# PRITCHARD NEWS

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## 2010 REUNION



Gatineau River at Alcove, Quebec

The 2010 Reunion will once again be held at the home of Barbara and Werner Layer in Alcove, Quebec, right beside the Homestead. The date for the reunion is July, 11th, with lunch (potluck) being served starting at noon. We hope to see you there! Directions on back.

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## THE 2009 REUNION

The 2009 Pritchard Reunion was held on July 12th, 2009, at the home of Barbara and Werner Layer in Alcove, Quebec.

During the meeting a number of items related to family members around the world were discussed. A letter from Ms. Wilma Holmes of Saskatchewan was read. The passing of Jim Pritchard (of Ottawa), and of Angela Hughes of Dorset, England (thanks to Anglea's daughter for contacting the family with this news) were mentioned. On a happier note, the engagement of Ruggles and Marika Pritchard's daughter Lisa to Andrew Wasmund was announced.

Also at the business meeting a number of photos of unknown family members were examined, and no one in attendance could identify anyone in the pictures. There was some interest expressed in placing the pictures on the family web site to see if anyone can identify them.

Matthew and Heidi Easey ran the games this year for the children.

Thank you to Barbara and Werner Layer for use of their home, and to Cheryl Layer for serving as hostess, and to Wendy Gurney for filling in as secretary.

After the meeting Ruggles Pritchard led a group on tour of the nearby family cemetery.

#### **CEMETERY CLEANUP**



2010: Cemetery Cleanup, will be held on Saturday, May 29th – 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 (cdillaba@connect.carleton.ca)

**2009:** We had a beautiful day for the 2009 cemetery cleanup, and we had an excellent turn-out. We wish to thank the following people who came to lend a hand at some point:

Derlin Dillabaugh
Craig Dillabaugh
Craig Dillabaugh
Reyn Layer
Ethan Layer
Keenan Layer
Barbara Layer
Dave Pritchard
Thera Pritchard
Frank Roy
Sondra Dillabaugh
Cheryl Layer
Ethan Layer
Barbara Layer
Ruggles Pritchard
Jeff Pritchard
Judy (friend of Frank)

Special thanks to Frank Roy. Barbara Layer and David Pritchard. Frank came all the way from Perth Ontario with a friend (Judy – hope I have that right). Barbara only had to travel a few hundred meters, but she brought treats for everyone, and she and husband Werner Layer provided a light lunch for all who were interested afterwards. David brought two employees from his landscaping company to lend a hand (sorry I don't have any names).

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## **DIRECTIONS TO 2010 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 Layer residence is located about 250 meters up River Road (beside the Homestead). 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 Layer's is the 2nd home on your right hand side.

#### **GENEALOGY INFORMATION**

Barrie Pritchard has taken over the role of family genealogist from Keith Lachance. Thank you Keith for all the work you have done over the years, and thank you Barrie for offering to serve in this capacity. Those seeking to find, or provide, information about the family tree, please contact Barrie at:

## hb.pritchard@sympatico.ca

Angela McCulloch has requested help with the following item:

A copy of the marriage certificate for Mary Jane Irwin and Thomas Grant, table 27 in the Pritchard book. They were reported in the Irwin family book as to have been married 14 April 1857 in Wakefield Methodist Church. Mary Jane is the granddaughter of Mary Pritchard table 27 and Joseph Irwin.

If anyone has a copy of this, or knows where it could be obtained, please contact Angela at:

angiem1@telus.net.

#### FAMILY NEWS BIRTHS/DEATHS

#### **Births**

Harlin Shawn Layer-Kelly: To Beckie Layer and Shawn Kelly on February, 15th, 2010.

#### **Deaths**

**Donald Keith Stevenson:** Passed away on December 13, 2009 in his 80th year. Don was the only offspring of John Stevenson and Janet Abigail Pritchard. He was born in Ottawa, December 22, 1928. Don will be greatly missed by his son Dean, daughter Darcy, their families and his life partner of ten years, Linda Jarman. He was a wonderful and accomplished man and a tribute to the family tree.

James Nelson Pritchard: Passed away June 18th, 2009 in Ottawa, Ontario.

**Marion Isobel (Moore) Pritchard:** wife of the late William Gibson Pritchard passed away on September, 5th, 2009.

**Dorthy Miller (nee Pritchard):** Passed away December 20th, 2009.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

The Pritchard News has a new email address for anyone who has information (or inquires) to pass along **pritchard.news@gmail.com**. You may also contact Craig Dillabaugh by phone (819) 827-8215, or mail to: 6 Ch. Summit, Chelsea, Quebec, Canada, J9B 2B1, You can also try Sondra Dillabaugh (613) 821-2721.