Notes

- Press CTRL-F to search
- Index consists of year, and key words and phrases taken from the clippings or describing the historical notes / interviews.
- Scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings, interspersed with manuscript interviews. There are the occasional b/w photos (original prints).
- Page numbers were added by Archives.
- Many events in this scrapbook refer to the village of Tara.
- Items 1-4 suffering mold damage and are currently inaccessible.
- Indexed by Volunteer Robin Hilborn, 2014

Arran Township Scrapbook Index

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5  1915  Tara Leader. Tara Foundry in running order; Foster, Clark. Milton Aiken, Allenford, wounded in France. Shovel gang strikes in Tara for higher pay, is replaced by new gang. Proud’s bridge, Conc. 6, opens. Death in the Great War of Lionel Tranter, Victor Tranter, of Southampton.

5  1935  Queen’s Hotel, John Rudolph.

5  1925  Block burns in Tara. Destroys Henry Rushton’s Boot and Shoe, F.T. Hill, Purdy’s Barber Shop, Queen’s Hotel.

6  1955  Curling bonspiel; curlers at Kincardine.

6  1945  By-law would prohibit selling raw milk in Tara.

6  1935  Tara United Church. Public Library Board.

6  1925  Tara Rink Co.; first ice rink in the sixties, called “Prince Albert Skating Rink”.

6  1915  R.J. Beatty will build a new regulation-size rink.

1945  Fawcett, Blue. Anderson.
1935  Tara Bowling Club. Krug Manufacturing at Chesley; employees on strike smash windows; Carpenters and Jointers’ Union.
1925  Tobey, Currie. Ripley incorporated. Orange celebration at Tara.
1963  “Hotel at Tara is destroyed by fire Thursday”. Queen’s hotel, built about turn of the century. Fire in 1925. Closed in about 1954.
1963  “Former resident, Arthur Dalgarno, passes at Chesley”.
1962  “Captain George Morrison is sailing enthusiast despite 1960 retirement”. Of Tara.
1963  “Canadian Xmas story had origin in Bruce”. Hotel in Burgoyne, built in 1796. Owner wrote in 1819, that he saw Chippewa Indian watching to see the deer kneel on Christmas Eve. From the Walkerton Women’s Institute Tweedsmuir History, Mrs. L.G. (Helen) Crozier. Folk tale of Bruce County.
1964  Death of John Wesley Freeborn, 74, of Walkerton, Bruce County crown attorney. Frank Leslie taught school at Glamis in the 1890s, spread gravel on the township roads: statute labour. “Indian Children May Attend Public School At Southampton”; G.C. Huston. [rest of article missing]
1964  Death of Noah Rudolph of Tara and Chesley.
1964  George Tippin turns 103 at Brucelea Haven. Oldest known resident of Walkerton.
1910  British Hotel at Tara; Downs, McBride.
1964  Ms., 1 p. “Sir William Hearst, 1864-1941. Born in Arran, Bruce County, Hearst was educated …” Text of plaque, sent to Bruce Krug to verify historical information, see letter on verso.


1960  “Tara people favor beer lest Oakley Bell sells hotel building to a wrecking firm”. Queen’s Hotel, Tara. Names and occupations of business section owners. “Tara minister replies to letter”, by George N. Ball, against a bar in the Queen’s Hotel.

1960  99th birthday of George Tippen. 92nd birthday of Mrs. Rebena Hall, of Tara. Photo.

Ms., 1 p. Letter, from Frank Morton (Dr. J.F.), Southampton, to Bruce Krug, Sept. 6, 1960. Enclosing “Adam Esplen story of Burgoyne”. “I had Mrs. Morris McDonald draw a map” to locate the buildings, names of 1960 occupants. “We have received several articles from the O’Gorman estate of Walkerton. There are a couple of scrapbooks ...”


Ms., 1 pp. Map drawn by “Mrs. Morris McDonald” (see 40) of Burgoyne in 1960. [south is at the top] Upper left: store; first school, then cheese factory; Methodist church; log house. Upper right: blacksmith, Presbyterian church, cement shed. Lower left: brick yard, Mrs. Brown, Griffiths house, school. Lower right: hotel, shed, stables, blacksmith, Baptist church.


