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## Our Goal

is to serve as a communicator for researching and tracing the families of the Eastern Townships of Quebec.

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

It is hoped to help 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 with the article.

Thank you to all who share their information to publish in the ETQC e-letter.

Laverne Aitchison

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## History of the former Missisquoi County, Quebec

Source: Website

<http://griffincunningham.net/davis/misscountymain2.htm>

*Missisquoi County* is an historical county in Quebec.

The name of the county is derived from an Algonquin Abenaki word meaning "lots of waterfowl".

Missisquoi County, part of the [Eastern Townships](#) (one of roughly 12 regions in Quebec), is located on the western fringes of the Appalachian foothills, giving it a rolling landscape on its eastern part. The western part of the county is situated on the Richelieu River plains. Missisquoi County is bound entirely on the south for 51 km by the Canadian-American border to the middle of the [Richelieu River](#), to the east by [Brome County](#) for 23 km along the meridian, to the northeast by Brome County, to the northwest by [Rouville County](#), and to the west by [Iberville County](#) and the Richelieu River ([Saint-Jean County](#) is on the other side of the river). The northernmost point of the county is also the junction of the borders of Missisquoi County, Rouville County and Iberville County. The westernmost point of the county is on the Richelieu River on at the Canadian-American border. The county is divided onto 4 townships, and there are 2 discontinuous zones along its western fringes without any township designation divided under the pre-1760 French parochial framework. The 4 townships are the [Township of Farnham](#) in the north, [Township of Dunham](#) in the east, [Township of Stanbridge](#) to the west, and [Township of Saint Armand](#) along the Canadian-American border. The county seat is the Town of [Bedford](#) located in the south western part of the Township of Stanbridge. Other major towns in the county are [Farnham](#) in the township of the same name and [Cowansville](#) in the north eastern corner of Dunham Township. A prominent feature of the county is Lake Champlain that juts into its western part and that separates Saint Armand Township from the western part of the county that was divided according to the pre-1760 parochial framework

In the early [1990s](#) Quebec abolished its counties. Much of Missisquoi County became the [Brome-Missisquoi Regional County Municipality](#) except the south western part which was transferred to [Le Haut-Richelieu Regional County Municipality](#)

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## “Four Men Who Made Their Mark”

Remarks by Robert Irvine to the  
Georgeville Historical Society Annual Meeting  
Murray Memorial Hall, Georgeville, Quebec

*The following information is from a talk that BOB IRVINE presented to the  
Georgeville Historical Society. ....continued from ETQC Spring 2011 e-letter*

July 8, 2007

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The top two history sleuths in the Magog-Georgeville area are:

1. Dr. Maurice **Langlois** (author of biographies of Alvin **Moore**, the **Merry** family, the doctors of Magog and other works),
2. Steve **Moore** (historical consultant based in Fitch Bay)

*The following are the Men Who Made Their Mark On Oliver Corner and Drummond Point.:*

- *Captain William Oliver was featured in the Spring 2010 ETQC #04*
- *Lewis Drummond was featured in the Fall 2010 ETQC #05*
- *Erasmus Darwin Smith featured in this issue Spring 2011 ETQC #06*
- *Francis Peasley is featured in this issue Fall 2011 ETQC #07*

1. Captain William **Oliver**, a long-time militia officer, and owner of one of the finest stage coach inns in the Townships. He and his parents, siblings and kin, together with other families, built the bustling hamlet of Oliver Corner.

2. Lewis **Drummond**, a public-minded but perhaps sometimes opportunistic Irish Catholic lawyer who knew how to work the system in an embryonic Canada in order to help others and sometimes help himself. He bought the land in and around Drummond Point and gave it his name.

3. Erasmus Darwin **Smith**, a gangly Green Mountain boy who left his parents’ hard-scrabble Vermont hill farm to seek opportunity in a new land. He was by all accounts the founder of the Drummond Point colony, and finally

4. Francis **Peasley**, whose only journey to Drummond Point was in a coffin after a life too short.

### FRANCIS PEASLEY

And this brings us to the subject of our fourth and final sketch.

As a counterpoint to three lives lived full and well, we now have a more somber tale On Drummond Point, there is a small grave located on a knoll near the fork of the north and south roads. The inscription on the grave reads:

“To the memory of Francis **Peasley**. Died November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1802. Age 35 years.”

