

Kip/Kipp Family in America

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8 Nov 2008

Salt Lake City Research Trip – 26 Oct to 2 Nov

Salt Lake City Research trip – Oct 26 to Nov. 2, 2008 Day one Oct. 26th After talking the trip over for several weeks, we finally decided to sign up for the week long trip with the Palatines to America group of which we are members. The head office for this group is located in Columbus, Ohio. We belong to the New York Chapter. We received a number of communications from the group leader ahead of time, including a list of participants and an agenda and an information package on the Family History Library. We made our own plane reservations after watching the prices of our air trip for several weeks. On October 26th we were up very early in the morning about 3:30 am to catch our 6:30 flight from the Ottawa Airport. This is a great time to travel by car as there is no traffic. Only those unlikely enough to be travelling on an early morning flight. Actually there was a huge line up of people catching our flight and other early flights waiting to pass through security and US Customs. The flight was a bit bumpy but we managed to land at Chicago on time. After about a two hour wait we boarded our final flight to Salt Lake City. On arrival we had to wait at the airport for the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel van. We arrived at our hotel before the check in time so we stored our bags and decided to look around. As it turned out, the Family History Library is just out the back door of the Hotel and Temple Square is just across the street. On our walk through Temple Square we saw the Tabernacle (where the choir performs), the Assembly Hall, the Nauvoo Bell dating from about 1840, the Salt Lake temple, the Joseph Smith Memorial Building and the Church Office Building where they have a very good cafeteria for staff and visitors to the Family History Library. The grounds were very well groomed. We then went on to the Brigham Young Historic Park at State Street and North Temple Street. Continuing up State Street to the North we worked our way up hill to the Utah State Capitol. This was not as easy as it might appear because Salt Lake City is at an altitude of about 4,300 feet above sea level. Not being used to such an altitude the walking did increase the heart rate a bit! The domed state Capitol is a gorgeous example of a capitol building, but unfortunately being late Sunday afternoon it was not open. Not many people out walking by the way. The views from this hill were great showing the city below surrounded by mountains. Also on the Capitol hill is a

monument to the Mormon Battalion. The US Army recruited 500 men from the Mormons en-route to Salt Lake to serve with in the war with Mexico. On our way back down the hill we stopped to see the Beehive House, the Eagle gate and the Lion House. By the way the Beehive, symbolizing Industry, is the state symbol. We then went back to the hotel to meet our Palatine group for supper and a brief meeting afterwards to meet everyone and receive some tips on researching at the Family History Library. The time in Salt Lake is two hours behind Eastern time so having been up at 3:00 an were were Tiirreeedddd!

9 Nov 2008

Day 2 October 27th This was the first real day of research at the Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City. The opening time was 8:00 a.m., however, the group waited until 8 to leave the hotel so we would miss the crowd waiting at the door (more on this later). The Palatine group had an orientation session scheduled. After the session, I did some research by finding the call number for Dutchess County, New York and then going to level 3 in the Library which contains US/Canada Books. I spent the next hour there browsing Dutchess County books until it was time for the first genealogy course at 10:00 a.m. This week the FHL was offering courses on German genealogy the first one being "Determining Place of Origin of Immigrant Ancestors in Germany." Before this however, I had scheduled an afternoon Consultation with the International desk on level 2 US/Canada Microfilms to help me find my German Schultz family in the German records. Around noon we took time out to walk across Temple Square to the Church office building to get a very tasty lunch at a very reasonable price in their cafeteria. The weather this day and throughout the week was fantastic with daytime temperatures around 70 F. The break also allowed us to stretch our legs and get the blood circulating again after sitting and reading books and microfilms all morning. The German Consultation (free by the way) was fantastic. After explaining my problem to the consultant, and providing a town name in Germany, she looked up the parish name for the town, pulled out the appropriate microfilm and took about two minutes to find my ancestor and his siblings in the German parish records, which were written in script. We also found the marriage of his parents. So now I had the connection between Germany and Canada and knew their full names and dates. Later I was able to look on my own and find a bit more information. Later in the week I had the appropriate records translated into English by another person with our Palatine group. So, not having looked at my list of books and microfilms that I wanted to look at, I now had a major breakthrough in one of

my family lines. This was very exciting! The FHL library closed at 5:00 p.m. on Monday. So this gave us time to recover in the evening, although the Palatine group had scheduled a group supper which we attended. A number of the people in the group had never visited the FHL in Salt Lake City before, and in spite of the orientations session we all felt overwhelmed at first. We soon got over that! Edward

11 Nov 2008

Day 3 Research at the Family History Library Salt Lake City October 28<sup>th</sup>

On the third day I spent a bit more time looking at German parish records for Schoenbeck, Brohm, Mecklenberg, Germany. I was looking for occurrences of the Schultz, Neumann and Schmidt surnames. Then I took out the list of books I had printed off of the Family History Library Catalogue which contained references to Kip or Kipp families. These family books are located on the Main Level of the FHL. This is the morning that we decided to be at the front door of the library before 8:00 opening to see if it was true that there is a long line of researchers waiting to get in. It is true! Every morning that we were there before 8 a.m. there were always about 60 people waiting to get in. No pushing and shoving just waiting patiently. This was a busy day of pulling books from the shelf, finding the pages in each book where Kip/Kipp is mentioned and then photographing the appropriate pages. Yes you heard me, photographing the appropriate pages. Using a good digital camera that has at least 10 MP and anti-shake technology a researcher can accumulate many images in a short time to be viewed later on a computer. It is a good idea to practice your document picture taking techniques in advance so you can be confident you can hold the camera steady. Turn off your flash of course. This day I took over 300 images to look at later at home. The 2<sup>nd</sup> day I took over 130 images. Perhaps I should explain the while I had a few specific objectives for this trip my main reason for being at the FHL was to collect as much information as I could on the Kip/Kipp families, so I could look at it later and then incorporate new stuff into the Kip Family in America file.

12 Nov 2008

Day 4 Research at the Family History Library Salt Lake City October 29<sup>th</sup>

The open hours for Tuesday to Saturday are 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and closed on Sunday. This provides for a possible long day of research. Today I did a bit more work on the early German parish registers to start the day looking for Schultz, Neumann, Passow and Schmidt. Then I started working on the long list of microfilms we had

listed to look at for Kip/Kipp and Meed/Mead information. These are the two families I am specifically working on in the Dutchess County New York area. I photographed the appropriate pages. Using a good digital camera that has at least 10 MP and anti-shake technology a researcher can accumulate many images in a short time to be viewed later on a computer. It is a good idea to practice your document picture taking techniques in advance so you can be confident you can hold the camera steady. Turn off your flash of course. If you don't turn off you flash when photographing images on a microfilm reader you get this blinding flash which is light reflecting off of the white reader platform. Today I accumulated about 120 images.

15 Nov 2008

Days 5 to 7 Research at the Family History Library Salt Lake City October 30th to November 1<sup>st</sup>

Continued looking at my list of microfilms. Total images accumulated on the 30th was 750. Total images accumulated on the 31st was 490. On Day 7 we looked at German and French parish records in an attempt to locate more of my distant relative. Not much luck, but now we know what the records look like. I then did a few more hours on family books. One book I worked on a bit every day was the Demarest Family. Total images accumulated on Nov 1st was 100. Total images for the week on my digital camera about 2,000. Eventually this will all appear in an update to the Kip/Kipp Family in America file on my website. [ca.geocities.com/ekipp@rogers.com](http://ca.geocities.com/ekipp@rogers.com)

17 Nov 2008

De La Montagne Family

Finished working on the Descendants of Johannes de La Montagne. What I did here was compare what this website on World Connect /Rootsweb had posted as compared to my Kip/Kipp Family in America file and added any new material to my file. To do this it helped to have my laptop sitting beside my desktop computer. I am not sure how many new individuals I added but it was perhaps around 100 or more. These were all descendants of Jacob Kip and Maria de la Montagne, so they were all cousins. <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/jgm.cgi?op=REG&db=delamontagne&id=I00007> Eventually this will all appear in an update to the Kip/Kipp Family in America file on my website (Mid to late December). [ca.geocities.com/ekipp@rogers.com](http://ca.geocities.com/ekipp@rogers.com)

19 Nov 2008

November 19th Movie in Ottawa & Research in Manhattan

We went to see the movie *Passendale* this afternoon. This was a break from doing genealogy. This is an excellent movie about the Canadian involvement in the First World War. It also has a good story line. I am currently working on the images we took on our last trip to Manhattan in October, where we visited the New York Public Library and the New York Historical Society again. I am trying to resolve a problem created by a book I saw at the New York Public Library. *The Chipp Family in England and America with Genealogical Tree*, by Charles Howard Burnett, Los Angeles, 1933. There is also a copy of this book in the Family History Library, Salt Lake City. The author connects the Chipp family to the Kip Family in America, however, on reviewing this connection with what I have in my Kip/Kipp Family in America Legacy file, the facts do not match. So obviously we need to do more work on this connection. I photographed some of the pages out of the book, but I do not remember seeing the pages of sources used. We have a Joseph Chipp (1749-1816) marrying an Elizabeth Kip (1749-1816). The problem is who are the parents of this Elizabeth Kip?

22 Nov 2008

November 22<sup>nd</sup> German Genealogy

While visiting on Long Island in October we took a couple of days and drove back up the Hudson River to Kingston, New York. We took a short side trip to Saugerties to revisit West Camp and the Palatine monument and plaque beside the Lutheran Church. We then cut across country to visit the church at Katsbaan. We have seen these many times on our Loyalist bus tours and whenever we are in the area. The plaque lists most of the Palatine families from 1709/10 who settled in the area. Two of my Palatine ancestors from this area are George Andreas Eligh (Ehlig) and his wife Anna Rosina Bender. The real reason for this side trip was to attend the Fall meeting of the Palatines to America New York Chapter ([www.palam.org](http://www.palam.org)) which was being held across the Hudson from West Camp at Germantown (East Camp). The speakers at his meeting were Rev. David Jay Webber who spoke on: *The Palatines of 1709-10: What They Left, What They Sought and What They Found* and *Researching the Palatines of 1709-10: Miscellaneous Observations and Suggestions* The second speaker was Leslie Albrecht Huber on: *Jumping Hurdles in German Research*. The third speaker was Tonya Frickey on: *The Palatine DNA Project* The New York Chapter

is hosting a Palatines to America Conference, probably at Newburgh, New York, June 18-20, 2010. More details to follow later. Also when we were on Long Island we attended a meeting of the German Genealogy Group ([www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org)) which generally holds its meetings at Hicksville. We only do this when one of their meetings happens to co-inside with one of our visits to the area. They usually have at least 100 people attending each meeting. Leslie Huber spoke there as well. She has an interesting web page at <http://www.understandingyourancestors.com/>

24 Nov 2008

November 24<sup>th</sup> Site of New City of Ottawa Archives

November 24<sup>th</sup> Ottawa Friday November 21<sup>st</sup> we attended an unveiling in the cool and windy Ottawa outdoors. The occasion was the unveiling of a sign to mark the future site of the City of Ottawa Central Archives and Ottawa Public Library Materials Centre. In attendance in some official capacity were Municipal Affairs Minister, Jim Watson, Ottawa Public Library Board Chair, Councillor Jan Harder, Community and Protective Services Committee Chair, Councillor Diane Deans and College Ward Councillor Rick Chiarelli representing the Mayor of Ottawa. Others in attendance were City Librarian, Barbara Chubb, John Heney and Paul Henry as well as representatives from the Ottawa Branch OGS, BIFHSGO and the Sir Guy Carleton Branch UELAC. My apologies for not naming everyone. The site is at the SW corner of Woodroffe Avenue and Tallwood Drive. There will be access from the Transitway which will be upgraded in that area as well.

29 Nov 2008

Long Island in October

Other things that we did while visiting on Long Island in October: We really like Jones Beach when there are no crowds, so we went walking on the 2 mile exercise boardwalk and also walked along the Ocean shore on several occasions. There are almost always waves coming in off of the Atlantic. Wave height is usually 2 to 3 feet. We spent part of one day at the Hayden Planetarium which is part of the Rose Center for Earth and Space at Central Park West and 81<sup>st</sup> Street. We had already seen the American Museum of Natural History but spent a few minutes looking at the African Animals section again. About mid afternoon we took time to wander through more of Central Park. Each time we go to Manhattan we try to see a different part of the Park. It is so huge that one cannot see it in a day, probably not even a week. It is

really easy to lose your way in the park so it is wise to obtain a map to follow. While in some places you cannot see the tall building in others you can see the tall building above the trees. I can see why New Yorkers like this park. We also had a guided tour of the New York Public Library Humanities Division, which is the building we visit to do our family research. Location is 42nd Street and 5th Ave. next to Bryant Park. Another day we visited Bowling Green and the bronze Bull, the Cunard Building, Castle Garden, Federal Hall the US Custom House (American Indian exhibits from the Smithsonian) the City Hall Park and walked the Brooklyn Bridge from one end to the other and back. That was a long day but all free except for transportation and lunch. After another day of research at the New York Public Library we walked to the Rockefeller Centre and noticed they had their skating pad in operation (mid October). While I probably would not want to live in New York City it is interesting to visit because there are so many things to see.

1 Dec 2008

November 28<sup>th</sup> Movie

Friday we went to see the latest James Bond movie, Quantum of Solace. We didn't find it as interesting as the previous one starring Daniel Craig, Casino Royal. All of the destruction and killing is part of action movies these days but the theme about governments plotting against each other to have access to oil and water was just a bit too believable. They brought in the US, Britain and even Canada. I sometimes watch Jimmy Kimmel Live and he had a good interview with Daniel Craig, who had his arm in a sling because he was recovering from arm surgery.

7 Dec 2008

DNA Meeting and Sir Guy Carleton Branch UELAC Christmas Luncheon Meeting

Sorry I have not posted all week! Forgot! Nov 29th we attended the DNA Special Interest Group meeting at the Library and Archives Canada. This is a small group of about 12 people who meet every couple of months to discuss their latest DNA findings. The group is sponsored by the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa (BIFHSGO). I run the Kip/Kipp DNA group on the FTDNA website. After that my wife and I attended the Christmas Luncheon Meeting of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. We had a nice hot lunch followed by a talk given by Fred Hayward, President of the United Empire Loyalists' association of Canada, about how we as Branch Members can promote our

UEL Heritage to our own families and to the public. About 37 people attended. One certificate was presented.

15 Dec 2008

My doings for the two weeks from Dec 7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>

Over the last two weeks I worked on the following: Ottawa Branch Ontario Genealogical Society advertising brochure for the Gene-O-Ram Conference to be held on March 27,28, 2009 in Ottawa. I also worked on The Royal Yorker, the newsletter of the St. Lawrence Branch United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. By Sunday I had completed the Ottawa Branch News for the Ottawa Branch Ontario Genealogical Society. All of these have been sent to the printers. I exercised on my elliptical training machine and did the basic session of Tae Bo a couple of times. I also walked every day and spent part of Tuesday and Thursday sorting books for the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada. I took the little dog Hogan for walks. Hogan goes wild when you ask him if he wants to go for a walk. He really loves sniffing and marking. The snow keeps him away from the light poles and fire hydrants but there are lots of snow clumps to work on. Hogan is a long haired Chihuahua. Sunday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> we received about 10 to 15 cm of snow. It was a bit windy in the afternoon as well. On Tuesday and Wednesday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> we received another 20 to 30 cm of snow. Wow! Got out the shovel and snow blower and made short work of it. This inspired me to get the skis out into the garage along with the snow shoes. So maybe this week I will get out and ski or snow shoe. All we need now is for the Rideau Canal to freeze so we can skate. As well I continue to scan my colour negatives from years past. I have scanned the years from 1975 to about 1995 over the past three years. I am working through another 60 page book which is about 1300 negatives. That leaves two books of about the same size to do. Then I turn to slides and B/W negatives from the 60s. A long process but easy to do while watching TV or a movie!

23 Dec 2008

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>

This last week I put together two documents on my Schultz family documenting my finds from our week long trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. I now have traced my Schultz line back to about 1775, when two months ago I could only go back to about 1830. Again this week has slipped by quickly and it seems like not

much got done. However, we did have to shovel a lot of snow and that takes energy. Also one of our children moved out of the house. At the same time the other one came back home to visit over the Christmas Holidays. I finally got back to working on my family lines and entering new data. This will go on hold for a couple of days now. I managed to get out walking a couple of times. We did some Christmas shopping. Merry Christmas to all

28 Dec 2008

Dec 28<sup>th</sup> – Winter/Sports/Christmas/Kip\_Kipp Family

Well, we just experienced another winter storm. It was not as bad as predicted. We did get some freezing rain and some rain. The temperature finally went above freezing Sunday afternoon for a few hours. This was long enough to salt the driveway and use a metal ice scrapper to remove the inch of ice. The wind that followed dried the laneway so we now have a solid non slippery surface to work with. Last week we went skiing once and snow shoeing twice. When it snows again we will resume our winter sport activities. We ate to much as usual for Christmas dinner followed by a couple of days of turkey and now a delicious turkey stew. We had two turkeys on hand so we will have turkey again on New Years day. Today I started back at my Kip/Kipp Family in America work. I am now working on books and other materials I photographed while in New York in October. We did research at the New York Public Library and the New York Historical Society. I may not update my online file until I have finished looking at all of the items I photographed from New York and our visit to the LDS Library in Salt Lake City. This will probably take a couple of months. I would also like to resume looking at the 1851 US Census and pulling out references for Kip and Kipp that I can match up with my file.

3 Jan 2009

Happy New Year

Jan 3rd 2009 Another year has started. Time really does seem to move quickly these days. We did have New Years dinner at our daughter's place. Had a good afternoon and evening. We took Hogan the dog for a walk along with his new brother Jackson. Haven't done much this week on genealogy. However, I did scan another 150 plus colour negatives. I am working towards digitizing my colour pictures from about 1975 to 2001, when I went digital. Jan 2nd my other daughter and I went cross

country skiing. Light snow and no sun. We did a round trip of about 7 km. I think we were both exhausted after that, but it was good.



26 Jan 2009

Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 2009 Opera and Genealogy

Saturday we went to see the Opera Orfeo Ed Euridici in HD at the Silver City cinema. This opera was written by von Glick. It is a classic about love conquering all! The production was done in a modern style. I am always amazed at how simple the settings at the Metropolitan Opera in NYC are sometimes and yet they seem appropriate for the opera. By the way this is a great way to see opera at a very reasonable price. The view is much better also as there are not heads in the way to block you view! I started back at genealogy again last week. Since we came back from New York City and Salt Lake City, I have worked through the following

references that contain tidbits about the Kip/Kipp families. 1) Society of Descendants of Johannes de la Montagne. [World Connect/Rootsweb] 2) The Demarest Family. Compiled by the Demarest Family Association. 1964. [FHL Salt Lake City] 3) 200th Anniversary of the First Reformed Dutch Church, Fishkill, New York. Sunday October Twenty-Second Nineteen Sixteen. Historical Address by Rev. Asher Anderson, D.D. and Fiftieth Anniversary Sermon of Rev. F.M. Kip, D.D. [NYHS] 4) [Family tree of the descendants of Benjamin Kipp, 1703-1782.] Large chart. [NYHS – CS71 .K572 no. 3] 5) Famous Families of New York. Historical and Biographical Sketches of Families which in successive generations have been identified with the Development of the Nation. By Margherita Arlina Hamm. Vol. 1. Heraldic Publishing Co., Inc. New York, NY. 1970. [NYPL] 6) Rivington's New York Newspaper. Excerpts from a Loyalist Press, 1773-1783. Compiled by Kenneth Scott. New York Historical Society, NY. 1973. [NYPL] 7) Prominent Families of New York. Being an account in biographical form of individuals and families distinguished as representatives of the social, professional and civic life of New York City. Revised edition. The Historical Company, New York. 1898. [NYPL] 8) Commemorative Biographical Record of Dutchess County, New York. Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens and of Many of the Early Settled Families. J.H. Beers & Co. Chicago. 1897. [FHL Salt Lake City] 9) Scrapbook of Dutchess County, NY People and Places. 1930-1960 with Index by Arthur C.M. Kelly. Kinship. [FHL Salt Lake City] 10) Dutchess County, NY Obituaries. 100 Years of Deaths Beginning 1849. With index by Arthur C.M. Kelly. [FHL Salt Lake City] 11) History of Dutchess County New York, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches. Some of its Prominent Men and Pioneers, by James H. Smith. Assisted by Hume H Cale and William E. Roscoe. Heart of the Lakes Publishing, Interlaken, NY, 1980. [FHL Salt Lake City] 12) The Chipp Family In England and America with Genealogical Tree. Also Historical and Genealogical Notes on Allied Families. By Charles Howard Burnett, author of Conquering the Wilderness. Los Angeles, 1933. [FHL Salt Lake City] I will comment on item 4 Family Tree Chart and item 12 the Chipp Family book in another blog. I am finding little pieces to add to the genealogy. It is really difficult to match families sometimes. There are certain names which do not match anything I have and I assume they belong to other Kipp families. I know that other Kipp families came to America later, i.e. the 1800s and settled in New York State.

1 Feb 2009

Jan 27, 2009 Skiing along the Ottawa River

The skiing on Tuesday was great. It was sunny with a bit of wind but not enough to freeze your face off. Here are a few snow pictures and the Ottawa River in winter.





7 Feb 2009

Feb 7, 2009 Some Kip/Kipp Family Problems

The Chipp Family In England and America with Genealogical Tree. Also Historical and Genealogical Notes on Allied Families. By Charles Howard Burnett, author of Conquering the Wilderness. Los Angeles, 1933. [FHL Salt Lake City] This is an interesting book as it connects the Chipp family with the Kip Family in America. The

author writes that Johannes Kip (1702- ) is married to Margriet Van Etten, widow of Cornelis Ennis, and had a daughter Elizabeth. Elizabeth Kip (1749-1816) married Joseph Chipp. Johannes is the son of Jacob Kip (1666-1753) and Rachel Swartwout. The Kip Family in America, by Frederic E. Kip. In the Kip Family in America p. 335, we have Jacob Kip (1666-1733) married to Rachel Swartwout. A son is Johannes Kip (1702 - ) who married Margriet Van Etten. One of their daughters is Elizabeth (1747 - ) who is probably married to Simon Van Etten. The problem here is that neither author has provided documentation to prove their statements. I would tend to side with the Kip Family in America, however, if anyone can provide documentation that will sort this out please contact me. [Family tree of the descendants of Benjamin Kipp, 1703-1782.] Large chart. [NYHS – CS71 .K572 no. 3] This is an interesting chart. However, it brings forward a problem which in my mind has not been adequately documented, and that is the problem of which Benjamin Kip(p) was married to Dorothy Davenport. A number of sources claim that Benjamin Kip (1714-1782), son of Jesse Kip and Maria Stevenson was the one. The chart mentioned above claims that Benjamin Kip (1703 - ) son of Johannes Kip and Catherine Kierstede was the one. This Benjamin had a twin sister Blandina. Please note here that Jesse and Johannes are brothers, sons of Jacob Hendricksen Kip and Maria de la Montagne. Both of these documents can be viewed at the New York Historical Society in Manhattan.

23 Feb 2009

Sorry I have not posted much for a few weeks. I hope to get back to Kip/Kipp genealogy soon. In the meantime here are a couple of winter photos for your enjoyment.

I include a photo taken on the Rideau Canal and a picture of our two grand dogs. I have been working on a few projects for the Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society, which have taken up my time.



1 Mar 2009

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I have just finished going through the following book: *Ancestors of American Presidents*, by Gary Boyd Roberts. 2009 Edition. New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Mass. 2009. If you have any New England ancestry, chances are you will have one or more ancestors in common with American Presidents. I find I now

have ancestors in common with 15 American Presidents: Washington, Van Buren, Fillmore, Lincoln, Grant, Hayes, Cleveland, Taft, Coolidge, Hoover, FDR, Nixon, Ford, Bush I and Bush II. All of these connections are from my mother's side of the family. The latest issue of the Record has two Kip(p) references (pages 38 and 59), both of which I have added to my Kip/Kipp genealogy. The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Vol. 140, No. 1, Jan, 2009. Marriages Recorded in the Register of the English Lutheran Church, New York City, 1794-1810 and Marriages from the Ladies' Monitor and The Weekly Visitor or Ladies' Miscellany, New York City, 1801-1803. Work on the Kip/(p) genealogy has been slow lately. Probably I will not be updating the file until May or June of this year. Web site: [ca.geocities.com/ekipp@rogers.com](http://ca.geocities.com/ekipp@rogers.com). On World Connect my Kip(p) stuff is identified with edwkipp8.

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22 Mar 2009

Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> Vacation

We have been away for two weeks and I have decided to provide an update on what we did.

March 5th we headed south to Long Island to visit our daughter who is teaching Library Science courses at Long Island University (Assistant Professor). On Friday the 6th we took a break and drove out to Jones Beach on the south shore of Long Island. This is a super beach with miles of sand, facing out onto the Atlantic. There are always waves present with a minimum wave height of about 1 foot.

We did the 2 mile boardwalk health walk round trip. That is 4 mile or about 6.6 km.



22 Mar 2009

Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> Manhattan

This day we took the Long Island Railroad into Manhattan. We then took the subway from Penn Station at 34th Street to 190 Street where we got off and walked several blocks to The Cloisters. The Cloisters is a division of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and it is located in Fort Tryon Park. The park looks like a great walking park and is probably very busy on summer weekends.

The Cloisters is devoted to the art and architecture of medieval Europe with items arranged in roughly chronological order from the Romanesque period (ca. AD 1000 to about 1150) and continues through the Gothic era about 1150 and ending with the last flowering of this style about 1520. The Cloisters was built about 1938. If you are ever in NYC this is worth seeing. Our admission fee included access to the main Metropolitan Museum of Art at 5th Avenue and 82nd Street. We have been there at least twice before. This time we decided to see the section devoted to European paintings. The Dutch and French paintings were very interesting. The Italian paintings were mostly religious but well done. I didn't like the Spanish paintings at all. The day was sunny and the temperature was about 60 F. Had to remove and carry my winter coat. Many New Yorkers were out in their shirt sleeves.



