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## Researching the Henry Couche family at the Trent Valley Archives

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My wife and I made a genealogy research trip to Brantford and Peterborough in mid-August. TVA was among the libraries visited. For a first time visit, I came away with an amazing amount of material. I was given excellent help for which I'd like to say "Thank you" again and especially to Cheryl who dropped whatever she had been doing and devoted her entire time to helping me research the Peter Robinson Settlers Henry Couche family. I also had an interesting conversation with Bill and want to again urge him to consider creating a Peter Robinson equivalent of the Mayflower Descendants.

Now that I have had time to read some of them, I'm extremely pleased to have been given copies of *The Heritage Gazette of the Trent Valley* containing the serialized reprint of Howard Pammett's master's thesis. What a gold mine of information! That alone was worth the trip to Peterborough.

I have been attempting to assimilate the information I gathered and have finally completed creating a new genealogy for Henry's family and that of his son Christopher which is fully documented with about 100 citations from mostly primary sources previously researched along with the new sources obtained on my trip to Peterborough. I would be very happy to share it with you should you have an interest. I will add Christopher's children and their descendants as I have time. My line is:

1. Henry Couche (b. abt 1784 in Ireland, d. 16 May 1826 in Peterborough) m. (1) Elizabeth Heuston in 1803 in the Cashel & Emly Diocese, County Cork, Ireland. Henry m. (2) Susanna Holmes (b. abt 1793) in 1812 in the Cashel & Emly Diocese, County Cork, Ireland.

2. Christopher Couch (b. 27 Sep 1809 in Douro Twp, d. 27 Dec 1894 in Resort Twp, Emmet Co, Michigan) m. Mary Ann Tyghe (b. abt 1816 in Ireland, d. abt 27 Jul 1877 in Petoskey, Emmet Co, Michigan) on 13 or 15 May 1841 in Peterborough, St. John's Anglican Church. Her parents are William Tyghe and Margaret Maher.

3. Elizabeth Couch (b. 16 Aug 1843 in Douro Twp, d. 20 Jun 1916 in Petoskey, Emmet Co, Michigan) m. Henry Bacon (b. 11 Oct 1839 in Hamilton, Upper Canada, d. 12 Sep 1916 in Resort Twp, Emmet Co, Michigan) on 27 Jan 1863 in Bruce Co, Canada West.

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4. Lucy Violet Bacon (b. 30 Jan 1886 in Resort Twp, Charlevoix Co, Michigan, d. 30 Aug 1939 in Petoskey, Emmet Co, Michigan) m. Warner A. Wheaton (b. 12 Apr 1885 in Norwood Twp, Charlevoix Co, Michigan, d. 28 Apr 1967 at Harbor Springs, Emmet Co, Michigan) 31 Oct 1906 in Resort Twp, Emmet Co, Michigan.

5. Alton A. Wheaton (b. 6 Dec 1915 in Resort Twp, Emmet Co, Michigan, d. 27 Apr 1987 at Ocala, Marion Co, Florida) m. Ruth C. Annis (b. 25 Jul 1920 in Petoskey) 15 Apr 1939 in Manton, Wexford Co, Michigan. Her parents are Orlando J. Annis and Leona R. Hawkins.

6. W. Dean Wheaton (b. 1 Apr 1940 in Petoskey) m. (2) Marna D. Miller (b. 28 Feb 1947 in Akron, Summit Co, Ohio) 12 Aug 1977 in Akron, Summit Co, Ohio.

The death of Henry Couche has been given variously as 10 or 16 May 1825 or 1826. Based on an analysis of Peter Robinson Papers obtained in Peterborough there is no doubt that the correct date is 16 May 1826. I would be happy to provide that analysis if you are interested. The marriage of Christopher Couch and Mary Ann Tighe is generally given as 1 May 1841. I strongly believe that it is either 13 or 15 May 1841. I can provide documentation for that also.

I found a couple of errors in the database listing of Christopher Couch's family group and I can provide many more details including a 7th child that was born after the family left Douro Twp abt 1850.