

# **MISENER, MISNER, MIZENER**

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## ***A Century & more Family ties—Cousins meet Cousins***

We were blessed with a beautiful day on August 20th for the 108th Annual Misener/Misner/Mizener reunion. The fifty-six folks attending enjoyed meeting with old and new friends and looking over the records and finding new information about their family line. Some were attending for the first time and some came from a distance. We missed our American cousins who were not able to travel so far. One remarked that Lake Erie got in the way.

***At 12:15 we were treated to as always a most delicious potluck lunch . We have great cooks in the family.***



Helen Doctor of Smokey Hollow Estates helped to serve the meal

**Next Year 's Reunion will be at**

**Wellandport Community Centre**

**August 18, 2012**

**Let your family know so we may get to meet them**

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*We took a group photo of all the people attending the 108th Misener, Misner, Mizener family Reunion*

Beginning at 1:40 the program started with a scripture reading:  
Proverbs 3:1-12 by Bob Misener.



With  
Loreen Ogborne at the piano we all joined in and sang .

***Joe Misener, president led the program***

Peter Lloyd, a representative from Westfield Heritage Village, spoke about the renovations being done on the Conrad Misener house located in the village. He reported that they are putting the details of the house on the internet in the form of a virtual tour.

Peter is also requesting old photos of the village of Troy ON especially of Misner/Misener homes. He scanned many items while at the reunion and interviewed some of the relatives to get connections to the Misener home.



**First time to visit the Misener/Misner/Mizener Reunion**



drought and became refugees. This suffering made them want to come to North America.

We know they immigrated to New Jersey but they also came to Canada by way of Halifax.

This explains why there are many, many Misener/Misener/Mizeners in Nova Scotia. Dr. Misener through his research found the origin of the Misener name to be Miessen a town in East Ger-many known for it's famous pottery.

Dr. of Veterinary Medicine, Richard Misener talked about the late Dr. Grant Misener a University of Guelph trained veterinarian who practised in Chicago. He also gave us some information on the origin of the Miseners in Germany who suffered through a

Dick spent his time looking at the reference material

available and visiting cousins. He was happy to connect unexpectedly with Marie Avey, Dr. Grant Misener's only living niece.

A reporter from the local paper the Brantford Expositor interviewed Dick and printed his picture in the newspaper with a writeup for the Misener Reunion

**Andrew Grant Misener,  
OAC1935,  
OVC 1938**

Grant & Mildred (Taylor) Misener were with the founders of the Friends of the University of Guelph. They gave An award to help students , "the gift which keeps on giving."

There is a website—Misner, Misener, Misinar, Misinor, Mizner, Mizener, Meisner of North America prepared by Connie Duke. <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~grannyapple/MISNER/MISENER>

She has spent many years compiling and has posted her research for others to search and has helped many family members. We keep in touch and she often forwards messages to us and to seekers of cousins and info re the family reunion.

**RECORDS AND NOTICES**



**Do You know Carrie?**

**Carrie Misener of Caledonia,**

Personal trainer and body builder will be competing in next June 's National Body Building Championship.

*She has recently won first at the all Ontario Competition.*

We are unaware of the connection in the family but are interested in the relation to the Misener families. Perhaps someone would share with the reunion Committee.

***If we have missed a record , Please let us know so we can remedy the records. Should you have info regarding the mystery family will you also contact the reunion committee.***

**BOTTERILL, Helen Alice Pauline (nee Misener) born** July 03, 1915 - Feb 21, 2011 age 95, w/o the late Frederick Carson Botterill JMM

**DOBRINDT, Marilyn (Yager) –** Oct 3, 2010, age 68 w/o the late Wayne (Big Lad) Dobrindt ; parents Ralph E. & Bernice Jeanette (Tritton) Yager. JMM

**HODGKINS Isabel Catherine** (nee Snyder) Aug. 14, 2010, of Loring & Smithville, 81<sup>st</sup> year; w/o Clayton Hodgkins d/o Mabel & Hugh Snyder JMM

**KNIGHT, Janet Eleanor “Ellie” (nee Misner)** Apr 30, 1931-Dec 29, 2010

d/o Elmore & Janet Misener Ellie died at Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto JMM

**WADE, Gladys** Nov 21, 2010. In her 96th year, Gladys Aileen Wade (nee McDonagh), w/o the late Richard (Dick) Caseborne Wade. LB

