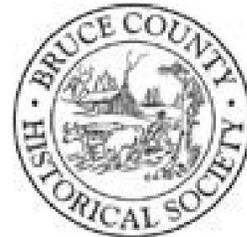


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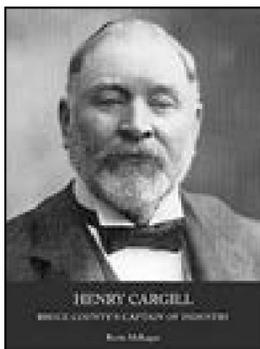
## Authors Night, August 8

**Local Authors Night with Wine & Cheese**  
**August 8, 7 p.m.**

**Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre**

Join authors Kevin McKague, David Pyper, and Dr. John Carter as they share the insights and inspirations behind their works about Henry Cargill, the history of Sauble Beach, and the 1838 St. Clair Raids. This lively wine and cheese reception is hosted by the Bruce County Genealogical Society and the Bruce County Historical Society at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre. It will include authors' presentations and opportunities for book signings and purchases.

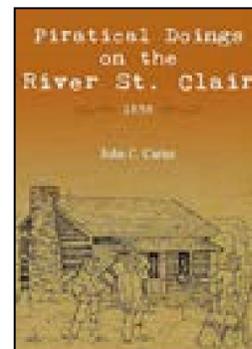
*Free admission. Limited seating. Cash bar available.*



In "Henry Cargill: Bruce County's Captain of Industry", Kevin McKague provides thoughtful insights into one of Bruce County's leading citizens. Cargill's life and achievements as a merchant, lumber baron, industrialist, politician, and philanthropist are well captured

in pictures and story in this book.

In "Piratical Doings on the River St. Clair", Ontario historian Dr. John C. Carter explores the fascinating events of the "Patriot Raids" into Upper Canada from Michigan across the St. Clair River in 1838. He also provides insight into many aspects of the Western District of Upper Canadian society and history.



*Paul Smith*

As a life-long summer resident at Sauble Beach, David Pyper explores the origin of this fascinating eco-system and its early Indigenous roots, along with a detailed story of the growth of summer tourism along the Huron lakeshore. Interspersed



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within this journey are voices from the past along with special stories of the people and businesses that have made the Sauble community the destination location that it is today. Volume 1 is to be published this summer, with volume 2 to follow.

## Annual Meeting, October 29

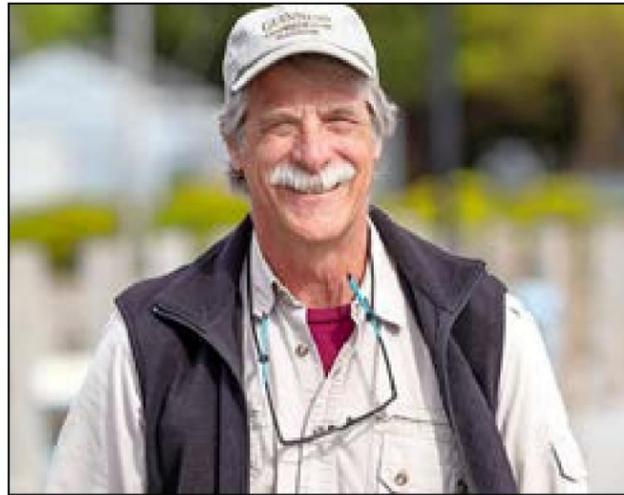
Save the date for the 2022 AGM—October 29, 2022 at the Walkerton Knights of Columbus Hall. Local historian Pat Kelly will speak about Otto McClevis (1901-1971), a well-known Warton Police Chief, and Bruce County's only O.P.P. Constable beginning in 1928. His enforcement experiences during prohibition are both informative and entertaining!



*Otto McClevis, 1939*  
*BCM&CC A2003.007.008*

## BCHS 2021 AGM

The 2021 BCBS AGM was again held as an online webinar, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, with 60 participants logged on. John O'Shea, Curator of Great Lakes Archaeology, Museum of Anthropological Archaeology, University of Michigan, was the featured speaker. He shared information about his archaeological research on the Alpena-Amberley Ridge beneath central Lake Huron, previously a land causeway across the middle of Lake Huron connecting Presque Isle, MI to Point Clark, Ont. The Lake Stanley stage in Lake Huron represents the most extreme low-water period, which occurred 7,000 to 11,500 years ago, with lake levels 230 to 328 feet below modern levels. O'Shea shared images of evidence of human activity on the ridge, now below water, such as features related to caribou hunting structures: drive lanes, hunting blinds and

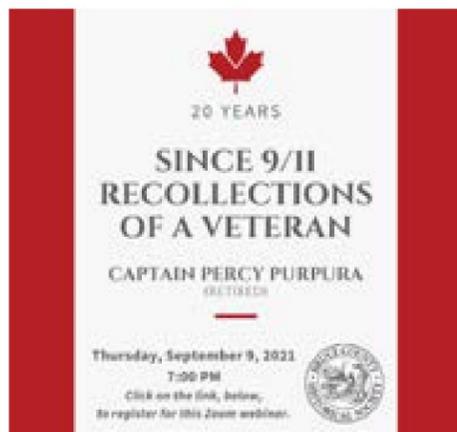


John O'Shea

habitation sites similar to those in sub-arctic regions.

