly missed a great event. Thanks to Shirley Mask Connelly and all her helpers for their wonderful display of Polish artifact and being so open and friendly with everyone who attended the luncheon. It was a great day.

With the coming of spring we invite you to visit our offices and take advantage of all our artifact that may assist you in your research.

We received our grant from the Trillium Foundation and have purchased another reader printer to aid in researching our microfilms.

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



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NOTICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Heritage Renfrew will be holding its Annual General Meeting at 7 P.M. on date to be announced. 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:

For those wishing to do research at Heritage Renfrew we have the following aids to help you in your research.

The census records for Renfrew County from 1842 to 1901

Census records for Pontiac County from 1842-1901

Census records for Lanark County from 1851-1901

Family histories of local residents which were researched and donated by members.

Church records on microfilm, St Francis Xavier Church, Renfrew, Our Lady of Angels Wilno Church

St Patricks Church records which are in binders from 1846 to 1908

Esmonde Roman Catholic Church records up to 1910.

We have cemetery recordings for cemeteries local and some for the surrounding area.

We have the Ontario Marriage records for Renfrew County done from 1869 to 1890

The books written by Carol McCuaig which have a lot of information on families who settled in this area and who also came into this area from other counties.

The Renfrew Mercury from 1871 to 2004 on microfilm.

Les and Aldene Church's BMD's from the Renfrew Mercury from 1871-1926.

You can order in microfilms from the National Archives for research . It saves going down to Ottawa to do the research where the cost of parking is very dear indeed. There is no parking at the National Archives building.

There are many reference books some purchased and some donated that are very helpful for research.

There is also the IGI series on Microfiche of families all over the world with baptisms, marriages on them.

Land Records also on Microfiche.

We have two reader printers to assist you in printing out information from microfilms. Cost of print outs is 25 cents for each copy.

We have microfiche readers also as well as microfilm readers without the print out facility.

We are open to the public two days a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays and a volunteer should be available to assist you .

On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays you can make an appointment with one of the following volunteers and come in and do your research then.

Olga Lewis 432-6958 Joyce McBride 646- 2375

Martin Munhall 432-2225

We welcome you to our facility and hope to see you there.

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COMING EVENTS:

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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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

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Www.polishroots.org

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INTERVIEWS AND STORIES OF INTEREST

EXCERPTS FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH CORA SHORE (NEE MCLEOD) ON THE OCCASION OF HER 96TH BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 10, 2006.

By Renfrew Resident, Dean Black

I had the pleasure of delivering birthday greetings to Cora Shore from Linda Garbutt, a cousin. "Who, Cora asked? "The daughter of this lady", I said, pointing to a picture of Vivian McDougall. Cora brought the picture up quite close to her eyes, using only her left eye to examine it. A broad smile came to her face. "That's Vivian", she said. "I still have my wits about me, you know", Cora assured me. "I can see that, Cora" I said.

Cora concentrated on another faded photograph, this one depicting her father, Norman McLeod, her Uncle John and John's sister Grace. Despite the photograph's poor quality Cora identified with confidence all three people. The last photograph presented to Cora appeared to be a Valentine's card, depicting the head and shoulders of a very handsome, formally dressed man. Sadly, despite being the clearest photograph of the bunch that Linda had sent me, Cora was not able to identify Vivian's husband. I put the photographs away and proceeded to ask Cora a number of questions, having first explained on which branch of Cora's family tree I was to be found. Cora is a granddaughter of John McLeod (1850-1928) while I am a Great Great Grandson of John's sister Catherine McLeod (1843-1914). To put it another way my Great Grandfather Willie Black, the Blacksmith in Hyndford, witnessed at the wedding of Cora's parents; Cora's father and my Great Grandfather being first cousins.

Cora's earliest memory came at the age of six. She recalls living in Admaston with her Grandpa and Grandmother Pender. (Cora's father Norman McDonald McLeod (1876-1956) married Emma Pender (1881-1956). She remembers her Grandfather John McLeod who lost a leg. When asked to confirm if he had lost his leg to diabetes she replied that she wasn't sure. She added that she wasn't sure they even knew about diabetes back then. John McLeod died in Douglas in 1928. Diabetes has been known since the Middle Ages; however, it wasn't until insulin was discovered in 1922 that the pathogenesis of diabetes became more familiar. Consequently, Cora is correct.

Cora had some particularly fond memories of her Grandmother Mary (Crogie). John and Mary Crogie owned Lot 50 South Bonnechere Range (Bromley), at one time. "Grandma Mary was chopping potatoes one day, using a sharpened can; the smell of onions and savoury spices filled the air", Cora explained. She recalled using a ladder to go up to bed in the loft. Straw ticks were a problem, but she remembers the straw being laid so thick on the beds and the floor it was like walking on velvet. Her earliest memory then was of a great supper, and a wonderful sleep in her Grandparents warm, comfortable and loving home.

