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- **Doreen Blunt**

June 5, 2020 at 9:13 pm Edit

Looking for newspaper, magazine articles and news video footage about the 1971 Niagara Grape and Wine Festival Queen Pageant and the 1971 Miss Garden City Kiwanis Pagaent. Can anyone help direct me to any online historical

records or local Archival Resources for these events and this time?



● **Carl Skompinski**

May 26, 2020 at 2:14 pm Edit

Good day. I'm hoping this request finds everyone well and safe from this plague. I'm researching William (Peter / Lemuel – other first names noted through time) Matthews / Mathews who was the “drummer boy” that made it out of the Devil's Hole Massacre on Sept 13/14, 1763 on the Niagara (US side) portage. Matthews was said to live in Niagara near Isaac Swayze, with an occupation of “caneseat maker”. He is said to have lived until 1821. I'm looking for information to validate his living in Niagara and possibly where his homestead and resting place are located.

I ran across a document on eBay: “The Mini Atlas of Early Settlers in the District of Niagara 1782-1876 published by the Historical Society of

St. Catharines – Corlene Taylor and Maggie Parnall coordinators, and I thought I would give it a try.

Any info on Mathews by chance?

Carl Skompinski

cshunters32@gmail.com



- **Calvin Jefferson**

October 7, 2016 at 11:53 am Edit

We are putting together the 100-year history of the stagehands union, IATSE Local 461, of St. Cat's ... hoping to find some old photos of the old theaters and cinema houses in the city (The Grand, Griffin's Opera House, King George, Family Theatre, etc.) ... as well as any information and history on Local 461 itself. Please contact me at calvin@unionhistories.com.



- **David Raymont**

June 2, 2016 at 12:12 pm Edit

Hi Historical Society of St. Catharines! My name is David Raymont, president of the York Pioneer & Historical Society in Toronto <http://www.yorkpioneers.org> In 2017, we publishing the autobiography of Sir William Howland, a former member of our society and a Father of Confederation. I understand Howland owned a mill in the St. Catharines area. Would anyone have a photo of Mr. Howland in a group of people, or of his mill? Best wishes, David.



- **Gail Benjafield**

May 14, 2017 at 6:02 pm Edit

Sorry to be so late to reply, but I have just joined the Board. If you simply google “Howland Mills” “St Catharines, this will lead you to photos of the Mill. To be found under Welland Mills-Niagara Greenbelt, and

Welland Mills-Heritage Thorod LACAC.>
Also contacting the St. Catharines Public
Library, Special Collections should be of use.



- **Cassandra**

April 27, 2016 at 3:02 pm Edit

Hi there, I recently started working at Hannelore Headley's Old & Fine Books at 71 Queen Street, in St.Catharines. I'm trying to find some information on the building itself. Year it was built etc. Would love to connect with someone that may have some knowledge of the building previous to it being a bookstore.
Thank you.



- **Gail Bemjafield**

May 11, 2017 at 2:40 pm Edit

You ought to consider contacting the St.

Catharines Heritage Advisory Committee through the city of St. Catharines website. This committee has volunteer members do research into the city's older buildings, for a 'Famed History' for current proprietors. As well, the Special Collections Room at Centennial Library has city directories going back to the 1860's which can directly answer that question. There is also a binder called Buildings by Street in that collection.

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● **petrolia150**

April 22, 2016 at 4:55 pm Edit

I am looking for information on Capt. Bernard King (b. abt. 1817 – d. Mar. 28, 1898), of Port Dalhousie . He began as a lake captain and went

on to work as manager for a syndicate of prominent St. Catharines men searching for oil in Enniskillen Twp. and Petrolia, ON (including Calvin Brown, James Norris, Robt. Lawrie, Sylvester Neelon, etc.). On Nov. 23, 1866, he struck Petrolia's most famous gusher, mythologized as the strike which started Petrolia's oil boom. He was brother-in-law and business partner to Edward McArdle and was associated and resided with the McSloy family, of Canada Hair Cloth Co. fame. Petrolia150 celebrates the sesquicentennial of "King's Flowing Well" in 2016 and we would greatly like to find an image of Capt. King, or any other information. Thanks



Nina Topic

April 15, 2016 at 4:10 am Edit

Hi everyone, I am researching about St. Catherine's parachute club that was established 1948, as the part of the project related to

Canadian parachuting history. It was the first parachute club in Canada. Any information would be much appreciated. Thank you!