You can view this presentation at the Society's YouTube Channel, [bit.ly/3tsnvDU](https://bit.ly/3tsnvDU).

## 20 years since 9/11 ... Recollections of a veteran



In recognition of the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2011 attacks in the United States, the BCBS hosted a webinar on Sept. 9, 2021, featuring Captain (retired) Percy Purpura who shared his thoughts about the Canadian

Military, 9/11, the Afghan Conflict and how those events have shaped our world. Cpt. Pupura joined the Canadian Military in 1965 as a gunner with the 57th Field Artillery Regiment. His military service included serving in Germany, with the United Nations peacekeeping mission in Bosnia and Croatia, in medical and disaster relief support in Pakistan, and coordinating medical evacuation of wounded Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan. His discussion

of various Canadian contributions to both combat and peacekeeping missions since the First World War reinforced our desire to honour all who have devoted time to military service. He also provided his perspective of events as they unfolded on 9/11 and enhanced our understanding of the effects of war in Afghanistan and Canada. More than 40,000 members of the Canadian Armed Forces served in Afghanistan. The last Canadian troops left the area in March 2014. We remember the 158 Canadian soldiers and seven civilians who were killed during the war in Afghanistan. Hundreds more were wounded and many continue to suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. The Canadian Encyclopedia is one source of more information about Canada and the War in Afghanistan: [www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/international-campaign-against-terrorism-in-afghanistan](http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/international-campaign-against-terrorism-in-afghanistan). We thank Captain Purpura for his service to our country, and The Memory Project organization for connecting him with us.

## Robertson and *The Bruce*: new printings ahead

In 1896, when the treasurer of Bruce County, Norman Robertson, entered a contest and won \$50 for "the best paper on the history of the county", little did he realize it would result, ten years later, in a 560-page book, his *History of the County of Bruce*.

By 1901 Robertson was secretary-treasurer of the brand-new Bruce County Historical Society. Later, the Society received a \$1,000 grant from Bruce County Council to publish Robertson's *History*, "on the understanding that the sum granted be refunded out of the first sales of the book". In 1906 the first edition was duly printed.

During the First World War, interest in the Society waned and it was dissolved. Not until 1957 was the Society reborn, with the mandate to "discover, collect, preserve and edit material pertaining to the history of Bruce County and its people". In fulfilment of this, the Society reprinted *History of the County of Bruce* in 1960, 1971 and 1988.

Now, in 2022, sales of Robertson are infrequent, but the Society views it as a foundational document in county history—keeping it in print satisfies the Society's mandate to promote local history.

With few copies in stock, the time has come for a fifth printing of Robertson. It's an impressive work: 560 pages in 38 chapters, with 45 photographs, 16 maps, many footnotes, 20 appendices and a short index.

BCBS board members Bill Stewart and Robin Hilborn met on Nov. 23, 2021 to plan the reprinting. They could have reproduced the original 1906 edition, with any flaws it may have, which was the route chosen in 1960, 1971 and 1988. Instead they chose to re-create the book from scratch, while respecting the size and look of the original. With that decided, they divvied up the work. They would be co-editors,

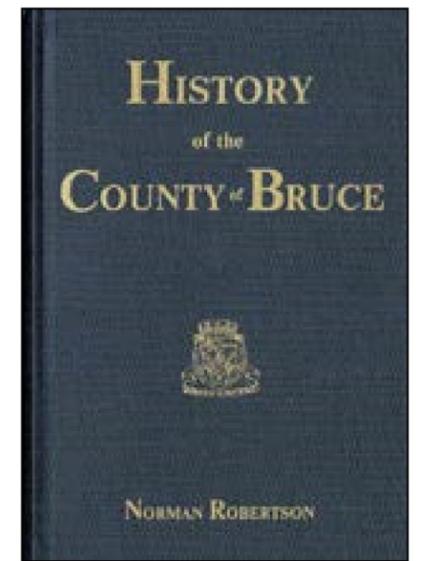
Robin taking the first half, Bill the second.

