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The 2012 Reunion

The 2012 Pritchard reunion will be held at the home of Werner and Barbara Layer in Alcove Quebec on Sunday, July 8th, starting at noon. Directions to Werner and Barbara's are as follows:

Directions: 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.

The 2011 Reunion

The 2011 reunion was held at the home of Dave and Wendy Gurney on July, 10th 2011. The youngest family member in attendance at almost 4 months was Grace Tyo, daughter of Rob and Courtney. Grace's great-grandfather, Russell Pritchard at almost 95 was the eldest. (Russell passed away in February, 2012). Lois Stevenson and Cathy Kent were first time visitors.

At the meeting a letter was read from Mary Vanstone, thanking the family for the card sent to her to celebrate her 100th Birthday. David Pritchard also presented a time capsule found during renovations of the former Alcove United Church, found almost 50 years to the day that it was placed in the back addition to the church. David also mentioned that he has built and access road from Hwy 105 to the cemetery.

During the business portion of the meeting Kevin Easey proposed that a donation be made to the charity Uphill Both Ways (WWW at: <http://uphillbothways-edu-rel.blogspot.ca/>). Our total collection was \$502 of which \$300 was donated to Uphill Both Ways which is headed by Janelle Pritchard of Lethbridge, Alberta. In addition to the website donations can be sent to:

Uphill Both Ways
Suite 807-400 - 4th Avenue South
Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 4A1

Cemetery Cleanup

The 2011 cleanup was held on Saturday, May 28th. Dave Pritchard has built a new road into the cemetery from Highway 105 which made access somewhat easier. The **2012 cleanup** will be held on **Saturday, May 26th** (the Saturday following the Victoria Day long weekend). New helpers always welcome.

Births/Deaths

Some of the notices below are a bit longer than others because more information was available to us at the time this newsletter was prepared. Unfortunately we have very limited time for research, but thank those who have provided us with details. Some of these notices are also from previous years since we have fallen a bit behind. Nevertheless we hope all close family members will accept our congratulations and condolences as appropriate.

Births

HARRISON, Ainsley, daughter of Alanna (McDonald) and Kevin Harrison, born on May 25th, 2011.

PRITCHARD, "Peyton" Corrine

Rob and Andrea Pritchard celebrate the safe arrival of their first child; "Peyton" Corrine Pritchard. Peyton was born on Oct. 29, 2011 in Kingston, Ont. Peyton is the 7th grandchild of Bruce and Gayle Pritchard and the 13th great-grandchild of Russell Pritchard.

Deaths

GILLEN, Norman Douglas, on December, 31st, 2010 in his 82nd year in Ottawa. Norman was the husband of Hilda Margaret Pritchard. Also survived by his sister Isobel Clark (Vernon), brother-in-law Ian Pritchard (the late Atwood), sister-in-law Marjory Pritchard (the late Russell) and many other family and friends. Predeceased by his brothers Robert and Alan. He was an elder and lifelong member of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa.

GILLEN, Robert McLean (Bob) – Dec. 1, 2010

IRWIN, Barbara Ann (Bobbie) on April 3rd, 2012 in Seattle. Barbara was the wife of Marvin Irwin.

JOHANNSEN, John (Jack) William – May 26, 2011

JOHANNSEN, Shirley, on December 10th, 2011 in Masham, Quebec surrounded by her family. Shirley was the wife of the late Donald D. Johannsen. Much loved mother of Paul Johannsen (Mary) and Dale (Puffer) Johannsen. Four loving grandchildren, Erin and Dana Johannsen, Amanda and David Lynch. Greatly missed by loving sister Audrey Richardson (Lloyd),

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adopted brother Fred Dumoulin (Claire), sisters-in-law Marion Johannsen and Betty Kennedy, and brother the late Harold Kennedy She will be missed by many nieces and nephews as well as a number of close friends, especially life-long friends Allan and Marjorie Castledine.

MACEACHERN, Earle Hugh Retired Chemist, Mines Branch Natural Resources Canada Peacefully on Wednesday August 3, 2011 age 77 years. Beloved husband of Elizabeth (nee Pritchard) for 42 years. Loving father of Ian and Kathleen (Brad) Schoenherr. Cherished grandfather of Erick. Also survived by two sisters Marion Crawley, Annie Davison and one brother Logan. Predeceased by two sisters Ruth Williams and Ethel Murray.

