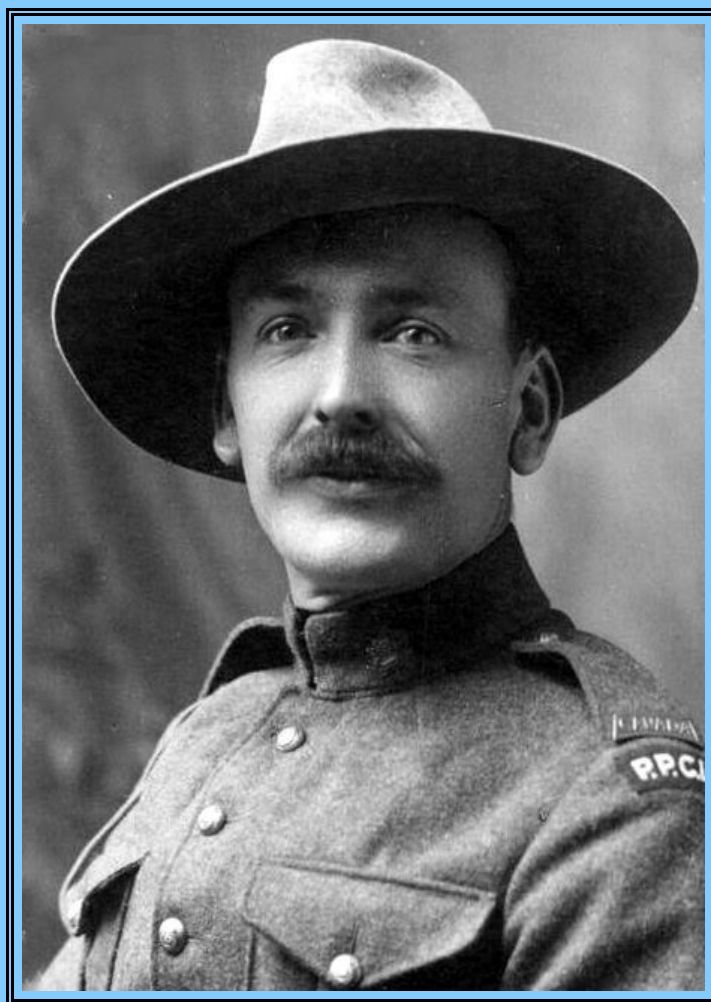




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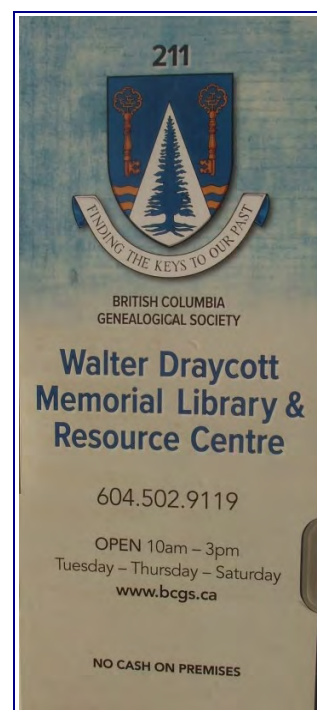
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A message from our president...

The British Columbia Genealogical Society is 48 years old. As a member since 1973, I've seen a lot of changes, both in how research is conducted and the resources now available. Every year I say 'this is the best time to be a family history researcher', and every year it is true!

In many cases, records that couldn't be seen in person because they were located in a faraway archives or record office, are now available online. A census search that used to take an hour or so, can now be accomplished in a much shorter time. And instead of taking copious notes or even photocopies of records, we can often copy a digital image to a thumb drive, and bring it home to download into our genealogy program.

For those of you planning a research trip, do your homework first. Are the records you are seeking available online? What kind of preparation can you do from home? Read the Finding Aids of the repository you are planning on visiting, check their hours of operation, be aware of any local holidays, and any restrictions they may have regarding copying the records, or do you need to make an appointment.

Contact the local genealogical society. Perhaps arrange to visit that area and attend one of their meetings. You might make a contact who would be happy to trundle you around to see a distant cemetery or who knows the perfect person at the local record office.

And when you return from your successful junket with your new found records, maybe you'd like to share your story, and write an article for our Newsletter or Journal on your experience.

As always, happy hunting!

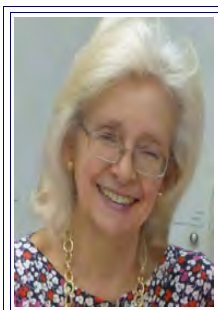
Eunice Robinson

From the Desk of the Editor

Welcome to the first edition of our electronic British Columbia Genealogist for 2019 !

We start with reports from the **Most Improved Genealogist** contest, with surprising results this year - Four winners. Congratulations to Suzanne Spohn, Chris Hay, Linda Drake and Mary Turnbull. As you read their reports, you will discover missing cousins, distant travels, detective work and how to write a book !

As well, we have four more articles about special **Family Treasures**. Janice Kidwell worked with her mother Alberta MacDonald to tell a wartime story. Moyna Laing shares a discovery about a special silver bowl. Sally Funk shares a picnic treasure and Bev Taylor tells us about grandfather's lifts. Perhaps you have a similar item in your attic.



There are more surprises, as Marian Wight discovers a family connection in an article in last December's Journal.

We also have a special request from Rob Hyde, one that might interest you if one of your ancestors went to school in Vancouver. My mother-in-law did, and now I need to find that old photograph.

As we edge into spring, I'm looking forward to visiting a distant cousin, or two. One never knows what secrets will surface !

Lynne Fletcher
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From Our Front Page

This month, our front page honours Walter Draycott, whose generosity helped get our present Library up and running. Check page 6 for more details, and the wall at the front desk for his picture from his younger years.



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A SURPRISING FAMILY CONNECTION

By Marian Wight - BCGS Member #4906

The December Journal article "Searching for Sergeant Campbell" resulted in Sharon Clayton receiving a surprising response from Marian Wight, who volunteers with Sharon on our BCGS Library's Cataloguing Team.

While reading Sharon's article, Marian realized that her Petrie 4th great grandparents and Sharon's Campbell 4th great grandparents must have known each other well. During the years that the 9th Royal Veterans Battalion was stationed in Edinburgh, Berwick-upon-Tweed and Stromness, three babies in each family were born, within months of each other, at the same places. Here is Marian Wight's Petrie family story:

Hi, Sharon:

I read your article in the latest journal with great interest. What astounded me were the similarities in our 4th great grandfathers' lives.

My 4th great grandfather William Petrie also served in the 9th RVB in Scotland, although he was a Private, not a Sergeant. I have attached a copy of his discharge document (WO97) for you.

There are a number of other commonalities that made your story so fascinating to me:

William Petrie married Janet Finnie in Edinburgh Parish, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland on November 19, 1807. Their first child, my 3rd Great Grandmother, Marion Petrie, was born in Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, England, on September 24, 1808.

Marion was baptized by Reverend Andrew Thomson at the Shaws Lane Relief Chapel on September 27, 1808 - within a month of Henry Campbell's birth. Like you, I have no idea why our 4th great grandfathers were stationed there.

Their next child Ann Beaton Petrie was born on July 7, 1811 in Stromness, Orkney, Scotland, just three months after George Campbell's birth at the same place. And then, their son, William Petrie was born on March 21, 1813, about three months before Hector Urquhart Campbell. I really loved reading your account as to why they were in the Orkneys.

Unfortunately, William's story does not end as well as Joseph's. When he was discharged in 1814, he was suffering from being wounded, as well as having an ulcer.

There were no more children. I have not found any information about William's death. I suspect that it was not too long after his discharge.

Janet Finnie remarried in 1821 to William King, who was also a soldier. They had two children.

My 3rd great grandmother Marion Petrie died in 1855, when she was only 47 years of age. Because she died in that documentation rich year, there is a wealth of information on her death registration. I can only imagine that her life was a difficult one. As well as losing her father, and her mother remarrying, Marion lost two of her children. The census records show that everyone in the family worked hard at sustaining the hand-loom weaving that they did in their home in Kilbarchan, Renfrewshire, Scotland.

I have been unable to find any information on Marion's two siblings but was able to follow the two children from Janet Finnie's second marriage. Their descendants came to the USA ; I have been in contact with one of them.

By the way, one other interesting piece of information: William Petrie was born in Troqueer, Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland.

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Thank you so very much for telling this story. As you can well imagine, it really resonated with me.

No. 2.

His Majesty's 9th Royal Regiment of Colerons whereof General Colin Mackenzie is Colonel,

These are to certify, that *William Petrie Private* in *Col. W. W. Bayly's* Company in the Regiment aforesaid, born in the Parish of *Frogparis* in or near the Town of *Dunfermline* in the County of *Dunfermline* was enlisted at the age of *18* Years; and hath served in the said Regiment for the space of *six* Years and *320* Days, as well as in other Corps, after the age of Eighteen, according to the following Statement, but in consequence of *H. R. H. the Prince of Wales's* Order, for Disbandment of *his* Regiment by *his* Majesty's Order, is rendered unfit for further Service, and is hereby Discharged; having first received all just Demands of Pay, Clothing, &c. from his entry into the said Regiment to the Date of this Discharge, as appears by the Receipt on the back hereof. *Red wound upon leg of Silver Premium*

And to prevent any improvement being made of this Discharge, by its falling into other Hands, the following is a Description of the said *Private William Petrie* He is about *35* Years of Age, is *5* Feet *9* Inches in height, *Brown* Hair, *Grey* Eyes, *Fresh* Complexion, by Trade a *Shoemaker*

STATEMENT OF SERVICE.

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<i>4th Foot</i>	<i>25th Decr 1797</i>	<i>26th Sept 1807</i>												<i>9</i>	<i>320</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>320</i>		
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Total														<i>16</i>	<i>279</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>279</i>		

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Regiment of *Colerons* the *12th* Day of *August* 1814.

Alexander Rose Major
Comd. 9th B.V. Bn.

WALTER M. DRAYCOTT

Walter Mackay Langdale Draycott was born in Belgrave, County Leister, England on February 24, 1883 to Walter and Catherine Draycott, the second son in a family of five. When he finished his education, he joined the King's Royal Rifle Corps, and served in the Boer War in South Africa, and later in World War 1.

Emigrating to Canada in 1906, Walter farmed near Fort William, ON for three years, and later decided to try the warmer climate of the West Coast eventually settling in the Lynn Valley area of North Vancouver.

