

## 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 .

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It all started with an Ancestry DNA connection from Australia for our Irish family who emigrated to Sherbrooke, Quebec in 1928. (see page 11)

This led to an Anderson-Matthews family meeting in Hamilton, Ontario where I met Bob Matthews whose mother is Margaret Cowan. As I like to feature an area of the Eastern Townships for the ETQC I asked Bob if their family was connected to Cowansville, Quebec?. He wasn't sure so we started to do a little digging to see if there was a connection – possibly checking some of the sources available we could find a link. Sharing first about the origin of the Cowan name and the history of Cowansville.

Then there was a Scots-Toberfest at the Red Mountain Library in Mesa, Arizona I was attending. I thought I would take some of my Scottish books to help some of the attendees at the fair. One of the books I like to refer to is "How the Scots Created Canada" – author Paul "Cowan". While helping one of the attendees there I was surprised that she was looking for her Cowan connection in Nova Scotia. (We haven't checked this one out yet).

So it was serendipity that I should checkout the Cowan Connection!

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## COWAN MEANING AND ORIGIN

Scottish: reduced form of McCowen. This interesting name, widespread in Scotland and Ulster, is an Anglicized form of the old Gaelic MacEoghain or MacEoin. The Gaelic prefix "mac" means "son of", plus the personal name Eoghan from the old Celtic "Oue (i)n", well-born, but believed to derive ultimately from the Greek "Eugenious", "born lucky" or "well-born". In Ireland Eugene replaced Eoin, the old Irish form of John, and the various patronymic forms of the name include MacOwen, MacCown, MacCone, MacKeown. The forms Cowan, Cowen and Kewon resulted from the subsequent loss of the "Mac" prefix.



Cowan Connections:

<http://surnames.meaning-of-names.com/genealogy/cowan/>

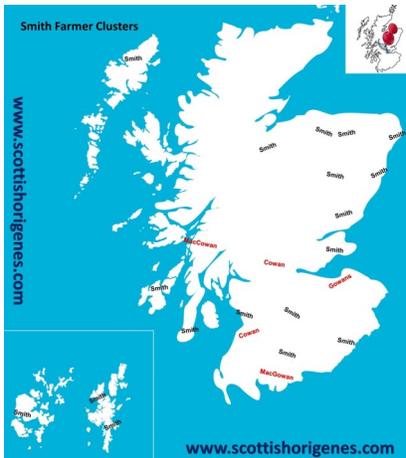
<https://cowangenealogy.weebly.com/>

## TYRONE BOWES OF IRISHORIGENES—[HTTP://WWW.IRISHORIGENES.COM/](http://www.irishorigenes.com/)

The Y-DNA test can distinguish between each group on the maps. Since surnames arose among tribal groups of related males living in a specific location it means that a McGowan from Donegal will match McGees, McLaughlins and Dohertys upon Y-DNA testing (surnames associated with Northwest West Ireland). While a MacCowan from the Isle of Skye will be a genetic match to Mathesons, MacPhees and MacInnes; surnames associated with the Western Isles of Scotland. So each Cowan/Gowan group will have their own fingerprint of genetically matching surnames revealed upon Y-DNA testing? That is how one pinpoints an origin.

Scottish 'Smith, MacGowan, MacCowan, Gowan and Cowan.' There are nearly 800 farmers called Smith in early 19th Century Scotland and they fall into 18 major clusters (shown here). In Ireland the Gaelic Irish surname 'McGowan' becomes Smith upon translation and this may have occurred in some instances in Scotland. If you are a Scottish Smith then commercial ancestral DNA testing can determine which of these 18 clusters of Smiths you descend from (or whether you were originally a MacGowan, MacCowan, Cowan or Gowan).

Contact Scottish Origenes to find out how <http://www.scottishorigenes.com/contact-me>

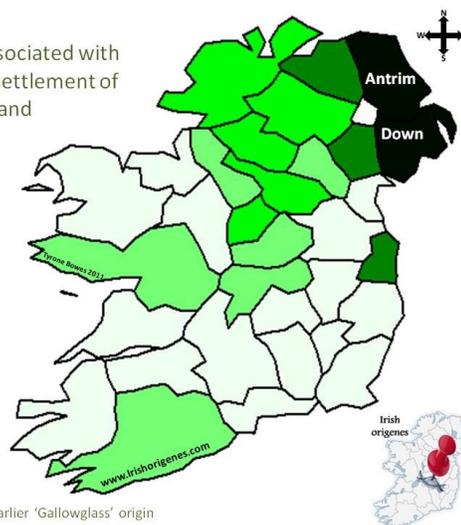
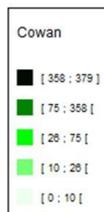


Each surname is positioned based on where farmers with each surname concentrate in early census data. MacGowan translates as 'Smith.' I've included surnames that could also have become Smith.