Cora recalls her Great Aunt Sarah, who married her Grandfather John's brother Norman McLeod. "Sarah (nee McLean) was a big stout lady and they lived in Sturgeon Falls", said Cora. When pressed about information concerning her Great Grandparents Donald C. McLeod and Catherine McLennan, the parents of John (1850-1928) Norman (1842-1920) and my own Great Great Grandmother Catherine "Kate" (1843-1914), Cora admitted to knowing very little about them, but that "...it seemed that the initial "C" probably stood for Campbell".

Cora admitted to being too young to remember the First World War but when asked about any family members who may have fought in wartime she immediately thought of Frederick. "They probably didn't have all of him to bury, when he died at Vimy", she said. "He was too good to (have died) so young". Clearly the loss of her brother, Frederick Campbell McLeod, a Gunner who died on the 10th of March 1944 in France, after almost sixty years was still not sitting well with her. At this point I realized that Frederick's middle name "Campbell" may in fact be a clue to solving Cora's Great Grandfather Donald C. McLeod's (1810- 1890) middle initial.

Cora knew my Great Aunt Kate Black, who died an 80-year old spinster in Renfrew in 1951. With so many Kates in our family tree, however, being confused about which one we were speaking was a real possibility. "Kate", Cora explained, "and Wellington (McLeod) would always come to visit me, together. They

Had their pictures taken one day, in the square (Low Square) where the Municipal Offices (Town Hall) and the Police Station now stand". "Vivian McDougall is supposed to have that picture", Cora further explained. "Wellington was wearing his bowler hat, or fedora that day."

Cora continued, "Uncle Willie and Aunt Jessie (Crogie) lived in Douglas directly across the street from the hotel." Cora now responding to questions about Hyndford, Douglas and Bromley. She remembered going for a drink at the Douglas Hotel in the 1950's. "Women were not allowed to sit with the men", Cora said defiantly! "(Cora's) Aunt Kate liked the snuff and she used to sneak off with her husband's discarded cigarette butts," Cora went on, "Kate lived with me until she grew too old. She was better off in the Manor, at that point, (Bonnechere Manor). Someone had left Kate a lot of money, but she didn't trust banks," Cora explained "I remember this paper bag filled with hundreds and hundreds of dollars, while she was living in Douglas," she said. "She felt better if it were kept in the house."

In conclusion, Cora descends from a unique member of the McLeod clan. I believe Carol McCuaig has said that over 430 McLeods immigrated to the Glengarry area between 1778 and 1815. In Cora's case her Grandparents moved out of Williamstown and Glengarry area for Fitzroy Harbour. After a few years they moved on to Bromley circa 1857. After lobbying the government for favourable considerations in respect of Lots 48, 49 and 50 in the South Bonnechere Range of Bromley Township Cora's Grandmother and Grandfather eventually settled in Hyndford at one time owning all of the property surrounding the current intersection we know as Hyndford. Such is the fate of one of the founding families of Bromley and Grattan.

HELP WANTED:

HAMILTON, WILSON, NUMBERGER, HAGAR, MCDOWELL: Shannah Smith's mother is researching her family in the Shawville area. The family names she is researching are listed above. They lived in the Shawville, Clarendon Twp. Area. They know Mary McDowell lived in Shawville as did a Kenneth Gordon, who is also connected to the family. Email information to blake4@sympatico.ca

Some sites on the Internet which are very useful.

[Http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~births/LA_SURNAMES.htm](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~births/LA_SURNAMES.htm)

This site is ongoing and has a good searchable database of births from the Ontario Archives which could be of great help in finding that elusive birth notice. A definite must to check out.

[Http://automatedgenealogy.com/census/index.html](http://automatedgenealogy.com/census/index.html)

This site has the complete 1901 census done and it is very easy to navigate. There is some 1911 census records there, look for the connecting link.

[Http://www.islandnet.com/~jveinot/cgh/organization.html](http://www.islandnet.com/~jveinot/cgh/organization.html)

A good site to find other organizations all over Canada.

[Http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~maryc/ontmarr.htm](http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~maryc/ontmarr.htm)

This site has marriages from the Archives of Ontario for all years from 1869 to 1911. Some of the areas are not complete but this is an ongoing site and volunteers are submitting information daily.

[Http://www.collectionscanada.ca/services/news/onace.htm](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/services/news/onace.htm)

This site has the newspapers all over Canada listed that are in the National Library and microfilm copies can be ordered from the Archives of Canada for research. It is amazing what one finds in these old newspapers.