But why is **Peasley** buried there – alone – and not in a cemetery? According to *The Peasley Family History*, Francis was the son of Jonathan and Sally Call **Peasley** and was born in Weare, New Hampshire in 1767. Around 1790, Francis married Betsey **Hogg**. They had two children – James and Sally or Sarah.

After moving to Canada, all of his family except his wife became infected with smallpox at the same time. According to the *Peasley Family History*, Francis got up one morning to stoke the fire and dropped dead beside his son James' bed. And there a mystery, a legend begins. The two histories written on Drummond Point, one involving a fair bit of research, tell one story...that Francis **Peasley** lived in Peasley Corner, later East Bolton, and now Austin and that his remains were brought across the lake in a rowboat and buried here on the east side to avoid the spread of infection. In this regard, it is interesting to note that Francis' parents are buried in a field at Austin.

But there's another theory: that Francis **Peasley** lived and died at Oliver Corner and not on the west side of the lake. In support of this theory, there's the fact that the parents of Francis' wife, Betsey **Hogg** (James **Hogg** and Sally **Page**) are buried in Oliver Cemetery. And the *Peasley Family History* says that Francis resided in Hatley

Township, not Bolton. And if there had been a late November snowfall, it would have been an easy trek for mourners to bring the casket down the hill on a sled toward Drummond Point and then to walk back up the hill empty-handed to Oliver Corner.

On a more serious note, the grave of Francis **Peasley** is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, in the region...older than any in Brookside, Bullock, the cemetery behind the Evangelical Church in Magog, Ives, Marlinton or Pine Hill, for example

So there you have it – four people who made a mark on Oliver Corner and Drummond Point.

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*Genealogy – disturbing the dead  
and irritating the living!*

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**GENEALOGY RESEARCHERS SHOULD SEARCH EBAY FOR LOST FAMILY ARTIFACTS AND INFORMATION**

For more information on how to find your genealogy treasures on e-bay check out this site:  
[http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/1107288/genealogy\\_researchers\\_should\\_search.html](http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/1107288/genealogy_researchers_should_search.html)

**FOUND ON EBAY - 1842 LETTER MAILED TO WEST BROME LOWER CANADA**  
Submitted by *Betty Burrows* [smellingsalts"at"hotmail.com](mailto:smellingsalts@hotmail.com)

While hunting on eBay in 2009, I was delighted to find an artifact for sale in the Brome, Quebec section of my eBay Search List. I often find old postcards of the towns and villages in my hunt, but this one was an 1842 letter written Sunday morning, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> 1842 by Daniel Spencer **Gilman** who was living in Lowell, Massachusetts at that time. It was sent by stage coach and perhaps by rail, to his brother, Roswell **Gilman** and his parents, Moses and Patience **Spencer Gilman**, who were all living in Brome, Lower Canada.

Daniel Spencer **Gilman** was born the eldest of seven children in 1816. He grew up on a

farm in Brome Township in what was then the colony of Lower Canada (Quebec).

The missing 1842 stamp was probably removed by a philatelist as the Frisco, Texas owner had picked up the old letter at a stamp show in Washington DC. The post office cancellation marks are from Lowell, Massachusetts and Stanstead, LC. (Lower Canada)

Because I knew that the **Gilman** family of Brome, Quebec was in my family tree, I decided to bid on the letter. First I checked with the Brome County Historical Society (BCHS), as I did not wish to bid against them. I was told to go ahead as the BCHS

does not participate in auctions. I won the letter with a bid of \$27.10 US and waited anxiously for the item to arrive.

I was thrilled to open the letter and read its contents. I scanned it for my genealogy records and donated it to the BCHS in Knowlton, Quebec. Arlene **Royea**, Managing Director wrote and *thanked* me for my donation.

*“She mentioned that my donated letter will fit in with those we already have from DSG (Daniel Spencer **Gilman**) who was born in 1816. He was 24 when the first letter we have was written. I am assuming you have seen the article in our **Volume 9 of Yesterdays**. The collection we have is from 1840-1850 so your letter will continue the story of Daniel Spencer **Gilman**.”*

Further research on the Internet led me to a few scholarly articles based entirely upon the letters mentioned in Arlene Royea’s letter to me. If one is interested in the social scene in a factory town of that era, you might enjoy reading the following article by J.I. Little. “A Canadian in Lowell: Labour, Manhood and Independence in the Early Industrial Era, 1840-1849”.

