

## OUR GOAL

Is to serve as a communicator for researching and tracing the families of the Eastern Townships of Quebec. Thank you for your interest in our newsletter.

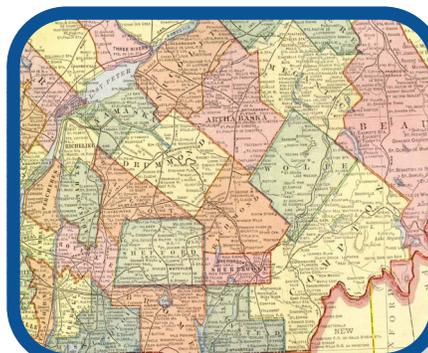
The ETQC e-letter is published twice a year to inform our readers of sources that are available for research in the Eastern Townships.

It is hoped to help our readers to be more aware of the collections that are already published or will be published in the near future.

Your feedback is appreciated so we know if we can make a difference in the search for your Eastern Township Ancestors.

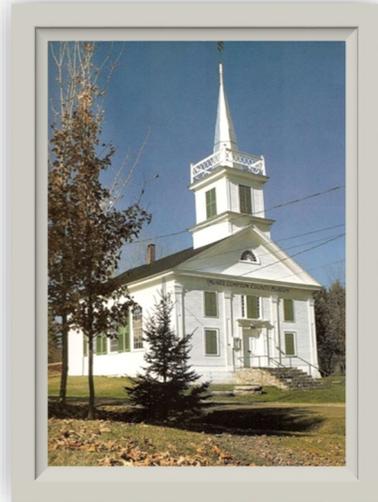
Different families will be featured from different counties and when possible a picture will be included in the ETQC e-letter .

For more information contact [Laverne Aitchison](#)



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### COMPTON COUNTY, QUEBEC

The Compton County Historical Museum Society - La société du Musée historique du comté de Compton is preserving the fascinating and unique history of the earliest settlers in this part of the Eastern Townships. The first pioneers here were English-speaking immigrants from New England. Then others came from the British Isles. By the 1830s, Francophone farmers had migrated from the seigneurial regions of Quebec.

Today, the early American influence still shows in the local architecture, in family names and in the continuing ties across the border.

**Source:** <http://townshippersheritage.com/organization/compton-county-museum-eaton-corner-compton-county-historical-museum-society>

**Compton County** is an historical county in southeastern [Quebec, Canada](#) on the western flanks of the [Appalachian Mountains](#) on the [Canada–United States border](#). It is in the Estrie (Eastern Townships) region of the province and was named in 1793 after a town in [Surrey, England](#) by British officers who were convinced of the agricultural potential of the area. The county seat is [Cookshire](#). [Mount Megantic](#) (altitude 1111 m) has an [observatory](#) operated by the [Université de Montréal](#) at its peak, which is accessible only from an adjacent county. In the early 1980s the County was dissolved, most of it becoming part of the [MRC de Le Haut-Saint-François](#) except for the southern portion which went to [MRC de Coaticook](#).

**Source:** [Wikipedia](#)

### COMPTON VILLAGE (Pop. 2,200)

Some of the richest soil in the Eastern Townships lies in the Coaticook River Valley, where villages prospered in step with farming. Area livestock breeders enjoyed international acclaim in the 19th century and to this day Compton dairy herds rank among the best in the country. Louis St-Laurent, Canada's 12th prime minister (1948-1957), was born and raised in this village. His father's general store and the family house next door are preserved as a national historic site and museum. Compton Ladies School, once known as King's Hall, is another historic attraction, located on Cochrane Road near St. James Church. Built in 1874 to educate English-speaking Anglican girls, the boarding school ran for nearly a century until 1972. It now operates as a hotel.

**Source:** <http://www.quebecheritageweb.com/attraction/south-compton-heritage-trail>

## **A LITTLE HISTORY OF THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS 1910—1917**

Source: <https://archive.org/details/menoftodayineast00morruoft>

Since 1910, there has been a steady growth in industrial activity. When the war broke out in August, 1914, it looked as though a serious industrial depression might be at hand. In no section of Canada, however, were manufacturers quicker to seize the opportunities offered for the manufacture of munitions than in the Eastern Townships. The iron and woollen industries turned over to national orders and a period of unprecedented industrial activity followed. In Sherbrooke city the development along this line has been remarkable, Sherbrooke at the close of 1916 being credited with the largest output of munitions of any city of its size in Canada and, indeed, the largest in all Canada with four or five exceptions.

When the storm of war has passed, Eastern Townships industries will answer the demands of peace and there is every reason to believe their position is secure in industrial Canada.

A great immigration is looked for and a period of development in Canada is predicted that will outrival that of the decade preceding the war. In the future development of the Dominion, the industries of the Eastern Townships may be depended upon to play their part.

### **FOREST INDUSTRIES**

A century ago the forests which spread throughout the Eastern Townships were regarded as an enemy to be destroyed rather than as an asset to be preserved or marketed. And this was the natural condition of that day. Consequently, thousands of acres were cleared and the timber burned, the only saleable part, indeed, being the pearl ash product.

### **EASTERN TOWNSHIPS AGRICULTURE**

In the realm of agriculture, the Eastern Townships has won the title of "Garden of the Province," the picturesqueness of the rural sections and the productiveness of the soil combining to give to the farming sections of Southern Quebec an attractiveness surpassing that of perhaps any other part of the province.

It is here that the maple sugar industry reaches its greatest development with an annual production valued at no less than a million dollars. The fine water and excellent pasture lands have contributed to the success of the dairy industry, Eastern Townships butter and cheese having won an enviable reputation. Stock breeding, also, is receiving close attention from Eastern Townships farmers and the results are apparent in the splendid exhibits of thoroughbred horses, cattle, sheep, and swine at Canada's Great Eastern Exhibition, Sherbrooke, and the various county fairs.

