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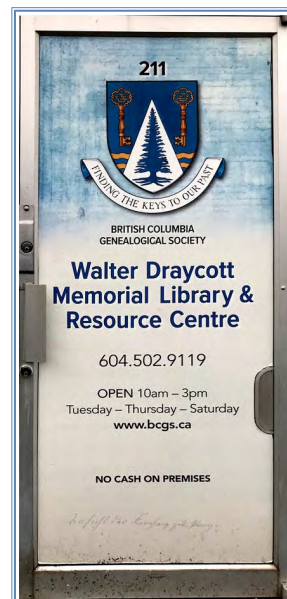
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A message from our President...



Merry Christmas to all our Members.

As 2025 winds down, I hope you have
had a genealogically successful year.
We would love to hear about these.
Or have you discovered a website, record
collection or computer short-cut that might
be helpful to our members, consider
doing a short article for our Journal or our
Newsletter. Maybe it will be an inspiration
to the rest of us.

What is on your Christmas wish list?
Good time to hint to the family – after all
do we really need another pair of socks?
There are often sales for various research
websites or record sets – maybe a
6 month subscription is just the ticket!
You're happy, and the family is relieved to
give you something you can really use
and enjoy.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we
wish you and yours a very special holiday
season. We'll see you in January.

Eunice Robinson



From the Desk of the Editor . . .

From my office window this morning I enjoyed watching a gang of sparrows and chickadees swooping about, checking through the mossy rocks and flipping over leaves, then taking turns at the bird feeder. Their energy brought a smile to my face and a bit of cheerfulness to my stride.

While this grey weather weighs on west coast residents, it's time to tuck under a warm blanket and enjoy a story or three. This month, our focus is on events and brave individuals from British Columbia.

Our Holten Project researchers, *Janice Kidwell* and *Yvette Howard*, bring us the stories of James McKay, from Enderby, and Charles Cridland, from Vancouver.

Moyna Laing tells a tale about her father, Max Paulus and a special certificate issue.

Gordon Udell shares research into his Empire Loyalist family members from the 1800s.

Our regular columnists are here, *Janice* explores BC events and three special post cards, while *Meg McLaughlin* shares her travel planning tips for genealogists.

From our own Library, *Eunice Robinson* shares a programme from the files, the 1939 UBC Conferring of Degrees booklet.

Dorothy Jones shares two special photographs from New Westminster, the Vincent Massey Junior High School choir and the Lester Pearson Girls' Trumpet Band.

I hope that you enjoy checking through all these stories, and have some Christmas treats as you do!



Lynne Fletcher
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A Christmas themed Postcard from
Saskatchewan, now in our Library.

POSTCARDS

EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Submitted by Janice Kidwell,
B.C.G.S. Member # 5033

December 13, 1871: Emily Carr, Canadian painter was born in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (d. 1945)

December 8, 1899: John Qualen (born John Mandt Kvalen), Canadian actor (Casablanca, The Grapes of Wrath, The Searchers), born in Vancouver, British Columbia (d. 1987)

December 8, 1900: Construction of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Vancouver was completed and opened to parishioners.

December 17, 1903: BCER pushed a button and this began the flow of electricity into Vancouver. The then Trout Lake Power Station (after 1905 Lake Buntzen) started and produced the first hydro electric power in the Lower Mainland. Two days later, on December 19th, the City of Vancouver was first lit by water power. The Province newspaper of the day printed an article titled "Steam discarded in favour of Water Power". Prior to 1903, the electricity used to power the streetcars, interurbans, lighting, as well as power industry in the area came from a thermal electric plant located at Prior and what is now Main Streets in Vancouver. This plant was aided by a small steam plant in Burnaby near the present Newell Substation.

December 26, 1911: Denman Arena opened at Georgia and Denman, welcoming professional hockey to Vancouver. With a capacity of 10,000 it was the world's largest artificial ice rink.

December 3, 1930: The Commodore Cabaret opened on Granville Street.

December 4, 1936: Vancouver's new city hall opened for business.

December 3, 1949: A photograph appeared in the Province showing the site for something described as a "shopping centre" on the north shore. It would be called Park Royal. It was Canada's first shopping centre and opened in 1950.

December 30, 1949: Bruce Fairbairn, Canadian musician and record producer (Loverboy; Bon Jovi; Aerosmith), born in Vancouver.

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December 24, 1951: Named "most beautiful woman in the world," Yvonne De Carlo visited Vancouver - her home town. She was born in St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver.

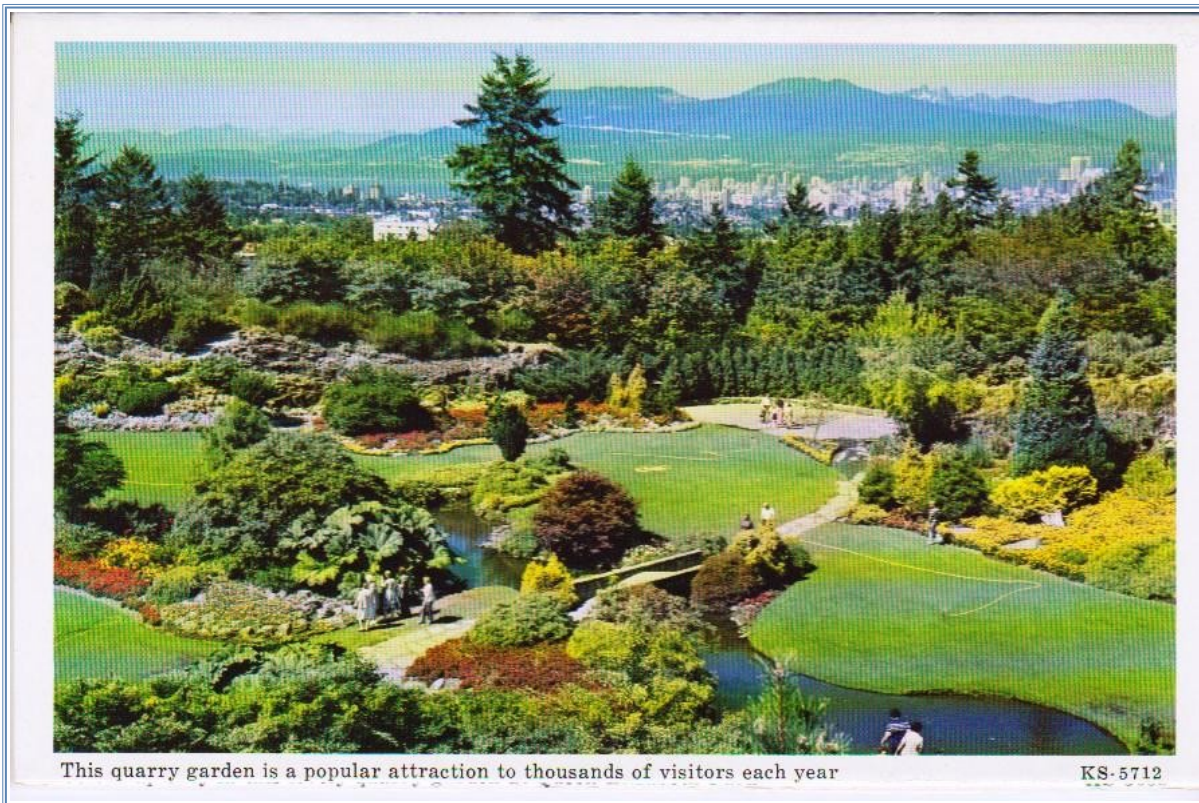
December 19, 1957: Doug Johnson, Canadian rock keyboardist (Loverboy - "Working For The Weekend"), born in New Westminster, British Columbia

December 9, 1963: Elected on this day, Bill Rathie was the first Vancouver mayor to have been born in the city.

December 6, 1969: The [Bloedel Floral Conservatory](#) opened at Queen Elizabeth Park.

Postcards:

The coloured postcard of Queen Elizabeth Park in Vancouver is one of twelve contained in a folded booklet. This particular postcard shows the beautiful quarry garden along with the North Shore Mountains and a section of Vancouver. This booklet was published by Natural Color (American spelling) Productions Ltd., Burnaby, B.C. V5G 3K8. There is not a space to write a message on this postcard. Once the booklet is folded there is a spot for addressing the booklet and adding a stamp.



POSTCARDS

A coloured photo of Vancouver's City Hall. Vancouver's City Hall was opened to the public in 1936, during the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of that year.



This postcard was produced by Folkard Company of Canada Limited, Montreal, Canada. There is neither a message nor a stamp on the back of this postcard.

The coloured Christmas themed postcard showing two bells, holly and snowflakes was mailed to someone – possibly B. Lomas - who lived in Saskatchewan. It was mailed from Sumas, Washington, USA. The greeting on the back is “wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year”. The name of the sender is unclear. The stamp is of President George Washington. The Post Office released the 1-cent Washington stamp on August 26, 1954, in Chicago, Illinois. The engraving of George Washington was modeled from a portrait by Gilbert Stuart (1755–1828).

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HOLTEN CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY PROJECT

L/CPL JAMES ALEXANDER MCKAY

June 10, 1914 – April 17, 1945

Submitted by Janice Kidwell

BCGS Member #5033

Lance-Corporal James Alexander McKay was born June 10, 1914 in Enderby, British Columbia to parents John and Mary (Campbell) McKay.