<http://www.historycooperative.org/journals/lt/48/08little.html>

Using Daniel Spencer **Gilman**’s letters as a backdrop, “Little” discusses the sociology of the working class in Lowell, Mass. along with Daniel Spencer **Gillman**’s personal observations of the beginning labour movement and the class system in general at that time. Very few such scholarly observations are available from that time period.

In the letter that I purchased, Spencer, as he was known, informs his younger brother Roswell **Gilman**, that he is not interested in farming at this time as he wishes to fill his life with adventure. Therefore he suggests that his brother sell his portion of the family farm in West Brome. Spencer then goes on to say -

*As I have not experienced enough of the rough and tumble of life to cause me to become wholly a Misanthrope, and as Society has some charms for me yet, I cannot but think other places have more enjoyment in store for me than Brome Woods, with its eternal snows and blighting frosts. Methinks I can see you now busily engaged making a road through the drifted Snow to your Wood Lot or nearest neighbor which will prove to be as lasting and as soon obliterated as the paths made by certain animals familiarly known and called rabbits.*

In the following section of the letter to his parents, Spencer writes,

*Greetings. You say I need not expect to see you this Winter, but I think you did not give much reason why. But as I consider myself a Yankee perhaps I may be allow’d to guess one. You say you hear that DSG is SC (?), but I should advise you to be cautious and not place too much credit upon the information of Dame **Brun**. For I should be very sorry to have you give credence to such a report, for during my residence here I have invariably found that wherever there was female beauty, there also might be found a large share of Coquetry and vain Conceit. Mother need not borrow any trouble in regard to high kicking girls, for I think I have Age, Sense and knowledge of the world enough to prevent me from being led very far astray. I attend one Institute regularly, which has been favor’d with a Lecture from the Hon. John Quincy Adams also one from Hon. Levi Woodbury US Senator. Likewise one from J B C Smith author of my Class Book of Anatomy which perhaps you may recollect. We have also been favoured with Lectures from Several distinguished professors and Durnes (?). If Father has worn his Almanac out I can send him a different one and yet full of the Comic.*

*We have three Canary Birds in our Watch House at this minute, which are singing quite merrily. Also a Cat. But my favorite is*

*a Raccoon, which we have paid three dollars for. He is 6 or 8 months old and as tame and as playful as a Puppy. I am sure it would amuse you to see how ingeniously he will introduce his paws into every pocket about your Person in search of raisins, nuts etc. He is now at play with the Cat. So you will perceive that the Watchmen have quite a family to look after and to amuse them. I remain Yours ever, DS Gilman*

Spencer found work in the cotton mills of Lowell, Mass as so many other Canadians did. He survived typhus fever there in 1841 and appears next employed in a watch house. When he had fully recovered from his illness he returned to his job in the cotton mills.

In 1849 Spencer **Gilman** travelled to the California gold rush to seek adventure and his fortune. However his letters to his family cease shortly after that and it has been suggested that he died there of typhus fever, a disease that he had survived the first time in Lowell, in 1841.

Although my DS **Gilman** letter appears a little trite compared to his other published letters, it does reveal that he is extremely well educated (perhaps self-educated) and is continuing his pursuit of self-improvement. He has a biting sense of humour and enjoys living in close contact with animals.

*Betty Burrows September 20, 2011*



<http://blogfinder.genealogue.com/>

Blogs can help you search smart and find more information about your ancestors.



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<http://www.one-name.org/>

... is the world's leading organization for one-name studies. A one-name study is a project researching facts about a surname and all the people who have held it, as opposed to a particular pedigree (the ancestors of one person) or descendency (the descendants of one person or couple).

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- E-mail addresses listed in their e-magazine and then bombarding them with spam.
- In order to use the e-mail address above change “at” to @.

