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Retson Genealogy Newsletter

This newsletter may interest in the genealogy and in particular those related to persons related directly or indirectly to Grace and Clifford Retson.

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My genealogy website is located at <http://www.retson.ca/retsongeneology.html>
On the left side you will see a list of Family Roots.

<https://www.ancestry.com.au/>,

During the past month my granddaughter, Isla Loader became the first member of her generation to learn additional about her ancestors from an online resource called Ancestry. You may have seen one of several advertisements on Television. Her mother Julia Retson commenced her own tree by opening up an account in Queensland, Australia. Isla was able to get the exact death of her grandfather Robert Patrick Loader who died March 3 1910 in Torquay, Victoria, Australia. You can open up a free account at Ancestry.ca (in Canada), ancestry.com in the United States and <https://ancestry.com.au> in Australia.. In other countries start with ancestry.com and you will receive a prompt suggesting a local site.

If you are new to ancestry, you can click the green subscribe button or start free trial to see the available plans. However you can start a tree whether you become a subscriber or not. Some sections of the site, such as support.ancestry.com are free. If you want to join as a free user, surf the site all you like. Any time you come to a record that's subscription -only you'll see a pop up box inviting you to join on a trial basis You can set up your own tree even if you are not a subscriber. There are two ways of setting up your family file. If you use a genealogy software the easiest way is to upload your family file using the upload a GEDCOM file which you can download from most common genealogy software packages. If you are related to me I can provide you with such a file but the disadvantage of this is that you will get all data which I have going up from all my children and grandchildren. You can always delete the names that you are of no interest to you. The other way of doing this is to simply create your own tree from scratch by clicking Create & Manage under the tree tab, then Create a New Tree. You will be then prompted to enter a name birth date, place, gender and death (if applicable). Check the box if you want to start the tree with yourself. Once you have included everyone you want give the tree a name and select the privacy options you want. To maximize the benefits of your tree choose public. This will permit you to get hints from others. If on the other hand if you do not wish to share this tree choose private and possibly even privacy with out an index. Some people wish to have a tree that they can experiment with but don't want to share any information that might be inaccurate. You can have a private tree and a public tree with different names but with almost all the same information. Even without being a subscriber you can use support.ancestry.com to assist you in using ancestry.

The other way that one can access and use ancestry is to find out if your local library has an institutional edition. This edition can be used for searching many records that would not be available for a non subscriber. A new addition to ancestry is StoryScout. StoryScout requires you to add a grandparent and after this StoryScout will search through all the records that have been submitted to ancestry and provide the names of interesting and famous persons that you may be related to. This like wikitree provides leads which require further research. Another individual may make a mistake and put a name as a father or mother that further research reveals inaccurate. The first time I tried StoryScout this week and I got one most interesting lead which took me back to the late 1500s and the Mayflower. It will take me considerable time to determine the accuracy of this lead. Each

generation will require verification and often there are generations without citations which can be used to verify the inclusion of the individual in our tree. Stay tune for news on this lead.

Wiki Tree

In an earlier newsletters I introduced Wikitree. Wikitree is another example of a resource which can be used to generate leads. https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Category:WikiTree_Help is the starting place to get an introduction to wikitree and how to add your self and your tree. You have to set up an account in order to start a tree and add related persons. When you attempt to add yourself, you may get a notice of other persons by the same name. Someone else may have had add you. I you have you can add to your tree by adding related persons. My tree is located at <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Retson-7> By going to this tree and following the path up to parents and earlier generations and down children you may well find yourself if you are related. If you can't find yourself send ne an email to jretson@shaw.ca for help.

On each ancestors page you can find the id of this person by clicking on "ID/Link/URL" and copying the id to another document such as a word document. For example clicking on Cliff Retson ID/Link/URL you will get a link "Retson-8" . Similarly on James Retson ID/Link/URL you will get the id Retson-7. On page <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Special:Relationship> you can attempt to find your relationships between your self and another person who is located on wikitree and has been connected with substantial connections. For example once you have your id you could determine your relationship with either myself of father by using the relevant id in the second box.