23 Mar 2009

Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> Manhattan again!

Monday we headed into Manhattan to see the American Museum of Natural History and the Rose Center for Earth and Space. At the latter we saw the presentation Cosmic Collisions in the Planetary Theatre. This was great! Had a short walk through Central Park on the way to the subway.



23 Mar 2009

Wednesday March 11th Garden City, Long Island

Today we decided to stay on Long Island. We visited the Cradle of Aviation Museum located in Garden City. This is an excellent aviation museum. It exposes one of the best kept secrets of Long Island and that is that there was a huge industry related to aviation on the Island for most of the 1900s. This is where Charles Lindbergh took off from on his momentous flight across the Atlantic. Many airplane manufacturers set up shop here. A lot of the manufacturing of the early space capsules and landing vehicles

was also done here. The old Roosevelt Field is now located under a huge shopping mall of the same name.

We also watched an I-Max moved on Dinosaurs. This was very good and the animations were a bit scary at times.



25 Mar 2009

Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> Manhattan

Today we visited the Morgan Library and Museum at 225 Madison Avenue at 36th Street. This collection was started by Pierpont Morgan, one of the greatest financiers of America in the late 1890s and early 1900s. The collection includes drawing, prints, printed books and bindings, Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts, music manuscripts and Ancient near Eastern Seals and tablets. We did a quick tour and took the guided tour of his library. My daughter and I are both librarians and my wife is interested in books. If allowed we could have spent days looking over the collection!



We then walked over to the UN complex at 1st Avenue between 42nd and 46th Streets. We made it in time to get into the building but missed out on the guided tour. While there we saw an exhibit on the Holocaust. Just across the street is the Swords into Ploughshares Monument.



27 March 2009

## Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> Manhattan Kip's Bay Brewery



This was another Manhattan day for my wife and I. We took the LIRR to Penn Station and then walked along 34th Street to 1st Avenue. My quest was to locate the location of the Kip's Bay Brewery. I had found a website called Forgotten New York which said the building was at 1 st Avenue between 37 and 38 Street. The building on the block would seem to be from the mid to late 1800s time period. It almost looks like there are two slightly different buildings attached. Not sure which is the correct one or maybe both are. Anyways this is the location which I had read about from several sources. There are no plaques on the building and there are several business located there. We also walked by 2nd Avenue and 35th Street, which is the location of the Kip house before it was demolished about 1851.



For the remainder of the day we walked further to 42nd Street and 5th Avenue to visit the New York Public Library and have lunch in Bryant Park. It was a bit cool that day but we ate lunch and enjoyed the sun with a few others. We did a few hours of family

research in the Irma and Paul Milstein Division of United States History, Local History and Genealogy. We took a few images also with our digital cameras.

28 Mar 2009

Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> Manhattan

This was our last day in Manhattan before heading home. I wanted to look at a book which was located in the Butler Library at Columbia University at 116th Street and Broadway.



So again this required a ride on the LIRR and the subway. When we arrived we discovered it was school break week at Columbia University and they said the library was closed to outside people for the week. We prevailed and they finally told us how we could get a pass. We followed their direction and were soon able to access the stacks which are open stacks. This required that we visit the branch of the New York Public Library which was two blocks away and use our NYPL Access cards to get a permission paper which we took back to Columbia and they gave us one day passes.



The book I wanted to see was “Index to Abstracts of the Title to The Kip’s Bay Farm by John J. Post of the New York Bar. New York. 1896.” While this book appears to be held by many libraries, they usually only have the first 15 to 20 pages which contain family genealogy. The book itself was prepared as a sort of semi-legal document outlining all of the land transfers and sales between about 1671 and about 1850. There are lots of relationships mentioned and someday it may be useful to read through the three volume set and make an index of names. After the library we walked a few blocks and visited Grant’s Tomb which is run by the United States Federal Parks Service. We then walked through part of Riverside Park on our way to Broadway and 112th Street to see Tom’s Restaurant (Seinfeld Series).

After that we took the subway to lower Manhattan at Fulton Street. We walked one block to John Street and visited the John Street Methodist Church which is a historic site relating the beginnings of Methodism in the United States through Philip Embury and Barbara Heck. They have an interesting museum with some old artifacts. From there we walked by St. Paul’s Chapel, The World Trade Center site, which is under construction and then walked through Trinity Church graveyard which happened to be open to the public. A couple of famous people buried there are Alexander Hamilton and Robert Fulton.



We then walked to the end of the island near Battery Park and took a free ride on the Staten Island Ferry. We had a good look at the Statue of Liberty in the daylight for a change. That made a full day so we headed back to Long Island to relax and pack the next day for our trip home. The next day we took a 10 and one half hour drive back to Canada.

29 Mar 2009

Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>

This last week has been a bust other than posting what we did in New York. Both my wife and I caught a really bad cold virus which has kept us quiet for the week. It is still not over. I did my volunteer work with the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada on Tuesday and then did almost nothing the rest of the week except cough, sit, rest and read. I read a book called *Ex Libris* by Ross King. Sort of a mystery odyssey set in the 17th Century. A good read with lots of historical facts etc.!

Saturday we turned the lights off for Earth Hour. Also on Saturday I ventured out for a few hours to attend one lecture at the Gene-O-Rama Conference. This is a genealogy conference put on by the Ottawa Branch Ontario Genealogical Society, of which I am a member. I have been involved in the organization of Gene-O-Rama for over 10 years and I was sorry to miss most of it because of the bad cold virus. [www.ogsottawa.on.ca](http://www.ogsottawa.on.ca). It looked like a success again this year with over 200 registrants.

20 Apr 2009

Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>

I see it has been almost three weeks since I last posted. No excuse for that! I have not done much since then on the Kipp family. The last week has been taken up with two newsletters: The Royal Yorker Spring 2009 issue for the St. Lawrence Branch UELAC and the Ottawa Branch News for the Ottawa Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society. I have finally finished them and they will be printed and delivered shortly. Last Saturday we went to a rerun of the Metropolitan Opera HD series at our local Silver City. It was a very intense opera but the singing and acting were excellent. Since the snow has melted rather quickly I have been working on the spring cleanup of the gardens, including trimming the shrubs back so they don't take over. We have not had any rain for about three weeks either and it was beginning to look like a drought. Tonight it has finally started to rain. That should green up the lawn a bit and help things grow.

25 Apr 2009

Saturday April 25, 2009

Well the week has just slipped by again. Tuesday I did a little volunteer work at the book sorting facility for the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada. This is my weekly volunteer activity other than the genealogy groups I work with. We continue to walk daily sometimes up to 8 or 9 km. Occasionally we also go for a bike ride. Friday we rode about 14 km and today we did 17 km round trip. I think we were both a bit tired. Of course we had the grand dogs over today as well and took them for a walk. So I guess we really are tired. I am trying to get back to work on the documentation I collected at the FHL in Salt Lake City. I went onto Ancestry.com yesterday and looked at the New Jersey Marriages for Kip and Kipp. I am working through them and finding that I already have most of them. I am also starting to work on the 1850 US Census again for Kip and Kipp. This is a little tedious trying to match names with names in my database. Tonight we had a wicked wind storm go through our area followed by a little thunder storm and some rain. The temperature went up to about 28 C today in Ottawa.

26 Apr 2009

Sunday April 26, 2009

I have been reading a couple of books over the past several weeks: Eleanor of Aquitaine. A biography, by Marion Meade. 1977. The historical facts of Eleanors life and marriage to Louis VII of France and Henry II of England are woven into an interesting history. It is just as good or better than any modern soap opera. The Illustrated History of Britain, by Sir George Clark. 1983. This is a summary of British history interspersed with some interesting images. Today I did more cleanup on the garden and lawn. Put out another 4 bags for recycling. We did a shorter walk today of about 4 km. I was still a bit tired after the 17 km bike ride on Saturday. Did a bit more work on the New Jersey Marriages. Colonial Era, 1665-1800 from Ancestry.com. I added a reference for a couple of marriages.

4 May 2009

Monday May 4, 2009

Over the last few weeks I have read a couple of interesting books. Eleanor of Aquitaine, a biography, by Marion Meade. Hawthorne Books, Inc., New York. 1977. Eleanor was the wife of Louis VII of France and Henry II of England. The biography is told from her point of view which is quite interesting and different from the "kingly" point of view. Her children in particular by Henry II turned out to be reasonably influential, Richard the Lion Heart, and his brother King John. Grandchildren included Otto, Holy Roman Emperor, Louis VII and Louis IX of France and Henry III of England. The Illustrated History of Britain, by Sir George Clark. British Heritage Press, New York. 1984. This is a brief history with the text divided into eras. Lots of images. I have restarted my project of looking at the Kip and Kipp entries in the 1850 US Census and trying to match them with my Kip Family in America Legacy genealogy file. This is really difficult to do and the success rate does not seem to be high. Sunday we went to the spring meeting of the St. Lawrence Branch United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada meeting near Williamstown, Ontario. It was a great afternoon for weather. We had a pot luck lunch and then a talk about a tour to England, France and Belgium to visit sites where the Glengarry regiments (Eastern Ontario) had fought during the Second World War.

10 May 2009

New York City May 7 to 10<sup>th</sup>

Thursday We travelled by VIA Rail from Ottawa to Montreal and then took Amtrack to New York City. This is a 16 hour trip. Plus we then had to take the LIRR to Mineola

on Long Island. Friday We stayed home and late in the afternoon drove out to Jones beach on the Atlantic side of Long Island. It is about a 20 minute drive. Jones Beach is a great place to walk on the 2 mile boardwalk. The beach is great also. They are getting ready for the Memorial Day weekend as they have put out a few thousand wire garbage containers. It is always interesting to walk along the seashore edge and watch the waves roll in. Saturday We went into Manhattan on the Long Island Railroad and viewed the Frick Collection at 5th Avenue and 71st Street. This is a fabulous painting collection from the Frick family who were into Steel production. Lots of old masters paintings. This is worthwhile seeing. It was warm and humid and there were lots of people out in Central Park just strolling and taking in the almost summer like air. We walked around Central Park for about an hour. One item we noticed was the pond called Conservatory Water. People were sailing minature sailboats on the pond. There was a guy there renting the model boats. Everyone seemed to be having fun. Sunday Today we went for a drive across Long Island towards New York. We traveled into Brooklyn on the Belt Parkway past JFK and then took the Varrezano Narrows Bridge to Staten Island. The idea of the trip was to visit Historic Richmond Town on Staten Island. A few of my Huguenot Ancestors lived there in the early 1700s. Their surnames were Perlier, Renaud and Rezeau. It took use about 1 1/2 hours to get there. We thought the return journey would be longer but it only took an hour. Heavy traffic both ways but not to bad a drive. We had a guided tour and since it was Mother's Day my wife got in free. The tour guide was great but the historic village itself was just OK. Maybe I have seen too many of them. Anyway, we did see inside the Voorlezer's House built c. 1695, where some of my Rezeau ancestors lived later in the 1700s. The Staten Island Historical Society has a room there as well. I will have to write them and see if I can gets copies of some baptisms and marriages from their records. The weather today was sunny but rather cool due to a strong west wind.

15 May 2009

New York City May 11 to 15

Monday Today we stayed around Mineola and did some book packing for the move. Early evening we went for a drive to Jones Beach and walked the 2 mile health walk on the boardwalk. The wind was cold but we survived. Did some work on collecting pictures for possible use at the CISTI reunion in June. CISTI is where I used to work and this year the current building is 35. We walked about 11.3 km. Tuesday We all went into Manhattan and spent the day visiting the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

We spent most of our time in the Egyptian Art wing and viewing the Temple of Dendur. We had lunch about 2:30 pm and then went through Medieval Art, European Sculpture and Decorative Arts and ended with the Arms and Armour exhibit. Very interesting. We have visited this Museum several times and still have not been around to all of the exhibits. Leaving the museum we walked across Central Park by the obelisk, the Great Lawn and Belvedere Castle to catch the Subway to Penn Station. We walked about 14.7 km. Wednesday Today Margaret and I went into Manhattan and spent the afternoon visiting the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum. We viewed all of the decks that were open and also walked through the Concorde. The Intrepid is one massive beast. We both sat in the Captains chair. It would be like driving a city block. We walked about 13.70 km. Thursday Today we essentially did nothing. I started reading the book Deception Point by Dan Brown. This is a really fast moving thriller as well. The weather was a bit damp so we didn't go for a long walk. In the evening we went to the AMC theatre and saw the new Star Trek movie. It was full of action. I found it a bit odd, because the graphics which are quite different than any used in the other Star Trek series. Total walk for the day about 7 km. Friday Today we stayed on Long Island. Margaret and I took a drive towards Huntington on the Long Island Sound side of the Island. At Huntington we visited The Heckscher Museum of Art and park. The art collection was good but small. We viewed some art by April Gronik. The park was quite interesting also. We noted where the Huntington Historical Society was but it wasn't open. In Huntington we found the Nathan Hale memorial and also an historic local cemetery dating back to the Revolution. We then drove further north on Route 110 towards the sound and stopped at Halesite, where we talked briefly to couple of volunteer firemen about historic sites and looked at the harbour. We drove a bit further looking for the Nathan Hale marker on the sound but didn't find it. Another time! In the evening we did a 3 km walk in Eisenhower Park at Garden City. Continued reading Deception Point and hope to finish it tonight. Total walk for the day about 9 km.

18 May 2009

Saturday/Sunday/Monday May 16-18

Saturday we stayed in Mineola and packed more items for the move. We had a fog bank pass over us late in the afternoon. Very damp and humid in Mineola. Finished reading Deception Point today. Great book a real thriller. Walked about 6 km.

Sunday we headed out from Long Island about 9 am. We had a nice uneventful drive

and arrived in Ottawa about 8 pm. It is nice to be home. Walked about 7 km.

Monday We were lucky to have some food in the freezer and some fresh asparagus from our garden to eat. We forgot that being a holiday there were not supermarkets open. It's a good thing some of the drug store carry some food! Walked about 10 km.

21 May 2009

May 19-21 Orleans

Tuesday My wife and I went with the Friends of Library and Archives Canada for a tour of the Gatineau Preservation Centre. The tour was about two hours long and included a look at the building structure plus tours to several of the storage vaults including one containing historical paintings and portraits. We were shown several miniature portraits including a very small locket portrait of a member of the Mohawk Valley Claus family. This is a great tour. We also restocked our food supplies after being away for a few days. Walked about 7.4 km. Wednesday We did a bit of shopping today. We watched two issues of session 3 of JAG. Walked about 8.7 km.

Thursday Today was a very warm day 26 deg C. Jim and I went for our morning walk in Orleans along with a stop at the local Drug store to pick up a birthday card. After that my wife and I went for an 11 km bike ride on the bike path along the Ottawa River. In the afternoon I went into my former work place to visit for a while and drop ofc a CD of most of the pictures I took at work over the 29 years I was there. On my way back home I bought some local asparagus which we had for supper. Later in the afternoon we went to see Angels and Demons at the movie theatre. The movie plot was quite similar to the book with some differences. In general it was a good action movie. Worth watching! Walked about 8 km.

28 May 2009

Orleans May 22-28

May 22 Got started gardening today. Bought some black earth to mix in before planting. Finished a book called The Spanish Doctor, by Mat Cohen, who is a Canadian. It took a bit of effort to get into the book but once it got going the plot was good. It is a story of the Jews in the late 1300s and early 1400s in Spain and France. Walked about 9.2 km. May 23 Did some gardening today. I need to plant next week, so that means going to a garden centre to buy some plants. Continued to wage war on the dandelions and plantains in the lawn. My wife and oldest daughter walked the 10K Marathon for Race Weekend here in Ottawa. We had our youngest

daughter and fiancée and their dogs over for supper tonight. Walked about 7.5 km. Sunday to Thursday May 24-28 Sunday my youngest daughter ran the Ottawa Marathon and finished. The week has gone fast and I don't seem to have accomplished much. We are working on a talk I am given at the Ottawa Branch OGS on June 16th. Title: Finding My American Ancestors. Monday I spread some black earth on the gardens and then roto-tilled the ground again. We went and bought some plants at the garden centres. I planted about seven new perennials. Walked about 9 km. Today Thursday and last night it is raining. During a break in the clouds I managed to plant most of the annuals. So I won't have to water much. This week we have been watching issues of All Creature Great and Small, James Herriot. Walked about: Tuesday 9 km. Wednesday 5 km. Thursday 6 km.

29 May 2009

May 29

Friday Today went fast as well. We looked in on the dogs about noon and took them for an outing in the rain. They were really happy to see us and a bit sad to see us leave. We dried them off with towels. We spent a hour or so working on my talk for June 16th on Finding My American Ancestors. Finished a rough draft of the ancestors section. Now we work on the resources section and then some slides. Then I need to pare it down to about an hour. Today we set up a new web page using our shared domain name. The new web URL is: [www.kipp-blake-families.ca/](http://www.kipp-blake-families.ca/) My section is up and running. My wife will update her part on Saturday. The reason we are doing this is that Rogers is phasing out our web pages on Yahoo sometime this year. They are also making it difficult to update those pages. We watched more issues of JAG Season three. Walked about 8 km.

8 Jun 2009

May 30 to June 7

Saturday May 30 We visited Cumberland Village Museum at Cumberland, Ontario east of Ottawa, because there was a special steam and country show taking place. Haven't been there for years. The country show was a bit weak but the village was interesting enough. We watched them cutting logs with an old saw mill set up. We also watch teams of horses pulling a dead weight on a sled. They were up to 6500 pounds when we left and they were about to increase the weight to 8000 pounds. Sunday and Monday May 31 & June 1 went quickly. I was tired so didn't get much

done. I almost finished planting the garden. Of course all last week it was wet and cold from the rain. Monday I got the tires replaced on the van. Tuesday June 2 I did my days work sorting books for the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada. After getting home I cut the lawn and then did some weeding in the flower beds. I can now plant the rest of my annuals. I am almost done hand weeding the lawn as well. Walked 10 Km. Wednesday June 3 walked about 6.9 km. Thursday June 4 This week we finished off season two of All Creatures Great and Small, James Harriott. Walked about 8.5 km. Friday June 5 I went to a 35th Anniversary get-together at my former place of work, the Library (CISTI) at NRC here in Ottawa. It was nice to see some of the people I used to work with. We continued to watch season three of JAG. Walked about 12.7 km. Saturday June 6 I went for a walk in the Gatineau hills with my daughter and one of her friends and their dogs. It was a good walk. We walked about 6km. Got rid of some surplus household items at the Ottawa give-away day. Walked a total of 11.5 Km during the day. Sunday June 7 I reseeded a patch of the front lawn that had been winter killed. Walked about 10.5 km.

15 Jun 2009

June 8 to 14

Monday June 8 Did some tidying up around the yard to get ready to go away for a few days. Had car repaired. Walked 10.4 km. Tuesday June 9 Left about mid afternoon by car for Toronto. Arrived at motel about 9 pm. Walked 4 km. Wednesday June 10 Attended the Launch of the Canadian Census records and index for 1851 to 1916 at the Ontario Heritage Centre on Adelaide Street. It was a good event with a chance to meet some friends. Ancestry.ca always put on a good lunch. In the afternoon we toured the Royal Ontario Museum. They have really changed this place for the better. Walked 11.4 km. Thursday June 11 We spent the day researching at the Archives of Ontario. The new facility at York University is really nice and the equipment is really up-to-date. We enjoyed the day and made a few discoveries. Had supper at Perkins near our motel. Walked 5 km. Friday June 12 We spent most of the day again researching at the Archives of Ontario. I looked at the Township Papers for the first two concessions of my home townships of Blenheim, Oxford County and Burford, Brant County. We left Toronto about 4 pm and because of traffic problems did not arrive in Brantford, Ontario until 7 pm. Three hours on the road which should have taken about an hour. Walked about 9 km. Saturday June 13 Today was the day of the Public School reunion in Princeton, Ontario. We started off the day by visiting the Congregational Cemetery in Burford, Ontario and taking the

GPS readings on several family related tombstones. After that we did the same thing at the Harley, Ontario Cemetery. We then headed for Princeton where we visited family plots. Then we were off downtown for a quick driving tour. We parked at the school and took a short walk to visit a friend and then it was time for the big event. It started off slow but by mid afternoon there were crowds of people registering. Estimates are that about 500 or so came. I saw quite a few people that I knew, some I recognized some not without their name tag. The beef BBQ was great and the beef was quite tender. I had watched it cooking earlier in the day. Walked about 11.6 km. Sunday June 14 We had the Sunday Brunch at the Motel and then did a 15 minute walk to get the body exercised before we left Brantford. The trip went well with no blockages on the 403 or 401. Near Gananoque we saw a vehicle fire in the other lane of the 401. Sort of exciting with lots of fire trucks etc. Arrived home about 3:30 pm. Went for a walk this evening. Considering that we drove for about 6 and 1/2 hours today we walked about 10 km.

22 Jun 2009

June 15 to 21

Monday Waited around for the AC guy to come and check over our air conditioner. Check was OK. Did some gardening. Read over and edited my talk for Tuesday evening. Watched some more JAG. Walked about 10 km. Tuesday Went over my talk for this evening a couple of times. The talk was titled "Finding My American Ancestors." I selected about six different families who had some unusual family history and talked about them. I finished up with some comments on various archives and libraries we visited. My wife ran the slides for me. She also helped prepare the talk. Walked about 9 km. Wednesday Sort of a relaxing day. We went shopping at the Bulk Barn and Canadian Tire. I did some more gardening including making additional wire cages to keep the bunnies from eating all of the plants. Watched a couple of issues of JAG. Walked about 8 km. Thursday Cloudy and damp today. Again did some gardening before the rain took over. Watched more JAG. Walked about 9 km. Friday Went and sat in the urgent care clinic for 2 1/2 hours. One of my ears has been blocked for about two weeks. So I finally found time to use Murine and went to get it flushed out professionally. I sure can hear better now. Finally got around to working on the Kip Family in America file again. I am working on matching the Kip/Kipp families in the 1850 US Census with my file. Not an easy task. Walked about 8 km. Saturday Had the dogs over a good part of the day. Daughters took us out for dinner tonight for father's day. Nice touch. Walked about 6 km.

Sunday Finally got around to cleaning the house. Very humid today. The AC came on. Watched more JAG season 4. Walked about 8.6 km.

29 Jun 2009

June 22 to 28

Monday Start of a hot and humid week. Continued to work on the 1850 US Census for Kip and Kipp. Biked 13 km. Walked 8.5 km. Tuesday Very hot today. Did my volunteer work at the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada. They had an outdoor book sale under the shade trees. Watched more JAG. Watched a movie in the evening, Valkyrie, with Tom Cruise. Walked 13 km. Wednesday Very hot today. Did some weeding and gardening early. Took the chain saw to a tree stump. Hard and hot work. This will take a few days. Watched more JAG. Watched a movie, Brideshead Revisited. Went shopping and bought a new fan to help circulate the air from the AC. A very modern fan with a remote. It moves a lot of air. Walked 9.5 km. Thursday Very hot today. Did some weeding and gardening early. Had to put up a few more bunny barriers this week in the garden. There is an adult and a young bunny eating off of our garden. We have to put wire cages over some rows to allow the plants to grow big enough so that we can all share in the produce. Continued to work on the 1850 US Census for Kip and Kipp. Walked about 4 km. Friday Another hot day. Watched the third movie that we had rented, Flawless. We had our youngest daughter and fiancée and their two dogs over for dinner. We managed to get some fresh local strawberries this morning. When we got to the stand about 11 am we discovered a long line up waiting to get strawberries which were not yet there. It was worth the wait but a bit expensive. Walked about 10 km. Saturday Another hot day with a little rain. Did a bit more gardening to get rid of weeds. Worked on the tree stump with the chain saw again. This will probably take about two more sessions. We went for a 16 km bike ride in the morning. The previous days it was too hot to do this. Watched more JAG season 4. Walked about 8.5 km. Sunday It rained in the evening, after I had spread my lawn fertilizer. Watched the more recent Untouchables movie on TV. Continued to work on the 1850 US Census for Kip and Kipp. I did a lot of scanning today. I am trying to finish the scanning of all of our photo negatives. The colour are done except for a few strays here and there, which I will do as I find them. I am working on a book of BW negatives and should be done with that by the end of July. In the fall I will start on my colour slides. We just bought a small scanner which will do a good job on the slides. Biked about 20 km. Walked about 5 km.

