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### A message from our President...

Another memorable year will soon be  
finished. What will you recall about 2021?  
Remember family history is more than dates  
and names, it is about recording events that  
have shaped our ancestors' lives. So don't  
forget to record the events that have shaped  
your life.

The special events planned for the Society  
to celebrate our 50th Anniversary were  
significantly reduced. However, I'd like to  
acknowledge the excellent presenters of our  
Anniversary series of seminars – Dave Obee  
(twice), Lucille Campey, Janice Nickerson,  
Blaine Bettinger and Joanne Gervais – and  
thank them once again for sharing their  
expertise. Our other special event was to be  
our Cruise – but that has been postponed  
until September 2022, so still time to think  
about joining us.

Holding our meetings via Zoom has been an  
unexpected positive for us. This has enabled  
members from near and far to 'attend' the  
meetings. And I'm sure those of you who live  
locally don't mind not driving in the wind, rain  
and dead of night! We hope that those of you  
who haven't participated via Zoom will think  
about it. We'd love to see you.

Just a reminder too about your Membership  
– our current membership year ends  
December 31, 2021 – so please renew as  
soon as you can. Or maybe suggest to your  
family that they can 'gift' you with your  
membership for Christmas. Certainly better  
than a pair of socks.

And finally a huge thank you to our many  
volunteers - to the contributors of articles for  
our Journal and Newsletters; our indexers;  
our Team members; our project participants;  
and most especially to your Board of  
Directors, thank you for sharing your time and  
talents with us.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we'd  
like to wish our members and their families,  
Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New  
Year. **Eunice Robinson, President**

## From the Desk of the Editor

Last month, I stumbled across this short verse by John Muir :

*"When one tugs at a single thing  
in nature, he finds it attached to  
the rest of the world."*

Not only does this fit the natural world, it also neatly describes how genealogical searches unfold. Each of the articles that are gracing our Journal this month start with one person and then connect him (or her) to family and to the rest of our community, then continue on to the flow of history. These connections are like invisible tiny tentacles or roots, searching in all directions. Following these tiny roots, I've explored the lives of many of our ancestors who built our province, and discovered the contributions that they made.

This month, our **Holden Committee** shares two articles. **J. Amy Newman** shares the wartime service of Trooper James Richard Gow in the Forestry Corp. and as a tank driver. **Marlene Dance** writes of Private Bernard Oswald Keenan and his service as an ambulance driver. Marlene also shares the story of Private Rudolph Goetz in the Ambulance Corp. **Donalda James** brings us a peek into the lives of the very early settlers in New Westminster. From our Library files, **Eunice Robinson** brings a peek into the passengers that travelled on the RMS Antonia in 1934. **Meg McLaughlin** shares with us a Road Trip to Victoria, and **Janice Kidwell** visits Mount Arrowsmith on Vancouver Island. Our Librarian, **Corrine Jubb** highlights several books that are new donations to our Library. **Ann Buchanan** shares two research projects from the Queries Committee, with special results!

I hope that you will enjoy exploring these connections, too!

Lynne Fletcher  
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## On Our Cover . . .

A special picture from the home of Dr. Ronald MacLeod and Mary MacLeod. Ann Buchanan is returning a picture with special connections to their family. Find the whole story in our Queries report.

## HOLTEN PROJECT

**GOW, JAMES RICHARD, Trooper**  
L/50084, The British Columbia Regiment  
#20 Forestry  
28th Canadian Armoured Regiment  
KIA 25 Apr 1945

Submitted by J. Amy Newman  
Member #5089

James Richard GOW was called Dick to avoid confusion. He was born to James and Ruth Gow of Cudworth Saskatchewan on May 28th 1923. He was the 3<sup>rd</sup> of five children. His siblings were: Beth Peddie, 1919-1995; Pat McFee, 1921-2019; David Gow, 1928-1939; and Ruth Price of Comox British Columbia.

Dick was very athletic. He played hockey. He loved life. His sister Beth called him "a handsome devil". His sister Pat said "he was just a kid, too young". His sister Ruth said "he spoiled her (as she was the baby of the family)". Dick's parents were very proud of him.

Dick was very young when he enlisted at Saskatoon in October 1940, only 17 years old. On his application form he said he was 19 years old, and that his occupation was a lumber checker and grader. His Dad, who had served in the Canadian Army in WW1,



The Gow Family: Beth, Dick, Dad, Mum, Pat and Grandmother

reluctantly gave him his blessing with the stipulation that he join the Forestry Corp. So the Forestry Corp it was.

After training in Canada and a leave at home with his family in May 1941, he was shipped to Scotland. He left Halifax on June 6<sup>th</sup> 1941 and arrived in the U.K. on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1941. His medical history noted that he was underweight for his height of 6'1".

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He served with the Forestry Corp in Scotland until April 1943. At that time he transferred to the Armoured Corp somewhere in the U.K. He was trained as a driver/mechanic for tanks. After completing his training he was transferred to Europe.



James R. (Dick) Gow and Marmalade



Ruth, Dick and Mother Ruth Gow

Dick was killed in Germany when his tank blew up on April 25th 1945 – just one month shy of his 22nd birthday.

He was buried in Germany and then reburied in the Holten Canadian Military Cemetery.

In 1957 Dick's youngest sister Ruth and her husband Les Price visited Dick's grave and were able to thank the family that looked after his grave.

"Our family is forever grateful to all the Dutch who have never forgotten all our Canadian loved ones and especially our Uncle Dick.

Thank you."

*The Family of James Richard Gow*

*Margaret Bekker (niece of James Richard Gow), September 2020*

**885 ARMY NAMES ON 'BACK-LOG' LIST**

# 20 Dead Among 96 Casualties From Coast in Latest Release

Nineteen British Columbia men or officers and men who enlisted here but with next-of-kin living in other parts, including Europe, are named as having been killed in action or died of wounds in the third Canadian Army "clean up" casualty list of approximately 885 names published today. Another officer died in Canada.

The list is all from the western front and from the intensive fighting in Germany and Northern Holland in April and mostly from Holland. Altogether 96 B.C. men are listed.

A peculiar future of this list is that 14 B.C. men are listed as missing at various dates during April and with all fighting ground covered and prison camps over-

run there is an element of uncertainty as to the fate of the missing men.

From what check-up could be made with relatives in Vancouver it appears that most, if not all of the missing men, were with Canadian Scottish in Northern Holland and posted missing on April 21. In no ascertained case has there been any further word since official notification came about May 1.

Of the others listed today three were dangerously wounded, three seriously wounded, eight severely wounded, 15 wounded, 29 slightly wounded of whom three were able to remain on duty, two were injured.

Advice from Ottawa indicates

that there will be at least three more of the big "clean up" lists within the next few days. After that there will be smaller lists of more casualties to be released after next-of-kin have been notified officially.

**KILLED IN ACTION**

**Lieut. Denis George Huscroft**, whose wife lives at Wynndel.

**Lieut. Martin George Van Santvoord**, whose wife lives at 580 West Twenty-first, Vancouver.

**Tpr. James Richard Gow**, Armored, son of Mrs. Ruth M. Gow, 2335 West Sixth, Vancouver.

**Pte. William Marygold**, Manitoba Regt., whose wife lives at 3813 East Pender, Vancouver.

**Pte. John Branscomb**, son of Mrs. Lenora Branscomb, 69 Yonsdale, North Vancouver.

YVONNE D. S. ...