Throughout the next decades, Walter had many different jobs, projects and responsibilities. He was an assiduous collector of information of all kinds - local history, geology, botany, sketches and photographs, political goings-on, and everyday life of North Vancouver.

His name rings a bell for all BCGS members, as his generosity helped our present Library become a reality.

His diaries (1907 to 1985) now live in the North Vancouver Archives

Lorraine Irving pointed out Walter's book "Early Days in Lynn Valley" (971.133 DRA), which is in our Library. You will find his unique signature on the Table of Contents page.

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Four entries this year, and as usual, a very hard decision to choose a winner, as the entries are very different in scope.

Two are wonderful family history researches:

1. **Suzanne Spohn** - My Journey to Know my 3X Great Uncles Joseph and Ruthven Emerson - Two 19th Century Northern Irish Poets
2. **Chris Hay** - Military Records Finally Reveal My Hay Family Lineage in Glasgow

The third entry is a local history:

3. **Linda Drake** - Spallumcheen, The Early Years - A Historical Timeline of the Township and its people

The fourth entry is the culmination of several years work. Mary Turnbull has digitized 29 binders of genealogy research and uploaded it to Ancestry online, to Family Tree Maker on her computer, and to offsite storage, so it will never be lost. She has also scanned all her family history photographs and published a book of 'Questions and Answers' for her family.

4. **Mary Turnbull** - As Nana Remembers

When all entries were considered, we decided that there were FOUR winners this year !



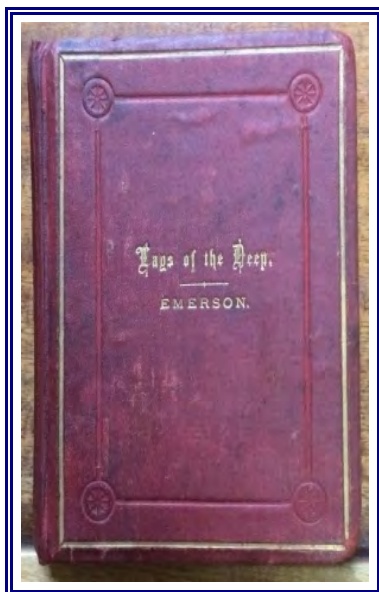
My Journey to Know my 3X Great Uncles Joseph and Ruthven Emerson Two 19th Century Northern Irish Poets

Portions of this article were previously published in North Irish Roots¹

By **Suzanne Spohn**, Member #5299

I still remember the evening when I was introduced to my 3X great uncles Joseph (1808-49)² and Ruthven Emerson (1810-80)². I sat at my cousin Dorothea's dark mahogany dining room table. She carefully handed me the sepia-toned page, a photocopy of the Lighthouse Poem. Joseph Emerson wrote the poem to his nephew Walter Gilley. At that time, c. 1830, Walter Gilley was a lighthouse keeper on Gannet Rock off the coast of Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick (then British North America). That same evening, Dorothea told me that Joseph and his brother Ruthven Emerson wrote poetry and had published a book of poems, *Lays of the Deep and other Poems*³.

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In 2008 my uncle gave this book to me. I feel close to Joseph and Ruthven when I hold this poetry book in my hands.

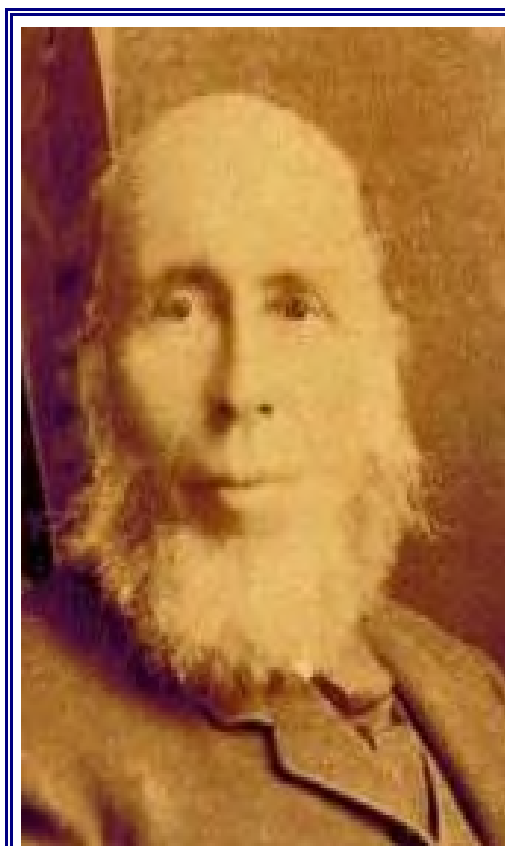
Dorothea's research⁴ showed that Joseph and Ruthven Emerson's older sister, my 3X great grandmother, Ellen Emerson (b. 1794 Downpatrick, Northern Ireland, d. 1871 St. Andrews, New Brunswick) emigrated from Northern Ireland (then Ireland) with her husband George Gilley (1791-1865)⁶. They settled in the village of St. Andrews, New Brunswick between 1816 and 1818.⁴ The 1851 Canada East Census⁵ shows as a ship builder. In St Andrews, Ellen gave birth to my 2X great grandfather Walter Gilley (1818-1903)⁷ the lighthouse keeper. I described my Irish and Canadian connections in a 2015 issue of the British Columbia Genealogist *The Irish Poet (Emerson) and the Canadian Lighthouse Keeper*.⁸

Here is Joseph Emerson's three-verse poem on the sepia-toned page which Dorothea handed me in 1989.

"Lines written by a gentleman in Ireland to his nephew, at that time light-housekeeper on Gannet Rock, off the coast of Grand Manan Island, N.B. [New Brunswick, Canada]"

[LIGHTHOUSE POEM] originally untitled
DEAR WALTER, in the midnight hour,
Within thy lonely ocean tower,
There needs some spell to wear away
The dull and weary time, till day
Bursts on the stormy element
That boils around the Isles of Kent,
And morning's earliest beams are shed
On Grand Manan's dark northern head,
Where pine trees from the rocks above
Fling their broad shadows o'er the Cove.

From a far distant shore to thee,
Across the wide and stormy sea,
This little scroll hath found its way
O'er bounding wave and dancing spray.
It bids thee think of Erin green
Though the Atlantic rolls between;
It bids thee of Rostrevor think;
It bids thee cherish still the link
That wings thy fancy o'er the foam
To this dear land, thy mother's home.



Walter Gilley(1818-1903)⁷ from the author's collection

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What time the friendly light you trim
When skies are dark and stars are dim ;
When fiercely sweeps the northern blast
O'er shivered sail and stooping mast ;
When the wild gannet and the gull
Are circling o'er the roaring Bull ;
When surges break o'er shoal and bank,
Then they who keep the slippery plank,
In stranger ships bound up the bay,
While gazing on that welcome ray
Broad out upon their weather beam,
Shall bless the hand that feeds the flame.

J. M. [Joseph Martin] EMERSON
Published in an unknown source and date

JOSEPH EMERSON

The moment I read the Lighthouse Poem I felt drawn to discover the relationship between Joseph Emerson and his nephew, Walter Gilley, the Canadian lighthouse keeper. I discovered this quote from Joseph and Ruthven's Irish niece, Grace, "Joseph Martin [Emerson] was ever a rover on the sea, in which he finally found his grave (July 1849), and Ruthven was a stay-at-home never leaving Rostrevor".² Joseph, like many young men in the Rostrevor, County Down, Northern Ireland area, went away to sea. I assume Joseph may have worked as a crew member. Why did Joseph feel such compassion for the loneliness of his nephew, Walter, living on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean? Joseph Emerson's lighthouse poem struck me as a letter of encouragement for his nephew Walter. As I read



*. Gannet Rock Lighthouse, New Brunswick, Canada.
Author in the foreground.*

the poem many questions stirred within me, based on places mentioned. I began to think Joseph Emerson had visited Grand Manan Island in the Bay of Fundy. Are the Isles of Kent visible from Gannet Rock Lighthouse? Is the sound of the roaring bull a nautical phenomenon near Gannet Rock?

After I retired from my job as a data analyst, I joined a tour to Grand Manan Island on the Atlantic coast of Canada in September 2015. I wanted to see Gannet Rock Lighthouse where Walter worked as a lighthouse keeper. To my delight our tour guide hired the *Island Bound*, a

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lobster fishing boat, for a bird- watching tour around Gannet Rock. Lying nine miles southeast of Grand Manan Island off the southern New Brunswick coast, Gannet Rock is three hundred feet long and forty feet high.

Our group of bird-watchers assembled on the deck of the *Island Bound* as it heaved its way through ocean swells toward Gannet Rock. As we made our way across the Bay of Fundy, I noted Northern Gannets and gulls overhead. I thought about the line in the poem "...when the wild gannet and the gull are circling o'er the roaring bull." I asked the Captain if he knew of any features named "The Bull". He pulled out a nautical chart showing me a dangerous submerged shoal named "Bull Rock. He explained the crashing waves really do roar. It sounds eerie if you turn off your engines. We saw Kent Isle, known in local jargon as the Isles of Kent. I remembered the lines in the poem "...The dull and weary time, till day bursts on the stormy element that boils around the Isles of Kent".

The *Island Bound* circled Gannet Rock Lighthouse at about a 300 foot distance, skilfully avoiding the dangerous rocky shoals. My thoughts returned to the poem "...when surges break o'er shoal and bank, then they who keep the slippery plank, in stranger ships bound up the bay..." I thought of my great-great grandfather Walter Gilley being rowed out to Gannet Rock for his term of service as lighthouse keeper. As we motored through swells returning to shore, I felt immense relief and joy that I had seen Gannet Rock Lighthouse. I recalled the reply of our tour guide after I earlier recited the poem. He said, "He [Joseph] has been here, he knows the local lingo and geography...It sounds like first-hand experience." The gannets, the roaring bull, the Isles of Kent in Joseph's poem did surround Gannet Rock lighthouse. My hunch that Joseph had been to Grand Manan Island held water. Many of my questions had been answered. I still pondered, what drew Joseph to Grand Manan Island? How long did he stay? Did Joseph give the poem to Walter in person?

While on Grand Manan Island, I visited their archives. I hoped the lighthouse keeper's relatives might be buried on the island. I discovered that yes, Walter's sister, Mary Ann (Gilley) Benson (b. 1816) was buried on the island. To my delight, the helpful archivist actually drove me to the cemetery to see the headstone! After leaving Grand Manan Island I visited the archives in St. Andrews, New Brunswick. The archivist told me that my 3X great grandparents Ellen (Emerson) and George Gilley were buried in St. Andrews Rural Cemetery. I even found the headstone. All of this supported the history which my cousin, Dorothea had written.⁴ I felt encouraged to see this tangible evidence that their births and deaths were as described by Dorothea.