**THOMAS HENRY MORTON AND CHRISTINA "AITCHISON" MORTON**

Submitted by *Patricia Sullivan* [psslp"at"hotmail.com](mailto:psslp@hotmail.com)

What I thought would be a quick search for my mom's long lost favourite uncle turned out to be anything but. It did, however, lead me on a long winding exploration of the many branches of my family ancestry. Today's online searches permit fast retrieval of once difficult to access archives. What was not expected when I started on this project was to connect with living descendents of so many of those branches of the tree and share the history and the stories of family with them. This summer I met cousins (2<sup>nd</sup> cousin 3 times removed) of the **Aitchison** family tree we are both researching. It was somewhat magical to actually meet descendents carrying on the name of one of my own ancestors. Laverne and Jim **Aitchison** of British Columbia shared their many years of family research, sorting out the William, James, John and Robert family forenames. What makes this family connection so interesting and what makes the whole study of family histories come full circle is that Jim (or James) **Aitchison** is the name of the ancestor I was looking for in Quebec's Eastern Townships in the mid 1800's.



James **Aitchison** b abt 1816

"My" James, who came as a boy of 7 (about 1823) with his family from Roxburghshire Scotland, settled with them in and around Montreal, his father presumably working in the ship building trade. At some point James' father moved to Granby, just east of Montreal. James married Ann JANE **McDonald** in St Ours, Abbotsford Quebec in 1841 and moved to manage a farm holding in the Burlington, Vermont region shortly after. One child was born in the Eastern Townships of Quebec and 5 more in Vermont. James moved back to the Granby area with 5 of his 6 children shortly after his wife Jane died in Vermont about 1861. His daughter Mary Jane **Aitchison** married John **Colby** 21 Mar 1864 at Colchester, Chittenden, Vermont. By 1871, James, still identified as widowed in the census, has 4 of his children living with him, the youngest who was "Annie" (age 12). Annie, or Christina, as she was known in our family histories, met Thomas Henry **Morton**, a carpenter and cabinet builder. They married in 1888 when Christina was age 29 and Thomas Henry was 23. The Wedding photos show a handsome couple in the prime of their lives. They presumably met through Christina's brothers who also worked in the carpentry, building or wood working trade.



Christina (Annie) **Aitchison**

Marriage Certificate Ann Jane **McDonald**    Death Certificate Colchester, Chittenden, Vermont

<p>St. Paul d'Abbotsford, Quebec                  James <b>Aitchison</b>, farmer, Granby, a major &amp;                  Ann Jane <b>McDonald</b>, spinster of St. Ours,                  were after publication of Banns married on                  this the 12 Nov, 1842 (signed) R. <b>Miles</b>                  James <b>Aitchison</b>, Anne Jane <b>McDonald</b>                  Wit: William <b>Aitchison</b> &amp; Agnes <b>Ainslie</b></p>	<p>Full name of deceased - <b>Atchinson, Jane</b>                  Age 38 yrs. 6 mos. 6 days                  Birthplace Colchester                  Father's Name _____ <b>Campbell</b>                  Date of death 1864 Aug 11                  Disease Causing Death - Chronic Diarrhea                  Place Colchester Wm, <b>Kidder</b> - Town Clerk</p>
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Thomas **Morton** and Christina **Aitchison**  
Wedding Day 13 Sept 1888 Granby, Quebec



James Bertram, Charles, Mildred  
**Morton** 1899

The young couple moved to Montreal South (just south of the isle of Montreal across the river, also named Longueuil). The couple had five children, three who lived into adulthood and raised families of their own in the Montreal area. Tom **Morton** worked for the CNR when he retired. Christina's name continued to vary in the census records, sometimes listed as "Ina" or "Iva". Careful consideration of some records was necessary as there was another "Ina **Morton**" in the Montreal area at a similar time. Christina died in 1934 and Tom in 1944.



Thomas **Morton**  
Christina "Aitchison" **Morton**



Taken at Granby, Que, August 12, 1911  
At Uncle Charlie **Aitchison**'s home,  
Corner Elgin & Ottawa Sts.