Vancouver Sun Article 1945-04-14

GOW — Passed away June 19, 1964. Ruth Maude Gow, aged 71 years, late of 7111 Salisbury St., Burnaby. Late member Golden Age Club, South Burnaby, and the Central Park Branch O.A.P. Survived by her loving husband, James J.; three daughters, Mrs. J. (Beth) Peddie, Burnaby; Mrs. F. (Pat) McFee, New Westminster; Mrs. L. (Ruth) Price, London, England; six grandchildren. Funeral service Tuesday, June 23, at 11:00 a.m., in the ROYAL OAK FUNERAL CHAPEL, Kingsway at Royal Oak Ave., Burnaby. Rev. W. John Bishop officiating, followed by cremation. Flowers in containers appreciated.

 GOW — July 5, 1965. James Jamesion Gow, aged 72 years, formerly of 5690 Portland St., South Burnaby. A late member of Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 83, S. Burnaby. Served with the Princess Pats in W.W. I. Survived by 3 daughters, Mrs. Patricia McFee, New Westminster; Mrs. Ruth Price, Centralia, Ontario; Mrs. Beth Peddie, S. Burnaby; one sister, Margaret C. Gow, Victoria; 6 grandchildren. Funeral service Thursday, July 8, at 11 a.m., from ROYAL OAK FUNERAL CHAPEL, Kingsway at Royal Oak Ave., Burnaby. Rev. W. John Bishop officiating. Cremation.

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PEDDIE — Elizabeth H., late of New Westminster, passed away August 3, 1995, aged 75 years. Predeceased by her husband James F. in February of this year. She is survived by her 2 daughters Margaret (Howard) Bekker, and Joyce (Carl) Goodrich; 2 grandchildren Kathy Jo (Ron) Sandrini, and Dean Goodrich; 3 granddaughters Alex, Jessika-Jo and Jordan; 2 sisters Pat McFee and Ruth (Les) Price; nieces, nephews, family and friends. Service of Remembrance will be held Tuesday, August 8th at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 3789 Royal Oak Avenue, Burnaby. Family friend Reverend David Jackson will officiate. Cremation.

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James Forbes Peddie Reg.#1995-09-001857 [DTH\\_1995001857R.jpg](#)

## HOLTEN PROJECT

### Life Story for Doris Patricia "Pat" McFee (Gow)

Mom was born in Saskatchewan, the second oldest of five children.

She attended Normal School in Saskatoon and began her teaching career on the Prairies. She told us stories of her one room school house, spanning all grades. Her least favourite task was getting up at dawn in the Prairie winters to light the fire. She thought teachers have it pretty easy today.



She moved to BC and taught at Woodlands School. Later she started a school for special needs children in the basement of our house on Dublin Street in New Westminster.

She went on to be the Principal of two schools in Coquitlam, Sunny Cedars and Sunny Park, for special needs students. Her grandson Sean was quite surprised when he started Kindergarten and found out a man could be a school Principal.

Our parents loved Birch Bay and bought a cottage there in the 1950s. We spent summer holidays and weekends there with family and friends.

Mom and Dad loved San Francisco and would load my brother and I and our cousins into the car for our twice yearly trips. Jim always wanted a hamburger with nothing on it.

After retirement she was able to take the trip she'd always dreamed of and traveled to Europe with her longtime friend from Normal School, Naomi Barnsley. And she could spend more time at Birch Bay with her family and friends.

Mom loved reading and was never without a book on the go.

She was an avid sports fan. Her beloved Canucks never won the Stanley Cup but she'd go back for more every season.

Thanks from all of us for everything you've done over the years for our family and friends. We couldn't have asked for a better mother and role model.

J. Amy Newman, Burnaby, BC - Newman Research Services [www.nrsfind.com](http://www.nrsfind.com)

Amy has been a professional genealogist since 1999, specializing in locating missing heirs and documenting their rights of inheritance to estates in Canada and Europe. Although her clients are mainly Canadian lawyers and overseas heir-tracers, she occasionally assists private clients seeking adoption reunion or proof of Aboriginal ancestry.

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Finding people, documents and facts

## HOLTEN PROJECT

**In Memory of Private  
Bernard Oswald Keenan**

**K79072, 9th Infantry Brigade, Coy,  
Royal Canadian Army Service Corps  
who died age 30 on 03 June 1945.**

Son of Patrick Joseph and Mary Agnes Keenan  
of Mission City, British Columbia, Canada  
Remembered with honour.



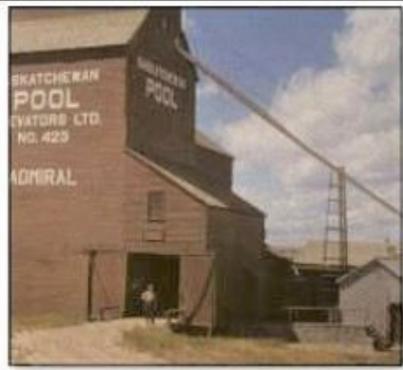
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Commonwealth War  
Graves Commission.



Submitted by Marlene Dance  
Member #3416



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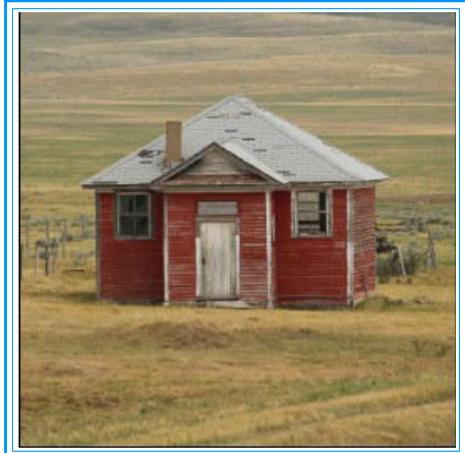


About 1904, Thomas and Philomena Keenan, with five children arrived in Canada from England. In the 1906 Canada Census, we find the family settled in an area around Regina, Saskatchewan.