1953 “Giant elm cut in Arran Township”. In lot of Elmer Donaldson. Photo with E.L. Buckley.


6 photos, b/w. Originals affixed to two pages. All are winter scenes with deep snow. Each has inscription on verso. (1) “30th sdrd at townline Elderslie & Arran”; snow lines road corner, two utility poles. (2) “Townline Elderslie & Arran at 30th”; high snow banks on straight road. (3) “Allenford R.R. station”; station building at right, rail tracks visible, just cleared of snow. (4) “Bridge at south end Tara”; road bridge with CNR water tower in distance. (5) “CNR water tower, Tara”; water tank with ice hanging to the ground, utility poles. (6) “Sauble River at south edge of Tara”; ice and some open water on river, barn at left.


“Member pioneer family now of Vancouver recalls Garafraxa Road”. Corduroy roads. By Grace (McLeod) Lockhart, formerly of Tara. Starts: “I wish, said my mother wistfully, that we lived over on the Garafraxa road.” Highway 6. Scottish grandfather moved from Credit River to Garafraxa. Wagon sinks in mud, axe cuts brush to firm up the road. Scottish Highlanders spoke Gaelic. Flocks of wild pigeons / passenger pigeons. Cutting giant trees. Spring colours; MacLeod tartan.


Note. “Burgoyne - May 19, 1898 - the Burgoyne Hotel and stables were burned on Friday evening, May 6th”.

Ms. 5 pp. “To Invermay Boys”. “Foreword - It is not likely that any of you have ever heard of the obscure little village of Invermay, Bruce Co., Ont., which my sister, in the following verses, has saved from utter oblivion ...”. Tannery became military headquarters. “My sister ... was allowed to inspect our military stores ... she was not yet seventeen when she wrote this poem ...”. [75] Poem, “To Invermay Boys - Oh, Invermay, the dearest spot on earth ...”. [76] “... and vows to return and spend his thousands there. -Invermay, June 6th, 1887.” [77] “This poem was written by Alice B. Keogh, sister of Miss W.O. Keogh, who compiled Poems of a Canadian Pioneer Family.” “Henry Brown was born in 1804 ... married Dorothy Decker ...; daughter Mary Nolan”, mother of Alice Keogh. Operation of a muzzle-loading rifle. Concludes: “Dorothy Decker, wife of Henry Brown ... her father, John Decker ... came from New York State ...”.


80B Letter, 1 p. From Fritz Knechtel, Hanover, to Bruce Krug, Oct. 27, 1952. Re Krug find of quartzite blade on B. Line Arran. Tom Lee interested. Knechel spent day with Eddie Gruetzner at Maple Hill dam site. He returned the two gorgets to Oliver Inglis. He has photo of the blade. “Enjoyed our Ayton investigations a lot. Must return the crescent shaped item to the Hartman’s this week too and hope photo turns out well on it.”


85 2 b/w photos. Originals affixed to page. Both show a log cabin, two windows in attic, one chimney, caption, “Baux homestead - west of Invermay”.

86 1955 “Purple Hill Orange Lodge was founded 100 years ago in Arran Township district - George Hammell was first master of lodge which now meets in former Wesleyan Methodist church building dating back to 1861”. Lot 13, Conc 6, Arran. Minutes of lodge date to 1862. History of lodge. Names of masters. Purple Hill L.O.L. 612.


88 1 b/w photo. Original affixed to page. No inscription. Brick two-storey building, utility pole. [related to Orange Lodge?]

89 1955 “Arkwright United Church to mark 100th anniversary - New Connection Methodists founded church in 1855 - present church building was erected in 1875”. In 1861 the Wesleyan Methodists built a church, the present Orange Hall. [see 86] Sold to L.O.L. in 1893. List of United Church ministers at Arkwright since 1854. Photo.