- Mother, (Christina **Aitchison**)
- Bro Bert (Bertram **Morton**)
- Aunt Agnes (**Ainslie**, Charles **Aitchison** wife)
- Father, Thomas **Morton**
- Sister Hazel **Morton**
- Uncle Charlie (**Aitchison**)
- Aunt Betsy **Butterfield**

*Taken at Granby, Que, August 12<sup>th</sup> 1911  
at Uncle Charlie Aitchison's home, Cor Elgin & Ottawa Sts.  
MOTHER - BRO. BERT - AUNT AGNES, FATHER - SISTER HAZEL -  
UNCLE CHARLIE - AUNT BETSEY BUTTERFIELD.*

The **Morton** family maintained their links to the Eastern Townships with visits to Granby to visit Christina's brother Charles **Aitchison** ("Uncle Charlie" as the **Morton** children came to know him) and holidays to Brome Lake just south of the Granby area. The three **Morton** children, James Bertram, Charles Edward, and Hazel, carried on the connections to the Eastern Townships by holidaying in the area with their families through the 1940's.

Although I was born in Montreal, (granddaughter of James Bertram **Morton** and Dorothy Scott **Kilgour**), and lived with my family in the growing west end of Montreal, I never knew of this **Aitchison** family history until just last year. With the **Aitchison** presence in the Eastern Townships, I find some pride in the connection to this place and its time in Canadian history.

*Patty Sullivan*

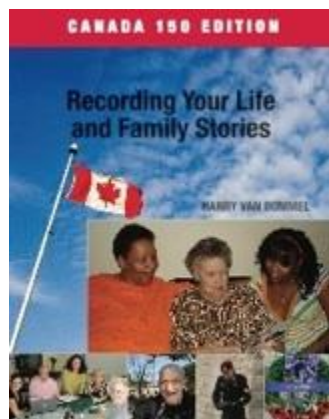
(James **Aitchison**, 1816-1891) was my second great grandfather

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# CANADA 150

OUR STORIES      OUR CANADA      [http://www.canada150.com/Canada\\_150/Home.html](http://www.canada150.com/Canada_150/Home.html)  
Check out the link above to see how you, your parents and your children can participate.

Canada 150 is Canada's largest history gathering project ever. It is a collaborative effort of organizations and individuals committed to recording Canadian family and community histories as our gift to our country on its **150<sup>th</sup> birthday--July 1, 2017.**



The boomers and their children have rarely kept diaries, journals, letters or other documents. We may have thousands of photos stored on our computers but we have few documents that tell our stories.

Our parents and grandparents wrote letters because long distance telephone calls were too expensive. They kept diaries and journals because they were not distracted by hundreds of television channels, email and teleconferencing.

You and your parents and children need to record your stories and ensure that they are safely stored forever. Canada 150 is a national project to encourage them to do exactly that in time for our 150th birthday as a nation. By depositing our stories in our national Library and Archives Canada, we will give our families, community and entire country a gift that is invaluable.

What a legacy that will be!

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## GENEALOGY

"In all of us there is a hunger, marrow deep, to know our heritage – to know who we are and where we came from. Without this enriching knowledge, there is a hollow yearning. No matter what our attainments in life, there is still a vacuum, an emptiness, and the most disquieting loneliness." *Alex Haley - Roots*



## QUERIES:

Kathy Campbell      [KatGCamp@bellsouth.net](mailto:KatGCamp@bellsouth.net)

I'm descended from Isaiah and Elizabeth (Niles) Sweet through their son, Stephen and Sarah (Pratt) Sweet, and then their son, Jonathan P. and Effie Ann (Hardy) Sweet. I'm also descended from Josiah and Mary (Mills) Pratt, as well as Michael and Sarah Hardy (I only have their names from Effie's death certificate; nothing else).

Kathy

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On Tue, May 10, 2011 at 3:33 PM, Shelley Prelusky [sprelusky@telus.net](mailto:sprelusky@telus.net) wrote:

**HEY this is so cool. I just had to tell you how great we think your newsletter is. I noticed you mentioned the Brome Books (2 Vols.) by Rev. Ernest Taylor....awesome because I have both books. My cousin Gertie (Mills) Rublee had them and passed them along. She was dau. of the Mayor Ernest Mills of Knowlton for a while. She willed them to my Grandfather Thomas S. Mills who helped Rev. Taylor with some info. on Moses Mills our Ancestor. Thomas had Moses Mills bible but it's now missing.**

Thanks again, and I've subscribed...

