

DURHAM REGION BRANCH OGS - P.O. BOX 174, WHITBY, ONTARIO L1N 5S1

# Kindred Spirits



Reach Twp Council 1940  
Photo Courtesy of Scugog Shores Museum (ref. 976.212.59)

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**Ontario Genealogical Society**

To encourage, assist, and bring together all those interested in the pursuit of family history



**Upcoming Meeting Speakers & Topics:**

June 5<sup>th</sup>: Durham Region Branch OGS is 25 years old. A special program has been planned. This meeting will start at 7:15pm rather than the usual 7:30pm. Due to the celebratory nature of the evening, no formal business will be conducted and no 50/50 draw will be held. Bob Crawford, President, and Fraser Dunford, Executive Director, of OGS will be in attendance. Janice Carter will give a brief outline of the Branch history. Ruth Burkholder will be the main speaker and will address the changes in genealogical research over the last 25 years. Cake, tea and coffee will follow the events. Come and help us celebrate this very important event in the life of the Branch.

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*Kindred Spirits* welcomes contributions from our members. Subject matter must be of Durham Region's genealogical / geographical interest, or be of research assistance.

Thanks to all who have submitted articles. As always, we're looking for more articles and queries to keep *Kindred Spirits* interesting and informative. Please remember that we depend on your submissions for content so please keep

them coming. Drop me a line at [druggistscellars@yahoo.ca](mailto:druggistscellars@yahoo.ca). Please include your name, address and membership number on your submissions. Newspaper or magazine articles must carry the name and date of issue; submitter must have the permission to reprint. Neither the Branch executive board, nor the Editor assumes responsibility for errors or omissions. Submissions are subject to editorial discretion, inclusive of non-publication.

Our Branch maintains an extensive library including cemetery records. A Publications List can be obtained by sending a SASE for 8-1/2" x 11" documents. Members outside Canada, please send two International Reply Coupons.

Please direct correspondence to The Secretary as follows:

Via Mail:  
Durham Region Branch, O.G.S.,  
P.O. Box 174,  
Whitby, Ontario  
Canada  
L1N 5S1

Via the Internet:  
[halefamily@sympatico.ca](mailto:halefamily@sympatico.ca)

**Durham Region Branch Electronic Bulletin**

If you would like to be on the list to receive Durham Region Branch's electronic bulletin (covering forthcoming events of genealogical interest and important genealogical news) and the continuing electronic meeting notices, please email Nancy Trimble at

[dtrimble70@rogers.com](mailto:dtrimble70@rogers.com)

## Durham Region Branch Office

The office is open to the public on the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm to 10:00pm, and the third Saturday of each month, 10:00am to 2:00pm. The office is located in the building at the base of the old Oshawa Airport control tower, at the end of Stevenson Road, north of Rossland Road, in Oshawa.

The office has a large collection of genealogical data, some of which is not available in our main collection at the Whitby Library. The telephone number is 905-720-0985 and messages can be left on the answering machine. High speed internet access is also available.

## OGS Publications Available at Meetings

Items on the Provincial OGS Publication List are available by mail order. Members can also place orders at our Branch meetings and receive the items at the next meeting. This saves the cost of shipping and the Branch receives a slight commission from the sales. Ordered items are only available for pick-up at Branch meetings.

### OGSPI Report – End of Project

<http://www.ogs.on.ca/ogspi/welcome.htm>

2007 February 6

Kellie M Love

FINIS!!! Our OGSPI 1891 Census Transcription Project is finally complete!

In 2001, Durham Region OGS Branch became an active contributor to the Ontario Genealogical Society Provincial Index Project (OGSPI), committed to transcribing the 1891 census of Durham and Ontario

Counties; and also parts of Muskoka and York Region due to electoral boundaries.

We've come a long way since the first hardcopies were distributed in the fall of 2001. It did take longer than anticipated, but the results are very impressive. The thirty-eight areas assigned to us constituted 3,593 pages. At twenty-five lines per page, that equates to 89,825 lines, however taking into consideration the number of blank lines throughout, and on the last page of each division, my estimation of the number of lines recorded is approximately 89,000.

As of noon today (February 6, 2007), the last seven transcriptions that were sent to the provincial co-ordinator were not yet online, but hopefully will be soon.

