



Chairpersons: Dr. Bill Fraser & wife Margaret. Bill was the chairman previously, for the 1984 and 2000 reunions. Co-chair: Doug Gordon Editor: Doug Gordon

WOW New Web Site !!!

www.drydenreunion.com

Chairman's Message

Bill Fraser

In the year 2005 it will be 171 years since the Dryden family immigrated to Canada from Scotland! We will celebrate this occasion with another REUNION! We would like you to share in this time of fellowship with your very extended Dryden 'family'. The date for the reunion is Saturday, July 2nd, and Sunday, July 3rd, 2005.

We are again fortunate to be able to hold our reunion at the same site as in 2000, which is the Waterloo Police Association Building near Cambridge, Ontario. This is a beautiful setting with spacious grounds and building.

Most people at this stage would say, "there is good news and there is bad news"... I must say there is good news and there is good news.

The first good news is that we have a Dryden web site that works and it looks good and it tells people things. The site will be constantly updated over the next number of months and you will be able to get all information about the reunion as well as events and schedules. This is the result of Doug Gordon's work, but more about Doug later.

The second good news is that we are gearing up for another fabulous Dryden Reunion. The date has been set: July 2-3, 2005 and the hall and grounds have been booked thanks to our treasurer Ross Brethet. Ross has a way with the people at the Police Association to have them open the place on a long holiday weekend. With the USA and Canadian holidays together on the same weekend, this should make traveling a lot easier to join us and we expect a large turnout.

After the last Reunion in 2000 we had a meeting and reviewed your suggestions. We would still welcome your input for this Reunion. We are putting together a new executive and it is very difficult for those of us who have been involved with these reunions since 1975. Hugh Gordon passed

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With our mobile population, it is impossible to have the latest addresses of all our Dryden members, especially after a span of five years. A number may have been missed from our mailing list, for which we apologize. Would you please help us to reduce this number? If you know of any member who has not received a copy of this Newsletter, would you please let them read your copy and/or tell them of the reunion date? The reunion, as mentioned in the Chairman's Message, is to be held at the same location as in 2000. As a further reduction of mailing costs, yet keeping you more informed than ever, we have created a new Web Site for the reunion. This newsletter (along with follow-up letters from your Chairman) will be posted on this website. To help us get into this new electronic era, please be sure to send us your e-mail address for future electronic mailings. Send them to: registration@drydenreunion.com along with your updated mailing address and phone numbers.

Dryden Reunion 2005 now has a very unique theme...

Back to YOUR Roots

With this in mind, we are planning for a fabulous event next year with special events/games for the younger generation as well as new concepts and presentations for the 'other' crowd. There will be something for everyone!!!

Back to YOUR Roots Dryden 2005 Reunion

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away in May of 2002 and we miss him terribly. Hugh did all the correspondence and as you know wrote three books on our history and genealogy. Most of the material in the first book was gathered by Hilda Downey and compiled into families. Do you remember all the letters she wrote -- have you had more children etc.? Hilda's material was photocopied by Norm Murphy and compiled into families then used by Hugh to create the first book, the Dryden family 1296-1989. Hugh then carried on the letter writing after Hilda passed away and he was able to write two more books, the Dryden family Update 1994 and The Dryden Family 2000. We will all miss Hugh in one-way or another. We have lost Hugh but fortunately we have gained his son Doug to our executive. You can see by our Website that he does good work also but in a different medium. Also after the last Reunion we became aware that Jack Brown was ill, but we did not know it at the time. He passed away shortly thereafter and we miss him. Jack was our visitor and kept in touch with many of you. Jack was the person who did behind the scene jobs such as getting books, souvenirs, hats etc.

There have been many others of our extended clan who have passed away since the last Reunion. I will only mention two. Mary Mathison Clark was the eldest person at our last reunion, and Murray Dryden who was one of our Honourary Chairpersons in 1975 and again in 1980 where he outlined his charitable organization, Sleeping Children Around the World (visit www.scaw.org).

Did you know that the next time you see Ken Dryden you had better call him Dr. Dryden? He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Dalhousie University in Halifax. And did you know that the "Dryden Family" ladies are also good hockey players? Syl Apps' granddaughter Gillian Apps played for Canada in the World Womens' Hockey Championships in Halifax this year and as you know, Canada won the world Championship again!

Margaret and I and our grandson Graeme went for a hike in the Dryden Tract. It was a lovely walk in the early spring and I would recommend it at any time of the year but there are some steep hills. You can understand why the Scottish people settled here. It is so like the land they left.

We look forward to you response of addresses, news and ideas. If you have email, it saves time and postage. If you have snail mail we'd like that also.

Bill Fraser

Important Addresses for Mailing

For enquires about the upcoming reunion, registration or other Dryden family information, please write to:

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If you have some photos of past reunions and would like to share them with our family members, please forward them to Doug Gordon via email... webmaster@drydenreunion.com along with a brief description. Also, please give us your written permission to use the photos without compensation for Dryden Reunion usage on the website or for any production/promotion programs.

Thank You

Keep coming to visit the new web site for up-to-date information. When we get closer to the reunion date, we will be posting all events and times along with meal reservations and prices. If you have any ideas for making YOUR reunion one of the best, drop us a note by e-mail... suggestions@drydenreunion.com