- **Roger McNeill**

February 14, 2016 at 11:41 pm Edit

I am interested in anyone that can help me with the history of my home. 337 Queenston st St Catharines. It was part of the W Seymour farm Lot 12 conn 7, later mentioned in plan 170 as lot 38 but nothing at the registry office. Plan 170 stops at lot 29. The first address information I have from the special collections of the library is 1933. Prior to that it isn't listed. Grantham must of had there own records. The house is 1900 ish and I would like to verify this. Hope someone can help



- **RICK ALLEN**

January 19, 2016 at 9:30 pm Edit

Looking for photos of the RCSCC RENOWN DRUM and BUGLE BAND that was active in the 50's 60's



- **L Morgan**

November 8, 2015 at 5:01 pm Edit

My ancestor Elsie Amelia Blundell (b.1893 Essex, UK) arrived in Canada in 1913, she married Arthur Herbert Brown on 20 November 1915 at the Christ Church, Welland. I believe they had a son called Herbert in 1923, this is the only information I have for this family, would love to hear from someone that might be able to help with more information as I live in the UK



- **Kathy**

September 30, 2015 at 7:35 pm Edit

Hi, I'm just looking for some information about the history of the house I am living on and what existed before the house did... I live on 368 Glenridge..



- **Rebecca Flom**

August 9, 2015 at 1:24 am Edit

I am looking for information on the (former) BESTWARD restaurant (or family) located in the St.Catherines area in the 1980 / 1990s.

Any lead would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Rebecca



- **Steve Chamberlain, Delta BC Canada**

December 30, 2014 at 2:52 am Edit

My Mother is related to the THOM family of St. Catharines Ontario. I am looking for history on the family and ancestors of Robert Cole, Lizzie Ismond Cole and her husband Arthur Adam Craise (Their Daughter Margaret married Donald Thom) also, anyone with the names of the children and descendants and history of Harriet Hopkins Secord and David Cole would be of great help .



- **Bill Stevens**

March 24, 2015 at 12:55 am Edit

Many of those you are interested in are buried in Port Dalhousie ... go to [Canadian Headstones.com](http://CanadianHeadstones.com) and search St. Andrew's and St. John's Cemeteries listed in the Niagara section. A photo and transcription of each monumnet can be found.

Don Thom is buried in St. Andrew's with Margaret ... Don was a past president of the St. Catharines Rowing Club and very active in rowing throughout his lifetime. The Cole family is mainly buried in St. John's.



- **marathonsis**

December 16, 2014 at 11:15 pm Edit

Can anyone tell me if the existing Queenchester Terrace (I think it is still referred to as that: the former Linwell Hall and CNIB home) at Queenston and Eastchester Streets was formerly the Children`s home that was established at that crossroads in 1918?



- **Wendy Beres**

July 30, 2014 at 10:15 pm Edit

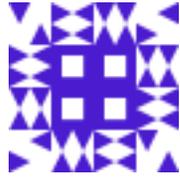
My great-great-great grandmother Jane Elinore Humphries-Precore was sister to Alexander Merideth Humphries who served as Reeve of Port Dalhousie in 1909. I am looking for information on any descendants of Alexander's daughter Jennie Viola Humphries-Fairles as well as his son John (Jack)Johnston (Ruth Brown) Humphries. Jennie Viola Humphries was married to Clarence Edwin Fairles. He was in accounting/banking in the Toronto area. They still lived in the Toronto area in 1957. I have no date of death for her or where she is buried. No indication of children. John (Jack) Johnston Humphries and his wife Ruth were residents of St. Catherines. The date for his death is December 14, 1967. I have no information regarding any children they may have had, information on his wife Ruth, or his occupation. I would sincerely appreciate any assistance.



• **Bob Murphy**

December 2, 2014 at 6:12 pm Edit

I have considerable info on the Humphries families which I can share. I am in Toronto.



● **dave watson**

May 25, 2016 at 2:02 am Edit

Jennie Viola Humphries-Fairles and Clarence Edwin Fairles were my maternal grandparents. Please contact me at yhe email below to discuss.

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● **Denielle**

March 12, 2014 at 1:24 pm Edit

I am interested in St. Catharines history of the 1920's. I am doing a school project where we had to select an era and survey gravestones from that period. I am interested to know anything about the city historically during that time, as well as where I can find obituaries online or clues as to how people died.