## TOWNSHIPPERS' DAY - BROME QUEBEC

Saturday, September 17, 2016

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



Townshippers' Day has celebrated the creativity, heritage and vitality of the English-speaking community of the historical Eastern Townships since 1979. You're invited to join us as we continue this annual tradition at the 37th edition taking place in beautiful Brome, Quebec, on Saturday, September 17, 2016.

With music, performances and activities, loads of artisan craft vendors and exhibitors, it's no wonder that this bilingual, family-friendly cultural festival and information fair, has drawn crowds. In 2015, T-Day welcomed 90 participating exhibitors and more than 4,00 visitors.

Taking place over one day, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., visitors will again have a chance to explore 90 exhibitors - from creative and innovative artisans to community organizations, heritage groups and more. There will be food vendors for the hungry - picnic lunches welcomed - while a diversity of local musicians and dancers perform through the day.

This year we'll have even more for kids to do with a petting zoo and other great activities in the Children's Area. A complimentary bus tour will give T-Day visitors a chance to discover and explore nearby Brome Lake and visit the Brome County Historical Society museum free of charge.

Organized by Townshippers' Association, a non-profit community organization, and the Town of Brome Lake, in collaboration with Brome Village and West Bolton, this year's event is returning to the Brome fairgrounds, 345 Stagecoach Road, Brome.

T-Day is more than just an event; it is an experience. Generation after generation, families, friends and groups use the festival to reunite, meet new friends and strengthen old connections.

Thanks to those relationships and an audience that stretches from babies to elders, T-Day is a strong, successful and vibrant festival.

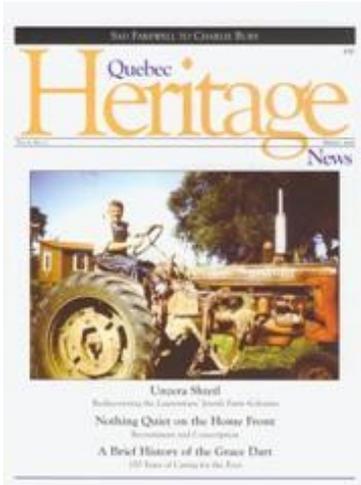
As a not-for-profit festival, there is no admission fee to attend T-Day, however in support of the festival, donations of at least \$2 will be collected for parking. Please note that unauthorized animals are not permitted on the fairgrounds.

Visit the official website [TDay.ca](http://TDay.ca) for details as they become available.

For additional information, contact Townshippers' Association at [Townshippers.org](http://Townshippers.org), or call 819-566-5717, toll free: 1-866-566-5717.

## QUEBEC ANGLOPHONE HERITAGE NETWORK

<http://qahn.org/links>



**Mission:** Founded in 2000, the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN) is a non-profit, non-partisan umbrella organization engaged with its members in promoting the preservation of the built, cultural and natural heritage of Quebec.

QAHN aims to promote a greater understanding of the history of Quebec's English-speaking communities by informing, inspiring and connecting people through its activities. Membership is open to any organization or individual, regardless of language or cultural affiliation, with an interest in the history, heritage and culture of Quebec's English-speaking communities.

As a network, QAHN encourages cooperation and communication among members. QAHN assists member societies and organizations in obtaining resources and related services for their activities and facilities.

Members include organizations such as museums, historical societies, foundations, community and research groups, archives and libraries, as well as individuals interested in Anglophone heritage in Quebec. Currently, in addition to several hundred individual members across Quebec and Canada, nearly 90 organizations in Quebec hold either core or affiliate membership in QAHN. A number of our member-organizations are primarily French-speaking.

### Anglophone Heritage:

Many Quebecers have links to Anglophone heritage even though they see themselves as having some other linguistic or cultural attachment. There are also many communities in Quebec that communicate in English but whose members do not come from what are traditionally thought of as English-speaking countries. QAHN does not focus exclusively on the heritage of the British Isles, but on all groups that express themselves in English.

Similarly, there are many instances where Anglophone heritage is being preserved by members of Quebec's French-speaking community. QAHN, therefore, speaks of Anglophone heritage as a field of interest. QAHN is non-political and totally inclusive. QAHN's concern is with the preservation of the English-speaking community's heritage, not with language.

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### Historical Societies

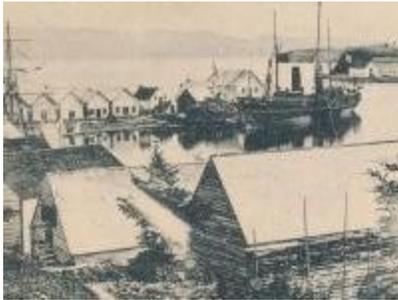
<http://www.histoiresherbrooke.org/en/become-a-member>

- ♦ **Société d'histoire de Sherbrooke (former Sherbrooke Post Office)** Sherbrooke's magnificent former Post Office, built in 1885, is now home to the Société d'histoire de Sherbrooke, whose mission is to preserve local heritage and promote the history of Sherbrooke and the Eastern Townships. The SHS accomplishes its aims through its interpretation centre and archives, and through a variety of educational programs.

## QUEBEC HERITAGE WEB



<http://www.quebecheritageweb.com/>



Quebec Heritage Web is home to the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network's suite of five innovative heritage webmagazines. Each of these webmagazines is devoted to the history, culture and heritage of a different region of Quebec. Quebec Heritage Web is your base from which to discover these fascinating regions. And we hope we inspire you to explore these regions in person!

