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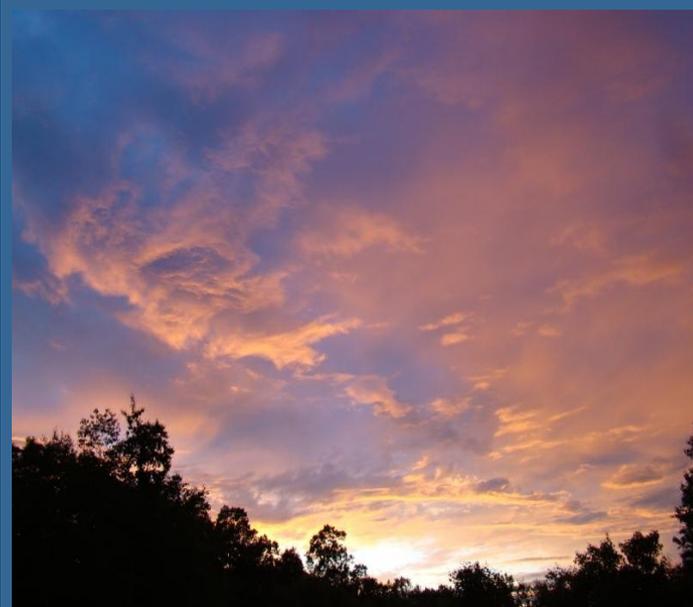
Congratulations Katie



Catherine (Katie) Stewart grew up in Bancroft, Ontario and attended North Hastings High School where she succeeded both academically and in extracurricular activities.

"To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child. For what is the worth of human life, unless it is woven into the life of our ancestors by the records of history?"

~ Marcus Tullius Cicero



Dusk in Bancroft, ON

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CHRISTIAN PILON LAUNCHES LAKE ONTARIO'S FIRST CANOE

In Oshawa, ON June 24, 2011 - On Lake Ontario on the eve of Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day more than 150 guests from as far away as Quebec and Manitoba gathered to see Franco-Ontarian/Métis Christian Pilon launch the first bark canoe he constructed in the traditional manner alongside the National Master Builder, Marcel Labelle.

Graduating with honours, among other awards, Katie received a Wasmund Family Memorial Scholars Award. This award was established in memory of Theodore and Esther Wasmund to create an opportunity for students from North Hastings and North Renfrew counties to attend Queen's University. During her years at Queen's, Katie took on the role of Regional Director of the Canadian Improve Games, expanding the event thirty teams, including theatre students from Port Hope to Bancroft, Kingston and Brockville. Involved in numerous productions on campus, Katie actively participated in both the Drama and Film departments. Employed as an undergraduate teaching assistant in her senior years, Katie enjoyed watching the younger students blossom.

Katie graduated in June of 2014, earning a Bachelor of Honours Degree, with distinction, in Stage and Screen. She enrolled at Loyalist College in Belleville this year, to study Public Relations and, on November 6th, when the college held their fall Undergraduate Awards Ceremony, Katie was pleased to receive a Metis Nation of Ontario Bursary of \$600.



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Thank you.

Lest We Forget

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Smile of the Month

Only In The Country



No one has to tell many of our members we are right in the midst of "Hunting Season" - the reason we know this is we can see them all around Bancroft and the surrounding area. For the rest of you, if you have ever thought of moving to the country for a slower pace of life we

Canadian Postal Employee Discovers Native Ancestor Had Stamp Printed in His Honour

**Chief Henri Membertous -
Grand Chief of the Mi'kmaq**

have a story for you. Yesterday, while listening to a neighboring town's radio station the announcer actually said, "Now all you hunters, make sure you stay tuned to our station while you're at your hunt camp just in case your wife needs to get in touch with you - she can call the station and we will announce it over the radio." Now what are the chances of that ever happening in the big city?

Photo Source: Wikimedia Commons - Magic Deer

Genealogy Site Adds 3.2M American Indian Records



Ancestry.com has partnered with the Oklahoma Historical Society to add more than 3.2 million American Indian historical records and images to its website.

The new data set of 3.2 million records contains:

- Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Dawes Census Cards for Five Civilized Tribes, 1898-1914.
- Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Indian Censuses and Rolls, 1851-1959
- Ratified Indian Treaties and Chiefs, 1722-1869
- Oklahoma, Indian Land Allotment Sales, 1908-1927
- Records Related to Enrollment of Eastern Cherokee by Guion Miller, 1908-1910.

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November is National



This journey started out with my very close and dear grandfather passing away on December 4 2013. My brother and I went to PEI to attend his funeral. At the time my brother was dating a girl who was a history buff and asked if the family would mind if she did some research on our family history. Of course we were intrigued. Turns out our family history is nothing to shake a stick at. A famous Aboriginal who played a pivotal role in ensuring the survival of French settlement in Eastern Canada was Chief Henri Membertou, Grand Chief of the Mi'kmaq. Needless to say this was beyond exciting. What was even more interesting was that a stamp was commemorated in his honor from July - September 2007. As fate would have it I happen to be a Canada Post employee and knew nothing of this great chief whose blood was running through my veins. I had always looked at old family photos and thought our blood line looked like it had native in it. To no avail did anybody in the family ever confirm that or knew much about it. It took a death in the family and a random person to be in the right place at the right time for our family heritage to be re-instated to what it should be. I am Proud to be Native and so thankful to have discovered my heritage.