Sincere thanks are extended to the many volunteers for their diligence and enthusiasm in making census records available online. The following nineteen people transcribed the thirty-eight areas assigned to us (those marked with an asterisk recorded more than one town/township).

Bernice	Andrews	Oliver	Holdstock
Marian	Bellamy	June	James *
Linda	Boyd	Joyce	Lintner
Lillian	Buhl	Kellie	Love *
Linda	Carder *	Don	Parkes *
Janis	Carter	Alvina	Seawright *
Lee	Craig *	Nancy	Trimble *
Ed	Fitzgerald	Ruth	Waite *
Victoria	Fraser *	Debbie	Wilbur
Bea	Hale *		

Linda Carder, June James, Don Parkes, Alvina Seawright and Ruth Waite each completed several townships. Victoria Fraser and Ruth also transcribed census

other than 1891 – anyone having families in Clarke, Pickering or Uxbridge Townships can research several years of census; Lee Craig transcribed 1851 Reach and Brock Townships. Bea Hale, Don Parkes and myself also transcribed for other counties;

Hardcopies are retained in the branch office at the airport.

Again, thank you, volunteers! Great Job!

### **Genealogical Data at Local Museums**

A large amount of genealogical data can be found in local or community museums. For example, the photo of Reach Twp Council 1940 on the cover, supplied by Scugog Shores Museum is part of a very extensive collection of photographs. Members may not be aware of the resources, archives and staff experience in the areas of their interest.

A “Google” search was used to determine all possible local or community museums in the area covered by the Branch. All those that turned up, with two exceptions, were contacted and requested to submit an outline on the museum for inclusion in this issue. Information had already been received from the two museums not originally contacted. Only one of the museums approached was unable to submit an outline for inclusion in this issue. Only minor editing, to ensure some consistency, may have been done

#### **Beaver River Museum**

284 Simcoe Street, Box 314,  
Beaverton, Ont. LOK 1A0  
Tel. 705-426-9641

The Beaver River Museum is operated by the Beaverton Thorah Eldon Historical

Society. The purpose of the Society is to collect, research and interpret artifacts and information that illustrates the history of Beaverton and the townships of Thorah and Eldon. The Society holds monthly meetings, has an active History Committee and Education Committee and has published two books “The Beaverton Story, Harvest of Dreams” and “Continuing Dreams, The Second Beaverton Story”.

The Society has a growing collection of genealogical and historical resources. Original documents, photos, etc. are stored in a climate controlled secure area, which is accessed only by the archivist. However, Society volunteers can access most information. The museum has a microfilm reader/printer, photocopier and scanner.

Many people make use of the resources by coming in person to research, or by writing or emailing for information. In either case, many hours of volunteer time are spent helping the researchers. Most income comes from donations and extensive fund-raising. Financial contributions and archival or genealogical material are gratefully received.

Appointments should be booked ahead of time to ensure the availability of the curator or volunteer, or the archivist if access to original documents or photos is necessary.

Upcoming Schedule of Events: Monthly Meetings, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 2 – 4 pm:

May 27: Lynn Hodgson, “Camp 30”

June 24: Doug MacPhail, “Margaret McIntyre, Nurse in WW1”

Sept. 23: Jim Watt, “Lost in War the story Of an RCAF Pilot”

Oct. 28: Barb McFadzen, “The Boyds of Bobcaygeon: Their Farm and Unique Barn”

Nov 25: Jean Pollock, WW1 "Letters of Angus

#### Upcoming Schedule of Events:

Antique & Collectibles Show & Sale, June 2 & 3 - 10am – 5pm  
 Canada Day Celebration, July 1 – 11am – 4pm  
 Beaverton & Area House Tour, July 29 – 1pm – 5pm

To see an overview of resources or to find out more about visiting the museum and archives or attending programs and events, please visit our website [www.btehs.org](http://www.btehs.org).

Oshawa Community Museum and Archives  
 1450 Simcoe St. S., Lakeview Park,  
 Oshawa, Ont. L1H 8S8  
 Tel. 905-436-7624 Fax 905-436-7625

The Oshawa Community Museum and Archives is operated by the Oshawa Historical Society.

#### Background:

The Oshawa Historical Society began in 1957 with the mandate of collecting objects and information related to the history of Oshawa, as well as maintaining a museum within which to interpret these items.