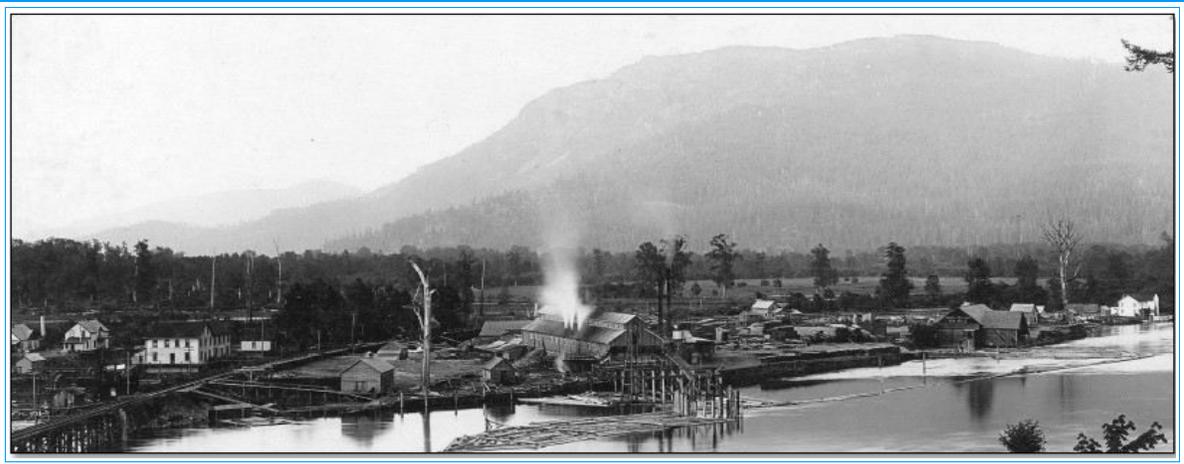
Their eldest son, seventeen-year-old Patrick J. Keenan, married a local girl named Agnes and they took up a Western Land Grant in the Admiral, Saskatchewan area. Over the next number of years, this family, increasing to ten children, moved numerous times residing in Admiral, Maple Creek,

Swift Current, Cabri and Portreeve.

**Bernard Oswald Keenan** was the eldest son. Bert, to his family, was born February 22, 1915 in Admiral. His early schooling may have been in many of the one-room schools (similar to the picture at right) that dot the prairie landscape, as his family looked for a place to finally settle. By age 15, having completed grade 9, Bert, left school and earned his living as a farm labourer.



This is not unusual for the times. Between 1931 and 1938, Bert learned to proficiently operate and drove many of the heavy-duty machines needed to plant and harvest grain. Bert also enjoyed team sports, playing hockey as a defenseman in winter, and baseball on second base in the summer. In 1938, the family gave up on prairie life and moved to Mission City in the Fraser Valley of British Columbia. Living with them now is their widowed grandmother, Philomena Keenan. It was still the depression and farm work was not very plentiful. So upon their arrival, Bert found work in the Harrison Shingle and Lumber Mill at Harrison Mill, BC as a Shipper.



## HOLTEN PROJECT

In the 1939 & 1940 BC City Directory, we see the father Patrick listed as a carpenter, son Bert as a millhand and another son as a deckhand. This family of thirteen people is settled and supporting themselves. They are doing well for the times. But things changed quickly when Canada declared war on Germany in support of England on September 9, 1939. Bert enlisted in the Canadian Army on June 21, 1940 at Vancouver, BC with service #K79072. His mother Agnes Mary Keenan died on October 30, 1941 age 48. In 1942 a younger brother enlisted in the Royal Westminster Regiment. And the same year, his youngest sister enlisted in the Canadian Women's Army Corps.

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It is noted in the military file that Bert could drive and handle heavy trucks. So he is assigned as a "Driver" in the Canadian Army Service Corps. He was initially sent to Victoria, BC, but by January of 1941, Bert was transferred to the Army's new Training facility in Nova Scotia. He visited with family before he left. The Army keeps very good records. We can follow Bert's assignments month by month. It shows his training and courses taken for the mechanical maintenance of vehicles, as well as the testing of his skills driving many different types of vehicles. Camp Debert, in Nova Scotia, is the final staging area for embarkation to the UK. Bert left Halifax arriving July 30, 1941 in Scotland.

His skills are used extensively as an ambulance driver. He adapted to driving on the left side of the road and quickly transported the wounded to aid stations or hospitals as needed. His ambulance may have looked something like the one on the right. He was stationed throughout the southern areas of England and sent to wherever he was needed. Britain was under constant bombardment. Her cities, ports and airfields were under attack. In addition, wounded personnel were continually being sent home via ships into those ports and needed transport to medical facilities. This was vital work, and Bert performed his duties continuously from his arrival in July of 1941 to July of 1944. He was awarded a Good Conduct Badge in February 22, 1943. D-Day had taken place on June 4, 1944.



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It was now time to send in another wave of support personnel of which ambulance drivers were a very needed part. Bert landed in France July 12, 1944 and was immediately back at work.

As the Allies cleared areas held by the enemy, medical personnel moved forward right behind them to assist with the wounded - both military and civilian. Some areas of the Netherlands were liberated in the fall and winter of 1944. The rest followed. May 5th, 1945 is considered liberation day for the Netherlands. As Bert moved forward with his medical unit, he found himself south of Amsterdam in the Utrecht area in late May of 1945.

He was given nine days leave, and we presume he spent it in Utrecht. He was walking towards Utrecht on June 3, 1945, when he accepted a ride from a friend who was returning to the same area. Bert hopped onto the back of the motorcycle and they headed out. The report stated that about 19:30 hours, while crossing a bridge a bicyclist darted out in front of the motorcycle. In order to avoid a collision with the cyclist, the driver swerved but lost control of the motorcycle and it slammed into the railing of the bridge. Both men were thrown into the canal. People came to help and two local doctors were in the area and on the scene quickly. The driver survived. Bert was pronounced dead at the scene. An inquiry was held as the incident was on a public road. The Inquest ruled it an accident.

The official telegram below was sent to the family in Mission, BC. Follow-up letters of condolence as well as all personal effects were returned to the family. On June 25, 1946 the family were advised that their son had been reverently reburied in grave 12, row F, plot 9 of Holten Canadian Cemetery and would receive care and maintenance in perpetuity. Bert never married, but all his siblings married, and there are many nieces and nephews to remember him and carry on the name.



## HOLTEN PROJECT

M.F.M. 287  
FORM 2-45 (1944)  
H.C. 1773-19-198

**CANADIAN NATIONAL**  
**HRJ TELEGRAPHS**

FILE H.Q. 405-K-11320

CASUALTY (REPORT DELIVERY) OTTAWA 15 JUNE 1945

TO: MR PATRICK  
MISSION CITY B C

93491 REFERENCE THIS HEADQUARTERS AIRMAIL LETTER DATED  
THIRTEENTH JUNE 1945 STOP DEEPLY REGRET INFORM YOU K79072 PRIVATE  
BERNARD KEENAN HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY REPORTED TO HAVE DIED ACCIDENTAL  
AS RESULT OF INJURIES RECEIVED THIRD JUNE 1945 STOP YOU SHOULD  
RECEIVE FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE UNIT IN THE FIELD

The following  
medals were sent  
to the family:



1939 - 45 Star,  
France-Germany Star,  
Defence Medal,  
War Medal,  
Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with clasp.

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**Page 11:** Harrison Shingle Mill: [Vancouver City Archives](#)

**Page 12:** Austin K2 Ambulance taken 19 August 2007 by Dave Deben

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**Page 15:** From Mission City Record, wreath laying service for Remembrance Day, Nov. 11, 2019 at the Royal Canadian Legion building - Bob Friesen photos



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## SAPPERTON COLONY

### St. Mary's Anglican Church, Sapperton Colony of BC Baptisms

Submitted by Donalda James  
Member #3020

The three ships carrying Colonel RC Moody's Engineers, surveyors, soldiers and sappers arrived in the fall of 1859. Many of these men brought along their wives and some had children.

