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Hello and welcome to the 17th issue of the BOYLE BULLETin. It has been almost one year since I last sent out an issue. Starting about mid August I've been thinking about what I might put into my first 'annual' BULLETin. I've come up with a few ideas, but, I'm afraid, not enough enthusiasm. When I face the screen now, with another BULLETin in hand, I find my good ideas flee my mind and I am left with a blank. Therefore this will be very short. I considered not sending out a BULLETin this year but there is at least one item which I felt required some communication with you all (see below). Also, I do want to keep in touch with as many of you as possible and this means updating my address lists at least once a year.

GOSSIP & NEWS

Let me fill you in on a little of what I've been doing over the past year. My time has been very full over the last year and I haven't had a lot of time to think about BOYLE genealogy but it's still ever perking in the back of my mind.

I attended the DAVIS re-union in August. This is a gathering of DAVISes and relatives held annually up near Bancroft. The descendants of Eliza BOYLE and George DAVIS

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the John Henry BOYLE and Sarah Jane DAVIS clan (of which I am proudly a member) plays a strong role in the organization. Good times were had by all. I was asked to speechify on the BOYLES and I wasn't really prepared. I ad libbed. Perhaps next time I'll contact them a little in advance and prepare a proper tale.

I recently joined the Huntley Township historical society, a new organization which formed less than a year ago and which is promoting active research and discussion of early life in the area. Since the Boyle brothers spent roughly fifteen years in that township, I believe the work of the society will be of keen interest to us. They do not yet publish a newsletter. They do hold regular meetings and often arrange for interesting speakers to come in. I donated a copy of the BULLETIN for their archives.

The best news (of a genealogical nature) is about a new book. Carol Bennett's book (mentioned in previous issues) has been published. The title had to be changed from the intended "A Peter Robinson Handbook" to "Peter Robinson's Settlers". It contains much interesting background information about the program administered by Peter Robinson and about his settlers. It also includes an alphabetical listing of the settlers with many accounts about their descendants.

The Boyle brothers and their descendants receive relatively generous coverage. There are a couple of biographies, one on Henry's side and one on Thomas' side, an interview with one of our subscribers, Mary-Lou Quehl, and several other articles of interest. This is all "Good Stuff".

Some of the material relating to the BOYLE brothers has appeared previously in the BULLETIN since Carol has been very kind to send me data as her research on the BOYLES progressed. However, I feel this book is a GREAT keepsake for anybody who is descended from any of the PR settlers and, in particular, for descendants of the BOYLE brothers. I highly recommend that each of you order it from the publishers (Juniper Books Limited, R R 2, Renfrew, Ontario, K7V 3Z5, (613) 432-8992) and order a copy for your kid(s), as well.

The cost is \$18 CDN for the soft cover version and \$24 CDN for the hard cover version while available. Carol has made the generous offer to us that, if you mention that you are a subscriber to the 'BOYLE BULLETIN' when you send in your order, and if you ask for the volume discount rate of \$15, it's yours at that price (soft cover version only).

I've enclosed a brochure in each of your envelopes.

WOW! What a sales pitch! You may wonder why I'm so

enthusiastic. Well, that's because there's a picture of me in the book, of course. Well, you may have to look a little to find me. Here is a puzzle for you: when you receive your copy, see if you can figure out which picture has me in it. Drop me a line if you think you have it.

Other news of a more personal nature - I am proud, doubly proud, about a few events.

The first event: earlier this year my son, David, won first prize in his school's Science Fair, grade seven level. He used Annie's hair dryer and a styrofoam ball (hobby shop style) to demonstrate Bernoulli's Principle by flying the ball three feet overhead.

I have to say I was pleased and very proud, but I was also amazed, at first, as I know David does not have a great deal of motivation to learn science. His display was relatively simple and he had not put a great deal of work into choosing a topic until the last minute. Once chosen, we had discussed the implications of the 'Principle' several times over supper and I had told him to practice talking to a mirror before going in to the fair.

On asking the father of one of the judges some time afterwards, I learned the story behind his win. David had talked his way into it. When asked about the high flying ball, David went on and on talking about theory and practice and the judges had a hard time getting him to tie it off. That boy has never had any trouble talking.

The second event: I was recently given the award 'Kiwanian of the Year' by my Kiwanis Club. This was in recognition of my efforts towards fund-raising for the club.

Some other things which have absorbed time previously spent on 'BOYLE BULLing':

- I was Director and Secretary of the West Carleton Airshow Association which staged the National Capital Airshow;

- I organized a Core-War tournament for the National Capital Area (it was a flop but it took a lot of time);

- I grew a gigantic pumpkin which did not win any prize at the local fair. I planted 12 seeds. 8 germinated. Two were mis-shapen and I discarded them. I planted three of the remaining plants in my own garden and gave three to a fellow Kiwanian to encourage him to grow a big one. I gave him a few pointers on how to care for them and gave him lots of moral support. My biggest was 135 pounds. He took first prize at the local fair with a 185 pounder. He went on to the Ottawa Winter Fair with another 230 pounder and got into the papers with it. DUMB LUCK, I call it!

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LETTERS

From Jos. N. Kellas,
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I want to thank you for all help and thoughtfulness in answering my recent query. Naturally I am sorry we couldn't make a connection. However, I would like to keep the communications lines open. Will you be keeping the same Box # now that you are closing down the publication? [Yes, I will be. That's my regular mailing address. GB] Also you hinted that you may print something once a year if there are enough people interested. Put me down as interested.

I did have one new piece of information come in since I wrote you last. Through a recently discovered 2nd cousin in Guelph, Ont. I located another 3rd cousin right here in Buffalo and we had a visit and he disclosed that my Great Great Grandfather's brother came from the County of Mayo, on the west coast of Ireland, so I can only assume, so did my own G.G.G. The other scrap of data, ties in something else I found out recently from the man in Guelph. He sent me a marriage License (copy) showing his G.F. was born in Louth County in Ireland. My Buffalo cousin said that my G.G.G.'s brother was Patrick and his wife was Margaret Boyle Boyle (that's not a misprint, her maiden name was Boyle and she came from the County of Louth, Village of Carlingford, on the Lough of Carlingford, Parish of Cooley). Another interesting fact became apparent as we talked, his mother's maiden name was Cooley.

Based on this information I went over to the local Morman Library and located a micro-film listing for the village of Carlingford, County of Louth, Parish of Cooley, that includes Marriages, Births, and Deaths from 1811 to 1880. There was also a Census for 1901 but I didn't send for that just yet. The film should be here in about six weeks and hopefully we will be clearing up some mysteries and maybe finding clues for future research. Needless to say I am excited about the prospects. In addition, your publishing my letter may bear some fruit. You never know where your next clue will come from, that's what's so fascinating about genealogy.

If I do make any contact with your two brothers of 1823, sometime in the future will you have the back issues of your publication still available??? [Yes, but the quality of the reproduction on these is less than I had hoped for. I have about 20 copies of all back issues on file and I have a master copy which can be used to produce more copies, but unfortunately, of similar quality.]

LAST WORD

Garin Boyle 

My apologies that this is not 'Up to snuff' this time around. I'll look to do better next year. NAKEMIIN!!