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## THE BANNISTER'S

Editor Note: The first issue of *The FOUR DRIVE*, October 22, 1996 had the following query regarding a Robert Bannister.

### Who are the BANNISTERS?

“Looking for information as to the relationship of the Bannisters. A Robert Bannister attended funeral services for Charles W. Fitch, Sr., in 1962. Notes by Alice Chinnery listed several Bannisters but no information as to relationship. Your assistance appreciated.”

A couple of months ago we mailed letters to several names and Canadian addresses we had from my mother's notes, Aunt Helen and my sister Lucille. In most cases they were not very complete addresses and several of the letters came back.

We are pleased however to report that we received a response to the letter written to Robert Bannister. We are saddened to report that the Robert Bannister who attended the funeral of our grandfather Charles Wesley Fitch passed away in 1978. Fortunately the grandson of Robert Bannister named Robert Harvey Bannister lives in the area and we received a very nice letter from Marilyn {Mrs. Fred} Bannister nee Cuthbert the mother of Robert Harvey Bannister. Her letter contained a wealth of material regarding the Robert Bannister family, his descendants as well as his ancestors.

### Who was Robert BANNISTER?

Robert Bannister was born .7 April 1900 in Elmwood, Ontario, Canada.. And was a life long farmer in the Hepworth area. As we originally surmised he was a descendant of

Richard Lano & Martha Fudge. We previously reported about the George Gates ( and Agnes Naomi Lano) family in an earlier issue of The FOUR DRIVE.<sup>1</sup>

In the referenced article we reported how locating one of the daughters (Agnes Naomi Gates) in the vital records of Canada allowed us to locate the family in Canada. This daughter Agnes Naomi Gates (b 8 Aug 1874) married Samuel Bannister (b. 7 Jan 1868, Elmwood Ontario).<sup>2</sup> Their children were Frederick Bannister, Edith Bannister, Robert Bannister (b. 7 Apr 1900, d. 28 Jan 1978) Emerson Bannister, and Martha Bannister ( Martha, at age 86, is living in Bruce County)

Robert Bannister married (m 27 Nov 1929) Alice Law (b 27 Mar 1908, d. 19 Jul 1988). They had three children as follows: Dorothy Bannister (b. 28 Oct 1930), Roberta Isobel (b. 23 May 1935) and Frederick Allan Bannister (b 25 Mar 1940, d 11 Aug 1992)

Frederick Allan Bannister married (m. 3 Jun 1967) Marilyn Ann Cuthbert(b. 25 Mar 1940). Frederick Bannister had two children - Robert Harvey Bannister (b 19 Oct 1971) and Frederick Scott Bannister (b 1 May 1976).

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<sup>1</sup> Donald Chinnery, editor, "Sibling Research". *The FOUR DRIVE*, Vol. I, issue No. 4 page 1.

<sup>2</sup> Marilyn Bannister, Family Group Sheets for various members of the Bannister families with letter to Don Chinnery dated May 10, 1997.

## Why Photocopy?

### The Richard Lano Family.

Locating the Richard Lano family in the 1861 Canadian census has been quite an experience. All family information that we had indicated that the family immigrated to Canada when daughter Harriett was about 7 years old, this would be about 1856. Not having an index available for the 1861 census has made it difficult to confirm their presence in Canada during the 1860's.

Recently while visiting a small Family History Center in Gresham Oregon I found on loan an LDS film containing census records of some of the counties of Ontario<sup>3</sup>. Going through this film was a slow chore, and after sometime, even finding my self dozing off, I spotted the name Lano and this sure perked me up. Further studied showed that I indeed had the Richard Lano family. I decided to photocopy this record, quite a departure from previous tactics where I always felt that I could copy all of the needed family information and have as good as record as any. Mainly because pulling the film from the reader and taking to the photocopy machine was a chore.

While I feel this true as far as the specific entry, doing so prevents subsequent study of the information of the balance of the page. Why is this important? Well, since I had made a photocopy I did not bother to count the daughters to see if they were all there. Several days later as I was documenting the material I noticed within the same family group several other names and closer study showed we had three persons with a different last name than Lano. They were William Hynes, Emmy Hynes, and infant daughter, age 2 named Martha Hynes. This started ringing bells and checking back to my data base I found that daughter Emma

<sup>3</sup> LDS Film #349306, Township of Dereham, County of Oxford. Canadian Census 1861, page 36 of 111 (Dereham ED #2 (ref: Red-72).

Lano married a Hindes.<sup>4</sup> While we do not know the correct spelling of the surname we do know that previous research has failed to find anything listed for a Hindes or Hinde so maybe the spelling of Hynes is the more correct? Emma's full name was Emma Fudge Lano.<sup>5</sup>

1861 ONTARIO Census record:<sup>6</sup>  
 Richard Lano Farmer bp England age 55  
 Martha Lano, bp England, age 45  
 Martha Lano, bp England, age 21  
 Eliza Lano, bp England, age 19  
 Agnes Lano, bp England, age 17  
 Susan Lano, bp England, age 13  
 Harriett Lano, bp England, age 11  
 William Hynes, bp England, age 29  
 Emmy Hynes, bp England, age 23  
 Martha Hynes, bp C.W.<sup>7</sup>, age 2  
 W. Meth. list as religion for all.