RUTHVEN EMERSON

Having visited the lighthouse on Grand Manan Island which inspired Joseph's poem, I turned my research to his younger brother, Ruthven Emerson. I learned from the preface to *Lays of the Deep*³ that Ruthven was an artist.

I hoped to find a headstone for Ruthven and a memorial plaque for Joseph. Consequently I planned a trip to Northern Ireland. Fortunately a friend, Elizabeth, also had an interest in genealogy and a desire to visit Northern Ireland. I heeded my genealogy instructor, Brenda Smith's advice to do as much work as I could before I left Canada.

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I looked for archives in Angus Baxter's classic book "*In search of your British and Irish Roots*."⁹ Based on Angus Baxter's description of Irish repositories, I asked the Ulster Historical Foundation where Ruthven might be buried. In May 2017, Elizabeth and I travelled to Belfast, Northern Ireland and met genealogist Gillian Hunt at the Ulster Historical Foundation. Gillian showed me her report which said Ruthven might be buried in the Crag Graveyard in Rostrevor, County Down, Northern Ireland.¹⁰ She discovered that Ruthven served as Rostrevor postmaster in 1846¹¹ as did his brother Thomas in 1858-59, 1863-64 and 1870¹². In Belfast, we also visited the hallowed halls of Public Records of Northern Ireland (P.R.O.N.I.). I held the original will of Ruthven's older brother Thomas Emerson will in my hands.

We drove to the village of Rostrevor on the southeast coast of Northern Ireland. We combed through the gravestones in the ruined Crag Graveyard. We didn't find headstones or memorials for Joseph or Ruthven. I did find a headstone for their older brother Thomas Emerson (1802-41)¹³. I also found a plaque in memory of Thomas Emerson's granddaughter, Minnie Calvert (1859-83)¹⁴. I recalled an affectionate poem which Ruthven wrote in "*Lays of the Deep*" titled *To Minnie*. How exciting to think the plaque might represent the Minnie in the poem. Why did Minnie die at age 24? I felt sure Ruthven was buried beneath one of the weathered and unreadable headstones nearby. Rostrevor has no library. However, we found lots of pubs in which to celebrate our findings. I felt thrilled to walk the pathways in Rostrevor, Northern Ireland where Joseph and Ruthven lived. We met locals who showed me registers for the Presbyterian Church and the Church of Ireland (Kilbroney) Parish Church. I found Grace Emerson's name on the 1892 to 1898 Rostrevor Presbyterian Church attendance roll book. I wondered if she might be Ruthven's niece who described Joseph as a "stay at home never leaving Rostrevor".²

After leaving Rostrevor we visited Ulster American Folk Park in Omagh, Northern Ireland. We sat in the crew's quarters aboard a nineteenth century replica sailing ship. A historian eloquently explained that crew members progressed from landsman, ordinary seaman, able seamen, master's mate and ultimately master. I wondered what rank Joseph Emerson attained.

I returned home from Ireland feeling elated by having seen the memorial plaque and headstone. I felt steeped in my forebears' world. I wrote about my trips to New Brunswick and Ireland in *North Irish Roots*¹. I want to know more about Joseph Emerson's loss on a voyage in 1849. Was he shipwrecked? Washed overboard? I look forward to the thrill of continuing my journey to know my Emerson forebears.

Ruthven Emerson (1810-80) from a Painting by himself²



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With thanks to Celia Lewis for her editing and encouragement and to Brenda Smith for her instruction in the Start Searching Course.

Suzanne is curious about her 3x great great grandmother Ellen (Emerson) Gilley and her brothers. She is looking for information about Joseph's loss at sea on a voyage in July 1849.



FOOTNOTES

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¹⁴ Inscription on Minnie Calvert's headstone in The Crag Graveyard, Rostrevor, N. Ireland.

**Military Records Finally Reveal
My Hay Family Lineage in Glasgow**

By Chris Hay - Member #3893

The search for my Hay ancestors in Glasgow, Scotland became a long and arduous task as I tried to identify the various family members. My Hay family were believed to have lived in Glasgow for well over one hundred years although many records were found to be missing when I started trying to uncover this family lineage.

I had always had a keen interest in my Hay family history, long before I began to do any research. My grandfather, Jonathan Hay, born 16 September 1860 in Glasgow, had immigrated to Vancouver in 1909 with my grandmother and two young children, my father and his sister. Jonathan was 23 years older than my grandmother and in 1915, after 10 years of marriage, he decided to separate and move back to Glasgow, leaving his young family behind. From this time on, any mention of him was forbidden in his Vancouver family. My father therefore knew very little regarding his father or his family background and always had many questions. Later in his life he did begin to correspond with his twin Scottish cousins. I had suggested to my father that he ask his cousins if they had any information regarding Jonathan. Soon a detailed story came back, as his cousins' parents had often discussed many details about him. Following this information, another letter arrived containing several old Hay family military documents believed to have belonged to a Hay great uncle or a distant cousin also named Jonathan Hay. Although both of his cousins had married, neither had any children therefore they wanted to pass these old papers on to the family. It would be many years later that I would discover that these documents were actually connected to our direct ancestor, the great grandfather of both my father and his cousins, Jonathan Hay Sr. (1776-aft.1841). Unfortunately, by that time, they had all passed away.



In my efforts to learn more about these documents, I hired a British military researcher to look for additional information and an amazing story soon appeared regarding the 17.5 years of military service of Jonathan Hay Sr. He began his military career in the Argyleshire Fencibles from 1794 to 1802 during the Irish Rebellion and then enlisted in the Dumfries Militia, ultimately serving with them during the times of the Napoleonic wars from 1804 to 1814. The researcher also discovered that James Hay, the son of Jonathan Hay Sr. and my dad's grandfather, had also assumed a military career. James Hay had enlisted with the 64th Foot Staffordshire Regiment on 23 May 1838 serving for 15 years in England, Ireland and India until his discharge on 12 September 1853.

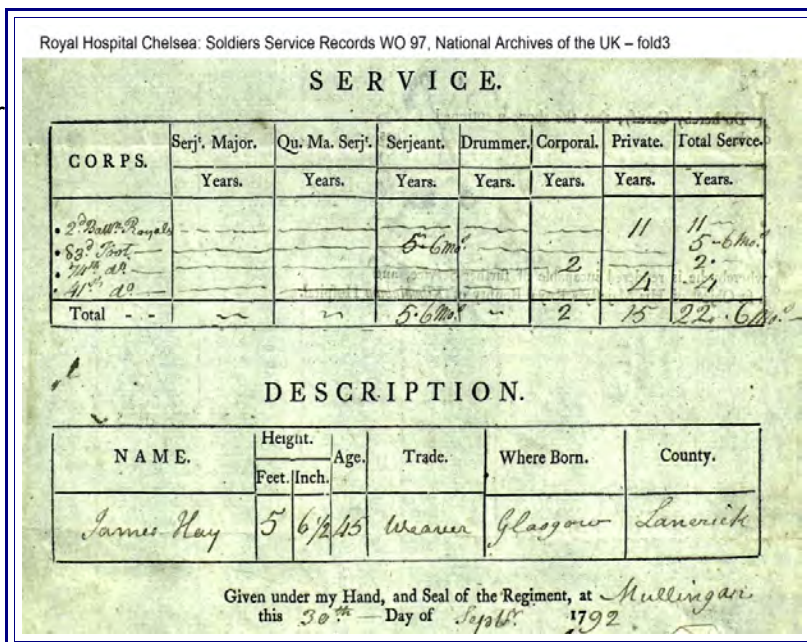
Unlike the modern army, the soldier's family would have followed wherever the soldier was posted, but the Hay family always returned to Glasgow. Jonathan Hay Sr. was married

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while in the army and his children were born in Scotland and England. Meanwhile, his son James had children born in India and England as well as in Scotland. When I first started to research my 'Hay' family in Glasgow, many census and church records were incomplete or missing. The discovery of their documented military service and the movements of the family now helped to explain my initial difficulty in finding their family records.

With the help of these military documents, I was now able to confirm the family line back to Jonathan Hay, born in Glasgow 06 April 1776 to parents James Hay born 1747 and Ann Hood. I was also fortunate that the family naming pattern appeared to always alternate the uncommon name of Jonathan with James: however the farthest back I could now verify was to 1776. I had always hoped to eventually link my family tree to another one to find a living Hay cousin but as this appeared to be most unlikely, my research was just set aside for almost ten years.

On Boxing Day 2017, while searching Revolutionary War records on the military website Fold3, I suddenly had the thought to do a general search of the British military records for the UK Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioner Soldier Service Records under the surname 'Hay'. The result was 494 entries so I quickly changed the search to 'Hay & Glasgow' which now showed just 4 entries: a Samuel Hay, and 3 separate entries for a James Hay. Immediately I recognized my great grandfather, James Hay, of the 64th Regiment of Foot, but was confused by two other documents which listed an earlier James Hay in the 41st Foot with 23 years of military service and born in Glasgow in 1747. This



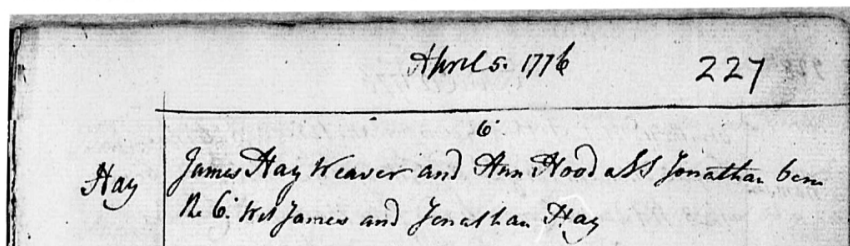
date appeared very familiar and a quick check of my family tree confirmed that I had amazingly just discovered the military discharge papers for James Hay, the father of Jonathan Hay Sr., both of whom were listed as weavers by trade. Adding to my astonishment was the fact that for three consecutive generations my direct 'Hay' family had served a total of 56 years in the British military.