In the 1921 Canadian Census the family is living in Enderby, B.C. The parents are living there with their nine children. The father's occupation is listed as Agricultural farming although another source lists John McKay as a Road Foreman. In the 1931 Canadian Census the family – the parents and four children - are living in the municipality of Grinrod (unorganized). The father's occupation is listed as a Retail Merchant and as having a Feed Store.

John attended M.V. Beattie Primary School and for three years - A.L. Fortune (Alexander Leslie Fortune) Secondary School in Enderby (opened in 1913) - where he achieved his junior matriculation. Unfortunately the school burnt down May 8, 1975 therefore was not able to confirm if they had had a Roll of Honour for past students who had served in WW11 and did not return.

James enlisted and was Taken on Strength on October 23, 1942 at the Central Station No. XI District Depot Detachment in Vancouver. James would serve with The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment. His rank was as a private, his Regimental Number was K69305. James had the traditional medical examinations and vaccines and a chest x-ray at Shaughnessy Military Hospital in Vancouver. At that time he stated that he was a member of the United Church. James had worked as a grocer for eight years and had later taken a course on automotive engineering.

On November 19, 1942 L/Cpl McKay was struck off strength from the No. X1 District Depot, and on November 20th was taken on strength to No. 110 Training Centre in Vernon for Basic Training. From Dec. 22nd to 28th, 1942 he was on Christmas Leave.



Badge: The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment

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On January 26, 1943, L/Cpl McKay returned to the No. 110 Canadian Basic Training Centre in Vernon, B.C. and received further training including in small arm courses, miniature range, rifle, light machines gun and a 303 rifle.

L/Cpl McKay also took a course in automotive engineering at the Dept. at the I.C.S. Education. ICS - Incident Command System - is a management system designed to enable effective, efficient incident management by integrating a combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications operating within a common organizational structure.

January 27, 1943: Taken on Service on transfer from the training centre in Vernon to the Canadian Infantry Training Centre in Calgary.

February 16, 1943 he was authorized to wear the General Service Badge.

From May 12 to May 25, 1943 L/Cpl McKay was given a Furlough and Ration Allowance.

On June 11, 1943, James left Canada for overseas, disembarking in the U.K. on June 18, 1943. L/Cpl McKay was serving with the CIRU (Canadian Infantry Reinforcement Unit).

On December 16, 1943, L/C McKay was wounded and two days later admitted to hospital. On December 26, 1943 a telegram sent to his father from Director of Records stated that his son's nature and extent of wounds was not yet known. Further information would follow when received. L/Cpl McKay was discharged January 18, 1944. On January 1, 1944 L/Cpl McKay was appointed L/Corporal.

On February 2, 1944 – a telegram was sent to L/Cpl McKay's father re previous telegrams "wounded in Action", nature of wound now reported high explosive shell wound right leg, further information to follow when received. The following month L/Cpl McKay was injured and on May 16, 1944 L/Cpl McKay was admitted to 15 Canadian General & IC Field Dressing Station. On May 20, 1944 a telegram was sent to L/Cpl McKay's father stating that his son was slightly injured, that the nature of wounds was not yet known and that further information would follow when received. On May 24th L/Cpl McKay was admitted to the Canadian General Hospital and was discharged on May 30, 1944.



HOLTEN CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY PROJECT

A telegram was sent to L/Cpl McKay's parents notifying them that their son had been slightly wounded and that further information would follow when received.

March 10, 1945 – embarked in Italy, disembarked at France March 12, 1945.

On April 10, 1945, L/Cpl McKay was granted 7 days Private Leave to the U.K.

Sadly, L/Corporal McKay was Killed in Action on April 17, 1945. His temporary burial took place at the Deventer Cemetery in Teuge, Holland. For the burial service it was noted that L/CPL McKay belonged to the United Church.

A Telegram dated April 22, 1945 was sent to L/Cpl McKay's parents notifying them that their son has been officially reported as Killed In Action on April 17, 1945.

Further information will come directly from the Unit in the Theatre of War with a request to not divulge neither the date of casualty nor the name of the Unit.

A letter dated April 27, 1945 was sent from Major General A.E. Walford to L/Cpl's father stating that he had learned of his son's death and that any additional information received would be communicated to his father without delay. The Canadian Message was dispatched on May 11, 1945; the Royal Message was dispatched on May 29, 1945.

On January 24, 1946 L/Corporal McKay's remains were carefully and respectfully reburied at Holten Canadian War Cemetery. His gravesite at Holten Canadian War Cemetery is Grave 8, Row F, Plot 1. (1.F.8).

A Burial Report was sent to L/Cpl's father on June 25, 1946 and on June 19, 1948 a letter was sent to L/Cpl McKay's father with a photo of his son's gravestone and marker over the burial place of his late son. A Canadian Message was sent May 11, 1945 and a Royal Message was sent May 29, 1945.



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L/Corporal McKay received the following medals:

1939-45 Star	France & Germany Star
CVSM and Clasp	War Medal 1939-45
Italy Star	

These medals were given to L/Cpl McKay's father.

Total qualifying service: 908 days
qualifying overseas service: 669 days

L/Cpl. McKay was posthumously presented the Dutch Order of the Bronze Lion "...for distinguishing himself...by performance of acts of exceptional gallantry and tact, thereby setting a praiseworthy example under difficult circumstances, for which he paid with his life," reads the original citation signed by Queen Wilhelmina of The Netherlands.



WW1 Medal -
Italy STAR

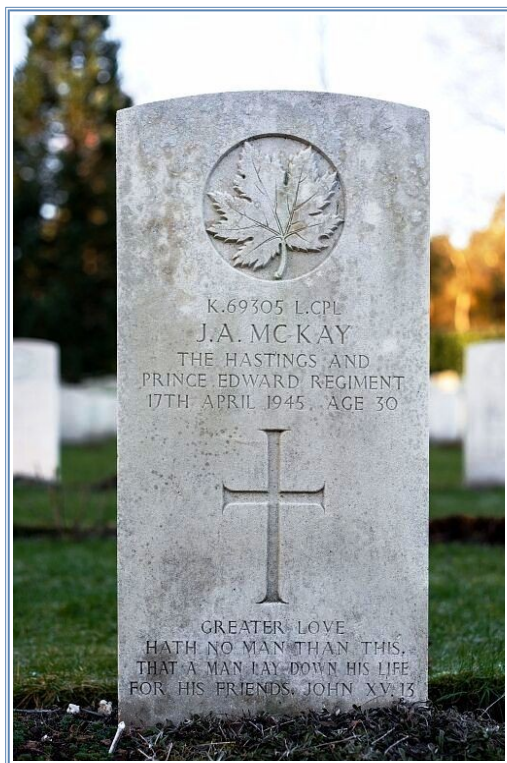


The Bronze Lion Medal, Holland

The Bronze Lion ([Dutch](#): Bronzen Leeuw) is a high Royal Dutch award, intended for servicemen who have shown extreme bravery and leadership in battle favouring The Netherlands; in some special cases it can be awarded to Dutch or foreign civilians. It was first created in 1944 and has since been issued 1,210 times. Proposals for an award are reviewed by the Dutch Board for Bravery Awards, which is part of the Ministry of Defence. If awarded they are enforced by a Royal Decree. The Bronze Lion has precedence after the Order of the House of Orange but is the second-highest military decoration still being awarded for bravery - only preceded by the Military William Order.

The Bronze Lion is a cross in bronze, covered by a round shield. On the front is a relief of the crowned Dutch Lion. The cross is attached to a 37 mm wide ribbon, divided into nine equal vertical stripes, alternately orange and 'Nassau blue', the strips on either edge are Nassau blue. It is possible for a single person to receive more than one award of the Bronze Lion, in which case a number '2' in gold is added on the ribbon of the Bronze Lion.

HOLTEN CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY PROJECT



K69305 L CPL
J.A. MCKAY
THE HASTINGS AND
PRINCE EDWARD REGIMENT
17th APRIL 1945 AGE 30

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GREATER LOVE
HATH NO MAN THAN THIS,
THAT A MAN
LAY DOWN HIS LIFE
FOR HIS FRIENDS JOHN XV.13

L/Cpl James Alexander McKay is remembered
at the Enderby Cenotaph.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE CITIZENS OF
ENDERBY CITY AND DISTRICT
WHO GAVE
THEIR LIVES IN WORLD WAR I AND
WORLD WAR II
LEST WE FORGET