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

### Cowan

A Scottish Surname associated with 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Century settlement of Northern Ireland



Note: Some 'Cowan's' may be of earlier 'Gallowglass' origin

## COWANSVILLE

Town, pop 12 182 (2006c), 12 032 (2001c), inc 1931. Cowansville is located on the southern fork of Rivière Yamaska in the EASTERN TOWNSHIPS of Québec. Its earlier names were Nelsonville and Churchville, before it was finally named after Scotsman Peter Cowan, the area's first postmaster, storekeeper and sheriff. It was originally settled by LOYALISTS, the first was Captain Jacob Ruiter arriving from New York State in 1798. Two years later he opened a sawmill and a flourmill. Its present population is predominantly French-speaking, with a substantial English-speaking presence.

Map Source: [bbcCanada.com](http://bbcCanada.com)



## **Cowansville, Qué,**

Cowansville was an agricultural, textile and furniture-making centre until 1940, when it underwent industrial diversification. Situated about 20 km from the US border and 85 km southeast of MONTRÉAL, it has attracted several large companies based in the northern United States and Ontario. Textiles companies continue to be the major employers by far. Other main employers include manufacturers of skis, hockey sticks and consumer plastics; there is also activity in the printing industry. Institut de Cowansville, a federal penitentiary, employs a large professional work force. The town's preserved Victorian architecture and proximity to Mont Brome are enduring year-round tourist attractions.

## IS PETER COWAN RELATED TO THOMAS COWAN OF BERKSHIRE, VERMONT?

Upon meeting Bob Matthews in Hamilton, Ontario this fall I was curious if his Cowan family were connected to the Cowans of Cowansville, Quebec.

Upon reviewing the following information, I have concluded that Peter Cowan a Scotsman and Bob Matthews Irish ancestry do not connect to the Cowansville family listed below.

Peter Cowan (c.1816-1880), a Scottish merchant from Montreal who settled in Missisquoi County in 1836. He and his Irish wife, Jane Elizabeth Hackett, had six children. Peter Cowan operated a store and the first post office in Nelsonville and served as Sheriff of the District of Bedford. It was in Peter Cowan's honour that Nelsonville was renamed Cowansville.

### **MARRIAGE: DROUIN RECORDS**

Peter Cowan and Jane Hackett:

Peter Cowan of the Townships of Dunham, Merchant and Jane L. Hackett of Montreal together were by License from His Excellency Archibald Esq of Gosford joined in the Holy Banns of Matrimony on the Twenty-Eight day of November One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Six by Me Aby Meathison

SIGNED: P Cowan Jane E. Hackett

WITNESSES: Wm Cowan, James Cowan

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### **COWAN-MATTHEWS of Sherbrooke, Quebec** contact: Bob Matthews [rivers3@albedo.net](mailto:rivers3@albedo.net)

Bob Matthews knew that his mother Margaret Elizabeth Cowan born in Sherbrooke, Quebec married Robert James Matthews in 1946.



Working from the known to the unknown we find that Margaret's Cowans father John Russell Cowan born 1898 married Ruby Jennie Burroughs on 29 Nov 1924 in Coaticook, Compton County, Quebec.

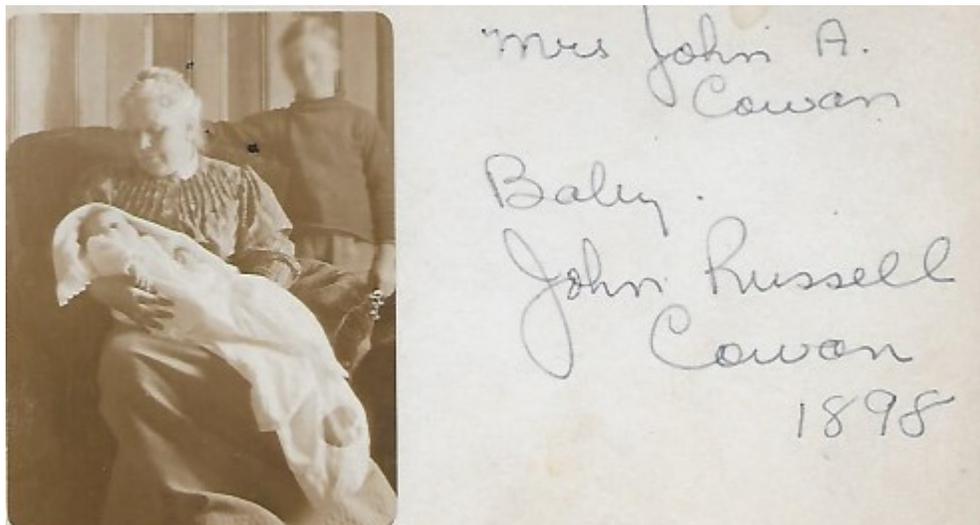
John Russell Cowan and Ruby Jennie Burroughs