One of the buildings they constructed along with Government House, the weather station, a kitchen/bakery and a Barracks to house the men and their families, was the Anglican Church. They named it St. Mary's and by 1862 it was ready for worship under Rev. H.P. Wright. Several families had new babies ready for Baptism. The Sappers along with the Colonel and his family left New Westminster and British Columbia in the fall of 1863. The church still stands and is in use to this day.

#### BAPTISMS IN NEW WESTMINSTER, BRITISH COLUMBIA AT ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

<i>Date of Baptism</i>	<i>Child's Name</i>	<i>Parent Names</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>By Whom Baptized</i>
1862 August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Alice	John Marshall and Emily GRANT	Captain of Royal Engineers	New Westminster (Sapperton)	Rev. HP WRIGHT
1862 September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ellen	William and Ann HALL	Sapper (stone mason)	New Westminster (Sapperton)	Rev. HP WRIGHT
1862 December 26 <sup>th</sup>	Frederick	Thomas and Jane PRICE	Sapper	New Westminster (Sapperton)	Rev. HP WRIGHT
1863 January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Henry	Thomas and Jane MOREY	Sergeant Royal Engineers	New Westminster (Sapperton)	Rev. HP WRIGHT
1863 March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Eliza Maude	Robert and Casolenual DICKENSON	Grazier	New Westminster (City)	Rev. HP WRIGHT
1863 March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mary	William and Charlotte HOLMES	Farmer	New Westminster (City)	Rev. HP WRIGHT
1863 March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ellen Amelia	Daniel and Mary Ann RICHARD	Sapper	New Westminster (Sapperton)	Rev. HP WRIGHT

## SAPPERTON COLONY

<i>Date of Baptism</i>	<i>Child's Name</i>	<i>Parent Names</i>	<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>By Whom Baptized</i>
1863 October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Eleanor	Matthew and Harriet HALL	Sapper	New Westminster (Sapperton)	Rev. HP WRIGHT
1863 October 18 <sup>th</sup>	William Henry	William and Mary Jane ROBINSON	Sapper	New Westminster (Sapperton)	Rev. HP WRIGHT
1863 October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Georgina	George and Sarah Jane HAND	Sapper	New Westminster (Sapperton)	Rev. HP WRIGHT

### THANK YOU FROM D'ARCY MORROW – NEPHEW OF PTE. HARRY LAUGHTINGTON

Every Remembrance Day we remember all those who served during war time and did not come home. We wanted to share a message received by Janice Kidwell from Pte. Harry Laughington's nephew D'Arcy. Pte. Laughington's story appeared in the September 2021 BCGS Journal.

D'Arcy thanks BCGS for having the Holten Canadian Cemetery Project to recognize and acknowledge all those who sacrificed their life for the freedom we have today.

Hi Janice, It looks fantastic, well done and Thank You!  
It is with our appreciation the great effort that you and your organization have done in recognizing the sacrifices Canadian soldiers and their families have made in preserving our democracy and ways of life through World Wars by preserving their memories digitally.

On Behalf of our Uncle Harry and my Family  
please accept our thanks and gratitude.

Kind Regards

D'Arcy Morrow

Lest We Forget

## GENEALOGY ON THE ROAD

### Genealogy on the Road

Submitted by Meg McLaughlin  
Member #3847

While travel has been rare lately, I was able to take my genealogy research on the road briefly in the last little while. A short trip to Victoria had me looking up my mother's old address there. She lived on Carrick Street briefly in 1948 and a walk to the address showed that the house apparently still stands. She must have boarded there. I say that because no one else in the directory entry shared her last name. The directory also gave her occupation as a saleswoman at Hudson Bay. I'm sure that the store in downtown Victoria has changed since the last years of the 1940s but that building was still there as well. The trip also brought me back to my own roots as well as it included an evening at a blues club. It had been a while since I saw live music especially the blues, which I remember seeing a lot of in my initial years in Vancouver.



*The house on Carrick Street where my mother lived.*

Other events are conspiring to remind me more of my own past too. I follow Kathryn Lake Hogan's Looking4Ancestors webinars. She has recently added a new wrinkle to her offerings to include a book club. The first book chosen was *Into the Blue: Family Secrets and the Search for a Great Lakes Shipwreck* by Andrea Curtis. It sounded interesting and I love to read so I took the book out from the library. Besides, I have family roots in Ontario. I thought that I might learn something of interest to my own research although I wasn't aware of any close connection to the Great Lakes, or so I thought. Then I looked at the map in the front of the book. The area where the action of this story takes place is Georgian Bay and the Bruce Peninsula. I'd never realized that area was part of the Great Lakes. Maybe I should look at maps more closely and consider where areas are in the larger scheme of things rather than just looking at enlarged maps of a particular area.

I did a lot of looking at those enlarged maps the last time I was in Ontario. After an OGS conference in Guelph, I headed off to explore the Grey County area. Places of interest for me are Leith and Owen Sound. I've spent many hours in the Grey Roots Museum and Archives and enjoyed touring the historic village on that site.

## GENEALOGY ON THE ROAD

But the last time I spent in the archives was the best because I discovered pictures of my family, including one of my grandmother as a little girl. There was also a picture of my great grandmother and great grandfather.

I'm not able to show those photos due to copyright constraints but can use my personal copies to inform the research on my great grandmother. I was looking for a new ancestor to profile while working my way through the modules set out for the Masterclass at the Family History Writing Studio. I'd decided to focus on my great grandmother, Charlotte Tripp Gilchrist, as I've been able to catch glimpses of her in more than the official records. She's mentioned in a few of Angie Littlefield's books about the Thomson family. I'm looking forward to dragging those books off the shelves, finding those references and including them in the profile.

Who knows, perhaps I'll find some connections to the family in the book, *Into the Blue*. Maybe some of the people lost in the shipwreck were neighbours of the Thomson family and my great grandmother. If not, the local references will remind me of my last big genealogy research trip when I checked out the local archives in Grey County. Which reminds me, I need to hunt for the notes and photos I took on that trip. Maybe I'll find some more treasures in there.



*An old gas station found at the historic village at Grey Roots Museum and Archives.*

Meg writes about history and genealogy in ***A Genealogist's Path to History*** at <http://genihistorypath.blogspot.ca/>. Read more about her findings in her blog.

## COMMONWEALTH PROJECT

### In Memory of Private Rudolf Goetz



**Service number: K/1553  
11th Canadian Field Ambulance,  
Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps  
Died March 8, 1945 Aged 23  
Son of Gerhard and Anna Goetz.**



Submitted by Marlene Dance  
Member # 3416

Rudolf Goetz was born March 10, 1921 in Molotschna, a Mennonite settlement located in southern Russia. The area suffered severe famine in the 1920's. The Mennonite Church of Canada sponsored many immigrants who came and settled on the Prairies. Rudolf's parents, Gerhard and Anna Goetz, were part of this migration. The family arrived in 1924 settling first in Dalmeny (north of Saskatoon) Saskatchewan where they lived for about ten years. They then moved to Yarrow, British Columbia in the mid 1930's where his father was a veterinarian.

