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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Here is the annual Genealogy issue for your enjoyment. As usual we have not received much material from the members. *Please*, Members, consider sending in queries, genealogy material, or any other related items. This is *your* Newsletter, so please participate in it!

We in California, particularly in the Valley, have had a very destructive freeze which has left thousands of laborers out of work, to say nothing of the crops that have been damaged or lost—a great loss to the farmers.

The whole country seems to have suffered from weather damage. Let's hope a change for the better is on the way!

Don't forget, my Internet address is:
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Yours aye, Emily McClaine, Editor

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is just around the corner, but today (March 15) we are in the midst of a heavy snowstorm with 8 inches having landed on us already here in New Hampshire!

First, let me introduce our new Vice President. He is John W. Bruce of Tallahassee, FL and you saw his picture in our Fall *Bannockburn*. He is Drum Major with the Tallahassee Pipe Band and is eager to work for Family of Bruce at the many Games he attends. He succeeds Boyd Bruce, who also lives in Florida, and these two gentlemen have decided to divide up their duties by assisting each other. Boyd will represent us at Games in his area.

Despite the weather, our intrepid Treasurer/Membership Chairman, Frank Scammon, accompanied my husband and me on a trip to scout accommodations for members coming to attend our annual Meeting on June 26.

We were surprised to find that the motels were already filling up for that weekend due to various conventions.

but we have a choice of two fine places to stay if you make reservations without delay!

The first is the Publick House Historic Inn & Country Motor Lodge in Sturbridge. We have reserved a block of 20 rooms for our members at a group rate of \$79.00 per room. With tax, this comes to \$86.66 for two in a spacious room with two double beds, bath, color TV, telephone, and a little balcony. The Publick House has 13 dining rooms with most available for private functions, so if enough of us are there on Saturday evening we could have our own dining room!

I have taken a suite so that on both Friday and Saturday evenings we can gather in our lounge. On Friday evening we shall show the movie *The Bruce*, and on Saturday evening we shall play a number of Bruce videos.

To make reservations, phone The Publick House at 1-800-PUBLICK or write Beth Hartman, Director of Sales, at The Publick House, Route 131, P.O. Box 187, Sturbridge, MA 01566.

We enjoyed a fine luncheon buffet in their Ebenezer's dining room while we were there, and a less elaborate and simpler meal is available at Charlie's, both on the grounds.

Be sure to identify yourselves when making your reservations as coming for the Scottish Games in Brimfield and as part of the Family of Bruce.

The second place we found is the Day's Inn, formerly the Sturbridge Motor Inn, which is just down the road from The Publick House. Rooms are newly decorated with all-new bathrooms. Cost is \$65.00 for one double bed, \$75.00 for two double beds. Complimentary breakfast is served in the lobby, there is a pool, and there are 34 units.

They offer 10% off for AAA and AARP, and 15% off for September Days members. Contact Gita at Day's Inn, Rt. 15, P.O. Box 185, Sturbridge, MA 01566 or phone (508) 347-3391.

The Western Mass. Highland Games are on Saturday, June 26, so plan to come for Friday evening when there will be an informal get-together on the grounds. We expect that you will want to stay and visit Sturbridge Village on Sunday!

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting!

Yours Aye, Ernestine B. Firth
National President

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ANNUAL MEETING 1999 TO BE HELD IN MASSACHUSETTS

In an effort to make our Annual Meetings more accessible for more members, President Firth announces that the next Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 26, 1999 during the Western Massachusetts Highland Games in Brimfield, MA. Perhaps you have heard of Brimfield; it is known as the antiques capital of the country! But there won't be any yard sales going on at that time.

Brimfield is only two miles from Sturbridge Village, a re-created 19th Century village covering 200 acres with dozens of exhibitions including restored houses, gardens, meeting houses, a working New England farm, mills, a country store, a district school, craft shops, blacksmith shop, tin shop, etc. Throughout the village, historically costumed staff demonstrate the daily life, work, and community celebrations of a rural New England town in the 1830's. Besides being so close to this intriguing spot, the city of Boston is not very far away either.