The "editing" involves taking the text found at [electricScotland.com/history/canada/bruce](https://electricScotland.com/history/canada/bruce) (which was apparently extracted from the book by optical character recognition) and closely proof-reading it—some

238,000 words—to see if it matches the 1906 edition. The editors are preserving Robertson's style in capitalization and punctuation, while correcting the occasional typo in the original text. Editing also encompasses finding the original images, preparing a new preface and a new index, and doing the layout in InDesign.

As publisher, BCBS has already obtained an ISBN number for the fifth edition of Robertson—ISBN 978-1-928192-06-0. Editing will continue through this year, and by the time Robertson appears in its new incarnation, hopefully in 2022, it will be the 116th anniversary of its first printing.

Another book of county history, *The Bruce*, is turning out to be something of a Society best-seller. Robin Hilborn's 236-page book, companion to the film of the same title, has sold almost 1,000 copies in three-and-a-half years. BCBS printed 500 copies in 2018 and 500 in 2019. The third printing, 500 more, was delivered March 25, 2022.



### YouTube Channel for BCBS

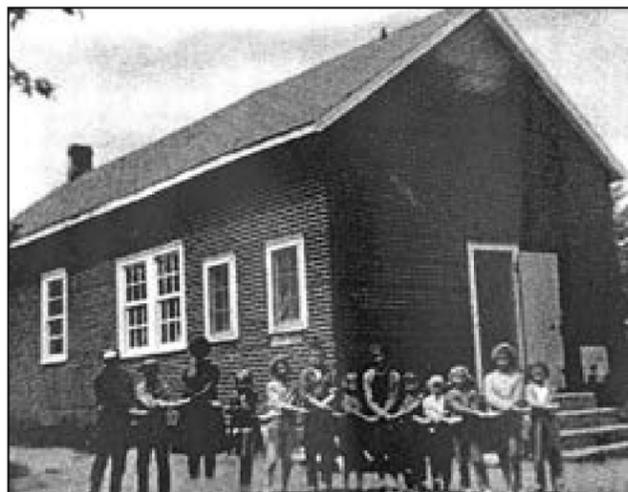
You can find the Society's videos at [bit.ly/3tsnvDU](https://bit.ly/3tsnvDU) or search for "Bruce County Historical Society" at [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

## Preserving a part of Pike Bay's school history

John C. Carter

One of the distinct pleasures of being Peninsula Director for the Bruce County Historical Society, is receiving email enquiries and phone calls about heritage issues and projects, which come from both members and non-members. One of these queries occurred in July 2021, when Debbie Dover, President of the Pike Bay Community Association (PBCA) contacted me about U.S.S. [United School Section] #5 Eastnor school in Pike Bay. It was built in 1886, and served local students in and around that community for 78 years, until it was closed in 1964.

Most recently it has been used as the Pike Bay Community Centre. When the PBCA was doing some maintenance work and planning for capital upgrades at the former school, the existing blackboards at the front of the classroom were taken down, uncovering a real treasure—the original slate blackboards. What is more, the notes written by an unknown teacher were extant and



still on the original blackboards! Debbie Dover asked me for input and advice on how to preserve and protect this unusual and important find. I contacted my old friend and colleague Steve Poulin, a conservator in Toronto. He provided Debbie with information and suggested several scenarios on how to safely and properly carry out such work.

As a follow-up to her request, I made a site visit to the former U.S.S. #5 Eastnor in September. I was accompanied by Pike Bay seasonal residents Jim MacDougall and Bryan Howard. Jim, a former curator of the Bruce County Museum, immediately identified the original boards as being of ¼" Vermont slate. Bryan, who is a local history buff, provided information about the school that he had heard from former teachers and students. We collectively noted the importance of her find, and gave Debbie further ideas about what she could do. She then took this information back to her board for further consultation and decision making.

Since then, it has been agreed that the original slate boards and the teacher's notes will again be covered up, and in that way, they will be protected and saved for posterity. Digital photographs have been taken of the chalk writing on the blackboards, and all these images will be framed and displayed for everyone who visits to see and read. It seems like a sensible decision to have been made in order to preserve a part of Pike Bay's school history. It also proves to be of public benefit, as well as being a proactive way of

