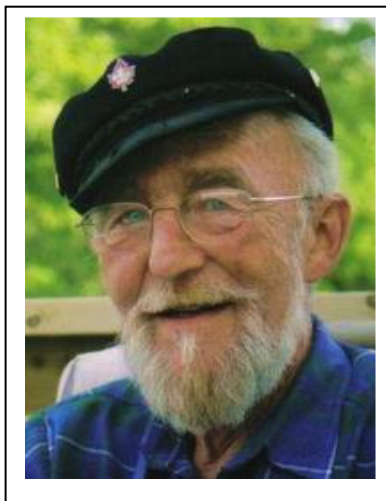


# The Family Historian

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### Lanark County GenWeb Site



Regular readers of this column will know that I always recommend going to the county GenWeb page when you are starting to research in a new county. However, if you have not visited the Lanark County one yet, you are missing a great deal.

The site opens with comparative maps of the county prior to and after amalgamation along with a list of previous townships and their new designations. Hot links for each township bring you to a township map, brief notes on the villages and settlements, and links to parish, civil, cemetery, census, and taxation records. The sources and even microfilm numbers (where appropriate) are provided.

The General Information section is an excellent summary of sources and resources that will benefit all researchers. A link to Sylvia Droughan's website provides a large number of transcriptions from the registers of St. Francis de Sales in

Smiths Falls and St. John the Baptist Church in Perth.

The extensive section on cemeteries has location and historical notes and photos from many of the county burial places. Keith Thompson, the site coordinator, has a database that includes burials in 130 cemeteries and is willing to do lookups.

There is a section on Historical Documents that includes the text of newspaper articles, settlers, letters, and historical essays. There are links to Family Trees of 54 pioneer families - check them out, there may be a connection.

The section on Land and Property Records includes the microfilm reel numbers from Library and Archives Canada and the LDS Library in Salt Lake City. There is even a section that shows the Military Badges that were used by local military units or may have been won by local soldiers.

You don't want to miss the section on Newspaper Clippings. It is loaded with goodies and includes an ongoing transcription project for BMD's from the Bathurst and Perth Courier from the early 1800's. I even found lists of people who had emigrated from the county to Western Canada in the late 1800's. If you are looking for a specific name, there is a search engine to help you find it.

One of the things I am always interested in finding out is how well the site is kept up to date. On the day I checked it out, the latest update had been added the previous day and there were updates on an almost daily basis. This is dedication of a high order.

This site was launched in 1998 and has been hosted by Keith Thompson, who lives in the county, for the past seven years. From a content point of view, the site is a virtual researcher's manual for Lanark County. It is also a very attractive site and is easy and intuitive to navigate. It could well serve as the model for other GenWeb sites.

Do drop in and visit it at: [www.rootsweb.com/~onlanark](http://www.rootsweb.com/~onlanark), you'll be glad you did.

### Creative Computer Commands

(with thanks to Rootsweb Review, 1998-06-17)

1. Smash head on keyboard to continue
2. Press Ctrl-Alt-Del now for IQ test
3. File not found. Should I fake it? (Y/N)
4. User Error. Replace user.
5. BREAKFAST.SYS halted. Cereal port not responding.
6. Your hard drive has been scanned and all stolen software titles have been deleted. The police are on their way.

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