

THE NEWCASTLE VILLAGE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

JAN./FEB. 1986.

General Meeting

This month, the meeting will be held on Monday, February 17th at 7:30 p.m. in the Newcastle Community Hall.

Kathryn McHolm, Port Hope artist and owner of the Bric-a-Brac Shack, will be the guest speaker. Her topic is "The influence of the quilt". She is a collector of quilts and will show us many lovely ones in her slide presentation.

Jack Gordon, Ken Stephenson and Pat Macdonnell will display some of their collections. Photos and articles donated to the Society since last summer will also be shown.

It promises to be a most interesting evening. Please come and bring a friend!

Next General Meeting

This 'meeting' will be held in April and you will be receiving the newsletter in late March. The probable date will be Saturday, April 19. Francis Jose has planned our first outing--to Black Creek Pioneer Village by bus, with lunch there at the lovely, old Inn. If there is a good response, more such trips to places of historical interest will be arranged.

Professor Squair's Book

The book sold well over Christmas. (Thank you, Lynn Lovekin, for your efforts in mailing out copies during that busy season.) Please phone Lynn at 987-4897 if you know of someone who would like to purchase a copy. We are very pleased with the response to The Townships of Darlington & Clarke and we have paid our publishing debts. Now, every book sold is one hundred percent profit to the Society.

Executive Meeting

This meeting was held at the home of Pat Macdonnell on January 20, 1986. It was decided to put most of our efforts for Heritage Day, June 14th, into planning a successful dance. The "Royals" have been engaged and we have had many comments about them and the evening, such as, "Your Society must make this an annual affair!" and "Best band we've ever danced to!" Please mark it on your calendar.

We are also looking into the possibility of employing a student part-time to tape those people who have a good knowledge of Newcastle's past. He or she would be a person with some training in this field.

### A Reminder

We are now able to issue income tax receipts for donations. We are grateful for any and all! The receipts are also given for the value of articles, costumes, etc. that we accept as donations to the Society. Please donate your Massey Harvester to us and you will be able to deduct twenty thousand dollars from your taxable income!

### Do We Remember?

There was a large, five-storey, white brick building, The Durham Woollen Manufacturing Company, slightly to the south and east of the present location of Jean & Brenton Rickard's house on Mill Street, Newcastle. It was the largest industry in the village, with over one hundred and fifty employees. At this time (1860's & 70's), the Massey Manufacturing Company employed only seventy men. Joseph Atkinson, who later founded the Toronto Star, **worked for the Mill** (famous for its blankets) and it is said that the fire which destroyed the building in the 1890's determined the future course of his life. Can we conclude that "no fire--no Toronto Star"?

*Burned 1880 N.S.*

### Do We Know?

In the 1850's, these organizations flourished in Newcastle and Bond Head: The Ancient Order of Free Masons, The Loyal Orange Order, The Sons of Temperance, The Good Templars, and The Branch Bible Society with Hart Massey as President.

To be fair, in a later issue, we will list some of the Inns, hotels and distilleries in the area. Buster's Tavern has many distinguished and successful ancestors!

### A Query

Does anyone know if there are examples of cobblestone buildings in this area?

This newsletter was compiled by Pat Macdonnell. Hope you enjoyed it!

TORONTO ONTARIO EAST BRANCH GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

Oshawa, January 1984

Welcome to the Branch Genealogical Library, a branch of the Genealogical Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Address: S.W. corner of Thornton Rd. N. & Rossland Rd. W.  
Oshawa Ward meeting house of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Mailing Address: Box 1093, Station B, Oshawa, Ontario L1J 5Y9

Hours of Operation: Tuesday & Thursday - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Wednesday & Thursday - 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Friday - 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Telephone: (416) 728-3841 for appointments during library hours

Principles of Operation

We operate as a Branch Library of Salt Lake City. Through us access to a vast collection of records in Salt Lake may be obtained. The Branch Library is completely run by volunteers who have been trained to assist you in doing your genealogical research. Some members of our staff have experience in some areas but you must become the expert in your own particular area of interest. The only fees charged are for specific services such as film loans.

Oshawa is privileged to have an excellent library, historical societies, and the Whitby-Oshawa Genealogical Society. We cannot, nor do we try to, compete with these well-established organizations. Instead, we prefer to compliment their collections by providing access to a greater world-wide collection of records at Salt Lake City.

Researchers working on Canadian-centered research are encouraged to exhaust the holdings of local organizations prior to exploring the Salt Lake City collection.

Film Orders

We can gain access to nearly 1½ million rolls of microfilm records through a system of microfilm loans with Salt Lake City. There are two types of loans - 2 weeks (\$3.50) or 6 month (\$5.50) loans, postage included. The loan period starts on the Saturday after receipt of the film order. Two week loan films can be extended for additional periods - 1 week renewal (\$.50), 2 week renewal (\$1.00), or change to 6 month loan (\$2.00).

The time between ordering the film and receiving the film is 6-8 weeks and we will call you on receipt of the film.

Long distance calls must be paid by the patron. There will be a heavy demand for readers and thus the patron must make an appointment to view the film when called.

The responsibility is on the patron to view the film or have it renewed before the due date. It is nearly impossible to check on every film received to see if the patron is finished with it prior to its due date. We request that patrons write "finished" on the accompanying copy of the order form when finished with the film to save phone calls.