Like StoryScout , this resource provides leads some of which one can verify by citations provided while others are inclusion without citations. You can a name without the citation that provides proof of the validity of the individual being included in the tree. All experienced genealogists will concede that at one time or other they have inaccurately included someone that they subsequently had to delete from their tree. For 5 years I believed that the wife of John Hoare, Alice was sister to the wife of John's brother Leonard. This led me to believe I could thereby determine my ancestors before Alice Hoare. After 5 years I reluctantly accepted that this could not be verified and accepted that I had to return Alice to the status of being one of my "end-of-the-line" ancestors.

From My Maternal Line - The Moshers

One of the lines which I have had to revise substantially on more than one occasion is the Mosher Ancestors from my Maternal line. My results of my latest revision may be found at <http://retson.ca/mosher.pdf>. Expect further revisions in the coming year. I will cover only the later part of this story in this newsletter.

The earliest Moshers may have been located in Alsace, France near Strasbourg. The name may have come from two German words Moss [Moss] and Herr [Lord]. After Alsace was annexed to France both German and French names were used. The French spelled the name Mosier or Motier. The German Mosher prevailed. In England. Other spellings of the name include, Moger, Moser, Mosser, Mosier, and. Mosner. The Mosher of German were protestant. They fled to England to avoid persecution. The first Mosher to arrive in North America may have been Hugh Mosher, son of Hugh Moger who was baptised March 5 1608/1609. (I will explain the double year issue in a subsequent newsletter) He arrived on board the Schooner "James" in 1632 as "Hugh Moiser". He died on 22 Jul 1666 in Casco Bay, Maine. He had several children, a James Mosher born about, 1638, a John Mosher born about 1640 and allegedly a Hugh born June 12 1632. There were other children possibly including Hannah, Ann, Nicholas, John, Joseph, Mary, Daniel, Rebecca and another James. However this prior story can't be conformed.

Our ancestral line follows son Hugh. This son Hugh Mosher was born in June 12 1632 in Newport, Newport County, Rhode Island. He married Rebecca Maxson in 1665 in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts. She was born 6 Feb 1637 in Quidneck, Washington County, Rhode Island and died on 29 Dec 1707 in Newport, Rhode Island. He subsequently married Sarah (Butcher) Harding, widow of the Rev. John Harding, before February 25 1708. She died in Newport May or June 1716. By his first wife he had several children of which his first Nicholas Mosher continued our line.

Nicholas Mosher, son of Hugh Mosher and Rebecca Maxson, was born in Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusetts in 16 Dec 1666. He died on 14 Aug 1747 in Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island. He married Elizabeth Audley on 14 Aug 1687 probably in Dartmouth. She was born on Jun 1668 at Newport, Newport, Rhode Island. She died on 29 Dec 1747 at Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island. Again they had several children of which son Nicholas continued our line.

Nicholas Mosher, son of Nicholas Mosher and Elizabeth Audley, was born 1 January 1702/03 in Dartmouth, Bristol County, Massachusetts. He married Dorothy Potter on 12 Oct 1723. They had one son, James born 1725 and Elizabeth who probably died in childbirth. He married his second wife Rebecca Wilcox, (age 18) on 20 Jan 1729 at Little Compton, Rhode Island. They had many children of which son Jabez Mosher born September 2 1731 at Tiverton, Newport, Rhode Island, United States, continued our line. I am still researching to confirm this relationship.