If there is sufficient interest (and attendance) we shall try to arrange for a dinner reception Sat. evening.

The Western Mass. Games are very different from the somewhat overwhelming Games at Grandfather Mountain! This is a one-day affair, with a little bit of everything you would find at larger Games: clan village, genealogy tent, athletic competitions, sheep herding, piping, dancing competitions, and lots more!

For a brochure about the Games, contact Jane Robitaille, 93 Audley Rd., Springfield MA 01118.

Plan *now* to attend, and let's have a gala Bruce contingent!

PLEASE NOTE: FAMILY OF BRUCE is to be the HONORED CLAN at these Games, so come and help us make a good showing in the Clan Parade!!!

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With the Scottish Games season fast approaching, we are issuing a call to the membership to let us know which Games you can attend to represent Family of Bruce. Write and we can tell you which Games are nearest you, if you do not know. Our Founder's widow, Betty Hill of Clearwater, FL will host the Bruce tent as usual at the Dunedin Highland Games, and Dana and Erlene Davis of Englewood, FL have already hosted at the Sarasota Games. Kerry Fox will host our Bruce tent at the Grandfather Mt. Highland Games this year, and ALL of the New England Games will see Bruce tents! WHAT CAN YOU DO???

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A NEW CAREER for OUR PRESIDENT!

Our President Ernestine Firth has successfully begun a new career—she is now a published novelist! Her new book, titled *Twice for Melissa*, is a delightful story based in Boston in 1901, complete with cobblestoned streets and gas-lit lamps. It is about a woman who deals with crises in her life and an old childhood sweetheart who comes back to renew their acquaintance. It is a love story and a mystery story all rolled into one. One crisis follows another, keeping the reader going without stopping. It is the kind of story not often found in these modern days, and best of all—it has a happy ending.

Ms. Firth says this is the first of a planned series that she has been thinking about for several years. She is currently involved in writing a prequel to the first tale, set in Boston in 1776 and involving Melissa's grandparents and great-grandparents. Following the prequel there will be a Civil war tale.

As our Members know, besides being the National President of the Family of Bruce in America, Ms. Firth spends a great deal of time working on various Scottish events, such as performances and Ceilidh, attending Games, and doing the very intensive work required to publish our newsletter, *Bannockburn*. In the midst of all these time-consuming activities, Ms. Firth found time to write her enjoyable novel.

What the Members may not know is that the President is a very accomplished person, aside from her Scottish activities. She is a graduate of Colby Sawyer College in New London and Boston University. She has been a lecturer for the Marsh Program Service, an ERA lobbyist in Washington, and has worked with the New Hampshire Federation of Women.

Your Editor highly recommends *Twice for Melissa* if you looking for a happy and exciting reading experience. Congratulations to our President! Copies (autographed) may be ordered from her for \$13.50 postpaid.

MESSAGE FROM ERLENE DAVIS
GENEALOGIST/GENEALOGICAL ARCHIVIST

Covered in this genealogy issue of the Bannockburn for 1999 are: 1. "GEORGE BRUCE OF WOBURN, MASSACHUSETTS and Five Generations of his Descendants and 2. "THE CARRUTHERS SEPT OF DUMFRIES SCOTLAND" featuring its early history in Scotland and an early Carruthers family line in Scotland 3. A line from King Robert the Bruce to an American Immigrant.

Jim Carruthers, our representative for the family of Carruthers, a Sept of Bruce, has compiled and written the article on Carruthers (many thanks, Jim for a job well done) and I have compiled and written George Bruce of Woburn, Massachusetts that includes five generations of his descendants and the line from King Robert I to an American Immigrant.

