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Reesor Family Genealogy

The Study of the Family Pedigree

About this date, one year ago, some fifteen enthusiastic amateur genealogists began the major undertaking of recording the descendants of Christian Reesor and his wife Fanny Reiff, who migrated to Markham Township from Pennsylvania in 1804.

Within six months the above committee had collected, and published in book form, data on five thousand descendants throughout the eight, and in some cases nine, generations. The list comprised 350 different family names—practically every established name in the township had intermarried during this span of a century and a half.

True enough we all cannot enjoy the same hobbies. Some collect old stamps and coins, relics and pictures of days gone by. The tracing and recording of one's ancestry, too, can be a fascinating hobby and the resultant collection constantly useful for reference. Numerous books and periodicals are available on genealogy and the public archives and libraries a valuable source of information to those in search of early annals. The long established custom of erecting monuments, and thus making a permanent record in stone of our ancestors, is, a positive indication of our desire to perpetuate the memory of our progenitors. A genealogical record, in a like manner, serves posterity with a much more complete and convenient record both of past generations as well as of those still living.

The history of the Reesor Family in Canada actually became a genealogical record of a vast number of families and the book's subtitle of "A Trail Through the Centuries" is a most fitting one. Although the task of compiling the material was entirely by amateurs, they did wisely seek professional advice on the design and general lay-out of the book. The completed volume has proved a justified source of pride, both to those responsible for its production and to the associated families whose descendants are listed therein. The many favorable comments received from historians and librarians must also convey a considerable degree of satisfaction to the compilers as well as to those possessing copies of the book. Mr. MacRae, chief librarian of Fort William, and president of the Ontario Library Association, procured a copy for his city's library "to serve," as he said, "as an incentive to other families, in showing just what could be accomplished by amateur genealogists."

The following list of professional

opinions might well inspire other families to show their ancestral pride by chronicling all available data on their past generations and also to encourage the committee, or their successors, of the Reesor family history to publish, in the future, periodic supplements to their present magnificent book.

..... I have examined the "Reesor Family in Canada" and am glad to say that in my opinion this is one of the best books on family genealogy that has been produced in Canada. With some 5000 descendants of Christian Reesor to account for, the compilation of this book must have entailed a tremendous amount of research. The text is so designed that it is possible to find quickly and easily the relationship of any member of the family with others—I particularly like the typographic construction: the use of columns to the left of the text to indicate the generation to which individuals belong and the use of various kinds of type also to indicate generations. The index appears very complete and will be most useful.

I feel that the committee are to be heartily congratulated on the production of this interesting book.

G. E. Spragge, Archivist of Ont., Sect. Ont. Historical Society, Toronto, Ont.

..... I should like to congratulate those associated with "The Reesor Family in Canada" in producing one of the most attractive family histories I have come across. Having set up in ordinary book form makes it much more easy to handle—also the bit of color which has been added certainly enhances its appearance.

G. E. Reaman, M.A., B.Paed., Ph.D., F.A.G.S., Dept. of English, Ontario Agriculture College, Guelph, Ont.

..... Apart from being an interesting family history of a type all too seldom produced in Canada, "The Reesor Family in Canada" should be included in any public library's reference collection for the reason that it might well serve as a model for anyone wishing to do family genealogical work. For the tabulation is simple and effective and, unlike that often adopted in such works, lends itself to quick and easy cross-reference. The book itself would do credit to any publisher.

Lachlin F. MacRae, Chief Librarian, Fort. William Public Library, Pres. Ont. Library Association

BETHESDA

The Bethesda W.M.S. held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. W. Empringham. Mrs. C. Burkholder was re-elected president. We are glad to report that we met our allocation set for us by the Presbyterian and our thanks to each and every member who gave so generously.

Bethesda school held its Christmas concert Thursday evening. The teacher, Miss Ann Shreeve, and the scholars are to be congratulated on the very fine program and so well given.

Bethesda Women's Institute held its Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. D. Ratcliff. Mrs. Barkey of Dickson Hill brought a fine Christmas story. Carol singing and little Christmas songs by Patsy Harwood, Donna Ratcliff, Janice and Malcolm Ratcliff were enjoyed by all. Exchange of gifts and a little treat for the children brought the meeting to a close. Please phone 67202 and report your holiday visitors.



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John Stuart McLaren, chief of the Sudbury police department, was acquitted in police court at Newmarket by Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake on a careless driving charge. The charge arose out of a collision between McLaren's car and an oil truck on Dec. 11 on No. 11 highway north of Langstaff.



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