

Saturday, May 28, 1988

Dear Elizabeth & Sam:

I'll bet that you think that we have forgotten about you. What with the lousy weather that we have had this spring and our aches and pains and visits to the doctor's offices we have been lax in our correspondence.

I have also been trying to get our yard in shape for the summer. The grass did get away from me because of the surprising amount of rain that we had this spring. I cant seem to do very much work at one time because of my legs giving out. I think it is arthritis and the cold winds do't help that condition.

Helen's condition is about the same, her back pain bothers her and we are both about ready to call on our local chiropractor.

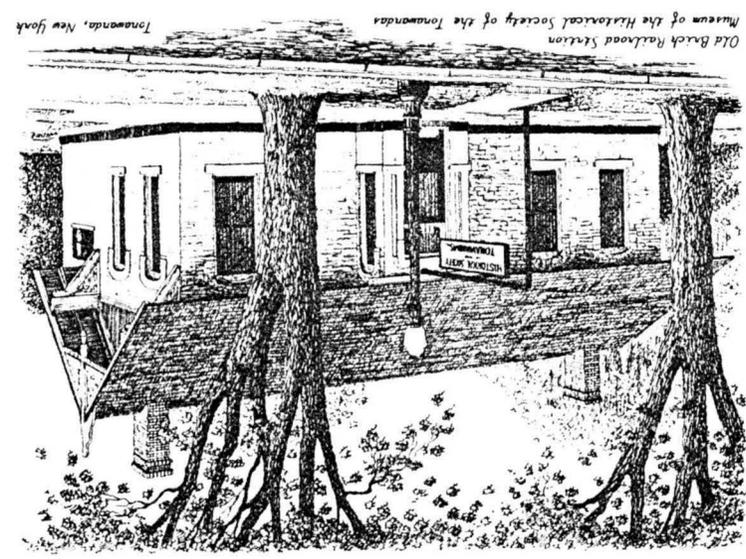
I haven't done too much work around the museum lately and I did have to quit running their annual flea market whic was a part of the Tonawandas' annual "CANAL FEST" celebration. It waS A GREAT FUND RAISER and a help in our museum fundng .

Incidentally, I just remembered something my mothe told me some years ago. She said that one of her ancestors was Sir Francis Drake. the Eng. exploreror so she had been told when she was a young girl. In your research you might bear that in mind. That info would of course appear in the years prior to your earliest findings.

Also today a son was born to my grand daughter Robin Banks, named Scott Richard.

We hope that you are both enjoying good health.

Love from all of us, HAROLD & over
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WILL WRITE AGAIN SOON.

There is some doubt regarding this information. John Drake was the husband of Phoebe Johnson, the aunt of Harold's mother, Sara Ann (Bradt) Fitzsimmons. As a result if his ancestry is the point of the statement, since John Drake was a relative by marriage, this would have no application for the Bradts. E. M.

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Dear Elizabeth & Sam:

We hope that you both enjoyed your trip to our part of these United States. Ever since your visit here it has been so very, very hot and humid. Today the spell was broken with a brief thunder storm and a heavy downpour of rain.

The week after you left I took charge of a Flea Market the Tonawandas' Historical Society which was part of the annual Erie Canal Fest which celebrates the opening of the Erie Canal back in 1825, which was responsible for opening the midwest to settlement. The Flea Market is held on the grounds of the Long Homesad one of the first homes built in Tonawanda back in 1829. For many years it was a tavern and a few years ago our historical society restored it to it's original condition, in fact we even located some of the original furniture in mint condition. The total restoration cost over \$100,000.00. Enclosed is a brochure.

I found the following among some papers of my mothers:

Sara Ann Bradt
Born February 4, 1888 in Moulton Station, Province of Ontario Canada, located near Dunville adjacent to Lake Erie .
Married July 19, 1910 to Frank Ludden Fitzsimmons of Tonawanda, New York, son of Thomas and Catherine Emma Johnson Fitzsimmons.
Elizabeth Ann Johnson Bradt, mother of Sara Ann, born August 31, 1851, died May 9, 1930. Married March 1, 1876 to William Bradt, born June 21, 1853. Divorced June 14, 1894.