Since my requests in the Bannockburn for help on the genealogy of our sept families, I have had several members of Sept families offer to help with their sept: Lyn R. McR. Hawkins, Capt. Ret., for Sept Carlyle; Jim Carruthers for Sept Carruthers and John Crosbie for Sept Crosbie. I still need help with Septs: Randolph and Stenhouse, if any members of those septs are interested. Very little work involved but it would be a help to know that someone is there to help, if needed. Just let me know. My postal address is in the roster and my email address is <Brucegen@ewol.com>

For the benefit of new members, articles on Sept families that have appeared in previous issues are: Crosbie/Crosby 1996; Carlisle/Carlyle in 1997 and Randolph in 1998. An article on our fifth sept, Stenhouse will be in next year's Genealogical Issue.

Please send me any additions that you might know of and inform me of any mistakes that you see (along with your proven sources).

CORRECTION: On pg. 6 in the Spring 1998 Bannockburn, William Randolph, b. 1650, married Mary Isham (not Ishorn).

I have no interest in taking on the job of archivist of the organization records. My only interest is genealogy and what I'm trying to get across is the fact that what I do for the society should not be termed genealogist alone. I believe Genealogist/Archivist would be a more proper title. I keep the genealogical records of all of our members, past and present. I have computerized the genealogical records of those members that are descended from a Bruce immigrant to America. I do, through referencing the lines that I have computerized, try to extend their lines. I also let them know if there is a question on the genealogy that they have submitted. I try also to point them in a direction that may help them extend their own family lines. I have nine large files full of member genealogical records, taking up space in every closet in my home and also some file boxes that sit out on my lanai. I really think the term archivist should be in there somewhere. In view of this, I believe Genealogist/Archivist (or Genealogist/Genealogical Archivist) would be more appropriate, don't you? Not complaining, just making a point.

ANCESTORS! (From The Family Tree, Apr/May 1998)

IF YOU COULD SEE YOUR ANCESTORS ALL STANDING IN A ROW
WOULD YOU BE PROUD OF THEM OR NOT, OR DON'T YOU REALLY KNOW?
SOME STRANGE DISCOVERIES ARE MADE WHILE CLIMBING FAMILY TREES!
AND SOME OF THEM, AS YOU WELL KNOW, WILL NOT YOUR EGO PLEASE!

IF YOU COULD SEE YOUR ANCESTORS ALL STANDING IN A ROW
THERE MIGHT BE SOME OF THEM, PERHAPS, YOU WOULDN'T CARE TO KNOW.
BUT HERE'S ANOTHER QUESTION WHICH REQUIRES A DIFFERENT VIEW:
IF YOU WERE SEEN BY ANCESTORS, WOULD THEY BE PROUD OF YOU???