1951  Death of James McFaul, 66, of 12th conc. Elderslie Twp. [Note: Lot #16, Con. XII, Brant Tp. - pioneer home of Patrick McGarrity, built in 1860]

Poem, “Nothing like the girls from Grey and Bruce”. 6 lines. Poetry.

1951  “Two Waterloo residents die in train-car crash near Allenford”. Northbound CNR train. Photo.

1954  “Note written in May, 1875, found in bottle in house”. Mount Hope: Russell Wagner finds note re children listed in the family of Joseph and Jane Briggs.


1955  Benjamin Fawcett has major role in early life of Arran Twp. District - he and wife arrived in district in December 1857, was active as lay preacher for many years - assisted work among Indians.” Established in shanty; lay preacher, at Saugeen church, on horseback; temperance; logging bee; “left a quite concise and well illustrated record of their pioneering days …”: studio photos shown, including Mr. and Mrs. William Glover, preacher at Invermay.

Ms., 2 pp. Transcribed. “Chesley Enterprise, June 24, 1909 - George W. Thomas of Arran Tp. - George W. Thomas was born at Limpera Park in Gloucestershire, England, on December 3rd, 1826 ...” Took Lot 5, con. 12, Elderslie, then lot 1, Con. B, Arran. Wife Sarah Tracey; second wife Eliza Hammel, daughter of James Hammel of Invermay. 1877, moved to Guelph.

1950  “VanDusen family has played important role in life of Tara, one came to Owen Sound in 1853 - J.R. Van Dusen Sr., early school teacher and general merchant in village - C. Roy Van Dusen, reeve for 13 years”. Family in newspaper life of both Tara and Owen Sound. 1881: suggested the name of the Tara Leader, first issue June 16, 1881, editor W.J. Whitlock; 1899: H.A. Van Dusen became editor. In Owen Sound the founder of the Comet newspaper, 1853, was Owen Van Dusen. Rev. Conrad Van Dusen was Methodist missionary at Newash in 1835. Photos; façade in Tara.

Letter, Aug. 19, 1953, to Lawrence Phillips, radio station CFOS Owen Sound, to Bruce Krug. “The copies of the interviews that you requested are not available.” Tape was not saved. For the history of the centennial, suggests contacting John Sims at Tara.

104 1950 “After 39 years of service Tara has closed classes of Continuation School”. List of 1911 school class members. List of principals and teachers. Photo.

106 Ms., 6 pp. Transcribed. Not dated. “Former Tara and Wiarton publisher relates story of early pioneering days”. “William J. Whitlock, now 90 years, ... early days in Arran Township, Village of Tara and Town of Wiarton ... he published Tara’s first newspaper.” Published Tara Leader, Wiarton Canadian. “Published in today’s Sun Times.” “Mr. Whitlock’s sketch is as follows: ‘Looking backward’! A request from the editor of the Owen Sound Sun-Times ...”. History of Tara and Arran. Churches. The professions. Elevators built. A garden of Eden. First settlers. Township reeves. Opening at railway. Construction of North Gravel Road (Hwy. 21) by David Porter; cutting out the right of way; Porter went on to do contracts on docks at Kincardine and Wiarton, and harbour of refuge at Southampton; Porter married daughter of T. Adair of Southampton.

112 1955 “Lightning kills Geo. Clark, barns in area are wrecked in brief twister Friday p.m.”. Employed on farm of Gordon Cunningham, R.R. 3 Tara. He was 66. Bev Robertson barn in Saugeen twp. was wrecked; chickens escaped. Suggestion of tornado.

113 Ms., 1 p. Transcribed. “Mr. John Hamilton sr. of Tara - Chesley Enterprise July 6th 1899”. “Tara’s oldest inhabitant, Mr. John Hamilton, sr., is still hale and hearty although 81 ... resident of Tara for 47 years. In the fall of 1851 he left Owen Sound with a surveyor named Berford ...”

114 Ms. 1 p. Transcribed. “Bruce’s oldest resident - Mr. Wm. Steele of Tara - Chesley Enterprise, May 12, 1898”. Born in 1813. Steele farm, lots 28 and 29, 13 conc. Arran.