

SUMMER 2005 RAFFLE:

Once again we are the lucky recipients of a quilt, a Butterfly quilt this time, for raffle, courtesy of the same quilters (June, Marg, Marie and Jean).

Other prizes in the draw include 3 - \$25.cash prizes; Gift Certificates; books, and more.

A book of tickets is enclosed, and, once again, if you would like more, we can make the entries for you at this end.

EARLY-BIRD 1/2 THE POT DRAW; JULY 1 DEADLINE. Once again we enclose a \$1. ticket. Let us know if you would like to enter more.



YOUR VISITS, YOUR WORDS

One of the pleasures of putting together this Newsletter is sitting down once more with the many thoughtful letters, notes and good wishes that arrive in the wake of the previous mailing. I sift through them to find morsels of "news" to pass along. But you already know that. I plead your pardon!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES GO TO MABEL WATERHOUSE WHO TURNS 100 THIS YEAR, JUST LIKE SASKATCHEWAN (AND ALBERTA). A gala celebration is planned for Mabel on the afternoon of May 22 at the Paynton Community Centre. Avril Spence turned 90 last year. She was out this way visiting, and I'm very sorry to have missed seeing her. And Irene Jenny reports that her sister Alice (Land) Cline, who lives south of the border, turned 90 last year too.

Evelyn (Brown) Harmon also turned 90 in 2004. And our special Museum friend, Peter Taylor, turned 80, as did Mervin Burgess.

Earliest visitors to the Museum last season were Mrs. Carmen Sperling and her grade two class from Maidstone. They participated in making molasses ginger cookies baked in the wood stove oven; they hand-beat eggs, ground wheat, sifted flour, and made butter. They carded wool, tried writing with a straight pen, tried out manual typewriters, and pulled copies from a hectograph. Helping the curator with preparations and demonstrations for the tour were Helena Caplette, Margaret Currie, Marie Ferguson, June Taylor and Thelma Pope. Other visitors last summer included Phillip and Donna Porter from Dewberry, AB. Phillip brought copies of his self-published books for our Gift Shop. He is one of four men (and the only one still living) who set up the Dewberry Museum, and a fine one it is - well worth a visit. D. Keith Taylor of Creston, BC, returned to complete research confirming that his grandmother, Mrs. David Taylor (Elizabeth nee Spence), is buried in the Bresaylor Cemetery. He had a marker placed on her grave. Bill and Elaine Walls dropped by the Museum while in the area attending a Willett family reunion held at the old Grand Cheviot School.

Once again we have lost some old and dear friends of Bresaylor Heritage. We've one last quote from Jean Petty who passed away in her 94th year: "Many thanks for helping me keep in touch with Bresaylor and Paynton folk by sending me the Newsletter. It is read and re-read many times, and I keep them all." Bless you Jean. We'll miss your kind words. And some other Petty news: Jean's niece, Margaret Wilson, mentioned that her generation is planning a gathering to mark the anniversary of the grandparents, Edward and Margaret Petty, homesteading in the area. The original house is still standing three miles n.w. of Bresaylor. Emily (Hunt) Schellhorn visited some time ago now. We missed seeing her but she writes that she was glad "to see the old church standing". It's amazing how that building, deteriorated though it is, draws people off the highway - it's a popular photo subject. I believe that's what attracted Donna Sparks Schell (of Slave Lake, AB) who dropped in one time on her way to Saskatoon and now is doomed to receive our yearly dispatches - which we impose on the gentle of heart. She writes, "I don't know a single soul mentioned in your newsletter but I read every single word!" Now that is generous! Mel Sundin, Pennsylvania, enjoys catching up on what he calls "the northern gossip". He plans on attending the **Hudson's Bay Company Descendants**

Reunion this summer at Lower Fort Garry. That sounds like some event! Fur-trade descendants out there should look into it. (see web sites, or just look for the reunion name). Mel says he hopes to have all his "genealogical stuff in one bucket" by the time he arrives and that includes families of Taylor, McDonald, Inkster, Tait etc. Perhaps overlapping somewhat with Mel's families, friend Shirley Wishart continues with her ancestral research (Spences, Batts, Setters etc.). Last year she presented a paper on her grandfather David Charles Wishart to the bi-annual **Colloquium of the Centre for Rupert's Land Studies** - held in Kenora, ON. Shirley also recommends a book written by her distant cousin, Donna Sutherland, called "Peguis: A Noble Friend". It's now on my list of must-reads.