Shelley (nee Mills) Prelusky

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## **Montreal Gazette**

<http://www.montrealgazette.com/news/Reconstructing+Townships+past/4743360/story.html>

### **Reconstructing the Townships' past**

By ROBERT J. GALBRAITH, Montreal Gazette May 7, 2011



The Des Rivières covered bridge on the Pike River was built in 1884 and is one of two remaining examples in Quebec constructed in the Howe truss style. Conservation group Héritage Stanbridgeois is trying to protect the bridge by urging the province to classify it a historic monument.

Photograph by: Robert J. Falbraith, Montreal Gazette

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## Online Family Trees: A Genealogist's Dream or Nightmare?

<http://elysesgenealogyblog.com/online-family-trees-a-genealogists-dream-or-nightmare/>

It is normal to get stuck somewhere and need the extra push that can come from using someone else's information as a **GUIDE** or **CLUE**. This does not mean the information you find in someone else's tree is **FACT** – it might be – but you have to **PROVE** it using real records, documents, and sources.



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## Are You Part of the Solution?

<http://familytrees.wordpress.com/2011/03/09/are-you-part-of-the-solution/>

The Internet is both a boon and a bane to genealogical research. While it is easier to communicate and discover than ever before, it is also easier for lousy research to spread. What is harder to ignore is something that looks plausible — especially if it's something we've been looking for some length of time. Get desperate enough and one can completely overlook the lack of sources on the tree that was just found. Or, what sometimes happens, someone will add a "theory" to a tree, and then someone else reads it and — voilà — it morphs into "fact."

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## Richmond County Historical Society Launches Calendar

<http://www.richmondcountyhistoricalsociety.com/calendar2011.htm>

Richmond County Historical Society (RCHS) recently launched a commemorative 16- month bilingual calendar. The September 2011 to December 2012 calendar features churches from Davidson Hill in the west, Trout Brook in the east, Sydenham in the north and Brompton in the south. Only a few of these country churches remain while the churches in the towns of the area have undergone major changes.

For further information, contact Esther Healy at 819-826-2793, Nick Fonda at 819-826-2534 or Townshippers' Association (Townships Expressions) at 819-566-5717

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## Missisquoi Historical Society

<http://www.museemissisquoi.ca/a11.html>

H.E. Wallings 1864 Map - CD version (David Ellis) - Carte H.E. Wallings 1864 (CD).

\$25.00 & S/H \$9.00

Please make cheques payable to Missisquoi Historical Society

2 River Street

Stanbridge East, QC J0J 2H0

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## Lennoxville Hero Featured in Canada's History Magazine

<http://townshipheritage.com/news/lennoxville-hero-featured-canadas-history-magazine>

An obscure railway man by the name of William Best (1856-1934), who was a resident of Lennoxville, and who was credited with saving the lives of 500 people in a terrible fire in Hinckley, Minnesota, in 1894, that the Canadian history magazine *Canada's History* (formerly known as *The Beaver*) has published an article spotlighting Best's remarkable act of bravery.

For a complete on-line version of the article in *Canada's History*, along with the audio interview with Jim Belknap, visit <http://www.canadashistory.ca>.

# PUBLICATIONS

We have included a listing of available books for sale. For ordering purposes, a contact has been provided next to the publisher's name. Please be sure to ask about shipping and handling. The editor of this newsletter is not responsible for orders.

<b>NEIL BROADHURST - AUTHOR</b>	<a href="mailto:broadhurst@shaw.ca">broadhurst@shaw.ca</a>
Protestant Marriages of the District of Bedford, QC 1804-1879	

<b>KATHLEEN BROCK - AUTHOR</b>	<a href="http://www.qfhs.ca">www.qfhs.ca</a>
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

<b>COLBY CURTIS MUSEUM/STANSTEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>	
<a href="http://www.colbycurtis.ca/eng/archives.html">http://www.colbycurtis.ca/eng/archives.html</a>	
1825 Census, Stanstead County	\$10.00
1861 Census for Stanstead Township and Stanstead Plain	\$25.00
Marriage Contracts/Contrat de mariage from/de 1840-1950 at/a Stanstead - <i>Stanstead Historical Society</i>	\$20.00
Sherbrooke Daily Record Vital Statistics, Vol. 1 & 2, 1897-1906 – <i>Elane Wilson</i>	Price
Stanstead County Vital Statistics, Vol. I-II, 1845-1963 – <i>Elizabeth Brock Tilton &amp; Wilson</i>	Varies
Forest and Clearings – The History of Stanstead County, reprint – <i>H.B. Hubbard</i>	\$38.00
Wills/Les Testaments – from/de 1840-1950 – at/a Stanstead	\$20.00