If the patron finishes with the film earlier than the due date, we will still retain the film for the full loan period in case he/she might want a second look. Any film on loan is available to any patron (the requester, of course, has first call on the film). Always rewind films and place them in their correct boxes. There may be several items on a film; therefore, go to the complete end of the film to locate the desired items. (Do not stop at first "End".)

Available Material

Available material for research can be divided into two categories: local-held collections and the Salt Lake City collections. These collections are further subdivided into Special Church Collection and Original Source Material.

## Special Church Collections

### A. International Genealogical Index-IGI formerly known as the Computer File Index

The IGI is a computer listing of genealogical data by locality and surname, held in the genealogical computer at SLC. We hold in our library the March 1981 ed. containing approximately 60,000,000 individual entries of births, christenings, and marriages, with more than half of the entries being for England. This can be searched at the Branch Library. The more recent entries can be checked by mail using a form available in the library. Only records for deceased ancestors are contained in the IGI and most entries are for events prior to 1875. Check our Index to the IGI for your area and surname. Data was provided to the computer by a church member or through a controlled extraction. The source of the records are obtainable. We have a microfiche which will explain this collection.

### B. Family Group Records Archives-FGRA

Salt Lake City has accumulated more than 8,000,000 family group records and they are available on film. Filed alphabetically by surname they are an excellent source to see if someone else has researched your family. Mainly U.S. records with a German/Swiss special collection. We have an index to the films.

### C. Temple Index Bureau-TIB

Before computerization and the IGI, data was recorded on file cards. 32,000,000 entries exist. Another good collection to be checked before doing research. Available by mail from SLC using a form available in the library. We have a fiche which explains this collection.

## Original Source Material

The SLC collection consists of books and microfilm copies of original source material. (1,250,000 films, 400,000 books.) Only films are loaned, however. Books may be microfilmed upon request if not protected by copyright. We have a copy of the SLC card catalogue for this collection. It is held in two parts: a. Microfilm Card Catalogue - a record of material added up to 1979 on microfilm, and b. International Genealogical Library Index (IGLI), a record on computer of records added since 1979 on microfilm. BOTH SHOULD BE REVIEWED!!!

The card catalogues are listed by: a. geographical area; b. surname and c. subject. See our MCC Index and IGLI index for access to our microfilms and microfiche containing the catalogue. We do not hold original source material on indefinite loan.

The collection has strength in Scotland, England, Germany, the Netherlands, Eastern U.S.A., and several other areas such as Mexico. A large Polish collection is also available. Remember, these records from non-English speaking areas are in the original language, i.e. you will need to be able to handle the applicable language.

RECOMMENDED SEARCH SEQUENCE

Where you start in your research at our library will depend on how much work you have already done and your experience as a researcher. The following is what we recommend as a logical search sequence for our research materials.

- A. I.G.I. - located in our library, this is the easiest to check and should be done first to see if work has already been done on your line of interest.
- B. F.C.R.A. this collection of 8,000,000 family group sheets could be very valuable to you in your efforts. The collection is only available on film from SLC. The loan fee may more than offset saved research if useful records are found. Ask librarian for fiche on LDS records.
- C. T.I.B. - Another SLC collection considered very useful. It is only available by mail from SLC. Ask librarian for a Temple Ordinance Index request form. The fee is \$1.00 (American funds) for both a TIB and/or an IGI search. Potentially very worth while.
- D. SURNAME INDEX - of both MCC or IGLI to see if published genealogies or manuscripts may already be available on your particular family line.
- E. RESEARCH AIDS - try to learn a little about what types of records are available for your area, etc. Geography, history, maps will help you with your research. We have a SMALL collection of books, maps etc. for many areas. Remember - you must become your own expert on your own area of research.
- F. GEOGRAPHIC & SUBJECT INDEXES - on both MCC and IGLI check to see what records SLC has available on your geographical area, such as government, church, census records etc.. This is where you start to do original research.

## GUIDE TO BEGINNING RESEARCH

### BASIC CONCEPT

Begin with yourself. Work from known facts toward the unknown.

### KEY FACTS

There are four key points of identification in genealogical research: names, dates, places, and relationships.

### MAJOR SOURCES

Home: Family records, old letters, family bibles, journals, scrapbooks, diaries, biographies, photographs, birth-marriage-death records, newspaper clippings, school records.

Relatives: Interviews and correspondence (same as above), newspaper obituaries and other clippings, military records, announcements, family histories, diplomas, certificates.

#### Local Depositories:

Public libraries: family histories, biographies, town histories and county histories.

School or University libraries.

Historical Societies: all types of records.

Schools: records of admission, attendance, etc.

Churches: birth, marriage and death records, admissions, dismissals, memberships.

#### Town Records:

Town clerk: vital statistics, tax lists, meeting minutes, land records (in some), court records.

Cemeteries

Sextons

Morticians

Hospitals

Newspapers

#### County Records:

County clerk: land records; wills; birth, marriage and death records; tax lists.

County court: probates, divorces, naturalizations, guardianships.

#### State Records:

Department of Health: vital statistics

Libraries and archives: military, land, state census, etc.

State Land Office: deeds, grants

#### Federal Records:

National Archives: Military records (service and pension)

Census records, 1790-1880

Land records

Shipping and passenger lists

Naturalization records