Jabez Mosher, son of Nicholas Mosher and Rebecca Wilcox married Elizabeth Preston about 1755 in New York. They had several children, the third of which Hezekiah "Ki" Mosher, our direct line was born October 18 1756 in Quaker Hill, Beekman, Dutchess Co, NY and died Aug 1821 in Augusta, Ontario, Canada. He married Rachel Harriet Hodges, March 16 1775 at Cambridge, Washington County, New York, US.:

He is listed on the US Revolutionary War Rolls May 1, 1777 in New York as a private in the 1st Battalion Hezekiah is listed as a resident of Augusta April 1796. Hezekiah is surrounded in mystery which is too complicated to tell here (For those interested see (<http://retson.ca/mosher.pdf>)

Hezekiah and Rachel Harriet Hodge had the following children:

- i. Jabez Mosher b. 12 Nov 1779 New York, United States, d. 23 Nov 1867 Alabama, Genesee, New York, United States,
- ii. Timothy Mosher 1786- 1828
1. iii. Sophia Mosher b. 18 Apr 1799 d. 18 May 1880 Grenville, Ontario, Canada, m. William Martin Spicer 1829 in Augusta, Ontario, Canada
- iv. Jabez Mosher 25 Feb 1800 d. 23 Jan 1855
- v. Harriet Mosher 1801d. 6 Nov 1863 Rochester, Munroe, New York
- vi. Nancy Mosher 1803- -

1. Sophia Mosher 1799 – 1880 William Martin Spicer 1787

Sophia Mosher, daughter of Rice and Margaret Mosher was born about 1799. She died 18 May 1880 in Grenville County Ontario. She married William Martin Spicer possibly in 1820. He was born in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Canada and died 11 Jan 1871 Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Canada.

Their children included,

- vii. William Lester Spicer b. 1821 Augusta Township, Grenville, Ontario, Canada d. 02 Feb 1899 Augusta Township, Grenville, Ontario, Canada, m. Hannah Knapp Abt. 1846 Ontario
- viii. Phebe Harriet Spicer b. Oct 1826 Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Canada, m. William Trenholm 05 May 1842 in Augusta Township
- ix. Hannah Maria Spicer b. 06 Feb 1829 in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Canada d. 23 Mar 1912 in Brockville, Leeds, Ontario, Canada m. John Wesley Pyke 15 Oct 1851 in Augusta Township, Grenville County, Ontario, Canada
- x. Charles William Spicer b. 05 Jul 1830 Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Canada, d. 17 Apr 1864 Augusta, Grenville, Ontario, Canada unmarried
- xi. Robert Nicholson Spicer b. 11 Aug 1832 Maynard, Augusta, Grenville, Ontario d. 26 Nov 1904 Maynard, Augusta, Grenville, Ontario m. Elizabeth Jane Perrin 02 Jun 1857 in Maynard, Augusta, Grenville, Ontario
- xii. Henry James Spicer b. 06 May 1834 in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario d. 31 Jan 1908 Prescott, Ontario m. Maria Youker Abt. 1857 in Augusta, Grenville, Ontario
- xiii. Hiram Francis Spicer b. Feb 1837 in Augusta, Grenville, d. 30 Jun 1918 in Brockville, Leeds, Ontario, Canada, m. Delila Young 1861 in Ontario
- xiv. Edward Holden Spicer b. 23 Sep 1839 Augusta Twp., Grenville, Ontario, Canada d. Oct 1919 m. Matilda Bass Abt. 1868 Ontario, Canada.

Robert Nicholson Spicer continued our line.

Social History

As we find our ancestors we tend to become more interested in the history of their times. Studying the times and place of our ancestors is known as social history. Some times we find later periods which we actually participated in. During the past month I bought a book that reminded me of my teenage years. The book by A. J.B. Johnstone, "Kings of Friday Nights, The Lincolns" detailed the history of a band that existed in the late 1960s and early 70s. I knew many of the band members, played in school and town bands with some and You would know Dick Snook who played in the Truro Junior High School band with some and knew others through Church or school. Also the book spoke of various haunts familiar to my teenage years. I found the book while searching google books for books on Truro, Nova Scotia. Some of the older books are complete and free in google Books and later books can be purchased. I bought the kindle version of this book from amazon for \$10.84 tax included.

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Our Mosher Ancestors	https://retson.ca/mosher.pdf
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