George Bruce of Woburn, Massachusetts

And five generations of his descendants

By Erlene Huntress Davis

- 1 George Bruce b. abt. 1638, d. 18 Aug 1692.
 - m. 20 Dec 1659, Watertown, Middlesex, Mass., Elizabeth Clark b. 26 Nov 1642 Watertown, Middlesex, Mass.
- d. 13 Aug 1710 Woburn, Middlesex, Mass. (67 yrs of age)
- 2 William, b. 21 Nov. 1660, d. less than one year.
- 2 William, b. 20 Oct. 1661, d. less than 1 year.
- 2 Elizabeth, b. 26 Jan. 1662/63, d. at age 10.
- 2 Mary Bruce b. 15 June 1665 Woburn, Middlesex, Mass.
 - m. 30 June 1685 John Brooke, b. 1 March 1663/64 Woburn, Middlesex, Mass., d. 7 Aug. 1733
- 2 William Bruce b. 28 Apr 1667 Woburn, Middlesex, Mass.
 - m. 15 March 1693, Elizabeth Gould, Woburn or Charlestown, Mass.
- 3 Samuel Bruce b. 11 Mar. 1701 Woburn, Middlesex, Mass. d. 1761?
 - m. 20 Feb 1729 Rebecca Winn b. 15 Mar. 1708 Woburn, Middlesex, Mass.
- 4 Samuel Bruce b. 5 Mar 1730 Woburn, Middlesex, Mass. prob. d. Templeton, Worcester, Mass.
 - m. 1752 ? Woburn, Middlesex, Mass. Mrs. Marcy Bruce
- 5 Dolly Bruce b. 25 Jun 1761 Bolton, Worcester, Mass.
 - m. 21 Apr 1788 Winchendon, Worcester, Mass. Francis Maynard
- 3 John Bruce
 - m. 1721 Woburn, Middlesex, Mass. Martha Carter
- 4 Martha Bruce b. 8 Dec 1721
 - m. 13 Jan 1743 Thomas Barney
- 4 William Bruce b. 8 Jun 1724
 - m. Abigail Kendall
 - m. 2nd, Sarah Kendall
- 5 Abigail Bruce b. 22 Oct 1747 Marlborough, Middlesex, Mass.
- 5 Elizabeth Bruce
- 5 Nathaniel Bruce b. 26 Oct 1753 Marlborough, Middlesex, Mass.
- 5 Zeruah Bruce b. 27 Feb 1755
- 5 John Bruce b. 31 Aug 1757 Marlborough, Middlesex, Mass. d. 12 Mar 1809
 - m. 15 Dec 1785 Lois Wilkins b. 31 Dec 1760 d. 12 Feb 1828
 - John Bruce graduated from Dartmouth College in 1781 and was ordained 3 Nov. 1785 and preached at Mt. Vernon, N.H. He was their first pastor and there is a memorial tablet in the new church placed there by Josephine E. Bruce.
- 5 Martha Bruce b. 10 Dec 1761 Marlborough, Middlesex, Mass.
- 4 Elizabeth Bruce b. 13 Aug 1726
 - m. 19 Dec 1745 Sudbury, Middlesex, Mass. Jonathan Sherman
- 4 John Bruce b. 12 Mar 1729
 - m. 6 Feb 1751 ? Marlborough, Middlesex, Mass. Mary Joslin
- 4 Timothy Bruce b. 27 Feb 1731 Woburn, Middlesex, Mass. d. 1787 Marlborough, Middlesex, Mass.
 - m. 13 Feb 1752 Marlborough, Middlesex, Mass., Susannah Joslin. Moved to Bolton, Worcester, Mass.
- 5 Benjamin Bruce b. 1759
 - m. Philadelphia Wheeler
 - m. 2nd Elizabeth Barney
- 5 Timothy Bruce
 - m. 5 Apr 1781 Bolton, Mass. or Berlin, Coos, N.H., Mathilda Wheeler, d. 14 Feb 1849 near Alstead, NH
- 5 Sally Bruce
 - m. Fortunatus Howe
- 5 Samuel Bruce
- 5 Elizabeth Bruce