Verifying this James Hay born in 1747, the only matching Glasgow birth listed in this time period, now took me back another generation to his father, yet another Jonathan Hay, born 17 September 1724 in Kirkintilloch, Scotland. This was a very important find as it was this Jonathan Hay who had first come to Glasgow 200 years ago but I was never certain until now that he was my direct ancestor. Although the first name of Jonathan had suggested this possibility, I had always wanted more proof to substantiate this. While searching in the ScotlandsPeople website, out of interest I decided to try a general search for 'Hay' in

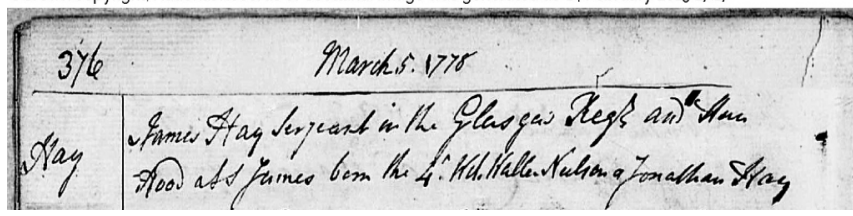
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Glasgow, Scotland birth records for two of the children of James Hay and Ann Hood verify this James Hay as the person listed on the British Army 41st Foot Regiment of Infantry discharge document dated 30 Sept. 1792 Mullingar, Ireland.

06/04/1776 HAY, JONATHAN (Old Parish Registers Births 644/1 160 233 Glasgow) Page 233 of 472
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07/03/1778 HAY, JAMES (Old Parish Registers Births 644/1 160 382 Glasgow) Page 382 of 472
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their church registers. This revealed 17,396 old parish church birth entries from the 1500's to civil registration in 1855. Another search for the name 'Jonathan Hay' during this exact same time period disclosed only 8 births, 4 marriages and 3 deaths in all of Scotland which shows the rarity of this particular name. Nearly all of these results for Jonathan Hay now fit perfectly into my family tree.

On September 22, 2018 while searching on Google I thought of my most recent discovery which linked back to Kirkintilloch and decided to try a search for the parents of my earliest known ancestors, John Hay and Jean Kirkwood, married 23 November 1709 at Kirkintilloch, who were the parents of Jonathan Hay born in 1724. The very first result took me to the website richardpyoung.org titled 'Our Family Tree'— *genealogy of the Richard Young & Laurel Hogan family*. Here appeared the exact same match for this family including my Jonathan Hay born in 1724. After so many years of frustration, I had now just found an incredible connection to my elusive Hay family going back eight generations and over 300 years.

As incredible as this family discovery already seemed, I was soon to realize that this actually was not the end of my story. A week later on 01 October 2018, I was thinking about how I could celebrate my birthday. I decided to call the owner of the website, a Richard Young who lived in Utah, whom I was soon able to locate. I called and when Richard Young answered I asked if he had posted a large family history site on the internet. He said he had, so I introduced myself and said that it appeared that I had made a connection to his family tree. Richard asked where we actually connected and I explained that my Jonathan and his Robert Hay were both sons of John Hay and Jean Kirkwood married in 1709 at Kirkintilloch, Scotland. Delighted to hear of this new connection, Richard explained that his Hay line had continued on for four generations to his great grandmother Mary Hay. He then began to tell the fascinating story of Mary, born 21 April 1821 in Paisley, Scotland to William Hay and Margaret Fraser. The family had eventually settled in Glasgow where Mary, still unmarried, had worked as a warehouse girl. She joined the Mormon Church there in the early 1850s, which at that time was encouraging their members to go settle in Utah. Their leader Brigham Young believed that the use of handcarts would help speed the journey for these settlers. Mary Hay made the decision to go and on 23 March 1856 left from Liverpool for

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America on the ship *Enoch Train*. Disembarking at Boston, they continued their journey by train first to New York, then continued on to the end of the west-bound railway at Iowa City, Iowa. It was here that Mary Hay was to join the second handcart expedition of 221 individuals under the command of Captain Daniel D. McArthur. On 11 June 1856 they began their trek to the Mormon outpost at Florence, Nebraska. Here, following repairs and outfitting, the remaining long journey began on 24 July 1856. After two months, they finally arrived at Salt Lake City, Utah on 26 September 1856. The success of the first three handcart companies was important in having helped to demonstrate the feasibility of immigrating with the use of handcarts. In the end, a total of 10 handcart companies enabled 3,000 Mormon settlers to reach Salt Lake City.

Soon after their arrival, Mary Hay married Thomas Cunningham Young, whom she had known in Glasgow and they had a large family. I was amazed to discover that my family tree now also included a Mormon family descended from my fifth cousin Mary Hay. Mary, her husband Thomas Cunningham Young and their eldest son Thomas Cunningham Young Jr. are all officially recognized as pioneers in establishing the State of Utah, and their descendants remain faithful members of the Mormon Church. My greatly expanded Hay family tree, now with three common branches dating from a 1709 marriage, should now help me to eventually achieve my ultimate goal of reconnecting with an actual living Hay cousin.



In 2016 Chris won the BCGS Most improved Genealogy Contest for his story of Major Richard Witham Stockton his American Loyalist 5th great grandfather 'Family Mystery Revealed After 240 Years.' Following his same military research techniques he searched for any British military documents of his own 'Hay' family in Scotland. Finally Chris broke down a major family brick wall as little of this previous family military service was known. His future goal: trace forward the newly discovered branches of the 'Hay' family tree from 1709 to reunite his long lost family from Glasgow.

Military Records for the UK in Our Library

355 ' 942 by William Spencer – Medals, The Researcher's Guide

355 TE compiled by Nora Buzzell – The Register of the Victoria Cross

920 BOS by J.F. Boshier – Imperial Vancouver Island: Who Was Who 1850-1950

UK Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioner Soldier Service Records

9942 ' 355 CRO by Norman K. Crowder – British Army Pensioners Abroad, 1772-1899

942.54 LFHS by Sue Brown – Leicester Military Index, Volume 2 – Chelsea Pensioners Applications for Out Pension 1814-31 from men born in Leicester and Rutland

Mormon Settlers to Salt Lake City - Available in Our Library

289.3 ' 929.31 LDS by Conway B Sonne – Saints of the Seas: a Maritime History of Mormon Migration 1830-1890

929 ' 289.3 WAL by Ian Waller – My Ancestor was a Mormon

929.1 SPE by Kip Sperry – A Guide to Mormon Family History Sources

Spallumcheen, The Early Years
A Historical Timeline of the Township and its people

One of the most rewarding challenges I have accomplished in my genealogical journey was the completion of my family history book in 2017. I am extremely passionate about recording family stories and have written over ten personal stories highlighting members of my family. For my next project I wanted to enhance my genealogical diversity. It is all good and well to keep researching and adding ancestors to our family trees but publishing takes the preservation of history recording to a whole different level. Writing a book is a learning tool for me, I decided that a photo-history of a small town was to be my next book challenge.

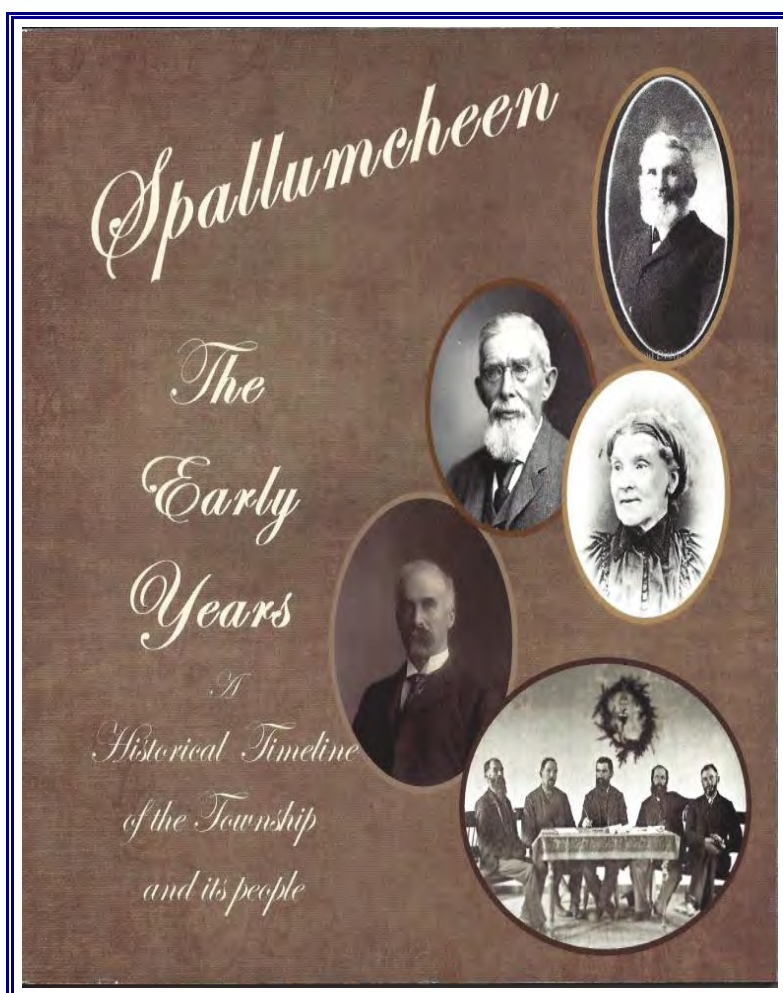
To commemorate the 125th birthday of the community I chose to write the history of the area where I was born, Spallumcheen, B.C.

I started by researching the historical background of the community and its people to capture a sense of the area. Included in this first chapter is a timeline recording key events in the evolution of the township, I included photos of people and buildings when available. I also endeavoured to include interesting facts that are not easily found in genealogical searches.

The second chapter includes photos of eighty-two of the community's founding fathers, accompanying the photos are brief biographies describing their contributions that helped build this wonderful community in the North Okanagan Valley of British Columbia.

The final chapter captures the names and group photo of each serving City Council member from 1892 to 2018.

There is a satisfaction in writing a book that will be put in museums for safe keeping. In the future, families that visit the museums where their ancestors lived will get a sense of the formation of the community, the hardships their ancestors suffered and their successes.



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The biographies on their family members will give them encouragement and a head start in doing their own family research.

By writing this book I hope to inspire and motivate you to publish your own family history, or the history of your home town. I feel that a book is the most efficient mechanism for sharing family history and genealogical information and a fantastic way to pay tribute to our ancestors.

What is my next history book project? You will just have to wait and see.