Would anyone happen to know of any reason why young children were dying in the later 20's? (1926 and beyond). About 1 of every 5 graves I looked at were children. Thank you in advance for your help!



- **Laird Alexander ross**

February 27, 2014 at 10:59 pm Edit

I have a Gillette NEW Long Comb razor in the original Gillette case. It was manufactured in Canada most likely between 1930-1941. The top of the case is marked "Compliments of The Lee Garage, St. Catharines, Ontario". This was some sort of auto dealer as the box also has Morgan

and Essex motor car logos. Can anyone provide further information as to the time frame that this dealership existed and what it's address was as I'm attempting to narrow down the date of manufacture of this razor. Thank you.



● **Norm**

November 10, 2020 at 3:41 am Edit

I am Norm Lee, presently living in Alberta, and The Lee Garage was a business operated by my father Stan Lee and his brother Ed Lee at the corner of St Paul and Bond St., Phone 1300. My niece (my Dad's grand-daughter) has a sales slip from the business made out to Mr Donl (?) on Sep 28, 1921, for One Oil Gun for \$6.50.. I cannot give you any further information as to when the business started or closed. I do know that the business failed as we moved to a farm in Welland around 1930 and money was very tight.. At that time, my Dad worked the farm plus was employed as a

car salesman at a car sales and repair business on on the east side of Niagara St (near 101 Niagara St) immediately north of the Welland River. Try the St Catharines Historical Society. See <https://stcatharineshistory.wordpress.com/queries/>



● **Drake Parkins**

September 6, 2012 at 10:44 pm Edit

Fantastic post.Thanks Again.



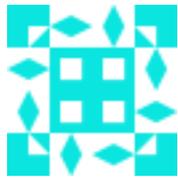
● **Jim Bundy**

May 25, 2012 at 5:02 am Edit

Hi,

I'd like to know more about the English Electric company at St Catherines during WW2. My Dad Leonard Purcell Bundy, who passed away last

weekend at 91 years old worked there a a young Electrical Engineer. I believe his work there was related to power systems. In 1943 he went to Toronto and joined the RCAF. Any suggestions as to sources of information on this? I love to research.



- **Paul Smith**

November 10, 2012 at 5:58 am Edit

Hi my Grandfather Clifford Smith worked there as a supervisor. I thought they made transformers there, I know there were PCB,s in the building. They closed up and moved to Toronto in the early 60's. They gave him a tiny pension so he had to keep working.



- **Don Tanner (Oakville, Ontario)**

March 21, 2012 at 7:10 pm Edit

I am researching the descendants of Epaphus Ismond (1797 – 1838) and one of his sons Isaac Jackson Ismond (July 22, 1824 – June 28, 1906) who was born and lived in Port Dalhousie most, if not all of his life. He married a Sarah Culp (August 7, 1823 – January 4, 1907). Both Isaac and Sarah are buried in the St. John's Anglican Cemetery. They had the following children (with known wives and children noted) (1) Celeste Jane Ismond, b. 1844; married Norval Gregory (b. 1837, d. 1925); child is Percy S. Gregory (2) Palmer B. Ismond, (b. Jan 14, 1847, d. Oct 21, 1920); married Sarah. M. Mihell; children unknown, if any (3) Martha Ismond (b. 1849); married Franklin Grobb (b. Nov 29, 1843); children were Charles Hillyard Grobb (b. Oct 7, 1873) who married a Hattie May Griffith; Frederick Ismond Grobb (b. Jul 9, 1877) who married an Anna Martin (b. Jun 2, 1890) — 2nd marriage; Jessie Evelyn Grobb (b. Jul 14, 1883) who married Charles W. Westaway; and Robert Gordon Grobb (b. Sept 20, 1885), wife and children unknown (4) Jemima Ismond (b. 1852) who married Robert Cole; one known child

Elizabeth Cole (b. 1883) (5) William M. Ismond (my great grandfather) — I have his complete list of descendants to the present day (6) Emma Estelle Ismond (b. May 20, 1857) who married Andrew C. Gregory (b. 1853) — they lived their entire lives in Port Dalhousie I believe and are both buried in St. John's Anglican Cemetery; children were Charles G. Gregory (b. 1888), Mary Olive Gregory (b. 1890), Cecil Kathleen (b. Nov 4, 1902), Stanley Philip Gregory (b. Nov 11, 1905; d. Sept 2, 1918 in France during WWI) and Evelyn Gertrude Gregory (b. Apr 26, 1903) (7) Norval Gordon Ismond (b. 1866; d. Nov 07, 1928) who married Lillie May Hipple (b. May 17, 1875; died Apr 29, 1959), only child was Eva Ismond (b. 1915) and (8) Blanche Ismond (b. 1871; died prior to the 1881 census).