PRITCHARD, John Cameron – May 24, 2011

PRITCHARD, Russell Gordon, Peacefully and in the presence of family at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital in Kingston on Tuesday, February 7th, 2012, in his 96th year. Predeceased by Doris, his beloved wife of 57 years. Memories of Dad will be treasured by his three sons Bruce (Gayle), Brian (Gail) and Barrie (Sue, Pam pre-deceased). He was a cherished grandfather to Ken (Kathryn), Jeff, Rob (Andrea), Steve (Lidia), Cheryl-Lee (Rob Boettcher), Heather (Tim Crooks), Courtney (Rob Tyo) and Melissa (Jonathan Beals). He loved to share visits and stories with his 13 great-grandchildren. Russell will be sadly missed by the many members of his extended family, both in Canada and abroad. His quiet faith in Jesus Christ was an example to all who knew him. Russell was a long-time employee of the Ottawa Citizen who retired to Kingston in his later years. Many were blessed by his wisdom, his craftsmanship and his love of nature. Family members are grateful for the care and prayers of the many staff at both KGH and St. Mary's of the Lake who helped Russell navigate the final days of his earthly journey. We rejoice that after a full and generous life, he finds his rest with his Lord and Saviour.

Pritchard Family Reflections -- A Joyful Journey

(Contributed by Robin Pattison, of Comox British Columbia)

Once in a while a goal is realized with profound discovery. For me one such goal has been to research and document my family history. I am a great, great, great granddaughter of James Pritchard and Judith Ferguson. Sometime in the late 1990's a distant cousin in Ottawa contacted me by mail through my great aunt Marion Stevenson. This connection was a link to my Stevenson ancestry in Wakefield. My maternal great grandfather was John Stevenson, a son of Annie Pritchard and Thomas Stevenson. My maternal

grandmother was Lyla Victoria Stevenson (Bridges) and my mother was Marion Bridges Anderson.

In 2005 my husband and I traveled to the Maritime Provinces. We were able to get one stopover and since most of my family history is from Ottawa we chose Ottawa. We made a day trip to Wakefield where I purchased a book written by Norma Geggie and had the chance to see my great, great Uncle Hans Stevenson's family home, The Three Maples. After returning home I phoned Norma Geggie and enjoyed a lengthy and interesting conversation. Within this time frame I also learned that Pritchard Road in the Comox Valley where I live, was named after James Archibald Pritchard who was a grandson of James and Judith.

Three years later in 2008, after retiring from teaching, a friend and I traveled to Ottawa for a vacation. I had made arrangements to meet with Norma Geggie, so my friend and I took the Greyhound bus to Wakefield for a memorable day trip. Norma met us, took us home for a visit then showed us Hall Cemetery where Hans Stevenson and various other relatives of mine are buried. Needless to say I was hooked on the Pritchard family history.

Starting in 2010 I became aware of and purchased the wonderful Pritchard genealogy publications through Barrie Pritchard and Keith Lachance, two distant cousins of mine. I must add they are distant along genealogy lines alone yet very dear to my heart.

While researching an extensive family genealogy project I made a connection with another Pritchard cousin, Lois Cossar. In 2011 my husband and I decided it was time for a return trip to the Ottawa area. I contacted Lois and we made arrangements to meet in Napanee. Prior to our trip in late summer, Lois asked if I would like to meet some of the Pritchard family. Having had a dream to attend the annual Pritchard family reunion, Lois' offer was too good to resist. The joy was realized when we met dear Russell Pritchard and his son Brian in Kingston. A few days later we met Barrie. Just before leaving home I had also made arrangements for us to stay at the Three Maples B+B, the charming home of my Uncle Hans Stevenson. While in Wakefield we met with Norma Geggie for lunch and I was also able to purchase her book about the Stevenson/Geggie doctors. Norma gave us directions to find the Pritchard graveyard in Alcove. I was able to lay flowers on the graves of James and Judith Pritchard, see their lovely old home and marvel at the incredible Gatineau River that had brought the Pritchard family to Quebec so very long ago. There is a French saying, 'Un coup de coeur' which means 'I'm in love!' - a very fitting expression and tribute to the Pritchard family.