3 Jul 2009

### Kip/Kipp Family DNA Project

If you are a Kip or Kipp male you can order a Y-DNA test by clicking on The Kip/Kipp Family in North America on my web pages. [www.kipp-blake-families.ca/edwardmain.htm](http://www.kipp-blake-families.ca/edwardmain.htm) Go to The Kip/Kipp Family Y-DNA Project and click on Click here to join the Surname Project Edward Kipp Group Administrator my blog: <http://kipkipfamilyinamerica.blogspot.com/> ----- Forwarded Message -----  
From: Bennett Greenspan To: ekipp@rogers.com Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2009 5:33:46 PM Subject: Family Tree DNA - Y-DNA37 for \$119 Dear Group Administrator This message has the double purpose of thanking you, and announcing a July offer. So, first, let me thank you for helping us make our recent Y-37+mtDNA sale the most successful in the history of Family Tree DNA. While our lower Y-DNA37 prices combined with the free mtDNA test played an important role in this success, your efforts had a significant impact in this achievement, which made some projects increase their membership by a two-digit number. The many Group Administrators that used our BULK E-MAIL system saw how easy and good of a tool it can be to inform your group members of the sale. We encourage those who did not make use of this tool, to use it and see the difference that it can make. We expect that the kits will begin to be returned for processing this week and that results will start being delivered to your project by the end of July or early August. In light of this success and in conjunction with many reunions or events where one of us will be speaking, including the Clans Gathering 2009 and the Highland Games in Scotland, we have decided to offer for the month of July a variation of our recent promotion: Y-DNA37 – promotional price \$119 (reg. price \$149) Y-DNA67 – promotional price \$199 (reg. price \$238) mtDNAPlus – promotional price \$119 (reg. price \$149) These are the best prices, marker for marker, of any company in the market. IMPORTANT: since this promotion will run through the month of July, we encourage you to spread the word starting now, as the natural tendency is for people to order at the last minute, and we will not extend it beyond this month. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to the sustained growth of the Family Tree DNA matching database. Bennett Greenspan President [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com) 713-868-1438  
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5 Jul 2009

June 29 to July 5

Monday Rained last night. The day gradually improved with some sun in the afternoon. We then had a fairly heavy rain shower in the early evening. I decided to exercise on the elliptical machine today. So I did 20 minutes. It felt good, since I haven't done that now for almost 4 months. We went over to our daughter's place for supper. Good chicken supper! Did some more negative scanning today. This is moving along nicely. Also continued work on Kipp families in the 1850 US Census. Walked 5.8 km. Tuesday A variable weather day, cloud, rain and sun. Did my work at the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada. Scanned more negatives. Watched a movie on TV, Strategic Air Command, starring James Stewart and June Allyson. Great movie if you like to watch airplanes flying! Walked 10 km. Wednesday Another variable weather day, more cloud, rain and sun. Canada Day! 142 years old! We basically decided to do nothing today. My daughter and I visited the National Air Museum for a couple of hours and that was it. Our local TV stations decided not to cover the fireworks on the Hill, which was disappointing. Scanned more negatives. Also finished off season 4 of JAG. Walked 9 km. Thursday/Friday/Saturday Weather was variable all three days. Cloudy with rain anytime. Started to clear Saturday so cut the grass in the afternoon. Watched more JAG. Since the next Harry Potter movie is due out soon we watched the video for the last one, Harry Potter and The Order of the Phoenix. We will then read the next book Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince before we see the movie. Walked 5.6 km; 6.7 km; 8.5 km. Biked about 13 km on Saturday. Sunday Weather was better today, sunny and warm. Scanned more negatives. Watched more JAG from Season 4. It doesn't look as if I will get any more done on the Kipps in the US 1850 Census now until August. So there will not be an update to my files until September or October. I have two newsletters that I need to work on over the next few weeks and I will also be watching the Tour de France on TV. Biked 21 km. Walked 8.6 km.

14 Jul 2009

July 6 to 12

I have been trying to work on my two newsletters with some success. I have spent a couple of hours working on the Kipp names in the 1850 US Census. I have also been working on creating a file of captions for the last two batches of B/W negatives I scanned. The captions are already hand written but need to be typed into a word file next to the corresponding file name of the scanned image. Monday Walked 10.6 km. Tuesday Walked 7.1 km. Wednesday We watched two movies: The Dutchess which is based on the life of the Dutchess of Devonshire and The Librarian: Curse of the Judas

Chalice. The three Librarian movies are fun adventure. Sort of like the Indiana Jones of the information world. Walked 8.7 km. Thursday Cut the grass and did some gardening. Watched more JAG season 4. Walked 11.4 km. Friday Joined the new genealogy social networking site called GenealogyWise. [www.genealogywise.com](http://www.genealogywise.com) We started watching season 5 of JAG. Biked 10.5 km. Walked 4.7 km. Saturday Everything was rained out for the day, although we did get in a short half hour walk later in the day. Walked 6.7 km. Sunday The weather turned out better today. It was supposed to be sunny all day but it clouded in. We did get to Upper Canada Village and walked around the encampment and looked at sutlers row. We also visited at the St. Lawrence Branch United Empire Loyalists' booth. We then attended the War of 1812 Grand Tactical reenactment. It was a great show this year. They didn't do a particular battle but did display costumes of the period along with battle tactics etc. The Crown forces won! Walked 10 km.

2 Aug 2009

July 13 to 19

Sorry! I haven't posted for two weeks. We have been travelling. Monday Started reading Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. Walked 11.6 km. Tuesday Volunteer work sorting books at the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada. Walked 9.4 km. Wednesday Finished reading Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. Hope the movie is as good as the book. Worked on The Royal Yorker summer newsletter for the St. Lawrence Branch UELAC. Our daughter and her fiancée brought their two dogs over tonight for a visit. Watched more JAG season 5. Walked 8 km. Thursday Cut the grass. Watched more JAG season 5. Walked 9 km. Friday Finished watching Season 5 of JAG. Biked 13.6 km. Walked 6.8 km. Saturday Started drive to Fort Wayne, Indiana, by driving our daughter to London, Ontario. She is to defend her PhD thesis next week. Walked 7.1 km. Sunday Left London, Ontario about 11:45am and drove through Michigan via Sarnia and arrived in Fort Wayne, Indiana about 6:15 pm. Had a wait of about 50 minutes at the border. Socialized a bit at the Rathbun Family reunion. Walked 5.7 km.

2 Aug 2009

July 20 to 26

Needless to say, I have not had time to work on the Kip/Kipp family stuff for a while. Monday First full day of the Rathbun family reunion at Fort Wayne. We took a bus tour to Shipshewana which is a sort of commercialized Amish town. Lots of stores to shop in and lots of eating places. We visited a store called Yodders which has lots of interesting foods, including grain and grass fed beef, pork and lamb. The day was enjoyable. Our daughter Margaret defended her PhD thesis in information science successfully. So now we have two Dr. Kipps in the family. The third one will happen later but she will be a medical doctor. Walked 9 km. Tuesday Spent the day researching at the Allen County Public Library. They have lots of books and micro text to look at. Took a some images of books with the digital camera. I wouldn't go all the way to Fort Wayne just to use their library, but if you are going that way have a look in their catalogue to see what they might have that would assist your family research. Walked 7.5 km. Wednesday Visited the Cord-Auburn-Duesenberg museum at Auburn, Indiana. A great auto museum for cars of the 30's. This was the family banquet night and it went well. Prime rib for supper - delicious! Walked 7.4 km.



Thursday Drove from Fort Wayne to London to pick up our daughter Margaret, then we drove to Ottawa arriving about midnight. On the way we passed through some rain and watched a spectacular rainbow for perhaps half a hour as we drove along the 401 East of Belleville, Ontario. A very long day. Walked 4.3 km. Friday Rain, rain and more rain! The weeds are growing faster than the lawn. Walked 6.5 km. Saturday Did some catch up gardening and then relaxed bit. Walked 6.5 km. Sunday Took off from Ottawa headed for Mineola on Long Island. We decided to take a

different route this time because of the problems with the Cornwall border crossing. We headed south on 416 then west along 401 to the Hill Island/Alexandria Bay crossing. We stopped at Cicero, NY just above Syracuse, NY and had a delicious turkey dinner at Plainville Farms Restaurant. We then headed south on I-87 through Courtland to Binghamton, NY. We continued south through Scranton, PA where we hit about 20 miles of road construction. We thought this was bad! We then headed into New Jersey on route 80 where we hit more traffic. The best was yet ahead of us! When we were about 4 miles away from the George Washington bridge to Manhattan we came to a stop. The traffic was so bad that we took about two hours to get to the toll booths at the GW bridge. After getting through that we took about another hour in the rain and dark to get to Mineola where my daughter lived. We left about 9:30 in the morning from Ottawa and arrived in Mineola about 10 pm. A long trip! Walked 5.2 km.

4 Aug 2009

July 27 to Aug 2

Monday We continued packing our daughters household goods for her move. My wife had done most of this in May. Long Island was really hot and humid. Just a walk to the store a few blocks away was enough to make your cloths feel soaking wet. Walked 10.7 km. Tuesday Today after doing a few errands in the morning we went into Manhattan on the Long island Railroad for a final visit. We spent the afternoon in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. This place is a treasure! We did a quick tour of a number of areas in the museum which took us to closing time. We then did a short walk through Central Park and then took the subway back to Penn Station and a ride on the train back to Mineola. Walked 17.9 km. Wednesday We did the final packing for the move early in the morning. The movers arrived about 9:30 and they finished moving everything out by about 12:30. We then had lunch, did a bit of shopping and headed off to Kingston, New York for the night. Being late in the day to start off from Long Island we ran into traffic of course. Traffic is the normal way of life on the New York area! Arrived in Kingston, NY about 6:30 pm after a brief stop in New Paltz for a short walk on the Historic Huguenot Street. Had supper at Roudigans at the hotel and then the rain came down. It rained all night. The weather channel had even issued flash flood warnings for the area. Walked 11.3 km. Thursday It was sunny in the early morning. The day turned out to be great for travelling. We headed off from Kingston, New York about 11 am and headed north on I-87. We passed around Albany and got off I-90 at Amsterdam, NY. We then drove along route 5 N slowing to

look at Guy Park, Fort Johnson, the Montgomery County Courthouse in Fonda, NY, and Tribes Hill intersection. We turned off onto route 10 at Palatine Bridge and made a pass through my favourite NY town, Stone Arabia. We have visited the two churches in this tiny hamlet many times and the view of the Mohawk Valley is fabulous. We continued along 5 N through Nelliston passing by the Old Palatine Church, Fort Klock, the Nellis Tavern and the field where the Battle of Fort Klock took place. After that we continued along 5 N to Little Falls and past the Herkimer Home Historic Site where we got back on the freeway. The remainder of the trip was just a long drive, passing through Syracuse, Cicero and Watertown, New York. There was a slight delay at the Canadian border and then a dash for home arriving about 7:30 pm. We unpacked the van and then went grocery shopping to restock our empty refrigerator. Walked about 7.5 km. Friday Went to see Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince. Good movie. I still think you need to have read the book before watching so you know what is going on! Walked 5.3 km. Saturday Sunny and humid day. Did a bit of gardening and cut the grass. Biked about 15 km. Walked 6.3 km. Sunday Raining and humid today. Got out and fertilized the lawn. I know why fertilize, it just makes it grow. If I don't do it I end up with bags of spare fertilizer which I have to get rid off. We watched more JAG season 6. Finished one of my newsletters, The Royal Yorker, for the St. Lawrence Branch UELAC. Will mail it out next week. Walked 6.8 km.

10 Aug 2009

Aug 3 to 9

Monday This was the end of a holiday weekend in Ontario called the Civic Holiday. Monday August 3rd was Colonel By Day in Ottawa, a day to honour the builder of the Rideau Canal and the founder of Bytown which became Ottawa. We had a day of excellent weather for the celebration and lots of people turned out. My wife and I and our daughter Margaret went downtown and looked around at the exhibits around the Bytown Museum and then went for a walk along the path below Parliament hill. We ended up at the Library and Archives Canada building where we took in a couple of exhibits on Karsh and Living Sounds of the Inuit. We then viewed the Garden of the Provinces and the flower beds and headed back across Parliament Hill to the Col. By Day celebrations before having lunch in the Rideau Centre and then home. We watched more of JAG Season 6. Walked 12 km. Tuesday We spent three hours looking at microfilm at the local Family History Library in Ottawa. I am working on my two German families Schultz and Neumann. I borrowed

the Churchbooks from Schoenbeck and Staven in Mecklenberg-Strelitz, Germany and looked through one of them today. I found my Neumann family. Walked 4.1 km. Wednesday We spent another three hours looking at microfilm at the local Family History Library in Ottawa. I am working on my two German families Schultz and Neumann. Watched more JAG today. Worked on the next issue of the Ottawa Branch News for the OGS. It should be finished this weekend and then off to the printer next week. Walked 7.7 km. Thursday Today the weather started off OK then it rained around mid day then cleared up. Cold tonight. Just before the rain I finished cutting about half of the lawn. Watched more of JAG season 6 today. I did some more work on the Ottawa Branch News. Had our daughter, her fiancée and their two dogs over for supper. We had a nice BBQ. Biked 10.8 km. Walked 5.4 km. Friday Finished cutting the lawn. Watched more TV. Walked 6.3 km. Saturday Finished the next issue of the Ottawa Branch News. Went for a canoe ride at Petrie Island in the late afternoon. Spent about an hour at it. First time out this years so we didn't over do it. Watched more JAG Season 6. Started watching All Creatures Great and Small Season 3. Walked 5.9 km. Sunday Printed off a copy of the Ottawa Branch News for proofreading. Watched more All Creatures Great and Small Season 3. The heat and humidity are starting. Spent the afternoon driving to Morrisburg, Ontario for an executive meeting of the St. Lawrence Branch UELAC and driving back. Watched more All Creatures Great and Small Season 3. Walked 6.1 km. With the two newsletters finished I started working on my genealogy again. I plan to post updates to the Kip/Kipp Family in America soon.

16 Aug 2009

Aug 10 to 16

Monday Very hot and humid today. Didn't do much except go to the post office. I spent part of the afternoon working on the images taken last week for my Schultz and Neumann families. It is looking good. I need to order the Parish register film for Warlin next. Biked 14 km. Walked 4.5 km. Tuesday Very hot and humid today. Did a bit of work on my genealogy. Walked 4.6km. Wednesday Hot and humid today. Went canoeing this morning for about 2 hours at Petrie Island. Good trip. Worked on the Canadian Census on my Link family. Sent my Ottawa Branch News off to the printer. Watched a couple of issues of JAG Season 7. Walked 5.1 km. Thursday Very hot (30 deg C) today and humid. Did a couple of hours of gardening this morning. Stayed in this afternoon and finished watching All Creatures Great and Small Season 3. Drove my wife to the Family History Library to look at Microfilm. Did some

searching of the 1861 Canadian Census to fill in sources for my Kipp and Link families. Walked 6.6 km. Friday Very hot (30 deg C) today and humid. More gardening in the morning. Stayed in this afternoon and finished watching All Creatures Great and Small the movie. Watched more JAG Season 7. Did some searching of the 1861 Canadian Census to fill in sources for my Kipp families. Biked 12.5 km. Walked 7.8 km. Saturday Very hot (32 deg C) today and humid. Painted the front porch today. Added a bit of silica to the paint to try and make the porch less slippery in wet and icy weather. In the afternoon painted the picnic table. Did some searching of the 1861 Canadian Census to fill in sources for my Kipp families. Watched about 5 issues of JAG season 7. Walked 3.8 km. Sunday Very hot (35 deg C) today and humid. Watched more of JAG season 7. They are into Afghanistan stuff (first time around). Biked 13.2 km early this morning. This has not been a good week for walking, unless you do it first thing in the morning. Walked 4.6 km.

23 Aug 2009

Aug 17 to 23

Monday Watched a movie, "Knowing" with Nicholas Cage. Biblical references are very strong. Walked 7.6 km. Tuesday Finished watching Season 7 of JAG. The last for issues were all about Afghanistan. Walked 5.1 km. Wednesday Went canoeing today at Petrie Island, east of Ottawa. The weather was good in the morning. Watched a movie, "Archangel" with Daniel Craig. Walked 6.4 km. Thursday Weather cloudy and a bit of rain. The morning started off cool. Had a brief thunderstorm overnight. Fortunately Ottawa did not receive the bad weather that had passed over Southern Ontario. Biked 11.6 km today. Walked 3.9 km. Friday Got up at 5:15 this morning to take our oldest daughter to the airport. Way too early but a good morning. We waited until she was through US Customs and then headed home to get ready for the party tonight. We are having a small engagement party for our youngest daughter. Home by about 10 p.m. Zonked! Went for a bike ride of 12 km. Walked 6.3 km. Saturday Still humid today. Spent the day setting up a new desktop computer for my wife. This is her first new desktop. Biked 12.6 km. Walked 5.1 km. Sunday Today my wife and I spent about four hours with our daughter and her fiancée and their two dogs learning how to control them and their barking. This was a company called Bark Busters. The guy was good. His technique worked on both dogs. Now we have to practice daily until it becomes second nature to us. So now we are trained!! Watched a couple of issues of All Creatures Great and Small Season 4. This was not a good week for genealogy. Walked 7.5 km.

31 Aug 2009

Aug 24 to 30

Monday Started watching Season 4 of All Creatures Great and Small. Biked 10.5 km. Walked 6.9 km. Tuesday My wife and I made a batch of Fruit Chili Sauce today. We have lots of tomatoes this year due to the excessive rain in June and July. The recipe is one that my grandmother Kipp used to make and my mother made it as well. It is an excellent product. Watched more of Season 4 of All Creatures Great and Small. Walked 11 km. Wednesday Much cooler today. My wife and I made a second batch of Fruit Chili Sauce today. Watched more of Season 4 of All Creatures Great and Small. Walked 8 km. Thursday Sunny and cool today. Did some gardening and shopping today. Finished watching Season 4 of All Creatures Great and Small. Biked 12.6 km. Walked 9.2 km. Friday Pickled some beets and froze some tomatoes today. Watched a movie "88 Minutes." Kind of scary. Watched more JAG season 7. Biked 12.1 km. Walked 6.2 km. Saturday A wet and cool day. Did some shopping today. We worked on my Schultz and Neiman genealogy in preparation for a Schultz family reunion in September. Watched more JAG Season 7. Walked 6.4 km. Sunday A cloudy day. Went to church today. We worked on my Schultz and Neiman genealogy in preparation for a Schultz family reunion in September. Watched more JAG Season 7. Biked 12.6 km. Walked 3.1 km.

8 Sep 2009

Aug 31 to Sept 6

Monday A sunny day. We decided to start dusting the house today. Watched a movie "Charlotte Gray." Excellent movie about the Second World War. Started to read a book about Mercator. Biked 12.6 km. Walked 8.9 km. Tuesday Sunny today. This was my day to volunteer at the book sorting facility of the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada. We spent most of our time organizing things for the book sale. The Annual Book Sale is set for Sept. 18, 19 and 20 at the St. Laurent Shopping Centre in Ottawa. In the evening I attended the executive meeting of the Ottawa Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society as Editor of the Ottawa Branch News. This is my 8th year as editor. Walked about 8.1 km. Wednesday Drove my wife to the Family History Library to spend several hours on some English parish records. Meanwhile, I picked up our vacuum at Sears, stopped by the Services Canada office to give them my passport renewal stuff and ran a few more errands. In the afternoon we went for a bike ride. The weather is warmer today and sunny. Watched JAG Season 8. Biked

15 km. Walked about 5.1 km. Thursday Sunny and warm today. This was our 43rd anniversary. We went to downtown Ottawa and had a nice lunch at the FreshMarket in the Rideau Centre and also did some window shopping. Got back to the images I took at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. I plan to get through all of these before I update the Kip file on my web site. Watched more JAG Season 8. Walked 11.5 km. Friday Sunny today and warm. Watched more JAG Season 8. Froze more tomatoes from the garden. Biked 14.3 km. Walked 7.1 km. Saturday Sunny again today but a bit cooler. Watched more JAG Season 8. We worked on my Schultz and Nieman genealogy in preparation for a Schultz family reunion. Finished formatting all of my remaining 3 1/2" diskettes (about 150). I did about 300 last year. They and some old software diskettes will all go out in the trash this fall. The next thing to do is weed the old software DVD's which are not longer useful. Walked 8.6 km. Sunday Sunny and cooler today. We went for a 17.3 km bike ride this morning. Watched the last of JAG season 8. The last issue was a cliff hanger. Did some more work on the images I collected at the FHL Salt Lake City. We had our daughter and her fiancee and their two dogs over for supper. Walked 5.5 km.

15 Sep 2009

Sept 7 to 13

Monday Sunny today after a cloudy start. We did some house cleaning on the kitchen cupboards. Watched some JAG Season 9. Walked 8.6 km. Tuesday Sunny and warm today after a cloudy start. We did some more house cleaning on the kitchen cupboards. Froze more tomatoes. This has been a really good year for them. Watched more JAG Season 9. Walked 9.3 km. Wednesday Sunny today. Watched more JAG Season 9. Biked 13.7 km. Walked 6.4 km. Thursday Sunny today. Watered a bit of the lawn today because it was drying out badly. Helped my wife make a pound cake. Packed for the trip to the Schultz family reunion in my home town of Princeton, Ontario. Watched more JAG Season 9. Walked 10.0 km. Friday A travel day to Brantford, Ontario where we were staying for the weekend. We left Ottawa early so that we could spend several hours at the Archives of Ontario in Toronto. We wanted to do some searching in the Ontario District Marriage Registers. Didn't find what we were looking for. Walked 6.6 km Saturday Sunny today. Drove to Princeton from Brantford to visit the local cemetery. We placed a pot of fall mums on my mothers grave and also one on the graves of my grandparents and great-grandparents. After that we drove through the country side. We stopped at St. John's Anglican Church at Eastwood, and then Woodbury where my grandfather Link

lived and my mother also. Back in Brantford we had a lite lunch and then visited the (Alexander Graham) Bell Homestead at Tutela Heights. In the evening we visited with a cousin David Kipp. We went out for supper to a small Italian restaurant "Juliana," which was very good and had a nice conversation afterwards. Walked 8.8 km.

Sunday The day started off cloudy in spite of the forecast. The sun came out about 2 p.m. We went to my Schultz reunion in Princeton, Ontario. We had a really good pot luck lunch. This was followed by a business meeting. My wife and I are the President and vice for the reunion next year 2010. It will be held in Princeton again. I presented my findings on my Schultz and Nieman ancestors. I think the family was quite surprised that we had taken our ancestry back about three generations into the German records. Previously we only knew the names and birth and death dates of my great grandparents William Schultz and Frederika Nieman and the fact that they had come from Germany. We stayed all afternoon and left about 6:30 after a second round at the remaining pot luck dishes. About 22 family members attended. After we got back to Brantford we went for a walk. We then watched the last of JAG Season 9. We also watched the TV presentation Wolfe and Montcalm The Battle for Quebec on the History Channel. Very good! Walked 6.4 km.

20 Sep 2009

Sept 14 to 20

Monday Fog at the start of our morning trip. Started off early in the morning and drove home to Ottawa via the 401. The traffic in Toronto was heavy but not bad. We stopped for an hour to have a quick look at some records in the United Church Archives in Toronto. Didn't find what we were looking for. Arrived home about 6:30 pm. Watched the first issue of JAG season 10. Walked 7.3 km. Tuesday Cloudy this morning. Some sun in the afternoon but cool. Went to the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada (FLAC) to sort books. A slow day with most of it spent planning for the book sale this weekend. Watched some JAG Season 10. Walked 8.3 km.

Wednesday Cloudy this morning. Some sun in the afternoon but cool. Spent about 4 hours in the evening supervising the loading of the FLAC books onto a huge truck for the book sale. When we finished the truck was packed from stem to stern with about 25,000 books and miscellaneous gear. Biked 11.5 km. Walked 8.2 km. Thursday Cloudy this morning. Some sun in the afternoon but cool. Watched more JAG Season 10. Walked 10.5 km. Friday Cloudy this morning. Some sun in the afternoon but cool. Went to the St. Laurent Shopping Center to look over the books at the book sale. We bought two. Watched more JAG Season 10. Walked 4.0 km. Saturday Sunny today.

Spent the morning reading e-mail and updating the Sir Guy Carleton UELAC web page. In the early afternoon we cleaned some more cupboards in the kitchen. Later in the afternoon we met some friends and we all headed off to Long Sault on the St. Lawrence River for the Charter Night Dinner of the St. Lawrence Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. Excellent dinner. The speaker was great: Marc Jodoin, author of The Shadow Soldiers. Walked 5.3 km. Sunday Fog this morning. Sunny later on. We headed off to the BIFHSGO Conference (genealogy) at the Library and Archives Canada building about 7:50 a.m. Had a slight delay getting there because some of the Ottawa streets were blocked for the Terry Fox run etc. I had volunteered to work on the Ottawa Branch OGS marketplace table for the morning. My wife was giving a presentation on DNA Case Studies at the conference. We had lunch together and then headed home. Watched some more JAG Season 10. Biked 11.5 km. Walked 5.8 km.

28 Sep 2009

Sept 21 to 27

Monday Went to the dentist today. Finished watching JAG Season 10. Watched some videos: MASH, Lovejoy and Waiting for God. Walked 7.9 km. Tuesday Did some more house cleaning today. Went to the Family History Library today for several hours of searching microfilms. Watched some videos: MASH, Lovejoy and Waiting for God. Walked 5.4 km. Wednesday Rained today. Supposed to get roof shingles replaced, delayed by rain. My wife catalogued more books. Watched some videos: MASH, Lovejoy and Waiting for God. Went to our first class of Ballroom Dancing tonight. We made it through the first hour. A good experience and I learned something. Now we need to practice. Walked 6.9 km. Thursday Sun and cloud. Watched more MASH and Waiting for God. Practiced our dance steps in the evening. Biked 9.6 km. Walked 7.7 km. Friday Sunny today. They finally came and replaced the roof shingles today. Watched more MASH and Waiting for God. We were out for supper and visiting friends. Walked 9.5 km. Saturday Sun and cloud. Did some more cleaning today and cataloguing books etc. We got up early and went on a bird watching trip with the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club. We have been members for years but have not attended many events. It was fun and we will try to do it again. We went out to Montana's for lunch. Watched more MASH and Waiting for God. Walked 10.6 km. Sunday Rainy today. Did some more cleaning today and cataloguing books etc. Had a Gene-O-Rama meeting at our house this afternoon. This is the genealogy conference the OGS Ottawa Branch holds each year in March. We are

changing our location in 2010 to the Library and Archives Canada in Ottawa. Out for supper at our daughters place. Practised our dance steps. Walked 5.8 km

4 Oct 2009

Sept 28 to Oct 4

Monday Rainy today. Watched more MASH, Lovejoy and Waiting for God. Worked on the Canadian Census today for several hours for my Canadian Kipp Family. Did some more house cleaning and cataloging of books. Walked 8.4 km. Tuesday Rainy with some clearing later in the afternoon. Worked on the Canadian Census today for several hours for my Canadian Kipp Family. Did some more house cleaning and cataloging of books. Watched more MASH, Lovejoy and Waiting for God. Practiced dancing the rumba. The rain and wind have caused our Locust tree to drop most of its leaves in about three days. Biked 9.6 KM. Walked 7.0 km. Wednesday Cloudy and windy with a bit of sun today. Some brief rain showers. We went to the City of Ottawa Archives today to help the Ottawa Branch OGS do some weeding of their bookshelves. After that we took a short walk around Rideau Falls. Also did some scanning of Microfiche images into digital images. Did some gardening and yard work. It is getting cold, so time to clean up. Went to dancing class tonight. Reviewed the rumba and started on the basic steps in the Fox Trot. We are doing well. Watched more MASH and Waiting for God. Worked on the Canadian Census today for my Canadian Kipp Family. Walked 7.7 km. Thursday Cloudy with rain showers. Watched more MASH, Lovejoy and Waiting for God. Worked on the Canadian Census today for my Canadian Kipp Family. Walked 10.0 km. Friday Cloudy with a tiny bit of sun today. We went shopping in the downtown market area of Ottawa today. Also went shopping at Place d'Orleans in the evening. In the late afternoon I went to the driving range with my future son-in-law. Wanted to see if I could hit the ball. Not bad! Watched more Lovejoy and Waiting for God. Biked 13.3 km. Walked 13.7 km. Saturday Cloudy with sun today. Watched more MASH, Lovejoy and Waiting for God. Practiced dancing the rumba and the Fox Trot. Worked on the Canadian Census today for my Canadian Kipp Family. Did some more cataloging of books. Walked 6.4 km Sunday Cloudy rain shower. Watched more MASH, Lovejoy and Waiting for God. Practiced dancing the Rumba and the Fox Trot. Worked on the Canadian Census today for my Canadian Kipp Family. Walked 5 km.