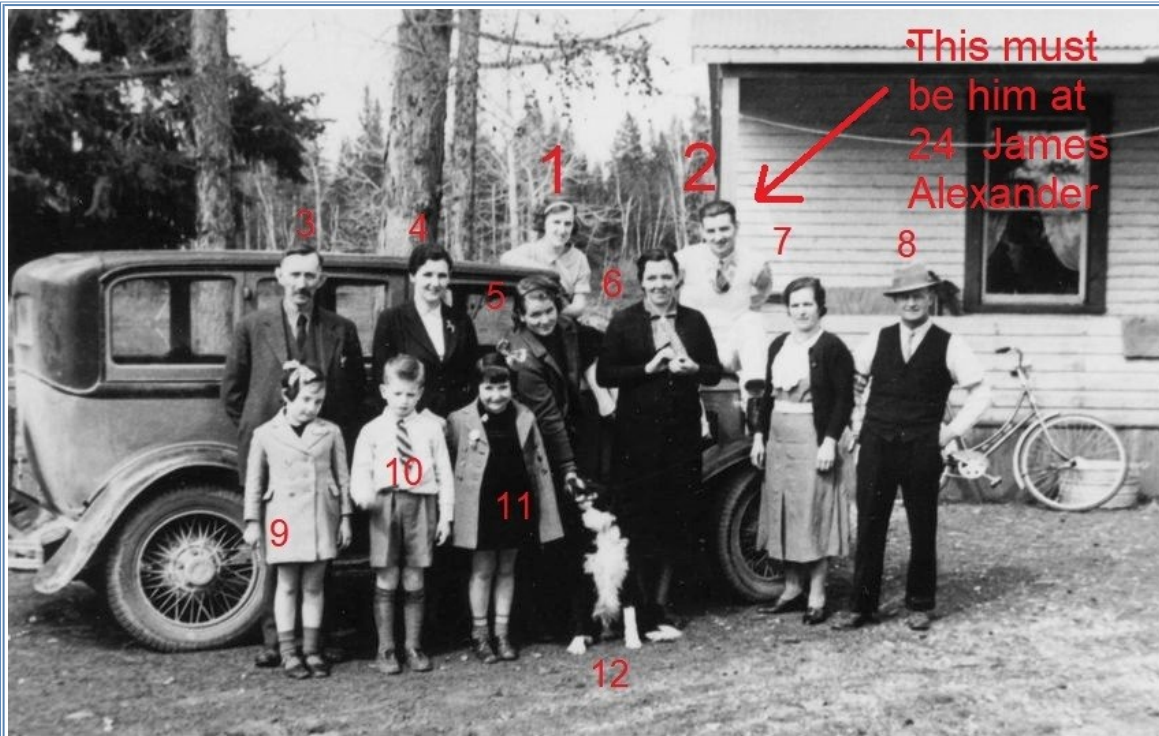
L/Cpl McKay is commemorated on Page 543 of
the *Second World War Book of Remembrance*.

*This page is displayed in the Memorial Chamber of the Peace Tower in Ottawa
on November 15th.*



Cenotaph in Enderby

HOLTEN CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY PROJECT



The 1930 Chrysler at Waterside farm in 1938, 1) Roberta (Bobby)McKay 2) JimMcKay 3) Dad John McKay 4)Mary Hall 5) Jeannie McKay, 6) Martha McKay, 7) Rachel (Ella) Price 8) Stan Price 9) Annie McKay , 10) Leonard Price and 11) Margery McKay. 12) unknown dog
John McKay came to eastern Canada from Ireland in 1904 and worked his way west until he stopped in Enderby in the fall.
His wife, two sons and baby Ella came July 1, 1905 (seven more children were born in Enderby). In 1909 he purchased 40 acres of bush on the Shuswap River from Charlie Strickland and named it Waterside, the name of the road it sits on today. He was road foreman for the Enderby district from around 1912-1925 then ran a general store in Enderby until WW II. (edms #6090)

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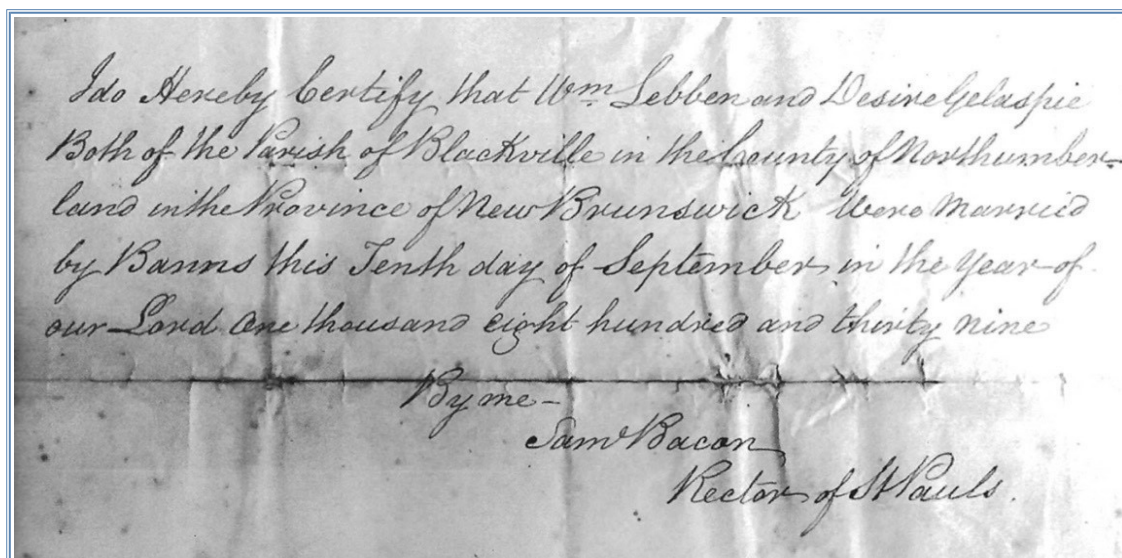
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- I would like to thank the Enderby Museum for e-mailing me a copy of the Dutch Order of the Bronze Lion Certificate that L/Cpl James Alexander McKay posthumously received.

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Thomas Leach United Empire Loyalist

Submitted by Gordon Udell
Membership # 5905

The following is the story of the search for the ancestors of Desire (Deziah) Gillespie of Blackville Parish, Northumberland County, New Brunswick. Desire is Daphne (Lebans) Udell's great-great grandmother. I started out with just the marriage record of William Lebans and Desire Gillespie, both of the Parish of Blackville, New Brunswick on 10 September 1839.



Saint Paul's Church is in Chatham which is on the south side of the Miramichi River and is downriver from where their son William John Lebans and his wife Katherine Foy lived on their farm on the Miramichi River in Blackville Parish. Katherine was from Derby, upriver from Chatham.

So, I searched for a Gillespie family and found one in the 1851¹ census also living in Blackville Parish. The family were James Gillespie and his wife Elizabeth and their children Susan, Theophalus and Maria. Their eldest son was named Thomas, likely after Elizabeth's father.

Then I found the death certificate for their son William Gillespie who died at Alexander Maine on 10 February 1893. This record lists his birth place as Miramichi, New Brunswick and his parents as James Gillespie and Elizabeth Leach. It records the birth place of James as Prince Edward Island and Elizabeth as Rhode Island, New York. I suspect the second birthplace is incorrect, but maybe it points to the birthplace of Thomas Leach.

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The 1851 and 1871 censuses both record that James was born in Prince Edward Island, and Elizabeth in New Brunswick.

John	20	S	8			Birth	
James	M	H	67	Irish	James & John	Birth	
Elizabeth	E	W	63			1805	
Desire	E	D	19			Birth	
Theophilus	M	SYH	20			Birth	
Marion	E					Birth	

1851 census for Blackville Parish, New Brunswick

William John and Desire (Gillespie) Lebans had three or four children, James, Theophilus, William and possibly John, the eldest two are listed in the 1851² census below. John is either a biological son of James and Sarah (Curtis) Nutbeam, or possibly the youngest son of William and Desire (Gillespie) Lebans.

William	M	S	1			Birth	
James	M	H	33	English		Birth	
Desire	E	W	35		Lebens	1834	
John	M	S	9			Birth	
Theophilus	M					Birth	

1851 census for Blackville Parish, New Brunswick

In looking at these names it is obvious that Desire named their first child after her father James, her second Theophilus, an unusual name after her brother, her third William after her husband and brother, and possibly John after her husband. Since Desire and William were married before the 1851 census typically Desire does not appear on line as a child of James and Elizabeth. She would have been born about 1820/21. However it is obvious that she falls within the child bearing years of James and Elizabeth (1810 to 1832), that both families lived in the same parish, and given her naming of her children, Desire is highly likely to be a daughter of James Gillespie and Elizabeth Leach.

You may notice that William Lebans (Levens) came from England to New Brunswick in 1834.

The story we heard from Daphne's grandmother Lebans was that William Lebans and Desire Gillespie died young and that William was raised by the Nutbeam family. I made contact with a descendant of the Nutbeam family and she advised that Sarah Ann Curtis, wife of James Nutbeam never had children. They lived in Howard, Blackville Parish. She and her husband are listed in the 1861³ census with two males William age 9 and John age 6. The age of 9 is correct to be William Lebans who obviously went on to keep his birth name.

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Their eldest son James kept his birth name and went on to marry Lucy Ann Smith; they witnessed William's marriage to Katherine Foy in 1879. The second son Theophilus Lebens is listed on his own at the age of 12, in the 1861⁴ census as a 'lodger', in nearby Derby, Northumberland County. He would have been orphaned at the age of about 6. The young son John age 6 is either a biological son or decided to keep the adopted name Nutbeam and died in Foxborough, Massachusetts on 17 October 1888 at the age of 32. He is buried at Blackville in the Holy Trinity Cemetery.

Incidentally Holy Trinity Cemetery advised their records for burials starts in 1853 and then skips until 1857. Unfortunately these are the years that James and Desire likely died.