Sara Ann Runchy Bradt and Aaron Bradt mother and father of William Bradt.

Harry L. Bradt married Helen (Nell) Langdon April ? 1900.
Harry's birthday June 21st.- Wedding April 1900
Sons: Lawrence, Charles, Langdon and Francis.

Langdon Bradt is the sole surviving son and resides at 720 10th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14303 (Apt. 701)

Deceased son: Lawrence, Antique dealer of Buffalo, New York

Charles, Bank Teller, Niagara Falls. Francis, Firefighter, Niagara Falls.

I have never travelled to the part of PENNSYLVANI Dutch country that you visited. Helen & I have been to Gettysburg a few times and of course a lot of the Northwestern part of the state. In fact we were married in Erie in 1956 by an old fellow that was a Justice of the Peace, in an old fashioned office that would have done justice to an old time western movie set..

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Dear Elizabeth and Sam:

This has been a strange spring, one day the temp. will be 80 degrees or more and then the next day it will be in the 50's. It's no wonder one feels lousy and out of sorts and listless. I just don't seem to have any ambition at all.

We have also had more than our share of rain, which also does not help matters any.

We have gone out a couple of times lately to eat and to the doctor's office and that has been the extent of our travels. On ~~XXXX~~ & May 27th we did aquire our second great-grand child, a boy named Scott Richard Banks.

Last Sunday afternoon, to break the monotonny we went up to the LONG HOMESTEAD and spent the afternoon with the docents in this historic restoration. I picked up a couple of the old publications of the Society which I thought might be of interest to you of the the early Tonawanda, where your father spent his young years.

The picture of the fire horses and cart contain the likeness of Gottlieb Christwho married Flora Bradt and of course would be your Uncle. Dorothy Thompson was a noted newspaper columnist of the 1930's and I believe was married to Sinclair Lewis, the author. The ferry boat pictured was a forerunner of a later one that my father captained until it was eliminated by the building of bridges to Grand Island in the mid-1930's.

The Board Chairman of theTonawandas' Historical Society, Thomas Mileham is an antique dealer with a shop in Buffalo. He often takes part in the large shows in Dallas and Houston. and Also Miami and Atlanta.

We hope that both of you are well and enjoying life.

Elizabeth (Johnson) Bradt

My grandmother and your namesake was a well known and very well liked personage. I never knew my grandfather, William because they were divorced long before I was born. From my mother, I learned that her parents were hotel proprietors during the late 1800's, they ran hotels both in Tonawanda and North Tonawanda. One I recall was named The Sheldon.

After her divorce Grandma Bradt had to support her children, so she took in boarders and later on she became what to-day we call a practical nurse. or a governess. She took care of the children of Dr. Harold Hayes of Buffalo, New York (I am named for him) She also was associated with various Twin City's familys in the samew capacity.

In 1914, when Dr. Walter Dixon of Rochester, New York, who was an associate of Dr. Hayes formed a company called Aseptico LABORATORIES, Inc. Elizabeth became a house to house saleswoman promoting the company's products.

SCHEDULE C.

County of *Haldimand*

DEATHS.