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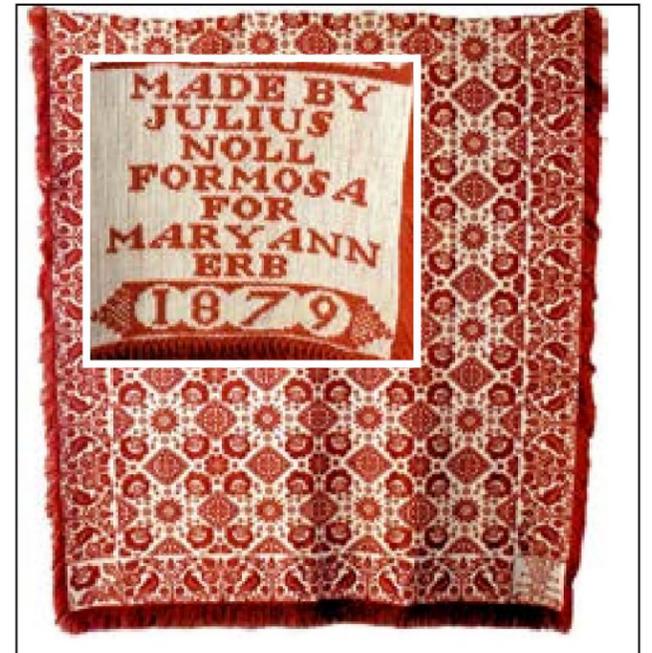
## Coverlets from the Museum collection

Laura Leonard, Curatorial Assistant, Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre boasts a large textile collection, especially in the form of bedding—close to 200 artifacts. The bedding collection includes quilts, blankets, coverlets and knit bedspreads known as counterpanes.

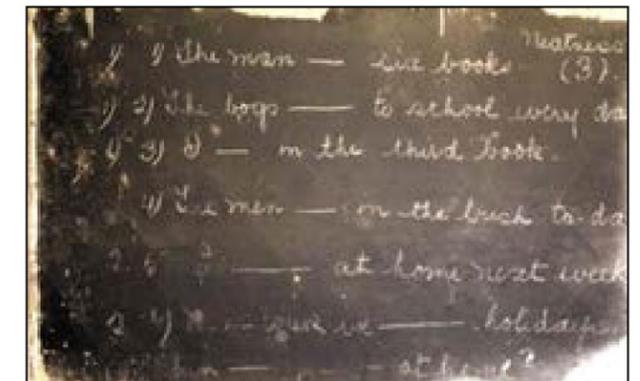
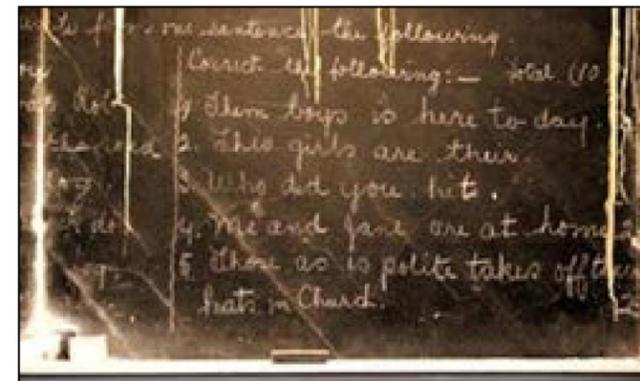
In the past, there has been a large focus on the quilts, particularly with the Grey Bruce Quilt Project led by Isabelle Underwood in the early 1990s, and even in more recent exhibitions at the BCM&CC, including Our Cultural Fabric, 2015-2016, and Hallmarks of Humanity in 2018. Less is known about the coverlets; they are a distinct art form, hold cultural symbols, represent a skilled form of handiwork, and have their own stories to tell.

Our collection has 18 pieces described as coverlets. Different from bedspreads or blankets, coverlets (thought to be derived from the term coverlid) cover the top and sides of the bed, but do not reach the floor. They are characterized by bright colours, and are tapestry-like in texture, having been woven on a loom. The coverlets in the collection are often described as Linsey-Woolsey, a term that refers to the linen and wool that are their makeup.



Early coverlets were made on four-harness looms and feature geometric patterns. The nature of coverlets

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keeping this gem safe.

This is just a small example of how advice from the Bruce County Historical Society has helped to facilitate saving a part of the County's tangible past and its material culture. It was also a project that I was pleased to be involved with, as Peninsula Director for BCHS. I look forward to seeing this initiative completed, and when done, suggest that BCHS members and the public at large visit to see the final outcome