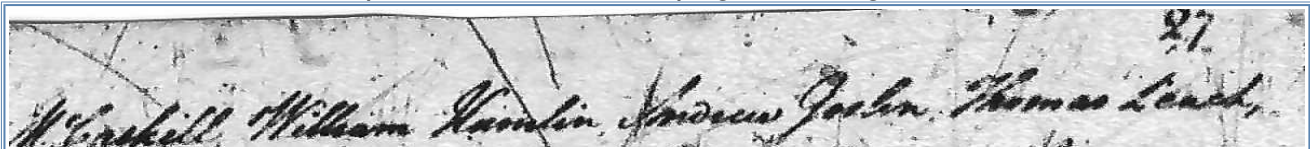
In the 1871⁵ census William Lebens, using his birth name, is listed with James Nutbeam 65 and his wife Sarah age 45 and their son John Nutbeam, age 15, along with three Curtis children.

From the 1851 census we see that James Gillespie was 67, therefore born about 1784, and Elizabeth was 63, therefore born about 1788. The census records show that James entered the colony of New Brunswick in 1805 from Prince Edward Island and that Elizabeth was a native of New Brunswick. So we have one birthplace for James Gillespie and two birthplaces for Elizabeth Leach, this one likely being the correct one since she or James would have provided the information.

A lot of online sources say that Elizabeth Leach was a daughter of Thomas Leach, a United Empire Loyalist. He arrived in Saint John onboard the ship called *Hope* in 1784. He was accompanied by a wife and two children, one over 10 and one under 10 years of age.

I should say that according to the New Brunswick Courier of 11 January 1862, there was another Thomas Leach. This Thomas was a mariner who arrived in Saint John from Dundee, Scotland around 1820 and who had seven children. His arrival in 1820 means he is not the Thomas Leach in the following land grants.

Thomas Leach is included in a Land Grant⁶, dated 1 July 1785, by John Parr, Esquire, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia and its dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same. In the grant Thomas Leach is listed on the top line of the second page and is granted lot 673.



Page 2 Grant 38761; 1785

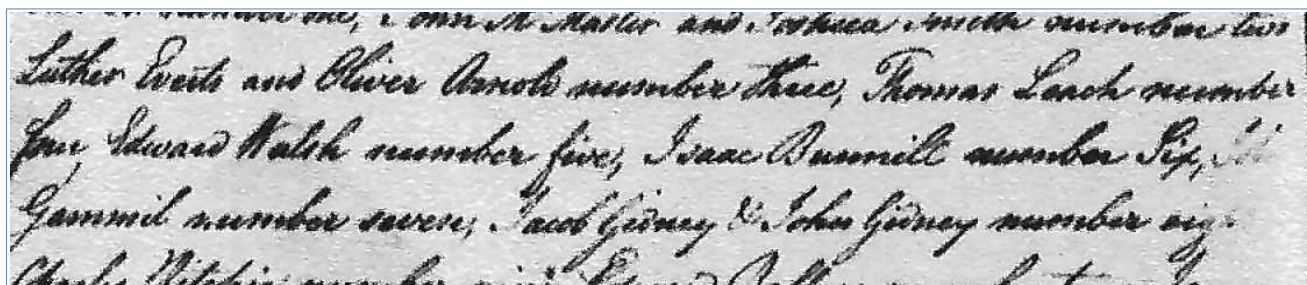
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John Parr was appointed the Governor of Nova Scotia in 1782. He had the enormous task of trying to accommodate over 30,000 loyalists and their families who arrived in 1782 and 1783. His initial efforts were not that well received and many loyalists left the Saint John area for other pastures. This included Daphne's great-great-great grandfather John Foy who left for Prince Edward Island. In 1794 New Brunswick was separated from Nova Scotia.

On 2 October 1785 Thomas Leach is included in the Kingston Land Grant⁷ of 50,992 acres of land, along with a lot of other individuals. He received Lot 4. This Grant made provision for:

“His Majesty's Provincial Forces in North America setting forth that induced by several Encouragements they have sold their Estates in New England and settled themselves and their families upon Saint John River in His Majesty's province of Nova Scotia at the distance of two hundred Miles from any other Settlement belonging to His Majesty's Subjects and praying that the possession of the Lands on which they have seated themselves at a very great expense may be confirmed to them by His Majesty, and the said Lords Commissioners being of opinion that the memorialists deserves encouragement and protection and that the settlement they have made will be productive of public advantages.

His Majesty this day took the said representation, together with a report made thereupon by a Committee of the Lords of His Majesty's most honourable Privy Council into His Royal consideration, and being inclined to give all fitting management for the settling of lands in the said Province in hereby pleased with the advice of his privy Council to order that the Governor or Commander in chief of His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia for the time being, do cause the lands upon which the Memorialists are settled to be laid out into a township consisting of one hundred thousand Acres or a plot of twelve Miles Square, one side of which to front the River..... “

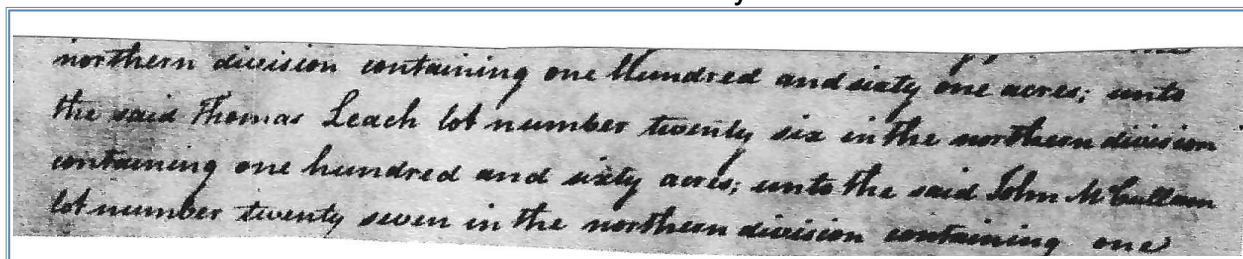


Luther Swift and Oliver Arnold number three, Thomas Leach number four, Edward Walsh number five, Isaac Russell number six, J. Gammil number seven, Jacob Ginery & John Ginery number eight, Charles Mitchell number nine, Robert A. B. number ten.

Page 3 Kingston Grant 1785

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The next was a Land Grant⁸, dated 2 November 1805, to about 30 individuals, including Thomas Leach, who received lot number twenty six in the northern division containing one hundred and sixty acres at Newcastle, Northumberland County. There was also a Reverend John Urquhart with them. The white pine, coal, gold and silver were reserved to the Crown. In other words Thomas Leach moved from the Saint John area to Newcastle in Northumberland County around 1805.

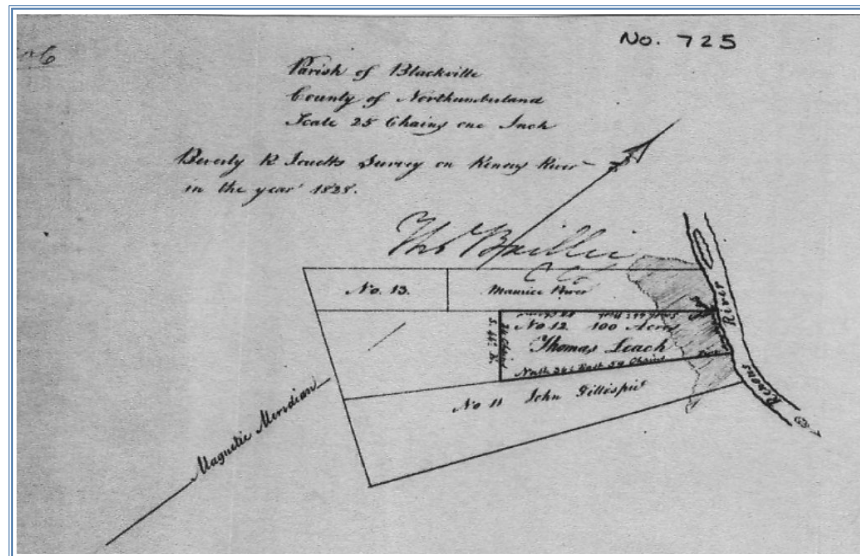


The next discovery was that a James Gillespie and Thomas Leach, along with John Colden and John McIntyre, were included in a Land Grant⁹ in Northumberland County, New Brunswick in 1813, as follows:

"Land grant at New Castle, Northumberland
George the third by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith. To all to whom these presents shall come. Greetings. Know ye that we of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, have given and granted, and We do by these presents, for Us, our heirs and successors, give and grant unto John Colden, James Gillespie, Thomas Leach and John McIntyre, in severally that is unto each of the, and unto each and every one of their several and separate heirs and assigns. In and by the several divisions, quantities lots, pieces and parcels herein after mentioned Four lots or plantations of Land containing in the whole eight hundred and sixty acres, more or less with the usual allowances of ten per cent for Roads and Waste, that is to say unto the said John Colden, Lot M in the first tract containing two hundred and seventy acres; unto the said James Gillespie Lot L in the first track containing two hundred acres; unto the said Thomas Leach lot number five, in the first tract containing one hundred and ninety five acres and unto the said John McIntyre lot K or the Second Tract containing two hundred acres; The said four lots being comprehended within two certain tracts of land situate, lying and being on the Southwest Branch of Miramichi River, about three miles above the mouth of Barnaby's River, within the parish of Newcastle in the County of Northumberland....."

UDELL

So it would appear that the father-in-law, Thomas Leach, and son-in-law, James Gillespie, obviously knew each other and were neighbours as early as 1813 and living in Northumberland County. Newcastle is located on the north side of the Miramichi River between Blackville Parish and Derby, although Barnaby's River flows into the Miramichi River from the south.