Some of the information below was gleaned from the recollections of Margaret Cowan (Matthews) Huffman April 26, 1996.



14 20's  
1920 John Andrew Cowan  
John Russell Cowan

John Russell's father, John Andrew Cowan born 31 July 1861 Berkshire, Vermont m 25 Oct 1887 in Huntingville, Quebec to Anna Marie Ayer born 15 Nov 1863. Anna Marie Ayer arrived in Boston as a bonded maid servant. John Cowan met Anna Marie Ayer when she was living in Boston with her sister. They were married on 25 Oct 1887 and lived in Boston for several years before returning to live on a small farm in Moe's River, Compton County. Later they moved to Ives Hill to a farm across from the grave yard. This home was called Grandview in the early 1900's. Around 1920 John Russell purchased the farm know as Cedar Lodge where the Raycrafts now live and were we grew up. John Andrew and Anna Marie Cowan bought a small farm in Milby, which is just over the covered bridge on the top of the hill. After a few years due to failing health, they sold this farm and moved to a small house in Huntingville, which is now the Crosby home. Later they moved in with their daughter Hazel at the Asher farm where they spent most of their final days.



Photos courtesy of Bob Matthews

## COWAN-AYERS of WATERVILLE, Quebec

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The Ayers were a local family living in Waterville and Lennoxville. Anna's father owned a glove factory in Lennoxville It later became the H.S. Bean Glove Company where Margaret Cowan-Matthews worked in 1956-1960. The Ayers family lived in a large stone house next to the old factory. Anna Marie's brother Allen lived in this house until his death.

Now John Andrew Cowan was the son of Thomas C. Cowan and Eliza Brown. (Eliza Brown came from County Armagh, Ireland) Eliza was born about 1823 and died 20 Aug 1870, Bakersfield, Franklin County, Vermont. Thomas C. Cowan was born about 1800 in Sligo County, Northern Ireland and arrived in Quebec about 1842. He settled in West Berkshire, Franklin County, Vermont in 1845. Thomas C Cowan and Eliza Brown were married in 1851 at Abbott's Corner, Quebec. Thomas Cowan died 20 Aug 1870. Thomas and Eliza are buried at Maple Grove Cemetery, Bakersfield, Franklin County, Vermont. (There are 17 Cowans in this cemetery)

### **Marriage: John Andrew Cowan (Drouin Records)**

Married by License this twenty fifth day of October year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven John Andrews Cowan of Boston, Massachusetts, son of Thomas Cowan (lamented) and Eliza Brown his wife, widow living in Bakersfield, Franklin County, Vermont and Anna Marie Ayer of Moe's River, Compton County P.Q. daughter of the J Ayer and Elizabeth Bellam his wife both of Moe's River, Compton County, Province of Quebec. Married by me in Baptist Chapel Moe's River P.Q. in presence of Officiating Minister G.W. McLaughlin

Witnesses: Wm H Hunting

Matthew ????

John A. Cowan

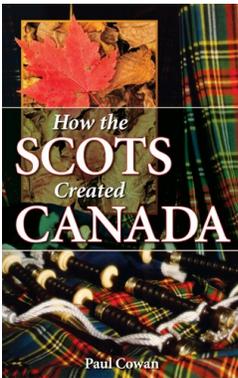
Anna M. Cowan

### **Death: John Andrew Cowan (Drouin Records)**

John Andrew Cowan of the village of Huntingville, Township of Ascot, County of Sherbrooke and Province of Quebec, a son of Thomas Cowan and his wife Eliza Brown, both formerly of the Village of Berkshire, Vermont USA, was born on the thirty first day of July, A.D. one thousand nine hundred sixty-one at Berkshire, Vermont, USA. The aforesaid John Andrew Cowan departed this life on July the twentieth A.D. one thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight.

Some of the names connected to the Cowan family are: Hopkins, Turnbull, Philip, Noble, Barnes, Ashe, Allen, Tuttle, McManus, Daintrey, Coates, McClaren, Coburn.