- 5 John Bruce
- 4 Mary Bruce
m. 19 Oct 1752, Marlborough, Middlesex, Mass. Russell Knight
- 4 Joseph Bruce b. 19 Aug 1759, Bolton, Worcester, Mass.
m. 19 Dec 1782 Washington, Sullivan, N.H. Ruth Lowell,
Ruth, dau. of David+Mary Blood Lowell
- 5 Joseph Bruce b. 11 Sep. 1783 N.H. or Putney, VT. d. 4 Jan 1868 Newton, Middlesex, Mass.
m. 14 Aug. 1806 Lempster, N.H. Susannah Bruce d. 22 Mar. 1825, near Acworth, Sullivan, NH
- 5 Ruth Bruce b. 26 Apr 1785, Putney, VT. d. 18 Dec 1868 Rochester, VT
m. 3 Oct 1803 Lempster, N.H. Levi Lowell
- 5 Timothy Bruce b. 23 Feb 1787, Putney, VT. d. 19 Mar 1867 Putney, VT.
m. Abigail Lowell
They were first cousins.
- 5 Susannah Bruce b. 16 Jan 1789, Putney, VT. d. 5 Mar 1830 Northfield, VT
m. 9 Apr 1909 Acworth, Sullivan, N.H. James Patterson
- 5 Mary Bruce b. 27 Apr 1791, Putney, VT
m. 28 DEC 1809 Acworth, Sullivan, N.H. Charles Brooks
- 5 David Bruce b. 13 Sep 1793 d. 15 Oct 1849 Thetford, VT
m. 2 AUG 1818 Thetford, VT. Sarah Riley
m. Marcenda Sturtevant
- 3 Abigail Bruce b. 29 Mar 1703 Woburn, Mass. d. 25 Aug 1748 Burlington, Mass.
m. 21 Mar 1723 Nathaniel Cutler, b. 23 May 1700 Woburn, Mass. d. 25 Aug 1748 Burlington, Mass.
- 4 Nathaniel Cutler b. 26 May 1724 Woburn Precinct, now Burlington, Mass. d. 16 May 1808
m. Esther Beard b. 1725 d. 27 Jun 1804
- 5 Micah Cutler b. abt 1763, d. 2 Sep 1796 Woburn, Middlesex, Mass., at age 33
m. 16 Feb 1786 Betsey Butters b. 31 Aug 1761
- 4 John Bruce b. 1726
- 4 Sarah Bruce b. 1729
- 4 Abigail Bruce b. 1731
- 4 Elizabeth Bruce b. 1735
- 4 William Bruce b. 1738 d.y.
- 4 Mary Bruce b. 1739
- 4 Silas Bruce b. 1743
- 4 Ruth Bruce b. 1745
- 2 John Bruce b. 18 June 1670 Woburn, Middlesex Co., Mass.
m. Isobel Lepingwell
- 3 Isobel Bruce b. ? d. 25 Jan 1731/32
- 3 John Bruce b. 8 Aug. 1725 poss. Woburn, Middlesex, Mass.?
m. Mehitable (?) Bruce
- 4 Mehitable Bruce b. 25 Nov. 1747
- 4 John Bruce b. 29 Aug. 1749 Woburn, Middlesex Co, Mass.
m. 29 Nov. 1770 Sarah Johnson
- 4 Silas Bruce b. 13 Oct. 1750
- 4 Mehitable Bruce b. 12 July 1752 Woburn, Middlesex, Mass.
m. Samuel Winn
- 4 Mary Bruce b. 3 Sept. 1754
m. 4 Sept. 1774 Benjamin Fowle
- 4 Joseph Bruce b. 15 June 1757 Woburn, Middlesex, Mass.
m. 25 Nov. 1783, Ruth Wright, b. 23 June 1750
- 4 Rhoda Bruce b. 22 Jan. 1761 d. 5 Dec. 1828
m. 1 May 1781 Woburn, Middlesex, Mass., Jonathan Tyler b. 14 June 1760 Woburn, Middlesex, Mass., d.
14 Feb. 1833 Woburn, Middlesex, Mass.
Jonathan:
A soldier in the American Revolution, poss. a pensioner at time of his

death. Son of Moses and Elinor (Bridges) Tyler. Had children: 1. Jonathan Tyler Jr., b. 17 Sept 1781 mar. Mary Osgood; 2. Sally, b. 25 Mar. 1785, mar. Abijah Stearns; 3. Isaac Tyler, b. ca. Feb. 1787, d. at 1 yr.; infant, d. at 1 yr.; 4. Susan, b.1790, mar. Phineas White; 5. Mary, b. Woburn, mar. Lewis Shaw; 6. Eliza Tyler, b. Woburn, unm.; 7. Polly Tyler; b.1793?, dy 8. Hannah Tyler, b.1793 m. Joseph Shedd; Moses; 9. Isaac; 10. Joseph; 11. infant; 12. Clarissa, b. 1801;13 Rhoda,m. G.May.