Division of *Moulton*

NAME OF DECEASED	SEX (M. or F.)	DATE OF DEATH		AGE	RESIDENCE		OCCUPATION MARRIED OR SINGLE	WHERE BORN	CAUSE OF DEATH LENGTH OF ILLNESS	NAME OF PHYSICIAN IN ATTENDANCE	RELIGIOUS DISPOSITION	
		Month	Year		No. of HOUSE OR LOT	CORNER OR STREET						
<i>Laubert Rachel</i> 012603	F	July	17 99	3 months	17	S. F. R	U.C.	Moulton Ont	Whooping Cough	Dr. Green	U. B.	Sch
<i>Harrington Mary E</i> 012604	F	Aug	3 99	35	6	C. 3.	M. or S. Farmer	Moulton Ont	Blood Poisoning	Dr. N. Hopkins	U. B.	Sch
<i>Shupe Peter Martin</i> 012605	M	Sept	8 99	7 months	7	C. 3	M. or S. Marrid	Moulton Ont	Cholera Infantum 5 weeks	Dr. Shupe	U. B.	
<i>Brown David Lond</i> 012606	M	Sept	1 99	10 months	1	S. F. R	M. or S. U.C.	Moulton Ont	Cholera Infantum 7 Days	Dr. G. L. McCallum	U. B.	
<i>Evans Maud May</i> 012607	F	Aug	25 99	20 Days	6	C. 3	M. or S. U.C.	Moulton Ont	Sprue 12 Days	Dr. Shupe	U. B.	
<i>Barriek Mary</i> 012608	F	Aug	2 99	85	23	G. R. 2	M. or S. Farmer	Ontario	old age	None	Baptist	Smith
<i>Reid Ardubald</i> 012609	M	Oct	24 99	75	19	G. R. 2	M. or S. Marrid	Ontario	3 weeks	None	Baptist	Smith
<i>Emerson Am</i> 012610	M	Aug	1 99	62	16	C 2	M. or S. Farmer	Ireland	Stomach trouble over year	Dr. G. L. McCallum	Baptist	Scholfield
<i>Bradt Aaron</i> 012611	M	Oct	13 99	75	2	C 4	M. or S. Marrid	Thorold Ont	Heart Failure one hour	Dr. N. Hopkins	U. B.	Dr. N. Hopkins
<i>Acier Harriet</i> 012612	F	Dec	8 99	49	5	2. X	M. or S. Farmer	Louth Ont	old age	Dr. Pringle	Disciple	Bradt
<i>Burges Alice May</i> 012613	F	Nov	30 99	3	6	C 3	M. or S. M	Niagara Ont	Paralysis 2 years	Dr. G. L. McCallum	Baptist	Dr. G. L. McCallum
<i>King John</i> 012614	M	Nov	26 99	58	10	N. F. R	M. or S. Farmer	Moulton Ont	Croup one week	Dr. A. F. Pringle	U. B.	Dr. A. F. Pringle
<i>Kirby Thomas</i> 012615	M	Dec	11 99	74	6	1. X	M. or S. Farmer	New York State	Paralysis of throat two weeks	Dr. N. Hopkins	Church of England	Scholfield
							M. or S. M	England	congestion of liver 14 months	Dr. F. J. Green	U. B.	Dr. F. J. Green

Count of *Haldimand*

Division of *...*

NAME OF DECEASED	Sex	Date of Death		Age	RESIDENCE		OCCUPATION
		Month	Year		No. of House on Lot	Occupation on Return	
<i>011297</i> [Name]	F	April	23 1901	78	10	N.F.R.	Farm
<i>011298</i> [Name]	F	May	19 1901	81	2	C. 4	Farm
<i>011299</i> [Name]	F	Feb	8 1901	52	10	C. 2	Farm
<i>011300</i> [Name]	F	Jan	13 1901	65	7	C. 3	Farm
<i>011301</i> [Name]	M	May	10 1901	75	16	C. 1	Farm
<i>011302</i> [Name]	F	Jan	7 1901	14	3	C. 3	Farm
<i>011303</i> [Name]	M	Feb	23 1901	3	Low Banks		Farm
<i>011304</i> [Name]	M	Feb	22 1901	34	14	S.F.R.	Farm
<i>011305</i> [Name]	M	Feb	1 1901	53	2	N.F.R.	Farm
<i>011306</i> [Name]	F	Feb	19 1901	77	23	G.R. 2	Farm
<i>011307</i> [Name]	M	Feb	6 1901	80	17	S.F.R.	Farm
<i>011308</i> [Name]	F	July	7 1901	13	6	C. 1	Farm
<i>011309</i> <i>011310</i> [Name]	F	Feb	22 1901	2	4	W.P.D.	Farm
<i>011310</i> [Name]	F	Feb	8 1901	55		Dilly Road	Farm