**RAMEY, Donald Lloyd** Feb 2, 1930-Oct 13, 2010 81<sup>st</sup> year h/o of Doris Archer NJM

**SHERWOOD, Jean (nee Misener)** at St. Elizabeth Villa 5 days after her 101st Birthday. Jean leaves behind her 5 boys Gerald, Ronald, Roger, Jim, Ken NJM

**SHERWOOD, Earlene Rose (nee Gradwell)** June 24, 2011 w/o Ron NJM

**MISENER, Pamela Jane (nee Mulligan)** Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. w/o Ross Misener, PMM

**MISENER, Glenn Ashton** , Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in his 76<sup>th</sup> year s/o Seymor Misener PMM

**MAY, Archie** age 77 Jan 8th, 2011. h/o Irene (nee Misener), s/o Ernie and Mary PMM

**SHANNON, May** , 68th year, w/o Feb 25, 2011, Bill Shannon. sis/o the late Bruce Misner. Predeceased by her parents Gladys and Fred Stausholm. PMM

***These are a mystery. Perhaps someone would provide some info***

**MISENER, Arthur** June 22, 2010 82nd year. A diabetes survivor for 65 years. husband of Joyce. *Mystery*

**MISENER, Elmer Almon (Al)** age 62, Jacksonville, FL Jan 30, 2011 h/o Sherry Dale Tatum . *Mystery*

**MISENER, Sgt. Garrett A. Cordova Marine killed in Afghanistan** Dec 30, 2010 s/o Gary Misener, NM

**MISENER, John I.** Aug 3, 2010 age 68,. f/o Tracy Misener *Mystery*

**MISENER, Karen Dianne** Feb 26, 2011 m/o Tiffany (Mike) Mabee, & Todd (Allison) Puhl. *Mystery*

**MISENER, Michael "Mike"** , Nov 9, 1947 - June 10, 2011 age 63 Redding, CA h/o Vicki Misener *Mystery*

**MISENER, Nancy I.** Apr 30, 1939 - Aug 27, 2010 m/o Nancy (late Robert) Highway, John (Mary) Boldinski, Rose (late Angelo) Pilato, Eileen (Dave) Deptula and the late Cheryl Boldinski *Mystery*

**MISNER, BOYD L.** age 84, of Hammond, IN, Jan 20, 2011 wife, Sarah (nee Coleclough); children: David (Donna) Misner, Fort Wayne, & Jennifer Garcia, Hammond, IN; s/o John & Reba .*Mystery*

**MISNER - Gary R** 68, Pte Aux Chenes, near St. Ignace, Mar13, 2011. survived by his wife, Judy; two sons, Steven & Greg Misner, parents, Benard and Betty (Wilkerson) Misner *Mystery*

**MISNER, Margaret Edna (nee Kaus)** Oct 28, 1927-Jan 28, 2011 m/o Barry (Barbara) & Robert (Tammy). *Mystery*

**MISNER, Iris "Judy"** 79 of Benton, Ky, Oct 30, 2010 born Oct 18, 1931 in Hampton, Ky d/o Ivan and Allie Moore Watson. w/o William K. "Bill" Misner *Mystery*

**Birth announcement NJM line**

**Talia Faye Santos, May 2, 2011**

**7 lb. 11 oz.**

**Parents: Leah & Dan Santos**

**Grandparents: Ernie & Carol Misener**

**Recognition (PMM line)**

The grandchildren of

**Alexander and Sarah Misener** of Princeton, ON have made a donation to the Misener Newsletter in their memory.

In addition they would like to recognize their 5 children – our parents: **Evelyn Reid, Ada Feely, Gladys Swarts, Jean Hughes**

**William Misener**

The cousins of

**Master Sergeant Allen Swarts** of Aurora, CO have made a donation to the Misener Newsletter in recognition of his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 18, 2011. Allen served in the U.S. Army during 3 wars (W.W. II, Korea and Vietnam) and a couple of occupational tours .

**Ava Olivia Misener *mystery***

Robert and Olivia are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, Ava Olivia. Ava arrived on September 28, 2010 at 11:49 p.m. weighing 7 lbs 6 oz and measuring 17.5 inches. First grandchild for **Donald and Maria Misener** Fifth grandchild for Rita Avolio. Ava will be protected from above by her grandpa Attilio Avolio. Ava is welcomed by many aunts and uncles. Cousins Andrew, Alyssa, Emma and Dylan are excited to have a new playmate.



