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Mr. Percy Climo
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Dear Mr. Climo:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that you have been chosen by the Awards Committee of The Ontario Genealogical Society to be one of the recipients of the Citation of Recognition Awards for 1989.

Certificates will be presented at the Seminar Banquet on Saturday evening, June 3rd, at the University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario. We hope you will be present to receive your Award. We invite you to attend the Banquet as a guest of the Society - you should identify yourself at the door during the reception which precedes the Banquet.

It would be much appreciated if, by March 1st, you would compile and send to me a brief outline of your activities, current projects and accomplishments, as related to genealogy (and history), as well as any personal information you might wish to include, such as names of spouse and children, number of grandchildren, education, occupation (retired?), hobbies (in addition to genealogy of course!), year you joined OGS, home Branch, etc.

Congratulations on having been chosen to receive this Award as a mark of recognition from your Society. I look forward to receiving the requested information by March 1st, and to seeing you at the Seminar in June.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) Sharon J. Cadieux
Awards Committee

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ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BANQUET- University of Waterloo,
Waterloo, Ontario. Saturday Evening, June 3, 1989.

Re : PERCY LLOYD CLIMO.

Birth - Cobourg, Ontario. October 17, ~~1905~~ - 1906
Attended Cobourg Public School and COBOURG COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.
Attended Queen's University- 1927-1931 in a course of studies in
Mechanical Engineering. Due to one supplemental examination in 1931,
I did not receive my degree until 1932.

Employment : Summers of 1928 and 1929- Machine Shop training, at
the John Bertram and Sons Company, Dundas, Ontario.
Summer 1930. Foreman of survey work, under the Resident
Engineer, initial construction of the R.C.A.F.BASE,
Trenton Ontario..
1931- Dead issue. No employment due to the depression..
1932- Five months employment as field engineer, building
construction - Niagara Falls, Ontario.
1933- Dead issue - no employment.
1934 - June-July - Supervised the construction of
Cobourg's Shell Band Stand. A specialty.
September, 1934- September 1940- Employed
by the Hollinger Gold Mines, Timmins, Ontario.
Some ordinary work, then one year, underground
surveying, three years in the Mechanical
Engineering Department.
1940, Sept to May, 1942- Gaspesia Sulphite Company, at
Chandler, Quebec- Plant Engineering work.
1942, Spring to 1945 - War Work in Toronto and Smith's
Falls. Remained in Smith's Falls until Spring,
1947.
1947 - 1952- Canadian International Paper, Company, at
their large sulphite Pulp mill, Temiskaming, Que.
Plant engineering work.
1952- 1971, retirement- The Ontario Paper Company, now the
Quebec and Ontario Paper Company, Thorold, Ontario.
General Plant Engineering.

Activities : Church work, five years on Municipal Council, Engineering
Societies, Registered Professional Engineer, Ontario.
Member of the Engineering Institute of Canada. Served as
Chairman of the Niagara Branch of the E.I.C.

Retirement- Lived at St. Catharines until 1978. Moved to Colborne where
I presently live.

Hobbies - was a stamp collector until I became more interested in genealogy.
Keep active in summer growing household vegetables. In winter,
I exercise by cutting some firewood for use in a small stove
in my basement workshop. Like to "tinker" in my basement
workshop. Research and write stories and books on Cobourg's
local history. Life member of the Cobourg and District
Historical Society.

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NEALOGY --. In the summer of 1961, we visited cousins of mine living in north-western Ontario. They had big families, and in order to keep straight who was who, I made up a list of their grand children, etc. Then these cousins were acquainted with additional cousins living in Saskatchewan, so I added their names to my list. I was familiar with additional cousins in Southern Ontario and they too were listed. Before I knew it, I was severely bitten with the Genealogy bug. These people listed were all descendents of my maternal Grandfather. Within nine months, I had published, printed and distributed to relatives copies of my JOHN HAW GENEALOGY. It was assembled, and set up to my own idea. I had made no contact with other genealogists or looked at other genealogical works.