I contacted the author Paul Cowan who wrote *How the Scots Created Canada* and he was more than willing to share his knowledge of his Cowans of Scotland.



Paul Cowan is a Scottish-Canadian journalist and writer. Raised in Lanarkshire, Scotland. He left Scotland to hitch-hike across Canada and on his return to Scotland became editor of the Campbeltown Courier. He then returned to Canada where he was given a job at the Edmonton Sun Newspaper. He covered the activities of Canadian troops in Kosovo and Afghanistan before leaving the newspaper to write the non-fiction books “How the Scots Created Canada” and “Scottish Military Disasters”. He then worked as a media advisor to the Saskatchewan government before returning to writing. As a freelance writer, Cowan has contributed to most of the major media outlets in the United Kingdom and Canada. In 2015, he edited the memoir of a soldier from the Highland Light Infantry called *With Wellington in the Peninsula*.

The Scots who populated the New World that became Canada brought vitality and a unique character to a vast land. Adventurous, hardworking and sometimes outrageous, the earliest Scots settlers were rejuvenated by later waves of immigration. Their spirit epitomized a central theme of progress and development that permeates our culture and sense of home. Some even believe the Scots from the Orkney Islands were the first Europeans to land here. Or did they crew boats with the Vikings or St. Brendan?

Their numbers filled every province, and we remember famous and familiar names, such as Sanford Fleming, Hugh Allan, Alexander Keith, Robert Service and Alexander MacKenzie. The rogues and scallywags might be less well known, but their stories give great colour to our past. Even Sir John A. MacDonald, Canada's first prime minister and the best-known Father of Confederation, faced scandal and turmoil during his tenure. Still, Canada's Scots brought you the RCMP, the telephone and standard time.

Paul Cowan takes us on an insightful, often irreverent journey from the earliest days of exploration and fur trading through the centuries of Canadian history.

## Cowan—Paul Cowan

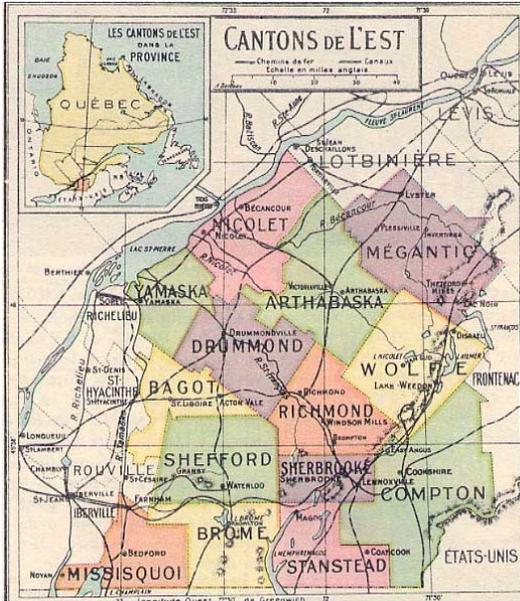
Sadly, I don't think I'm going to be of much help. My great-grandpa Cowan was killed in 1915 and his widow remarried, the widower Kirkpatrick who lived in the apartment above her, and does not appear to have passed on much about her previous husband or his family. My grandfather's sister in Australia's daughters did a bit of work on a family tree and reckon we're descended from the Cowans of County Down in Northern Ireland, as are most of the Cowans in the United States. Instead of crossing the Atlantic with a lot of other Ulster Scots, our branch of the Cowans returned to Scotland, which at some point must have been the ancestral home. My Cowans probably came back from Ireland in the early or mid-1800s.

Years ago, on a really boring shift at work, I compiled a Cowan Quotient for the various local authority areas of Scotland, based on the number of Cowans in the phone book divided by the total electoral roll. The greatest concentration of Cowans was in south-east Lowlands of Scotland - Ayrshire and Galloway. There was a puzzling hot-spot in Dundee. I suspect with Dundee having a lot of passenger traffic from the Baltic in the old days that these Cowans started life as Jewish Cohens and either changed their name voluntarily or had it changed for them by immigration officers. I seem to recall that many Quebec franco-phones pronounce the Cowan as Cohen.

I suspect there is more than one source of the name Cowan. My feeling is that several Gaelic and Highland family names were eventually anglicized as Cowan; MacCowan, MacEwan, MacOwen, MacGowan, MacComhain, Macillechomhghain, etc. The lack of Cowans around Loch Lomond seems to me to cast doubt on any major link between the bulk of the Cowans with the Colquhouns of Luss. The same goes for supposed links with the Macdougalls of Northern Argyll; there is no large concentration of them in the old clan territory around Oban. Galloway was once Gaelic speaking and that is where I suspect the majority of the Cowans originated. The name is most common per head of population in neighbouring Ayrshire, but possibly that is because of people migrating from Galloway for employment.