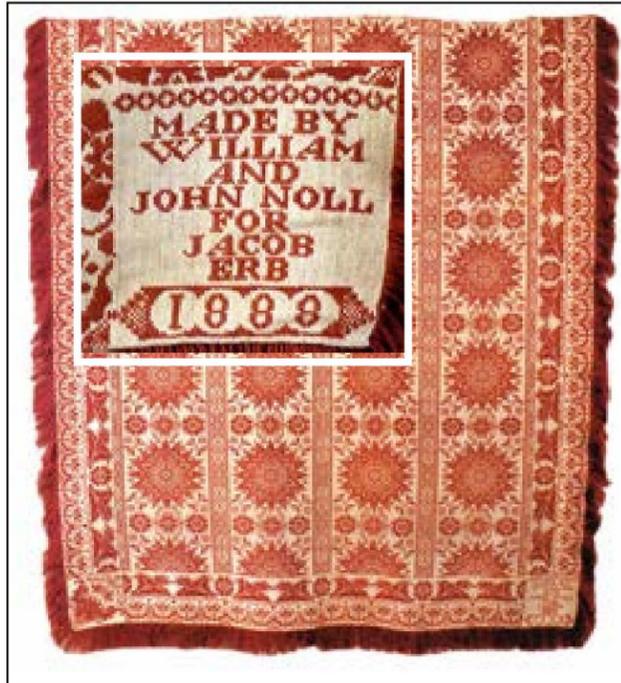
of this exciting venture. Congratulations to Debbie Dover, the Executive, and the members of the PBCA, for caring about the heritage of their community, and for the fine work that they are undertaking with this particular and unique project. A good job done!

*Dr. John C. Carter is Peninsula Director for the Bruce County Historical Society. He can be reached at drjohncarter@bell.net.*

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changed with the invention of the Jacquard loom attachment, which made its way to Canadian coverlet makers in the 1830s. The Jacquard allowed figural patterns that could be arranged in an infinite number of ways. Many of the coverlets in the collection feature Jacquard patterns.

Two coverlets, one donated in 1993, and the other in 2011, share several characteristics. They both are traditional Linsey-Woolsey in style and are bright-red wool and off-white linen. Both feature Jacquard patterns. Both are made in a style known as tied Beiderwand, which creates a vertical ribbed effect on both sides of the coverlet. This style uses two warp (vertical) threads, one is fine and used to tie down the pattern weft (horizontal) to the ground fabric at regular intervals. Beiderwand was first used by weavers in Northern Germany and Southern Denmark in the 17th century to create bed curtains and clothing. They also have a bottom corner, known as a cartouche, which contains the maker's name, who the coverlet was made for, and the year it was made.



One coverlet was made by Jacob Noll for Mary Ann Erb of Culross Township in 1879. It was made when Mary Ann was 19, likely for her trousseau, and was a cooperative effort between her and Julius Noll. She sheared the sheep and carded and spun the wool. After her marriage in December 1893, Mary Ann moved out of Bruce County and the coverlet was passed down through the family, finding its way to British Columbia before being donated to the BCM&CC in 2011. Though from Culross, this coverlet has "Formosa" in the cartouche, which tells us the weaver Julius Noll lived in Formosa at the time the coverlet was made.

The other coverlet was made by William and John Noll for Jacob Erb in 1888. Following family trees and information found in "All Our Yesterdays", it was discovered that Mary Ann is the older sister of Jacob. They were the children of Levi Erb and Magdalene Good, who first farmed on Lot 7, Concession 12, Culross Township. Later, in 1892, the Erbs purchased Lot 6, Concession 13. Jacob married Mary Jane Sillick in November 1887, and they farmed together on Lot 10, Concession 13 after they were married. The coverlet dates to 1888, and could have perhaps been a wedding gift, as coverlets were often given as gifts for weddings and other special occasions.

These two coverlets were not only made for siblings but were made by siblings. According to the Schneider Haus NHS, the Noll Brothers were the most well-known family of weavers in Waterloo County. Julius, William, and John Noll were the sons of Friedrich Noll, a trained weaver from Germany. The Noll family settled in Petersburg, Wilmot Township and Friedrich opened a weaving

shop. All three sons were apprentices to their father and when he died in 1867, they took over the weaving business, which featured a Jacquard loom.

By 1871 Julius had left the business and can be found in the 1871 Ontario Census as a schoolteacher with his wife in Wellesley, Ontario. Sometime after this they moved to Formosa where he became a store clerk. Later he was a bookkeeper and was Postmaster of Formosa from 1897 to 1914. During some of his time in Formosa, Julius must have been weaving blankets as an extra form of income, and his craft, done in a Germanic style (Beiderwand), would certainly have appealed to the many German settlers in the southern part of the County. William and John continued the business in Petersburg until John's death in 1905. Interestingly, John's son, also John, continued to weave on a loom out of his home until the 1930s and was the Postmaster of Petersburg.

Though blanket making and other textile work is often thought to have been the realm of women, many professional weavers were men. The Canadian Industry in 1871, Bruce County index lists 92 weavers, not including woollen mills or factories. Just more than half were run by men. The index also shows that during this period there was a cottage industry for weaving which could be as large as a shop in town, or as small as a single person with a handloom. Mary Ann's coverlet, and likely many more within the collection, is a good example of this cottage industry, which by the turn of the 20th century was mostly gone.

