

August 2015 Newsletter

The major new capability on the site this month is the ability to manage multiple family trees. The existing tree is now identified as “South-Western Ontario”, but if you wish to perform research on a family which is unlikely to have any connection to the families of south-western Ontario, then you can create a new family tree and edit that. As a demonstration I have created a small tree, called “Royals” which currently contains the relatives of Robert the Bruce, also known as King Robert I of Scotland.

Families of Royals

Name (Surname, Given): _____

Birth Year Range: -10000 to 3000 Sex: Any

Include Married Names: Add a New Unrelated Individual

Include Parents: Include Spouse:

Tree Name: Royals

Select: [choose an individual]
de Bruce, David (5 Mar 1324-22 Feb 1371), son of Robert de Bruce and Elizabeth de Burgh
de Bruce, John (5 Mar 1324-before 1327), son of Robert de Bruce and Elizabeth de Burgh
de Bruce, Margaret (-about 1346), daughter of Robert de Bruce and Elizabeth de Burgh
de Bruce, Marjory (1296-2 Mar 1316), daughter of Robert de Bruce and Isabella of Mar
de Bruce, Matilda (-about 1353), daughter of Robert de Bruce and Elizabeth de Burgh
de Bruce, Robert (about 1210-31 Mar 1295), husband of Marjorie of Carrick
de Bruce, Robert (11 Jul 1274-7 Jun 1329), son of Robert de Bruce and Marjorie of Carrick , husband of Isabella of Mar, and Eliza
de Burgh, Elizabeth, wife of Robert de Bruce
of Carrick, Marjorie, wife of Robert de Bruce

Or Choose First Letter of Surname:

<No Surname> <Unknown Surname>

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	
R	S	T	U	V	W	Y	Z	

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Illustration 1: Nominal Index of an Alternate Family Tree

For details look at the [this month's Updates to Website Functionality](#) report.

Family of the Month:

One of the interesting families documented on the site is the Gooderham family, founders of the Gooderham and Worts distillery of Toronto. This family appears on the site due to a family scandal which I first learned about from my uncle Donald Ballantine. My uncle and his wife, my Father's twin sister, lived in one of the finest and oldest homes in the township of Caradoc on N ½ lot 12 con 4. The house was notable for its 14-foot ceilings and the fine oak doors and moldings. The question was, why was this almost palatial home way out in the middle of nowhere? One of the Gooderham daughters, [Mildred Gooderham](#), apparently eloped, taking the ferry to Rochester, New York to marry a servant, the driver of the family carriage! Her father built this fine house for her.

Open Data Access

Almost every piece of information on this site can be accessed in machine-readable form as eXtended Markup Language (XML) documents, for use in other applications, for example in smart-phone apps.

In conclusion:

As usual check out [August 2015 Updates to Website Functionality](#) for details on the changes made to the implementation of the site during the past month, and a list of bugs that have been fixed. Also check out [List of Recently Added Individuals](#) for information on the recent growth of the tree which currently holds 86,875 individuals, 24,657 families, 62,605 events, and 267,954 citations.