**Respectfully submitted by
Linda Tennant Drake, BCGS member since 2002**



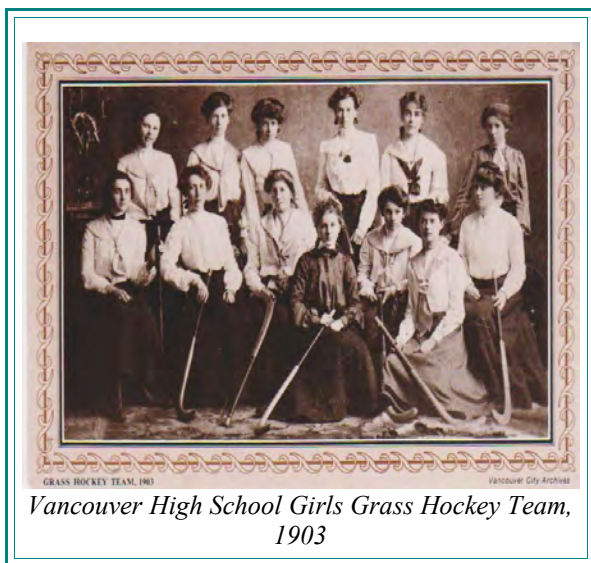
I am researching MacPherson in Scotland and Ontario, Smiley in Ireland and Quebec and 15 United Empire Loyalists ancestors that settled in New Brunswick. To aid in this research I am now using DNA to find many new cousins all over the world. I belong to the MacPherson and Atlantic Canada Facebook groups which also help in my research.

As well as all that I am also writing short biographies on 6 of my female ancestors.

Contact Linda at linda.drake8@gmail.com

POSTCARDS, POSTCARDS, POSTCARDS

Hello everyone, I am the new Postcard Coordinator for the B.C.G.S. and would welcome any postcards that B.C.G.S. members no longer wish and would like to donate.



*Vancouver High School Girls Grass Hockey Team,
1903*

Stay tuned for an update as to when I will be bringing postcards to meetings.

I can be reached at

haggis@dccnet.com

Thank you!
Janice Kidwell

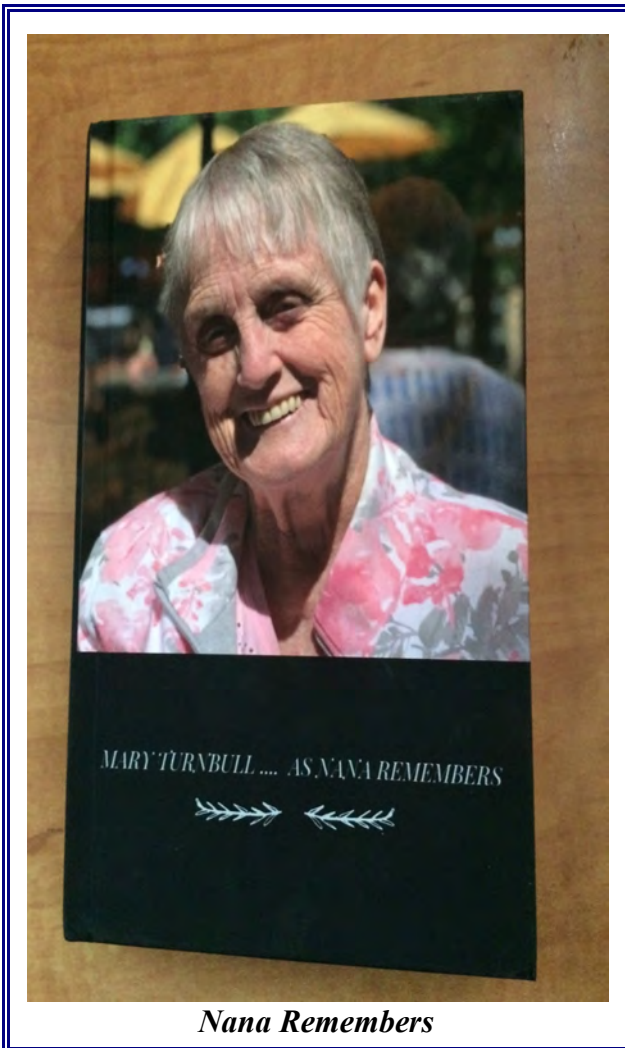


As Nana Remembers

Submitted by **Mary Turnbull #2627**

It took me many years to digitize my 29 binders of my genealogy. Once that was all complete, I scanned all of my photographs, newspaper articles and other documents and attached them to each person's page on my family tree. I then uploaded the family tree and all the files to Ancestry.ca and when Family Tree Maker released their program for the Mac, I downloaded all the files to my home computer. My computer files are backed up several times a day. My computer room is now devoid of all papers, except original photographs and documents, which are stored together in one file.

Now my family had been asking for stories about my life, but I did not get around to doing anything until two years ago when my granddaughter Dawn gave me a gift of **StoryWorth**. This is a service that sends a question a week by email for the recipient to answer, and then at the end of the year, the answers are published in book form. My granddaughter picked out a question each week for me, but if there was one I did not want to answer, there were many more to choose from. So I started writing responses to the questions in January 2017, and it really brought back so many memories. Knowing I could make this into a book at the end of a year, I decided to really make this a book of memories for my family. I added more details to each question until I had a real story of my life, and then added photographs, editing the



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pages as I went along. This process took many hours. When I thought it was ready I asked my daughter to edit it for me. Finally, I was satisfied that my book was ready to send to the printers. Just this month it arrived and I am so pleased. I know my family will be too. I wanted to send this in to BCGS as others might like to see what I have done.

I also did my DNA recently, as did my two daughters and my granddaughter. This is a whole new ballgame for me, so I went to seminars to learn more about it. Sharon Clayton help me a great deal through her talks. The end result this year was that I found a connection to my 3x great grandfather, Thomas STANANOUGHT, b 1777 in Toxteth Park, Liverpool, England. This led to discoveries of several other ancestors, including James BLAKE (b 1821 in Hampshire, England, son of Titus BLAKE) who married on June 15, 1845

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in Twiddlegate, Newfoundland. I have been in the church in Twiddlegate and never realized I had ancestors who married there. Its been a year of so many new discoveries that are helping me break down my brick wall

John STANANOUGHT (1801 - 1859)

* Son of Thomas STANANOUGHT

James STANANOUGHT (1837 - 1889)

* Son of John STANANOUGHT

John Harold STANANOUGHT (1878 - 1938)

* Son of James STANANOUGHT

Harold Lofthouse STANANOUGHT (1901 - 1968)

* Son of John Harold STANANOUGHT

Mary Catherine STANANOUGHT

* You are the daughter of Harold
Lofthouse STANANOUGHT

A Letter from Bulkley Valley

Bulkley Valley Genealogical Society is a very active group with 46 members at the moment. As well as monthly general meetings we offer drop in and special classes to our members. We also do a lot of outreach. The last couple years we have been asked to teach courses at the public library and have gone into the high school and taught genealogy to grade 10 students twice a week for 4 weeks for the last 5 or 6 years. We have organized a train trip to Prince Rupert and visited the local archives, museum, legion museum. Last year we had a large seminar with participants coming from as far away as Kelowna, Quesnel, Prince George through to Prince Rupert. I am presently working on another trip by train or bus to go south this time with genealogical stops along the way with final destinations of Vancouver or Victoria.

We are an affiliated library with LDS - FamilySearch and recently acquired all of their micro film and micro fiche from their church in Smithers when they had to close down their research section. We also have an extensive library and research room that we rent from our local school district.

Have a great weekend

Sharon Eastabrook

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FAMILY TREASURES

ROYAL DAIRY, CHARLOTTE and THREE MARRIAGES

By Alberta (White) MacDonald

(mother of Janice Kidwell
BCGS Member 5033)

In my distant memories of growing up near the Bay Street Armoury in Victoria, the sounds of bagpipes and military marching bands still excite me.

My mother ran a corner store where many soldiers, in peace and in war, came in for cigarettes and chocolate bars and when helping her I saw up close the grand uniforms of Scottish kilts and Regimental khaki worn by these men.

As a note of interest the store's address (ground floor) and the entrance to the upstairs tenants was 2501 Blanchard Street but the entrance to my family's living quarters (ground floor) was 832 Bay Street. This is because the store was "sort of" on a corner.

As there was no city transportation in this area of Bay Street, everyone walked to town or to work, to church or to school.

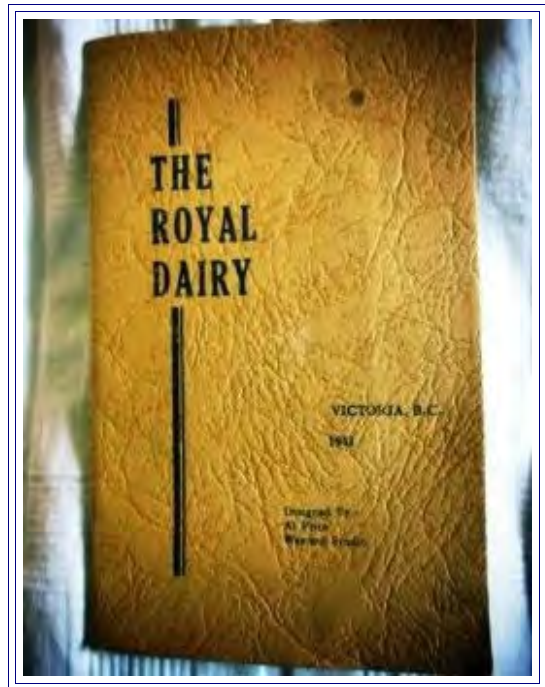
When I attended Victoria High School my sister and I carried our books and lunch in front of us, meeting up with other students doing the same. No backpacks then!

In 1939 World War II broke out and many of our young male friends 'joined up' mainly because the depression had been so hard on everyone and only offered a bleak future while being in uniform meant food, clothing, cash in your pocket and responding to when their country needed them.

My father, a Veteran of WW I, had been laid off during the depression but was offered a job at Scott and Pedens to pack Food Parcels called 'Bundles for Britain'.

They couldn't have hired a better person as he could take an empty box and list of required food items and pack them into the box so neatly and tightly that nothing could move or break on its long journey overseas.

I worked shift work at the Royal Dairy on View Street serving milk shakes, ice cream, sundaes and Banana Splits. We were kept busy with so many new people in town because of the war. Our boss claimed he was running a Matrimonial Bureau as many of our female staff met and married the young uniformed men who were either local, from other parts of Canada or from other countries.



I still have the Royal Dairy booklet from 1941 which contains professional black and white photos taken of the staff. The names of my co-workers, in order, were Alberta (me), Dorothy (Dot), Edith (Edie) – sister to Margaret, Hilda, Ivy, June, Kay, Margaret (sister to Edith/Edie), Marguerite and Ruth. Dorothy was my bridesmaid when I married.

