

One son, John Bruce, married Lena McGregor. John and Lena had eight children: Wilfrid, Ethel, Florence, Leila, Doris, Clarence, Eric and Jim. All are alive today but for Clarence, Wilfrid and Ethel.

It is Jim's son D'Arcy who currently owns and operates Longview, the McKague Cramahe Township farm, on Morganston Road.

Son Eric McKague, currently residing in Castleton, married Margaret (d 1985) Richards of Warkworth. There are three children: Carla, Linda and Rick.

"We estimate there are 2,300 descendants of the two original settlers located all over the continent," Linda says.

She and sister Carla have amassed a veritable treasure trove of stories, history and memorabilia - including an estimated 2,500 photos.

"The remarkable thing is that only 12 photos or so of all those photos cannot be identified," says Linda. "We put the mug shots up on the internet, put out there for information, and invariably we get a response. For example, someone in Iowa was able to identify people in a photo because her grandmother's photo album had the same photo and she had written all the names on the back."

The McKague genealogy is about to become a website on the Internet. The site, its first page already posted at the address "mckague.com", will give a complete roster of the family tree.

Adding special depth to the information is the inclusion of photos of individuals (where found) and group and scenic shots compiled.

"The Macintosh program "Reunion" has been absolutely marvellous," notes Linda. Her sister Carla has been spearheading the data base collection.

For PC users, the equivalent program is "Generations". With the information entered, whole files have been merged, sorted and demystified.

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Single

As the candles were snuffed out for the final time at St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church in Colborne, parish priest the Reverend Allan Hood lit a single pillar candle representing the Colborne congregation.

"This candle will be taken to St. Mary's, Grafton, where it will burn, a symbol of your spirit. We move on."

The Colborne Catholic church property was listed for sale one month ago. The Colborne church, housed in a former residential building at King Street East and Elgin Streets, accompanied by over five acres of land, apparently has a potential buyer. The property's sale is now in the hands of lawyers, parishioners have been told. The Colborne congregation, served as a "mission" of the the Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Grafton, will now officially be amalgamated with the St. Mary's church, Grafton, congregation.

As the celebration of the final mass concluded, he processed from the small, intimate church holding the burning candle high.

"I find it very hard to close this church," the Reverend Allan Donald Hood confided to the people gathered last Sunday. "I have always loved this

Two hundred years of history — published around the world

When a group of Brighton citizens put pen to paper this summer, to document key aspects of 200 years of Brighton history, it was easy to imagine that the project would elicit wide interest from Brightonians. But it may come as a bit of a surprise that the documents have also proven of keen interest to many people far outside Brighton. Within days of publication, visitors from across the continent were perusing every page of the website edition of *A History of Brighton*.

The research for the project was carried out in a few months, coordinated by Brighton mayor Bill

Pettingill. An able team of volunteers compiled an impressive range of material. Not only are the written accounts clear and well-organized, but some chapters are illustrated with archival photographs and colour prints.

But how can such material be widely shared? To print such lengthy documents in the newspaper, even in black-and-white, would cost thousands of dollars. Local businesses and governments, meanwhile, would only cover a small fraction of this cost through sponsorships.

But as we enter a new century we have a new option in publishing — the Internet. With Internet publishing, there is no cost for materials — no paper, no ink, no shipping. So even a sizeable document can be made widely available at a moderate cost.

Independent Business

Fortunately, a Brighton business, Gord Tobey Developments Ltd., agreed to sponsor a website edition of *A History of Brighton*. And then, in a few day's time, the whole document was available, with colour pictures included, to anyone with Internet access.

Within a week, people from across Ontario, as well as places like Pennsylvania and Ohio, were viewing the whole collection.

In Canada, according to recent surveys, just over 50% of families now have regular Internet access, either at home or at work. Many more are now learning to use the Internet at libraries or other public access centres. (In Brighton, the Community Access Program (CAP) has been set up to provide public access to the Internet, including introductory seminars on using the Internet; phone CAP co-ordinator Tabitha Mullins at 613-475-3667 for more information.)

So we encourage those who haven't already done so to look up *A History of Brighton* on the Internet, via www.infobrighton.com. We're happy to play a part in this project, using the media of the 21st century to share the knowledge of the past two centuries.

But we also recognize that good old paper copies also have their advantages.

So while we monitor our website server, checking the numbers of Internet visitors to *A History of Brighton*, we're also arranging the publication of a paper-and-ink version, to be available in the near future.

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