The family lived in a frame house, 1 story and 1 family.

The important lesson here is had I just copied by hand the information relating to the Lano family I probably would have completely missed the entries following listing the Hynes family.

So in conclusion I am a believer!

## PHOTOCOPY.

Still make those notes in your notebook but be sure to photocopy where ever practical for future study

### Robert Fudge Lano

A previously unknown child of Richard Lano and Martha Fudge was a son Robert Fudge Lano. Robert was born 22 Nov 1845 and died 10 Apr 1849. Details of birth and death are not known. Thanks to Marilyn Bannister for this information. We expect to utilize this information and locate Robert in the Civil registrations (started in July 1837) for confirmation of his birth and death.

<sup>4</sup> Alice Rose Fitch, *Family Genealogy Information*..

<sup>5</sup> Ibid with middle name information from Marilyn Bannister

<sup>6</sup>LDS Film #349306, Township of Dereham, County of Oxford. Canadian Census 1861, page 36 of 111 (Dereham ED #2 (ref: Red-72).

<sup>7</sup>C.W. abbreviation for Canada West

## **The Birthplace of John Henry Fitch and his parents found.**

John Henry Fitch was born Jean Ficht in the village of Ingenheim, Bas Rhin.<sup>8</sup> Bas Rhin is one of three French Departments created from Alsace Lorraine.<sup>9</sup> Parents were listed as Jean Ficht and Margerethe Bangratz with their birthplace also being Ingenheim. Spelling of Margarets last name is in agreement with marriage record recently located for John Henry Ficht and Harriett Lano.<sup>10</sup>

## **The Marriage of John Henry Fitch and Harriett C. Lano**

Recent explorations of early Ontario marriage records provided the following confirmation.<sup>11</sup>

A. J. Forbes, Minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church united in marriage John Henry Ficht, age 21 of Greenwood, US and Harriett Lano, age 18 of Howick (or Norwich) Twp. on 25 January 1868. Witnesses were Andrew and Andrea Rawlston of Riversdale. Parents of the groom were listed as John Ficht father and Margaret Bangratz. Parents of the bride were listed as Rich. Lano and Martha Weston Fudge. Birthplaces of bride and groom were England and France respectively.

Editor's notes: Previously we had their marriage as Harriston Ontario. Harriston lies within Wellington County. We do not

<sup>8</sup> Cornelia Schrader-Muggenthaler, *the Alsace Emigration Book, Volume II*, page 62

<sup>9</sup> Donald Chinnery, editor, "An Introduction to Alsace-Lorraine, France", *The FOUR DRIVE*, Vol. I, issue No. 1 page 1.

<sup>10</sup> LDS film #1030055 Early Ontario Marriage registers. No 286 page 108 in Vol 3 Bruce County.

<sup>11</sup> LDS film #1030055 Early Ontario Marriage registers. No 286 page 108 in Vol 3 Bruce County. See related article this issue of *The FOUR DRIVE*.

have any information as to exact location of the Presbyterian Church other than the record showed as being in Bruce County. The residence of Harriett was difficult to read because of the script in use. We believe it to be Howick Twp. What we really need is a good township map for the various counties in this area of Ontario.

## **GEDCOM , WHAT IS GEDCOM?**

GEDCOM stands for Genealogical Data COMmunications It is standard format into which genealogy information can be arranged. GEDCOM was developed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. GEDCOM is not a program, but a format that allows genealogists to share data amongst themselves. If a program can import or export GEDCOM format files it can exchange information with any other program that can too, regardless of the type of computer it is designed for. When you transfer data with GEDCOM you do not need to retype some else's information all over again.

GEDCOM lets you use more than one genealogy program. If one program has certain types of charts that you would like to use, you can transfer the information into that program without retyping.

A GEDCOM file is stored in TEXT (sometimes called ASCII ) format. You can open a GEDCOM file with any word processor to examine it. It should be noted though that GEDCOM files have "tags" and "pointers" that cross-reference other information. If you are not very well versed in the GEDCOM format, you could mess things up doing random editing of the file. On the reverse side though, using your word processor's Find and Replace functions, you can do massive global editing of a GEDCOM file and then import it back into your genealogy program. If you examine a GEDCOM file you create and only change items that you have entered yourself, you probably will stay out of trouble. BE SURE TO WORK WITH BACKUPS. NEVER import directly into your active file. Create a new family file and import the GEDCOM file into the new blank file and go from there. Editor's note: Our data base is available as GEDCOM file to any one requesting the information. Please advise whether you desire on IBM or Macintosh formatted disk.

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## **Recent Acquisitions.**

Your recent acquisitions of family history should be recorded here. Let us know what important piece of information you have recently found and or received from someone.

### **Received from Marilyn Bannister**

Family group sheets for Agnes Naomi Gates/Samuel Bannister and their descendants including the Robert Bannister family. Robert Bannister was Marilyn (Cuthbert) Bannister's father-in-law. See article on page 1 of this issue for details of information received.