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The Britannia Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion was next door and was a popular place for the men on leave. Many would come into the Dairy for a milk shake or malt before returning to either their Army Barracks/Training Camps or the Pat Bay Air Station (Air Force).

I noticed many young men in blue uniforms who spoke with English accents. Having both been born in England, my parents knew that they were members of the RAF who had come to Canada after the Blitz in England.

My parents asked me to extend invitations for a home-cooked meal to one or two of them – so I did. Over time many came and enjoyed not only delicious home cooked meals, but also spending time with fellow Brits. It was a special time for my parents and the men in blue.

Many of the RAF men who stayed in Victoria after the war married local girls, including one who, on one occasion when he had come for dinner, saw a picture of my sister



Marj and Bern Shaw

(she was away on holidays at that time) on the buffet. He said he'd "like to meet that one", and on October 9, 1943 they were married at St. John's Church (now St. John the Divine Anglican Church) in Victoria. This happy occasion took place after he had written to his mother asking for permission to marry as he had not yet turned 21.

A few times the men asked if they could drive my parents' Essex so after a discussion it was decided that they could as long as they paid for the gas (they could get gas without ration cards)

and of course take care of their car. The car became their transportation to Sidney – Pat Bay Air Station. They enjoyed the comfort of the car, kept it in good condition and named her Charlotte!

I also met my husband Art through the Royal Dairy. Our courtship began when he was serving with the Canadian Army. After an evening at the Legion, he came to the Royal Dairy to enjoy a milkshake before returning to the barracks. We were married on January 1, 1942 by the Army Chaplain at St. Matthias Anglican Church in Victoria.



Alberta and "Charlotte" in the background

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Alberta and Art MacDonal

He continued to be posted to different locations – in the Victoria area and in other provinces, training and taking various courses along the way before heading to the U.K. I was living in Vancouver during this time, raising my eldest daughter and running a boarding house on James Street, near Queen Elizabeth Park.

As a side note, my father Albert was born in Yorkshire England (one of eight boys born to a farming family). He had traveled to Canada to join one of his brothers, who was working on a farm in Saskatchewan. At some point, he made his way to the west coast and after a stay, sailed to New Zealand to visit relatives.

Soon after his arrival in New Zealand, WW1 broke out and he joined the ANZACs, serving in the Medical Corp. This section

traveled to specific areas to pick up and transport injured soldiers to a military hospital, which was operated by New Zealand, in Brockenhurst, Hampshire England.

This is where he met his future wife Caroline – my mother. They were married June 25, 1918 at St. Nicholas Church in Brockenhurst, Hampshire.



Albert and Caroline White

In 1919 they immigrated to Canada, settling first in Saanich and then Victoria where they raised their three daughters.

So there you have it – Royal Dairy, Charlotte and three marriages.

Janice Kidwell has over the years researched her Scottish, English and P.E.I. roots, and is presently researching her maternal grandmother's side. Janice and her mother collaborated on this article.

MY MERRYWEATHER BOWL

By Moyna Laing Member #1593

The picture shows a 120 year old sterling silver bowl that belonged to James Hutchinson Merryweather M.D. (born 1832) in Guisborough Yorkshire.

My husband, John Laing inherited the bowl in 1992 after the passing of his mother Mary E Laing nee Merryweather. She was a granddaughter of James Merryweather.

We had no idea what event the bowl was commemorating, nor did we know what "best couple" meant - we naively imagined that perhaps it had been awarded at a ballroom dance competition. In our mind's eye we could see Great Grandpa, wife in tow, swirling around a dance floor.

One day a friend spotted the bowl and told us she was certain it had been presented by the Cleveland Hunt Club in Yorkshire. She provided us with the name and address of the Club's current secretary. We wrote to say that we were unsure whether the bowl had been awarded to James H or perhaps to his son and that we would appreciate any information about the award. Given the "hunt" provenance, we were now inclined to think that it was a dressage award of some kind.

The response, when received, certainly set us straight. (A copy of the letter received from the secretary is attached). We were delighted to know that Great Grandfather James "was sufficiently well known that his address was superfluous" and that only people of "high standing" are admitted to the Cleveland Hunt Club. (Note: *are*, not *were*)

The admonishment that the canines were "hounds" not "dogs" was taken in the spirit that it was presented - to educate the colonials. We now picture the cup being presented in a pastoral venue as versus in a formal ballroom.

Solving the mystery of the "Best Couple" was both enlightening and entertaining. In our hearts, James and wife Elizabeth are still the "best couple".



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PICNIC AT CAPILANO

By Sally Funk Member #1760

This is my Yorke family photo. I have two photos that were taken at the same time. On the back of the other it is written "Picnic at Capilano".

It is curious to see a family photo taken at such a rugged venue, in contrast with the elaborate clothing. It must have been quite a trip from Vancouver at this time especially with such young children. The group would have taken a ferry trip and continued via horse and buggy, I believe. It is a little amusing to see the hand bags in this setting as well.

The Yorke family began moving to Vancouver from Toronto around 1900, with Joseph coming first, followed by his brother Lionel who came to play Lacrosse in Vancouver. Lionel married Ontario born Elizabeth Cockwell in Seattle. My great grandmother Margaret a widow, and G aunt Laura, came west to join the family about 1907 or so.

I concluded that the photos were taken in 1909 as my mother was born 20th June of 1909 and she is the tiny baby on the left of the photo.



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The photo includes: On the left, my mother, Laura Wilhelmina Yorke (2- 3mo ?), held by my grandmother, Elizabeth Tyra Yorke nee: Cockwell. Standing at the back: my great aunt, Laura Agnes Yorke 24 yrs; my great grandmother, Margaret Yorke nee: Cook, 58 yrs; (two unknown women standing).

Sitting are: my half grand uncle, Joseph Yorke; my grandfather, Lionel Yorke holding my uncle, Howard Lionel Yorke, 1 1/2 yrs;

In the front sitting: are Elizabeth Ann Yorke, nee Milligan the wife of, Joseph Yorke and their son, my half 1st cousin, once removed, Melville Yorke 10 yrs.



Areas of Research: Canada - Ontario, Mainly Toronto, Perth county and Waterloo County, also Vancouver area from 1900 forward.

England - Devon, Northumberland, Cumberland. Also Cambridgeshire, Sussex, Lincolnshire and surrounding areas.

Contact Sally at slf@dccnet.com

Holten Netherlands, ICB World War II Interview Project

The Information Centre Canadian War Cemetery (ICB) in Holten, Netherlands is planning to interview relatives (siblings, spouses, children, other relatives, friends) of deceased soldiers who are buried in Holten. We plan to visit the interviewees at their homes in Canada.

ICB Holten Netherlands Interview Project relates to the province of British Columbia where there are the home town places of 81 fallen soldiers. Across Canada, there were 1,394 military who have found their final resting place at the Canadian Military Cemetery at Holten.

The intention of the ICB is to get more Information about the soldiers who are buried in Holten, as well as get an impression of what the loss of a brother, father, son, friend meant for those who left behind. We would like to have your cooperation in finding people, and maybe you yourself might be a good informant to interview.

This is a notable project honouring World War II soldiers who fell and are buried in the Canadian War Cemetery which will honour the 75th anniversary of Netherlands Liberation Day - May 5, 2020.

Please share your thoughts and possible candidates. Please contact Jan Braakman jan.braakman@gmail.com Volunteer/researcher at ICB, Holten Netherlands.

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AARON GALPIN 1880-1954

By **Beverley Taylor** Member #5650

My Grandpa, Aaron GALPIN, was born the 6th of 13 children in Codroy, Newfoundland in 1880. As a boy he was on the dories, fishing and working very hard to make a living. His family were a rugged lot and old sailing vessels and windjammers were a common thing to them. (Maybe that is why I always wanted to sail on a Windjammer). There seemed to be quite a strong sense of religion among most of them—they were a God-fearing people. My Grandpa immigrated to Nova Scotia by ship (before Newfoundland joined Canada) where he lived in North Sydney, Cape Breton for a short time, working at the steel mills.

Aaron met Elizabeth Henrietta THORNHILL in 1907 and they were married October 9, 1907 in North Sydney, Nova Scotia. They moved west to North Vancouver, British Columbia, where they built a small home in 1911, then built a better one in 1913. Grandpa and Grandmother Elizabeth raised 12 children, and my mom was one of the oldest.

Grandpa worked at several jobs, including a grocery store at 15th and Lonsdale, run by a relative. He also worked as a labourer at Wallace Shipyards from 1912 through the First World War and again through the Second World War. During the Depression and hard times, he operated a shoe repair shop called **Hillside Shoe Renew** at 21st and Lonsdale (where McDonald's Golden Arches is now). He also used part of a building in the 2400 block of Lonsdale and a part of his basement at 115 -19th Street in North Vancouver for this business. Grandpa retired in 1947.

Among my collection of family artifacts is Grandpa's Bible with the date that he accepted the Lord Jesus as Savior written on the back page, and a hymnal from his church. Along with these items I have a souvenir medal presented to my grandmother, Elizabeth Galpin, a North and West Vancouver pioneer, to commemorate Canada's 100th Birthday in 1967.

This poem from my family archives was written about my grandfather:

*"Earn", another Codalloper
(Bessie got this man),
'e come out 'ere a-buildin' ships,
Then cobbled in North Van;
An' when 'e weren't a cobblin',
From ehat I have deduced,
'e must 'ave been a lovin' man,
Ten kids these two produced*.*

Translation:

Earn... Aaron; Codalloper...Codroy;
Bessie...Elizabeth; ehat - what.

*There were actually 12 children born in total.



*This pair of "lasts" were used to make shoes.
The tall lasts were used for shoe repair*

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Souvenir Medal received by grandmother Elizabeth Galpin.

GALPIN—On Feb. 11, 1954, Aaron Galpin, in his 74th year, late of 1320 Duchess Ave., West Vancouver. Survived by his loving wife; 2 daughters, Mrs. Edward Worrall, West Vancouver; Mrs. Fred Dolly, Seattle, Wash.; 6 sons, George and Leonard, at home; Hubert, West Vancouver; Lloyd, Wallace and John, of North Vancouver; 8 grandchildren; also 2 sisters, Mrs. A. Blakeburn, Vancouver; Mrs. D. Lewis, Port Angelus, Wash.; 4 brothers, Morgan, Thomas and Walter, of North Vancouver; Jerry, Detroit, Mich. Funeral service Monday, Feb. 15, at 1:30 p.m. from the Hollyburn Funeral Home, West Vancouver, Mr. G. H. Gates and Mr. A. Jordan officiating. Interment, Capilano View.