13 Oct 2009

Oct 5 to 11

Monday Got up about 5 am, early enough to have breakfast and get to St. Laurant Plaza to catch the Queensway Tour Bus. Our daughter drove us there. We were headed for Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Boston and Plymouth, MA. The weather was mixed with a lot of cloud, a bit of rain and some sun. No problem crossing the border at Ivy Lea. We arrived in South Yarmouth, MA about 5:30 pm. We had time to look over our room and walk around the hotel several times. At 6:45 we headed off on the bus to a local restaurant for supper. The bus and driver were from Healey Bus Lines of Smith Falls. I had seen him before twice when we used Healey for a couple of bus tours we helped organize in 2005 and 2007. He remembered me. Supper was at the Riverway Restaurant in South Yarmouth, MA. We both had poached salmon. The dessert was tapioca pudding, which I hadn't had for years. Tasted OK but not a super meal. Walked 6.9 km. Tuesday Got up about 6 am. Breakfast at 7:15. On the bus by 8:10. This was the day we went to Hyanis, Cape Cod to catch the Hi-Line ferry to Martha's Vineyard. The trip is about 1 hr and 45 minutes each way. Arrived at Oak Bluffs about 11 am. We then took a bus tour down island to see some of the sights and stopped in Edgartown for lunch and a brief shopping session. Lots of tour buses around at this time of year. The weather was breezy in the morning on the boat but we stayed up top. On the island it was quite warm. We had a take out lunch at the Quarterdeck so that we would have time to look around the town and also look in the stores. Nice place but it must really be busy in the summer months. Got back to Hyanis about 5:45 and then stopped at a liquor store. Out to Christopher's Restaurant for supper. We had chicken francaise. Good! Much better meal than Monday. The entertainment was great. Two guys singing and playing piano, guitar and fiddle. Walked 9.2 km. Wednesday Not a good day for weather on Cape Cod. It started raining about 5 am and didn't stop until about noon. The winds were high enough to cancel all whale watching tours from Provincetown, MA. So we toured in Hyanis to St. Francis Xavier Church, the Vietnam Memorial and the Kennedy Memorial. We then travelled up the Cape to the Cape Cod National Seashore Park where we visited the interpretation center. Then we saw Naussett Lighthouse and went down to the beach. The waves were really rolling in. Then off to Eastham to see the windmill in the rain. We then travelled to Provincetown where we spent the rest of the day. Had a lobster roll for lunch. Very good. Did some shopping. Walked up the Pilgrim Monument, all 168 steps to the top. I really don't like heights. After that we had a ride in the dunes around Provincetown. Interesting ride. Would rather have seen whales. At night we had supper at Michael Shays. I had stuffed pork chop. Nice dessert of chocolate

covered ice cream. Much better meal and nicer atmosphere! Walked 11.9 km. Thursday Sunny and mostly clear today. After breakfast we headed off to Boston by the Sagamore Bridge over the Cape Cod Canal. Took a bit longer because of construction. In Boston we first visited the J. F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. It was very well done and it is really worth visiting. Next we headed off to the Back Bay area of Boston for a brief tour and then over to the Charlestown Navy Yard to visit the USS Constitution and museum. We were then dropped off at Quincy Market for 1 1/2 hours. I chose to walk back along the Freedom Trail towards the State House where I wanted to take some pictures of the statues. I also stopped at the Old Burying Ground to take photos of Winthrop and Dyer tombstones. We were back on the bus by 3:00 pm and we then headed south towards Plymouth to see Plymouth Rock and The Pilgrim Monument. Lots of other things to see there as well. We had about 45 minutes to wander around. Back at South Yarmouth about 6:00 pm where we stopped for a lobster supper at the Lobster Boat Restaurant. Great meal! Walked 12.1 km. Friday Headed home on the bus. Bags out by 7:00 am. Breakfast at 7:00 am. On the bus by 8:00 am. No incidents and the Canadian Customs was fast. We were home by 7:15 pm. Walked 6 km. Saturday Sunny but cool today. Rain overnight. Today I went golfing for the first time in about 20 years. It was the day for the Bachelor party for my future son-in-law. We went to the Champlain course in Aylmer, Quebec. The wind was cold and the course was soaking wet. Didn't do too badly hitting the ball! They had a BBQ after. One spot of turf on the golf course was so wet that it looked like a wavy water bed when someone stepped on it. I didn't stay for the evening session. Raked some of the leaves from our trees. Will do more of that on Monday. Walked 14 km. Sunday Sunny but cool today. We are having our Thanksgiving dinner today with one of our daughters and her fiancée and their two dogs. Our other daughter is away in the US. Walked 5.3 km

20 Oct 2009

Oct 12 to 18

Monday Some sun and cool. Spent most of the afternoon raking leaves, cutting the grass and applying dolomite to the lawn to counteract acidity. Very tired after that. Watched some MASH, Lovejoy and Waiting for God. Practiced dancing. Walked 6.7 km. Tuesday Rain over night, cool, a bit of sun late afternoon. Housecleaning today. Practiced dancing. Walked 8 km. Wednesday Cold today. Spent time searching the US and Canadian Census records for my Canadian Kipp family file. Went for a bike ride (cold). Our daughter came over with the dogs and spent a couple of hours with

us. Watched some MASH. Went to our dance class tonight. Practiced the Rumba and Fox Trot and then they started us on the Triple Swing. Biked 9.5 km. Walked 6.5 km. Thursday Had a frost overnight. Cold and sunny. Started cleaning up the gardens as the frost killed a lot of the annuals. Leaves were falling like crazy this morning when the sun came up. Practiced dancing this afternoon. We are getting good at the Rumba. We are not bad at the Fox Trot but need help on making turns. We had the dogs tonight for a couple of hours while our daughter and her fiancée went out for supper. Watched a couple of issues of MASH. Walked 3.7 km. Friday Cool but sunny today, frost. We went to the City of Ottawa Archives today to help the Ottawa Branch OGS sort through their reference section to weed out old and not relevant items. After that we scanned a number of images from a microfiche into digital format. This makes the old documents easier to read because on the computer you can zoom in and change the contrast etc. After that we went out to Montana's for lunch then did some grocery shopping. At home again I vacuumed the cars and put a few things away in the storage shed for the winter. Walked 7.7 km. Saturday Cool but sunny today, frost. We went to the BIFHSGO monthly meeting today to listen to the speaker, Lady Teviot from England. She gave a very good general talk entitled: I Never Thought of That - A Second Look at Problems. After that we came home and I did some gardening. I spent some more time on Ancestry.com searching the Census for my Canadian Kipp file. I have finished with the third generation for now and will move on to the 4th generation soon. This search is rewarding but slow. It is really difficult to find people on the census for many reasons not the least of which is transcription error. Sometimes they just disappear for a ten year period! Practised our dancing lessons, Rumba, Fox Trot and Triple Swing. We then watched some more Lovejoy and Waiting for God. Walked 9 km. Sunday Cool but sunny today, frost. Went to church this morning. Afternoon, I did some more cleanup in the garden. The frosts over the last few days have done their work. Went for a bike ride in the sun. Starting working on my Ottawa Branch News again. It has to go to the printer by Friday. Biked 11 km. Walked 6.2 km.

27 Oct 2009

Oct 19 to 25

Monday Some sun today and warmer. Worked on the Ottawa Branch News. Went to visit our daughters dogs in the afternoon. Practiced our dancing. Walked 13.3 km Tuesday & Wednesday Warmer today with a bit of sun. Worked on filling the cracks in the driveway pavement. Worked on the Ottawa Branch News. Went to visit our

daughter's dogs in the afternoon. Went to our dance lesson on Wednesday. Started on the Waltz. Lots of fun! Walked 9 & 6 km. Thursday Rain today. Went to the City of Ottawa Archives this morning for a lesson on cataloguing the OGS Branch Library with the Dewey Decimal system. Sent the Ottawa Branch News to the printer. Went to visit our daughter's dogs in the afternoon. Watched some MASH, Lovejoy and Waiting for God. Walked 7 km. Friday Cool today some sun. Went to the groundbreaking ceremony for the new City of Ottawa Library and Archives facility near CentrepoinTE. The weather was better than last year about the same time, no wind. Went to visit our daughter's dogs in the afternoon. Saturday Rain overnight & today. Practiced our dancing. Worked on the Canadian Census to update sources on my Canadian Kipp file. Watched Lovejoy and Waiting for God. Pedometer reset itself so I lost the track of my steps taken! Sunday Some sun today. Worked on the Canadian Census to update sources on my Canadian Kipp file. Visited the place where our daughter is getting married in December. It will be a wedding out in the country. Nice place. Came home and did about two hours of yard work in order to get the recycling out to the curb by Monday morning. Had our daughter and fiancée and two dogs over for supper. Walked 9 km.

Oct 26 to Nov 1

Monday

A little sun but mostly cloud. Cool. Worked on the Canadian Census to update sources on my Canadian Kipp file. Went and got my regular flue shot, only for those over 65 at the moment. Watched some MASH and Lovejoy. Biked 9.7 km. Walked 6.3 km.

Tuesday

Cloudy cool. Took one of the cars in for a checkup. Brought in the solar garden lights and turned off the last outside water tap. Worked on the Canadian Census to update sources on my Canadian Kipp file. Watched a DVD I purchased at the Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston. It was about 4 hours long, but it gave an excellent overview of the Kennedys. Walked 7 km.

Wednesday

Cloudy today. A bit of rain in the afternoon. Went shopping at the Bulk Barn today. Did some more yard work to clean up leaves and dead plants. Practiced dancing and then went to our dancing lesson. We reviewed the Waltz and did some practicing with music. We did well! We then had an introduction to the Cha-Cha. A bit confusing but we did well on this also. We are noticing that other couples are not picking things up

very quickly. No one ever taught me to dance until now! To bad! Besides doing things as a couple it is also good exercise. Did some work on my Kip family files tonight, with the purpose of updating my web pages. Walked 7.9 km.

#### Thursday & Friday

Mostly cloudy with a touch of sun. Did some more work on my Kip family files tonight. Cut up and cooked a whole pumpkin. This gave us a very nice pumpkin pie and five bags of pumpkin to freeze for use during the winter. Watched some MASH, Lovejoy and Waiting for God. Walked 7.5 and 7.6 km.

#### Saturday

Rain today with clearing in the late afternoon. Spent a couple of hours taking down some old blinds in the living room and installing a new curtain rod and curtains. It looks very nice. Practiced our dancing: rumba, fox trot, waltz, triple swing and cha-cha. This is a good work out. I like ABBA for their music but we are finding their music is good for dancing. The rain and wind today has taken down most of the leaves, so tomorrow is a raking day. Watched some MASH and Lovejoy Walked 7.8 km.

#### Sunday

Sunny with cloud today. Spent a couple of hours in the morning raking leaves. This is the last major cleanup for the fall season. Biked 9.7 km. Walked 6.9 km.

9 Nov 2009

Nov 2 to 8

Monday Sun and cloud today. Worked part of the day getting ready for our research trip to the State Library and Archives in Albany, New York. Watched some Lovejoy and Waiting for God. We went to a Monday dance session to make up for missing our Wednesday session. Different instructor and different techniques. Walked 13.2 km

Tuesday Headed off to Albany, New York, today to attend a New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (NYGBS) Research session, three days searching in the NY State Library and Archives. We prepared a spreadsheet of items to look at from their online catalogue. We had about 100 items. Plus there should be consultations with the NYGBS staff experts. We took the Hill Island bridge from the 401 and I-81 to Syracuse and then I-90 to Albany. Took about 7 hours with several stops. We stopped at Cicero, New York (Exit 30) for a buffet turkey dinner at the Plainville

Farms Restaurant. A great meal if you are ever travelling that way. We stayed at the Crowne Plaza Hotel about two blocks from the Capitol Building and about the same from the Empire State Plaza where the NY State Library and Archives are located. There was some rain in the morning but it cleared for a while and then sort of clouded in later. We arrived in Albany just before dark. Walked about 5 km

Wednesday A clear day, partly sunny in Albany, NY. Spent from about 8:30 am to 5:00 pm in the State Library and Archives. Took a break about 1 pm for lunch and had a walk in the concourse under the Empire State Plaza. We took about 427 pictures of document pages today which we transferred to our computers. Cleared off the Memory cards and recharged the Camera batteries. At the reference desk today I met someone I know from the Palatines to America, New York Chapter. A bit of a surprise for both of us. We attended the NYGBS research group banquet this evening. We had Stuffed chicken breasts with apple pie for desert. The speaker was Bernard Margolis the new NY State Librarian. Previously he was the president of the Boston Public Library. We had seen and met him before when we were researching at the NEHGS in Boston. His talk title was "Born April 21, 1818". The date refers to the NY legislature and the date it approved the setting up of a state library. Walked 7.7 km.

Thursday The day started off with some light cloud. The precipitation started about 5:30 in the afternoon after we got back to our hotel. Lunch was at Subway today. We had a very busy day at the NY State Library. Elizabeth and I took about 1189 images of document pages. The camera batteries really needed charging! Went to a wine and cheese for the research group. If we had any snow in Albany we didn't see it! Walked 6.8 km.

Friday A day with alternating sun and cloud. We headed off to the State Library for 9 am opening. The two of us took over 900 page images today. It is good we are not staying longer or we would attempt to photograph the whole library collection! Lunch at Subway again. Had dinner at Kelsey's in the hotel. Walked 6.2 km.

Saturday The day started off sunny in Albany, NY. We had a short walk in downtown Albany and out to the Hudson River before leaving for home. The drive home was uneventful and we arrived home about 4:50 in the afternoon, just before dark. We stopped at Plainville Farms restaurant for a turkey dinner at lunch time. Good meal as usual. Walked 6.9 km.

Sunday Sunny today and warmer. A good day to do the final yard cleanup. Went to Christ Church Cathedral this morning for their Remembrance Day Service. Went for a bike ride this afternoon. Biked 9.7 km. Walked 6.2 km.

15 Nov 2009

Nov 9-15

Monday

Sunny and warm today. Did a bit more on final yard cleanup. Next week I plan to put up my two short lengths of snow fence. We practiced our dance steps today. Our final dance lesson is on Wednesday. We think we might go on to level two of ballroom dancing. Did some more work on the Census references for my Canadian Kipp family genealogy. This is a slow but rewarding process. I do plan to update my Kip Family in America file but need to do a bit more work. Because of the new information I have added over the past year I will have to reduce the number of generations I put up because I am adding data on living people. Walked 11.3 km.

Tuesday

Sunny again today and warm. Worked for several hours on the census references for my Canadian Kipp family genealogy. Had the dogs over for a few hours in the evening while their masters were out. Biked 10.7 km. Walked 6.9 km.

Wednesday

Sunny again but a bit cooler. We went down to the cenotaph in Ottawa for the Remembrance Day Service. We usually watch on TV but the Prince of Wales and Dutchess of Cornwall were there today. A very large crowd attended. The weather was great and the service excellent. My two uncles served in WW I and returned. One of my cousins was almost set to go overseas when WW II ended. We went to our last dance class for Ballroom Dancing 1. I feel that we accomplished something. I can now do the basics for three dances (rumba, fox trot and waltz) and need a lot of practice on two more triple swing and cha cha. Walked 8.7

Thursday and Friday

Sunny both days but cool. Thursday we spent the day shopping and running errands. Friday was taken up with yard work, putting up my two short lengths of snow fence,

cleaning eavestrough, and unpacking a couple of purchases that need to be put together. We also rearranged some of our curtains and put up one new curtain rod. Biked 10 km. Walked 11 km and 8.6 km.

#### Saturday

Cloudy with some rain today. Practiced our dancing today. The classes are over but we will practice a couple of times a week to ingrain the basic steps. Worked for several hours on the census references for my Canadian Kipp family genealogy. Walked 7.4

#### Sunday

The day started wet and foggy. Rained a bit. The day went too fast. I did get to an afternoon tea for members of the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada. Had a chat with a few people and munched some great snacks. At home we had our daughter and fiancée and their two dogs over for supper. Cranberry brie to start, salad, spaghetti and meatballs, and garlic bread. We were full after! Walked 5.1 km.

27 Nov 2009

Nov 16-22

#### Monday to Thursday

Sunny but cool. We have spent most of our time rearranging things in our house. Rain Friday evening. Worked for several hours on the census references for my Canadian Kipp family genealogy. Walked 12.3, 10.8, 5.5, 12.2km. Biked 10.1 km. This was probably the last bike ride before winter.

#### Friday

Headed off about 7:30 am from Ottawa driving west towards Milwaukee, Wisconsin to visit our daughter. We took the 416 then the 401 and finally 402 to arrive at the Port Huron boarder crossing about 5 pm. The rest of the drive to Lansing, Michigan for the evening took about 2 and a half hours. Had a nice dinner at Denny's. Walked 5.9 km.

#### Saturday

The day started off foggy in Lansing, Michigan. As we travelled west and south towards Indiana the weather improved. We travelled around the end of Lake

Michigan and took the Chicago Skyway through Chicago. We saw the "old" Sears tower pass by and then headed north to Milwaukee. Chicago was very smoggy, you could smell the air! Arrived in Milwaukee about 2:30 pm CT. Milwaukee has very unusual street parking regulations. Have a look at their web site. Went grocery shopping and took a late afternoon walk along Lake Michigan before retiring for the evening. Worked for several hours on the census references for my Canadian Kipp family genealogy. Walked 7.7 km.

### Sunday

The day started off Sunny over Lake Michigan. Just before noon we took off on a drive into the north sections of Milwaukee and then out into the north country. Some of the "big" houses in Shorewood, Whitefish Bay and Fox Point are fantastic huge houses. They almost look like castles and must be worth several million each. We stopped for a Subway lunch at Saukyville and then headed further north to Sheboygen where we stopped at the water front for a break. The wind was blowing from the east and the waves were up. By this time it was mid afternoon so we headed back to Milwaukee. After a stop at the apartment we drove over to Lake Park which was designed by Frederick Law Olmstead, who also designed Central Park in New York City and Eisenhower Park in Nassau County Long Island. We have visited all three parks. Central Park is still the best.

We walked for about an hour in Lake Park and viewed a statue of Brig Gen Erastus B Wolcott, Surgeon General of Wisconsin during the Civil War. We then saw the North Point Lighthouse built about 1855. Further along on our walk we saw the very ornate North Point Watertower built in 1873. We then returned to the car to go home for dinner. Worked for several hours on the census references for my Canadian Kipp family genealogy. Walked 6.0 km.

2 Dec 2009

Nov 23 to 30

### Monday

Cloudy and hazy today in Milwaukee. We drove into downtown Milwaukee to visit The Domes at Mitchell Park. They are also referred to as the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory. The three domes include a Tropical area, a Desert area and a Show area with changing exhibits. The Show area was set up for Christmas. We took about two hours to wander through the Domes and view the many types of

plants. We saw the largest Jade plants we had ever seen and they were all in flower. I managed to keep a jade plant growing at home for over 30 years and it never flowered. It finally died from a rotted stem probably from over watering. After that we found our way over to Marquette University where we had a look at the historic 15th Century French Chapel which was moved first to Long Island and then to Milwaukee and reconstructed. The Chapel is dedicated to St. Joan of Arc. This is a very worthwhile item to see. We then visited the Haggerty Museum of Art on the Campus. We took a quick walk in downtown Milwaukee to see briefly the Milwaukee Public Library. I also took a picture of the statue to George Washington which stands in the middle of the road near the library. They also have a large Civil War monument in the same area. Worked for a couple of hours on the census references for my Canadian Kipp family genealogy. Walked 10.4 km.

Tuesday

Cloudy today with rain in the afternoon. We spent the day shopping around Milwaukee. The shopping centers are not really that exciting. However, we did find one really good shopping center called Bayshore located at I-43 and Silver Springs Dr. in Glendale. Worked for a couple of hours on the census references for my Canadian Kipp family genealogy. Walked 7.4 km.

Wednesday

Cloudy with some rain today. We decided to visit the Milwaukee Public Museum. In the lobby we found the Hebior Mammoth which was uncovered in Wisconsin. We had time to visit the first floor exhibits: Streets of Milwaukee, European Village and the Butterfly Garden, with a quick glance at the Rain Forest exhibit. We also had tickets for the Daniel M Soref Planetarium and Humphrey IMAX, where we saw the film "Ice World" and also a brief talk on the night sky around Milwaukee. We bought a few things in the Museum store. So in one afternoon we barely scratched the surface of this museum because we did not finish the first floor and there are two more floors beyond that. This is a good museum to visit. We saved a few minutes of light outside to walk a couple of blocks to see the front of the Milwaukee Public Library which takes up a full block. Worked for a couple of hours on the census references for my Canadian Kipp family genealogy. Walked 6.2 km.

Thursday

Thanksgiving day in the US. The day was cloudy with a few patches of sun and wind. We went for a walk in Lake Park alongside Lake Michigan. The rest of the day we stayed in and had our thanksgiving dinner and watched a couple of videos. Worked for several of hours on the census references for my Canadian Kipp family genealogy. Walked 6.4 km.

#### Friday

The day was clear with sun. We headed off across Wisconsin to visit Madison, their capitol. There was hardly anyone there because of the Thanksgiving day holiday. However, we did see Lakes Monona and Mendota. The Capitol building was open, so after a lunch at Subway just across the street, we had a guided tour of the Capitol building. We then did a quick driving tour of the University of Wisconsin at Madison. This is one huge university campus. Very nice. Back in Milwaukee after dark, we went shopping at the Pick and Save before retiring for the night. Walked 8 km.

#### Saturday

The day was very nice with lots of sun and it was quite warm in the sun. We helped our daughter take some books into her office at the University in the morning. After lunch we went to visit the North Point Lighthouse, which is an old Milwaukee lighthouse that has been restored. This was followed by a long walk in Lake Park and down to the beach on Lake Michigan where we dipped our digits in the water. Cold! We then headed back to the apartment for a brief stop. Our daughter and I then went to visit the Man at Work Collection at the Grohmann Museum on North Broadway. This museum is part of the Milwaukee School of Engineering. The displays in this museum are excellent with paintings and sculptures dealing with the working man. The displays dealt with: Iron and Steel, Agriculture and Construction, and Physicians, Quacks and Alchemists. For supper we drove out to the Cheesecake Factory at the Bayshore Shopping plaza off of Silver Spring Road. Great meal as usual but too much. Walked 10.4 km.

#### Sunday

The day started off cloudy with rain. Headed home to Ottawa from Milwaukee, starting out about 8 am. We had foggy and rainy weather all of the way to London, Ontario where we stopped overnight since the whole trip takes about two days. We managed to get through Chicago again. Walked 3.5 km

Monday

We had a short snow shower first thing in the morning in London and then the rest of the drive home to Ottawa was great. We had a combination of sun and cloud all the way. The traffic was quite reasonable for a change, even in Toronto. We arrived home about 4 pm before dark. Walked 5.4 km.

7 Dec 2009

Dec 1 to 6

Tuesday to Sunday

This has been a week of recovering from our trip west to Milwaukee. The round trip took us through 3,557 km, including twice through Chicago. We have been working on cataloguing and rearranging our books. As well, we have been shopping almost every day. I have not had time to work on genealogy for about a week. For the next week I will be busy finishing off The Ottawa Genealogist which is the journal of the Ottawa Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society. I am also finishing the brochure for our genealogy conference called GENE-O-RAMA which takes place in Ottawa on March 26-27, 2010. In about a week we are getting new windows installed, followed by a wedding in the family. Saturday I put up some outdoor Christmas lights. Biked 9.6 km. Walked 7.9, 11.8, 8.6, 6.8, 8.8, 6 km.

14 Dec 2009

Dec 7 to 13

Monday

Snowed a bit last evening. I have not done any genealogy for a while now. Today I did a lot of revisions on the advertising brochure for our Gene-O-Rama genealogy conference next March. It needs to be printed this week and it will also go into The Ottawa Genealogist which I am working on. Walked 8.3 km.

Tuesday

Today we spent the afternoon cleaning out our bedroom closet. A job well done! This week I have started doing regular exercises inside, which include 20 minute sessions on the elliptical trainer, weight training and some basic Tae Bo. Not all on the same day of course at my age, but spread throughout the week. I finished the

Gene-O-Rama brochure and sent it off to the printer. Now I just need to finish The Ottawa Genealogist. Walked 7.1 km.