Once more some of our supporters are on the move. Alma Dobie is now settled into life in Calgary, having moved from Sylvan Lake, where she and Doug had made their home for many years - their retirement years, I believe. Now Alma is back in what is her "home town". John Millhouse has been a resident at Pine Island Lodge, Maidstone, for several months. Now, his sister Bertha Millhouse is also resident there. A



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was cool their were lots of stuff.

Wesley

SASKATCHEWAN 100

Yes, it's the birthday of our province! As a museum we haven't planned any special activities, other than cake at the Pot Luck Supper. Hopefully we can do some sprucing up of buildings and signs. The Museum Association of Saskatchewan is organizing a "Women of Distinction" project, and, in keeping with that theme we will make a special display at the Museum in honour of our early Women's groups, special mention being given to Nurse Dorothy Bowes.

There are all kinds of events planned throughout the province - Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip are here now for a gala event in Saskatoon May 19. And many reunions are planned in nearby communities - Maidstone and Waseca on the July 1 weekend. Cut Knife's big celebration is in mid-August. Some events are planned for the actual birthday which is September 4. If interested, contact individual communities for details.

There is an **antique car rally** making a circle of the province and it will pass by Bresaylor on July 12. We will have coffee available and the Museum will be mentioned on their itinerary as they travel from a stopover in Lloydminster to one in the Battlefords. Some might stop in. In any case, anyone wishing to have a place to watch them passing by is welcome to one of our chairs - and a coffee.

So do something special to celebrate our centennial. We have a wonderful province in a wonderful country.

That we should be so lucky!



ALBERTA 100 SASKATCHEWAN



A SPECIAL SERVICE OF
DECONSECRATION
OF PAYNTON CHRIST CHURCH,
ANGLICAN,
TOOK PLACE SUNDAY
APRIL 17, 2005

VE DAY - 60 YEARS SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR TWO

The number of Canadians who served overseas in the Second World War is shrinking each year. Their sacrifice should never be forgotten. We pay tribute to all by acknowledging the recollections of the late Doug Dobie as included in the Bresaylor history book. Too long to include here, we refer the reader to page 460. And for those who do not have access to a book, let us know and we will send you a photocopy.....



Doug Dobie

"Since we crossed the Rhine on the 27th March, 1945 in the wake of the British 2nd Army and the 9th Brigade of our own 3rd Division, the going had been fairly tough and fatiguing. The first of April, I remember it well because it was also Easter Sunday, we took up the chase of the German army again. The forward battalion had by this time lost contact with the enemy and then it came around to being our (Regina's) turn to lead the drive.

"We took off in carriers and trucks at noon and that evening we crossed the German frontier into Holland again. We knew it immediately, for every house had a huge Dutch flag flying from a window and all the kids were mobbing us for chocolate and gum. It was getting on toward dusk when the advance halted for supper. Supper in name only because it was hard-tack and "bully". We stopped for half an hour and then loaded up and pushed on again. The night was pretty chilly too, but we weren't worried about that for we had other things to worry about. ...cont'd. p. 460 history book ->

BRESAYLOR CEMETERY UPDATE

Some of you will recall that back in 1987 the late Pheame Tokle started compiling a list of persons buried in unmarked graves in the Bresaylor Cemetery. We have endeavored to complete that list. Also, we hoped that families would consider marking the graves of known relatives. We realise that is not always possible, that markers are quite expensive. So it is nice to see that markers were taken care of for three of the original Bresaylor Settlement families. The McDonald family added names to the large stone already in place for Philip McDonald. Alan Kissack placed markers on the graves of his grandparents, Peter and Catherine Taylor. And just last summer D. Keith Taylor added a marker for his grandmother, Elizabeth (Spence) Taylor, wife of David Taylor. It took a bit of research to determine that Elizabeth was indeed buried in the Bresaylor Cemetery.