Rudy attended Yarrow Elementary School until age 15. He dropped out, taking various seasonal jobs but returning to Yarrow Bible School in the winter months and graduated in 1941. He had an interest in animals and loved boxing. From the book "Village of Unsettled Yearnings", we learn he was fast, wiry and relatively short - the perfect build for a welter-weight. Rudy and his father built a boxing and wrestling ring in their small barn; probably the only such facility the Yarrow community had ever seen. Rudy could be beaten in wrestling but, in boxing, he always had the upper hand, even over much bigger and stronger opponents.

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As mentioned, the Goetz family were Mennonites. Many Mennonites held pacifist views, but about 4,500 Mennonites joined the armed forces in WW2. Rudy enlisted on December 12, 1943. He was part of a rush of military-aged Yarrow men who joined the Medical Corps between December 1943 and January 1944. Eleven of the seventeen Yarrow recruits enlisted during this period. These enlistees advised the Military of their "conscientious objection to war". Young Mennonite men who made such a declaration were usually assigned to serve in the non-combatant Medical Corps. Rudy's enlistment papers are marked in red "Restricted-Enlistment" acknowledging this status. Rudy was assigned to the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps and sent to Trenton, Ontario for his basic training. Here the boys from Yarrow, together with other enlisted conscientious objectors to war, e.g. Quakers, Jehovah's Witnesses and Plymouth Brethren were grouped in medical units. To the amusement of some officers and taunting soldiers from the infantry units, these "conchies" used stretchers instead of guns in their basic training. Rudy was then transferred to Camp Borden, Ontario for his medical training and assigned to the 12th Field Ambulance Corps. In May 1944 he was given furlough, which he spent with his parents in Yarrow. He then departed for Britain on June 25, 1944.

By the time Rudy arrived in Europe on July 3, 1944, the 11th Field Ambulance Corps had been serving in France since D-day and were short on strength. On August 16, 1944 Rudy was transferred from the 12th Battalion to the 11th Ambulance joining his new unit in St-Pierre-sur-Diver, France. His assignment was Stretcher-bearer.

From "Village of Unsettled Yearnings" we have the following outline of the 11th Field Ambulance Corps in which Rudy was serving: "For many weeks after Rudy joined the 11th Field Ambulance Corps they were on the move every two to three days due to the rapid advances of the 1st Canadian Army to the north in the direction of Belgium and Holland. They moved from St-Pierre-sur-Dives to Falaise to Orbec to Brionne and on to Dieppe. He would have been adapting himself to the procedures of his new unit and to the physical environment of war. He would have carried wounded and dead civilians from the dwellings bombed by the Germans in Falaise and struggled with fatigue, grime and horror while removing the wounded, shellshocked and dead off the battlefields of the Falaise Gap. This was a twelve mile wide natural bottleneck outside Falaise where the German and Allied Forces met head on. The battle raged from August 19 - 21. This was a sudden introduction to the horrors of war. On September 1, the unit was camped near Dieppe and then traveled up the coastline to Dunkirk, crossing the France - Belgium border at Dixmude. They then moved on to Ostend arriving in Antwerp on the 17th. The military objective was accomplished by early November, and Rudy's unit was relocated to Groesbeck and Nijmegen in Holland. Here it remained until early February 1945 when the major Allied offensive into the Rhineland commenced.

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Rudy would have administered aid to German POW's and may have been called upon to translate due to his fluency in German. On February 16th, the 11<sup>th</sup> Field Hospital was able to establish the first advanced dressing station on German soil, in Kleve. It would take another three weeks before the Canadians took Xanten and then only after suffering large numbers of casualties. By March 6, the Hochwald and Balberger Wald were clear. Another two days of strenuous battle by both the Canadian and British troops were required to secure Xanten. There was heavy shelling on March 7, and the 11th Field Ambulance lost several of its personnel - an ambulance driver among them. On March 8, the unit was overwhelmed by 160 casualties from the brigade to which it was assigned. The call came constantly of "stretcher-bearer, stretcher-bearer, stretcher-bearer over here". Each stretcher-bearer had a limited supply of medical items - bandages, sulpha and morphine. When these ran out, he had to make do with whatever was available to deal with gaping wounds, missing limbs or blood spurting from wounds".

It is impossible to imagine the horror seen by Rudy and his fellow corpsmen. A shell exploded close to Rudy and two others. Rudy was taken to the regimental aid station with major wounds to his stomach. In an entry written in the 11th Field Ambulance's operations centre, Major Barney Bucove sent a message to his superiors March 8, 1945 at 1739 hours saying: "Pte Goetz, R. and Pte Sauve, R.A. have both been killed in action while acting as S.Bs with the Infantry Regiments".

Rudy Goetz was two days shy of his 24<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was buried in a temporary grave in Xanten, Germany. Later, on July 18, 1946, a letter was sent to the family advising that Rudy's remains had been carefully exhumed and been reburied in grave 10, row H, plot 3 of Nijmegen Canadian Military Cemetery. They were advised the grave would receive care in perpetuity by the people of Holland.

Rudy was his parents' only child and never married. His mother Anna died in Yarrow, BC of cancer just eight months after her son's death. Rudy's father George (Gerhard) died in Yarrow, BC on September of 1979 at the age of 89.



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A number of mountains have been named in honour of servicemen from the Upper Fraser Valley who died in WW2. A book called "The Mountain Project" was written by Neil Grainger to commemorate the climbing of these peaks and the placing of crosses in memory of the soldier. In the summer of 1984 a local mountain, named for Rudolf Goetz, was climbed and a cross placed at the peak in Rudy's honour. Goetz Peak is 6600 ft in elevation, and is one mile north of Williams Peak, connected by a ridge. It can be seen from Foley Lake looking northeast. The ridge is snow free in mid summer and is shown below on the left. The expedition was undertaken June 19, 1984 by local climbers Neil Baker and Reinhardt Fabische of the Chilliwack Outdoor Club. Their day-long climb was reported in the Chilliwack Progress newspaper on August 22, 1984.



**We shall remember them.**

## COMMONWEALTH PROJECT

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Pte. Rudolf Goetz's name is listed on the Chilliwack Cenotaph and appears just below the rifle of the cadet marching past. He is also named on the Chilliwack Museum and Archives War Memorial website and the Yarrow Roll of Honour.