I would like to speak to anyone who is a direct descendant of any of the people noted above or can direct me to someone who might be a descendant (particularly in the St Catharines area).

Thank you very much for any assistance you might be able to provide with respect to my

research.



- **Charlene Grobb**

March 9, 2013 at 8:02 am Edit

I am a Grobb descendant that lives in the Niagara Region. Franklin Grobb is the son of Moses Grobb b. Oct 13, 1774 (d. May 2, 1877) and Catherine Funk b. Oct 9, 1805 (d. Sept 20, 1889). They had the following children: Esther; Sarah; Jonas; Lydia; Mary; Elizabeth; Franklin; Sophia. Franklin Grobb and Martha Ismond had the following children: Charles H.; Frederick; Robert G; Jessie Eveline. Moses Grobb is the son of Abraham Grobb b. Feb 4, 1771 (d. June 23, 1842) and Catherine Funk b. Oct 9, 1805 (d. Sept 20, 1889)



- **Steve Chamberlain, Delta BC
Canada**

December 29, 2014 at 3:17 am Edit

Hello Don and Charlene pls email me at sy.flightdeck@gmail.com I have information of interest to both of you. Include a header of “Request for Chamberlain Ancestry” in the subject line and a link to this page pls.



- **Steve Chamberlain, Delta BC
Canada**

January 26, 2015 at 3:39 pm Edit

Isaac Jackson Ismond (July 22, 1824 – June 28, 1906) married Sarah Culp (August 7, 1823 – January 4, 1907).

Isaac and Sarah had the following children (with known wives and children noted)

1 – Celeste Jane Ismond, b. 1844; married

Norval Gregory (b. 1837, d. 1925); child is
Percy S. Gregory

2 – Palmer B. Ismond, (b. Jan 14, 1847, d. Oct
21, 1920); married Sarah. M. Mihell; children
unknown, if any

3 – Martha Ismond (b. 1849); married
Franklin Grobb (b. Nov 29, 1843); 4 children
were

Charles Hillyard Grobb (b. Oct 7, 1873) who
married a Hattie May Griffith;

Frederick Ismond Grobb (b. Jul 9, 1877) who
married wife #1 = Anna Martin (b. Jun 2,
1890), wife #2 = ?

Jessie Evelyn Grobb (b. Jul 14, 1883) who
married Charles W. Westaway; and

Robert Gordon Grobb (b. Sept 20, 1885), wife
and children unknown

4 – Minnie Amanda “Jemima” Ismond (b.
1852 d. 1899) married Robert D Cole (b 1845
d. 1897). 4 children were

Elizabeth Cole (b. 1883)

Herbert S Cole b. 1877 d. 1939

Robert Cole b. 1879 d. 1884

Frederick E Cole b. 1887

5 – William M. Ismond

6 – Emma Estelle Ismond (b. May 20, 1857)
married Andrew C. Gregory (b. 1853) 5
children were:

Charles G. Gregory (b. 1888),

Mary Olive Gregory (b. 1890),

Cecil Kathleen (b. Nov 4, 1992),

Stanley Philip Gregory (b. Nov 11, 1995; d.
Sept 2, 1918 in France during WWI) and

Evelyn Gertrude Gregory (b. Apr 26, 1903)

7 – Norval Gordon Ismond (b. 1866; d. Nov
07, 1928) married Lillie May Hipple (b. May
17, 1875; died Apr 29, 1959), only child was
Eva Ismond (b. 1915)

8 – Blanche Ismond (b. 1871; died prior to
the 1881 census).



- **Steve Chamberlain, Delta BC
Canada**

January 26, 2015 at 3:47 pm Edit

Minnie Amanda “Jemima” Ismond (b. 1852

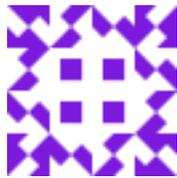
d. 1899) married Robert D Cole (b 1845 d. 1897). their 4 children were

1 – Elizabeth “Lizzie” Cole (b. 1883) married Arthur Adam Craise (b. 1882 d. 1947) (Thom Family of St Catharines)

2 – Herbert S Cole b. 1877 d. 1939 married Edith C Humphrey (b. 1878 d. 1959)

3 – Robert Cole b. 1879 d. 1884

4 – Frederick E Cole b. 1887



- **Donald Thom**

April 3, 2020 at 8:08 pm Edit

I am a grandson of Lizze (Elizabeth) Ismond Craise. She passed away 28/Mar/1974.