[Gaspé, The Point, c.1900. \(Photo - Private collection\)](#)

Quebec Heritage Web has been funded in different phases by Canada Economic Development, Canadian Heritage, and other partners. QAHN gratefully acknowledges this support.

To date, **Quebec Heritage Web** includes the following regional on-line heritage magazines:

Townships Heritage  
**WebMagazine**

Laurentian Heritage  
**WebMagazine**

Outaouais Heritage  
**WebMagazine**

Gaspesian Heritage  
**WebMagazine**

Montreal Mosaic  
**WebMagazine**

### PLEASE NOTE:

There was no fall issue of the 2015 ETQC newsletter

## Townships Heritage WebMagazine

### Good News for Potton Round Barn!

Author: Potton Heritage Association --

April 20, 2016.



**Source URL:** <http://townshipsheritage.com/news/good-news-potton-round-barn>

Here is very good news for the community of Potton and the Mansonville Round Barn Restoration Project, of which you will hear during 2016!

The Groupe bénévole municipal de Potton (GBMP) has won the 1st prize (\$10,000) of the Je coop mon projet Contest, at the Annual General Meeting of the Caisse Desjardins du Lac-Memphrémagog held in Magog on April 19, 2016. The participation in this contest is part of the 2nd phase of the Fundraising Campaign for the Mansonville Round Barn that will take place during the whole year.

The \$10,000 will be added to the Fonds de la grange ronde, managed by the GBMP with a present balance of \$42,000, in order to build new foundations for the barn.

Let us recall that the GBMP has the mandate of cooperating in the management of some Municipal facilities, among others the Round Barn, the Covered Bridge and the Public Market.

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### **SHERBROOKE, QUEBEC HERITAGE:**

Winter Prison Built in the Palladian style in 1865, the former Winter Prison, Sherbrooke's oldest stone building, has been on the National Trust for Canada's "Top 10 Endangered Places" list since 2008. After closing as a correctional facility in 1990, the Winter Prison was subsequently saved from the wrecking ball by local heritage enthusiasts. Since that time, however, the foreboding building, with its immense wall and grounds, has been the focus of much debate regarding its future vocation. The Société d'histoire de Sherbrooke, Destination Sherbrooke and other organizations would like to see the building restored and transformed into a heritage and cultural attraction

Source: <http://townshipsheritage.com/>

## Genealogical Societies

[Little Forks Branch, United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada](#)

[Société de généalogie des Cantons-de-l'Est](#)

## Historical Societies

[Coaticook Historical Society](#)

[Compton Historical Society](#)

[Cowansville Historical Society](#)

[Georgeville Historical Society](#)

[Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society](#)

[Megantic County Historical Society](#)

[Patrimoine-Ascott-Heritage](#)

[Potton Heritage Association](#)

[Société d'histoire de la Haute-Yamaska](#)

## Interpretation Centres

[Centre d'interprétation de l'histoire de Sherbrooke \(Société d'histoire de Sherbrooke\)](#)

[Parc historique de la Poudrière de Windsor](#)

[St.-Jacques-De-Leeds Historic Site \(Corporation du patrimoine du Canton de Leeds\)](#)

[Ulverton Woolen Mill](#)

## Museums

[Beaulne Museum](#)

[Brome County Museum \(Brome County Historical Society\)](#)

[Colby-Curtis Musum \(Stanstead Historical Society\)](#)

[Missisquoi Museum \(Missisquoi Historical Society\)](#)

[Musée de la nature et des sciences](#)

[Musée Eaton Corner Museum \(Compton County Historical Museum Society\)](#)

[Richmond County Museum \(Richmond County Historical Society\)](#)

[Sherbrooke Museum of Fine Arts](#)

[Uplands Cultural and Heritage Centre](#)

## National Historic Sites

[Laurier Museum](#)

[Louis S. St-Laurent National Historic Site of Canada](#)

## Other Heritage Organizations

[Austin Cultural Committee](#)

[Haskell Free Library and Opera House](#)

[Heritage Huntingville](#)

[Paysages estriens \(Le Comité du patrimoine paysager estrien\)](#)

[Townshippers' Foundation](#)

## Public Archives

[Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, Centre de l'Estrie](#)

[Eastern Townships Resource Centre](#)



Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Sherbrooke\\_Hussars\\_cap\\_](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Sherbrooke_Hussars_cap_)

The Sherbrooke Hussars, much more than just a regiment. 150 years of tradition and loyal service

Source: <http://www.histoiresherbrooke.org/en/exhibitions/temporary-exhibitions>

The Sherbrooke Hussars and Le musée régimentaire Les Fusiliers de Sherbrooke are pleased to present the temporary exhibit entitled « The Sherbrooke Hussars, Much More than a Regiment. 150 Years of Tradition and Loyal Service ». Indeed, the regiment that was founded in 1866 is currently celebrating its 150th anniversary. For the occasion, several collections were gathered to recreate the past of this proud regiment. It includes, for the first time, the Morrison Family Sherbrooke Hussars Lineage Collection, the most important about Eastern Townships regimental badges. Come and learn more about the history of the Sherbrooke Hussars, a unit that still serves its country as an armoured reconnaissance regiment with the Canadian Armed Forces Reserve.

EXHIBITION: From May 20 to October 30, 2016

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M.U.R.I.R.S (Urban Murals for the Revitalization of Buildings and Social Reconciliation)

Source: <http://www.murirs.qc.ca/boutique/>



The Murals Fourteen monumental murals currently dot the urban landscape in downtown Sherbrooke, in addition to ten smaller-scale works unveiled in Lennoxville in 2015. These magnificent works of art are the creation of the non-profit organization M.U.R.I.R.S (Urban Murals for the Revitalization of Buildings and Social Reconciliation) which, since 2002, has been converting empty walls around town into vast historical-themed tableaux. No visit to Sherbrooke would be complete without viewing at least some of these exceptional murals.