VANCOUVER SCHOOL CLASS PHOTOS

By Ron Hyde

There is a group of retired Vancouver teachers and Vancouver School Board employees who are working to ensure Vancouver schools, classes and events are preserved in the Vancouver School Board Archives as well as available to anyone on their website.

When I was working on an article about Carleton School I didn't have a good photograph of the School building and contacted Derek Grant, Chair of the VSB Archives & Heritage Committee. As it turned out, the Archives didn't have much on Carleton School and I had a



Carleton School Army Cadets 1943

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fair collection of photographs as both my older brother and sister had attended Carleton School. I shared a number of class photographs, school club photos and as it was wartime, Red Cross and First Aid Club photos. There is a wealth of little known school history in many of these photographs and it is nice to know that this history is being preserved and available on the VSB Heritage site for everyone to enjoy.

We are looking for anyone and their family members who attended school in Vancouver to take a look in boxes in your closet, in your basement, in your garage or in your box of treasured photos from your school days. If you have a class photo or group or club photo from a school in Vancouver, you are invited to share with the VSB Archives & Heritage Committee. If you wish to donate the photograph, wonderful. If you have pictures but wish to retain them, no problem. We can scan the photographs and return them to you. If you are in Vancouver, you can take them to a BCGS meeting in an envelope with the school name, year of photo and the name of the group. Don't forget to put your name and phone number on the envelope as well. If you wish to mail the photos, put them in an envelope with a piece of cardboard so they won't be bent and print in the bottom left corner "PHOTOGRAPHS, PLEASE DO NOT BEND. THANKS" and address to: **Ron Hyde P.O. Box 31855, Richmond, B.C. V7E 0B5** We will scan with a high resolution scanner, then return them by mail to you Richmond, B.C. . Photographs are tagged with the donor's name when placed on the VSB Archives website.



Carleton School Grad Class 1946-47

This is a wonderful project for BCGS members to preserve their family's school history while adding to the VSB Archives. It is so easy and gratifying - I spoke to a neighbor and asked if he went to school in Vancouver - he responded that both he and his wife attended Vancouver schools and looked through their boxes of pictures and came up with 7 class photos from Mount Pleasant and 5 from Walter Moberley Schools. Eunice Robinson and Lorraine Irving have shared their photos and now it is your turn. Collectively, I have worked with friends and other groups and we

have located and submitted over 100 class photos to the VSB Archives. We look forward to working with you on this exciting project.

Check out the school pictures on file at <https://blogs.vsb.bc.ca/heritage/>

BOOK REPORT

Marjorie, Her War Years - A British Home Child in Canada, by Patricia Skidmore, 2018. Published by Dundurn Press 3 Church St. Suite 500 Toronto ON MSE 1M2. ISBN # 978-1-4597-4166-9 (softcover), 286 pp, illust., indexed. \$30 CA plus P&P, from above address or www.Dundurn.com.

Many years ago, I read some accounts of British Home Children, and was very moved by their experiences. The whole scheme was constructed in the belief that bringing these children to Canada was to provide them with a better life. But from reading this book, it seemed to be another governmental decision that had quite the opposite result.

The concept was to take children from Britain and bring them to Vancouver Island, to teach them to become farmers and farmer's wives. In the case of many of these children, they were not orphans, but children from very poor circumstances. The 'bright and shiny' description given to the parents resulted in these children being wrenched from their families, brought across the ocean and the vast country of Canada, and deposited in the Prince of Wales Fairbridge Farm School, in a remote area of Vancouver Island near Cowichan.

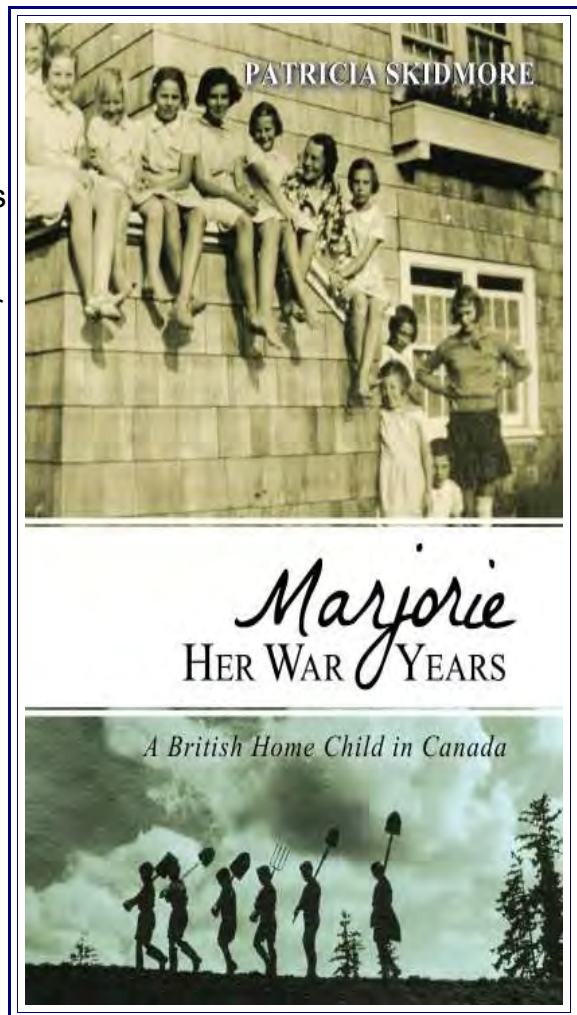
"This venture was backed by His Majesty's Government...the consent of the Canadian Government and of the Provincial Government of British Columbia has already been secured for the starting of a school in that great province in the Great West" – description of the Fairbridge Farm School in *The Times* (London), July 25, 1934.

This book is a sequel to Patricia Skidmore's *Marjorie, Too Afraid to Cry*. The excellent Introduction gives a very good history of child migration, something that many of us have not been aware of.

The story of Marjorie's life and experiences, her feelings of rejection and isolation, is heartbreaking. How this affected her in her later life, and her relationships with her family, is also described.

There is an extensive *Notes* section, which provides further description and information. As well there is an excellent Bibliography section, and the book is indexed.

I would recommend reading this book, if for nothing else than gaining a better understanding of the whole 'home child' history.



Eunice Robinson

MEETING MY SECOND COUSIN

By Beverley Tennant Squires

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In April 2018 , my friend Barb from Mount Vernon Washington was planning a trip to Austin, Texas. Barb asked me if I was interested in joining her so I took her up on it.

After the trip was booked I had received an email from an ancestry member, Sharynn, who was interested in the McAllister Family. While we were exchanging our emails, I discovered that Sharynn's Grandparents were David McAllister (1899-1986) and Helen McCurley (1902-1982). David McAllister was my Grandmother's older brother. While in Vancouver her Grandparents exchanged vows in 1926 and my Grandparents, Martha McAllister (1901-1982) and Peter Tennant (1897-1977) surprisingly were the witnesses. Shortly after her Grandparents were married they left Canada they moved to New Jersey, then onto Texas.



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We exchanged a few more emails. I asked Sharynn where she lived and it just so happens she lives in Austin, Texas. Without delay, I mentioned to Sharynn that I'll be heading down to Austin shortly so we managed to make arrangements to meet. While my friend and I were spending our last day in the Austin, Sharynn picked us up from our hotel and we went for lunch and spent the entire afternoon together.



Peter Tennant and Martha McAllister



David McAllister (1899-1986)

We exchanged some stories and Sharynn had photos of some of my relatives which was very exciting. Also Sharynn gave me the family shortbread recipe. The hours flew by without notice and Sharynn drove us to the airport and we said our goodbyes.

From Our Library - Scottish War Brides (to Canada)

355 ' 973 SHU by Elfrieda B Shukert and Barbara B Scibetti – War Brides of World War II

971 SHE – If Kisses Were Roses, a 50th Anniversary Tribute to War Brides

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THE FAMILY OF LAING Part III

This article part three of my transcription of the letter written by my husband's great grandfather, **Alexander Laing** He was born July 12 1840 in Moray Scotland, and died on Feb 10 1910 in **New Barnet Herts**, and was buried in Edinburgh City. As the author (Alexander Laing) was a lawyer in Edinburgh, I assume that he probably dictated it to a secretary, as the document we have is typewritten.

MEMORANDUM AS TO THE FAMILY OF LAING IN PITGAVENY ST. ANDREWS, LHANBRYD, MORAYSHIRE, WITH REMINISCENSES BY ALEXANDER LAING DECR. 1907

My grandfather had a family of four sons and eight daughters. All the latter were married to respectable well to do farmers of the class which make for fair living and decent comfort. Education was not thought important in those days, but a thorough practical knowledge of baking, cooking, washing and of everything connected with Dairy and Poultry Yard and the management of a home was. My mother told me that she and all her sisters had gone through a regular course of all these things in Elgin and at the Farm. Thoroughly good sound house-wives they all were. In my experience I have never tasted finer short cakes, pudding etc. of all kinds that used to be provided by my dear mother and I can from personal experience also say the same of all my aunts whose happy home I used to visit and where I was always welcome when a lad of 15. They all had large families. At one time I counted some 70 cousins on my mother's side, but they are all scattered far and wide now and many of them are dead and forgotten. I may have occasion to refer to some of these families later on. The names of my seven aunt's husbands were, - Grant, Kerr, Petrie, Forsyth, Stewart, Sim and Masson. I may frame a pedigree of the descendants of all these from curiosity, but it will have to be from sources other than my own knowledge so far at least as the subsequent generations are concerned.

My grandfather's four sons were:

(1) Alexander sometime Farmer in Newton of Kinloss whom I just saw once – a handsome smart man who emigrated to Natal and died there unmarried in the early sixties.