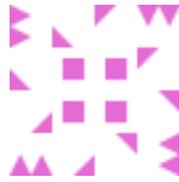


- **Seward R. Osborne**

March 17, 2012 at 7:35 pm Edit

Can anyone assist me with Civil War
Confederate agent Robert E. Coxe and his home
in St. Catherines?

Many thanks,
Seward



- **Anne Jarvis**

March 4, 2012 at 10:15 pm Edit

Hi,

I am wondering if it is possible to get a list of soldiers who were in the Coloured Corps in the War of 1812. In Adrienne Shadd's book 'Journey from Tollgate to Parkway' she states that Maggie Parnall reprinted the list in 1996 in 'Black History in the Niagara Peninsula'. The original list was in Alan Holden's Military History Collection and owned by your society. I think that Margaret Parnall's document may have been in Wilma Morrison's library in Niagara Falls now held by the St Catharines Library. Thanks for any help you can give me,

Anne Jarvis, historical interpreter at the Griffin House a black National Historic Site.



- **george hornbeck**

March 4, 2012 at 4:12 pm Edit

i am trying to locate any info on George R Lee
born in st. catherines on sept 23, 1790
married sarah rose dec 22, 1816 cayuga county,
new york
if you locate any info please email thank you



- **Susan Gilber Irwin**

January 14, 2012 at 9:50 pm Edit

Hello!

I am looking for information on the family name
of Spanger. My mother-in-law was born in
Merritton on January 18 1918. We think her

parents were Eva Corsoran/Harmon and a G Spanger. They moved to Toronto at some point where she was raised, possibly without her father.

Thank you,
Susan Irwin



● **Lorri Busch**

January 5, 2012 at 2:46 pm Edit

COLE FAMILY, of St Catherines. I am researching this line and am interested in anyone that may have known them. They moved to St Catharines from Toronto around 1913. They are:

William Cole (d1946)

Margaret Ann Cole (d 1967)

Alexander Cole (d 1961)

Margaret Ann Cole (m Welch) (d 2000)

William Cole Jr

Mary Beatrice Cole (m Thomsen)

+ more children that died at a young age.

Margaret Ann Sr was friends with GRACE DELDAY and KATHLEEN NEWMAN when she died and mentioned them in her will. I would love to know more about this family, particularly Margaret Ann Sr who was my great grandmother.



● **Sharon Cole Peters**

July 30, 2018 at 7:00 pm Edit

I am Margarets granddaughter. My father was John A. Cole born 1914 in St. Catherine's.

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- **Lucy Grover**

November 22, 2011 at 2:20 am Edit

I am looking for Family of Samuel Simpson for England that settled in Canada., he was born 1792 His wife was Ann was born 1792 from England they had the following children Harriet Simpson*

1816 – Samuel Minton Simspon 1818-1902 (moved to Lewiston NY and was a Cival war hero) Then George 1827 adn Caroline 1829 and then Fred 1829 lost a child on boat over. and help would be greatly appricated. Thank you



- **Roz Kelly**

October 30, 2011 at 12:51 am Edit

I found my ancestors in the 1861 census for St. Catharines. The column heading above the list of names reads "Inmates". Can anyone explain what this means? Thank you.



● **jamie klarke**

October 13, 2011 at 11:47 pm Edit

Jamie Klarke, MLA2, UofG.

RE: Merritton Canal, Early Settlers, ex-patriots, labor force?

I'm looking for information on who the first settlers who cleared the land and were potentially employed on the canal and locks. I'm trying to make a connection to those who actually built the canals to perhaps other structures in their places of origin, establishing a cultural history that has a link south of the border.

I'd also like to know specific facts about the building of the canal structures... how many men were employed, what the workday was like, what were the safety practices. As a point of interest any reports of accidents and other strangely documented, anecdotal information would make my project rich.

Thanks.