## Robert Bruce Aitchison – Emma Teece

Robert Bruce Aitchison saw the light of day 12 Oct 1877 in Sherbrooke, Quebec. He was the youngest of four children and the only son of James Aitchison and Rachel Cook. His baptism did not take place until 5 Oct 1894 at the Presbyterian Church, Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Robert Bruce Aitchison m 21 Feb, 1899 Emma Teece in Lowell, Massachusetts. Their marriage record states they were both born in Canada. Robert Bruce was born in Canada and his parents are James Aitchison and Rachel Cook. His occupation is an operative.



Emma Teece was born in England. Her parents are John Teece & Rose Dean.

Massachusetts, Marriage Records, 1840-1915 for Robert Aitchison

up through 1910 > 1900

MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the City of Lowell, for the year Nineteen Hundred 1899											
DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE.	DATE OF RECORD.	NAMES AND SQUARES OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE.	AGE OF EACH IN YEARS.	OCCUPATION OF EACH.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF EACH.	NAMES OF PARENTS OF EACH.	What Marriage, No. 24, Sec. 24, has been previously contracted by either party.	NAME, RESIDENCE, AND OFFICIAL STATUS OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED.		
Feb. 21 Lowell	Feb. 27 Lowell	Robert Aitchison Emma Teece	Canada Canada	22 20	Operative -	Canada Canada	James Rachel (Cook) John Rose (Dean)	1st	Charles W. Horvath Justice of the Peace Lowell		

## The 1900 census of Lowell City, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

Robert Bruce, Emma Aitchison, his sister Mary (Aitchison) Magee and her husband Edward Magee are listed as lodgers with **Eliza Balsler**. Robert is 22 years old and Emma is 20 years old. Robert emigrated in 1895 from Canada, Emma emigrated from England in 1899. Robert's occupation is woolen weaver. Robert's sister Mary Magee is a woolen weaver and her husband Edward is a machine laborer. They both immigrated in 1899. (Note: Robert says he was born in Canada FR – his sister and her husband both say they are born in Canada Eng.—Robert, his sister Mary and Edward were all born in Quebec)

1900 United States Federal Census for Bruce Aitchison

Massachusetts > Middlesex > Lowell Ward 05 > District 0798 SAVED

NAME	RELATION	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	SEX	MARRIAGE	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF IMMIGRATION	OCCUPATION
Aitchison, Bruce	Lodger	W 12 Oct 1877	22	M	1	Canada	1895	Woolen Weaver
Emma	Lodger	W 4 Sep 1879	20	F	0	England	1899	
Mary Magee	Lodger	W 4 May 1877	23	F	1	England	1899	House Keeper
Edward Magee	Lodger	W 14 Jan 1877	23	M	1	Canada Eng	1899	Machine Laborer
Mary	Lodger	W 7 Apr 1875	25	F	0	Canada Eng	1899	Woolen Weaver

Robert and Emma would have had 4 of their six children living in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1911.

1. James Elmer Bruce Aitchison b 2 Dec 1902 Verdun, Quebec
2. Thelma Rose (Midge) Aitchison b 30 Dec 1904 Verdun, Quebec
3. Vena May Aitchison b 12 Jan 1907 Springfield, Massachusetts
4. William Ronald Aitchison b 30 Jul 1909 Springfield, Massachusetts
5. Robert Gordon Aitchison b 18 Apr 1915 Sherbrooke, Quebec
6. Harold Dean (Tim) Aitchison b 1 May 1917 Sherbrooke, Quebec

## Friday July 21, 1911 – Engine runs over Aitchison, Asleep on Rails

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Robert B. Aitchison of Heywood avenue, West Springfield, night engine inspector in the Boston & Albany engine house, for some unexplained reason lay down near the third stall in the new engine house yesterday morning about 4 o'clock, and Engineer M. J. Carlsen backed his engine into the stall and over Aitchison's legs. Aitchison's moans gave the first indication of the accident and the injured man was hurried to Springfield hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate both legs just below the knees. His condition is serious.

How Aitchison happened to be lying down in the stall is one of the peculiar features of the accident. Engineer Carlsen was unaware that the inspector was in the stall. As is the custom in putting up the engine, the engineer ran on the turntable and then backed into the stall. Before doing this he made a general inspection of the machine and in the darkness failed to see Aitchison.

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### AUG 10 1911 SPRINGFIELD UNION Newspaper

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In 1912 Robert Aitchison and his wife Emma Teece returned to Sherbrooke, Quebec after Robert recovered from his tragic accident in Springfield Massachusetts. They resided with his parents James Aitchison and Rachel Cook on Belvedere Road, before they moved to Queen St. and King St in Sherbrooke. (Robert's parents, James and Rachel Aitchison, are both buried at the Elmwood Cemetery).

### MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, Sherbrooke, Quebec—LAND RECORDS

<https://www.mern.gouv.qc.ca/english/department/index.jsp>

On a visit to Sherbrooke we searched for records of Robert Bruce Aitchison's parents James Aitchison and Rachel Cook in Sherbrooke, Quebec with no luck. But, we fell into a gold mine of land transactions for Robert Bruce Aitchison who bought and sold land from 1912 to 1932. The documents we found at the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources in Sherbrooke, Quebec listed his occupation as machinist, later land records recorded his occupation as a carder, a farmer and a mail carrier. He was the postmaster of Sherbrooke, Sub No. 5 from 1925 to 1936. Robert Aitchison and his son Ron delivered the La Tribune Sherbrooke ("The Sherbrooke Tribune") which began publishing in 1910. It covered Sherbrooke and the surrounding communities in the Estrie region of Quebec.