Source: Author - L. Butcher, Georgetown, ON

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The Genocide of the Native North

American Indian Heritage Month



The Ontario Metis Family Records Center (OMFRC) is dedicated to researching and documenting the aboriginal and Metis families of Ontario. While Ontario is our primary focus, it is impossible to restrict our research to only Ontario. Many aboriginal and Metis families traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada. Our research therefore encompasses both countries. We have been gathering information for over 40 years and we have records as far back as the early 1600s.

Photo Source:
<http://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/>



I just wanted to thank everyone concerned for the articles in the OMFRC Newsletter. I never liked history in school but find the articles that your editors publish to be so educational. I read everything from start to finish. I truly enjoy all of it, from the light stories to documentaries of the ancient history of the Metis. Thanks again for all your hard work.

P. Churchill
Pembroke, ON

Turquoise The Sacred Stone

American



THE SEVENTH U.S. CAVALRY CHARGING INTO BLACK KETTLE'S VILLAGE AT DAYLIGHT, NOVEMBER 27, 1890. —(SEE PAGE 911.)

The story of early European contact with the Aboriginal people of North America has many faces, few if any of them are pleasant. In fact it marked the beginning of "The Genocide of the Native North American" and continues to be what is probably the longest genocide of a people in history. Genocide by definition is, "Any act committed with the intention of destroying in whole or in part a national, ethnic, cultural, racial or religious group. This includes, killing members of a group, causing serious bodily or mental harm to a group, deliberately inflicting conditions calculated to physically destroy the group in whole or in part and forcefully transferring children of a group to another group".

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Aboriginal Studies The Talking Stick

In the May issue of our Newsletter we featured stories and photos of Grade 10 students from Pamela Vanderburg's Native Studies class where she was teaching the Art of story telling. Again in our June issue two of Pamela's students had shared with us their thoughts on Residential Schools. Over the next few months we are pleased to feature the students newest assignment, namely The Talking Stick.

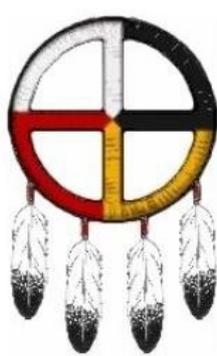


Turquoise Jewelry Myth, Magic and Maintenance.

By the way gentlemen there are only 6 weeks left until Christmas.....

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Pamela Vanderburg
Native Studies Teacher

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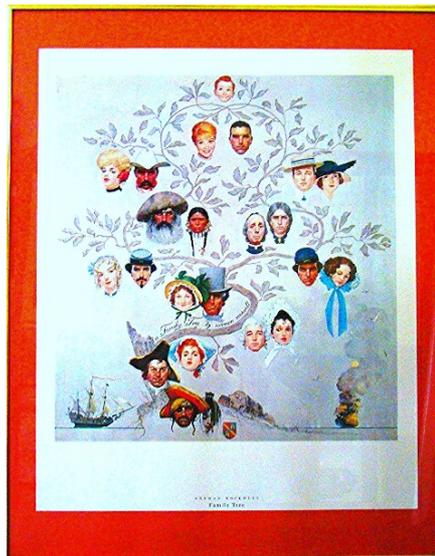
Ontario Metis Family Records Center



We're on the web!
See us at:

www.aboriginalstatus.org
www.omfrc.org

Some Genealogy Facts Regarding Aboriginal Ancestry



New Submissions

Our editors are always looking for original submissions that would be of interest to our community. Do you know of any upcoming events that you would like to share either through the Newsletter or Facebook?

If you have something you would like to add to future issues we would be happy to consider it; please call or email putting Facebook or Newsletter material in

From 1600 to 1800 (very approximate years), acts of baptism, marriage, and sepulture may include only the Christian name or both the Christian and the Native names. In the second case, it is possible to find the genealogical link even if the Native name is not hereditary because that name is kept by a person all along his/her life.

Around 1800-1850 (very approximate years), acts concerning Natives start using a family name and it then becomes possible to trace the genealogical links. There was another special phenomenon, namely the adoption by Whites of Natives, but these adoptions left no trace in the parish registers. In fact, adoptions before 1930, be they of Whites or Natives are rarely mentioned in Quebec parish registers.

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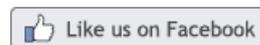
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The OMFRC would like to thank everyone that is standing with us to support the Ontario Metis Family Records Center Community Facebook Page.....your response is nothing short of incredible!

Stay connected and celebrate your heritage! Share that you're a member of the OMFRC Community with your family members on Facebook. It has never been more important to stand up and be counted!

Have you visited our Facebook page? We welcome you to join our OMFRC Community - we want to hear from you.



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Coming Up for
Renewal?**



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