

Dedication

For Johanne, Mathieu and Stéphanie.

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This document is intended to serve as an aid, facilitating first-hand research rather than replacing it. All efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy of the enclosed transcriptions and supporting material. However, mistakes resulting from human error or the interpretation of the microfilmed images, many of which were faint or of poor quality, are possible. The author apologizes for errors that may occur in the transcriptions but accepts no responsibility for any assumptions or conclusions derived from them. It is strongly recommended that the originals be consulted and used as the basis for any research conclusions.

Preface

Like many genealogists, I do not always have direct or immediate access to the resources used in my research. The Internet, and the on-going digitization of historical documents and records, has facilitated this to a certain degree. Despite the massive amounts of information available over the World Wide Web, it is rarely complete. Often, it appears in bits and pieces according to the specific interests or efforts of the site owner. Only a small portion consists of actual images of the originals. And, others before me have extracted, compiled and indexed vital statistics from newspapers, church records, and other sources. However, many of my predecessors have limited their books to the basic data, usually abbreviated, omitting the supporting material that often proves more useful to the genealogist than anything else.

This book, I believe, goes one step further. While it can be used as a finding aid, it is also designed to act as a stand-alone reference. Researchers who do not have direct access to original or microfilmed copies of the ***Herald*** can benefit from the articles that have been transcribed in their entirety. They are not left with an index that simply points to data beyond their reach. Nor are they left to wonder at what may have been omitted at someone else's discretion. After all, it is the responsibility of each genealogist to determine the significance and importance of the data, not the compiler. Hopefully, it will indeed prove beneficial to other Prince Edward Island genealogists.

Introduction

This book is a compilation of vital statistics data from the early issues of the ***Herald***, a weekly newspaper published in Charlottetown between 1864 and 1921. It includes the transcriptions of 900 articles, from birth, marriage and death announcements to a variety of other entries such as Coroner's Inquiries, Shipping News, and Local News. The dates covered are from its inaugural issue of 12 October 1864 until 25 October 1871. All articles (with two exceptions) have been transcribed in their entirety. The original spelling and grammar has also been preserved, right down to the errors. Finally, there is an index listing the more than 1800 personal names that appear in the enclosed articles.

Each surviving issue of the ***Herald***, for the relevant period, was reviewed for vital statistics information. The main criteria were that the individuals involved had a direct connection to Prince Edward Island – current or former residents, native-born Islanders living or working elsewhere, or relatives of Island families. And, without exception, all entries appearing under the headings of “Birth”, “Married”, and “Died” were transcribed. Some vital statistics have been excluded, but only those for which there was no obvious link to PEI. Since the purpose was to compile Island statistics for Island researchers, I believe readers will forgive such omissions.

The articles are arranged chronologically, and in the same order as they appeared in the original newspaper. Thus, an item that referred to a preceding entry in the original will do the same here. The page and column numbers are not included since the paper consisted of but 4 pages. Generally, announcements appeared on page 3 while other types of articles were found on pages 2 and/or 3. Titles and section headings have been maintained, but not all articles had titles. All titles are in **bold** print. Individual articles are separated by a line break.

Items appearing in multiple issues have been cross-referenced to each other. These, and other notes I felt necessary to add, are in *italicized* print, enclosed in square brackets. My initials (DLM) at the end of these notes identify them as mine, since the originals also included italicized print and notes in square brackets.

Readers should note that many newspapers of the time copied or exchanged articles with other papers. These can be found by the addition of the name, often abbreviated, of the original source at the end of the article. As well, requests may appear for other papers to copy specific material from the ***Herald***. Researchers can use these to locate additional information on the people in question from other sources.