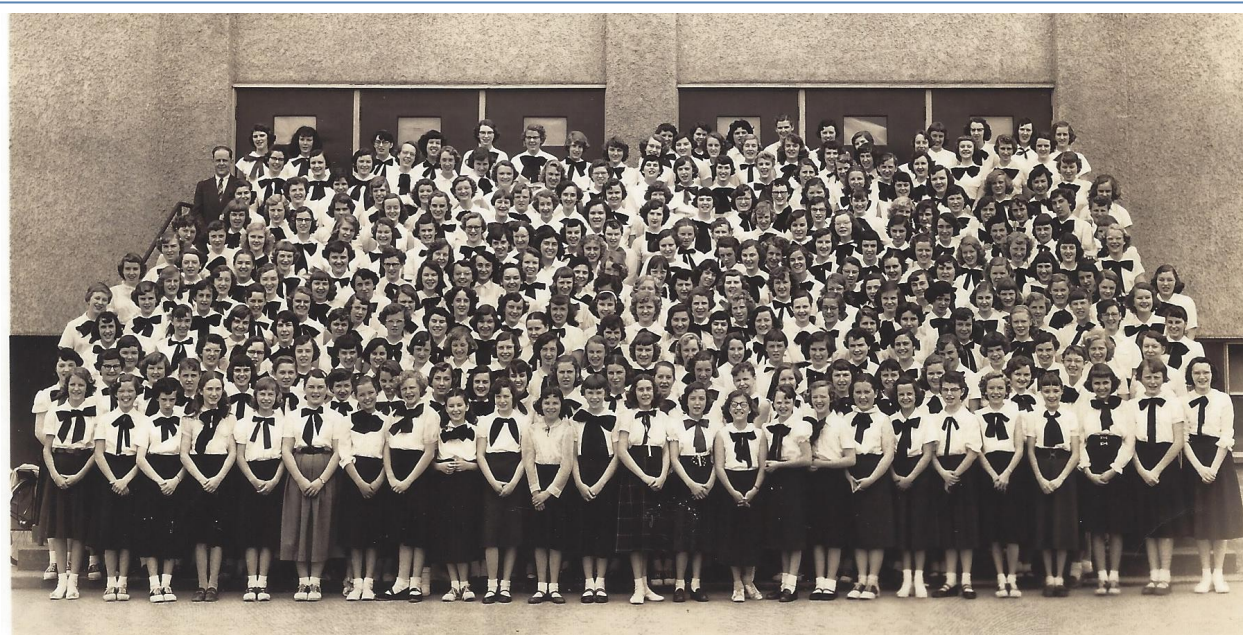
Finally, there is another Land Grant¹⁰ to a Thomas Leach in 1836 as follows. This is Thomas Leach junior:

"Thomas Leach 100 acres Blackville, Northumberland, New Brunswick. William the fourth by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, etc. To all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings; Know ye, that We, of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, have given and granted, and We do, by these presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, give and grant unto Thomas Leach his heirs and assigns a Tract of Land situate in the Parish of Blackville in the County of Northumberland in our Province of New Brunswick and bounded as follows: to wit, commencing at a marked cedar tree standing on the Eastern angle of the Grant to Maurice Power and on the Southern Shore of Renous River; thence running by the magnet South forty six degrees West fifty five chains of four poles each, thence South forty four degrees Each fifty nine chains to the said side of said River, and thence following the various courses of the shore of the same upstream in a Northwesterly direction to the place of the beginning containing one hundred acres more or less.."

UDELL

James Gillespie is reported¹¹ in Newcastle Union Advocate on 11 March 1874 as having died in Blackville on 26 January 1874 and is buried in the Holy Trinity Anglican Church at Blackville.

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2. Canadian Archives: 1851 census for Blackville Parish, Northumberland, New Brunswick; William (Levens) Lebans family.
3. Canadian Archives: 1861 census for Blackville Parish, Northumberland, New Brunswick; James Nutbeam and family; Schedule 1, Sheet 15.
4. Canadian Archives: 1861 census for Parish of Derby, Northumberland, New Brunswick; Schedule 1, Sheet 3..
5. Canadian Archives: 1871 census for Blackville Parish, District 184, Northumberland, New Brunswick; Schedule 1, page 2. James Nutbeam and family.
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7. PANB: ID 38768; Kingston Township, Sunbury County; along with 131 other grantees; 1785.
8. PANB: ID 37911; Northumberland County; along with 29 other grantees; 1805.
9. PANB: ID 38340; Northumberland County; along with 3 other grantees; 1813.
10. PANB: ID 11722; Blackville Parish, Northumberland County; Thomas Leach; 1836.
11. Union Advocate, Newcastle, Northumberland County, 11 March 1874.



D. Jones - Choir Vincent Massey Jr High, New West 1952-53

RESEARCH

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BCGS Member #3847

I was going to take my research on the road this fall. My anticipated visit to Ireland included a stay in Dublin prior to a writers retreat in Sligo, so I had made tentative plans to do some research. I knew activities at the retreat would be preplanned for the group, it was the time in Dublin that I needed to fill. As it was my second visit to that city, I wanted to find new things to help me with my genealogical quest. I signed up for readers tickets at the National Archives of Ireland as well as the National Library so I was all set. But life changed and I was unable to make the trip.

It was a change that resulted in less time for research and no research trips in the near future. So what better time than to turn to my computer and start adding to my online family trees? Because my US lines tend to clutter up my DNA matches, my practice has been to turn a blind eye to my American kin. Besides, I already have proof on my lineage in that line clear back to the founder, John Tripp, who immigrated to North America in 1630 or 1635 – depending on which source is referenced. Because I needed to change my research focus, this looked like a good way to go.



Richard III lying in state

But you know, even before I'd had to cancel my trip my itinerary had been in flux. It seemed like a long time since I'd ventured beyond North America, so I wanted the Ireland trip to be a jumping off place for a further trip to the UK. I'd done that very thing in 2019, the first time I'd flown to Dublin. After taking my very first cruise, I'd flown over to London, did some research in the city, took a course at the Society of Genealogists and then had gone to Leicester to meet a friend who showed me the sites related to the discovery of Richard III. It was fantastic.

While I couldn't top that experience, if I was going as far as Dublin why not do some further research in England too? But there had been complicating changes there too. The UK had introduced visas for people entering the country. So should I get one and travel on a Canadian passport or did it make sense to renew my British passport and travel on that? It complicated my decision. It wasn't a mere matter of economics either as I've been questioned before when arriving back in Canada using a British passport.

GENEALOGY ON THE ROAD



Society of Genealogists

Just going to Ireland didn't require a visa so my anticipated trip was limited to that country.

But I'll have to make a decision about the passport/visa thing sooner or later if I want to do on the ground research on my family as many of them were from England or Scotland. Having to get a visa isn't the only thing that changed. I've stumbled across a few more alterations in the research landscape in London itself. The Society of Genealogists where I took my course in 2019 and where I spent hours going through their shelves of books is no longer where I left it. It's now on Wharf Road, still a walkable distance

from what used to be the London Metropolitan Archives which has been renamed as The London Archives. That's still in the same location on 40 Northampton Road though.

Another venue that I included in one of my London research trips was Dr. Williams Library which held information about nonconformist clergy. It was located in a distinctive looking building at Gordon Square in Bloomsbury. I was surprised to find out that it was permanently closed this year and its collection was moved to the University of Manchester Library. I'm glad I visited it when I did, I have no reason to visit Manchester or anywhere in its vicinity.

Those aren't the only changes that will affect my research on the road. The last trip that I took to Salt Lake City included taking in *RootsTech* 2025 in person. As I have done for the last few times I've visited that city, I stayed at the Plaza Hotel, the hostelry just across the alley from the *FamilySearch Library*. If I go back there I'll have to find a new place to stay as there are plans to demolish the hotel to make way for a parking lot.



Dr. Williams Library

GENEALOGY ON THE ROAD

All of these changes are a reminder that I need to make plans for my future research trips on the road carefully. Even if I think I know where to find a particular venue, it's best to make sure that nothing has changed including where they are located.

Of course, current policies for accessing their collections should be checked as well because you never know if more records may have become available if you visit in person and there is always the possibility that further restrictions could be applied but that is par for the course. It is best to know before you go!

Meg writes about history and genealogy in
A Genealogist's Path to History at
<http://genihistorypath.blogspot.ca/>.
Read more about her findings in her blog.



D Jones - Lester Pearson Girls' Trumpet Band MayDay 1956

HOLTEN CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY PROJECT

Private Charles Ernest Edwin Cridland K 3737
48 Canadian General Transport Company RCASC
December 24, 1925 to May 16, 1946

Prepared by Yvette Howard,
BCGS Member #5770

"In Memory's Garden we meet every day"

Charles Ernest Edwin Cridland was born December 24, 1925 in Southwark, London, England. He was the second of three boys born to Annie Amelia Wright and John Augustus Cridland. Charles' older brother, John, was born in 1920 and younger brother, Leslie, was born in 1932. The family lived in Walworth, in the Borough of Southwark in London, where Charles' father was employed as a porter/steward and his mother was a homemaker.

Charles' father, John Cridland, was a WWI veteran. From 1914 until his discharge upon demobilization in March 1920, he served as Gunner and Driver with the Royal Field Artillery. He was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal for his service.