- **Noella Oberlin**

March 28, 2011 at 6:49 pm Edit

My query is about the parents of Frances Jane Holden Secord who died in Gowanda, NY 8 May 1888 and was brought back to Canada for burial.

I am a descendant of the Secord family from Stephen Secord and Hannah De Forest, my 4th g grandparents who were both born in New York state.

Stephen and Hannah and their son, willam Edwin Secord and his wife, Frances Jane Holden are all buried in the Warner Burying Ground in St Davids.

I recently obtained a copy of Frances death certificate which states she was born in Vermont. The birthdate would be about 22 Aug 1815. For the 3 Granthan Twp Census of 1861-81 each year she was said to be born in the US so the

Vermont birth is verified. However I dont have the parents names.

Frances was only 15 when she married William in Ontario 1831 so I assume her parents were also with her in Canada.

Although Frances spent her life in Canada, it appears that some grandchildren moved back to the US and lived in New York state. She may have been visiting one of them when she died.

I am hoping that one of her descendants may know something about the parents of Frances or which town in Vermont she was born in etc.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Noella Oberlin



J. Lu

February 9, 2011 at 1:30 pm Edit

Hi, I'm doing a research essay on 'how the First World War affected my community'. I'm more interested in the industrial development side of

St. Catharines that may have been promoted or have prospered during the wartime, or companies / factories founded or created during that time. Any information regarding the topic however, is welcome.

As an additional inquiry, does anyone know where I can find information regarding the Edith Cavell elementary school in St. Catharines?



● **Ruth Tait**

April 6, 2010 at 5:34 pm Edit

I am doing research on the building of the 1st Welland Canal to create a graphic novel of the story. I would like to hear from anyone who has done research on this period in the region. I have to build a visual mental map of the environment, living conditions, population demographics, habitations, tools, etc. I do not have extensive experience working with historical materials, although I have now done a considerable amount of reading at the Toronto

Reference library and online and am planning a trip to St. Catharines in May. My expertise is essentially as an artist working with graphic novel forms. I look forward to hearing from anyone interested in this subject matter.



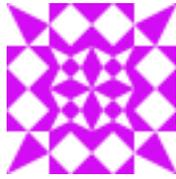
● alysha

October 7, 2009 at 2:30 pm Edit

Hi everyone I am doing a research project on montebello park in St. Catharines if anyone has any information that might help me out I would greatly appreciate it. I am looking for mainly primary sources and I am concentrating on why people commemorated there and what people are commemorating when they meet there. So if anyone has any information please let me know it would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks

Alysha



● **shadia maloney**

March 15, 2009 at 3:37 am Edit

I am doing a 25 page thesis on fugitive slaves in St Catharines and I would like to find resources from the 1820s up until 1865. I was wondering if I can find census records and assessments or any other primary documents online. Can anyone help me?



● **dsharron**

March 17, 2009 at 3:30 pm Edit

Hello Shadia,
Your supplied e-mail address did not work.
Thank you for you inquiry. I am not aware of any of this information being online.
However, there are several places locally to seek out and contact.

1) Brock University – has assessment and

collectors tax rolls for St. Catharines going back to the 1850s I believe. I know that Harriet Tubman appeared in one of these rolls for the year or two she was living in St. Catharines. There are other census and African American resources in the library as well.

2) St. Catharines Museum – has an exhibit called “Follow the North Star”. I am not sure what kind of written resources they have, but I am sure that they can help.

3) Norval Johnson Heritage Centre in Niagara Falls – specifically about the experiences of escaped slaves and the black community in Niagara Falls and the area
To see what census data is available online, visit <http://www.cyndislist.com/census-canada.htm>.

I hope that this helps.

Good luck,

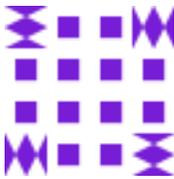
David



- **Louise Halloran**

December 21, 2008 at 1:55 pm Edit

My ancestor, W.H.Carey (Westenra Henry) drowned in the Welland Canal in August 1875. He had been living in Oswego at the time (originally from Ireland)and had been working as a sailor on schooners on the lakes. Could anyone let me know what might have happened to his remains – where he might have been buried or his death recorded? I would be so grateful – many thanks!



- **Gordon Harris**

November 6, 2008 at 8:04 pm Edit

I don't know if genealogy counts as a research interest but that is mine and I am researching the George Harris family that lived in Port Dalhousie in the 1850s. Would love to connect with someone doing similar research in the area.

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