The Oshawa Community Museum and Archives grown from one museum building to three buildings, all of which stand on their original foundations, located in Oshawa's Lakeview Park. The archival collection is held in Guy House, where all of the offices are located.

#### Oshawa Community Archives Collection:

The Archives collects documents, maps, photographs, literature and other ephemera related to the growth of Oshawa

from the time of Native inhabitation to present day.

The Archival collection is organized by subject matter, for example, business and industry, churches, transportation etc. A large collection of genealogical information categorized by family name is also maintained. For further information, including detailed listings of the subject categories, as well as listings of the map collection, please refer to our website [www.oshawamuseum.org](http://www.oshawamuseum.org). There is a \$5 Archives Usage fee for all non-members of the Oshawa Historical Society. The Archivist and archives staff are available to conduct research at a fee of \$20 per hour. A quote will be provided prior to this research being undertaken.

The Archives is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. during the fall, winter and spring. During the summer months of July and August, the Archives is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and both Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Calling ahead to arrange an appointment is much appreciated. Please contact the Archivist, Jennifer Weymark, at 905-436-7624 ext. 100 or by email at [archivist@oshawamuseum.org](mailto:archivist@oshawamuseum.org).

#### Upcoming Schedule of Events: Recurring

Thursday Teas 11:30am – 1:30pm

Spring Tea, May 17

Garden Victoria Teas – every Thursday

July and August

Harvest Tea, Sept. 27

Christmas Tea, Dec. 6

#### Upcoming Schedule of Events: Monthly Meetings

May 28, George Sherwood, Legends in Their Time: Young Heroes and Victims of Canada

Sept. 17, Mike Filey: author of Toronto

- Oct. 15, Sketches, The Way We Were  
Samantha George – Curator of  
Parkwood Estate; Adelaide  
McLaughlin
- Nov 19, Museum Staff: Celebrating the  
Preservation of Oshawa's  
History for 50 years

### Scugog Shores Museum

16210 Island Road,  
Port Perry, Ont. L9L 1B4  
Tel. 905-985-3589 Fax. 905-985-3492

The Scugog Shores Museum is located on Scugog Island, overlooking the town of Port Perry. The mission of the Museum is to preserve, research, interpret and exhibit artifacts that illustrate the cultural and natural history of the area. With 11 restored buildings in the Historic Village, the Ojibway Heritage Interpretive Lands, Special Events, March Break Children's camps, Adult Workshops and Archives open for genealogy research, the Museum is an exciting place to visit throughout the year.

You will feel like you have stepped back in time when you walk through the gate and enter the Museum's historic village. The Museum Village is open daily from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm in June, July and August. The village depicts daily life in Scugog from the mid to late 1800's. Take time to stroll through the Log Cabin and the Lee House, homes of some of Scugog's pioneers. Other buildings in the village include a Blacksmith Shop, Woodwrights Shop, Print Shop, Harness Shop, Beef Ring, School House, Church, Drive Shed and two barns. Heritage flower gardens planted throughout the village blossom spring through fall. A beautiful herb and dye garden and vegetable garden are planted with historical varieties of plants and vegetables. Tours are offered in the

summer by knowledgeable guides dressed in period clothing.

The Museum Archives contains a wealth of information for anyone conducting research within the Township of Scugog. Our volunteer Archivists and staff fulfil genealogical research requests for individuals across North America. The Archives contains the following resources for the former Reach, Scugog and Cartwright Townships and the Village of Port Perry, now all part of the Township of Scugog: Assessment Rolls, Birth/Death/Marriage Registers, Personal and Agricultural Census', Tax Collectors Rolls, Deeds, Maps, Municipal Records, Newspapers, School Records and Women's Institute Records.

We also have genealogy files catalogued by family name, a number of detailed family trees from local families and an extensive photographic collection. Limited research material is available on neighbouring Townships. Access to the Archives is by appointment only. Visitors may conduct their own research for a flat rate of \$15.00, which includes a limited number of photocopies. Research can also be done by Museum personnel at a rate of \$20.00/hour.

