

Cornwall Township Historical Society

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NEWSLETTER



C.S.I meets Geneology

This is a very complex and easily confusing subject. For the non lab scientists here is a quick explanation of some of the terminology.

Allele Result: the numeric value assigned to a genetic marker.

AKA marker value

Autosomal DNA: all of your DNA except for what is on your X and Y chromosomes.

Biogeographical test: an autosomal DNA test that estimates percentages of your geographical origins – Native

American/Canadian, Sub-Saharan, African, East Indian and European.

Haplogroup: an identification of the genetic group your ancient ancestors belonged to (10 000 to 60 000 years ago)

Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA): genetic material that mothers pass on to their children

Y-DNA: genetic material that fathers pass on to their sons

Kits can be ordered online with instructions, a swab to painlessly scrape cell from the inside of your cheek, a return envelope and a consent form.

Most of the work is done in a lab and you just have to be patient waiting for the results.

Sister Evelyn Quinn

Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer

Sister Mary Evelyn Charlotte Quinn R.H.S.J. – Sister Evelyn Quinn, R.H.S.J. died peacefully on May 23, 2006 at the Kingston General Hospital, Kingston, ON, 86 years of age of which 67 years were spent in Religious Life. Sister Quinn was born in Curry Hill, Ontario, the daughter of Elizabeth Margaret McKie and Joseph Patrick Quinn. Sister is predeceased by her parents, brothers Clarence, Arthur, Stanley and Hugh and sisters Kathleen Murdoch, Lillian Cunningham, Margaret Agar, Florence, Agnes and Veronica. Friends will be received at St. Joseph Regional House, 16 Manitou Crescent E., Amherstview, ON on Wednesday, May 24th, 2006 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in Holy Family Chapel, St. Joseph Regional House on Thursday May 25th, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. Rite of Committal with prayers in St. Mary's Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

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Those dog days of summer are upon us once again. One of my favorite ways of using the family barbecue to my advantage is to set up a tape recorder and have it recording when I pass around the old family photos. It's the best, not to mention easiest, way to record family history. Stories of days gone by resurface and are preserved on the tape. It's a good way to find things out too. For example: At Christmas my Mum learned that my sisters and our neighbour Katie liked to play a made-up game called Indiana Jones. The game consisted of one person running up the driveway while another person pulled the garage door down and the person running had to try and slide into the garage before the door beat them to it. The third person was the judge, to verify if the person actually made it. You'd think there would be obvious signs if one of them didn't make it?! This was before the automatic garage door openers. So once that door fell it stayed down.

Needless to say the game didn't last long as Katie's Mum found out just what they were up too and put a stop to all future games.

That story always comes up when we all get together.

Take advantage of those family get-togethers and learn some of those family stories. Who knows you might be able to find that perfect story about cousin “Bob” and put that teasing to end.

The newsletters will be on hold for the summer and will begin again in the fall.

Have a safe and happy summer!