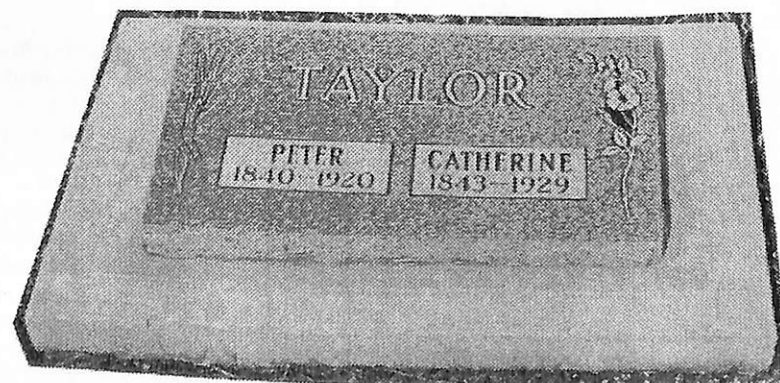
Now, we are ready to place the remaining names on a common marker. Likely granite suspended from a metal frame support, we are discussing the possibilities with Rose City Monuments of Cut Knife. We should be able to have the marker in place later this summer.

Below is a list of all persons that we are quite sure are buried in the cemetery, but in unmarked graves. A couple are questionable – they may be there (*). We are asking those of you who might remember to please let us know if you think any of these people may NOT be buried there. Remember, these are names of the unmarked graves only.

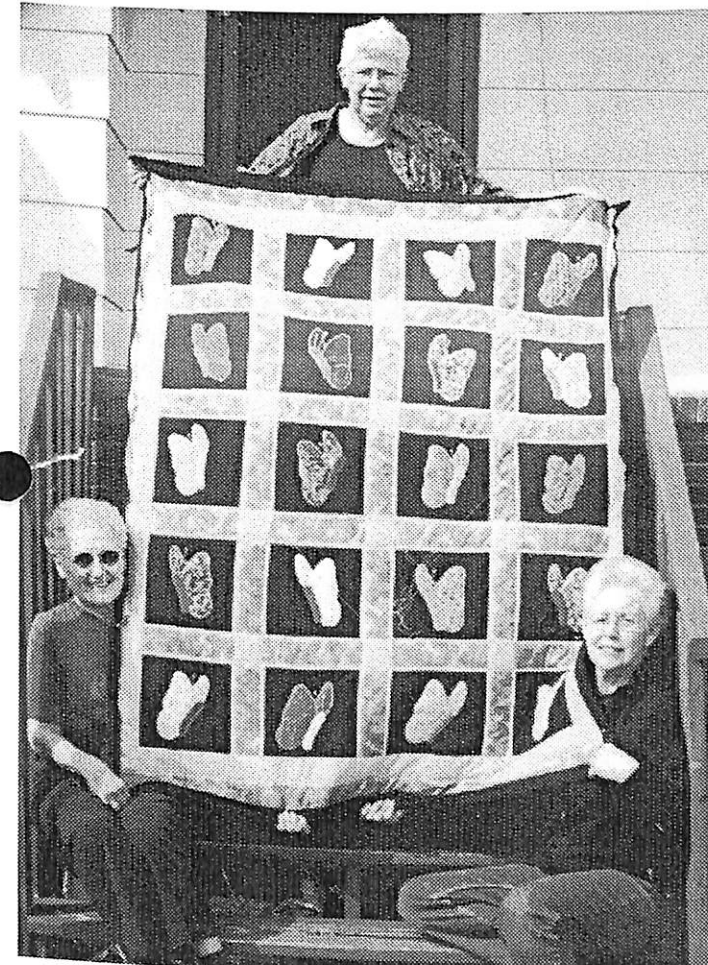
ANDERSON, Andrew d.1930
 ANDERSON, Martha d. 1937
 ANDERSON, Tarry
 ANDERSON, David
 ANDERSON, Myrtle
 ANDERSON, Emma
 ANDERSON, baby
 BREMNER, Letitia 1835-1921
 BREMNER, Elizabeth 1800-1885
 COOK, Mary 1856-1934
 CRAMER, Maggie*
 CRAMER, Jane 1848-1913
 CRUIKSHANK, James d. 1924
 EDWARDS, George
 FOULDS, baby Bruce
 HUSBAND, George
 ISBISTER, Jemima *
 LAMBERT, Peter
 LAND, Charles
 LENNIE, Thomas Sr. 1850-1928
 LENNIE, Ephrosine d. 1928
 LENNIE, baby Joseph d.1923
 LENNIE, baby Evangaline