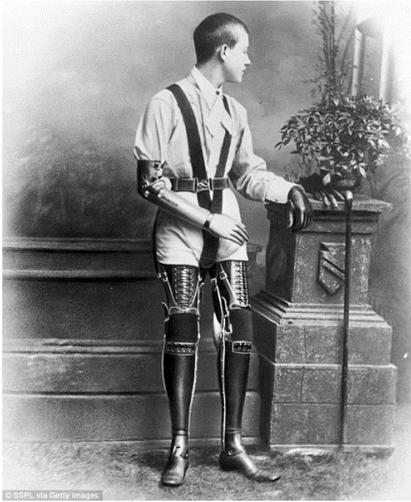
Robert Bruce Aitchison bought and sold these properties between 1912 to 1932

1. Lot 11 and 12 range 7 Ascot Twp purchased from Sarah E. B. Hurd, widow of Augustine S. Hurd.
2. Subdivision number 208 of the lot number 1494 upon the official cadastral plan and book of reference for the South Ward of the City of Sherbrooke. This transaction was for Harriet W. Maud Terrill, bookkeeper.
3. Marie Anne Vezina of Brooklyn, New York and Honore Vezina. Witnesses are Charles R Cooke and Ella R. Doran. 1 June 1932 in Brooklyn, New York. This transaction was for the estate of the late Mrs. Henriette Bergeron, widow of the late Honore Vezina.

# ROBERT BRUCE AITCHISON

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Ron's sister Midge always said their dad's motto was "the Lord hates a quitter" and Robert definitely lived by it. He sure did not quit! Robert was a proud Scotsman and made his own artificial legs of  $\frac{3}{4}$  x  $\frac{1}{8}$  flat bar. He made a knee action in the metal leg. He carved the wood foot with a flat sole so he could wear his polished dress shoes. It had a leather boot top with laces above the knee. Below the knee there was a leather socket lined with sheepskin handmade by himself. He made one set of legs to make him his height of 6' before his accident. He loved to work on cars and he would have different leg lengths so he could position himself to lean over to fix the motor in the car.

The picture at left is a similar idea of how Robert Aitchison made his artificial legs. He had the straps over his shoulders to hold the legs on.

*(A transtibial prosthesis is an artificial limb that replaces a leg missing below the knee. A transtibial amputee is usually able to regain normal movement more readily than someone with a transfemoral amputation, due in large part to retaining the knee, which allows for easier movement. Lower extremity prosthetics describes artificially replaced limbs located at the hip level or lower. In the prosthetic industry a trans-tibial prosthetic leg is often referred to as a "BK" or below the knee prosthesis.)*



Fishing was a favourite past time of his. He would walk to the creek with his 4 year old grandson Jimmy to fish; who would walk in front of him with his backpack on. Robert asked Jimmy if he wanted to be a leader or a follower? Jimmy said "what do you mean Grampa"? He reached down and grabbed him and swung him around behind him and told him to hang on to his belt. After trying to stay out of range of his grandpas heels as he stepped Jimmy was glad when he picked him up and put him in front of him. Now he said, "do you want to be a leader or a follower Jimmy"? Jimmy definitely knew he wanted to be a leader not a follower!

Aitchison research please contact: [Laverne Aitchison](#)



Robert Bruce Aitchison is buried in the St. Catharines Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines, Ontario

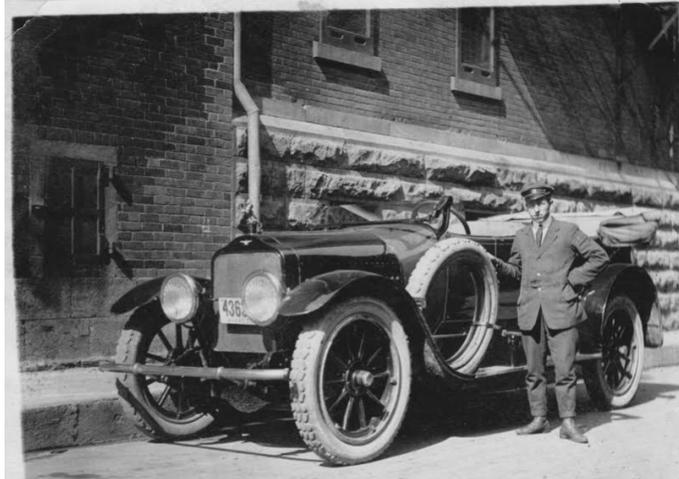
Emma Aitchison is buried in the St. Catharines Victoria Lawn Cemetery, St. Catharines, Ontario



# UNIDENTIFIED PHOTOS

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Cheryl Verlinden <[cherylverlinden@gmail.com](mailto:cherylverlinden@gmail.com)> 2/25/15

Thank-you Laverne for sending the e-letters. I would enjoy reading the other ones.

I have attached the four unidentified photos.

The connection that I have with the families in the newsletters is through Fred **Coupland** and Agnes **Aitchison**. I have no additional information about the pictures I sent you. They had no identification whatsoever, not even the photographer's studio name. They came out of the house lived in by Butler **Aldrich** and May **Coupland**. Butler's mother also lived with them.