*Photo credit: Chilliwack Progress November 2018*

## CUNARD WHITE STAR LINE

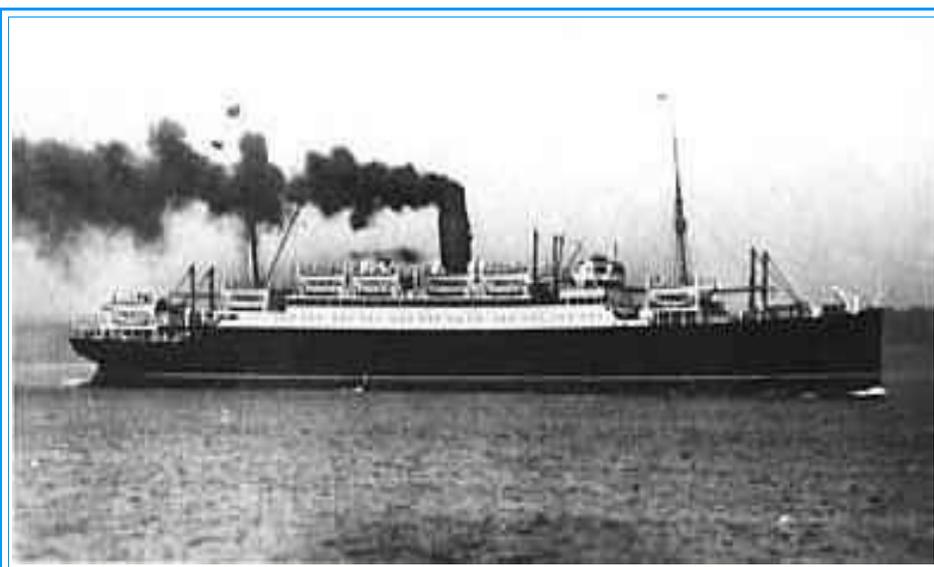
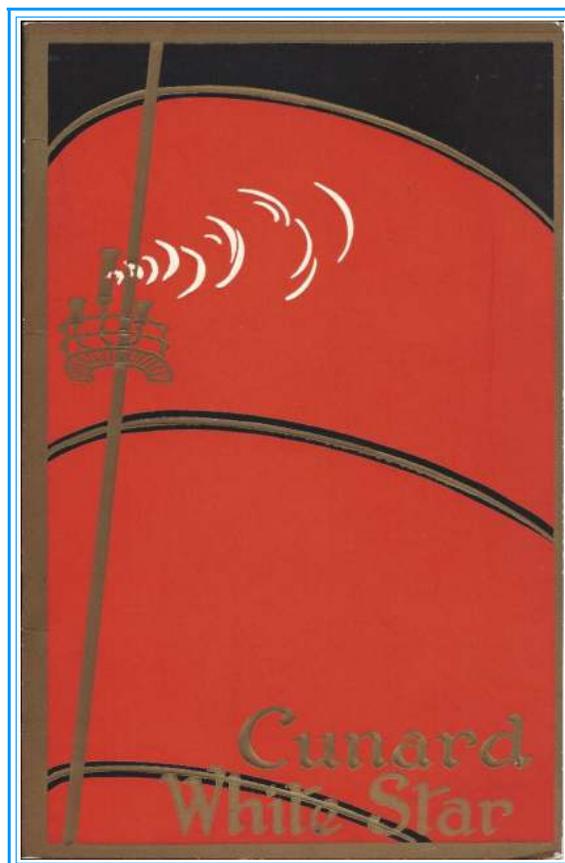
RMS Antonia

### PASSENGER LIST FOR SEPTEMBER 14,1934

Submitted by Eunice Robinson  
Member #0112

In the files in our Walter Draycott Library you will find a copy of this passenger listing from a voyage in the 30's from Liverpool to Quebec and Montreal. During these troubled times, there were only 200 passengers making this voyage, even though the Antonia had space for 500 passengers in the Cabin Class (1st Class), and 1,200 in the Tourist (3rd Class).

The RMS Antonia was built by Vickers Ltd. in Barrow, and launched in March of 1921. Along with its sister ship, the *Andania*, it was the first of a series of "A" class ocean liners built for Cunard. With a tonnage of 13,876 tons, she was 519.8 feet in length, 65.3 feet wide and could make a speed of 15 knots. Requisitioned for troop transport during WWI, she was also used as an armed merchant cruiser. In 1942 she was renamed the *Waylock*, and used by the Admiralty as a repair shop.



CUNARD WHITE STAR LIMITED

List of Passengers

R.M.S.

“ANTONIA”

TWIN SCREW—GROSS TONNAGE, 13,867

Captain : E. EDKIN, O.B.E., R.D., R.N.R.

OFFICERS :

CHIEF ENGINEER :  
F. W. C. RUDKIN

CHIEF OFFICER :  
R. SPENCER, R.D., R.N.R.

SURGEON :  
G. M. COOPER

PURSER :  
S. P. GWYTHYR

CHIEF STEWARD :  
J. MORRIS

SENIOR ASSISTANT PURSER :  
J. H. MCPHEE

TOURIST CLASS STEWARD :  
T. WATERSON

TOURIST CLASS PURSER :  
R. C. BOLER

SAILING FROM

LIVERPOOL, GREENOCK & BELFAST

TO

QUEBEC AND MONTREAL

14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1934

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Mrs. Citrine

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Master Edward Eaton

Mrs. D. B. Fisher  
Miss B. Fisher  
Mrs. Laura A. Froid

Major G. A. Heather  
Mrs. Heather  
Mr. Ralph W. Hewson  
Mrs. Hewson  
Lieut. Commander  
G. M. Hibbard  
Mrs. Hibbard  
Miss E. I. Hibbard  
Mrs. M. J. M. Hibbard  
Miss E. E. Hibbard  
Master Lester H. Higgins

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Miss P. Jones

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Master Winfield McKay  
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Mrs. Kate Monkman  
Master Gerald Monkman  
Master Cyril Monkman  
Dr. A. Montgomery  
Mrs. Montgomery

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(Bishop of Killaloe)  
Mrs. Patton  
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Master W. G. J. Thorne

Mrs. Lucy G. Wade  
Mr. Frank Wake  
Mrs. Wake  
Miss Morreen Wake  
Mrs. A. A. Walkland

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Mr. Baird  
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Miss B. D. Blakelock  
Mrs. J. A. Booth  
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Master G. Coldham  
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 Master Johnston  
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 Mrs. Jones

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA 1863

### Residents of New Westminster, British Columbia in 1863

Submitted by Donalda James  
Member #3070



*The new Queens Park at New Westminster where Mrs. Frederick Seymour presents the Colours to the Seymour Volunteer Artillery 1860s*

ALLAN, J.H.	City Bakery
ARMSTRONG, W.J. (Honour Ladner)	Provision merchant
BACON, Charles A.	Government Assay Office
BAPTISTE	Hair Dresser
BARNSTON, J.G.	Barrister
BEGBIE, Matthew B.	Judge of the Supreme Court
BELL, J.E.,	Contractor
BLACKMAN, M.J.	Hardware
BOUSFIELD, F.	Government Assay Office
BREW, Chartres	Police Magistrate
BROUNLEE, Thos. (Flook & B.)	Butcher
BROWN, Ebenezer,	Liverpool Arms
BURR, Hugh, (Margaret Hill),	Columbia Hotel
BUSHBY, Arthur T.	Registrar General of Deeds
CALDER, Alexander	Clerk of the Treasury
Clarkson, W.	New Westminster House
CLAUDET, F.G.	Assayer in the Government Office
CLUTE, J.S.	Clerk with JA Webster