In 1928, when Charles was two, his family immigrated to Canada. Leaving Liverpool on July 27 aboard the White Star's ship, "Doric", they arrived in Montreal, Quebec on August 4, 1928. They are listed as part of the Culver party with passage paid by B.D.Em.Soc. (British Dominions Emigration Society). Their final destination was listed as 455 7th Ave. W., Vancouver, British Columbia, the home of Charles' maternal grandmother, Mrs. Annie Wright. [Mrs. Wright had immigrated to Canada in 1919 - daughter Zella lists this on 1931 census (Zella married in Vancouver in 1922)] The Cridland family appears in the 1931 census living at 7806 Windsor Street in South Vancouver. Charles' father, John, aged 36, is listed working as an Ice Maker at a fishing company, his mother, Annie, aged 35, is a Homemaker, while his brother, John, aged 10, is a student. Charles, aged 5, is not yet in school.

Charles attended Tecumseh Elementary. Upon turning 16, and having completed the first part of grade nine, Charles left school to take a position as a baker's helper at Herman's Bakery where he earned nine dollars a week. After a year at the bakery, he began a job at the Canadian Fish Company (now CANFISCO). This was a significant pay increase for Charles, jumping to \$23/week. During this time, Charles was living at home with his family at 2695 E. 46th Avenue in Vancouver. After working 10 months at the fish company, Charles made the decision to join the Canadian Armed Forces. On June 13, 1944, eighteen-year-old Charles enlisted with the Canadian Army in Vancouver. His elder brother, John, had already enlisted and was serving on active duty as a Private in the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps (R.C.O.C.).

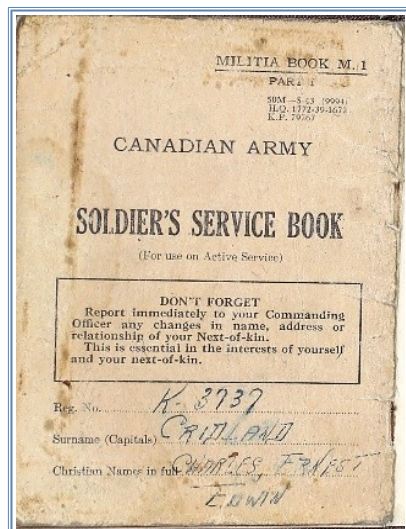
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As noted on his enlistment documents, Charles stood at the height of 5' 9 1/2" and weighed 143 lbs. He had blue eyes, brown hair and was of good physique. He reported no ear or eye trouble and no history of diseases. He smoked cigarettes, did not drink alcohol and while he identified his religion as the Church of England, he did not attend. He enjoyed shows, bowling, skating and baseball, and had been active in sports while in school. He said he did not care for reading and was not musical. He was described by his interviewer as "a pleasant youth with an excellent attitude toward service...is prepared to adjust to army life and do a good job. Would assess as capable and reliable...a little inclined to be boyish in his outlook." Charles indicated that his post war plans were he "wants to go back to [being a] truck driver."

Charles reported to Red Deer, Alberta on July 20, 1944 to complete his basic training. He indicated he was "very much" interested in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps (R.C.A.S.C.) and was recommended to driver training.

The R.C.A.S.C. was responsible for storing, transporting and distributing supplies: food, ammunition, fuel and equipment. His starting pay for his military service began with \$1.40/diem. In December 1944, it increased to \$1.50/diem.

Seven weeks into his training, it was noted that the "tall, slight youth" was "doing quite well." Charles completed driver training and qualified as a Class III driver I/C (internal combustion) wheeled on October 26, 1944. During his training, he also qualified as a baker's helper.



In January 1945, it was reported by the Company Commander that Charles was a "young average type of soldier but is inclined to day-dream at times...no leadership tendencies."

After 234 days of training in Red Deer, Charles' unit embarked overseas to the United Kingdom on February 2, 1945. They remained in the U.K. for just under two months where they received more training. They were deployed on April 10, for an overnight trip to N.W.E. (north west Europe), arriving on April 11, 1945.

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When Germany signed the initial unconditional surrender on May 7, 1945, Pte. Cridland had been in mainland Europe for less than a month. He continued in service, now serving in occupational forces.

In April 1946, almost a year after the end of the war, a follow-up assessment report was completed about Pte. Cridland. It reported that he was undecided about his future plans after his military service: "A young lad of poor appearance who has no plans except that he likes outdoor work. Since he is from BC he may find a place in logging, fishing or lumbering but this man must be urged or he will drift into the first unemployment stream."

Pte. Cridland changed units within the R.C.A.S.C. numerous times. His service form indicates he was TOS (Taken on Strength) and SOS (Struck off Strength) no less than 10 times. On April 12, 1946, he was TOS with the 48 Canadian General Transport Company, part of the Canadian Army Occupation Force (CAOF) in Germany.

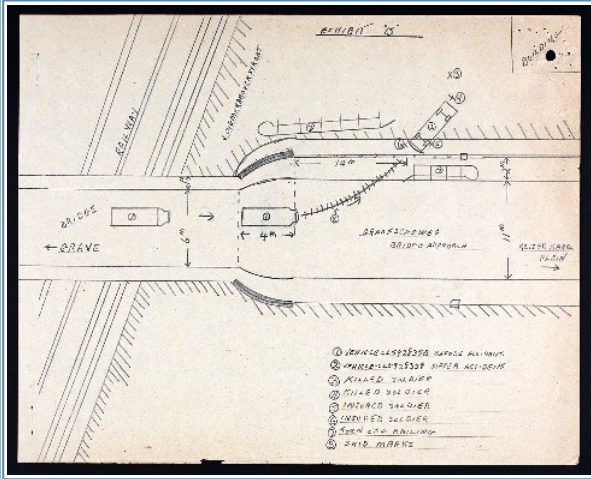
On the evening of May 16, 1946, Pte. Charles Cridland along with three other soldiers were returning to their unit in Oldenburg, Germany from Ord. Demob. Park in Grave, North Brabant, Netherlands.



The Canadian Military Pattern (CMP) truck

Pte. B. Maheux (E-102974) was driving a Chev 60 cwt, 3-ton GS, CL-5928358 army vehicle, with Pte. Cridland, Pte. F.I. Dougan (F-9001) and Pte. N. Greene (D-147413) riding in the back. Pte. Maheux was the only soldier on duty at the time.

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The men were only about thirty minutes into their trip when, at 22:45 hours, near Nijmegen, in the province of Gelderland, Pte. Maheux suddenly lost control of the vehicle which then “crashed through an Iron railing, into a wall and [the vehicle] overturned.”

Pte. Maheaux and Pte. Greene were seriously injured while Pte. Cridland and Pte. Dougan received fatal injuries from the crash.

The investigation into the incident later reported that it was raining with the condition of the road surface being slippery. It was also noted that the vehicle had been travelling at approximately 40 m.p.h. Although the weather and speed were suspected as factors, the true cause of the accident was determined to be

"the shearing off of the steering sector shaft flush with the drop arm, the driver having no further control of the vehicle following the mechanical failure of the steering gear."

A subsequent examination of the vehicle disclosed a defect in the steering sector, and it was determined the accident was caused by this mechanical defect. It was ruled that the crash that caused the deaths of Pte. Cridland and Pte. Dougans was not due to improper conduct and no disciplinary action was taken.

On his person at the time of his death, Pte. Cridland carried three leather wallets containing his identification, 18 photographs and six letters.

Charles Ernest Edwin Cridland was laid to rest in Nijmegen Canadian Cemetery, Plot 22, Row E, Grave 1, then, on July 16, 1946, his remains were moved to Holten Cemetery in the province of Overijssel, Netherlands. His final resting place is Grave 15, Row H, Plot 10, with Pte. Frank Ivan Dougan resting next to him, in Grave 14.

Soldier Dies From Injuries

Pte. C. E. Cridland, 20, RCASC, died on May 16 of injuries suffered while serving with the Army of Occupation, according to word to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cridland, 2695 East Forty-sixth.



Pte. Cridland enlisted in June, 1944, and went overseas in February, 1945, seeing service in North Holland before the end of the war.

He was born in London, Eng., and leaves his parents and two brothers, John A., and Leslie, both at home.