Upcoming Schedule of Events:  
Gigantic Tailgate Sale – Monday, May 21 –  
8 am – 2 pm  
39<sup>th</sup> Annual Canoe the Nonquon – Sat.  
June 2  
Scugog Shores Classic Car Drive-In &  
Fleamarket – Sat. June 16 – 8 am – 4 pm  
Dog Days of Scugog – Sat. July 21 and  
Sun. July 22 – 9 am – 4 pm  
Doors Open Port Perry/Lake Scugog and  
Come to Port 1887 – Sat. August 11 – 10  
am – 4 pm  
Murder Mystery Evening – Fri. September

14 – 7:30 – 10 pm  
 Pioneer Fall Fair – Sun. September 23 –  
 11 am – 4 pm  
 Children's Old-Fashioned Christmas – Sun.  
 December 9 – 11 am – 4 pm

Upcoming Schedule of Events, all daily,  
 10am – 4pm  
 June 1 – 30 – Oshawa Camera Club  
 Photography Exhibit  
 June 1 – August 31 – Caesarea: A Cottage  
 Community's History  
 August 1 – September 30 – The Archives  
 of Ontario Remembers the War of 1812

For more information on the Museum,  
 please contact:  
 Shannon Kelly, Curator  
[skelly@scugog.ca](mailto:skelly@scugog.ca)  
[www.scugogshoresmuseum.com](http://www.scugogshoresmuseum.com)

Sunderland and District Historical Museum  
 14 Church St. North, Box 340,  
 Sunderland, Ont. L0C 1H0  
 Tel. 905-985-3723, 705-357-2553

The Sunderland and District Historical Society was established in 1989 to bring together those people interested in the diverse historical heritage of Sunderland and District to research, retain, preserve and present historical data pertaining to the area.

The Museum contains many artifacts, records and pictures of schools, students, churches, clubs, businesses and sports teams for Sunderland from about 1818 to the present. There is an extensive set of family tree records, maps, cemetery records and a database of the connections of local families with over 43,000 names in it. There is a database that helps locate 2000 stones in the area. The Museum has the equipment to photocopy, scan, or take pictures of any artifacts that you have from

the area. There is a wheelchair access elevator and washroom.

The Museum is open during special Sunderland Events i.e., Maple Syrup Festival, Fall Fair or by appointment.

Contact by email at  
[sdhsmuseum@sympatico.ca](mailto:sdhsmuseum@sympatico.ca)

Uxbridge Township Museum  
 7329 Concession 6,  
 Uxbridge, Ont.  
 Tel. 905-852-5854

Since its beginning in 1972, the Uxbridge Museum has provided assistance with local genealogical research. However, several years ago, the Uxbridge Public Library began setting up a research room for genealogists.

A couple of years ago, the local focus on genealogy shifted from the Museum to the Library. Currently, those doing genealogy are directed to the Library rather than to the Museum.

Sometime later this year, the remainder of the genealogical resources will be moved from the Museum to the Library.

The Uxbridge Historical Centre will retain the archives which includes a large photo collection. There are over 2600 photos in the collection and they are indexed. They include people, groups, buildings, etc. The archival collection includes typical items such as letters, deeds, store bills, receipts, etc. These items are also indexed.

Historical Centre Hours – Victoria Day weekend to Thanksgiving, Wed. to Fri., 1pm – 4pm, Sat., Sun. & Holidays, 10am – 5pm.

For more information, please visit our website [www.uxlib.com/museum](http://www.uxlib.com/museum) or contact us by email at [museum@town.uxbridge.on.ca](mailto:museum@town.uxbridge.on.ca)

### **Mailbag:**

The following is from correspondence received at our mailbox, where family names were mentioned. If you are researching the same names and would like to contact the writer of the letter noted here please contact me for the information.

**Remember to quote the Code** located above each item when writing or e-mailing for information. They are the only way we can identify the owner in the mail listing.

For the mail owners information contact Beatrice Hale by the following:

Mail – our current address Durham Region Branch of OGS, Attention: MAILBAG, PO Box 174, Whitby, ON L1N 5S1

E-mail: [halefamily@sympatico.ca](mailto:halefamily@sympatico.ca)

Thanks

### **Code: 10DEJM**

I am looking for some information regarding my Great Grandfather who was the caretaker of the Oshawa Armories in the 1920s. My roots are in Oshawa back to the 1850s. I have begun to prepare a family history so you know the challenge of gathering all the loose threads together.

