

James Pritchard and his wife, Judith Ferguson, along with their family, emigrated from the Parish of Bunnan, County Monaghan, Ireland, in the early 1830's. Arriving in Canada, they took up land in North Wakefield (now called Alcoue), Quebec, some twenty miles up the Gatineau River from what was later to become the City of Ottawa.

The family prospered and, in 1932, to commemorate what was thought to be the one hundredth anniversary of the family's arrival, the first Pritchard Family Reunion was held.

During subsequent years, various individuals worked at preparing "Family Trees" until, in 1967, it was decided, as a centennial Project, to prepare a family history. Work on this project proceeded slowly until Mr. Patrick M.O. Evans was introduced to the group. Pat undertook to correlate the available data, seek out new sources of information and compile the tables that appear in this volume.

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