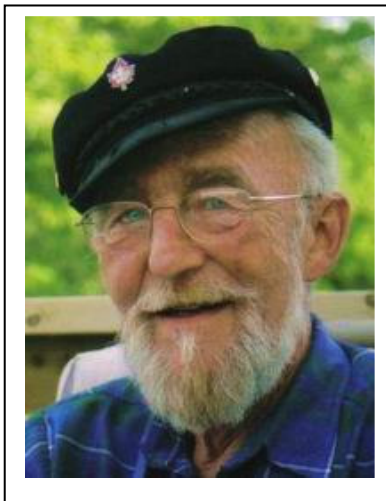


## The Family Historian

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### Quebec Land Petitions

Library and Archives Canada has just made it a little easier to research petitions for land grants in Lower Canada. There are over 95,000 references from the period 1765-1841. The index to these petitions has been placed online but the URL is so long that it is easy to make a mistake with it.

It is easier to go to their website < [www.collectionscanada.ca](http://www.collectionscanada.ca) >, select 'Canadian Genealogy Centre', then 'Databases'. The database is very easy to search and the resultant names are hotlinks to the year, volume, page, microfilm number and archival reference number of the file you want.

You can then go to the archives and know which reel you are looking for or order it on interlibrary loan through your local library.

Does anyone remember the index cards we used to use?

### His work lives on

Duncan MacDonald was an avid and prolific genealogist. He was the clan genealogist for the clan Donald in Canada and was made a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

He spent a lifetime transcribing and publishing church records, family histories etc. of the inhabitants of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry counties and some of the adjacent areas, including Perth.

This work was published by the MacDonald Research Centre, which he founded in Brockville and amounted to eighty-nine volumes.

MacDonald died in November 2006 and, in order to ensure the continued availability of his work, Global Genealogy completed an agreement with the Research Centre to acquire and market the remaining stock. They will also republish under their own imprint when a book runs out of stock.

For a list of available titles you can visit < <http://globalgenealogy.com/globalgazette/gazed/gazed139.htm> >

### Heritage Renfrew

An exciting collection of records is available to researchers with ancestors from Renfrew County at Heritage Renfrew.

Their census records cover Renfrew and Pontiac Counties 1842-1901 and Lanark County 1851-1901. They have church records from St. Francis Xavier (Renfrew), Our Lady of Angels (Killaloe), St. Mary's (Wilno), St. Patrick's (Mount St. Patrick), St. Joseph's (Esmonde), and an impressive selection of cemetery recordings. They also have the Ontario Marriage records for the county 1869-1890.

Another real treasure is microfilm copy of the *Renfrew Mercury* 1871-2004. This newspaper covered important news and vital events from the county and the surrounding area. It is extremely popular with researchers in this area.

The archives is equipped with microfilm and microfiche readers and two microfilm reader/printers. The facility is housed in the Library and Archives Canada Building off O'Brien Road (behind the Canadian Tire Store) and there is plenty of free parking.

They are regularly open on Tuesdays and Thursdays during normal business hours and at other times by appointment. You can reach them at 613-432-7534. They are certainly worth a visit and I have spend many successful hours there.

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