NOTICE:

After a successful 25 year run, Juniper Books Ltd. has closed down. The company is well known for its publishing dealing with Lanark and Renfrew Counties. However, fans of Carol Bennett McCuaig's popular regional histories and books for the genealogy researcher need not despair. For the moment she will continue to market her remaining Juniper Book titles under her own name, using the same web address,

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/juniper2/>.

Olga: From The Renfrew Mercury.

MCDUGALL'S SAWMILL April 12 1872

We shall commence our notes upon the principal business establishments of the village of Renfrew, (which we shall give from time to time, in accordance with the intimation made last week) with an account of the Renfrew Sawmill on the south bank of the river Bonnechere, in which considerable alterations and improvements have been in progress during the past winter, and are now fast approaching completion.

The sawmill was originally built in 1855, by Sir Francis Hincks (then Mr), and at that time contained only a single upright saw, which could cut about 2,000 feet of lumber a day. It remained in this comparatively primitive condition for about six years, when it was taken charge of by Mr. Wm. McKay, the agent for Ross, Mitchell & Co., to whom Mr. Hincks had at that time disposed of his property in the village. A circular saw was then put in the mill which cut about 9,000 board feet a day of 12 hours.

About three years since the mill came into possession of the estate of the late J.L. McDougall; and is now the property of Mr. S. McDougall, who is making the improvements above alluded to at an expense of \$5,000.

These improvements consist of the addition of a second circular saw, with 2 new butters and one edger, and a lath and shingle machine. To make room for this machinery an addition has been made to the main building (which is 40 by 60 feet) of 16 feet by 60. The necessary extra motive power is obtained from a Leffel Turbine machine wheel, of 35 horsepower, and a Lion Wheel, of 20 horse power, (the latter made in Renfrew) with a head of 16 feet of water. The place for the flume for these wheels had to be blasted out of the solid rock — six feet deep, twelve feet wide, and thirty feet long, to procure the necessary head of water. The impression flume in which the wheels are placed is a solid structure of timber, held together by massive iron bolts; and the cost of wheels, flume and blasting was \$1,500.

The Planing Machine, which is of the newest style, and manufactured by Messrs. McKechnie & Bertram of Dundas, is driven by the same power as the circular saw, the Shingle machine, and the Butters and Edger, by the Lion wheel. The Planing Machine is capable of planing, tonguing and grooving all at once. The cost by the time it is in operation, will be \$650. The cost of the Shingle Machine is about \$350. Besides the above machinery, there are two Butters and one Edger, necessary for preparing the lumber for the American market, to which it will be forwarded via the Canada Central Railway, as soon as the road is open to this point.

With an average supply of water — the head being 16 feet — the motive power of the mill will now be equal to 90 horsepower, and with this, if the supply of water does not fall short, Mr. McDougall expects to cut about five million feet of lumber during the coming season. To obtain this quantity he will saw about 30,000 logs — equal to 20,000 standard logs. To accomplish this work the mill will be kept going night and day during the season. To facilitate the hauling of this number of logs, from the river to the gangway, we should mention that an endless chain will be employed. The cost of this chain is \$300.00.

The principal product of the mill, it will be noted is not designed for local consumption. The lath and shingle machine will, however, supply the home demand, which is anticipated from the growth of the place, and will do away with the necessity which has recently existed of fetching these necessaries of house-building from a distance.

At the time the mill was erected, such a thing as shipping lumber for the American market, from a place so far inland, was scarcely even dreamed of. The increase in the extent and power of the mill afford a very fair illustration of the change generally which has taken place in the importance of Renfrew, as a business centre, within the last few years.

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Sent in by Martin Munhall: Goofy advertisement

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You'd hardly believe it, that lazy dawdling clerk who was asleep on his feet is the smartest, liveliest clerk in town right now. He's alert, alive — headed for success. Sure he's been promoted. The town's laziest clerk wasn't really lazy at all but his system was. It was clogged, irregular, poisoned with wastes, with uric and billic acids that should have been eliminated. He couldn't help feeling slow, sleepyeyed — robbed of all his "go". But Fynnon Salt put matters right. Fynnon Salt, so rich in the remedial elements needed to clear the system of impurities, helps rinse away the acids that rob the joints of youthful suppleness. A ½ teaspoonful, in a glass of water, taken every morning regulates this man's system, gives him the beneficial effects of 3 glasses of water from world famous British spas. Laden with Sodium, Potassium, Lithium and other corrective elements from these mineral springs, Fynnon Salt gives him "spa" treatment at home, keeps him right and regular. He's keen, energetic — and right now by keeping his system free from poisoning wastes, he's warding off trouble in later years. If you feel tired, slowed down, sleepy, try taking Fynnon Salt regularly and see how different life will look. Your druggist sells this healthful British saline, 75 cents a large package. If you have any difficulties getting supplies write Laurentian Agencies, St Gabriel Street, Montreal. Renfrew Mercury March 1937

Help Wanted

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