### **Code: 22DEMLB**

Interested in Grahams, Mills or Boyles in Thorah Twp. I know that both the Boyles and Bloomington cemeteries must have many more people buried in them than the

remaining stones that have been transcribed, especially my great, great grandparents on both the Conner and Graham sides. Most of the Conner 2<sup>nd</sup> generation are either in Bloomington or Churchill so I definitely feel that John & Mary Conner, and Robert and Rachel (Mills) Graham are in Bloomington as Robert owned the land until 1837, and lived with Andrew and Delilah (Conner) Graham in 1851 C Uxbridge Twp., and Andrew was taken back to Bloomington when he died in 1870/71, and John and Mary Conner, Delilah's parents were living next to them.

### **Code: 17JABB**

Would like someone to check our cemetery records, telephone directories, Henderson directories and newspaper obituary index for the following, who I believe lived in Oshawa:

1. William B. (Beasley) Rainy, possibly from the 1830s to the 1980s. He was a barber
2. Marion (nee Young) Rainy, same time frame, wife of William B Rainy
3. Richard Rainy, their son, born June 6, 1927 in Manitoba, died in province of Quebec on Dec 1, 1989. He likely attended school in Oshawa.
4. Suzanne Dobbs, married to Richard Rainy, and separated.

### **Code: 17JAMEC**

Searching for Bertha Isabella Shaver (Sheaffer) born Whitby Township 1866 and married Dec 2, 1891 John T. Morris (minister) at Whitby Sundridge – witnesses Edwin Shaver of Toronto, Amelia Morris of Whitby -- Bertha was the d/o Wm T. Shaver and Maria Ward, J. Morris was s/o Wm Morris and Margaret Fegan.



I am the Daughter Melba Bertha (Morris) Croft born 5 Aug 1909, married to Jas Croft As you can see by the enclosed I have searched a great deal:

My mother Bertha Shaver, Evelyn Shaver (sister) married a Watson (son Howard), Louis Shaver, brother Walter Shaver, Brother, Melville shaver (who went to Wrentham Mass. (lay preacher)

Another Bertha Shaver is buried in the Ancaster Cemetery which has confused us as both birth and death dates are similar; but I was at my mother's funeral Our family heard that my mother was left at her mother's death to look after the home and siblings. Unfortunately neither of my parents talked about their lives. I have visited my parents' burial sites in the mausoleum, Owen Sound – there is no other information there.

#### **Code: 03FEPHHR**

I am searching for the final resting place of Margaret Fairbairn/Cutler, died Darlington Mills, (Bowmanville), Oct 26, 1858 and is most likely buried at Bowmanville Cemetery. My mother, Florence Hunter, was borne at Antioch in Clarke Township in 1885. Antioch is located a short distance east of Orono at the intersection of the 5<sup>th</sup> line and the Lawrence Road. I have written a short history of her career up to and including the First World War in which she served overseas as a nurse in the Canadian Army Medical Service. It also contains a short history of the Hunter family in Clarke Township. I should be pleased to donate a copy to the archives if you think it would be of interest. The Hunter family settled in Clarke Township in the 1840's. They married into Browns and Wades who have been difficult to trace because of their common names. The direct descendants,

most of whom moved to the United States, continue to be buried in the Orono Cemetery. The last Hunter resident in the township died in 1924. He was my grandfather.

#### **Code 09FEDS**

I have recently discovered that Leslie Olsen and his wife Sylvia left Australia on the ship "Aorangi" on 9 May 1957 (*I think she means 1857*), arriving in Vancouver B.C on 27 May. They subsequently appear to have crossed into USA, travelled east, and then re-entered Canada at the border entry port of Sarnia on 7 March 1928. The immigration records indicate that they were going to Leslie's employer, General Motors, Oshawa, Ontario. I know nothing of their life from that point. Are you able to suggest the most appropriate next step in my search? I have noticed that most archive repositories require a date of death before information can be released, but to carry out a search for his death would require me to pay to the Office of the Register General \$15.00 for each five years searched. As Leslie was born in 1896 (in Victoria Australia), such a search could cost up to \$210. His place of residence is also often required. His occupation I do know – he was a motor mechanic. Hoping you are able to assist.

