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Even though this is dated Spring 2000, it is not quite here yet. But with time on my hands I wanted to get this issue out early. This has been a different year for me, as some of you know I was diagnosed with colon cancer just before Christmas. The operation was done on January 11 and so they caught and treated it early and I am now on the mend.

New Gaffield Descendants

We have a couple of new additions to the Gaffield clan. Muriel and myself have a new granddaughter. On December 28, 1999, Madeleine MacIvor Reid was born to Bill and Becky Reid. A red head and another Jonathan Gaffield/Phoebe Ann Hubble descendant.

Not to be out done, Philip and Joan Perry also had a new granddaughter. Taryn Emily Perry was born December 7, 1999 to Travis and Theresa Perry. She shares the birthday with her grandmother. Another Unis and John Mix descendant.

John Henry's Book

John Henry's efforts in producing *The Descendants of John Mix and Unis Gaffield of Cramahe from 1797* has resulted in an impressive book. John Henry is an excellent researcher and leaves no stone unturned to assembly facts about this family. While it concentrates on the Mix/Micks family, more than a few pages are devoted to a historical review of life and times in the late 1700's and the area settled by Nathaniel A. Gaffield and his neighbour John Mix. He traces 2,866 Mix/Micks descendants and adds another 2,280 spouses and parents. In addition to a People index, John adds a Places index as well. An extensive and valuable bibliography and an interesting Timeline add much interest to this book. No doubt

this beautifully produced book will become a family heirloom. The price of the book is \$50.00, including shipping. For more information contact W. John Henry, 34 Longbow Square, Agincourt, Ontario, M1W 2W7. You can also reach him by e-mail wjhenry276@aol.com.

Another Web site

John Henry (via Marion Belanger) passed on the following information.

"The site is <http://genforum>. The gist of it is that you enter the family name of interest, for instance Gaffield, and that connects you to a hodge-podge of people with some genealogical interest in the name. That is step 1. Put in Gaffield and you get 'name not found' or some such message. But if you put in Halstead and then search for Gaffield or Gaffield Ontario within the Halstead site you get a hit. The information John found was mostly known through Jean Moore in Forest, Ontario who searches this family. But you might want to look for one of your ancestors.

Earl Family Updates

This from Mary Gale Rogers.

Gerald Earl Dean, son of Ada Irene Earl Dean Canavesio, updated me with the following:

Gerald's son, Ronald, and his wife Mary Kathryn divorced...this is not new, just confirmed.

Gerald's son, James, married Deborah Ann Marie Kent 18 Feb 1985 in Winters, Yolo, CA. Deborah was born 28 Feb 1950 in Syracuse, Onondage, NY. They have no children. Deborah had a daughter who now is married.

James's son from his first marriage (to Carrie who died), James Dale Dean, married 9 Jan 1998 in Winters, Yolo, CA to Tiffany Item. They had a son 11 Oct 1998, James Antonio Dean, who was born in Winters.

Update on Melissa Bowen.
We still don't know if she divorced
Nathaniel, but Shirley found her marriage

information for her second marriage...to
Charles L. Miller. Married 12 May 1875
Cook County, Illinois. Mary Gale

Here's a bit of humour from Joan Gaffield.

Can a first cousin, once removed, return?
Cemetery: (n) A marble orchard not to be taken for granite.
Crazy... is a relative term in MY family.
Genealogy: It's all relative in the end anyway.
Genealogy: Tracing yourself back to better people.
I trace my family history so I will know whom to blame.
It's hard to be humble with ancestors like mine!
Life takes its toll. Have exact change ready!
Searching for lost relatives? Win the Lottery!
That's strange; half my ancestors are WOMEN!
Do I even WANT ancestors? Some I found I wish I could lose.
Every family tree has some sap in it.
FLOOR: (n) The place for storing your priceless genealogy records.
Friends come and go, but relatives tend to accumulate.
Genealogists never die; they just lose their roots.
Genealogy: A hay stack full of needles. It's the threads I need.
Genealogy: Collecting dead relatives and sometimes a live cousin!
Genealogy: Where you confuse the dead and irritate the living.
Heredity: Everyone believes in it until their children act like fools!
I think my family tree is a few branches short of full bloom.
Life is lived forwards, but understood backwards.
My ancestors are hiding in a witness protection program.
My family tree is a few branches short!
Research: What I'm doing, when I don't know what I'm doing.
Take nothing but ancestors, leave nothing but records.
Theory of relativity: If you go back far enough, we're all related.

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Hope you are having fun and your genealogy searches are productive.
Please drop us a line anytime.

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