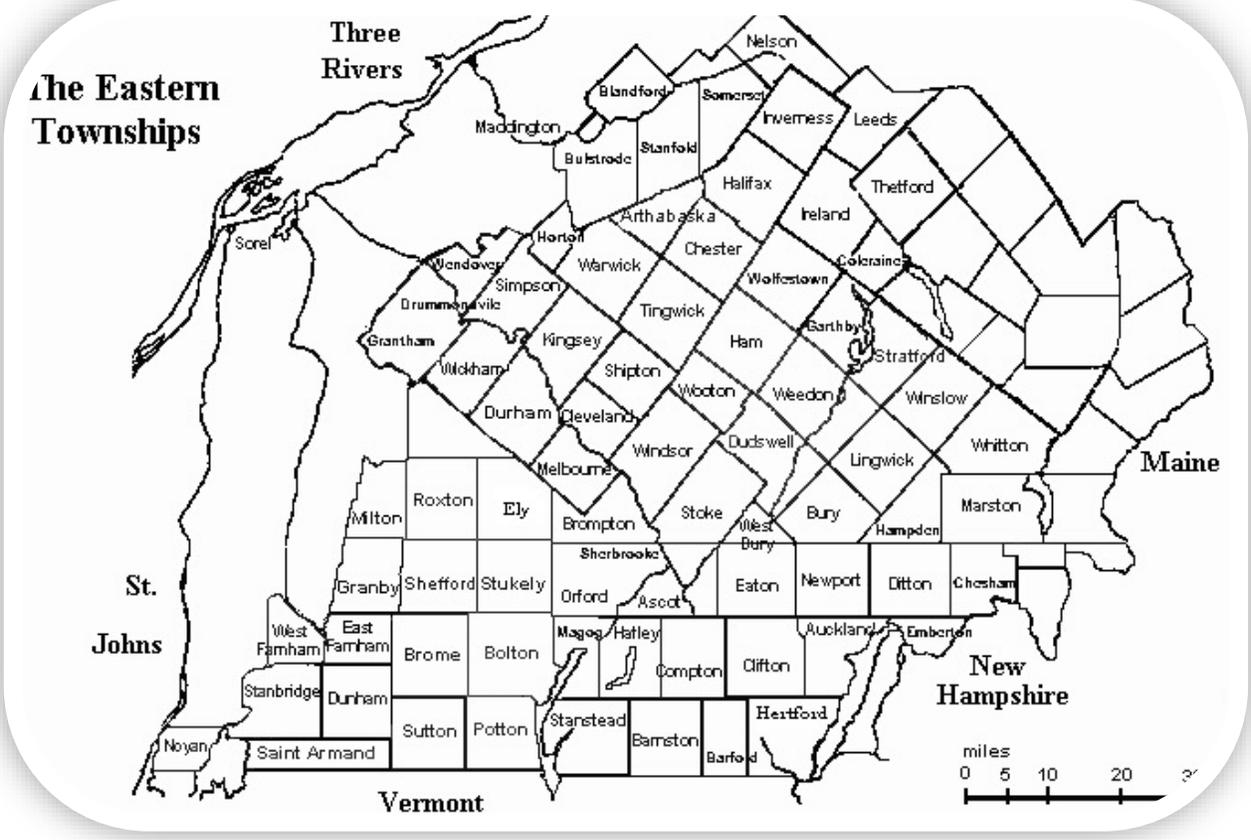
The Freemason's word for the non-initiated is Cowan. Cowan is also an old Scots word for a builder of un-mortared stone walls, drystone dykes. Another source may be the Gaelic name for a metal worker - Gobhuinn. But neither of these occupation-based surnames explains to large numbers of Cowans in south-east Scotland.

If you are interesting in buying either "How the Scots Created Canada" or "Scottish Military Disasters", Amazon.ca list both.



## Cantons de L'Est 1956 Eastern Townships Counties

Source: <http://www.brazoriaroots.com/photos/quebecetmap.jpg>



## The Eastern Townships

Source: [http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vermontgenealogyresources/Maps/Map\\_of\\_Eastern\\_Townships.jpg](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vermontgenealogyresources/Maps/Map_of_Eastern_Townships.jpg)

## DNA CONNECTS SIBLINGS AND COUSINS ACROSS THREE CONTINENTS



Photo courtesy of Myles Flynn

And now the rest of the story and how this all got started.....