#### **Query:**

Hutchinson/Barrett: Searching for the second marriage about 1868-70 of Joseph Hutchinson to Mary Jane (who?). Also for burial place after her Mar. 17, 1901 death at age 78 and after his death may 15, 1901, both in Newcastle and both Methodists.

Joseph's first marriage to Ann Wilkinson was 1843 in Clarke Twp. When did he come out from Durham (county/city?) Eng.? Did he come with parents/siblings to relatives?

Also want the death and burial place of Wm. Barrett before 1861 census. He and wife Ann Hicks emigrated from Devon, Eng. In 1840 with sons Chas. L., b.1837 and John, b.1840. 3 of their Barrett children married 3 Hutchinsons. She married to Samuel Rowe by 1861.

Please contact Norm Willis, 592 Cornick Dr., Burlington, ON. L7R 3A8 or email – [nbw@pathcom.com](mailto:nbw@pathcom.com)

### **Additions to the Office Library**

Russell, Bill. Records of the Department of Indian Affairs at Library and Archives Canada; a source for genealogical research. Toronto: Ontario Genealogical Society, c2004. 929.108997071 Rus 2004 **donated by OGS**

Scott, Miriam. Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills and other probate records. Surrey, Eng.: PRO Publications, c1997. 929.1072041 Sco

Seminar 1987 Syllabus: Sharing Past and Future. Toronto: Ontario Genealogical Society, c1987. 929.3713 Sem 1987 **donated by G. Toaze**

Seminar 2003 Syllabus: St. Lawrence River – Route to Settlement. Toronto: Ontario Genealogical Society, c2003. 929.3713 Sem 2003 **donated by OGS**

Seminar Syllabus: Three Rs of family history – Resources, Research, Results. Toronto: Ontario Genealogical Society,

c2004. 929.3713 Sem 2004 **donated by OGS**

Seminar 2005 Syllabus: Cross Border Heritage. Toronto: Ontario Genealogical Society, c2005. 929.3713 Sem 2005 **donated by OGS**

Some Ontario References and Sources for the Family Historian / compiled by Marion C. Keffer.....Rev. and enl. Toronto: Ontario Genealogical Society, c1976 **donated by G. Toaze**

Tennant, Robert Dawson. Carlow to Lanark: an Irish family history. S.l.: [the author], c1986. 929.2 Carlo-T

Toronto & Home District 1837 Directory of Descendants. Toronto: Ontario Genealogical Society, c1991. 929.3713541 Tor **donated by G. Toaze**

United Church Cemetery (Cotteslide) Dummer Twp., Peterborough County. Peterborough, Ont.: Kawartha Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society, nd. 929.571367 Ont **donated by K. Pickard**

Yates, Susan. Publish Your Family History; preserving your family's heritage in a book. Toronto: Ontario Genealogical Society, c2005 070.593 Yat **donated by OGS**

Burgess, Paul F. The Burgess History Tree. Franklin, NC: Genealogy Publishing Service, c1993 929.2 Burg **donated by D. Sweetman**

Calhoun, O. O. The Epic of an English Wilson family in Canada 1784-1969. by O. O. Calhoun. S.l.:s.n., [c1969?] 929.2 Wilso-C **donated by D. Sweetman**

Canada Legal Directory 1987. Ed. By Shirley Hinterauer. Don Mills, Ont.: Richard De Boo, c1986. **donated by D. Sweetman**

Carlisle list: an account of some births, marriages and deaths in Middlesex County,

Ontario 1839-1866. Ed. By Len Chester. Toronto, Ont.: Ontario Genealogical Society, c2005. 929.371325 Car **donated by OGS**

Clan Graham. Compiled by Alan McNie. Jedburgh, Scotland: Cascade Pub. Co., c1986 929.2 Graha-C **donated by D. Sweetmand**

Cornish American Heritage Society. Tam Kernewek 1998-2005. Port Charlotte, FL: [The Society], nd. **Donated by D. Sweetman**

Directory of family research, vol. 3. Ed. By Peggy Magee. Prescott, AZ: Magee Publications, 1983 **donated by D. Sweetman**

Directory of members and surname interests 1995. Halifax, NS: Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia, 1995. **donated by D. Sweetman**

Directory of members and surname interests 2005. Halifax, NS: Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia, 2005. **donated by D. Sweetmand**

