
PRITCHARD NEWS

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At the 2007 reunion we approved a motion to hire a researcher in Ireland to follow up on some leads regarding possible roots of James and Judith Pritchard in Northern Ireland. A number of family members made generous donations to help pay for the research. A genealogist in Ireland (interestingly who's last name was Irwin) was hired, and while she was able to find a number of records related to the Pritchard family, unfortunately she was unable to find anything not already known to the family.

However, while our researcher did not turn up what we were looking for, we got it from another, unexpected source. Niall Pritchard who is apparently a distant Pritchard relative living in (?) Ireland, contacted Kieth Lachance with exactly the information we were looking for. There are still Pritchard relatives living in Ireland and Niall is one of those. Also, thanks to information Niall provided we now believe that James' father was one Samuel Pritchard. Niall provided a rather detailed family tree that showed our connection to the Irish Pritchards, but due to lack of space I will just show James' family (see back page).

2008 Reunion

The 2008 reunion was held at the home of Derlin and Sondra Dillabaugh in Greely, Ontario. The day started out gray and a bit rainy, but the rain stopped in time for lunch. Turn out was good, almost 50 people showed up. Kieth Lachance came all the way from Vancouver and reported on the information he had received from Niall Pritchard. Our senior family member in attendance was Connie Quirk, at 87 years and the youngest was Vaughn Dillabaugh, at 4 1/2 months. During the executive meeting was conducted by President Dave Pritchard. Among the things discussed was that there are some concerns about access to the cemetery in Alcove which the family will be looking into. The treasury report by Sondra Dillabaugh revealed that the family kitty contains \$1153.00 (prior to the reunion) so we haven't been hurt too bad yet by the recession. Also at the business meeting it

was decided that Matthew and Connie (Easey) would be replacing Kirk and Sarah Dillabaugh in running the games for the young (and older) children. Thanks to Kirk and Sarah for their work, and welcome to Matthew and Connie in this new position

Cemetery Cleanup

2009: As always we will be having a cleanup of the family cemetery on Saturday, May 23rd – the Saturday following the May long weekend. . If you need directions please contact Sondra Dillabaugh at (613) 821-2721 or Craig Dillabaugh (819) 827-8215.

2008: We once again had a good day at the clean-up and had the cemetery in decent shape when we departed. Among the folks who came to help out was our President David Pritchard, who brought along some workers from his landscaping firm. That was a big help. Also, last year thanks in large part to the efforts of Cheryl Layer and Sondra Dillabaugh we were able to get rid of the large pile of brush that was piled up in a corner of the cemetery.

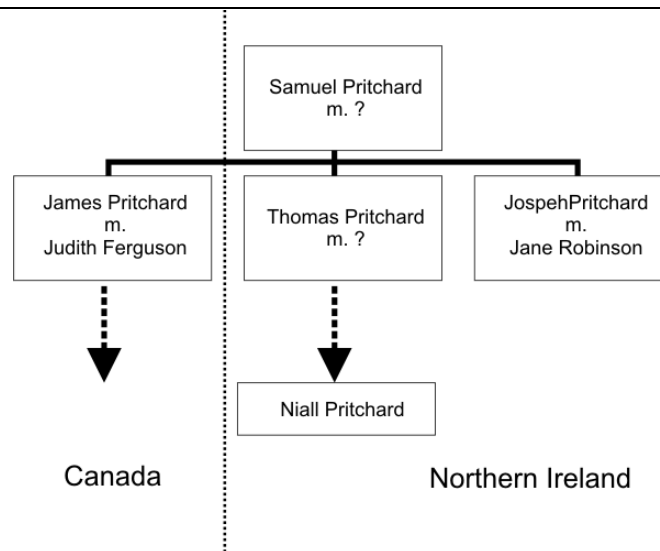
HELP WANTED

Keith Lachance has been the family genealogist for many years, and has done a tremendous amount of work in keeping the family records as up to date as possible. However, Keith is looking forward to retiring from this position, and we would like to know if there is anyone in the family who would be interested in taking up this important job. If you are please contact Keith or myself (see below).

2009 Reunion

The 2009 Reunion will be held at the home of Werner and Barbara Layer in Alcove, Quebec on **Sunday, July 12th, 2009.**: Barbara and Werner live right beside the Pritchard Homestead, in the home Bob and Mayme Pritchard used to live. Please bring lawn chairs if possible, and some favourite dish to show off your culinary skills to the rest of the family (there will be some facilities available for reheating food).

Directions to 2009 Reunion: Take Highway 5 North from Gatineau to the end, turn left at intersection and travel north to Wakefield. Follow signs to Highway 105 North toward Maniwaki. Alcove is on highway 105 about 4 or 5 kilometers north of Wakefield, but watch carefully for the signs or you could miss it. Just after you see the Alcove sign watch for an exit on the right (just as the highway narrows from 3 to 2 lanes), this is River Road, exit here. The homestead is located about 250 meters up River Road. If you miss the turn off onto River Road you will round a corner and come to an intersection with a Petro Canada station on the left. If you make a right turn at this intersection and go to the end of the road you will come to River Road again. Make a right onto River Road and the homestead is the 4th building on your right hand side.



This is based on information provided by Niall Pritchard, and shows what we believe is the family of James Pritchard. James and Thomas lived in Briscarnagh townland in Curran Parrish, Monaghan, Northern Ireland. While Joseph lived in adjacent Lurganboy townland. Niall is a descendant of James' brother Thomas Pritchard.

FAMILY NEWS

Deaths

We are aware of the following deaths in the family that have occurred during the past year, and wish to express our condolences to their immediate families.

Winnifred M. Kalbfleish (Kenny): died in Ottawa on February 6th, 2009, at 97 years of age. She is interned at the Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa.

Gail Ospal (Leslie) died October 8th, 2008 in Medicine Hat Alberta at the age of 44 years. She is buried in Medicine Hat.

Marian Anne Nugent (Pritchard): died September, 21st, 2008 in Bay Point California.

Contact Info: You may contact Craig Dillabaugh (819) 827-8215 or by email at cdillaba@connect.carleton.ca or Sondra Dillabaugh (613) 821-2721, if you have any information for the newsletter.