Wednesday

Today we spent most of the day inside watching the snow storm pass through. We did go out early in the morning to do some shopping but got back without incident. Walked 6.4 km.

Thursday

Well today was the day to recover from the huge snow storm that passed through. We got winter all at once with who knows, perhaps 20 cm of snow. We cleared out the driveway and the back patio this morning. We spent an hour recording Elizabeth's DNA talk on our relatively new digital video camera. The resulting video was quite good. We used a tripod. Watched a lot of video today. We are watching issues of Stargate along with Lovejoy and an older British serial called Rumpole of the Bailey. we are nor sure about Rumpole yet!. We also watched a video titled "Contact" with Jody Foster and Matthew McConaughy. I think I have seen parts of it before but not the whole thing. Walked 5.3 km.

Friday

Some sun today but a bit cool because of a light wind. Didn't do anything spectacular today. Spent several hours working on the Census references for my Ontario Kipp Family genealogy. We watched issues of Stargate, Lovejoy and Rumpole of the Bailey. Walked 8.1 km.

Saturday and Sunday

Received about 5 cm of snow Sunday. Cleared it away in the evening. We spent the afternoon dusting and housecleaning in preparation for our daughter arriving and also for the Christmas season. We watched issues of Stargate, Lovejoy and Rumpole of the Bailey. Walked 7.4, 4.9 km.

20 Dec 2009

Dec 14 to 20

Monday to Thursday

More snow this week, so more shovelling. Our small electric snow-blower does a fantastic job of moving snow. We have been rather busy getting prepared for the

wedding of our youngest daughter on Dec 19th. I did manage to finish The Ottawa Genealogist and send it to the printer. Tuesday evening I attended the monthly meeting of the Ottawa Branch OGS. Three people presented their show and tell. Very interesting talks. The one that stood out was about the Heintzman family who manufactured pianos. Tuesday evening we picked up our oldest daughter at the airport. She is home for her sister's wedding and a few weeks break from teaching. Monday I purchased a new cross-country ski set for myself to replace the one that gave up last winter. We have also been working on a Christmas newsletter with some photos, which we will send out. Walked 8, 7, 9, 12 km

#### Friday

Today of course we had to have some home renovation going on. We had 5 windows replaced on a very cold day (16 C). Good thing they all faced south. This evening Elizabeth, Margaret and I worked on decorating the cakes and cupcakes for the wedding. It took all evening but they are all ready for Saturday.

#### Saturday

A very cold and crisp day today and sunny. This is the wedding day for our youngest daughter. We picked up the flowers in the morning and delivered them to the groom and bride. We then picked up the two dogs so we could look after them for a few hours and then deliver them to the wedding site, Beantown near Wendover, Ontario. By two in the afternoon, we had the van packed with our wedding cloths for the day and also return cloths for Sunday. The cakes and cupcakes were loaded. Had to removed one seat from the van. The dogs cages were loaded so we put the dogs in the car and headed east. We arrived at Beantown just before three delivered the dogs for pictures, then dropped off the cakes and then went just down the road to O Genet B & B to check in, drop off our cloths and get dressed for the wedding. A very nice place. The wedding took place between 5 and 5:30 pm. A very nice ceremony with lots of the grooms relatives present. We only had three on our side. The dinner we excellent, as was the slide show about Kathy and Rick. They then had a dance outside on the pond ice. Then the inside dancing started with a father daughter dance. We did quite well considering we had only practiced once for about 10 minutes. Dancing was not something we did a lot of! After that the party really got moving. The cake was cut about 10:30 and we headed for the B & B for the night. The party lasted until around 2 am. The whole thing was quite successful! Walked 5.9 km.

Sunday

This morning we woke up about 7:30, got dressed and read our e-mail. About 9 am we went upstairs for a very nice breakfast of eggs, bacon, meat pie and toast with homemade strawberry preserves. We also had juice, coffee and tea. I would recommend this B & B to others who are staying in the Wendover-Plantagenet area. We headed next door to Beantown to pick up the remaining cakes and flowers etc. We then headed home to Orleans arriving home around noon. We spent a few hours unpacking and relaxing before we headed off to Christ Church Cathedral for a service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Now we can work on getting ready for Christmas. Walked 9 km.

29 Dec 2009

Dec 21 to 27

Monday to Saturday

Monday sun and cloud. Still cold, like -18 C at night. A couple of cm of snow Tuesday night. We have been recovering from the wedding and also working on Christmas shopping. Over the late evening of December 25th and all day December 26th and also into Sunday the 27th we received a bad ice and rain storm which came out of the mid west US. They blame Canada for US Storms but some of the worst ones we get come from the mid west US. Sunday it is about 2 C which means some of the ice is melting. The tree in our front yard is hanging quite low but is slowly looking better. I must get it trimmed this winter.

Thursday the three of us went for a short snow shoe hike, but with the ice, that and skiing are on hold until we get more snow.

With Christmas and Boxing day shopping we have not had any time to work on genealogy. I have lots to do so will try to get started again in January.

Walked 11.9, 12.7, 7.9, 11.6, 7.5, and 9.9 km

4 Jan 2010

Dec 28 to 31 and Jan 1 to 3

Tuesday was cold, about -18 C. The temperature warmed up a bit and it started to snow on Thursday, so maybe we can go skiing soon. Walked 8.4, 7.4, 6.9, 9.7 km.

Friday

New Years Day. We don't usually go out New Years Eve but stay home and watch movies/videos and the NYC ball drop in Times Square. Having been to NYC several times over the last two years it has new meaning for us. We had our youngest daughter and her husband and their dogs over for dinner. Our oldest daughter was here also from Milwaukee. My wife and I sorted our DVDs in preparation for cataloguing them on Library Thing. We had a nice snow fall of 5 to 10 cm Thursday and Friday. Now we can go skiing again. Lots of shoveling to do of course, the down side! Walked 5.9 km.

Saturday

Still snowing a bit today, 3 or 4 cm. More shovelling. My daughter and I went for a cross country ski today. This was our first time for the season so we limited the ski to about 5 km round trip. Very nice. We are watching three video series now, Stargate, All Creatures Great and Small, and Lovejoy. We also have a couple of new Dr Who to watch. Walked 3.7 km.

Sunday

Still a bit more snow today, 1 or 2 cm. My daughter and I went for a short snow shoe hike of about 2 km round trip. I have started working on finding sources for my Canadian Kipp Family tree again. Ancestry.com has really become useful. It has so many record sources available all of which are available through the search function. Granted there are transcription errors but in general I either find the family I am searching in great detail or not at all. Sometimes a little imagination helps to find them. I think some of my families were on the road sometimes when the census was taken in both Canada and the USA. Walked 7.6 km.

Web site is: [www.kipp-blake-families.ca](http://www.kipp-blake-families.ca)

11 Jan 2010

Jan 4 to 10

Monday

A bit more snow today maybe 1 cm. More searching on Ancestry for my Kipp family sources. Walked 11.5 km.

Tuesday

A bit more snow overnight maybe 2 cm. More searching on Ancestry for my Kipp family sources. My daughter and I went for a 7 km round trip cross country ski today. Walked 4.1 km.

Wednesday

Finally cleared the snow off the driveway. We had a relaxing day today. Did some shopping and got some household things ready to give to a charity next week. More searching on Ancestry for my Kipp family sources. I think I have finished the December issue of the Royal Yorker newsletter for the St. Lawrence Branch UELAC. Now I need to get it printed and then do the mailing. Walked 7 km.

Thursday

Some hint of sun today with a wind chill. My daughter and I went for a snow shoe trek today. We did about 4 km round trip along the Ottawa River. I sent The Royal Yorker December 2009 issue to the printer and picked up the copies later in the day. Walked 9.2 km.

Friday

Cloudy today. Folded all 78 of the newsletters today and stuffed them into envelopes. More searching on Ancestry for my Kipp family sources. Walked 6.6 km.

Saturday

Colder today but sunny. We went out for a cross country ski of about 5 km. More searching on Ancestry for my Kipp family sources. We continue to watch three video series now, Stargate, All Creatures Great and Small, and Lovejoy. Walked 8.6 km.

Sunday

Some sun today. More searching on Ancestry for my Kipp family sources. We continue to watch three video series now, Stargate, All Creatures Great and Small, and Lovejoy. Walked 7.9 km.

20 Jan 2010

Jan 11 to 17

Monday

Some sun today. We went out for a cross country ski of about 5 km. More searching on Ancestry for my Kipp family sources. We continue to watch three video series now, Stargate, All Creatures Great and Small, and Lovejoy. Walked 8.9 km.

#### Tuesday

Today work at the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada book sorting facility began again. There were about 7 of us there. There are mounds of boxes of books to sort, all for a good cause of course. Walked 11.6 km.

#### Wednesday

The day started with about 2 cm of snow. Later in the day it seemed to be turning to freezing rain. My wife and I went cross country skiing today. Round trip about 4 km. Later we watched some of our TV series. Walked 8.4 km.

#### Thursday

More searching on Ancestry for my Kipp family sources. We continue to watch three video series now, Stargate, All Creatures Great and Small, and Lovejoy. Our children were all home for dinner. Walked 8.4 km.

#### Friday

The temperature went above freezing today. More searching on Ancestry for my Kipp family sources. We continue to watch three video series now, Stargate, All Creatures Great and Small, and Lovejoy. Walked 10.4 km.

#### Saturday

Temperature still above freezing. Finally got all of the Christmas lights down. The above zero temperatures melted the ice on the bushes. More searching on Ancestry for my Kipp family sources. We continue to watch three video series now, Stargate, All Creatures Great and Small, and Lovejoy. Walked 8.7 km.

#### Sunday

The temperature is falling today. More searching on Ancestry for my Kipp family sources. My daughter and I went cross country skiing today. Round trip about 4 km.

The trails were a bit slippery but not bad. Walked 6 km.

26 Jan 2010

Jan 18 to 24

Monday

Today we had a little surprise waiting for us when we logged onto Ancestry.com to search. Several day back I had added some new information to the family tree on ancestry concerning my Schultz and Niemann ancestors. Ancestry has an automatic matching function and it came up with a hit on the New York Passenger Lists for 1846 for my ancestor Wilhelmine Niemann and her mother Anna coming to America on the ship Meta. We had been looking for this without success until then. Wow! More searching on Ancestry for my Kipp family sources. Walked 10.8 km.

Tuesday

Went to work at the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada book sorting facility. A busy day unloading about 50 boxes of books to re-sort into categories. Went to the monthly meeting of the Ottawa Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society in the evening. The speaker talked about the Blair family of Gloucester Township, Ontario. Walked 9.7 km.

Wednesday

Some sun today. Not sure what I accomplished today, it went by so fast. I guess I am catching up on a whole bunch of little items. More searching on Ancestry for my Kipp family sources. In the late afternoon my older daughter and I went cross country skiing for a round trip of about 6 km. This is great exercise. Walked 7.7 km.

Thursday

The day was a blur. Walked 9.2 km

Friday

Sunny. Today I went on a trip to Williamstown with a friend. We are involved in setting up a bus tour to historic sites in the Mohawk Valley of New York for the fall of 2010. We act as tour guides and also produce a booklet which is given to each participant. So we drove to Williamstown to meet with some people from the Sir John Johnson Manor House committee which is sponsoring the trip. In the evening we had our daughter and her two dogs over for supper. After we took the two dogs for a walk. Walked 7 km.

Saturday

Sunny again today. I went to the dog park on Conroy Road with my daughter and her two dogs today. We had a very interesting time and a good walk. The sheltie had a great time running around and interacting with other dogs. The other one, Hogan is 15 and very spry for his age. He decided to take off on his own and run back towards the parking lot. My daughter finally caught up with him and captured him. He went back on his leash for the rest of the walk. More searching on Ancestry for my Kipp family sources. Walked 7.2 km.

Sunday

More sun today but a bit cool. My older daughter and I went for a cross country ski before the rain. We went maybe 5 or 6 km. More searching on Ancestry for my Kipp family sources. I also started to work on the sources for my Link family (Mothers side). Walked 6.5 km.

1 Feb 2010

Feb 1 to 14

Feb 1 to 7

Monday

A mixture of sun cloud and snow flurries today. We went and took the two dogs out for a short walk at noon. We then went grocery shopping as the cupboards were a bit bare! We started watching Season 7 of All Creatures Great and Small and continued watching the Stargate series. Digitized a couple of more music tapes. It takes a while but you also get to listen to the tape. Walked 10.4 Km.

Tuesday

A little sun today. This was my work day at the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada book sorting group. In the evening I attended the monthly board meeting for the Ottawa Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society. In the afternoon I removed the Anti-virus protection program I was using on my desktop computer and installed the free Microsoft Security Essentials. I now have this on my two computers and it seems to work well. Walked 10.9 km.

Wednesday

Some sun. Worked on copying more of my music tapes into digital format. It is a long process. Younger daughter and her dogs spent some time with us in the late

afternoon and early evening. We attended our Ballroom dancing session tonight. We were introduced to some refinements for the Fox Trot and Triple Swing. We now need to practice. Walked 6.6 km.

Thursday

Sun early in the morning. Worked on sources for my Kipp family today. I am working on the descendants of my g grandfather Benjamin Kipp. A lot of them went to British Columbia. Walked 10 km.

Friday

I am currently working on the next issue of The Ottawa Genealogist. I have a lot done and now need to fill in the little items, which can take up a lot of time. Then I need to work on the syllabus for the Gene-O-Rama Conference which is coming up March 26-27. Walked 9.3 km.

Saturday

We looked after the old dog this morning. Hogan is a mix of Chihuahua and he is about 15 years old. He is much more active these days with a Sheltie as a dog companion. Walked 7.4 km.

Sunday

The weather has been good the last few days, with some sun a few flurries but cold. Worked on sources for my Kipp family today. I am working on the descendants of my g grandfather Benjamin Kipp. We had our youngest daughter and her two dogs over for dinner. We took the two dogs for a walk. They really enjoy that, except for the salt on the sidewalks. Walked 5.9 km.

Feb 8 to 14

Monday

Sun today. This week I am working on the latest issue of The Ottawa Genealogist, which is due at the printers about the 15th. We went to visit a friend who we are working with to plan a bus tour of the Mohawk Valley of New York in September. That took up the afternoon. Walked 7.2 km

Tuesday

Sun today. This was my work day at the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada book sorting group. After work I took the bus downtown and spent a few hours doing some research at the Library and Archives Canada. I was searching out references to some original documents from the time period 1783-1790. My wife was there also doing some French Canadian research and at closing time we took the bus home together. Walked 11 km.

Wednesday

Sun again today. Haven't been skiing for about three weeks now. Any snow we have received is not enough to cover the ice. We attended our Ballroom dancing session tonight. We were introduced to more refinements for the Fox Trot, Triple Swing and rumba. We now need to practice more. I haven't had much time to do genealogy so far this week. Walked 9 km.

Thursday

Sun again today. Got back to looking up sources on Ancestry again. I have decided to work on my own family lines and also one of the other lines I am related too but they also do not have a paper trail. Also used the elliptical machine today. It provides a good 20 minute work out for me. Walked 7.7 km.

Friday

Some sun today. I went for a walk with my daughter and her two dogs today at a dog park. It was mid afternoon so there was hardly anyone there. Nice walk but a bit of a stiff wind. Continued working on sources for my Kipp lines. Spent the evening watching the opening ceremonies for the Vancouver Olympics. It was great. The show was well done using Canadian ingenuity to talk about our country. Walked 10.7 km.

Saturday

Cloudy today. In the morning we went to a meeting of the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa BIFHSGO to listen to a talk on Passenger Lists. Worked on some genealogy in the afternoon and also watched some Olympic coverage. Walked 6.2 km.

Sunday

Some sun today and a dusting of new snow. Not enough to renew cross country skiing. Today my wife and I went to church, at Christ Church Cathedral here in

Ottawa. This afternoon and evening our daughter and her two dogs visited. We watched the Olympic coverage had dinner together and then watched more Olympic coverage including our first Gold medal on home turf, Men's mogul and Alex Bilodeau. Great moment! No genealogy today. Walked 6 km.

22 Feb 2010

Feb 15 to 21

Monday

I spent a good part of the day working on The Ottawa Genealogist. When this was mostly complete I took a break and then put together the Syllabus for the upcoming Gene-O-Rama genealogy conference March 26-27 here in Ottawa. In the evening we watched some of the Olympic coverage. Walked 7.8 km.

Tuesday

Cloudy day with a bit of sun. In the morning we headed off to downtown Ottawa. We visited Confederation Park to view some of the ice sculptures. Very nice!. We then attended the City of Ottawa Heritage Day celebration at City Hall. The emphasis this year was on sports. The Vintage Stock Theatre put on a good skit as usual. This was followed by a light lunch and then we visited some of the heritage booths set up by the organisations in this city. After that we headed home did some grocery shopping and then went over to our daughters house and took the two dogs out for a short walk.

We then watched the Olympics, in particular the women's snow boarding. This was really exciting to watch the Canadian Maelle Richer win Gold. When we all cheered the two dogs wondered what was happening! In the evening we both went to the monthly meeting of the Ottawa Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society where we heard a historical talk on the Notre Dame Cemetery here in Ottawa. It was very interesting as some of the Kipp families are buried there and my wife is working on the French Canadian lines of our son-in-law. Walked 9.7 km.

Wednesday

About 2 cm of snow today. In the morning we headed off to the University of Ottawa Library to look at some French Canadian family books and also an item in their Archives and Special Collections. After that we skated on the Rideau Canal for the first time this winter. We did a skate of about 4 km in a half hour. Not bad for older

people! In the afternoon I finished off the current issue of The Ottawa Branch News. Proofreading next, then off to the printer. We attended our Ballroom dancing session in the evening. We practiced refinements for the Fox Trot, Triple Swing and Rumba. Walked 6 km.

Thursday

I thought I had finished the Ottawa Branch News, but not quite. Started back on sourcing my Kipp family lines. A little snow today. In the afternoon we went over to our daughters house and took the two dogs for a walk. After that we stayed for a while to have supper and also watch more of the Olympic coverage. walked 7.6 km

Friday

I managed after a four week break due to lack of new snow to get out and do about a 5 km round trip cross country ski. Very nice! Did some more sourcing on my Kipp lines. Watched more TV and Olympic coverage. Walked 6 km.

Saturday & Sunday

Wow! The days go so fast I forget what I did sometimes. I did several hours of sourcing for my Kipp lines. We watched a lot of TV this weekend surfing back and fourth among the channels offering Olympic coverage. We also started back watching The James Herriot series and the Stargate series. Saturday afternoon I spent about two hours working the basement walls. After 30 years we have decided to finish off the drywall and paint. Walked 5.5 & 6.6 km.

1 Mar 2010

Feb 22 to 28

Monday

A slow day again. I did several hours of sourcing for my Kipp lines. This is a very slow process, but it needs to be done. Watched more of our video series. I didn't watch any Olympic coverage today. I think the hockey game last night turned me off. The Canadian team needs to do something, like learning to play together as a team for the whole game. Walked 7.6 km.

Tuesday

Well winter is back after a two month recess. Wet snow today, with temperatures above zero. This was my work day at the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada

book sorting group. In the afternoon and evening I worked at sourcing my Kipp lines again. We also watched more of our video series and some Olympic coverage. Our daughter and husband and the two dogs were over for supper. Walked 11.2 km.

#### Wednesday

More wet snow today. Worked on sourcing my Kipp lines. Watched some Olympic coverage including the Men's cross country relay and part of the USA Switzerland hockey game. Dancing lessons again tonight. We learned the basic steps for the Samba. I also converted another of my music tapes to digital files. Walked 7.6 km.

#### Thursday

More wet snow today, maybe 5 cm. Worked on my sources again today but spent time searching the Google Newspaper archives, with some success. Watched part of the Women's Gold medal game in hockey. Canada won gold of course! We also watched women's single figure skating, with a bronze for a Canadian. I converted another of my music tapes to digital files. Walked 4.2 km.

#### Friday

A very messy day weather wise with rain and then snow. Very difficult stuff to move out of the way. It was a great day for medals for Canada in the Olympics. We spent much of the day on TV coverage of the Olympics. The Canada Slovakia hockey game was great with some tense moments at the end of the game. I worked at sourcing my Kipp lines again. Walked 9 km.

#### Saturday

Cloudy day but no precipitation. We went shopping this morning to get some new washers and a faucet end for the kitchen. I worked at sourcing my Kipp lines and finished the 4th generation where I will stop for now because we are getting to the time period where records are not public. Walked 6.8 km.

#### Sunday

A stable day weather wise. What a day for the Olympics. The 50 km ski marathon was quite exciting with a Canadian coming in 5th. The cliff hanger was of course the Canada US hockey game. We watched it at our daughters house and then stayed for supper. We had a nice visit and the dogs were happy to see us as usual. Worked on my German ancestors for a while today. Walked 6.6 km.

9 Mar 2010

Monday

Now that I have sort of finished sourcing the 4th generation from Isaac Kipp and Hannah Meed I have moved on to working on what I call the Tillsonburg Kipp family. According the to Y-DNA study we are related and connected to the Kip/Kipp family of New Amsterdam. Walked 8.1 km.

Tuesday

This was my work day at the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada book sorting group. I did some more work on sourcing the Tillsonburg Kipp family. Walked 9.8 km.

Wednesday

I did some more work on sourcing the Tillsonburg Kipp family. Dancing lessons again tonight. We practiced the basic steps for the Samba and did a few other things including a review of the Cha-Cha. I find it difficult to remember all of the new things but my wife keeps me on track. Walked 9.1 km.

Thursday

Weather is good. We went shopping today and bought a new BBQ that we saw and liked. It will replace the older one we have for which we cannot obtain parts anymore. It is huge compared to others we have had, with four burners plus a side burner for boiling pots. I also worked on the Conference Program for our genealogy conference which takes place March 26-27 here in Ottawa at Library and Archive Canada building. Walked 6.3 km.

Friday

Sunny. We spent the day getting ready for looking after our daughters two dogs. They spent the night with us. The older dog Hogan is not a problem because he lived with us for a year and knows our place like a second home. The sheltie does not consider our house as home. Having a sheltie wanting to sleep on the end of a double bed is a problem, not quite enough room, but he did it. Walked 10 km.

Saturday

Sunny. We took the two dogs for a walk in the morning. In the afternoon we went to see the Met Opera in HD at the local Silver City movie theatre. This is a great way to see opera, because the camera can give you close up views. We saw the

Rosenkavalier by Richard Strauss. We have a little book which provides brief summaries of a number of operas, so we read up on it in advance. It is an interesting opera in that it has humorous moments unlike many where someone always dies at the end. An enjoyable afternoon of acting and music. Walked 6.6 km.

Sunday

Sunny again today. We still have the two dogs with us, so we were up at daybreak. I think we all slept easier last night. We had then both out for a good walk in the afternoon. Watched some of the Academy Awards. Entertaining! Walked 6.8 km.

14 Mar 2010

March 8 to 14

Monday

Sunny today. Up at daybreak again. We put the dogs in their cages in the afternoon for a couple of hours while we went out shopping. They were happy to see us return and when we let them out they ran down the yard. We took them for a long walk as well. Practised our dance steps briefly. Walked 13.9 km.

Tuesday

Sunny today. Up about 7 am today. Because we had the two dogs I didn't go into work at the Friends of LAC today. I did some more sourcing of family files and uploaded some data to Ancestry. Walked 9.9 km.

Wednesday

Sunny. Awake again at daybreak. Dogs! We continue to go out for a couple of hours in the afternoon to give ourselves and the dogs a rest. We went to our Ballroom dance session again this evening. We spent most of the hour on the Cha-Cha and the Samba. This session was a real workout. Walked 10.2 km.

Thursday

Sunny again and warm. We were awake at daylight this morning. I finished uploading my family files to Ancestry. This is another backup. If I need to I can create a GEDCOM file from Ancestry and download it to my computer. Again we went out shopping this afternoon for two hours to give ourselves a rest from the dogs. Walked 12.5 km.

Friday

Sunny again and warm. We were awake at daylight this morning. The dogs were up early! We made it through another day with the dogs. They were rather depressed this evening and were hoping to see their people. We went out shopping for a couple of hours to give ourselves a break. Walked 11.5 km.

Saturday

More cloud today and a stiff breeze from the east. This afternoon we went to see another opera from the Met HD series at Silver City in Ottawa. This is one of the most intense and great operas that I have seen. Very physical and well acted and sung. This love/hate story sort of mirrors some of the things that still happen in the world today, so not much has changed! When we returned home the two dogs were really happy to see us. Around 5:30 the two dogs were overjoyed to see their owners walk through our front door. They were all over them, no holding back. We helped them move all of the dog cages etc. back home after supper. Walked 9.4 km.

Sunday

Rain today. This will wash away some of the dirt and more of the snow. A quiet day for us! We survived the time change last night. Many of our clocks now adjust themselves, so I sometimes wait for a day to see what I need to do myself. I also know some of the older electronic items in the house will change in about a month because they have never had a software update. I updated some of the genealogy files on my home web page, [www.kipp-blake-families.ca](http://www.kipp-blake-families.ca) . Walked 5.7 km.

21 Mar 2010

March 15 to 21

Monday

Clear today with sun and quite warm. 15 C. I spent part of the day doing Ancestry.com research on the family of William Timothy Otis Kipp and Maude Mae Ferguson. Followed this family to Reuben and Ann Kipp; Isaac and Mary Kipp; then William and Mary Kipp in the US census. Also looked at his siblings and their descendants. This is quite an extensive family. Friday I received an e-mail from the Library of Congress asking for my approval for them to create an archive of my web pages [www.kipp-blake-families.ca/edwardmain](http://www.kipp-blake-families.ca/edwardmain). It must be because of the large amount of Kip/Kipp data I have compiled there. I gave them the go ahead. We made

more scones today with cranberries this time instead of raisins. Yummy! Walked 9.9 km.