Directory of Surnames 1993 / Ed. By Jean Bircham & Alfreda Veenstra. Toronto, Ont.: Ontario Genealogical Society, 1993. **donated by D. Sweetman**

### **A Treasured Old Letter**

**Submitted by Helen Dodge Hall #5582**

The following letter was addressed to  
Mr. Thomas Clarke  
Merchant on Seventh Concession  
#2 Reach Road Whitby  
Upper Canada  
America

According to postmarks on the envelope, it was mailed April 3, 1845 from Leeds, England and arrived in Whitby on either April 20 or April 28, 1845. (The Whitby postmark is difficult to read)

The letter is for the sister of Thomas Clarke. The writer of the letter is not identified.

Dear Sister,

I wright(?) to inform you, that your money in Burton Bank, in the Cave of Mr. Lowe the Lawyer and as for this 5 or 6 years and I think there will be 50 pounds or more, I view 46 pounds about two years since. According to the direction that sent to me, where to wright to, they have stated in the letter that you had better come over and out it, yourself, as for that you must judge for yourselves, I should have sent you sooner., if I had known where to have sent to. They told me when I was over, they would let you know about it. I rec'd the directions 26 Jan. 1846. I sent you a letter in the same month, and I have not rec'd an answer back but I don't know whether they have or not. I should have stated more in the letter as I don't know whether you will rec'd or not, I think it not necessary.

So I hope you are all well as I am at present-thank God for it-and brother Thomas is dead and all the rest of them was well in health, the last time I heard from them., and that where on the 26<sup>th</sup> as above stated. If you send to me, you must direct your letter to be left at Mr George Greens  
Lumb, Str. North  
Mill Street. Leeds, Yorkshire

**NOTICE - Region 7 Annual Meeting**

When: Saturday, September 29, 2007

Where: Oshawa Library Auditorium  
65 Bagot St.  
Oshawa, ON  
South of City Hall, off Centre Street

Registration: 9:30 am

Annual General Meeting at 10 am.

Pot Luck Lunch: Plates, cutlery, cups, coffee and tea will be provided.

Guest Speaker: Brian Winter

Followed by the Oshawa Heritage Festival which is also held in the Library.

**Websites**

This section attempts to provide websites relevant to each Issue's contents as well as others that could be of general interest. If you would like a particular website included in a future Issue, please send it to the editor.

[www.rootsweb.com/~onwob22/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~onwob22/)

Durham Region Branch OGS: Includes publication list, etc.

[www.whitbylibrary.on.ca](http://www.whitbylibrary.on.ca)

Whitby Public Library: Includes an on-line catalogue, listing much of the Durham Region Branch library collection in addition to its own genealogical books and microfilms.

[www.collectionscanada.ca/immigrants/index-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/immigrants/index-e.html)

[www.collectionscanada.ca/immigrants/021017-3000-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/immigrants/021017-3000-e.html)

Two websites about the Canadian immigration experience

[www.canadianwarbrides.com/intro.asp](http://www.canadianwarbrides.com/intro.asp)

[www.pier21.ca/index.html](http://www.pier21.ca/index.html)

[www.geocities.com/us\\_warbrides/WW2warbrides/plquest.html](http://www.geocities.com/us_warbrides/WW2warbrides/plquest.html)

Three websites on warbrides

[www.archives.gov.on.ca](http://www.archives.gov.on.ca)

Website of the Archives of Ontario

[www.censustools.com](http://www.censustools.com)

Free spreadsheets for recording and organizing information in easily understood formats.

[www.automatedgenealogy.com](http://www.automatedgenealogy.com)

Indices for 1901, 1906 and 1911 census

[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

[www.ancestry.ca](http://www.ancestry.ca)

Very large genealogy database available by subscription

NOTE: Check your local library because many libraries subscribe to it (Oshawa Library has 3 computers with this on them)

[www.telegraphcanada.bravehost.com](http://www.telegraphcanada.bravehost.com)

A database of Canadian railways employees

[www.familyhistoryonline.net](http://www.familyhistoryonline.net)

Federation of Family History Societies a series of English and Welsh databases with some records dating as far back as 1538

[www.digitalarchives.wa.gov](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov)

State of Washington digital archives