In July 2017 I was contacted by Robynne Mitchell of Australia. Robynne's niece is married to Robert (Rob) Matthews. As Rob knew little about his family and Robynne was a genealogist she suggested Rob do an Ancestry DNA test. Robynne found a match to our family through Ancestry DNA. Our family stories confirmed that we were definitely connected to the Anderson/Matthews families.

Our story was pieced together from memories provided by Jim Aitchison's mom, Charlotte Anderson. Alex Heron of Quebec answered a query we posted in the Sherbrooke newspaper requesting anyone related to Charlotte and Ron Aitchison to join us for their 50th wedding anniversary in 1982, Alex related that Charlotte's 1st cousin William Matthews lived in Rock Forest, Quebec. Alex filled us in on some of the family lore. On our visit to Sherbrooke in the 1990's we contacted William (Bill) Matthews and we were lucky enough to visit "Bill" who shared his memories of the Matthews/Anderson families.

Their stories matched the information Robynne Mitchell gleaned from researching the Matthews family. (continued on next page)

Laverne Aitchison

# ROBERT JAMES MATTHEWS

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Robert James Matthews (b 1926) emigrated from County Down, Northern Ireland to Sherbrooke, Quebec in 1928. He married Margaret Elizabeth Cowan in 1946 (see page 5). They had two sons, Robert (Bob) John Matthews (b 1947) and Steven Alexander Matthews (b 1948) in Sherbrooke, Quebec. Bob's granddaughter Brandi was curious about her family roots and took the Ancestry DNA which led to the connection of his half brother Rob Matthews of Australia – which was a complete surprise to both families! Bob's response *"It is definitely a surprise to find a close relative especially a brother after so many years. The internet and DNA have many surprises. All of this happened because my grand daughter went looking for her family tree and when she got a response she emailed her great grandmother, and this was when I got involved and emailed Robynne."*

Rob Matthews was thrilled to have finally found a significant person from his past. His father Robert James Matthews (b 1926) 2nd marriage to Irene Boucher produced two 2 children; Shirley Matthews, and Robert (Rob) Matthews. When Rob's family arrived from Australia in Canada in September 2017 there were many unanswered questions and lots of family connections made by Rob and his children. Robynne has done an amazing job helping Rob piece the puzzle together for the family reunion in Hamilton, Ontario.

Rob lost contact with his parents at a very young age. His mother Irene Boucher (b 1930) moved from Albany, New York back to her mother's hometown Sherbrooke, Quebec in 1935. Rob migrated to Australia and his family connections remained a mystery. We know that the Boucher's settled in Sherbrooke, Quebec but have not located Shirley yet. The Obit of Irene's sister Madame Laurette Boucher Létourneau, daughter of the late Alphonse Boucher and Delphine Petit, wife of the late Guy Létourneau, residing in Sherbrooke, died October 21, 2015 at the age of 86 years. (Could the daughter listed in Laurette's obit be the Shirley we are looking for?)

Some of the names connected to the Matthews family are:

Leith, Parsons, **Veilleux** of Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Kirkwood, Johnson, Munn, Melvin, Burns of County Down, Ireland.

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## ANCESTRY DNA CONNECTS SIBLINGS AND COUSINS ACROSS THREE CONTINENTS



Photo courtesy of Myles Flynn

**The Matthews/Anderson families gathered September 2017 in Hamilton, Ontario to share their stories and pictures of their family that originated in County Down, Ireland.**

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### ANCESTRY DNA

There are four common types of DNA tests on the market and each serves a different purpose.

1. **Parental DNA** tests can establish and determine a child's biological father.
2. **Forensic DNA** testing helps identify suspects or victims involved in a criminal investigation.
3. **Gene therapy DNA** tests parents or a fetus in utero for genetic conditions or birth defects.
4. **Genetic DNA**, helps individuals learn more about their ancestry and race.

Ancestry DNA takes a small sample of saliva and uses **autosomal** testing to find both paternal and maternal ancestors. Most genetic testing focuses on the Y-chromosomes, which are male genetic markers, or on the mitochondrial DNA passed down through females.

## MILLS-NUTT OF Brome, Quebec

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Note on back: "Four generations of the Mills. Taken by Tom 1910. Grandma Mills 94 in September." Grandma Mills nee Emily Bennett born Sept 17 1817. son Ernest Edward Mills born 24 July 1854, his daughter Alice Gertrude married Bert Rublee, Saskatoon and her child Alice Mills Rublee

Shelley Prelusky of British Columbia is a direct descendant of Moses Mills and Emily Bennet, through his son Erastus Mills (son Ernest Mills mayor of Knowlton is pictured at left), and his son Albert down to his son Thomas Stephenson Mills, Shelley's grandfather.