## BRITISH COLUMBIA 1863

CONN, H.D.	Tailor
COOPER, Captain (James)	Harbor Master
COOPER, John	Chief Clerk in the Treasury
CORMACK, W.E.	Merchant
DAVIS, W.F.	Tinsmith
DICKINSON, R.	Butcher
DRASSARD, F.	French Bakery
EDMONDS, H.V.	Hardie's Hotel
FERNANDEZ, G.	Grocer
FINLAISON, R.	Clerk in the Customs Office
FITZGERALD, Jacob	hair dresser
FLOOK, W. (F. & BROUNLEE)	Butcher
FRANCISCO, Olmedo	Hairdresser
GASSETT (sic), William D.	Treasurer of British Columbia
GAWLEY, Robert	Gunsmith
GILLETT, William	Dry-goods
GRAHAM, John	Clerk in the Treasury
GRELLEY, D. F.	Colonial Hotel
GRIEVE, W.	
HAMLEY, Wymond	Collector of Customs
HALL, V.	Town Clerk
HANNAH, B.	Grocer
HARRIS, F.	Butcher
HAYDEN, C.	Columbia Saloon
HERNANDEZ, J.	hairdresser
HICKS, Phillip	Grocer and baker
HITCHCOCK, W.	'Melter' Government Assay Office
HOLBROOK, Henry	Merchant
HOMER, J.A.R.	Lumber merchant
HOOPER, George	Auctioneer and Commission merchant
JAMIESON, Robert, Rev.	Free Church
JONES, McNaughton, M.D.	Medical practitioner
JOHNSTON, W., (Elizabeth Burr)	Boot and shoemaker
Johnstone, D.	
LAMBERT, J.W.	"British Columbian" office
L'ECUYER, A.	Colonial Hotel
LEWIN, H.	Tobacconist
Lewis, N.R.	Oro House
LINDSAY, S. (POLLEY & L.)	Polley's Saloon
LYONS, Isaac	Watchmaker
MOODY, RICHARD C.	Colonel Royal Engineers
(Mary Susannah Wolf)	
McCREA, W.H.	Chief Clerk in the Customs Office
McLEESE, Robert	Builder and contractor
MEAD, R.P.	Painter

## BRITISH COLUMBIA 1863



*Mrs. Col. Richard Clement Moody (Mary Susannah Hawks  
1829-1901)*

MURRAY, John (SMITH & M.)

NELSON, C.

PEACOCK, W.G.

POLLEY, William

POOL, Robert,

PRITCHARD, Captain

RAMAGE, John

REID, John

ROBSON, John

ROSE, W.

SCOTT, J.S.

SEDDALL, J. Vernon, M.D.

SHEEPSHANKS, Rev. John

SING Lee

Grocer

General dealer

Commission merchant

POLLEY'S SALOON

clerk with J.A. WEBSTER

Superintendent of Jail

Watchmaker

Gunsmith

Editor "British Columbian"

Royal Engineers

Episcopalian Church

Laundry

## BRITISH COLUMBIA 1863

SMITH, John (S. & MURRAY)  
SPAULDING, W.R.  
SULLIVAN, J.D.  
THOMAS, S.  
TILLEY, S.T.  
WEBSTER, J.A.  
WHITE, A.  
WILCOX, James  
WOLSEY, John  
WRIGHT, H.P.

Grocer  
postmaster  
"British Columbian" office  
Book-keeper with Henry HOLBROOK  
Stationer  
Dry goods  
Construction and builder  
boards at the Oro House  
Clerk in the Treasury  
'The Venerable Archdeacon [i]

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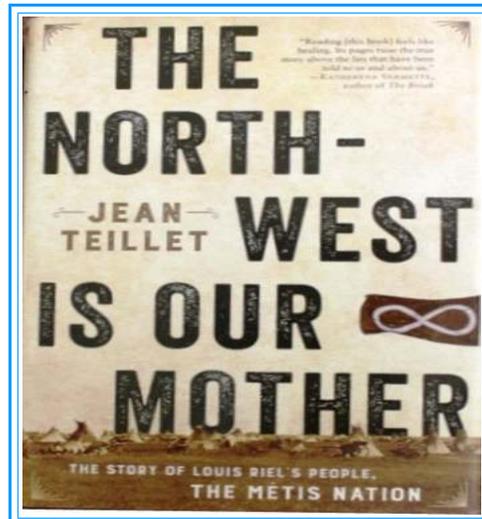
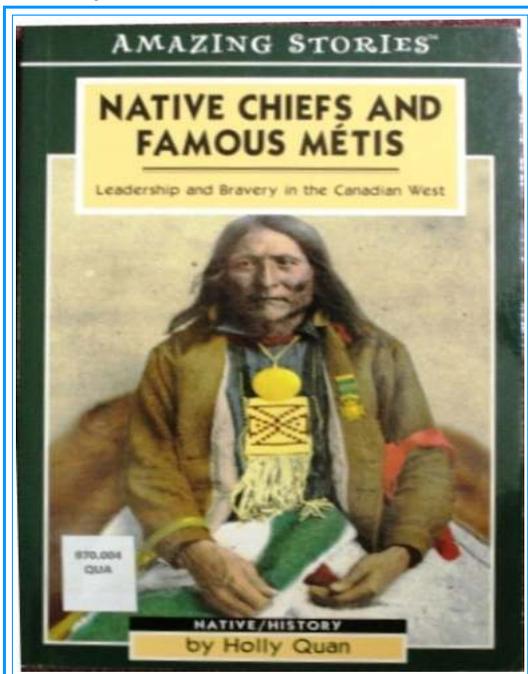


*First Nations' seasonal fishing camp on the north bank of the Fraser River at the City of New Westminster in the 1860's, showing early buildings along Columbia Street (Stumptown)*

## NEW BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY

### **Native Chiefs and Famous Metis : Leadership and Bravery in the Canadian West** - Holly Quan

Tales of Bravery, courage & decisive action in times of terrible conflict are the stories of heroes, although the lives of the Native Chiefs and famous Metis were often tinged with sadness and loss, they were also an inspiration.

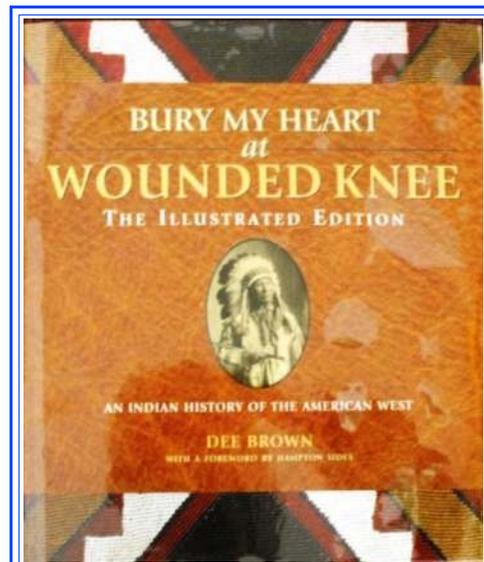


### **The North-West is Our Mother : The Story of Louis Riel's People** - Jean Teillet

Author, Indigenous rights lawyer J.T. is a great-grandniece of Louis Riel, a recipient of the Order of the Metis Nation, and three honorary doctorates. She has created a compelling history of the struggle for the rights and justice of the historic Metis Nation.

### **Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee, An Indian History of the American West** - Dee Brown

Documented account of the systematic destruction of the American Indian during the second half of the nineteenth century, from 1860's to 1890's. Grand chiefs & warriors of the Dakota, Ute, Sioux, Cheyenne & other tribes tell of the battles, massacres & broken treaties that left their people demoralized, decimated. This illustrated edition includes 19 essays and excerpts from first hand accounts and memoirs of noted American Indians & historians.