(2) John Cruickshank, Cloves, long a very outstanding farmer in the Country of Moray and known all over Scotland for many years as one of the best judges of cattle in the kingdom. He took a great interest in the Highland and Agricultural Society. By his first marriage with a Miss Burgess he had a family of four sons and one daughter. The eldest son John was tenant in Newton of Kinloss, married a Miss Nicol and died leaving a family who went to New Zealand. The second son James, fluttered about Elgin for some years and then went to London where he died; married I believe but had no family. Alick the third son was a very nice fellow who became a tea planter in Assam. He married a Miss Ferguson, Grange, who died within a year after her marriage in India and her husband died shortly after on his way home. The fourth son Gregor Burgess was also a tea planter in Assam and died there unmarried some years ago. The daughter married James Walker Hamilton, Inverness, both of whom are dead. Two daughters in Caithness survive. By his second marriage with a Miss MacDonald my uncle John had some six of a family of whom there are known to me personally William Cruickshank, M.A. Dollar Academy; Alan, a law clerk in Edinburgh; Mrs Grant Wife of the Free Church Minister in, I think, Botriphine, Banffshire and Arthur Cruickshank, Manager of the Mombasa & Uganda Railway. The latter married a Miss Allan, Mernbeen, Morayshire.

(3) James Cruickshank, Farmer, Inverlochty, near Elgin; married a Miss Gill and is the father of Mrs

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Kate Cruickshank or Forsyth widow of David Forsyth above referred to, of whom I shall have something to tell later on. My uncle James died young.

(4) My fourth uncle, George, is I believe still alive at the ripe age of 87 or thereby. He was long in Barnhill and Whitetree; has been three times married and has a very large family, most of whom I understand are settled in America and doing well. I have given pretty full particulars of my mother's family because through my residence in Elgin between my 14th and 17th years I came much in contact with and received great kindness from my uncles, aunts and cousins on that side. Specially in that connection would I mention the kindness of my dear uncle and aunt Petrie Coxton, father and mother of George Petrie, Pitairlie, whose affection and regard were ever warmly cherished and reciprocated by my father beyond any other of his brothers-in-law, and by myself, for I recall with great pleasure the many happy week-ends I spent in those years at Coxton where I always felt welcome and shall cherish the memory of it all as long as my life lasts.

My Father

Of his early years my father spoke very little. He was by nature somewhat reticent and always preserved before his children a dignity and reserve which claimed and received their respect though it did not call forth their affections. He was always kindly, however, and never, except on one occasion that I can remember chastised us. That was always left over to our mother. Occasionally he would unbend and tell us some incidents of his life. He attended school I think at Garmouth, but it may have been Urquhart. His teacher was a Mr. Cooper, father of Mr. Alexander Cooper, Solicitor, Elgin, in whose office my brother James spent two years before commencing to learn farming. Mr. Alexander Cooper was father of Mr George Alexander Cooper who was four year a clerk in my office in Edinburgh and then took up his father's practice in Elgin. Through his wife, a Miss Smith he succeeded four years ago to five or six millions Sterling and is now one of the wealthiest men in Britain. He presented the town of Elgin with the Seafield Park at the east end of the town and by contributing largely to party funds was created a Baronet two year or so ago. Such is luck. If the possession of so much wealth is a blessing truly some are born under a lucky star.

But to return to my father. A dreadful murder by a young man of a little girl had taken place in a wood on the road to school of which the murderer (Gilzean by name I think) was found guilty and part of his sentence was that after being hanged at the spot where the crime had been committed his body should hang there in chains for a twelvemonth. My father said he and his companions used to hear the clanking of the chains as the body swung in the wood and to be dreadfully afraid of meeting the murderer's ghost. A little brother of the latter at the same school, sad to say, went after that under the name of "Hangie". As already narrated my father succeeded to his father on the death of the latter in 1823 and reading between the lines I can gather that as his two older brothers had gone out into the world he had been put pretty early in life to the ordinary work of the Farm and before he had a chance of advancing much in the way of learning, but all his life he took a very intelligent interest in political affairs and in church matters, though he was not much of a reader of historical, scientific or philosophical works. In his limited library was Hollins' Ancient History, which first gave me an interest in history, which has never diminished and will continue as long as I live. He was strong on prophecy; Fleming's and Dr. Cummings's books being a constant source of interest to his and he quite looked for the Millennium and the appearance of Christ in 1866, a date he was not destined to see in this life. At the Disruption he was one of two or three in the whole parish of St. Andrews, Lhanbryd, who joined the Free Church. He attended the Established Church in Elgin of which the Rev. Mr. Topp, afterwards Dr. Topp of Toronto was minister, and the latter having thrown in his lot with the Evangelical Party, my father went with him. As I was born and baptized in the Old Church, Elgin, by Dr. Topp whom many years afterwards I had the pleasure of meeting in my Office, 41 Charlotte Square Edinburgh. A splendid man he was. His stepson, Mr. Mortimer Clark is now Attorney General of Canada. My father was frequently asked to become an Elder of the Church but always declined

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from a feeling, as I think, that he had no gift for prayer or public speaking. Power in that way though it may be cultivated is truly a gift and some are very glib at it. He had the "reading" as it was called twice every Sunday consisting of the reading of a chapter in the Bible and of a Commentary by Matthew Henry or other eminent Divine, but never prayer. I knew, however, that my father was a God-fearing man and a lover of secret prayer, which spoke more for his life and conversation than the mere outward expression of devotion, which some have the power of giving in copious flowing language. I honour and respect his memory. While I cannot say I loved him in life because of his quiet and distant manner I love him whole-heartedly now because I realize now very fully, all he thought of and did for me and his family, for his faithful and noble example and the honourable life he led, which won for him the regard of all with whom he came in contact.

Physically my father was about six feet in height and of strong build and having an intellectual face more like a statesman or divine than a simple farmer. He always wore a surtout coat and tall hat even in going and coming in about the Farm and of course at Church or market. His father must have been a very powerful man as I recollect that he could hold out both his arms horizontally with a man or woman of ordinary size standing on each. My father married in 1834 being 10 years older at the time than my mother. The marriage seems to have been quite an event locally. Neither he nor my mother ever alluded to it, but I was told by Mrs. Duncan, Wick, (once Grant) a sister of Mr. James Grant, Editor of the "Morning Advertiser" of London a voluminous writer and referred to in Forster's "Life of Charles Dickens" and mother of my lifelong friend James Grant Duncan, that she recollected well seeing the wedding party going through Elgin from Barnhill to Pitgaveny. It seems that in those days the whole marriage party adjourned from the bride's father's house to that of the bridegroom where they were lavishly entertained till the young couple retired. On this occasion there was a cavalcade of 50 or 60 carriages and conveyances which must have represented a goodly number of guests. In Morayshire the people are hospitable and kindly to a degree and no doubt there were sounds of revelry by night on that occasion.

My oldest brother James was born in 1835, Margaret in 1837, I in 1840 and my sister Mary in 1842. It must then have involved much strain to find room for us all in the old Farm-house and compelled my father to contemplate the building of a new house and steading or the taking of another farm, though his lease of Todholes did not expire until 1855. He made earnest efforts to induce Col Brander to build a new house and steading, but these proved fruitless. Landlords those days and for many years subsequently traded on the feeling of the tenants and the natural objections on the part of the latter to leave the home of their fathers for many generations and to break the sacred associations which clustered round it and Col. Brander did this to the fullest extent with my father and in 1855 when the lease of the latter expired he was compelled to do what he was morally bound to do in 1845. In that year my father entered into a lease of the farm of Mains of Stanstill Bower in the County of Caithness and removed there at Whitsunday of that year. It wholly altered the lives and fortunes of himself and his family and I have often wondered what these would have been if we had been brought up at Pitgaveny and educated in Elgin. He took Stanstill in conjunction with his brother James who undertook to look after Todholes farm on certain terms but after a few years' experience and considerable friction my father terminated the arrangement and thereafter carried on both farms.

The sum my uncle had put in was £1000 which was repaid him but it must have involved considerable sacrifice and trouble on my father to finance and carry on both farms simultaneously until 1855 when his Morayshire lease ended. The displeasing sales of Stock and Crop in that year, at which, curiously enough I acted as clerk though then only 15 years of age realized within a few pounds of £2000. The farm of Stanstill was an extensive one extending to about 1000 acres of arable ground and 300 to 400 acres of pasture but one acre of Pitgaveny was worth a half a dozen of it. It stands on an elevated plateau as seen from the east of Sinclair Bay and slopes gently down on all sides excepts towards the south. Considerable portions were under the base to be improved and it

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was in this connection that disputes arose between my father and my uncle. The latter being ignorant of the soil thought all the improvements should be carried out and put under crop at once, but my father knew better and was right in deciding to do it gradually. The northern slope was towards the Burn of Bower in which in after days we had many long summer days' fishing and bathing, and which separated the farm from the Estate of Banock belonging to Sir Joh Sinclair of Dunbeath. The great drawback with the farm were the want of fences and drainage but it was in ordinary years a good farm and yielded large returns of oats there. The dwelling-house was rather a handsome one standing some considerable distance from the steading and was certainly an improvement on the then dwelling-house at Pitgaveny. Henceforth my early memories and associations centre round this locality and the County of Caithness, which I shall narrate fartheron when I come to speak of these.

In 1859 my farther took on an improving lease the farm of Skail in the parish of Reay and conjoined with himself in the lease my brother James who went to reside there. It was through letting this farm that he came to his sad and untimely death in 1862. In the spring of that year he drove up from Stanstill to Skail with my mother and stayed there a few days. Leaving the latter behind until he returned the following week, he returned alone. The road passes over the hill of Scrabster which is rather steep in descending so to Thurso, and at the second mile from that town there is a very sharp bend. One of those women, whom at that time one frequently saw going to church with black cloaks like those worn by nuns coming up over the back of the head and covering the whole body had been sitting in the ditch at the side of the road and suddenly rising as my father came round the bend of the road, frightened the horse, a blood one, which bolted down the hill before my father could put on the drag. A man, Swanston who saw the accident from a distance stated that he saw my father straining the reins to keep in the horse but in doing so the latter swayed from side to side of the road with the result that the bolts of the shafts were unloosed in some way and the horse then bolting, drew my father out of the conveyance. He fell on the road and was severely bruised about the head, and when found was quite unconscious. He was taken to a cottage a little distance off the road and after lingering for two days died to the great grief of my mother and his family. I was at that time in Edinburgh and was immediately telegraphed for. That I think was on Thursday, and I took the steamer on the following day, arriving in Wick Bay on Saturday morning early. I shall never forget my feelings of bereavement and sorrow when an old friend of the family the late Alexander Robertson, came on board and informed someone beside me, that "Mr Laing, Stanstill had died the previous day." Mr George J Seaton, shipowner Leith, whom I know as a native of Bower, and was known to me, insisted in my driving out with him in his carriage which I did. I found a very sad and sorrowing household for my father and mother were deeply attached to each other and never had a cross word or look between them during their 28 years of wedded life.

Submitted by **Moyna Laing** Member #1593

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