After twenty years Shelley finally solved the puzzle of her ancestor William N. Mills b. Sept. 7, 1815 son of Moses Mills and Jane Nutt.

Here is her story:

My family line is with Moses Mills, wife Jane McCullom Nutt and their family who came to Clarenceville, Nutts Corner and Knowlton Quebec, Canada in 1817 from Topsham, Orange County, Vermont when their son Erastus, b. Jan. 25, 1814 was 3 yrs old, to avoid the War taxes.

Jane McCullom Nutt's uncle was David Nutt from the same area.

Moses Mills and Jane Nutt's son Erastus married Emily Bennet and had 5 kids. Their son Ernest became mayor of Knowlton Brome. Ernest died in Saskatoon at his daughter Gertrude (nee Mills) Rublee's home and was brought back to be buried in Knowlton. In 1896 Ernest was still in Knowlton as a member of the Oddfellows Lodge.

Ernest held several municipal offices, serving on the school board and in the Village Council for many years. He was a

master of the Masonic (Brome Lake) Lodge (1889). His lodge was instituted 17 Feb. 1896.

Now for the puzzle of William N. Mills as a son of Moses...it's true. I had my DNA done and when matching my DNA on Ancestry, I found a cousin who was my 3rd cousin once removed who is a direct descendant of William N. Mills. We linked with the Mills and Nutt lines. There is no other way she could be my cousin if not through her ancestor William and my (Shelley's) Erastus being brothers.

William N. Mills married Maria Sweet in 1837 in Richford, Vermont and after her death he married Diana Sweet in 1873 in Dunham, West Brome. He's buried in Pettes/Asseltyne Cemetery, Sutton Junction, Monteregie Region, Quebec, Canada. *Shelley*



## TOWNSHIPPERS' DAY - QUEBEC

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

Townshippers' Day cancelled due to decline in volunteers, interest.

Townshippers' Day, known as one of the largest events for the English-speaking community in Quebec's Eastern Townships, was cancelled for 2017.

"The conditions when it comes to planning have become increasingly difficult," [Townshippers' Association](#) spokesperson Corrinna Pole told Global News.

"While Townshippers' Association takes on a large role in the planning, we really depend on the involvement of municipalities and the community. Without that, logistically it's too difficult to manage."

The announcement was made Wednesday by Townshippers' Association president Gerald Cutting. "This is not a decision taken lightly but it was necessary," he said.

"We've seen a decline in support and interest. Municipalities are experiencing budget restrictions and difficulties finding volunteers and we can't continue without their participation."

This is the first time the festival has been cancelled since its founding in 1979.

"With the challenge growing each year, it was important for us to try and figure out a solution for the future," Pole told Global News.

"We don't have the capacity to hold an event this year and look into the future of the festival, so we've made the responsible decision to look at the long-term."

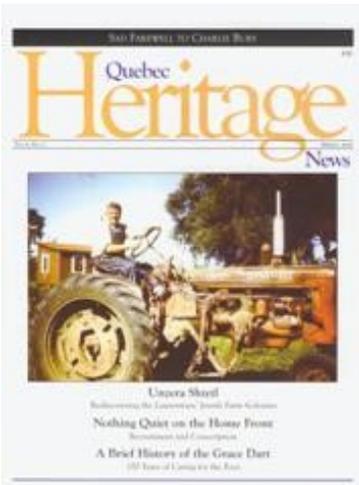
Pole explained the group hopes this hiatus will allow them to "look at the bigger picture and figure out a way to better celebrate our community."

The association is hopeful to bring the festival back in 2018.

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.

### 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**

Outaouais Heritage  
**WebMagazine**

Gaspesian Heritage  
**WebMagazine**

Montreal Mosaic  
**WebMagazine**

### PLEASE NOTE:

There was no fall issue of the 2016 or spring 2017 issue of the ETQC newsletter. Beginning with this issue they will be referenced by number. This issue is #14.

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](#)



## 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.

The Quebec Family History Society was founded August 1, 1977 to encourage the study of genealogy in Quebec and around the world. We are a registered Canadian charity that helps people of all backgrounds research their family history.

Our members, in addition to researching their Quebec roots, research historical records in all Canadian provinces and territories, the United States, the British Isles, and Western Europe.

Our [Heritage Centre](#) holds a large collection of books and other resources in print, CD, microfilm and online.