## Tuesday

Sunny today. Temperature got up to about 20 C. Today I was back at the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada sorting books. No family genealogy done today. However, my wife and I attended the general meeting of the Ottawa Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society in the evening. There was a very interesting presentation titled: The Age of Cholera. It was the story of Dr. John Snow and the cholera epidemic of 1854 in London, England. There was history context and genealogy involved. We had our first bike ride of the year, which is very early for us. Biked 7.6 km. Walked 9.4 km.

## Wednesday

Sunny today. Temperature around 16 C. I spent a few more hours doing Ancestry.com research on the siblings of William Timothy Otis Kipp and Maude Mae Ferguson. Biked 8 km. Walked 6.2 km.

## Thursday

Cloudy and then some sun in the afternoon. I read a book over the last two days, The Best Cellar, by Charles Goodram. He used to work at the Library of Congress. It was a murder mystery involving books, libraries and archives. An easy read. Biked 8.5 km. Walked 7 km.

## Friday

Cloudy with sun in the afternoon. I worked on my Vanbuskirk and Alburtis connections to New Amsterdam today. One of my Kipp correspondents discovered his connections while talking to someone I worked with for years in the library and who was also a cousin of mine. Small world as they say. We had our daughter and husband and their two dogs over for supper. We then watched Who Do You Think You Are! This was a good one with Liza Kudrow. Walked 7.6 km.

## Saturday

Cloudy and cool. No genealogy today. Instead I did some filling on the drywall in the basement and the frames around our new windows in preparation for painting. I also worked a bit on the next issue of The Ottawa Genealogist for the Ottawa Branch, OGS and The Royal Yorker for the St. Lawrence Branch UELAC. Biked 9.6 km. Walked 5.1 km.

Sunday

Cloud and then some sun but cool. I did a bit of Rathbun genealogy last night and today to help the genealogist for the Rathbun family. Actually he helped me fill in some gaps. I am also reading a book about the Great Fire of London, England in 1666. Quite an interesting book. My wife has ancestors who lived in London. They may have lived on the opposite side of the Thames from where the fire was. We also practiced our dance steps today. Biked 9.3 km. Walked 5 km.

28 Mar 2010

March 22 to 28

Monday

Sun and cloud. The book on the London fire was The Great Fire of London, by Stephen Porter. Finished it today. Good reading. I was back working on the Tillsonburg Kipp family today. Found sources and new information for the family of William Kipp and Rachel Mann; son Chauncey Kipp and Sarah Jane Laur and their children. Walked 7.5 km.

Tuesday

Rain, hard rain and snow flurries today, cold. No accumulation. Today I was back at the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada sorting books. More work on the Tillsonburg Kipp family. Walked 8.3 km.

Wednesday Walked 8 km.

Thursday

Sun and cloud today, windy and cool. We started working on my talk about the Mohawk valley of New York today. The talk is to be given on May 6th at the Sir John Johnson Manor House in Williamstown, Ontario. We also went shopping this afternoon. Later with some help I cut a small limb off of one our trees. I hope to get someone to come and do the rest for me soon. Walked 9 km.

Friday

Sun, cloud and cold today. This was the start day for our local Gene-O-Rama genealogy conference. The new location was the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) in downtown Ottawa. We had picked up some items for the conference in the morning and delivered them about 3:15 in the afternoon. After that my wife and I

did a couple of hours of research at the LAC. We then walked a couple of blocks to the Bay Street Bistro and had a delicious chicken dinner. After a leisurely walk back to LAC we looked around at the vendors, chatted with people and then attended the opening ceremonies and an excellent talk by Lisa Alzo from Ithaca, New York on Silent Voices: Telling the Stories of Your Female Immigrant Ancestors. Walked 6 km.

#### Saturday

A bit cool with sun and cloud. My wife and I attended the Gene-O-Rama conference all day at the Library and Archives Canada building on Wellington Street in Ottawa. The conference seemed successful and the speakers were great. I listened to talks by Lisa Alzo, Leslie Anderson, John Reid and Martha Seguin-Muntz. The programme book looked great. (I produced it of course!) Walked 5.6 km.

#### Sunday

Sun, cloud and cool. More work on the Tillsonburg Kipp family, in particular the family of Henry Kipp and Rachel Ann Wintermute. The other day I found a marriage record on Ancestry.com for John (Jim) Kipp and Lydia McPherson. Rain this evening. Biked 9.3 km. Walked 3 km.

7 Apr 2010

March 29 to April 4

#### Monday

The rain ended about noon. More work on the Tillsonburg Kipp family. We also did more work on my talk about the Mohawk Valley for May 6th. I worked on raking the front lawn in the afternoon. Walked 5.4 km.

#### Tuesday

Sun, cloud and warmer. I was back at the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada sorting books. I worked on trimming some of the shrubs in the afternoon. More work on the Tillsonburg Kipp family. Walked 7 km.

#### Wednesday

Sunny and warm today. I did some more gardening today. With some help I cut another small limb off of one of our trees and reduced it to small pieces. We did more work on my talk about the Mohawk Valley for May 6th. The draft of the text is done and we started on the slides. We went to our last Ballroom dance session this

evening. This will be it for a few months. We now need to practice the steps every week. More work on the Tillsonburg Kipp family. Biked 9.8 km. Walked 5 km.

Thursday

Sunny and Warm. More work on the Tillsonburg Kipp family. We did more work on my talk about the Mohawk Valley for May 6th. More gardening, especially trimming shrubs. Biked 9.3 km. Walked 6.9 km.

Friday

Sunny and very warm. We did more work on my talk about the Mohawk Valley for May 6th. Finally got someone to come and give me an estimate for trimming the locust tree in the front yard and removing a spruce tree in the back yard that we have propped up for over 20 years and that is severely denuded by bud worms. I spent about two hours sanding the drywall patching in the basement and then vacuuming afterwards to get rid of the dust. We should be ready for painting now. Perhaps on Monday! Walked 6.4 km.

Saturday

Sunny and very warm, about 25 C. A bit cloudy in the late afternoon. More gardening and outside work today. Time to put away the winter stuff and bring out the summer stuff. Vacuumed the lane way because the neighbours pine tree is shedding like crazy. I put out a sundial in the back yard that has been in the utility shed for years. We bought some new under padding for the basement rug and installed the same. More work on the Tillsonburg Kipp family. Biked 9.5 km. Walked 5.3 km.

Sunday

Sunny and cooler today. Went to church today for the Easter service. In the afternoon we had our youngest daughter, her husband and their two dogs over for Easter. We had a good afternoon and a very nice supper of salad, ham, chicken, home made beans and scalloped potatoes, with dessert of reduced fat ice cream with strawberries and homemade cupcakes. Walked 4.6 km.

11 Apr 2010

April 5 to 11

Monday

Rain in the morning and then some sun in the afternoon. More work on the Tillsonburg Kipp family. Someone also sent me a US Census reference which I followed up and added more sources to a couple of families in the Kip Family in America which is up on World Connect. Biked 10.5 km. Walked 3.5 km.

#### Tuesday

Cloudy today and cooler. Not much going on today. As editor of The Ottawa Genealogist I went to the board meeting of the Ottawa Branch, OGS in the evening. Walked 10.4 km.

#### Wednesday

Some rain this morning. Cooler. We had our daughter two dogs over for the day. They were having some house repairs done. We took them for a walk after the rain stopped. Then we went shopping for a few things. Finished my work on the Tillsonburg Kipp family. I will probably go back at it later. Made contact and had a nice chat with Scott Aaron on Skype. Walked 5.8 km.

#### Thursday

Some rain late afternoon and overnight. Cold and windy. The back fifty of our lot is soggy. We had our daughter two dogs over for the day. That takes up time. Started work on sourcing the family of John Kipp and Polly Spotten. We set up a new 10" laptop which we will use when on the road. Very light. Walked 7 km.

#### Friday

Cloudy and cold today. Today I spent the afternoon working on the next issue of The Ottawa Genealogist. It is due for the printer by the end of next week. Walked 7.7 km.

#### Saturday

Not a bad day with cloud and sun and cool. We headed off up the Ottawa Valley to Arnprior for the Region 8 OGS Annual Meeting and Family History fair. We had a good turnout and a new chair was elected. The current secretary remained. The speakers were good as well, two speaking about cemetery topics and the third about the Kashubs of Canada (Polish) who settled at Wilno, Ontario. We were tired when we got back home. I then spent several hours sitting at the computer sourcing the family of John Kipp and Polly Spotten. Walked 5.5 km.

#### Sunday

Cloudy with periods of sun and windy. Did some more trimming of shrubs and bushes today. This is really early for this. I spent several hours working on the family of John Kipp and Polly Spotten. Walked 5.4 km.

19 Apr 2010

April 12 to 18

Monday

Sun, cloud and cool. Worked on The Ottawa Genealogist in the afternoon. We also went shopping for a couple of hours. We had the two dogs over from about 6 to 9 while their parents were out. Hogan really likes staying with us because he lived in our house for a year. Jackson likes being here but really waits for his parents to return so he can go back to the house he grew up in. Biked 11.6 km. Walked 6.9 km.

Tuesday

Sunny. A great day. I was back at the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada sorting books. Lots of books packed and boxed today. Had a rest in the afternoon and an early supper. We went for a 7.5 km walk in the city on walking paths with the Rideau Trail Club. Saw some new places we hadn't seen before. Did a little work on The Ottawa Genealogist before bed. I think it is done finally, except for editing. Walked 14.9 km.

Wednesday

Sunny today and warm 18 C. Another great day. I spent about three hours today painting about a third of the basement walls, in the area where we have our TV room. Looks a lot better now. Other than that we stayed home except for a brief shopping trip. No genealogy today. I printed The Ottawa Genealogist for my wife to proofread. Did more work on the family of John Kipp and Polly Spotten. Biked 8.6 km. Walked 5.2 km.

Thursday

Sun and cloud today with light rain in the evening. The paint smell is still dissipating today. Did some more trimming of shrubs in the garden today. The grass will need cutting soon, especially after a couple of days of rain. Went and picked up the car which was in for repair. watched more Stargate. We are on season 8. Did more work on the family of John Kipp and Polly Spotten. Walked 7.0 km.

Friday

Cloudy with rain today. Did more work on the family of John Kipp and Polly Spotten. Walked 6.7 km.

Saturday.

Cloudy with rain today. We took a trip to the St. Lawrence today going across country to Ingleside first. Here we passed the 45th parallel going south and then again later going north. We stopped by the bird sanctuary at Narin Island, but saw mostly Red Wing Blackbirds and Starlings, with a few Canada Geese, a couple of ducks and probably two Loons. We ended up in Morrisburg where we attended an executive meeting of the St. Lawrence Branch UELAC. I am the editor of their newsletter The Royal Yorker. Meeting over we headed home in the rain. In Ottawa we took a break and then went out for supper at a local restaurant called the Works. They sell fancy burgers. Very good meal. It was my birthday yesterday. I spent a while in the evening doing final edits on The Ottawa Genealogist and The Royal Yorker. Walked 4.1 km.

Sunday

Sunny today. The rain was good for the plants but enough for now! We had our daughter and son-in-law over for the afternoon and supper. The two dogs were here also. We had a pleasant afternoon. For supper we had BBQ spare-ribs and chicken. Great meal! Walked 6.8 km.

27 Apr 2010 April 19 to 25

Monday

Sunny today. This morning we went to the Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Branch of FSNA. (Federal Superannuates National Association). This is a group of about 28,000 Ottawa Public Service retirees, with about 170,000 Canada wide. After the meeting we did a bit of shopping and did a drive by viewing of our daughter and son-in-law's new house. At home I cleaned out an eves trough downspout and did a bit of scraping in preparation for painting. Did more work on the family of John Kipp and Polly Spotten. Biked 11.6 km. Walked 4.8 km.

Tuesday

Sunny today with cloud in the late afternoon. Mailed the The Royal Yorker Newsletter this morning. I was back at the Friends of the Library and Archives

Canada sorting books. Lots of books packed and boxed today. Had a snooze in the afternoon, because I was tired. We both went off to the monthly meeting of the Ottawa Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society. The speaker gave a good talk on finding your English ancestors. He emphasized online sources.

Walked 8.1 km.

Wednesday

Sunny today with some cloud later in the day. Did a bit of outside painting today. The trim around the new windows needed painting. After a bike ride I did some weed removal in the lawn and gardens. Did more work on the family of John Kipp and Polly Spotten. Biked 11.4 km. Walked 5.1 km.

Thursday

Sunny and warmer. We had the two dogs today. They are always happy when their parents return. Their parents were showing their house today to potential buyers. Did more work on the family of John Kipp and Polly Spotten. Walked 9.8 km.

Friday

Sunny and warmer. We had the two dogs again today. They are always happy when their parents return after their day at work. Their parents were showing their house today to potential buyers. Did more work on the family of John Kipp and Polly Spotten. Biked 9.7 km. Walked 7.5 km.

Saturday

Sunny and warm 20 C. Edited my talk on the Mohawk Valley to be given on May 6th in Williamstown, Ontario. Went to the Met HD Opera at Silver City today. It was Ambrose Thomas's Hamlet, a story of death, death and more death. The singing was great. I am always amazed at how simple the sets can be for these presentations. Biked 9.6 km. Walked 2.2 km.

Sunday

Sunny and warm 20 C. Didn't do too much today except a bit of tidy up gardening. I also planted a few Pansies which we bought at a garden centre. Our daughter, her husband and the two dogs came over to BBQ their lunch and stayed for a couple of hours. We sat out in the sun for a while. Walked 3.5 km.

3 May 2010

April 26 to May 2

Monday

Sunny to start the day and warm 15 C. Late afternoon some cloud and cold wind from the North. Did some sourcing on my LINK family tonight. Biked 11.4 km. Walked 5.2 km.

Tuesday

Wet and cold today. Snow flurries. I was back at the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada sorting books. I left early to get home in time to have a snooze. In the later afternoon we were off to the National Gallery of Canada for a reception for Western Alumni. We started off with a brief tour of the European Gallery. This was great. The paintings and sculptures were just as good as those in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. The one big difference was the quantity available to view. Following was the reception where we met a few Alumni that we knew. The new president of the University gave a brief pitch for the future of Western. There were lots of free drinks and hors d'oeuvres. A good evening. Did some sourcing on my LINK family tonight. Walked 5.5 km.

Wednesday

Cloudy and then sun today. Cool. Did some more sanding of window frames today in preparation for painting. The next few days should be warmer so we can open the windows while painting. Biked 11.4 km. Walked 3.6 km.

Thursday

Sunny today and a bit warmer, abt 15 C. Today was a painting day. I did some touch up on two bedrooms and painted the window frames which were installed with the new windows last November. No genealogy today. Walked 7.6 km.

Friday

Today started off with a bit of sun then it turned cloudy. Did some sourcing on my LINK family. This family is very extensive so there is a lot to do. Biked 11.4 km. Walked 1.9 km.

Saturday

It was supposed to be sunny and hot today. However, the cloud remained all day with a few peaks of sun. Didn't do much today except catch up on things like cleaning the house. Walked 3.9 km.

### Sunday

Cloud and sun today, humid. We drove to Morrisburg, Ontario today to attend the annual meeting of the St. Lawrence Branch United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. A small and informal meeting. The speaker talked about the Quarrier Home Children. After the meeting we dropped by Upper Canada Village and took a walk around the Battle of Chrysler's Farm monument. We had dinner at noon at the MacIntosh Inn in Morrisburg. Biked 11.4 km. Walked 3.4 km.

9 May 2010

May 3 to 9

### Monday

Heavy rain over night and rain this morning. By evening the storm had cleared away and it was sunny and humid, 25 C. Some gardening today. Worked on sourcing my Link family. Walked 10.8 km.

### Tuesday

The day started off cloudy and then improved to sunny abt 23 C and then back to cloud. I was back at the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada sorting books. Lots of books packed today. Had a rest in the afternoon. In the evening as Editor of The Ottawa Genealogist, I went to the monthly board meeting of the Ottawa Branch OGS. Had a chat with the Publications person about a new CD he is creating and then chatted to the secretary about a French Baptismal record from 1704 that I am trying to transcribe in French and then translate into English. Walked 8.9 km.

### Wednesday

Sunny and warm today 25 C. There was some threat of showers throughout the day. We finally got our Locust tree in the front yard trimmed. There were a lot of dead branches in the top. It looks kind of bare right now but will soon leaf out in full and look better. We also had a spruce tree removed from the back yard. We have propped this tree up for 30 years and now it has fallen to the spruce bud worm. Late afternoon we went shopping at a local garden center for some perennial plants. Biked 14.1 km. Walked 5.8 km.

Thursday

Cloud, rain and then some sun today. Spent the afternoon and evening in Williamstown, Ontario. I went there to give a talk on the Mohawk Valley trip and Sir John Johnson to the Glengarry Historical Society at the Sir John Johnson Manor House in Williamstown. The talk went well and we had about 50 in attendance, a few who I had met previously. My wife ran the laptop and the slides for me. Our local hosts provided an excellent dinner. Walked 4.1 km.

Friday

Sunny until about mid afternoon then it clouded in. Cool wind. Had the furnace air ducts cleaned today. Did some serious gardening as well, including emptying the compost bins and then roto-tilling the garden. I was very tired after the yard work, so after supper we watched a movie. I also sorted through a box of papers relating to my involvement with the Alumni Branch of The University of Western Ontario here in Ottawa. I noticed I was involved from the start up in 1980 until about 1997. My wife was also involved for about 14 years. I plan to pass the papers on to the head office soon. Walked 7.5 km.

Saturday

Rain today. We went shopping for a bit around noon. Tried to do some genealogy today but I kept falling asleep at the computer. We had the two dogs over for the evening while their parents were visiting elsewhere. Walked 4.8 km.

Sunday

It was really cold this morning, 1 C. with wind. Last night I put some of the flats of plants we bought the other day into the garage. Worked on my genealogy a bit today. We watched a video on New York City we bought a couple of years ago. Nice review of the big city sights. Our daughter, son-in-law and dogs were over for a visit and Mother's day supper. Walked 2.4 km.

19 May 2010

May 10 to 17

Monday

Sunny and a bit warmer today, abt 12 C. Wind was intense and still cold. Had the stump grinder in today to remove two tree stumps. Looks better and now I can grass

the spots. After he left I took down the kids old climber that had helped hold the Spruce up for many years. It was really rusty but not too bad to disassemble with a hack saw. I put the pieces out to the garbage and they are gone now. The four posts were dug out and I will put them out to the garbage over the next two weeks.

Walked 11 km.

Tuesday

Sunny and warmer today with cloud in the afternoon. Cool wind, 18 C. Took the rototiller to work on the spot where the spruce tree stood. I worked up the ground twice and pulled out lots of small roots. I will now let it sit for a few days and maybe till it again with some peat moss before I put in grass. Also tilled two of the side gardens. In the afternoon I did some touch up painting in the down and upstairs hallways. A man from Sears was here to clean the AC coil in the furnace and install an electronic air cleaner. Almost done with the maintenance work until fall. Walked 4.5 km.

Wednesday

Sun and cloud today, abt 15 C. Worked in the garden today tidying up the yard. I am rearranging the large garden to make it smaller. In the afternoon I did some touch up painting on the kitchen cupboards. Walked 7.3 km.

Thursday

Mostly cloudy today with some sun in the late afternoon. In the morning I did some more gardening. I am shrinking the size of the garden so I am moving the sides of the garden inward. The afternoon was warm enough that we could open the windows so I proceeded to paint about 2/3 of the kitchen walls. They were looking a bit dingy but now they look great. Along with that I painted the window trim that was installed in December with the new windows. So now the interior of the house looks great.

Walked 3.4 km.

Friday

A great day. Mostly sunny today with some cloud and a shower late in the afternoon. I did some more gardening today: planted about 11 perennials; worked up the spot where the spruce tree stood after adding a bag of peat moss. I will let this sit a few more days, level it off and plant grass. With the spruce and the old climber gone the back yard is looking quite open. Started reading a new book for me: Sarum by Edward Rutherford. Walked 5.5 km.

## Saturday

Today was predicted to be sunny but it was cloudy most of the day. We had a couple of brief rain showers. In the morning I did some gardening and then went to a local garden centre to purchase a few more plants. I did a little more painting today to finish off the colour change for the basement hallway. It really does look better and brighter now. One more touch up task to do in a couple of weeks in the kitchen, then I can go outside to do a bit more painting there. Walked 5.1 km.

## Sunday

Today was sunny for sure. Did some gardening again today. Generally a relaxing day. Walked 6.2 km.

24 May 2010

May 17 to 23

## Monday

Today was sunny. Cut the grass and vacuumed the house. That was enough for the day. We picked up our older daughter at the airport around midnight. Walked 8.3 km.

## Tuesday

Cloud with some sun and warm. Today was my day to volunteer at the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada book sorting group. Our other daughter and her husband and two dogs invited themselves over for a BBQ. In the evening I went to the monthly meeting of the Ottawa Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society. Walked 7.9 km.

## Wednesday

Sunny today with some cloud. temp 26 C. This morning we went to a free retirement income seminar. Not a lot of specifics given but the general information provided was good. After that we had a free lunch given by the retirement building where the seminar was given. We then had a free tour of facilities. We have not looked at a retirement building until now. In the afternoon I relaxed and waited for the AC technician to come and check out our AC. After that I planted four flats of annual flowers. In the evening we went for a bike ride. Biked 12 km. Walked 5.6 km.

## Thursday

Cloudy in the morning with sun in the afternoon. Started working on sourcing my Link family file again using Ancestry.com. In the afternoon I did some heavy gardening by removing some sod. I am replacing with new sod. The ground is very dry. I am waiting for some rain. Biked 12 Km. Walked 8.2 km.

#### Friday

Sun and cloud today. Didn't do too much outside. We had the AC people in to determine the problem with the AC system. They will be back. Our older daughter had her birthday and we were all here as a family again. Her sister and the two dogs were here. Did some more sourcing on my Link family. My Link family is going to take months to do I think, as I do not know much about them except for my own direct line. Walked 8.2 km.

#### Saturday

Cloudy and cool in the morning. Planted some gladiolus bulbs this morning. This afternoon we went to the Met Opera in HD at Silver City. The production was Armida starring Renee Fleming. Great production with a mini-ballet in the second act. A couple of showers passed through in the afternoon. Did some more sourcing on my Link family. Biked 9.8 km. Walked 4.6 km.

#### Sunday

The day started off cloudy and then the sun came out and heated things up, abt 28 C. Variable cloud all day. We have the two dogs Jackson and Hogan for a day and a half. I took them both out for a walk this morning separately. Did some more sourcing on my Link family. Biked 11.3 km. Walked 8 km.

30 May 2010

May 24 to 30

#### Monday

The day started out sunny and remained hot, abt 30 C. This is Victoria Day, the official birthday of the Queen in Canada. Basically we took the day off and relaxed. Biked 9.8 km. Walked 4.8 km.

#### Tuesday

Very hot and humid today, abt 32 C. This is very unusual weather for us in May. I did some gardening early in the morning and also cut the grass. In the afternoon we

went shopping at a cool plaza for part of the afternoon. Went out for supper. Walked 10 km.

### Wednesday

Another very hot day and humid day, abt 32 C. I did a bit of gardening early in the morning. Spent the day at home trying to keep cool. We set our AC about 24 C, which means the basement is cold the main floor reasonable the top floor warm. We have a fold out sofa so we sleep on the main floor. We purchased supper at the local grocery store. No genealogy today. Biked 9.1 km. Walked 6 km.

### Thursday

A bit cooler today abt 28 C with much less humidity. After supper we could open the windows to let the house cool down. I went to work on the garden today and finished the tilling. Will plant this weekend now that the heat wave has subsided. I also decided to plant grass on the bare spots on the lawn now that the heat is gone. Went shopping in the afternoon. No genealogy today. Biked 10.8 km. Walked 8.4 km.

### Friday

Still warm today abt 28 C. Finished tilling the garden edges that I am going to replant with new grass seed. No genealogy today. Biked 12 km. Walked 6.8 km.

### Saturday

A small rain shower this morning, not enough! Warm and sunny today about 28 C. Didn't do to much except ready my Sarum book to the end. I finally planted the garden seeds and the tomato, lettuce and broccoli plants. No genealogy today. Walked 5.5 Km.

### Sunday

Cloudy and cool all day with a touch of sun in the afternoon, abt 20 C. We had the AC guy in today to install a new evaporator coil in the furnace. Didn't know they worked on Sunday. We had our youngest daughter and her husband and their two dogs over for dinner. No genealogy today. Walked 9.4 km.

10 Jun 2010

May 31 to June 6

### Monday

Haze around this morning from the forest fires in Quebec. The wind is from the east and it smells like something is burning. The air quality improved by evening. Did some more gardening today. The planting is all done now and I just need to water regularly until we get rain. We are watching a new science fiction series, Andromeda. We like SF and action! No genealogy today. However, we did start working on the Tour Guide for our Mohawk Valley, New York bus tour in September. Walked 9 km.

#### Tuesday

Thunderstorm and rain over night. It was badly needed here. The ground is clay and it cracks when it gets really dry. Cloudy most of the day with some sun in the afternoon. This was my day to sort books for the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada. After that we took our older daughter to the train to go to Montreal for an information Conference. In the evening I attended the monthly Board meeting of the Ottawa Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society. Walked 6.6 km.

#### Wednesday

Sunny in the morning, clouding in the afternoon. Abt 28 C. I spread some peat moss and black earth on a patch in the front lawn that was beginning to look kind of bare. I need to spread a bit of grass seed as well. I put the roto-tiller away for the year. The back patio looks better now and we have space to sit out there in the afternoon. Biked 10.7 km. Walked 6.2 km.

#### Thursday

I think it rained a bit overnight (TS) and in the morning. I spread grass seed on the remaining spots. The spots I seeded last week are growing grass already. Walked 5.2 km.