- 4 David Bruce b. 1 Nov. 1765
- 3 Thomas Bruce b. 26 Jan 1726/27
- 3 George Bruce b. 18 May 1732
m. Mary Holt
- 3 James Bruce b. 12 Feb. 1733
- 3 Joseph Bruce b. 20 June 1735 Woburn, Middlesex Co., Mass.
m. 20 Dec. 1758 Abigail Wyman
- 2 Elizabeth Bruce b. 24 Aug. 1672 Woburn, Middlesex Co., Mass.
m. 2 Mar. 1697/98 Ebenezer Swan
- 2 George, b. 18 Jan. 1673, d. less than 1 year.
- 2 Joseph, b. 11 Jan. 1674/75 , d. at 1 year.
- 2 Joseph Bruce b. 29 Dec. 1676 Woburn, Middlesex Co, Mass.
m. Hannah (?) Bruce
- 2 Samuel Bruce b. 28 Mar. 1680 Woburn, Middlesex Co., Mass.
- 2 Margery Bruce b. 24 April 1684
m. 20 Feb. 1704/05 Isaac Walker
- 2 Lydia Bruce b. 10 April 1687 Woburn, Middlesex Co., Mass.
m. John Cutter

These records were submitted by our members and have been gleaned from our genealogical archives.
All additions and corrections gratefully accepted.

LINE FROM KING ROBERT I TO AN AMERICAN IMMIGRANT

SPOTSWOOD

- Gen. 1 King Robert I (1274-1329) married Isabel, dau. of Donald, Earl of Mar and his first wife, Helen.
- Gen. 2. Marjorie de Bruce married Walter, 6th High Steward of Scotland.
- Gen. 3. Robert Stewart, (succeeded the throne as King Robert II) (1316-1390) mar. Elizabeth de Mure.
- Gen. 4. Princess Elizabeth mar. David Lindsay, 1st Earl of Crawford.
- Gen. 5. Alexander Lindsay, 2nd Earl of Crawford, mar. Marjorie of Dunbar.
- Gen. 6. David Lindsay, 3rd Earl of Crawford, mar. Marjory Ogilvie of Auchterhouse.
- Gen. 7. Sir Walter Lindsay of Beaufort, Pandride and Edzell mar. Isabella Livingstone of Saltcoats.
- Gen. 8. Sir David Lindsay of Beaufort and Edzell married Katherine Fotheringham of Powrie as his first wife.
- Gen. 9. Sir Walter Lindsay, who fell on Flodden Field, married ___ Erskine of Dun.
- Gen. 10. Alexander Lindsay, of Edzell, mar. ___ Barkley of Mathers.
- Gen. 11. Rt. Rev. David Lindsay of Pittlorlie, Bishop of Ross, mar. 1st, Janet, dau. of George Ramsey of Clattie.
- Gen. 12. Rachel Lindsay married John Spottiswoode, Archbishop of St. Andrews and Lord High Chancellor of Scotland.
- Gen. 13. Sir Robert Spottiswoode of Dunipage, Shropshire married Lady Bethiah Morrison of Prestongrange, Haddington, dau. of Sir Alexander Morrison and Eleanor Maule.
- Gen. 14. Dr. Robert Spottiswoode of Edinburgh and Tangier married Catherine (Mercer) Elliott of Tangier.
- Gen. 15. Gen. Alexander Spotswood, Gov. of Virginia and Post Master General of American Colonies , (1676-1740), b.in Tangiers, Africa, married 1724 in London, Eng., Anne Butler Brayne.

Our ties to Bruce date back to the 1300's when the Carruthers were one of the first families to join King Robert the Bruce, who ca. 1320 granted to Thomas the Clerk, son of John of Carruthers, grandson of William de Carruthers, a Charter of Mouswald.