**Location:** 173 Cartier Avenue, Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada

**Phone:** (514) 695-1502

**E-Mail Address:** QFHS@Bellnet.ca

**Web Address:** WWW.QFHS.CA

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 715, 15 Donegani Ave., Pointe Claire, QC, Canada, H9R 4S8

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## THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS RESOURCE CENTRE (ETRC)

<http://www.etc.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,

Vicky Martineau Archivist may be reached at (819) 822-9600, ext. 2261,

or at [etc2@ubishops.ca](mailto:etc2@ubishops.ca). Website [www.etc.ca](http://www.etc.ca)

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

# EASTERN TOWNSHIPS BOOKS

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<http://globalgenealogy.com/countries/canada/quebec/resources/index.htm>

BOOK - History of the Eastern Townships (1869) Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada by Mrs. C.M. Day

Originally published by John Lovell, Montreal, 1869

This edition published by Global Heritage Press, Milton, 2005

The author describes the founding and development of the Eastern Townships in detail. The book contains much biographical information about individuals and families who settled in the area. An invaluable reference for everyone with an interest in the early history of the Eastern Townships of Quebec (Lower Canada / Canada East). ISBN 1-897210-72-8 (Hardcover)

Hardcover.....69.95 (C\$) pdf download.....14.95 (C\$)

BOOK - Pioneers of the Eastern Townships

by Mrs. C.M. Day

Originally published by John Lovell, Montreal, 1863

This edition published by Global Heritage Press, Milton 2000 (CD 2010)

This high quality historical reprint contains pioneer sketches of the first settlers in this area, as well as a very good description of what they encountered while establishing a life for themselves in the New World. New Index! According to the original author : "the object of the book is to bring a more lively remembrance of the hardships and privations suffered by the early settlers of these townships." ISBN 1-894378-45-8 (Hardcover) [More information](#)

Hardcover.....39.95 (C\$) pdf download.....14.95 (C\$)

BOOK - History of Compton County and Sketches of the Eastern Townships, District of St. Francis, and Sherbrooke County, Compiled by L.S. Channell

Originally published by L.S Channell, Cookshire, 1896

This edition published by [Global Heritage Press](#), Milton 1999 (CD 2009)

After more than 100 years, this book is still considered an essential resource for those with an interest in the early settlement history of Compton County, and its founding families. Filled to the brim with biographical sketches, first-hand accounts, and historical records from a wide array of primary and secondary sources, The History of Compton County will continue to delight readers and researchers for centuries to come. Most information was gathered from old settlers, old newspapers, government reports, municipal records, and written accounts left by some pioneers. ISBN 1-894378-13-X (Hardcover) [More information](#)

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**Black Cat Books <http://www.blackcatbook.net/>**

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**RICHMOND, NOW AND THEN** will be available, later on this fall, at a cost of \$24.95 from booksellers (like Black Cat Books in Lennoxville) and internet vendors (like Amazon)

## **UP TO RAWDON**

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

Dear Friends:

As family historians, we all love to find and read old letters. The next step is to share the contents, even if the news is fifty or a hundred fifty years old. If you have letters, photographs or data to share, relevant to any of the individuals covered in ***Up To Rawdon*** or the subsequent [on-line updates](#), please [contact me](#). I would be delighted to hear from you and would add your material (with credit to you) to the on-line update file. Perhaps, someone interested in your family, not already known to you, will see the material and contact you.

I added updates to my 'blog' (the pink column of <http://uptorawdon.com/>) and the update file in March, May and August 2017, new information and photographs of Rawdon old timers or ancestors. This material is freely accessible to any person with an interest in the history of the families of the old township - even if they have not purchased ***Up To Rawdon***. Thank you to those who have shared.

It is my hope that people the who find Up To Rawdon by chance will learn from what is in updates and [purchase](#) the original. Please, encourage those interested in your family and their connection to Rawdon to purchase copies of ***Up To Rawdon***. Might make an interesting Christmas gift.

Sincerely,  
[Daniel](#)  
[416-869-0088](tel:416-869-0088)



# PUBLICATIONS

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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.

**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

**COLBY CURTIS MUSEUM/STANSTEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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

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 -      \$20.00

*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

Please email any errors or corrections to [LKA](#)

# Eastern Townships of Quebec Genealogy Websites:

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**Townships Heritage WebMagazine** is designed to provide a window on to Eastern Townships history, serve as a guide to our region's heritage, past and present.

<http://townshipsheritage.com/>

**THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS RESOURCE CENTRE**     <http://www.etric.ca/home.html>

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**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-pq.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)