#### Friday

Cloud and sun today, abt 26 C. Did a bit more gardening this morning. Cleaned the weeds out of the driveway and cut the lawn. Did some trimming with the weed whacker. This afternoon we went to Lowe's where my wife bought the lawn swing she wanted on sale. Took about two hours to assemble, with some difficulty. We picked up our daughter at the train after her conference in Montreal. Biked 9 km. Walked 8.6 km.

#### Saturday

Cloud and sun today, abt 24 C. Cooled down in the evening to about 12 C overnight. Quite windy as well. Did some Link genealogy and started to read a biography on Columbus. This evening just before I was going to bed I decided to do a bit more work on my Link genealogy. Good thing I did because I made a breakthrough in finding the surname of my 2nd great-grandmother Mary Link, wife of John Link. Her surname was <strong>ABBS</strong> from England. Walked 6.7 km.

#### Sunday

Rain today, abt 14 C. This will be good for the lawn and other plants and my new grass. Stayed in and worked on my Link Genealogy today after the breakthrough last night. Went shopping for a couple of hours in the afternoon. Walked 4.8 km.

15 Jun 2010

June 7 to 13

#### Monday

Sunny with some cloud today, cool wind, abt 19 C. I did a few hours of research on Ancestry for my Link family. I am finding lots of new stuff. My wife and I and older daughter went canoeing today at Petrie Island on the Ottawa River. We have a 40 year old cedar strip canoe which is still in very good shape. Just a few minor leaks. We were out for about 45 minutes and had a couple of very light rain sprinkles. We then went to see the turtle pond at Petrie Island. Walked 9.2 km.

#### Tuesday

Sunny with cloud today, abt 20 C. The garden is growing and I am trying to keep the rabbits away with physical cages made from chicken wire that sit over each row. I have used this method before with some success. I usually have to give up a row of something too them to save the rest! This was my day to sort books for the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada. Did a bit of Link genealogy. Biked 9.7 Km. Walked 8.2km.

#### Wednesday

Sun and cloud today, abt 22 C. Rain in the evening. We still need it. Worked on my Link genealogy again today. Watched some Andromeda in the evening. Walked 8.8 km.

#### Thursday

Rained over night and this morning. A little sun late in the afternoon. We all went out for supper to our younger daughters home. Good meal and dessert! Walked 6.7 km.

#### Friday

Sun and cloud today, abt 23 C. Took our daughter to the airport today to fl back to Milwaukee. In the afternoon I cultivated all of the gardens. In the evening I cut the lawn. The last patches of new grass I sowed last week are emerging. Biked 10.6 km. Walked 8.2 km.

#### Saturday

Rain this morning and probably overnight. Worked on my Abbs and Link families today. went shopping at Canadian Tire for a new windshield wiper. Biked 10.9 km. Walked 5.0 km.

#### Sunday

Today we headed off from Ottawa abt 7 am to do the dry run for our bus tour in the fall through the Mohawk and Schoharie Valleys of New York State. We drove to Montreal then south and east to Chambly, Quebec, then to Iberville and Napierville to Highway 15 and south to the US at Champlain. Stopped at Plattsburgh for lunch (great salad bar at the Butcher Block) then headed down highway 87 through the Adirondacks to Lake George. Then back on 87 to almost Albany where we turned west to Schenectady and then further west to Johnstown, New York where we stayed at the Holiday Inn. Had prime rib for supper, Yum. Walked 4.9 km.

23 Jun 2010

June 14 to 20

#### Monday

Sun and cloud today. We continued our dry run for the fall bus tour in the Schoharie Valley (Glen, Charleston, Central Bridge, Schoharie, Middleburg, Fultonham etc.) and the Mohawk Valley (Amsterdam, back to Schenectady, Rotterdam Junction, Auriesville, Fultonville and Fonda). Walked 5.9 km.

#### Tuesday

Sunny today and warmer. We continued our dry run tour heading west from Johnstown, NY towards Utica. Passed through Fonda, Palatine Bridge, Nelliston, Stone Arabia, Ephratah, St. Johnsville, Mohawk, Ilion, Franfort, Utica, New Hartford,

Oriskany and Rome. Stayed at the Holiday Inn at New Hartford, NY and had a nice swim in the outdoor pool. Walked 7.5 km.

### Wednesday

This morning we had a bit of rain. We followed the clouds all day on our trip along the NY Freeway (I-90) from Utica to Newburg and then Fishkill, NY. We arrived at Fishkill about 2 pm and were able to check in early. We unpacked and then had a quick look around Fishkill for stores. Walked 6.5 km.

### Thursday

We relaxed this morning and about noon went and picked up our names tags and lunch tickets for the PALAM bus tour. The tour started off about noon and headed north on Route 9 through Wappinger Falls, Poughkeepsie, Hyde Park to Rhinebeck. Here we stopped at the Historic Beekman Arms Hotel for lunch (very good) and then a lively talk by a local historian. After that we visited the Quitman House and the old Palatine Farmstead. After that we took a drive to Clermont which is one of the Hudson Valley estates and where the NY Livingston Family lived. Walked 7.7 km.

### Friday

Sunny today and warm. We are in Fishkill, New York attending the National Conference of the Palatines to America. We have also done a bit of touring as far south as Sleepy Hollow, NY where Washington Irving wrote about the Headless Horseman. We visited Philipsburg Manor in Westchester County today. We both attended the banquet tonight and heard a very good talk about the Palatines from an historian Philip Otterness. We have been watching the Weather Channel and all of the tornado activity in the mid-west. Isn't that something! Walked 5.9 km.

### Saturday

Sunny and warm today. I attended four lectures at the Palatine Conference today. Had time after the conference to go for a swim on the hotel pool. Walked 5.8 km.

### Sunday

Cool this morning as we headed home to Ottawa. The day warmed up later. We headed due west on Highway 84 from Fishkill, NY. This took us to Scranton, PA after we passed by Lords Valley, The Promised Land and Newfoundland. Interesting names mostly associated with Quakers I suppose! Then we headed north on Highway 81 which took us through Binghamton, NY and then to Syracuse where we had a great

lunch at the Cracker Barrel. We passed through the edge of a rain storm on the way. After lunch we headed to the boarder we we waited 35 minutes to cross over. I always seem to pick the wrong line! We arrived back home in Ottawa at 6 pm. Walked 8.7 km.

8 Jul 2010

June 21 to 27

Monday

Sunny and warm today abt 25 C. I did some reading today on another Edward Rutherford book, "The Forest." In the afternoon I spent about 2 hours weeding the garden and rearranging my bunny barriers. It is amazing how fast weeds can grow in a week! The new grass patches I planted are doing really well. By the fall it will be hard to tell they were new. We had fresh strawberries for dessert. We picked our daughter up at the airport about 11.30 pm. She is back from Wisconsin for a while. Biked 9.4 km. Walked 8.5 km.

Tuesday

Sunny and warm today abt 25 C. This was my day to sort books at the Friend of the Library and Archives Canada. I was really tired after this as we moved about 100 boxes of books. Went shopping after supper. We had fresh strawberries for dessert. Walked 11 km.

Wednesday

Mostly Cloudy. I did a bit of gardening today then continued reading my book on "The New Forest." I went and got some fresh strawberries this morning.

A memorable event happened when we were out walking in the afternoon. We heard a noise about 1:41 pm that sounded like thunder. I was just going to say we are going to get wet when we noticed the ground was shaking. It shook for about a minute. We experienced a 5.0 magnitude earthquake. When we got home we discovered several items with small bases had been knocked over. The drawers on a wooden desk in our bedroom were all slightly ajar. People along our walking route were outside and several said they had to hold onto items like large screen TVs to keep them steady. One lady was very upset and she was out driving. She had to stop and talk to us. The epicentre was about 60 km North of Ottawa where we live. First one we have felt for a few years. Walked 6 km.

Thursday

Rain over night and heavy rain throughout the day. Didn't do any gardening. Read some more of The Forest. In the evening we went and looked at Chrysler cars and then went over to our daughters new house to help clean before they move in. I did the vacuuming. Walked 10.8 km.

Friday

Sunny today. Spent the day helping our daughter move, cleaning the new house and putting together a BBQ which came almost entirely in pieces. Walked 10.1 km.

Saturday

Rain in the morning and into the afternoon. We stayed home today except for a BBQ at our daughters new house in the evening. Read some more of my current book, The Forest." I finally found time to do a little sourcing on my Link family genealogy. Walked 6.2 km.

Sunday

Cloudy most of the day. Read some more of my current book, The Forest." Went out for supper to The Works, a fancy hamburger place. I found time to do a little sourcing on my Link family genealogy. Biked 9.2 km. Walked 4.1 km.

8 Jul 2010

June 28 to July 4

Monday

We moved a few more items over to our daughters new house. They now have room to store things. Finished reading "The Forest," by Ernest Rutherford. A very good read. I finally got out to the garden centre to buy a couple of pieces of sod. I have a spot in my lawn that does not grow grass seed well so I am trying sod. Walked 9.8 km.

Tuesday

We are taking a vacation from book sorting at the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada until September. Did some gardening. Some showers. Biked 9.2 km. Walked 6 km.

Wednesday

Today was supposed to have some sun but instead it was grey and cloudy with rain late in the afternoon. Found time to cut the grass and do a bit of weeding. Walked 7.3 km.

#### Thursday

Canada Day our 143rd anniversary! Sunny this morning for a change but cool, lots of cloud during the day. My wife and I went in to Parliament Hill to see the Queen. We left home about 10 am and when we got there, there were lots of people but we found a spot next to a barricade that gave us a good view of Parliament. We saw the Queen arrive from a distance of about 200 m. Watched her review the troops. She stayed for the entire noon hour show. There were several excellent speeches. her car exited the Hill right in front of us. We left the Hill about 2 pm and decided to head home. After some lunch we then headed over to our younger daughters house and spent the afternoon there. They gave us a BBQ supper and then we waited to head over to the Trim Road Hill to watch fireworks on Petrie Island. The fireworks were Ok but we were about 2 km away so the sound effects were limited. Walked 7.2 km.

#### Friday

A much nicer day today, sunny abt 25 C. Went shopping this morning for an electric power washer at Canadian Tire. Did a bit of gardening as well. The day went a way too fast, not much accomplished. I tried to read but kept falling asleep. Biked 11.2 km. Walked 8.5 km.

#### Saturday

A sunny and hot day today, abt 32 C. Spent the day mostly at home. Did a bit of gardening. I tried out my new power washer today, by cleaning the back patio stones and then cleaning the garage doors and frames. We also took off a large storm window form our living room window washed the glass and reinstalled the storm window. Walked 7.2 km.

#### Sunday

A bit hazy this morning. Sunny. abt 35 C. My wife and I went for a bike ride before noon. Did a bit of gardening today. We watched a few more episodes of Andromeda. We also had the two dogs Jackson and Hogan over to our place for a couple of hours while their parents were out doing errands. They really like visiting us but they miss their parents. Biked 11.4 km. Walked 3.1 km.

17 Jul 2010

July 5 to 15

Monday

A really hot one today, abt 35 C, sunny and humid. A threat of a thunderstorm passed us by. Did a bit of gardening today but mostly stayed inside. Today was good day to work on the next issue of The Ottawa Genealogist and also think about the next issue of the Royal Yorker. Walked 5.1 km.

Tuesday

A really hot one again today, abt 35 C, sunny and humid. Did a bit of gardening today but mostly stayed inside. Watched some of the Tour de France. Today was good day to work on the next issue of The Ottawa Genealogist. Walked 4.8 km.

Wednesday

A really hot one again today, abt 37 C, sunny and humid. Did a bit of gardening today but mostly stayed inside. Today was good day to work on the next issue of The Ottawa Genealogist. My wife and I braved a walk this morning before 9 am. We all went to the mall shopping this afternoon to have another walk and get out of the house. Walked 8.7 km.

Thursday

A really hot one again today, abt 37 C, sunny and humid. We all went to the shopping this afternoon to have another walk and get out of the house. Biked 9.7 km. Walked 7.8 km.

Friday

A really hot one again today, abt 37 C, sunny and humid. Watched some of the Tour de France. We worked on the tour booklet for the bus tour in the fall. Walked 5 km.

Saturday

The day started off foggy and then warmed up, abt 35 C, sunny and humid. Showers late in the afternoon. A friend and I travelled to Morrisburg and Upper Canada Village (UCV) today. We attended the annual military re-enactment day. This year it was a Tribute to Canada's Military Heritage. The show included a First World War Battle Re-enactment. There were only about a hundred actors and the noise from

the rifles and cannon was considerable. I can imagine what it would have been like with larger numbers of soldiers firing and more cannon firing. An interesting show. We met with the people in the St. Lawrence Branch, United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada tent. Walked 6.1 km.

Sunday

A warm day, sun and cloud, abt 32 C. Watched some of the Tour de France. Biked 12.4 KM. Walked 4.6 km.

Monday July 12th

Another warm day, abt 32 C. Cloudy in the late afternoon. We went shopping today. I did a bit of gardening. I decided to clean up and categorize my e-mail in box. Got part of it done. Walked 9.7 km.

Tuesday

Rain today with a thunderstorm in the late afternoon. Worked on the tour booklet for our bus tour this fall. Watched some of the Tour de France. Walked 8.9 km.

Wednesday

Sunny and warm again today. Did some gardening this evening. Worked on the tour booklet for our bus tour this fall. Watched some of the Tour de France. Biked 10.3 km. Walked 2.8 km.

Thursday July 15th

Today was hot again, abt 35 C. I spent the day cutting the lawn, gardening and vacuuming the house. This was in preparation for our three week bus tour to the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland. We had supper at our daughter's house which was very nice. Walked 7.6 km.

6 Aug 2010

July 16 to August 4

Friday July 16 Day 1

Queensway

Adventure Tour to the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland

Still hot and humid during the day. We drove through a couple of showers. This morning we were up at 5 am as we were on our way on our bus tour to the Maritime Provinces. The bus didn't actually pick us up until 7:15 which means we were at their pick up point a hour early. They forgot to tell us about the change. We headed east on highway 417 through Montreal and took highway 40 along the north shore of the St. Lawrence River all the way to Quebec City. We stopped near the Chateau Frontenac and were dropped off to have lunch and have a quick look around. We took lots of pictures and ate lunch at La Creperie. Then we were off on a driving tour of Quebec City and then across the Pierre Laporte bridge and onto highway 20. This took us to Riviere de Loup where we headed south into New Brunswick. We had break stops of course. We stopped at the Clarion Hotel in Edmundston, New Brunswick for the night. Nice rooms. We were not very hungry so stopped by a Subway for supper. We took a quick walk outside in the vicinity of the hotel to get some exercise. Walked 6.6 km.

Saturday July 17 Day 2

Foggy first thing this morning in Edmundston, NB. Sun and cloud during the day with sun on PEI, abt 32 C. Up at 6:30 and breakfast at 7. We headed off across New Brunswick. Our first stop was at Hartland, NB to see the world's longest covered bridge at 1282 feet. We walked across. We then travelled towards Woodstock and stopped at a Tim Horton's for mid morning break. Lunch was at an Irving's Big Stop near Salisbury, NB. This was a great place for lunch. The three of us each had a lobster roll. The afternoon was taken up with travelling towards the Confederation Bridge linking New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. There is a small viewing park at the west end of the bridge so we stopped and had a good view of the bridge. It is about 13 km long. Being on a tour bus also gave us an excellent view of the Northumberland Strait because the bus windows are above the side walls of the bridge. At the PEI end of the bridge we stopped at the gateway village for a break and to allow people to shop. After that we headed off to Summerside, PEI for the night. The Quality Inn was very nice. They had an outdoor pool so we all went swimming. After that we went to the Two Brothers for supper. Then we went for a three km walk downtown and along a seaside boardwalk on Summerside Harbour. That was it for the day. Walked 7.9 km.

Sunday July 18 Day 3

This morning in Summerside PEI was a bit cool. The rest of the day was sunny and hot abt 32 C, with a hint of a shower at Cavendish Beach late in the afternoon. Up at 6:30 am and breakfast at 7. We headed of to Charlottetown by 7:45 to pick up a tour guide and do a bus tour of Charlottetown sights. This is the Provincial Capital of PEI. After the tour we stopped at Province House which is the location of the Provincial Legislature. Here we had a look at the room where the first meetings concerning Canadian Confederation took place in 1864. We also saw the current legislative room. After that we walked around the building outside and looked at all of the historic plaques. We then took a walk down to the waterfront in the approximate location where Regis and Kelly had their show three days last week. Apparently it was quite a success! We also visited a local farm market where we shopped a bit and had some excellent ice cream about mid morning! They also have some climbing goats on hand to entertain us. After that we headed off to the small town of New Glasgow and the Island Preserve Co. for lunch. They also had a huge garden area for gardeners to view. Nice! After that we headed east toward Cavendish where we visited the grave site of Lucy Maude Montgomery and the Anne of Green Gables National Historic site. We had seen this before but it was nice to see it again. Very hot! The next stop was Cavendish National Park, which is a seashore park. Lots of sand dunes and sandy beach area. There were jelly fish in the water today. We just waded. After a drive along the cliffs of PEI we headed off to North Rustico and the Fisherman's Wharf where we had a huge supper. They had a 60 foot salad bar plus we had lobster and strawberry shortcake. Were we full! As always I took lots of digital pictures. Walked 11.5 km.

Monday July 19 Day 4

Another warm day today. It seemed abt 30 C. Up at 6:30 am, breakfast at 7. We headed off from Summerside, PEI this morning about 7:45 am and head towards the Confederation Bridge to go back to New Brunswick. We then turned east into Nova Scotia. We stopped at the NS Visitors centre where we saw a monument to "Beaubassin." When we stopped near New Glasgow this morning for coffee at Tim Horton's where we had a surprise. We were standing outside drinking coffee when a car drove up and I heard someone say twice it's the Kipps. Well I did not recognize them until they said Lorena and Tom. It was the Sherwood's of course. They have a summer home near Pictou and had come into town for the day to access the internet and make phone calls. Tom was minister at Orleans United Church for a number of years. We had a short 10 min. chat. After that we kept driving East towards Cape

Breton. Lots of trees as in New Brunswick. After crossing the Canso Causeway we stopped at Port Hastings for lunch at the Skye Motel. We were then on Cape Breton and passed through many small towns and stopped about mid afternoon at Rita's Tea House (Rita MacNeil) at Big Pond. By then we had been following along the Bras d'Or Lake for a while. Arrived in North Sydney, NS about 4:30 pm. After checking into the North Star Motel we read our e-mail. We were right above the Ferry Terminal and could see the harbour from our window. We walked downhill to the harbour and then through the ferry terminal yard with a security person. We visited a local park in North Sydney and had a close look at the ferry. We then stopped at a Subway for supper. Then back up the hill to the motel. Walked 6.8 km.

Tuesday July 20 Day 5

Up at 6:30 am. breakfast at 7:15. At 8:30 we were off down the hill to the ferry terminal. We waited around the bus and the ferry terminal for about 3 hours. We finally left about 11:30 am or noon NFLD time. The ferry trip on Marine Atlantic ship S.S. Caribou was uneventful. There was a slight swell and the wind was strong. We had lunch on the ship and then either sat and read or dozed or went for walks around the ship or spent time on deck in the wind. We arrived in Port au Basque just before 6 pm and disembarked and were on the road by 6. The drive to Corner Brook took about 2 hours and 15 minutes. The weather was clear and foggy with some sun. The Glynmill Inn was really nice. To bad we didn't arrive early. Supper was very late ending about 10 pm. There was then time to read e-mail, copy photos, charge batteries and write a trip summary. The landscape here in NFLD has lots of trees and water. It is sort of like Scotland but with green trees etc. Walked 3.4 km.

Wednesday July 21 Day 6

The weather today was a bit cooler as we headed north from Corner Brook. The Inn was quite nice with excellent breakfast choices. The first thing we did after heading off at 8 am was to visit the Capt James Cook historic site at Corner Brook. It was at the top of one of their highest hills. Excellent views of the river and town. Nice pulp and paper plant! We then headed out onto the Trans-Canada Highway heading north. We passed through Pasadena and along Deer Lake, through Deer Lake and then NE onto the Viking Trail. We passed through Wiltondale, passed Lomond, Glenburnie, Birchy Head, Shoal Brook, and then stopped Woody Point where we turned off the road and headed into the Tablelands area of Gros Morne National Park. We had never visited this area before and the mountains here were very barren. Much like

Scotland! We made a number of picture stops. The whole area is trees mountains and water. Very picturesque. After a coffee break at one of the Parks interpretation centres we headed towards Rocky Harbour where we had lunch at the Ocean View Hotel. Nice light lunch of sandwich and chowder. On the remainder of the trip we passed many small villages such as Sally's Cove, St. Pauls, Cow Head and Parson's Pond before stopping at The Arches Provincial Park where there are rock formations shaped into arches by the waves. After that we kept going through Portland Creek, Daniels Harbour, Bellburns and Hawk's Bay before stopping at the Sea Echo Motel in Port aux Choix for the night. A nice clean basic Motel with excellent internet access. We had supper in the restaurant. Fishcakes, Cod Burgers, Cod tongues, salad and desert. We went out for a walk in the wind and watched the waves dashing into the harbour from the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The wind was very strong. Walked 8.2 km.

Thursday July 22 Day 7

Off about 8:30 am from Port Au Choix this morning. We headed over to see the local lighthouse which was interesting. While there we walked down to the edge of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. We saw fossils in the rocks and walked on spongy ground (Tundra?). The plaque at the lighthouse was for The French Shore. After that we visited the Port Au Choix National Historic Park where they told us about the various peoples who have lived in the area over the past 10,000 years. While here we saw miniature plants and trees that would normally grow bigger but because of the cold winds and winters and the salt in the air from the sea they are stunted. This was the Limestone Barrens. While here we saw a Caribou. The interpreter said that 10,000 seals had appeared in their harbour earlier in the spring. We stopped at the Plum Point for lunch. We then continued north on highway 430 past St. Barbe and ended up in St. Anthony, NFLD to visit the Sir William Grenfell museum. We also looked out onto the Atlantic and discovered that this would be a good place to see icebergs earlier in the year. After a stop at Tim Hortons and the local grocery store we headed off to Roddickton for the night at the Mayflower Inn & Cottages. Basic - we had a cabin. Nice thing is they had internet access. Dinner was really slowwww. Walked 8.1 km.

Friday July 23 Day 8

The day started off a bit damp and foggy at Roddickton, NFLD. As we headed north towards L'Anse aux Meadows it looked like the fog was going to descend and it was going to rain. When we got to L'Anse Aux Meadows, the weather was a bit grey but

no rain. We spent about an hour walking through the meadow and viewing the reconstruction of a Viking sod house and storehouses. This was a really desolate place. It was interesting to see how some of my Viking ancestors may have lived! We then headed back towards the Northern Delight Restaurant for an early lunch. I had fish chowder and roll with part of an egg salad sandwich. We then had a two hour drive back to St. Barbe, NFLD to catch the Labrador Marine ferry to Blanc Sablon, Quebec at 3:30 pm. They were a half hour late leaving so we did not arrive in Blanc Sablon until 5:30 pm. During the boat ride on the Apollo mother and Margaret stood out on deck the whole time. I spent some time out. We saw whale blow spouts in the distance and whales breaching the waves. After leaving the ferry we headed a few km up the road to L'Anse aux Claire which is in Labrador. The hotel was very nice and even had internet access which we did not expect. We left our luggage at the hotel and headed off up the road again to see the Point Amour Lighthouse, which is supposed to be the tallest lighthouse in NFLD/Labrador. Here we had a real surprise. We saw whale blowing and breaching the waves very close to shore. Very exciting! Back at the hotel we had a very nice supper. Margaret and I had Caribou and mother had chicken. The dessert was a partridge berry parfait. I don't think I mentioned before that the local desserts and preserves are either blueberry, partridgeberry or bake apple. Your mother wore her new black dress and looked very nice! We attempted to go for a walk after supper but we were chased in by black flies. First time on the trip! By the way our hotel room looked out onto the L'Anse aux Claire bay and the Strait of Belle Isle. We could see blow spouts from there. We could also see the moon reflecting on the water. Walked 7 km.

Saturday July 24 Day 9

Forgot to mention that Friday was a good day for seeing moose. We must have seen about 10 on our travels. This morning there was a bit of fog at L'Anse aux Claire, Labrador. As I said we could see the bay from our room. Up at 6:30 as usual, breakfast at 7. The breakfast was buffet style and quite good. Eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, toast, oatmeal, fishcakes with partridge berry and bake apple preserves plus commercial jam. Juice and coffee. We were off at 8:30 for the ferry. We left on time at 10:30 and remained on deck watching for whales. We finally saw a few spouting and breaching the waves. A nice display before we went into the huge fog bank sitting over the Strait of Belle Isle. Arrived at St. Barbe, NFLD about noon and stopped along the way for lunch at Plum Point Motel. We then drove down the peninsula towards Gros Morne Park to stay the night at Fisherman's Landing Inn at

Rocky Harbour for the night. The weather was very nice all day with mostly sun in NFLD. We discovered that there was a walking path from the Inn to the centre part of town and the harbour so we got some exercise. Nice walk beside a rushing brook and a small waterfall. We ate at a restaurant in town across from the harbour. Nice meal with ice cream for dessert. Walked 8.1 km.

#### Sunday July 25 Day 10

The morning started off sunny but then clouded in. We left Fisherman's Landing Inn about 8:30 am and about 20 minutes later had to implement Plan B. The tour director had forgotten her handbag, so we turned around and went back. This cost us about 40 minutes. We made a couple of picture stops on the edge of Gros Morne Park. Our coffee stop on the Trans Canada Highway was at an Irvings Big Stop at Deer Lake. We bought coffee and drinks and bananas. We had lunch at Grand Falls. We all went to a Subway and had meatball subs and then took a walk up the street to a Dominion store for more bananas and yogurt etc. Here we visited the Grand Falls Fishway where they study Salmon. Then we headed further east to Gander, NFLD. Here we visited the North Atlantic Aviation Museum where we saw many artifacts and a moving video about 911. Just down the road we visited a Commonwealth Graves Commission site to an air crash that happened in 1985 and involved America soldiers returning home from a peace keeping mission. Our hotel for the night was Sinbad's Hotel and Suites at Gander. Your mother and I did some Tae Bo this morning. Margaret and I went to Macdonalds for a burger tonight and we stopped at Subway for a lobster roll for mom. We did laundry tonight. Walked 8 km.