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Charles' gravestone reads:

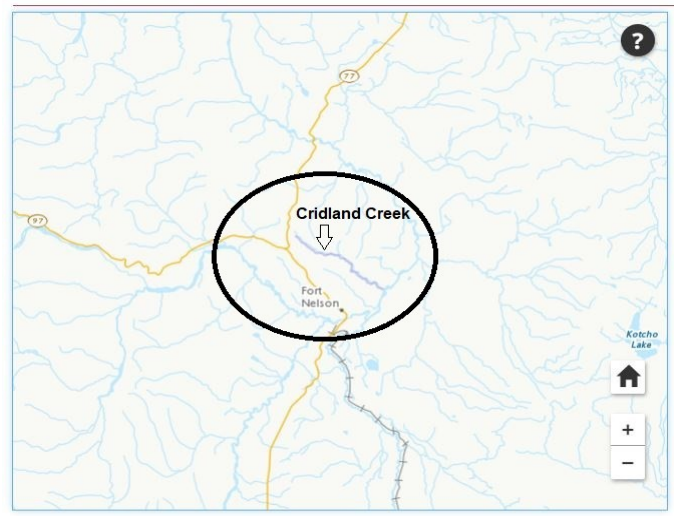
K.3737 Private
C.E.E. CRIDLAND
Royal Canadian
Army Service Corps
16th May 1946 Age 20

In Memory's Garden
We Meet Every Day
Mother And Dad
Brothers John And Leslie

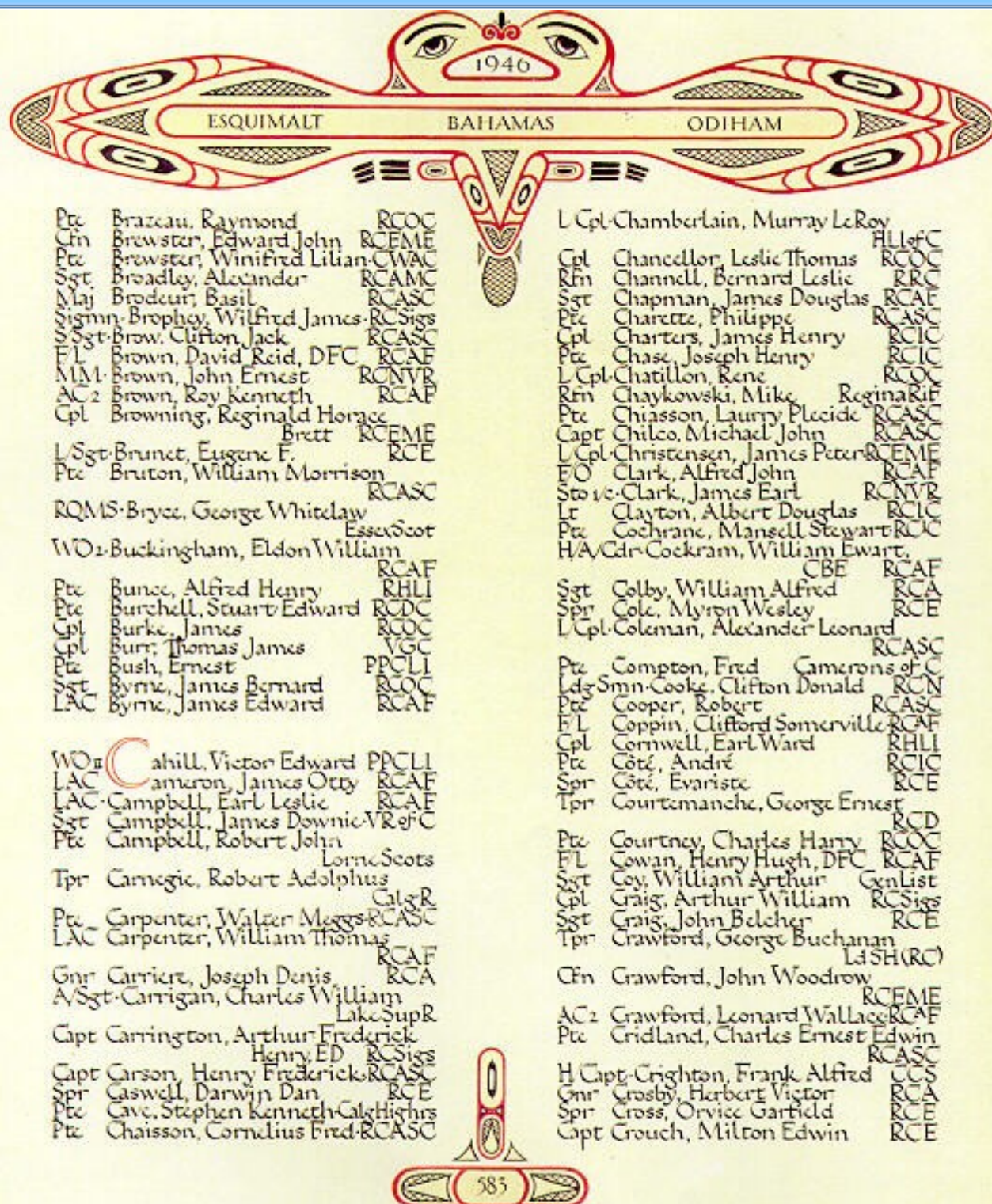
Pte. Cridland was awarded the France & Germany Star, CVSM & Clasp, and War Medal 1939-45. His mother was awarded the Memorial Cross. Pte. Cridland's 703 days of military service are commemorated on page 583 of the Second World War Book of Remembrance. He is also memorialized in the Canadian Virtual War Memorial.

Pte. Cridland was honoured with the naming of a creek in northern British Columbia in his memory. Cridland Creek is in the Peace River District of British Columbia, Canada, north of Fort Nelson. The mouth of the creek is off the Fort Nelson River, with Cridland Creek being a tributary of the Fort Nelson River. The coordinates are 58° 54' 36" N, 122° 32' 48" W.

Cridland Creek



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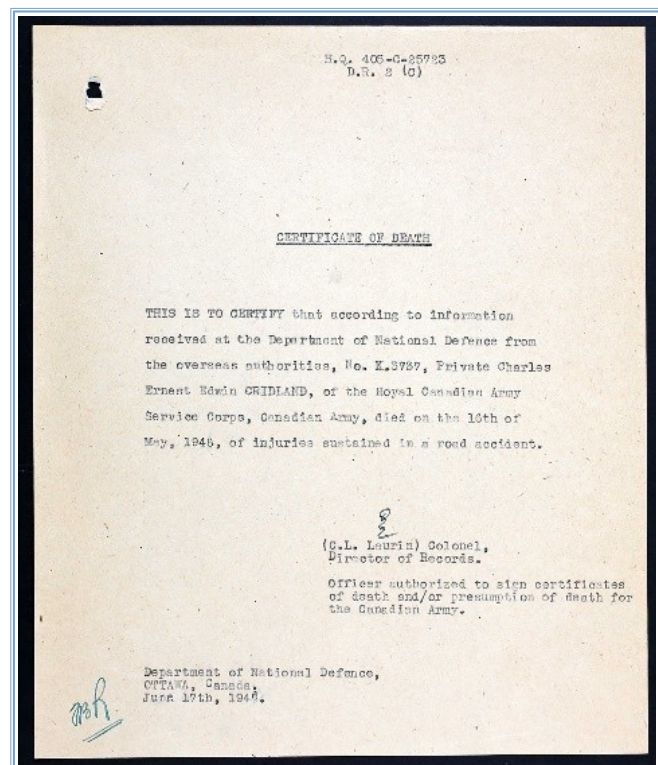
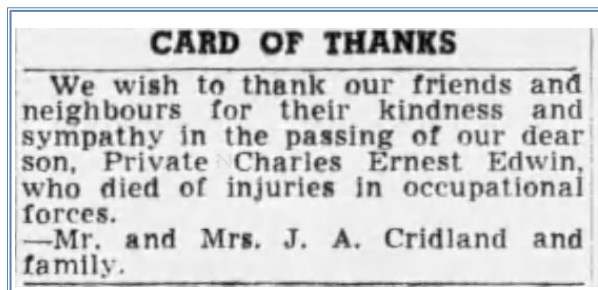
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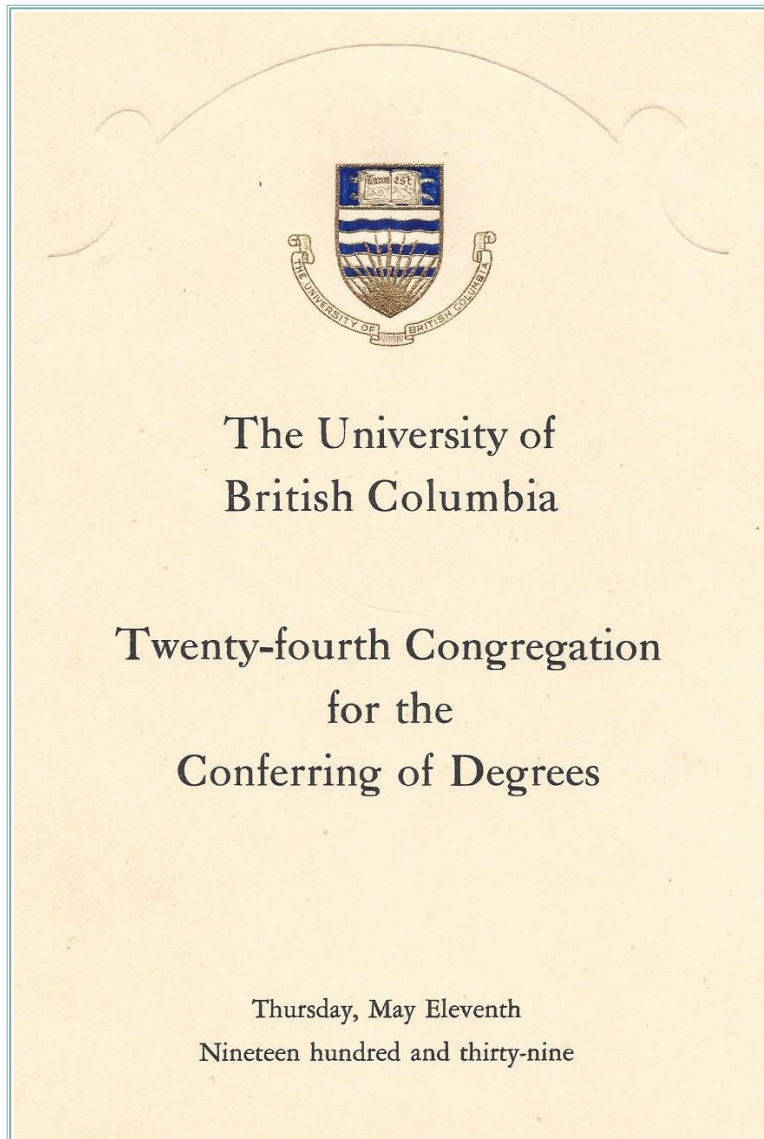
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FROM OUR LIBRARY FILES



There are many unusual gems found in the BCGS library. Recently we received this marvelous little booklet which was a list of people who were receiving degrees from the University of British Columbia on May 11, 1939.