We concluded the day with another short sing song and then the Misener hymn.

Thank you to everyone and all the organizers and those who contributed their time in helping to make it the best day possible.

Hope to see you **next year in Wellandport Community Centre, August 18, 2012**

***We are planning to have a silent auction next year. If any relatives would like to provide items for it ,when they arrive, the items will be set out for the day. At the end of the program the announcement will be made—who bought what.***

**CONGRATULATIONS  
Eugene and Carol Hibbert  
celebrated their 50th Wedding  
Anniversary in Sept 2011  
Married Sept 16, 1961 at St.  
Basil's Church, Brantford, ON**

**100 years ago, August 11, 1911,  
Misener Bros.** delivery rig was going down the hill on Peel Street about noon today when the horse fell and the shafts of the wagon and other minor parts of the harness and wagon were broken..

Brantford Expositor—Flashback





Summer 1934—L to R:

Freeman, Clarence & Clayton Misener

Wives—Nellie (Freeman) Elizabeth (Clarence)

Cousin Mable Garstone & Lizzie (Clayton) Misener

An old photo found in our reference material with names. This family is from the Peter & Mary Line

We have many photos which we would like to identify So come prepared to the next reunion to help if you can.

### Pictures from the past



From Floyd Mizener—Photo ,about 1930 Chicago,of **Grandpa John Henry Mizener, our mom, Emma,Tietz Mizener, father William Henry Mizener, and the three Mizener kids**

### Loretta , Lawrence , Floyd Mizener

Great grandfather, Henry Miller Mizener, left Ohio to Iowa, where my dad was born,, great great, grandfather—Christian Orgeon Mizener, sometimes had Misener, I understand came to Ohio from PA, and first NJ where his father David Misener,. Mizener was living I think we have the link as coming out of Germany.

Dr. Floyd Mizener (Doctor of Optometry) put us in contact with Dr. Christine Mizener (Doctor of Optometry) who works in Ancaster, ON She is descended from the Brantford Miseners who own Misener Poultry. We hope to meet her.

**Letters** have been received from many relatives requesting the newsletter and providing info to update our records.

Steve Misener introduced Lois Harlan to the family. She has sent much info regarding Martha Eleanor Misener married to James Duff Reilly of the Leonard & Barbara line.

Lois has sent along a brief essay entitled The Biography of Sarah Misener Learn. Sarah was an older sister to Lois' grandmother, Martha Eleanor Misener. My mother was very fond of her Aunt Sarah -- and apparently she had asked her aunt to write something about her life. This is all that has survived. -- Sarah must have written more - but it has been lost. It was I came across was a brief essay entitled The Biography of Sarah Misener Learn. Sarah was an older sister to my grandmother, Martha Eleanor Misener. My mother was very fond of her Aunt Sarah -- and apparently she had asked her aunt to write something about her life. This is all that has survived. -- Sarah must have written more - but it has been lost. It was written in the early 1920s. It is worth reading !

I, Sarah Misener Learn, was born March 3, 1845, in a log house situated in Crowland Township, Lot 19 Part of 20. Land deeded to my grandfather, John Misener from the Crown, he having come to Canada about the year 1795. He married Catharine Young; of their children there were that I know of Leonard, Sarah, Elisha, Mary, Andrew, Lottie, Horatio, and Margaret. My father Elisha was born in 1804 and in 1835 married Azuba Parke; her father and mother being United Empire Loyalists coming to Canada in the year 1813. My mother, Azuba, was the youngest in the family and was one year old. They stayed in Buffalo one night and the next night it was burned to the ground. (note from Lois: Dr. Amos Parke and his wife, Margaret Moore, with their children, arrived in Buffalo from Ovid, New York, on Dec. 29, 1813, and crossed the Niagara River into Ontario the morning of the 30th -- the burning of Buffalo was retaliation by British, Canadian and Amer. Indian forces for burnings by the Americans which had taken place in Ontario -- all this during the War of 1812-13. There is more for another time.



During the afternoon program, Our president Joe Misener presented the canes to the smiling recipients

The winner of the cane for the oldest Lady present was A. Bernice Misener who is 91 years.