John Haw came to Canada in 1847. His uncle and family came to Canada in 1827. A third cousin, to me, Alden Haw, living in Toronto, decided to make a genealogy of his Haw family. I joined him in this undertaking. We gathered much detail on this large and wide spread family group. My cousin partner unfortunately died suddenly, by cancer, in 1969. Before he died, I signed an agreement to finalize, print and distributed this JOSEPH HAW (1781-1867) genealogy which I followed through..

My great grandparents, ROBERT WATSON, came to Canada in 1825. This too was a large family. A third cousin in this group, THOMAS RATTLE, of Mimico, was collecting genealogical material. I joined him on this project. Thomas was then Treasurer of the O.G.S. He advised me to join the Society, which I did, I believe in 1969. # 964. Later in 1973, I became a life member. He too died before the Watson Family work was terminated. I carried on, found out where the Haw people and the Watson people originated and before quitting this work, compiled a huge record of descendents, living coast to coast in both U.S.A. and Canada. This work was not published.

Finally the Climo family. All I had to go on was a list of my Climo grandfather's children in the family Bible. He came to Canada in 1857 and settled at Cobourg.. I wrote to Cornwall England, for a telephone directory. Then I sent about 30 letters of enquire to surnames. No Climo people responded. Few were living in Cornwall. Finally a CLEMO lady put me in touch with a HEDLEY Climo, living in Taunton Somerset, England. This proved to be a gold mine. We combined forces and in 1976 the book MABINOGI and CLEM emerged. I was deaf by this time and gave up further pursuits in genealogy research. FOUR GENEALOGIES resulted.

Next I took up LOCAL HISTORY of Cobourg and vicinity. In 1966, I wrote along story on Cobourg's FATHER OF CONFEDERATION, The Hon. James Cockburn, the first Speaker in the Canadian House of Commons. This was published in serial form over an eight month period, in the COBOURG SENTINEL_STAR newspaper in 1967 and a Centennial project.

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In 1973, my wife, Betty and myself looked after the local arrangements for the Seminar that was held at Brock University, St. Catharines, that year. It was at that time we both became life members. We have attended Seminars a number of times.

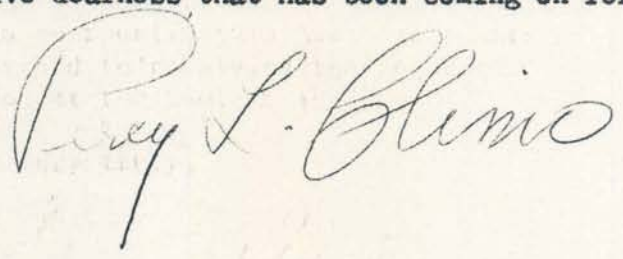
I was first married in 1935. I have two married daughters and one single son. My first wife deserted me twenty years ago. the circumstances are very unpleasant, she turned my daughters away from me, stopped my two grandchildren from seeing me and now that they have grown up, I have not seen them since their childhood and I know nothing about them. I do see my son occasionally, but he has not come to see me in two years. My first wife turned herself into an alcoholic, courted other men, and the less said on this score, the better. I had no trouble obtaining a divorce in 1973. I then married Betty, my wife and we have made a happy marriage. Betty was a widow, her maiden name was Elizabeth Leith, she originates from the Sarnia area and she retired as a Registered nurse. She served three and a half years as an army nurse, in England during W.W.II.

Unfortunately, after we moved to Colborne, a drug-crazed neighbour woman sprayed a strong mixture of chemicals and poison into my wife's face and since 1979, Betty has been suffering from the results of this violence. She is hoping to get some specialized medical help soon. We have been chasing doctors for about ten years now on account of this crime. The old woman killed herself at 94 years of age. She was the worst villain in seven counties. This affliction and suffering of my wife keeps us very much at home. This is why we have not attended Seminars since the one that was held at Queen's University.

we hope to make it to the Seminar at Waterloo this time. If not, I will definitely attend the banquet on the Saturday night.

I am in good health. I am now deaf and cannot hear conversations or use the telephone. It is a nerve deafness that has been coming on for over 30 years.

Percy L. Climo.
January 30, 1989.



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