<b>MATTHEW FARFAN - AUTHOR</b>	<a href="mailto:mf@qahn.org">mf@qahn.org</a>
On Lake and River - stunning bilingual book (208) pages on the history of the Eastern Townships	\$36.70
Cemetery Heritage in Quebec	\$12.00

<b>SHARON OSGOOD NORTON - AUTHOR</b>	
<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/granbynewspaperextracts/">https://sites.google.com/site/granbynewspaperextracts/</a>	
Granby & Eastern Townships Newspaper Extract 1855 – 1910	<b>CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE</b> \$40.00

## Ray Baillie & Diana Baillie – Author

- Scottish Imprints – Ray Baillie – Montreal: Price Patterson, 2010  
ISBN 978-1897336-47-2 \$30.00
- Imprints I: Discovering the Historic Face of English Quebec (Montreal, the Laurentians, The Outaouais, South-west Quebec, The Richelieu Valley,) 2001 ISBN 1-896881-27-0 \$34.95
- Imprints II: Discovering the Historic Face of English Quebec (The Eastern Townships)  
ISBN 1-896881-31-9 \$34.95
- Imprints III: Discovering the Historic Face of English Quebec (Quebec City & Environs, Saguenay, North Shore, Gaspè) 2004 ISBN 1-896881-43-2 \$34.95

**SHERBROOKE NEWSPAPERS** - and surrounding area from the later 1800s into the early 1900s.

<http://andersononline.net/~ardron/index.htm>

## Quebec and the Eastern Townships of Quebec Genealogy Websites:

### Links to the Eastern Townships of Quebec

- <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Hills/9917/lketgen.htm>
- <http://www.genealogie.org/club/sqce/accueille.htm>
- <http://www.townshipsheritage.com/home.html>

### Marlene Simmons Website <http://simmons.b2b2c.ca/>

- 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.

### THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS RESEARCH CENTRE

For further information on the Eastern Townships Research Centre, Jody Robinson may be reached at (819) 822-9600, ext. 2261, or at [etrc2@ubishops.ca](mailto:etrc2@ubishops.ca). Website [www.etrc.ca](http://www.etrc.ca)

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

- <http://www.townshipsheritage.com/Eng/Articles/Research/etrc.html>

### RESEARCHING YOUR "ANGLO" ROOTS IN MONTREAL

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

### Canadian Genealogy and History Links

- <http://islandnet.com/~jveinot/cghl/quebec.html>

### 19th Century indexed vitals from Sherbrooke, QC newspapers

- <http://andersononline.net/~ardron/>

### Missisquoi Historical Society:

- <http://museemissisquoi.ca>

**Newspaper search engine** for back issues of many Eastern Township newspapers, such as Waterloo Advertiser, Granby Leader, Stanstead Journal, Coaticook Observer News and Eastern Townships Advocate and the Sherbrooke Telegram

- [http://news.google.com/archivesearch/advanced\\_search](http://news.google.com/archivesearch/advanced_search)

**1851/52 Canadian Census** The census planned for 1851 was not carried out until 1852, so it is variously referred to as the 1851 Census and the 1852 Census

- <http://automatedgenealogy.com/census52/>

### Quebec 1870 notary records.

Quebec National Archives have released some FREE, fully-indexed notarial records. Click on "Index des noms" on the left-side menu for an alphabetical listing.

- [http://bibnum2.banq.qc.ca/bna/notaires/05S\\_CN502S2/index.html?region=05S&district=502](http://bibnum2.banq.qc.ca/bna/notaires/05S_CN502S2/index.html?region=05S&district=502)

**1891 Canadian Census.** This new online database provides researchers access to digitized images of original 1891 Canadian census returns:

- <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/census-1891/index-e.html>

### GOOGLE SEARCH ENGINE

The [Basic Search Help](#) article covers all the most common issues,

- <http://www.google.com/support/websearch/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=136861>