Bill Fear

The winner of the cane for the oldest male not a Misener was **Bill Fear** at 95 years. He has been a winner before



Ross Misener

Ross Misener first time winner of the cane for oldest Male Misener present.

Ross also does the recording of the deaths , births & marriages pertaining to the Nicholas & Jane line.

Bea Mitchell from Havelock won the prize for coming the greatest distance. She is a descendent of John & Mary Moore and had some interesting items to share.

Joe Misener, president congratulated all the winners of canes and the ones who guessed the answers to the games while Linda Misener presented the trophies to the one with the right guess.



Bea Mitchell from Havelock, ON

### Some Misener history

In 1917 , D. W. Misener made a cane from a log of the house built in 1780 by Leonard Misener to be presented to the oldest male Misener attending the reunion. It was first presented in 1923 to Walter Misener of Wellandport.

In 1930, Philip Misener of Brantford, holder of the men's cane at the time made a cane to be presented to the oldest lady at the reunion. It was first presented in 1930 to Julia Ann Misener There is another cane which is presented to the oldest Non-Misener male at each reunion . I can't seem to find the information that tells who made it and when.

The first recorded presentation was to John Blanchard in 1991.

Jacinda Jutte won the prize for the youngest person attending the reunion for the third year in a row.

## **Dufferin & Ruby Misner**

(Submitted to a Saskatchewan publication by Hilda Christiansen (nee Misner))

**In March 1917**, Dufferin Misner, wife Ruby and daughter Hilda settled in the Sceptre district.

I, Hilda, was thirteen months old. We came from Ontario.

First employment was with McNeally Brothers in the bowling alley. The McNeally's, Pat and Mike, were married to sisters of Mrs. Art (Bessie) Lecuyer and Mrs. Jim (Lois) Shields.

From then on, it was farm labor. My father was a real horseman.

In those early years, all farm work was done with horses. All transportation also, was horse and buggy, democrat or wagon. In the early twenties a few cars appeared on the scene. I remember Mrs. Eli Fyke and 490 Chev touring car.

My dad, Dufferin Misner, worked for different farmers such as Lorne Downing, Art Blezard, George Baird, Del Hyde, Wes Speers, Treff Ramoe, Bob Pollock.

The first grocery store I remember was Charlie Ivey's: Hardware. Gryde and Homme: Garage: Shields and Salvador.

**For a family Duff and Ruby had five daughters and two sons: One son, Lloyd died in infancy. The other one, Eldon, perished in the cyclone which hit an area north of town in June 1923.**

At the time, Eldon was three years old.

**The cyclone, in 1923**, was on a Saturday night, about 10-11 o'clock with high winds, thunder, lightning and heavy rain. We were living on Ray Downing's farm, just north of Eli Fyke's and south of Coll Campbell's and Hugh Johnson's. Our home was completely demolished and the roof torn off the barn. Dad carried Mother, my sister Edith, and I and put us in the barn. He couldn't find Eldon. I'm not sure how soon help came. Someone on the way home from town saw and came to help. We were taken to Del Hyde's and men with lanterns searched all night for Eldon.

He was found on a summerfallow field close by. He was alive and was taken to Hyde's but died soon after from the exposure. My father was working for Del Hyde at that time. Nothing was salvaged – **we lost everything.**

The United Church was the only church in town for a good many years. Ministers I remember were Rev. Ingram and Rev. Seviour. The Sunday School teachers Mrs. Eli Fyke, Mrs. Downing, Mrs Whiteside, Margaret (Bayne) Mahaffy and Mrs. Diebel. John Goar was Superintendent for a number of years.

Some of the teachers I remember were Miss McEachern, Miss Rolley, Miss Umphreys, Mr. Beaumont and Mrs. Ness. These were my teachers.

The first theatre I remember was beside the hotel. It was silent pictures. The first motion picture operator I remember was George Riddler. He built a theatre across the street by the skating rink. The first talking pictures came to that theatre in Sceptre.

**The girls of our family were Hilda, Edith, Helen, Fern and Nora.**

**I, Hilda, left Sceptre in 1938 when I married Tom Christiansen.** We lived in Cabri, Saskatchewan for thirty-three years.