LESLIE, Robert 1865-1940
 LESLIE, baby Bruce
 OLIVER, W. Frazer 1874-1950
 OLIVER, Maria 1878-1946
 SAYERS, John
 SAYERS, Mary
 SAYERS, Daniel
 SAYERS, Elizabeth
 SAYERS, Robbie*
 SAYERS, Arthur
 SAYERS, Lloyd
 SAYERS, Leola
 SAYERS, Vernon
 SAYERS, Vivian
 SAYERS, Cora
 SAYERS, Cecil
 SAYERS, Elwood
 STAHL, Gustav d. 1922
 YOUNG, baby Maisie

(we'd also like to know dates (at least DEATH dates))



Minute Book of the Paynton "Churchill Victory Club" (1947-51) was brought to the Museum from Bertha's house by Ruth Woodsworth. I understand the CVC was one of many women's groups helping to raise money not only for the war effort, but also to send aid to Britain in the wake of WW2, when she was drained of resources and her people suffering deprivations. It would be interesting to hear from anyone who might have recollections about such "victory" clubs. Another interesting addition to the Museum collection was brought in by Ed and Margaret Murray: – that is, the Minute Book, Accounts, correspondence etc. – Records from Federal School. We now have the record books from three schools in our area – those of #111, and Arbor Hill as well. It's too much to hope that any from Battlebank would surface?



THE QUILTERS – Margaret Currie, Jean Wilson, and Marie Ferguson. Missing June Taylor.

APPRECIATION is extended to

James and Angie Bugg for grass cutting at the cemetery. To Sadie Bugg for helping rake the grass. Also, to Don Ferguson for the second cut last summer.

- Grace Woodcock sent some lovely handmade cards using flower petals, and some she calls "quilled". We've been using them as prizes and special presentations. Thank you, Grace.

OBITUARIES

MARGARET (Gray) RUMBALL
 deceased January 14, 1999 at 72 years.

MILTON HARMON
 deceased April 2004

JAMES "Jim" LEWELLYN JONES
 June 24, 1947 – June 29, 2004

GEORGE PRITCHARD
 March 3, 1898 – August 31, 2004

WINNIFRED "Peggy" (English) BRYNE
 1902 – 2003

ALICE ANNE UTRI
 May 25, 1931 – September 12, 2004

WILLIAM MICHAEL DRAGANIUK
 April 5, 1943 – September 15, 2004

KATHLEEN (Gray) CHAMP
 deceased October 7, 2004 at 76 years

EDITH (McCready) MILLS
 October 31, 1907 – October 12, 2004

RONALD DRYHORUB
 December 31, 1939 – October 24, 2004

JEAN PETTY
 September 18, 1910 – November 30, 2004

PHYLLIS JONES
 deceased January 3, 2005

ALEX McCASKILL
 deceased 2005

ANN (Currie) LOCK
 February 8, 1923 – February 11, 2005

HARLEY STAMM
 deceased 2005

EARL FOULDS
 May 8, 1920 – March 24, 2005

DARYL BERGEN
 January 26, 1957 – April 22, 2005

DOROTHY KISSACK
 Nov. 27, 1927 – September 2, 2001

PEGGY (Burgess) DOLAN
 deceased 2005 at 56 years

TERRANCE JOHN GABRUCH
 May 8, 1954 – April 25, 2005



Beloved "Charcoal" – part of Bresaylor heritage security, died accidentally last summer.

MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

[BOOKS / CDs / CARDS / PRINTS ETC.]

Yes! WE HAVE FOUND MORE COPIES

BOOKS IN OUR SHOP:

- "THE OTHER SIDE OF REBELLION" by Margaret Stobie. \$15.
- "SAYERS FAMILY COOKBOOK" - updated, 2003. \$14.
- "BUFFALO DAYS AND NIGHTS" by Peter Erasmus as told to Henry Thompson. \$15.
- "TWO MONTHS IN THE CAMP OF BIG BEAR" by Theresa Delaney and Theresa Gowanlock, (intro. by Sarah Carter) \$20.
- "THE KELSEY PAPERS". Henry Kelsey, first European into Canadian interior, 1690-91 - his account) \$25.
- "PETER FIDLER, CANADA'S FORGOTTEN EXPLORER 1769-1822" by J. G. MacGregor. \$17.
- "GULLY FARM" a Barr Colonist story. by Mary Hiemstra. \$15.
- "WHEAT PROVINCE DIAMONDS" stories of Saskatchewan baseball by David Shury. \$25.
- "EXPLORING THE FUR TRADE ROUTES OF NORTH AMERICA" by Barbara Huck. A travel guide. \$20.
- "HAYWIRE" by Jim Caplette. \$15.

LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS

IN THE GIFT SHOP:

- FOREST BANK: "Ever In My Mind" \$25.
- HIGHGATE: "Between Two Rivers" \$50.

BOOKS we do not carry. You can ORDER FROM THE AUTHORS:

- "FOOTPRINTS IN THE DUST" by Doug Light. \$30. from the author at 2804-13 Ave. N.W., Calgary, T2N-1L9.
- "THE SANDS OF TIME", a reprint of pub'n. "The Cree Rebellion, 1884" ed. Ross Innes. \$18.50 from R. Innes at 86 Sharpe Crescent S.E., Medicine Hat, AB, T1B-3Y6.
- "THE ADVENTURES OF YUKON JOE" and "WANDERER OF THE WILDERNESS, YUKON JOE" by E. H. Murray. \$16. and \$18. from the author at #3, 2107 - 43 Ave., Vernon, BC, V1T-3K6. (250) 542-6051.
- "STEELE'S SCOUTS, Samuel Benfield Steel & The N.W. Rebellion" by Wayne F. Brown. \$18. from the author at Box 232, Paradise Hill, SK, SOM-2G0. Fax (306) 344-2257. wfbrown@sk.sympatico.ca.

OTHER ITEMS IN OUR GIFT SHOP:

- (no sales tax/mailling extra)
- CD "four legs good" by dasmacht SHOW band (Karla Ferguson and band) \$20.
 - CD "FIRST TIME OUT" - Old time tunes by the Yellowhead Ramblers \$10.
 - "CARDS by JILL" - each card original, by Jill Bugg. \$2. ea.
 - HISTORIC SUBJECTS CARDS by Velma Foster. \$1. ea. 10/\$5. (Ask for subjects)
 - LOCAL HISTORIC SUBJECT PRINTS - by Velma Foster. \$10.-30. (Ask for subject price list)

▶ "HEADINGLEY, Pioneers, Past & Present" by Murray Peterson and Georgia Anderson Taillieu. 308 pp. (Hard Cover \$65. + \$8. mailing = \$73. order from Jean Ammeter, 5765 Portage Ave., Headingley, MB, R4H-1E7).

Headingley is that area along the Assiniboine River from whence came the first Bresaylor Settlers - the Bremners, Sayers, Taylors and others. Now surrounded by greater Winnipeg, it retains its own identity and its Historical Society assures a proud sense of its past. Much credit is given to local historian, Jean Ammeter, and certainly many of the Endnotes refer to her files. Jean has been in touch with us for many years. Being a local history book, the time period and potential subject matter for such a project would be daunting. The writers have chosen to be selective about who, what, and how much is covered in the main text and to make extensive reference to sources. They do not report on family members who left Headingley. So, reference only is made to the Bresaylor families while naturally Honourable John Taylor (brother of the Bresaylor Taylors) and his descendants are given wide coverage. I found much of interest in the book - photos, samples of land transfers, maps etc - worthwhile to have at hand. And there are those extensive endnotes.

(The Museum purchases a copy of "Headingley" for our archives. Ask to have a look if you are interested.)

▶ 3 BOOKS BY PHILLIP H. PORTER: \$10. ea.

- "...And So There Was Yesterday" a Western Canadian novel.
- "PASSAGES: Different Times & Different Places" three novellas - three short stories.
- "My Rainbow Chronicles"

(Mr. Porter is a very thoughtful man. He has his own style of writing - it can make some demands on the reader. He presents some very clever, insightful storylines - surprising turns of events. Although very knowledgeable and interested in archaeology, most of the stories are based on his own era of history. Give his books a read.)

Re: "DICKENS OF THE MOUNTED, The Astonishing Long Lost Letters of..." ed'd. by Eric Nicol, mentioned in last year's Newsletter. Ross Innes says: "...the book contains fake letters, they were not written except by Nicol". Oh, oh. back to "poor ol' Dickens" - bad boy!

ADDRESSES, E-MAILS, WEBSITES

- Paynton Library - paynton.lib.sk.ca ph. (306) 895-2175 for update if necessary
- Joyce Rozell - joycerozell@shaw.ca (fur-trade descendant information)
- Mel Sundin - sundim@aol.com (info re: Taylor, Inkster, etc)
- Bob/Shirley Hendricks - Frog Lake Uprising Descendant Assoc. - henbob@telusplanet.net
- HBC Descendant Reunion 2005 - hbcreunion.committee@web.net

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