NAME OF DECEASED	Sex	Date of Death	Cause of Death	Name of Physician	Burial	Name of Minister
<i>011297</i>	F	April 23 1901	Heart Disease	Dr. A. M. Clark	Baptist	Dr. A. M. Clark
<i>011298</i>	F	May 19 1901	Stroke	Dr. A. M. Clark	Baptist	Dr. A. M. Clark
<i>011299</i>	F	Feb 8 1901	Heart Disease	Dr. G. A. McCallum	P.C.	Dr. G. A. McCallum
<i>011300</i>	F	Jan 13 1901	Stroke	Dr. G. A. McCallum	Pres. Meth.	Dr. G. A. McCallum
<i>011301</i>	M	May 10 1901	General Debility	Dr. G. A. McCallum	Meth.	Dr. G. A. McCallum
<i>011302</i>	F	Jan 7 1901	Stroke	Dr. Hopkins	U.B.	Dr. G. A. McCallum
<i>011303</i>	M	Feb 23 1901	Stroke	Dr. G. A. McCallum	Bapt.	Dr. G. A. McCallum
<i>011304</i>	M	Feb 22 1901	Stroke	Dr. A. M. Clark	Meth.	Dr. A. M. Clark
<i>011305</i>	M	Feb 1 1901	Stroke	Dr. G. A. McCallum	U.B.	Dr. G. A. McCallum
<i>011306</i>	F	Feb 19 1901	Stroke	Dr. G. A. McCallum	Meth.	Dr. G. A. McCallum
<i>011307</i>	M	Feb 6 1901	Stroke	Dr. A. M. Clark	Dis.	Dr. G. A. McCallum
<i>011308</i>	F	July 7 1901	Stroke	Dr. G. A. McCallum	Episcop.	Dr. G. A. McCallum
<i>011309</i>	F	Feb 22 1901	Stroke	Dr. G. A. McCallum	U.B.	Dr. G. A. McCallum
<i>011310</i>	F	Feb 8 1901	Stroke	Dr. McCallum	P.C.	Dr. G. A. McCallum

SCHEDULE B

County of Lincoln

Lincoln County, Marriage Register, No. 10206,
Archives of Ontario, Toronto, CAN. LDS Film
#1871077. This document is significant as it con-
firms Sarah Runchey as the wife of Aaron Bradt.

NAMES OF PARTIES. (Surname first.)	AGE.	RESIDENCE WHEN MARRIED.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	Bachelor Widower, Spinster, Widow.	OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION.	NAMES OF PARENTS. (FATHER—F. MOTHER—M.) N.B.—Always give Maiden Name of Mother.
Groom. Horton Thomas Alf. heirs	30	Niagara falls N.S.	Gainsboro	B	Machinist	Frederick Z. Horton F. Nancy Ecker M.
Bride. Piper Mary M.	27	Gainsboro Jr	Gainsboro	S		Esra Piper F. Ann. Frumm M.
Groom. Comfort George J. Comfort	29	Echo-ont	Gainsboro	B	Minister	Thomas Comfort F. Susanna Moot M.
Bride. Ulman Jennie	25	Wellandport ont	Gainsboro	S	Nursing	John Ulman F. Mary Ann Freure M.
Groom. Crow Elmer G.	31	Gainsboro	Gainsboro	B	Farmer	Solomon Crow F. Barbara Webber M.
Bride. Gee Euphemia	27	Gainsboro	Gainsboro	S.	-	Esra Gee F. Mary C. Crow M.
Groom. Erion Chester Franklin	24	Gainsboro	Gainsboro	B	Farmer	John Erion F. Matilda Rinker M.
Bride. Wisener Charlotte Ann	26	Gainsboro	Gainsboro	S	-	David Wisener F. Elizabeth Nelson M.
Groom. Moyer Joel	33	Gainsboro	Cayuga	B	Farmer	U B Moyer F. Barbara Culp M.
Bride. Bradt Nancy Catherine	37	Moulton	Moulton	S		* Aaron Bradt F. * Sarah Runchey M.
Groom. Fisher Hillyard	29	Gainsboro	Gainsboro	B	Farmer	William H Fisher F. Mary A Brooks M.
Bride. Horton Mabel	21	Gainsboro	Gainsboro	S.	-	Legander Horton F. Nancy Ecker M.
Groom.			Gainsboro			Hondu Johnson F.