Perhaps one of those listed is YOUR family member. The booklet can be found in the Canada Vertical File – Canadian Universities – Folder 32.

If you have a similar booklet or list from any school or university, BCGS would be very happy to add it to our collection. Or if you'd like contribute a scan to our Journal, please contact our Editor at journal@bcgs.ca

This was a very formal affair, opening with the singing of 'O Canada', and mixed with a Musical Programme. The Chancellor of the University, R.E. McKechnie would also confer the degrees. President W. Sherwood Fox delivered a Congregation Address, and F. W. Howay, a member of the UBC Senate, presented the Governor-General's medal to William Maurice Sibley.

Below are the lists (5 pages) of the students from the faculty of arts and science who received degrees. This booklet also contains lists from the Faculty of Commerce, Applied Science, and Agriculture. At the end, Lists show the recipients of Medals, Scholarships, Prizes and Bursaries (3 pages).

The University of British Columbia

Faculty of Arts and Science

Conferring the Degree of Master of Arts

Barss, Walter Malcomson, B.A.....	Major: Physics
Thesis: <i>The Spectra of Iodine</i>	Minor: Mathematics
Brearley, Katherine Winnifred Turton, B.A.....	Major: English
Thesis: <i>Some Manifestations of the Ironic Sense in the works of Thomas Hardy</i>	Minor: Education
Cook, Francis, B.A.....	Major: Chemistry
Thesis: <i>The Differential Heats of Adsorption on an Activated Charcoal Surface</i>	Minor: Physics
Corbould, Iris, B.A.....	Major: Chemistry
Thesis: <i>The Effect of Certain Chemicals upon the Activity of Zymase</i>	Minor: Biology
Davis, Edwin Philip, B.A.....	Major: Mineralogy
Thesis: <i>Some Studies of Gold and its Associated Minerals</i>	Minor: Palaeontology
Dill, Charlotte Elva, B.A.....	Major: Botany
Thesis: <i>Transpiration and Stomatal Movements of Plants Treated with Sulphur Dioxide</i>	Minor: Zoology
Eastham, Arthur Middleton, B.A.....	Major: Chemistry
Thesis: <i>The Carotenoid Pigments of British Columbia Pilchard Oil</i>	Minor: Biology
Ferguson, Helen, B.A.....	Major: History
Thesis: <i>The Development of Communications in Colonial British Columbia</i>	Minor: Education
Flather, Donald McIntosh, B.A.....	Major: Education
Thesis: <i>A Study of Type Questions for General Science Tests</i>	Minor: Botany
Free, Norman Saffery, B.A.....	Major: Mathematics
Thesis: <i>Determination of Bases for Certain Quartic Number Fields</i>	Minor: Physics
Gale, Anne Moira, B.A.....	Major: English
Thesis: <i>The Prose Style of Richard Hooker in "The Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity"</i>	Minor: Education
Hamilton, Rognvald Thore, B.A.Sc.....	Major: Mathematics
Thesis: <i>Trojan Satellites (Limiting Case)</i>	Minor: Physics
Lower, Joseph Arthur, B.A.....	Major: History
Thesis: <i>The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and British Columbia</i>	Minor: Education

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Moore, James August, B.A.....	Major: Philosophy and Psychology
Thesis: <i>The Intelligence and Scholarship of Junior High School Students</i>	Minor: Education
Poisson, Rodney Peter Dominic, B.A.....	Major: English
Thesis: <i>The Heroic Couplet in the Plays of Shakspeare</i>	Minor: Education
Shipton, Cuthbert Bernard, B.A.....	Major: Chemistry
Thesis: <i>The Thermal Decomposition of Azomethane in the Presence of Nitric Oxide</i>	Minor: Physics
Vance, Helen Madeleine, B.A.....	Major: German
Thesis: <i>The Legend of Parsifal and the Grail and its Treatment by Wolfram von Eschenbach and Richard Wagner</i>	Minor: Psychology
West, Kenneth Albert, B.A.....	Major: Chemistry
Thesis: <i>The Carotenoid Pigments of British Columbia Pilchard Oil</i>	Minor: Mathematics
Wilson, John Abraham Ross, B.A.....	Major: Education
Thesis: <i>The Philosophy of H. Wildon Carr and its Educational Implications</i>	Minor: Philosophy

Conferring the Degree of Bachelor of Arts

WITH HONOURS

Ashford, Walter Rutledge.....	First Class Honours in Chemistry
Beattie, Roderick Norman.....	First Class Honours in History
Bell, Robert Edward.....	First Class Honours in Mathematics and Physics
Bishop, Ernest Linton.....	First Class Honours in Philosophy and Psychology
Boroughs, Robert Joseph.....	First Class Honours in History
Boyd, Otilie Grace.....	Second Class Honours in Biology (Zoology Option)
Brawn, James Snelgrove.....	First Class Honours in Chemistry
Eastham, Helen Mavis.....	Second Class Honours in French
Fisher, Herbert Ernest.....	First Class Honours in Chemistry
Flower, Richard Edward.....	First Class Honours in Mathematics and Physics
Freed, Dorothy Mary.....	First Class Honours in Latin and French
Fulton, Clarence Oscar.....	First Class Honours in Bacteriology and Preventive Medicine
Godson, Warren Lehman.....	First Class Honours in Chemistry
Grassie, Vernon Robert.....	First Class Honours in Chemistry
Griffin, Frederick Philip.....	First Class Honours in Chemistry
Grigsby, Faith	First Class Honours in English Language and Literature

The University of British Columbia

Guthrie, John	Second Class Honours in Chemistry
Hedde, Rognvald Douglas.....	Second Class Honours in Chemistry
Heisler, John Phalan.....	Second Class Honours in History
Howatson, Charles Henry.....	Second Class Honours in Geology
Manders, David Frederic.....	Second Class Honours in Mathematics and Physics
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TWO CERTIFICATES

One Wedding – Two Different Wedding Certificates

Submitted by Moyna Laing
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On Oct 10, 1939, my father Max Paulhus enlisted in the Canadian Army 1st Battalion of Saskatoon Light Infantry. At 33 years of age, he was still a bachelor – born into a French-Canadian family in Manitoba, who after the death of his mother when he was less than a year old, was sent to live with his half-sister in Rhode Island. Returned as a teenager to live with his father in Alberta. Shortly after joining the army, he was shipped off to the UK. He was a motorcycle dispatch rider – carrying messages from from one base to another throughout England. He met my mother Norah Conway on a blind date on St Patrick's Day in 1940. She was a 32-year-old spinster born and brought up in the Archway area of London. Love blossomed and they were married on August 3, 1940, at St Mellitus Church in the borough of Islington. Wedding details recorded on that same day. (Note groom is referred to as Maxien Paulhus – as he adopted several versions of his Christian name as the mood took him – Army records show him as Max).

OOPS – on September 3rd, 1940, the original wedding details were corrected. Max had embellished his army career and told Norah that he was a Corporal in the Army. Unbeknownst to her he was only a Private. The military powers that be, found the anomaly and requested that the new couple present themselves to the Islington registrar to have the “error” corrected. Max's comment on the whole situation was “I was as good as a Corporal” (Note – he was honorably discharged as a Private in Sept 1945.)

I have two original “Certified copy of an Entry of Marriage certificates” - one issued Aug 8 1940 and one issued on Sep 3 1940.

Considering that the London blitz started only 4 days later on September 7, 1940, one would have thought that the military had more pressing issues on their minds. The embellishment didn't harm the marital bliss – their eldest daughter was born in England in 1942 and after emigrating to Canada in 1946 Max and Norah had a son and second daughter. They were happily married for 30 years before Max's death in 1970.

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35	Third August 1940	Maxien Paulhus	33 years	Bachelor	Corporal 1596 Infantry, Canadian Expeditionary Force (retired headmaster).	Oakley, Surrey	Joseph Paulhus (deceased)	Cabinet-maker
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Married in the St. Mellitus' Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic by Licence by me, John Maclyn Priest

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Mr. Paulhus } in the Presence of us, { Laura Riddell } Stadys L. M. Lise Registrar.

I, Stadys L. M. Lise, Registrar for the District of Islington, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Entry No. 35 in the Register Book of Marriages for the said District, and that such Register Book is now legally in my custody.

WITNESS MY HAND this 2nd day of September, 1940.

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In Entry No. 35, col. 5 for "Corporal" read "Private". Corrected on the 3rd September 1940, by me Stadys L. M. Lise Registrar, in the presence of G. B. Bellis, Superintendent Registrar and H. Paulhus and C. E. Stevens, witnesses.

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