## POSTCARDS

### MOUNT ARROWSMITH, VANCOUVER ISLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mount Arrowsmith is the highest mountain east of Port Alberni on Vancouver Island and the most prominent visual focal point for most of the south central portion of Vancouver Island. It is situated along Highway 4 between Qualicum Beach / Parksville and Port Alberni.

Its dominant rock is basalt. The mountain is contained within the Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region and as of September 18, 2009 is a designated part of 1,300 hectare (3,200 acres) of Mount Arrowsmith Massif Regional Park.

Elevation is 1,819 m (5,968 feet; Prominence is 1,429 m (4,688 feet)

#### History

The mountain is named **kał-ka-č'ath (Kulth-ka-choolth)** meaning Jagged Points Facing Upward in the Hupacasath First Nation and Coast Salish languages.

Another source lists the name as **Kuth-Kah-Chulth** which means "that which has sharp pointed faces".

The first recorded ascent by colonists was made in 1887 by John Macoun (pronounced Macown). Macoun, who was born in County Down, Northern Ireland was a teacher, naturalist, civil servant, author and a botanist to the Geological Survey of Canada. Mount Waddington was first seen from the peak of Mount Arrowsmith by Don and Phyllis Munday in 1925. The mountain was named about 1853 by Captain Richards for cartographers Aaron Arrowsmith and his nephew John Arrowsmith.

#### Mount Arrowsmith Regional Park

The Mount Arrowsmith Regional Park is located approximately 12 miles (20 km) from Highway 4 along a gravel logging road. Access to the mountain is located near the summit of Highway 4, nine kilometers east of Port Alberni.



The Mount Arrowsmith area offers hiking, rock climbing and excellent views of Vancouver Island. Winter activities include cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and ice-climbing.

## POSTCARDS

The trailhead for the Arrowsmith Trail is at the Cameron Lake picnic site which ascends the lower slopes of the mountain to the site of the old ski resort, and winds up to the 1,829-metre (6,000-foot) summit of Mount Arrowsmith. Arrowsmith Trail is the oldest intact trail on Vancouver Island.

Evidence of a forest fire that swept through this area 300 years ago is still visible on the thick bark of the tallest Douglas fir. Further damage occurred during the winter of 1997 when windstorms toppled hundreds of trees.

In the past, a ski hill was operated on the adjacent Mount Cokely, with several commercial ventures offering downhill skiing. Unfortunately it was not successful. The ski hill is not in operation and the road is not maintained.



The black and white picture is a vintage photo; there is neither a date nor a message on the back. The vintage coloured postcard was published by The Coast Publishing Co., Vancouver, B.C. and is stamped June 26, 1945. The postage stamp is of King George VI. It is addressed to a Miss K.M. White who lived in Washington, D.C. The writing on the back is a little hard to read but looks like it was sent from Stella & Tom.

### Source

Wikipedia

<https://vancouverisland.com/things-to-do-and-see/parks-and-trails/vancouver-island-bc-islands/mount-arrowsmith-regional-park/>

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## QUERIES



### BC RESEARCH REPORT For December 2021

The BC Research Team has recently had a success that makes all the hours of work that we genealogists do worthwhile. We were sent a print drawn by R. A. (Angus) MacLeod while he was in the Vancouver General Hospital in 1987. The back of the print told the story that he gave it to a nurse he became friendly with just before he died. BCGS became involved when the nurse died and her sister found the print among her papers. The sister sent the print to BCGS in the hopes that it could be returned to his family. A quick look at BC Archives showed Ronald Angus Porteous MacLeod, born Jan. 13, 1962, had died of leukemia on Aug. 20, 1987. His father, Ronald MacLeod, was the informant and at that time lived in Chilliwack.



I discovered that Angus' parents, Dr. Ronald and Mary MacLeod were still living in Chilliwack. Of course when I phoned them, they did not answer because they did not recognize my phone number. I had to leave two long messages before they realized that I was not a crackpot and was seriously looking for them. Soon after that my son drove me out to Chilliwack to deliver the print. The MacLeods showed me around their home pointing out their son's drawings that hung on the wall. They

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They showed me photos of how athletic and sports oriented he was. Dr. Macleod told me that he is the son of a doctor and although he is retired now he has another son that is a doctor. Angus was 25 years old and had been following the family tradition to be a doctor when he died. Dr McLeod said, "We had all these doctors in the family but we could not save him!"



BC Research has had another query from someone trying to return the ID tags to the family of **James Irvine Musgrave, a WW1 soldier**. Philip Oliver writes from Sydney, Australia telling the following story.

There has always been a box of things my Grandfather brought home from WW1 after going to Gallipoli, Africa and finally serving in France. In this box was a Soldiers ID tag and I have made small efforts to trace it over the last few months to no avail as I was thinking it to be Australian or maybe even British. I only recently thought to check Canadian War records and there he was (PTE James Irwin Musgrave of the 72nd regiment) in the easiest to search and most well organised government records I have ever seen. That level of organisation really should not be surprising to me as I have been partnered to a Canadian RN for the last 13 years - from Ontario.

I have no idea as to why my Grandfather would have this Tag that belonged to PTE James Irwin Musgrave. Records show they did both spend time recovering in the UK on multiple occasions and maybe met there. At least it seems he did not take it from a soldier on the battlefield as PTE James Musgrave made it back to Vancouver to die in 1960 according to his records. Around the same age as my grandfather lived too.

Is it possible someone might be able to give me a hint as to how I could go about tracing a family forward instead of back in order to find any possible living relatives?..... My purpose for doing this is that I feel it would be right to return this Dog Tag to the family if there is any sentiment there. I know I would be pleased to receive such a family heirloom.

I have found some information such as death certificate and attestation papers; however, since military records are not my specialty I would appreciate someone taking this on as a project. If anyone has any information or suggestions on how go about helping Mr. Oliver, please contact me at [queryrequest@bcgs.ca](mailto:queryrequest@bcgs.ca).

## BRITISH COLUMBIA GENEALOGIST

### GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

The Genealogist is looking for submissions from authors in categories such as Feature Articles, "How-To" Articles, Historical Mysteries, and general genealogy-related submissions.

1. Author is currently a BCGS member.
2. Content is a unique tale, easily readable, with details of how you uncovered the answers to problems. Sources or endnotes may be included as needed.
3. Photographs, family diagrams or other illustrations will complement your story, These should be submitted separately as jpegs, tiffs or PDFs. Captions for pictures are helpful.
4. Entries will be between 500 and 2000 words (roughly two to six pages), and should be submitted in an electronic format (PDF, Word document) to the Editor at [Journal@bcgs.ca](mailto:Journal@bcgs.ca)

Questions or Ideas ?  
Please contact the Editor.

#### *Deadlines for Submissions:*

March 2022 - due by February 15  
June 2022 - due by May 15  
September 2022 - due by August 15  
December 2022 - due by November 15

### BC RESEARCH

The BC Research Team is available to search sources at the BCGS Library for persons seeking information on ancestors residing in BC.

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