### **Received from Chris Dixon**

Andrew J. Rose pension file. Andrew and subsequently his widow received a pension as result of his service in the US Navy during the Civil War. We will not detail it's contents here as we expect to have an article on this packet of information in the next issue.

John Henry Ficht birthplace. The village of Ingenheim was found to be the birthplace of John and his parents.

Source.

Cornelia Schrader-Muggenthaler, *the Alsace Emigration Book, Volume II*, page 62  
Editor note: This is an important link as up to now we only knew that it was Alsace Lorraine. But now that we know the village we have a place to start with our overseas research. It's interesting to note that Chris found this reference in the Hackley Public Library, Muskegon Michigan.

Jacob and Abigail Heath. Information has been received that the previous conclusions regarding Jacob Heath as being in Jefferson county was not correct. Apparently there were two lines of Heaths in New York and the easterners were separate from the western NY Heath's. Source US GenWeb contact. More in future issues.

### **Received from Don Chinnery**

Richard Lano Family - Canadian Census 1861, Dereham Twp, Oxford County, Ontario. LDS Film # 349306, page 36 of 111 (Dereham ED #2 (ref: Red-72). See related article this issue, page 2

John Henry Fitch marriage. LDS film #1030055 Early Ontario Marriage registers. No 286 page 108 in Vol 3 Bruce County. (ref: Red-78) See related article this issue, page 3

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## **THERE IS AN Ashley, Michigan**

Our opening paragraph of our article about Ashley and New Baltimore, Michigan in the last issue of The FOUR DRIVE commented that if you try to find Ashley on a modern day map you would be out of luck. Well, we have at least one alert reader. Joyce Burchett reported that there is a modern day Ashley in Michigan. Joyce advises that there is an Ashley, Michigan in Gratiot County located about 20 miles from Alma. Joyce goes on to explain how she was aware of the modern Ashley. We do not have any facts related to history of this Ashley. It would be interesting to learn if the name originated from the same Ashley family? The Ashley family is important to our family tree as Alfred Ashley Jr married Nancy Ellen Rose daughter of Henry and Matilda Rose and their descendants would also be our relatives.

The background related to the predecessor village of our New Baltimore is still valid. Only our failure to check for other Ashley's on current maps was in error.

## **Are you an active researcher?**

Our original readership should be aware that one of the goals of this newsletter was to get others interested in genealogy and expand our research efforts. Chris Dixon and I have been exchanging information and co-ordinating efforts on a regular basis. Taking advantage of e-mail helps in this endeavor. But after having a nice visit and quite possibly meeting Janelle and Chris for the first time, I started wondering about others.

### **You do not know where to start?**

After accumulating family information from your mother, sisters, and other close relatives you do not know where to turn next? How about undertaking a common project to get you started? Your editor would be more than happy to suggest a project and provide some guidelines as to how to begin your research. This would give you some ideas of

possible resources and a starting place. Once started, what usually happens is a new piece of information points the way to the next source of information.

Or if you prefer, advise me what information you would like to research and we should be able to give you some hints where to begin. Come and dive in it's great fun. Did you know that genealogy is the second most popular hobby? (Golf is first) dgc.

#### **SURFING INTERNET & E-Mail**

Many of you are already using your computers for communicating with others via the Internet. Are you a web surfer. There are many fantastic sites out there just waiting to be explored by genealogists. Your editor is not even a novice in surfing as I do not have access to internet. For those of you that do, start taking advantage of this capability. While visiting Chris Dixon this past month, Chris accessed several web sites and provided a fantastic introduction to surfing.

I do have the capability to send and receive e-mail by utilizing amateur radio for connection to an internet gateway. Until recently every time we relocated I had to

#### **OTHER e-mail addresses.**

addresses for several of our subscribers. We invite you to contact and get acquainted with the following: Others please advise if you have an e-mail address.

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**Ann Faulkner** may be contacted for assistance at the Mt. Clemens Library. Ann is a volunteer and is willing to provide up to one hours free research at the Mt Clemens Library of Macomb County Probate Court, asking only for reimbursement of expenses. Contact her for information regarding additional services.

hunt around for another gateway that I could reach using VHF communications. Currently I am using single side band communications on the HF bands for connecting to a station in Nashville TN that makes the connection to and from internet. I will be able to use this gateway wherever our travels take us in the US and Canada. Thus my e-mail address will continually remain the same during our travels.

The protocol for sending messages TO ME is slightly different than what you are probably use to.

TO: winlink@earthlink.net

SUBJ: SP WU9T

MSG: <<<< Title of the message on the first line of your message>>>>

The Subject line contains my amateur radio call with the instruction of "SP".

This allows the gateway station to retrieve from the internet address and send to me. It then takes the first line of the message and places it in the subject position of the message being sent to me.

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**Need copies of any of the information referenced?** Contact the editor or the individual shown.

What about Family Group Sheets? Editor is most happy to provide what we have available upon request. GEDCOM files can also be provided. Your editor also accumulates as much information as he can concerning siblings. Family group sheets and information in many cases are also available.

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