## Digitized Bruce County newspapers coming soon

The Bruce County Archives' digitization project will digitize up to 12 historic Bruce County newspapers from their earliest years up to around 1930. This project will both preserve the newspapers and make their content more accessible to the public.

Once digitized, the newspapers will be uploaded to a new Bruce County Museum website enabling the general public to both browse the papers and search the contents, by the end of 2022.

Funding for the Bruce County Municipal Modernization Program (Intake 2) Projects is provided in part by the Province of Ontario. Funding was also provided in part by the Federal Museum Assistance Program. The project is set to conclude before the end of 2022.



Archivist Deb Sturdevant with 1901 The Bruce Herald.

Community newspapers offer a detailed snapshot of life in an area, and the Archives is pleased to work to preserve and make accessible historic newspaper issues to keep that history alive. The oldest local newspaper in our Collection is "The Bruce Weekly Herald", August 13, 1861, Walkerton, which includes national and international news, along with local business advertisements, and a notice announcing the formation of the Walkerton Cricket Club.

In addition to the papers being digitized, the Archives also holds an extensive Collection of local newspapers, in original and microfilm formats, for decades following 1930, which may also be viewed in the Research Room. Many of these are listed in the "Local History" section of the BCM&CC's "Research Information" page.

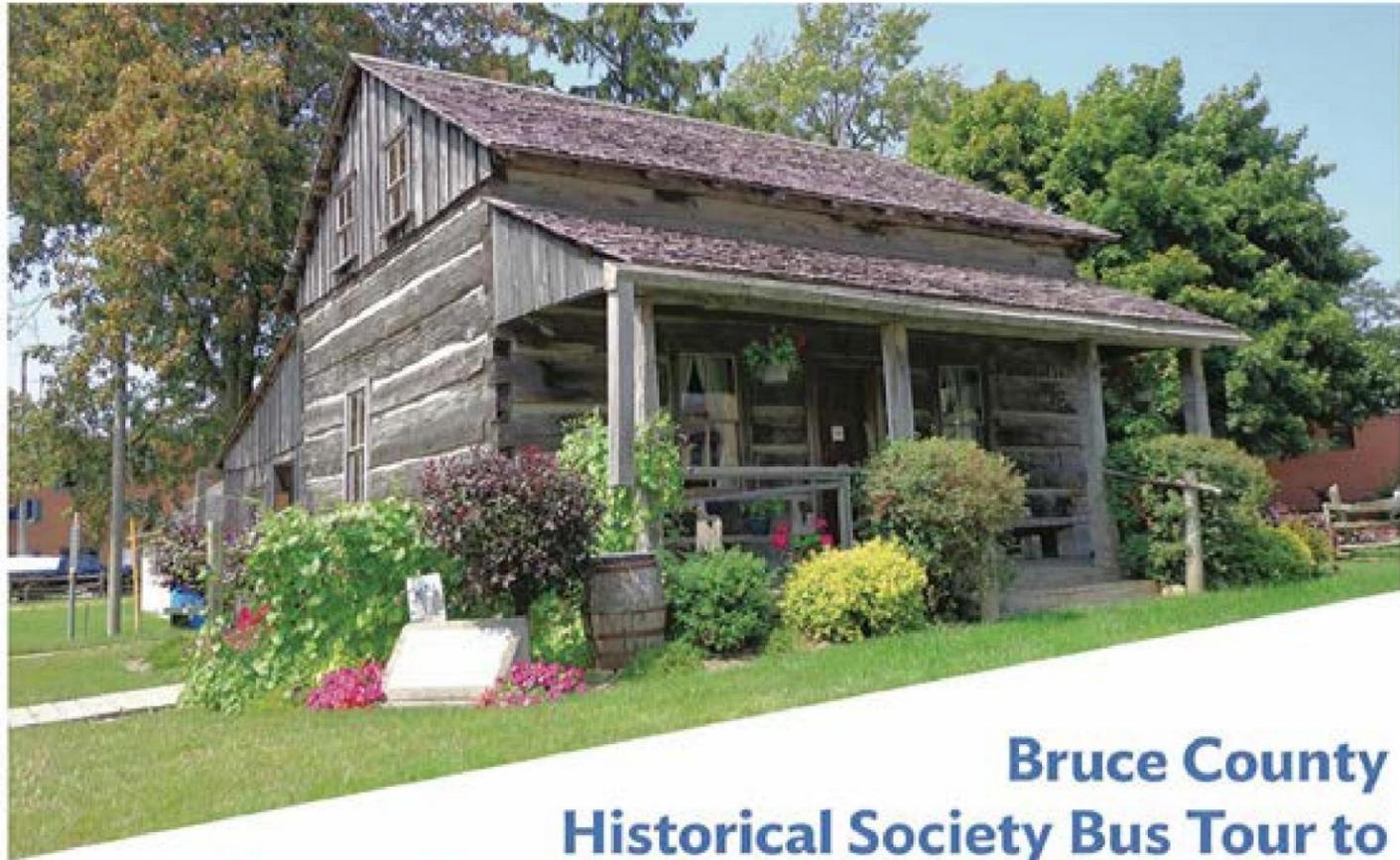
Over the past year, researchers have used newspapers to discover information about family history, sports, fires, business openings and closings, world wars, community group activities, and more.