We have a varied and sometimes questionable history as well (what self respecting Scot doesn't). At various times throughout history, we have been on all sides of right and wrong. For example, we find the Carruthers of Holmains "who could be relied upon to keep good order" and yet, in 1587, the Carruthers were in a list of unruly border clans, the border reivers (rather notorious clans that raided the border towns and villages). We have often not played well with others. We seem to be either raiding other villages, leading troops into battle or storming castles (sometimes our own families). In a book by C.L. Johnstone "The Historical Families of Dumfriesshire and the Border Wars" he relates the following:

"Although some of the Carruthers family were faithful to the King, the Laird of Mouswald, their head, seen to have leagued with the Douglasses. He was keeper of Lochmaben Castle, and the Auchinleck chronicler relates that in 1454 'The Lord of Johnstone's two sons took the Castles of Lochmanben from the Lord of Mouswald, called Carruthers, and his two sons, and all through treason of the porter; and since, the King gave them the keeping of the house to his profit.' The King's inherents in Dumfriesshire- the Johnstones, Maxwells, Carruthers of Holmains ...were rewards with part of the confiscated estates..."

I mentioned at the beginning that we are a small group. The Carruthers family is the only family that I have researched that all known branches seem to be traced back to one source, William de Caruthers, and from one very small area. Many of those lines have died out.

We know the following about the early Carruthers.

William de Carruthers, in the reign of Alexander II (1215-1245)
made a donation to the Abby of Newbattle

John of Carruthers

Thomas the Clerk, 1st of Mouswald m. Joan dau. of Robert de Applynden
granted Charter of Mouswald by King Robert the Bruce c. 1320

William Carruthers 2nd of Mouswald, received the Charter of Middlebie
in 1349

The Mouswald line comes to an end with the 10th of Mouswald in 1548
Nigel Carruthers, Chamberlain to the Regent, Killed in battle 1340

John Carruthers, Kings's Chancellor of Annandale in 1349

John de Carruthers

Roger de Carruthers, 1st of Holmains

John Carruthers, 2nd of Holmains

John Carruthers 3rd of Holmains

Thomas Carruthers

John Carruthers 4th of Holmains died before may 1523

James Carruthers died 1563

John Carruthers 5th of Holmains died Aug 15 1580

John Carruthers died before 1558

George Carruthers 6th of Holmains

(Holmains line ends with John Carruthers 12th of
Holmains in Oct. 1820.

William Carruthers 1st of Dolmont

Christopher Carruthers 2nd of Dolmont

William Carruthers died before 1705

John Carruthers

Francis Carruthers 3rd of Dolmont died 1679
 John Carruthers 4th of Dolmont
 Helen Carruthers
 Janet Carruthers
 John Carruthers
 Helen Carruthers
 Mary Carruthers
 Francis Carruthers 5th of Dolmont died Oct 29, 1773
 William Carruthers 6th of Dolmont died 1787
 William Aikman Carruthers 7th of Dolmont died 1802
 William Thomas Carruthers 8th of Dolmont 1799-1848
 William Francis Carruthers 9th of Dolmont

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 1999 Roster of Members will be distributed at the Annual Meeting. Copies will be mailed to members who do not pick their Rosters up at that time.

A Dues Reminder and an envelope for mailing dues to Treasurer G. Frank Scammon has been inserted in this issue for the convenience of our regular Members. Membership period is from June 1 until the following May 31. Two years ago we had to drop 100 members for non-payment of dues. This was a considerable loss which we deeply regretted. So please be sure to send in your dues as promptly as possible. Many thanks!

April 6 is now a National Holiday--TARTAN DAY!!! Remember to wear your Bruce tartan proudly on that day, each year, and at our Annual Meeting. We have plenty of Bruce tartan available, and there is time to get your kilt or kilted skirt made up before the Meeting. Remember, Family of Bruce is the HONORED CLAN at the Western Mass. Highland Games and we want to make a smart appearance in the Clan Parade! Fringed sashes are \$20.00 plus \$1.50 postage; men's kilt length is \$100.00 plus \$6.00 postage, and ladies' kilted skirt length is \$50.00 plus \$3.00 postage. Order from President Firth, 90 Chestnut St., Bristol, NH 03222. (P.S.: do you know WHY April 6 is TARTAN DAY??? Because Bruce's Declaration of Scottish Independence was issued on that day in 1320 at Arbroath.)