**Edith, Mrs. John Stolson**, is at Cabri;

**Helen, Mrs. Hector Munroe**, is at Duval, Saskatchewan;

**Fern, Mrs. Raymond Simpson**, is at Edmonton, Alberta;

**Nora, Mrs. Jim Hawthorne**, is at Medicine Hat, Alberta.

My folks left Sceptre in 1944 and moved to Stewart Valley, Saskatchewan and then to Cabri in 1950.

**Mother passed away in October 1957 after a bad case of flu. My Dad had a series of heart attacks and a stroke and passed away in September 1968.**

The program in 2011 held the attention of the attendees at the Misener Reunion.

Winners of the contests and door prizes were ready to claim their booty.



### MISENER FAMILY REUNION 1937

(Reformer Correspondence) Port Dover:

The 34<sup>th</sup> annual picnic and reunion of the Misener clan was held on Tuesday, August 17 in Powell Park, Port Dover with around 300 members and descendents of this pioneer family at the gathering. The history of his family well known in Norfolk county, has been traced back to the year 1720 by Dr. Morrish, of Flint, Mich., who, in an interesting address on Tuesday, told some of the history to an appreciate audience. Dr. Morrish is compiling a book, copies of which will be available to those who wish to procure them.

The family clan is so widely distributed now that representatives came from Tacoma, Wash., Aurora, Buffalo, Sandusky, Brantford, Hamilton, Wellandport, St. Ann's, Fonthill, Smithville, Vineland, Simcoe, Jarvis, Renton, Tyrrell, Galt, Paris, Montreal, Sarnia, Flint, Mich.

After the bountiful picnic dinner which was served in the town hall, an interesting program was presented, opening with the Misener hymn, the reading of the 40<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah, from the historic old Misener Bible by H.F. Stenabaugh of Hamilton and prayer by Adam Beamer.

On behalf of the village of Port Dover, Mr. J.H. Misener, ex-reeve, extended a cordial welcome to the big family.

Mrs. Phoebe Misener of Wellandport, 81 years old, the oldest lady present, won the prize of a cane, made from walnut that has been handed down from the first Misener family, and the oldest of the men present was Jr. Jos. Misener of Simcoe, 87 years of age, who received a cane, made from a log of the cabin built and occupied by the first Misener family. The youngest member present was John Pursell of Montreal, 17 months old.

A shawl was displayed which was purchased in Holland over 200 years ago, and brought over the ocean by its proud possessor in that far distant time, and is now in perfect condition.

Other numbers on the program were: a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Goldie Misener of Paris, reading by Audrey Misener; instrumental number by Vera Stenabaugh; a splendid address by Mr. George Misener of Tacoma, Wash; a poem 100 years old, recited by Mr. H.F. Stenabaugh, "God is Love," and a general and hearty sing-song by the group. Mrs. Goldie Misener acted as accompanist.

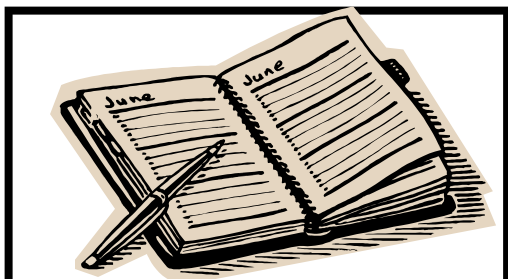
The gathering next year will be held at St. Ann's, on the farm of Mr. John Gracey, and the following officers were elected for 1938: President, Mr. Bert Stenabaugh, Brantford; vice-president, J.H. Misener, Port Dover; secretary-treasurer, Ernest Beamer, Wellandport; assistant secretary, Elba Misener; program committee: Robert Misener, Wallace Misener, Mrs. H.E. Misener, Arthur Beamer, Mrs. William Anderson, Mrs. Alford Olmstead; sports committee, Bert Stenabaugh, Clarence Misener,

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**Visiting was the order of the day**



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**Misener/Misner/ Mizener 2011**

**The 109<sup>th</sup> reunion will be held at the**

**Wellandport Community Centre on**

**Saturday, August 18, 2012**

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**Input- someone needed for :**

John & Mary Shular line

Janet Fear will input

Leonard & Barbara line

A. Ross Misener continues with

Nicholas & Jane line

Dave Winn continues with

Peter & Mary line

Donna Kemp continues with

John & Mary Moore line