*Perhaps someone can identify the people in these photos.*

*Your help would be appreciated.*

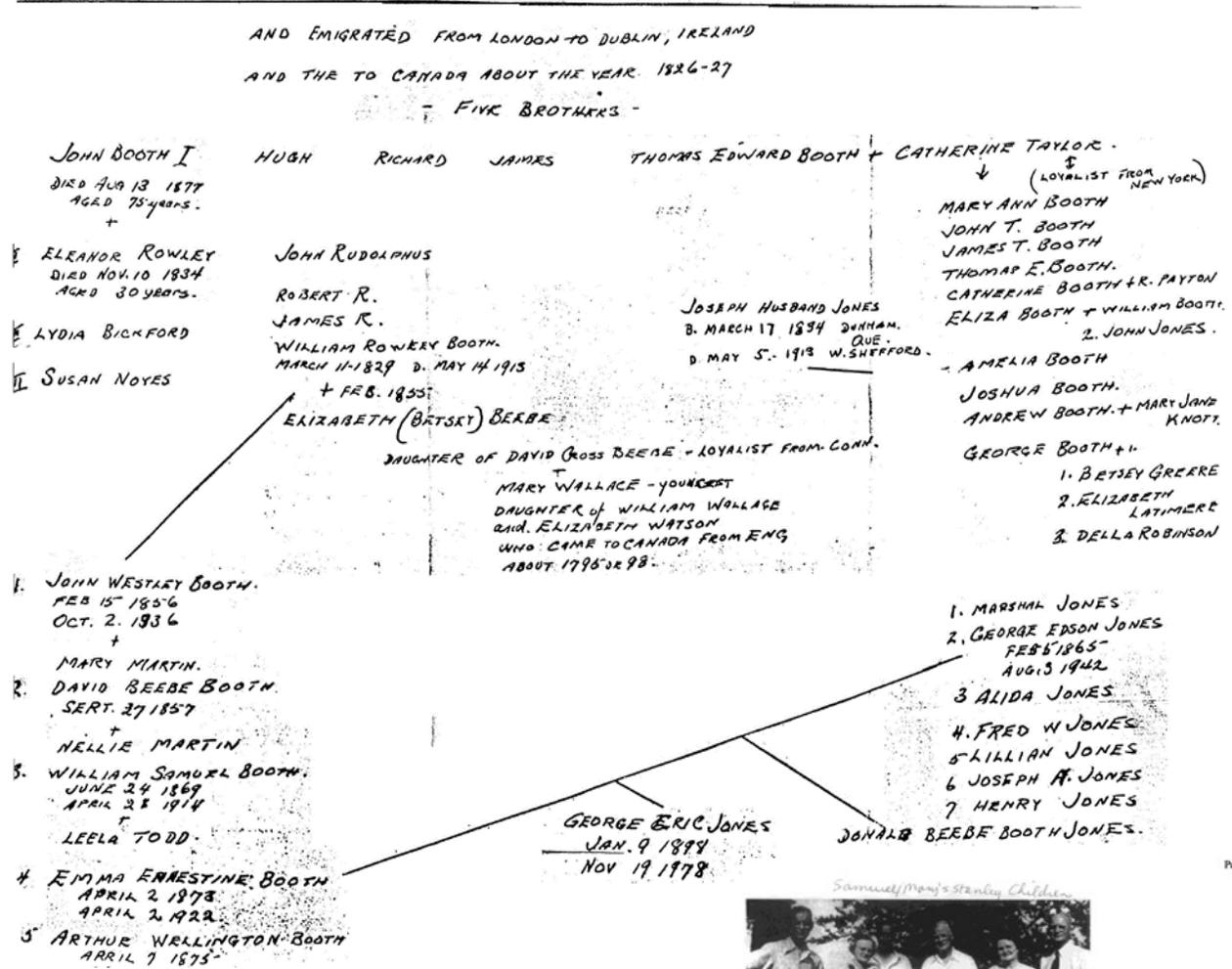


# ETQC QUERIES—BOOTH

BOOTH GENEALOGY

QUERY: Contact [Ethel Dessert](#)

Ethel would appreciate hearing from you if you connect to her families.



PICTURE AT RIGHT:

L to R:

Lyndon Dermont BOOTH, Nora Spence Booth, Sam Booth Jr., Bill Booth (chiropractor in Boston), Jessie BOOTH-COX, Leland Booth (Jen's grandfather) and MARY STANLEY BOOTH front.

Photo taken July 1949 at Sam & Mary Ann's farm between Farnham & Brigham. Summer before Mary Ann died, then the farm was run by Sam Jr.



L to R - Lyndon Dermont Booth, Nora Spence Booth, Sam Booth Jr., Bill Booth (chiropractor in Boston), Jessie Booth-Cox, Leland Booth (Jen's grandfather) and Mary Stanley Booth front

Photo taken July 1949 - at Sam & Mary Ann's farm between Farnham & Brigham. Summer before Mary Ann died, then the farm was run by Sam Jr

# BOOTH-LATTY-BYRNES, COOK

BOOTH-LATTY-BYRNES GENEALOGY QUERY: Contact [Ethel Dessert](#)

Ethel would appreciate hearing from you if you connect to her families.

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15	Thomas Booth	Labourer ✓	I Canada	do	23
16	Joshua Booth	do ✓	do	do	21
17	Andrew Booth	do ✓	do	do	17
18	George Booth	do ✓	do	do	13
19	Amelia Booth	do ✓	do	do	19
20	Catharine Booth	do ✓	do	do	15
21	William Booth	do	do	do	8
22	Ann Shaw		I Canada	do	17
23	John Huran		do	N. Cott. in	19
24	Charles Lefin	Labourer ✓	do	do	19
25	Joseph Lefin	do ✓	do	do	17
26	Oliver Lefin	do ✓	do	do	19
27	Edw. Selinger	do ✓	do	do	18
28	Thos. Selinger	do ✓	do	do	23
29	Luotachi Marttila	do ✓	do	do	29
30	Roetta Lefin	do ✓	do	do	19
31	William J. Mar	do ✓	do	do	25
32	Tullar Frevord	do ✓	do	do	17
33	Michael Booth	do ✓	do	do	19
34	Richard Booth	Farmen ✓	Ireland	E of Engl	59
35	Mary Booth		Ireland	do	68
36	William Booth	do ✓	I Canada	do	27
37	Sarah Booth		do	do	24
38	Charles Booth		do	do	12
39	Isis Booth		do	do	11
40	James Stone	Labourer ✓	England	do	48
41	John Neil	Farmen ✓	Ireland	do	54
42	Isaac Neil		Scotland	do	46
43	John T. Booth	Farmen ✓	Ireland	do	34
44	Elizabeth Booth		do	do	36
45	Benjamin Booth		I Canada	do	11
46	Myrtle Booth		do	do	7
47	Eliza J. Booth		do	do	16
48	Abraham Booth		do	do	14
49	Rebecca Booth		do	do	13
50	Sarah Booth		Ireland	do	22