BCM&CC is pleased to facilitate access to newspapers for many more to explore.

### BCHS Sponsors Archives Awareness Week

BCHS was pleased to continue its sponsorship of Ontario's Archives Awareness Week for the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre during the week of April 4. The Archives offered tour opportunities for municipal leaders that week, and advertised the services and resources of the Archives on social media and in Marketplace magazine.





## Bruce County Historical Society Bus Tour to Lucan Area Heritage & Donnelly Museum

Join us as we visit the Lucan Area Heritage & Donnelly Museum and then travel the route taken by the vigilantes to the home of the Donnelly family where they were massacred over 140 years ago.

**June 15, 2022**

**Tickets:**

\$120 (BCHS members), \$125 (non-members)

Lunch and dinner included

Deadline for Registration: June 1

**For Tickets, call:**

Irene Howe 519-832-9080, or

Karen Ribey 519-389-4405

or email: [bchs1957@gmail.com](mailto:bchs1957@gmail.com)



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Bruce County  
Genealogical Society

Join the Bruce County Genealogical Society for their webinars! To register for a webinar, email [BCGSwebinars@gmail.com](mailto:BCGSwebinars@gmail.com).

**Finding Them on the Ground in Ontario**

**April 11 (Zoom Webinar), 7 pm**

Having challenges pinpointing where your rural ancestors lived in Ontario? Through the stories and methodology of his own family tree research, Ken McKinlay of the Bruce County Genealogical Society will provide you with the skills and tools to find key information about your own family using census records, directories, voters' lists, and other publicly available records.

**DNA as a tool to accelerate your family research**

**May 9 (Zoom Webinar), 7 pm**

DNA, although often hyped as an ethnicity analysis, is a powerful tool for genealogists. Join BCGS as they discuss how DNA testing can assist with family research. The presenters will use examples to show how DNA can help with filling in gaps in your trees by finding cousins in the present day.

**Ron LaPlante's Genealogical Journey**

**June 13 (Zoom Webinar), 7 pm**

When Ron LaPlante inherited a bunch of photo albums from his parents, his exciting journey to research and document his own Family Tree back to the 1600s began. During this talk, Ron will share the insightful stories and discoveries he had along the way to developing his own 300-page family history book.

**Walk and Talk: Sanctuary Park Cemetery Tour**

**July 11, 7 pm**

The Bruce County Genealogical Society will meet at Port Elgin's main cemetery, Sanctuary Park, where Liz Gowanlock will talk more about her involvement with Find a Grave, the world's largest online gravesite directory. This walk and talk will be recorded and uploaded to the BCGS YouTube Channel.

**Preserving contemporary history:  
protest and counter-protest in  
Southampton**

*Robin Hilborn*

With a convoy protesting Covid restrictions bearing down on them from Port Elgin, a small group of counter-protestors waited in bitter cold at noon Feb. 12, 2022 at the intersection of High Street and Highway 21 in Southampton. The Southamptonites had heard that the "Freedom Convoy" was forming in Port Elgin, and heading north.

Finally the convoy arrived in Southampton at 12:40 p.m. and continued until at least 1:25 p.m., when I left with frozen toes and fingers.

Saugeen Shores Police watched as about 125 slow-rolling trucks and cars passed through the Southampton's traffic lights. I took photos and video of the procession of flag-decorated and horn-blowing trucks and cars. Some waved friendly greetings at the small group of masked counter-protestors, bearing signs promoting the value of vaccines.

The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre preserves records of recent events, as well as records of events from long ago. So I donated video and images from the protest convey and counter-protestors to preserve this moment in time for future generations to ponder. The Archives welcomes photos, videos and documents sharing pandemic experiences during the past two years. To consider donating, contact [archives@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:archives@brucecounty.on.ca) or give them a call.

**Area Director needed for Huron-Kinloss area**

A list of BCHS Executive members is on the BCHS website Contacts page.