REMINDER: Have you distributed our Contest announcement to you local High Schools? Deadline for essays is May 1, 1999.

Robert Randolph Bruce: 1861 - 1942

by Winnifred A. Weir (condensed)

He was a man acclaimed as a promoter of the Upper Columbia Valley, praised for his outstanding generosity to his community and scathingly rebuked for falsely representing the valley he loved, to entice settlers to the area. He became a Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.

He was Robert Randolph Bruce, an esteemed pioneer of the Windermere area, for whom a mountain, a creek, a community hospital and the main street of Invermere have been named.

Born in St. Andrews, Scotland, in 1861, the son of a Presbyterian minister, Bruce had seven sisters and five brothers. He was educated in Aberdeen, then graduated from the University of Glasgow in Civil Engineering, after which he served five years on the scientific staff of a Dumbarton firm.

He came to Canada in 1887 with \$40.00 in his pocket and a letter of introduction to Lord Mount Stephen of the CPR, for whom he worked, on the engineering staff for ten years. He then became interested in mining, going to Montreal to get his degree in mining at McGill University.

From there, he developed the silver, lead and zinc Paradise Mine in the B.C. Purcell Range, which led to a fortune for both his backer and himself. In 1899, he founded the townsite of Peterborough, (renamed Wilmer in 1909), for the miners and their families. He started a nursery in 1904, to provide a hearty stock of fruit trees for them.

On January 6, 1914, Bruce married Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Earl and Countess of Iddesleigh in the church on the family estate at Upton Pynes, seat of the Northcote family. After a honeymoon in Algiers, the couple returned to Invermere, living in a houseboat while their spacious home was completed.

Lady Elizabeth died of appendicitis in September 1915 and was buried in a mausoleum in the garden at Pynelogs, the home in which she never lived.

In the years after the death of his bride, Bruce continued to be concerned with his prospering mine and the settlement of the Columbia Valley. He was noted for his generosity to the settlers, but criticized for his exaggerated brochures describing the Valley as a bountiful land ready for gentle occupation.

Bruce was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of B.C. in 1926, a post he held until 1931. During those years, he lost his sight, but continued to see to the needs of his community, donating Pynelogs for a hospital, which he renovated and named Lady Elizabeth Bruce Memorial Hospital at the official opening May 12, 1937.

Politically, Bruce was an ardent Liberal, running for the B.C. legislature in 1936, when his defeat was a bitter disappointment.

Later that year, Bruce married Edith Bagley Molson, widow of R.B. Van Horne, railway magnet of Montreal and shortly after that, he was appointed Canada's Minister to Japan.

In February 1942, Robert Randolph Bruce died in Montreal. Tributes were paid throughout Canada - - - "a pioneer of pioneers, successful in mining, active in public affairs, dignified and responsible." "The province and the nation lost a notable citizen" - - - - "remembered most of all in the beautiful Columbia Valley - he who was Bruce of Windermere." - - - "dignity and charm endeared him to all who came in contact - - - like others of his race, he was endowed with a genius for achievement."

Some explanation of terms and names used

CPR - Canadian Pacific Railway

Van Horne - builder of that railway

Molson - Famous brewers

Windermere, Invermere - small towns in the Upper Columbia Valley

Lieutenant-Governor - the Queen's representative - one in each province,
the country has a Governor-General in Ottawa

B.C. British Columbia, the most westerly province of Canada



*R.R. Bruce Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia
1926*

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The above very interesting article about a more modern-day Bruce was sent to us by our Western Canada Commissioner, Mary E. Davidson, of Salt Spring Island, British Columbia. She will also send a book review of a book written by a local Bruce for our Fall issue.

Mary is active in her local Scottish Country Dance Club where she is part of the demonstration dance team. She will be visiting Scotland in May and will take part in the Canada 2000 celebrations.

MEMBERS!!! Do you know of a Bruce, living or dead, who has led a life of interest and accomplishment? Send particulars to President Firth for inclusion in a future Bannockburn.