The 1861 Census Granby, Shefford Co., on the left lists 3 Booth Families.

1. Thomas Booth 64 yrs
2. Richard Booth 79 yrs
3. John T. Booth 34 yrs

I am also very interested in learning more about the **BYRNE** and **LATTY** families. There are various census records on Ancestry.com where they were neighbors or came to Canada about the same time. I think they lived in Granby.

I only have about three of the Byrnes,  
1. Mary **BYRNES** my 3ggrandmother b. 1793 d. 1870 age 87 yrs who married Richard **BOOTH** b. 1780 d. 1871 age 89 yrs. lived in Shefford for many years until their old age when they moved in with their youngest son William **BOOTH** and wife Sarah **NEIL** in Granby, QC. Though there's a death certificate for both they have never been found in any of the cemeteries.

2. Eleanor **BYRNES** married to James **LATTY** b 1800 and their dau Eliza Jane **LATTY** b. Feb 1839.
  3. Thomas **BYRNES** m. Eliza with son Johnston William **BYRNES** b. Dec 1831.
- Contact [Ethel Dessert](#)

## COOK QUERY:

On Fri, Aug 28, 2015 at 7:59 AM, Joseph Cook <[joecook@gmail.com](mailto:joecook@gmail.com)> wrote:

I recently discovered that my ancestor Benjamin **COOK**, who settled in Abbotsford in the 1820s as one of the pioneers of the city, built the desk (pigeonhole desk) that was used as the first post office there. A news article I found states that as of 1897 this desk was in the possession of one Mrs. Jeannette **JACKMAN**, wife of Elman Jackman, and that she was still living on "the old Jackman homestead" in the area. She died in 1915. I would love to track down the family .....I was wondering if you had any advice!

--Contact: Joseph Cook <[joecook@gmail.com](mailto:joecook@gmail.com)>





## QUEBEC FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

[HTTP://WWW.QFHS.CA/](http://www.qfhs.ca/)

The Quebec Family History Society is the largest English-language genealogical society in Quebec.

**CONTACT:** Joan Benoit at 514-695-1502 or [gfh@bellnet.ca](mailto:gfh@bellnet.ca).

### QFHS Now LDS-Affiliated Library

The Quebec Family History Society has become an affiliated library of the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS).

Both QFHS members and non-members can order microfilms and microfiche to be read in the QFHS Library and Heritage Centre. See all the [details](#).

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## THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS RESOURCE CENTRE (ETRC)

<http://www.etric.ca/home.html>

Eastern Townships Resource Centre (Old Library, McGreer Hall, Bishop's University) Originally added to McGreer Hall in 1909 to serve as the university library, this wing was converted to office space in the 1970s when McGreer Hall was occupied by Champlain Regional College. After Champlain moved to its own building in 1993, the library wing was restored and re-christened the Old Library. Today, the Old Library serves as the consultation room for the Eastern Townships Resource Centre, and is home to the ETRC's special collection of books on the Eastern Townships. It is a resource centre for the study of the Eastern Townships with a special focus on the English-speaking community

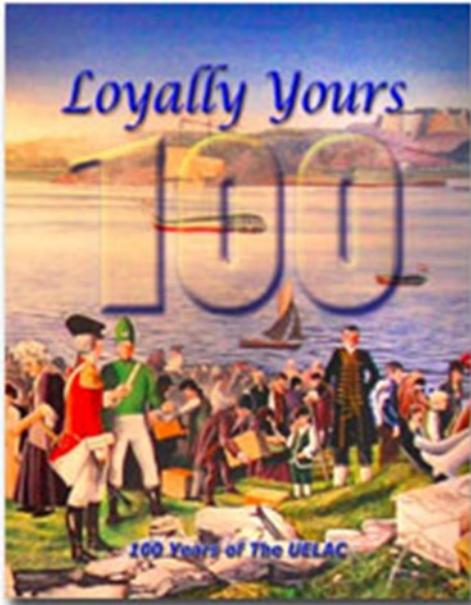


For further information on the Eastern Townships Research Centre, Jody Robinson Archivist may be reached at (819) 822-9600, ext. 2261, or at [etric2@ubishops.ca](mailto:etric2@ubishops.ca). Website [www.etric.ca](http://www.etric.ca)

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## Loyally Yours – 100 Years of The UELAC

Source: <http://globalgenealogy.com/countries/canada/loyalist/resources/771003.htm>



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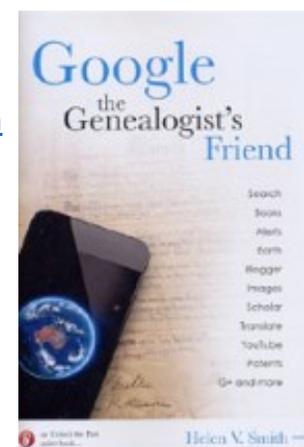
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This edition published by Global Heritage Press, Milton, 2005

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By Cyrus Thomas.