BCHS's vacant executive positions include Vice-President, and Area Director for Southwestern Bruce County (Municipality of Huron-Kinloss). Area directors attend meetings of the executive committee (about every two months), serve on the Membership Committee, act as representatives to the members within their designated area, encourage the goals and objectives of the Society, and promote interest in the Society.

To volunteer for either position, or in any other capacity, please contact [bchs1957@gmail.com](mailto:bchs1957@gmail.com).

**BALANCE SHEET  
as at September 30, 2021**

**Summary of Bank  
As At September 30, 2021**

1 MCU Current Account	\$5,394.86
2 MCU GIC-17 Issued Nov 13/20 to Nov 13/23	\$16,343.04
3 MCU GIC-20 Issued Jun 17/21 to Jun 17/22	\$32,110.08
4 MCU GIC-19 Issued Nov 13/20 to May 13/22	\$8,000.00
5 MCU GIC-21 Issued Aug 5/21 to Aug 5/24	\$10,612.98
6 MCU Business Advantage Savings	\$3,332.09
	<u>\$75,793.05</u>

**Statement of Change**

Bank Balance (Sep. 30, 2020)		\$72,186.24
Income		
Savings/Investment Interest	\$10,537.30	
	\$1,012.58	
	<u>\$11,549.88</u>	\$11,549.88
Expenses		\$11,255.50
Cheques - 2020-21		
Cheque 210	\$80.00	
Cheque 213	\$748.44	
Cheque 214	\$150.00	
Cheque 215	\$194.80	
Cheque 216	\$288.15	
Cheque 217	\$1,871.04	
	<u>\$3,312.43</u>	\$3,312.43
<b>Balance As At September 30, 2021</b>		<u><b>\$75,793.05</b></u>

\*\* Difference \$0.00

*M. Irene Howe* 08 Jul 2022  
M. Irene Howe Date  
Treasurer

I, Roberta Trelford, certify that I have audited the financial transactions of the Bruce County Historical Society for the year October 1st, 2020 to and including September 30th, 2021. In my opinion these financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the Society as at September 30th, 2021

*Roberta Trelford* 24 Mar 2021  
Roberta Trelford Date

2022-03-28

**Statement of Income and Expenses - 2021  
2020-10-01 through 2021-09-30 (in Canadian Dollars)**

Category	2020-10-01- 2021-09-30
<b>INCOME</b>	
Donations	962.06
HODG Grant	1,159.00
Membership Fees	1,890.62
Misc	17.05
Publication Sales	6,508.57
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>10,537.30</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Administration	
Bank Service Charges	85.60
Insurance	748.44
Misc	120.00
Office Supplies & Expenses	532.88
Rent	500.00
<b>TOTAL Administration</b>	<b>1,986.92</b>
Educational & Promotional	
Event	500.00
Community Tour	150.00
<b>TOTAL Event</b>	<b>650.00</b>
LHMA Disc Agreement	471.75
Newsletter	2,285.18
Publication Sales Expense	2,805.70
Publishing	177.96
Website	323.40
Yearbook	2,804.59
<b>TOTAL Educational &amp; Promotional</b>	<b>9,118.58</b>
Membership Activities	
AGM	150.00
<b>TOTAL Membership Activities</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>11,255.50</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-718.20</b>

**SPECIAL MAY  
MEETING**

**2020-2021 Audited  
Financial Statement**

A special membership meeting will be held by Zoom on **Saturday, May 7 at 9:30 a.m.** to deal with the 2020-2021 audited financial statement which was not ready for presentation at the October annual general meeting.

To register, please email:  
[bchsregister@gmail.com](mailto:bchsregister@gmail.com).

The regular BCHS executive meeting will follow, and members are welcome to sit in on that meeting.

**Application for BCHS Membership**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Type: Annual - \$20 Life - \$500

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ I would also like to make a donation of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Complete form, select type of membership and make cheque payable to "Bruce County Historical Society"  
Mail to: Joyce Osborne, Membership Director, Box 298, Ripley, ON N0G 2R0

*As a member, you contribute to the preservation of Bruce County heritage. See [brucecountyhistory.on.ca](http://brucecountyhistory.on.ca) for more information on the Society's goals and mandate, and the benefits of membership.*

## Membership Renewal

A friendly reminder to check your membership status on the address label on this newsletter. If you see (2021) on the label, it's time to renew.

- Annual Memberships: \$20 each
- Life Memberships: \$500 each

Please join or renew by submitting your membership fees or questions to the BCHS Membership Secretary:

Joyce Osborne  
Box 298, Ripley, ON N0G 2R0

Payment may also be made by e-transfer to [bchs1957@gmail.com](mailto:bchs1957@gmail.com).

For memberships mailed to the U.S., please pay in U.S. funds.

## Contribute to the BCHS Yearbook!

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