Originally published by John Lovell, Montreal 1866.

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Cyrus Thomas created a work that has endured as a valued reference work since it was first published by John Lovell, Montreal in 1866. It is a carefully prepared text that offers valuable insights into the early settlement and development of the Eastern Townships of present-day Quebec as reported by a witness from more than one hundred and forty years ago.

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Compiled by B. F. Hubbard

Revised, Abridged, with Additions and Illustrations by John Lawrence

Originally published by Lovell Printing and Publishing Co., Montreal, 1874

This edition published by Global Heritage Press, Milton, 2010

This authoritative local history provides a comprehensive description of the history of Stanstead County from the time of the earliest European settlers until 1874. Genealogists and the descendants of those early pioneers and inhabitants of Stanstead county will especially be drawn to the collection of more than five hundred family histories/sketches. Overflowing with names, dates and places as well as local history of the community that the county's early families forged from the wilderness. ISBN 9781926797137 (Hardcover) [More information](#)

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BOOKS - History of Brome County From the Dates of the Grants of Land therein to the Present Time, With Records of some Early Families [Quebec]

By Rev. Ernest M. Taylor, M.A.

New Indexes by Arlene Royea [2009]

Volume One - Originally published by John Lovell and Son, Montreal 1908

Volume Two - Originally published by John Lovell and Son, Montreal 1937

This edition published by Global Heritage Press, Milton, 2009

The Reverend Ernest M. Taylor created two volumes of history of Brome County and family sketches of the people who called Brome their home. The first volume was published in 1908. The author had intended to have the second volume ready soon after, "however, various matters occasioned the delay", not the least being the challenge of accumulating the histories of families who settled in the county prior to 1850. That second volume was published 29 years later in 1937. These works have been valued by historians and genealogists ever since. Both volumes include carefully prepared text that offers valuable insights into the early settlement and development of the County of Brome. ISBN 978-1-926797-02-1 (vol 1); ISBN 978-1-926797-03-8 (vol 2) [More information](#)

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BOOK - Sketches of Some Early Shefford Pioneers (Quebec, Canada) (1905)

By J. P. Noyes

Originally published by Waterloo Public Library, Waterloo, 1905

This edition published by Global Heritage Press, Milton, 2006

The design of this book is to provide a series of biographical sketches to accompany portraits of ten men who had, in one way or another, been intimately connected with the early history of Shefford. In telling the stories of these men, Noyes also shed considerable light on the settlement and development of Shefford, as well as on family members and others in the community up to 1905. [More information](#)

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**NEIL BROADHURST - AUTHOR**      [broadhurst@shaw.ca](mailto:broadhurst@shaw.ca)

Protestant Marriages of the District of Bedford, QC 1804-1879

**KATHLEEN BROCK – AUTHOR**      <http://www.qfhs.ca/forsale.php?scid=5>

Protestant Births & Baptisms, Shefford County, Quebec 1880-1899      \$35.00

Protestant Marriage Index, Shefford County, Quebec 1880-1899      \$40.00

Protestant Death & Burial Index, Shefford County, Quebec 1880-1899      \$40.00

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<https://colbycurtis.ca/colby-curtis-museum/>

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1861 Census for Stanstead Township and Stanstead Plain      \$25.00

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*Stanstead Historical Society*

Sherbrooke Daily Record Vital Statistics, Vol. 1 & 2, 1897-1906 – *Elane Wilson*      Price

Stanstead County Vital Statistics, Vol. I-II, 1845-1963 – *Elizabeth Brock Tilton & Wilson*      Varies

Forest and Clearings – The History of Stanstead County, reprint – *H.B. Hubbard*      \$38.00

Wills/Les Testaments – from/de 1840-1950 – at/a Stanstead      \$20.00

**MATTHEW FARFAN - AUTHOR**      [mf@gahn.org](mailto:mf@gahn.org)

On Lake and River - stunning bilingual book (208) pages on the history of the Eastern Townships      \$36.70

Cemetery Heritage in Quebec      \$12.00

**SHARON OSGOOD NORTON - AUTHOR**

<https://sites.google.com/site/granbynewspaperextracts/>

Granby & Eastern Townships Newspaper Extract 1855 - 1910      \$40.00

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# Eastern Townships of Quebec Genealogy Websites:

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<http://townshipsheritage.com/>

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**The ETRC does not charge entry, membership, or research fees.**

## Marlene Simmons Website <http://quebecroots.weebly.com/>

- My specialty is the English speaking Protestants of Quebec; I'm not as strong for French-Canadian records. Those French-Canadian records which I do have are largely concentrated in the counties of Brome, Missisquoi and Shefford.

## Pam Waugh Website <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~qceastwn/>

- Genealogists researching the English speaking Protestant families in the Eastern Townships will find there is a wealth of information available. Church records, cemetery inscriptions, census records, etc. are available through a variety of sources. **Counties Covered:** Arthabaska, Brome, Compton, Drummond, Megantic, Missisquoi, Richmond, Shefford, Sherbrooke, Stanstead and Wolfe.

## RESEARCHING YOUR "ANGLO" ROOTS IN MONTREAL

- <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~qcmtl-w/>

## Canadian Genealogy and History Links

- <http://www.islandnet.com/~cghl/region.php?cat=Quebec>

## Global Genealogy

- <http://globalgenealogy.com/countries/canada/quebec/searchable-pg.htm>  
Searchable Online Data Quebec, Canada *Genealogy & History*

## Links to Quebec Cemeteries

- <http://www.interment.net/can/qc/index.htm>

## Genealogy A La Carte—Quebec / New France including non-Catholic records

- [http://genealogyalacarte.ca/?page\\_id=10646](http://genealogyalacarte.ca/?page_id=10646)