#### Monday July 26 Day 11

It rained overnight and was still wet this morning. We had our continental breakfast of fruit, juice, toast and coffee. We had time so your mother and I did the Tae Bo workout this morning. My back is feeling better because of the exercise. We headed off towards Twillingate about 9 am. As we drove along the weather got better. It remained cloudy most of the day with a brief sprinkle. Our first stop was at a small wharf in Turrell where a guy showed us his local museum. He likes to talk to people. We then moved on to visit a church after a stop at the liquor store to buy some Screech. We stopped for lunch at Anchor Inn Motel where we had excellent fish chowder and fishcakes. Margaret had shrimp. Fish in Newfoundland refers to Cod. After lunch we visited a high lookout at the very north end of North Twillingate Island past Crow Head, where we could look out onto the Atlantic. No icebergs this

year! A great view! We then went through Twillingate again to the other side where we stopped at a place called Prime Berth where we had a talk about the fishing industry and a guy showed us how they used to fillet and preserve Cod fish. He also had a complete whale skeleton on display. Interesting! We walked over to the local Dominion store where we bought the fixings for supper. Walked 4.8 km.

Tuesday July 27 Day 12

There was rain this morning. We headed off from Gander towards St. John's about 7:45. Our first stop was Gambo to view a statue to Joey Smallwood, who was the Premier of Newfoundland when Newfoundland entered Canadian Confederation in 1949. We then drove on and stopped at Terra Nova National Park where we viewed an interesting video about the park and also touched some sea creatures in their small aquarium tank. Off again in the cloudy and wet weather we stopped at a place called Whitbourne at Monty's Place for lunch. Then onward to St. John's to stay at the Delta Hotel. We had a 2 hour guided tour of St. John's with an excellent tour guide called Mike. We then took a drive out to see Cape Spear and the lighthouse. This is the most easterly piece of land in North America. We saw more whales here. We could also see Signal Hill in the distance. Back to the hotel to settle in we found we had a corner room on the 4th floor which overlooked the harbour. Very nice! We went out for supper to a pub called Bridie Malloy's on Water Street. Your mother had Newfoundland Jig, I had Irish Stew and Margaret had a burger. I needed to get away from fish for a day. I also had a pint of 1892 which is made by Quidi Vidi Brewery. We used the hotel exercise room tonight. Nice equipment. Walked 7 km.

Wednesday July 28 Day 13

Today started off cloudy. It looked like rain but it didn't and the weather was sunny this afternoon. we headed off to Bay Bull this morning at 7:45 am. Bay Bull is south of St. John's along the coast and is the place where a lot of whale and bird watching trips start. We went out on a catamaran with a company called Gatherall. We toured out into Witless Bay (Atlantic Ocean) where we passed very close to an island full of birds such as gulls, mures and puffins etc. The guys on the boat were quite entertaining and a couple of them sang us Newfoundland songs. As we passed the bird island they were telling us that they had spotted whales in the distance. We eventually saw the spouts above the water. When we got there we appeared to be in the middle of a whole pod of Humpback whales, perhaps 20 or so. We were back at the hotel about 11 am and we took a break before heading off to see a museum

called the GeoCentre which was all about rocks and the geology of Newfoundland and Labrador. We walked back to the hotel along the harbour. After a rest at the hotel we went across the street to the K Cafe where we had dinner. Chicken Alfredo, strip loin steak and shrimp. Walked 8 km.

Thursday July 29 Day 14

Today started off cloudy in St. John's. We had a later start this morning with a group picture before we left. We headed out onto the Trans Canada Highway at 10 am. The driving was OK with a patch of rain and the wind was with us all day. We stopped at St. Jude's Motel for a light lunch and then at Grand Falls for afternoon coffee break where we had McFlurries. This is a long drive with lots of trees, rocks, water and traffic. We arrived at the Glynmill Inn in Corner Brook about 5:45 pm. Margaret and I used the exercise room for a short time then we went down for a light supper. Tomorrow we head back to the mainland. We are supposed to be up at 4:15 am and ready and on the bus by 5 am. They are sending us off with a boxed breakfast. We have a 2 hour plus drive to Port aux Basques and we need to be there an hour and a half in advance of sailing time. The ferry will probably be late leaving! No pictures today since we did not stop anywhere of interest. Walked 8 km.

Friday July 30 Day 15

Well this morning was interesting. We had a wakeup call at 4:15 am, got our stuff ready and headed downstairs to pick up a box breakfast and coffee. We were away by 5 am. We had a two hour drive to get to Port aux Basques, NFLD to catch the Marine Atlantic ferry, Atlantic Vision, back to the mainland. We had to be there an hour and a half ahead. Scheduled leaving time was 8:30 but we did not leave until 9:30. Long wait, but it doesn't seem to matter to them. We had breakfast on board. We also had a front window and saw dolphins a couple of times. We also had live entertainment on the boat, Bugs and Debbie Green from Newfoundland. They were good. We also had watched one of their videos on the coach. We arrived back in North Sydney, NS about 1:30 and it took about a half hour to unload. We then went to our motel, the North Star Inn. We were all tired, so we took an hour or so to relax before doing anything else. We went for walk down to the harbour and discovered a beach area where we walked along the water for a while. Your mother and Margaret went for a swim in the motel pool. We then went for supper. 5 more days to go! Walked 8 km.

Saturday July 31 Day 16

This morning we left North Sydney, Cape Breton about 7:40 am. We travelled along highway 105 which took us past Sydney Mines and around the St. Andrews Channel towards the Cape Breton Highlands. We finally came to the bridge that goes across one arm of the channel out to the ocean and then stopped part way up Kelly's Mountain to take some photos of the area. We then travelled part of the Cape Breton Trail until we came to Baddeck. We then passed through places such as Whycomomagh, Kingsville and Queensville. and then Port Hastings where we crossed the Canso Causeway and then stopped at a dingy Irvings Big Stop for coffee. After that we were in Nova Scotia proper where we passed through Antigonish and then to New Glasgow. We stopped at Truro for lunch at a Swiss Chalet. Then it was about an hour to Halifax where we are staying at the Delta Halifax. We had a three hour guided tour of Halifax which was very good. We stopped at Point Pleasant Park which was destroyed by a hurricane a few years ago. It is recovering. We also walked through the Public Gardens which was excellent. We also stopped in a cemetery to view a memorial to the Titanic victims. We stopped briefly at the Halifax Citadel to see the changing of the guard. Back at the hotel we took a brief break to open our suitcases and then headed out to the streets. We were close to the harbour looking for a restaurant and found Murphy's where we had fish and chips. After that we walked along the harbour front along with several thousand tourists and Haligonans. This weekend is a celebration of Natal Day on Halifax. Sort of like Col. By Day in Ottawa. We were lucky in our rooms again as we were able to watch their fireworks display from our hotel room. We walked for over two hours looking at things. They have Dolpin statues here sort of like the Moose in Toronto and the Cows in Boston. etc. Mother and Margaret went swimming in the hotel pool. Walked about 11 Km.

Sunday August 1 Day 17

A bit cloudy this morning, however it is supposed to be a good day and warm. We left the hotel about 8:30 for a drive to Peggy's Cove. This is one of the scenic places that every Canadian must visit? It definitely was scenic with the small harbour, fishing boats, lighthouse and the rocks. We had lunch there as well and bought a few things to bring home. I have been buying mostly music CDs of the Maritime Provinces. We returned to Halifax about 1:45 and were dropped off at Pier 21 where many immigrants to Canada entered the country between 1928 and 1971. We watched an interesting video and then took a look around the museum. We then did a long walk back to the Halifax Citadel passing by a few historic places along the way. We spent about 2 hours at the Citidel and again bought a few things. The Citadel is

probably the largest of the historic forts in Canada. We then headed back to the hotel for a brief rest before supper. Walked 11.8 km.

#### Monday August 2 Day 18

The morning started off a bit foggy in Halifax. We left about 8:30 am. We passed by Siewiacke, NS which is on the 45th parallel. Truro, NS was next which is where one of my newly found ancestors lived at a place called Onslow which is near Bible Hill! Our first stop of the day was Springhill, NS. This is the site of several coal mining disasters and also the home town of Anne Murray, well know Canadian singer. This was also our coffee break and a chance to buy a few groceries, like bananas. After that we headed into New Brunswick and stopped for lunch at a nice roadside restaurant called Fred's, which is located past Shediac at Cap-Pele. We then headed back into Shediac, NB to view the giant Lobster statue. That was something! After that we went to Magnetic Hill near Moncton, NB to astound everyone and buy a few items to bring home. Our hotel was part of the Future chain at Moncton. Nice place.

We used the exercise room as we all have been overeating. Supper about 8. We had two seafood platters and a spinach salad which we shared. We also had a glass of wine each. Walked 6.4 km.

#### Tuesday August 3 Day 19

Today was a driving day. We left Moncton about 8 am and travelled along the Trans Canada highway. We stopped at a the Riverside Pub & Grill in Woodstock, NB for lunch. Mom and I had Chili. Margaret had a Salmon burger. We then did a drive by at Grand Falls, NB to see the Falls? Not so interesting, so we did a picture stop at the Falls in Riviere du Loup. Much nicer!. We stopped at the Hotel Universal in Riviere du Loup for the night. We drove through a rain shower during the day. We also changed from Atlantic time to Eastern time at the New Brunswick-Quebec boarder. Walked 5.3 km.

#### Wednesday August 4 Day 20

Final day! We left Riviere du Loup about 8 am driving along the Trans Canada Highway. We passed by Quebec City and then stoppped for a coffee break. We then headed on to Montreal. We stopped West of Montreal at Pointe Claire for lunch at a place called Chenoyes. They serve great smoked meat sandwiches. After passing through a couple of very heavy rain storms we arrived back in Ottawa about 3:30 pm where we encountered another thunder storm. Our son-in-law picked us up and

took us home. Nice trip but we were happy to be home! The one thing we don't like about long trips in general is too much eating and not enough exercise! Walked 5.2 km.

31 Aug 2010

Aug 5 to 15

Thursday

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Saturday

A bit cooler today with sun and cloud. Schultz Reunion notice mailed. We went for a bike ride, first one in about 4 weeks. Biked 11 km. Walked 8.8 km.

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A bit of rain overnight. We went out for supper tonight to The Works which is a fancy burger place here in Orleans.

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Aug 16 to 22

Monday

Rain overnight with a very intense Thunder storm that passed over us about 4:45 in the morning. Woke me up! It took the morning for the clouds to break up. In the afternoon we had sun and cloud. We went shopping this afternoon. Worked on my Link family sources today. Watched a great program on PBS tonight about Saint-Gauden the famous American sculptor. We saw an exhibit about him at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City last year. Biked 11.5 km. Walked 7.2 km.

Tuesday

I did some work on the upcoming issue of The Royal Yorker today. I will have a draft ready for our board meeting on Saturday and then printing and mailing next week. Worked on my Link family sources today. Walked 5.9 km.

Wednesday

Sunny but cooler today, abt 27 C. My daughter and I went canoeing at Petrie Island today. Another good Blue Heron day, as we saw four. Worked on my Link family sources today. Walked 3.4 km.

Thursday

Sunny and cooler. We had a thunder storm mid afternoon, which cleared away. Worked on my Link family sources today. I think I have decided to stop work on the Link Family file for the moment. We had everyone over for supper tonight including the two dogs. Everyone had a good time. Biked 11.6 km. Walked 6.3 km.

Friday

Sun and cloud today. I have been working on tidying up a number of little projects so that the results can go to the printer. Biked 11.7 km. Walked 3.5 km.

Saturday

Cloudy with rain today, abt 17 C. We travelled to Morrisburg today to attend the board meeting of the St. Lawrence Branch UELAC. It is a long drive but sometimes as newsletter editor I need to be there to clarify items in the newsletter. In the evening we watched a couple of more episodes of Andromeda. After that we went for a walk in between showers. Walked 4.7 km.

Sunday

Cloudy today, abt 18 C. Some rain later in the day. We worked on an article about finding my gg grandfather William Schultz and his ancestors in Germany. We hope to have it published. Later we watched the last two episodes of Andromeda Season 5. I also finished off the latest issue of The Royal Yorker newsletter. Just need to proofread, print and mail it. Walked 5.4 km.

31 Aug 2010

Aug 23 to 29

Monday

The rain continued into the morning. Clearing started around noon with sun and cloud in the afternoon, abt 25 C. We froze tomatoes this afternoon. Worked on the computer most of the day catching up on things and paying bills. Biked 11.6 km. Walked 4.1 km.

Tuesday

Sunny today, with a bit of cloud in the afternoon, Abt 28 C. Today we spent several hours cooking up a batch of fruit chili sauce and canning it in jars. This is a really excellent recipe. We have our own tomatoes and green peppers so that helps. In the

evening we worked on the article about finding my gg grandfather William Schultz and his ancestors in Germany. Biked 11.2 km. Walked 7.1 km.

Wednesday

Cloud and sun today, abt 24 C. Lots of traffic holdups today. We went downtown to visit the Anglican Church Archives at Christ Church. We spent about 4 hours going through the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials for the surnames Link and Kipp. These records cover the early Lutheran Churches along the St. Lawrence River from about 1786 onwards. We took our lunch and ate in the Garden of the Provinces and then went for a nice walk along the Ottawa River. Walked 7.2 km.

Thursday

Tomato crop is good again this year so we have been freezing bags of tomatoes to use later in the winter. Biked 9.4 km. Walked 7.4 km.

Friday

Warmer today, Sun. Today we spent the day at Library and Archives Canada doing genealogical research. We travelled by the local transit system. We took our lunch and ate in the Garden of the Provinces and then went for a walk. Walked 7.7 km.

Saturday Walked

Warmer and humid today. Walked 7.5 km.

Sunday

Hot and humid today, abt 33 C. Went for a longer bike ride mid-morning. I worked on the article about finding my gg grandfather William Schultz and his ancestors in Germany. Watched Casino Royal on TV. Biked 15.6 km. Walked 3.9 km.

Sep 24, 2010

Aug 30 to Sept 5

Monday

Very hot today, abt 33 C. We did Tae Bo this morning. Worked inside this afternoon on various documents. Froze some more tomatoes. We also picked about 6 4 qt baskets more. Cut the grass late in the afternoon. Was it hot even in the shade. The sweat was just rolling off me. Walked 10 km.

Tuesday

Very hot again today, abt 35 C. Hazy in the late afternoon, smog I suppose. We went for an early morning bike ride. Worked a bit more on the Schultz article. I also spent some time on the tour booklet for our bus tour to the Mohawk Valley in late September. Biked 10.8 km. Walked 3.3 km.

Wednesday

Very hot again today, abt 35 C. Hazy. We went for an mid morning bike ride. Worked a bit more on the Schultz article. Did some work on my computer backing up files. Biked 11.1 km. Walked 5.3 km.

Thursday.

Another humid day with a lot of cloud. Some rain showers late afternoon, abt 25 C. We stayed in most of the day. Froze tomatoes and made some tomatoe sauce for a spaghetti dinner on Saturday. Worked on cleaning up my computer files, modified the article on William Schultz, updated my web page, and uploaded new files for my link family to Ancestry and World Connect. I am reading a historical fiction book on the Mohawk Valley of New York, called "Clarissa Putman of Tribes Hill, by John J Vrooman". This is a story from the the mid 1700s the time of the Sir William Johnson and Sir John Johnson era and the Revolution. Walked 7.9 km.

Friday

Still a humid day. We went out for lunch to celebrate our anniversary and then went to see a movie. Julia Roberts in Eat, Pray, Love. The movie was OK. Walked 4.3 km.

Saturday

Some rain today. After the rain ended a cold front went through and got rid of the humidity. Windy and cool. More work on the computer. We had company for supper, and spaghetti and meat balls, with home made tomatoe sauce. Our daughter and husband then took us out to see another movie, The American, with George Clooney. Scenery was nice and the movie was OK as well. Walked 7.2 km.

Sunday

Cloudy, cool and windy. Finished reading my book about Clarissa Putman. It was an engaging book about the Revolution along the the Mohawk River through the romance of the Johnson family. Biked 9.7 km. Walked 4.9 km.

24 Sep 2010

Sept 6 to 12

Monday

A dreary day with cloud most of the day and intermittent rain showers. We did something different today. We booked a boat trip on the Rideau Canal with "Chuckles" at Chafferys Lock. The boat is a converted lobster boat that runs on electric motors backed up by batteries and a small motor that operates a generator. We travelled through two locks, Chaffeys and Davis and stopped at Jones Falls for an hour to look around. We saw several Loon families and a Blue Heron. Jones Falls is interesting for its four locks which raise or lower boats about 56 feet. There is also a huge sandstone dam that holds back the waters. The dam dates from 1832. Walked 5.3 km.

Tuesday

The day started off cloudy and cool. Afternoon was sunny and warm. Evening rain and T-Storms. Started back at the book sorting facility of the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada. The book sale is coming up in two weeks from Sept. 17 to 19, at St. Laurent Plaza, Ottawa. Cut the grass after supper before the rain. Did some reeding in the evening and watched a DVD. Walked 7.4 km.

Wednesday

We did Tae Bo again today. We manage to get through the Basic program which is 25 minutes in length. Not bad for senior citizens. We have started re-watching a DVD on The History of Britain. Walked 6.8 km.

Thursday

Cloudy and dreary today with some rain. Starting reading the last Harry Potter book again. Walked 7 km.

Friday

Sunny today a bit cool and warm at the same time. Finally got reasonable weather to do some caulking around the windows. Biked 12.2 km. Walked 7.7 km.

Saturday

The weather was great today, sunny and warm. We travelled from Ottawa to Brantford, Ontario in about 6 and a half hours. We bought some plants to take to the Princeton, Cemetery. When there we took a few more photos and took about 30 GPS readings. Just comparing some stones from previous visits, some of them are deteriorating badly. In the evening we had supper at East Side Marios in Brantford. After supper it was raining. Walked 4.6 km. steps 24,200

Sunday

The day was cloudy with some sun by mid afternoon. So it was hot and cold throughout the day. We attended the Schultz family reunion at Princeton, Ontario. There were about 32 family members present. We had a very nice pot luck lunch and a multitude of desserts. After lunch as president this year I ran the business meeting. I gave a brief summary of research for the last year. Cousin Lee gave a talk on the Schultz family and what he is doing about contacting Schultz families in Germany. My wife gave a talk about DNA which made families aware of what it can do. It may have confused some as well. After that family members broke off and chatted. We left about 4:30 and headed across country to Newmarket for the night. We stayed in a nice Holiday Inn Express. Used the exercise room. Walked 8 km. 12,675 steps counter reset.

24 Sep 2010

Sept 13 to 19

Monday

Sun and cloud today. The hotel in Newmarket had a nice hot breakfast. We went through a couple of rain showers on our drive. We travelled from Newmarket to East Gwillimbury to visit the Selby Cemetery where we located the tombstone for my gg grandmother Martha Abbs. When then headed north around Lake Simcoe to Baysville, Muskoka. This is where my g grandfather James Allen lived and died. We visited the Baysville Community Cemetery where we were shown the location of the family plot. There is no stone for him. However, there is a marquee close by that contains a number of tin name plates which used to be located an wooden crosses over grave sites. They brought them all together in one place. The research by the cemetery people has located the plot site. We took photos. we also located a provincial historic plaque about the founders of Baysville. After these two visits we headed back to highway 11 and then 400 and ended up at our motel in Toronto

about 5 pm. We had supper at the nearby Perkins Restaurant. Walked 4.5 km. steps counted 8600.

#### Tuesday

A good day weather wise. Sun and cloud with a threat of showers. We had breakfast at the motel and then set off for the Archives of Ontario (AO) which was nearby on the campus of York University. We arrived there about 9 am. We both had items to research. The first thing we did is order any books etc. that we wanted to look at that were not on microfilm. I then headed to the microfilm cabinets to find the County Marriage Register films I wanted to look at. The AO has very nice viewers on hand and lots of them. They have film readers that will project the image onto a computer screen. Adjustments can be made to the image and the image can be saved as a digital image on a USB drive. We headed out of Toronto about 1:30 and after a pleasant drive arrived home in Ottawa about 7:15 in the evening. Walked 4.5 km. steps 19200.

#### Wednesday

Sunny and cool, abt 19 C. Did Tae Bo today. Cut the lawn and did some tidy up in the garden. This evening I assisted in loading boxes of books from the Friends of LAC book sorting group for the book sale this weekend. I was really tired after I got home. I am reading the last Harry Potter book. Walked 4.6 km.

#### Thursday

Cloudy and cool, abt 16 C. Rain in the afternoon and evening. Read some more Harry Potter. Went shopping and picked up the tour information for our next trip. Walked 4.4 km.

#### Friday

Sunny but cool today, abt 19 C. Did some outside painting today on the garage door and frame. I am changing the colour from brown to yellow. Much brighter! Finished reading my Harry Potter book. Now I am ready for the next movie. Biked 12 km. Walked 21. km.

#### Saturday

Fog this morning, then it became sunny, abt 19 C. We did TaeBo again this morning. After a break I put on the second coat of paint while it was sunny. Late afternoon we dressed up and headed to Cornwall for the Charter Night Banquet of the St.

Lawrence Branch UELAC. The meeting ran a little long and we got home about 11 pm. Walked 1.9 km.

Sunday

A little fog this morning. By mid afternoon it was sunny and warm. abt 22 C. This lead me to do some more outside painting. I am working on the next issue of the Ottawa Genealogist. Biked 11.4 km. Walked 2.8 km.

2 Oct 2010

Sept 20 to 26

Monday

A gorgeous sunny day abt 19 C. We worked on details for our next trip. Did some more painting outside. Walked 6.2 km.

Tuesday

Cloud and rain today abt 14 C. Did more work on our upcoming trip. Did Tae Bo this morning. I entered tombstone GPS readings in my family files from our trip last week. Walked 4 km.

Wednesday

Not a bad day. cloudy with sunny periods, abt 19 C. I am still working on the latest issue of The Ottawa Genealogist. Biked 12 km. Walked 2.8 km.

Thursday

Cloudy and cool. Rain overnight. Worked on The Ottawa Genealogist again to day. Almost done this issue. We had our daughter, son-in-law and their two dogs over for supper. Nice rack of ribs, with chicken, baked potatoes, salad and wine. The dogs had hamburger, which they gobbled up. Walked 7.1 km.

Friday

Rain overnight. Cloudy and cool, abt 14 C. Finished The Ottawa Genealogist today, except for proofreading. Getting ready for our bus tour to the Mohawk Valley. Walked 6.1 km.

Saturday

Headed to Cornwall in the morning. We are meeting our fellow tour guides there and we are staying with them overnight. Went out for a nice lunch and then headed off to Williamstown for a reception before the bus tour on Sunday. The bus tour was sponsored by the Sir John Johnson Manor House Historic Site. Interesting afternoon. Went out for supper in the evening to Mustache Joes in Cornwall. Prime rib, very good. Walked 5.6 km.

## Sunday

Today we were up at 4:15 am in order to have breakfast and get to Williamstown to catch the tour bus which was leaving at 6:30 am. A little rain to start the day. This was a long day. We headed to Montreal and took the Champlain bridge over the St. Lawrence, then to Chambly, Quebec where we visited St. Stephen's Church and then Mount St. Gregoire, Quebec. We then headed down highway 15 to the border crossing at Champlain, NY. Slow work there, they have new border procedures. We stopped at the Butcher Block in Plattsburgh for lunch, then headed down I-87 towards Albany, NY. We cut west on Highway 7 to Schenectady where we visited St. George's Church. We then headed to our hotel in Johnstown, NY. Most of the sites we visit during this trip have some connection to the Johnson family of the Mohawk Valley. Walked 6.3 km.

2 Oct 2010

Sept 27 to Oct 1

## Monday

The tour started this morning about 8:00 am. We visited Fort Johnson and Guy Park at Amsterdam, New York and Johnson Hall at Johnstown, New York. We drove by many historic plaques and Butlersbury near Fonda, New York. All of the previous were in the Mohawk Valley of New York. In the afternoon we visited the Schoharie Valley and located the site of several of the Palatine Dorfs as well as Upper Fort, Middle Fort and Lower Fort. We saw Vrooman's Nose (a nice hiking hill) and where Timothy Murphy lived, Middleburg Reformed Church, the Tory Mann Tavern and The Old Stone Fort Museum. We then went back to Schenectady to visit the grave site of Clarissa Putman Consort of Sir John Johnson. We had showers threatening all day but it only rained when we were on the coach. Rain in the evening. We had a banquet in the evening and our speaker was Mark Jodoin, journalist and author. He talked about

Rev. John Stuart a loyalist from the Mohawk Valley and some of his descendants.  
Walked 8.3 km.

#### Tuesday

The tour started this morning about 8:00 am. We did a quick tour of the Johnstown Battlefield and then headed back to Amsterdam to pick up some of the tour we had missed the previous day. We drove by the Clarissa Putman house, Queen Anne Parsonage, Fort Hunter and Schoharie Crossing. We then headed off to visit the Old Palatine Church at Fox's Mills and then to Stone Arabia, New York to visit Trinity Lutheran Church and the Stone Church (Dutch Reformed Church). Then we had a very delicious lunch (dinner) at Saltsman's Inn at Ephratah, New York. In the afternoon we visited the Nellis Tavern and Fort Klock near St. Johnsville, New York. After that we headed west to visit the Indian Castle Church near Little Falls, New York. Our speaker here was Ken Johnson, author of The Bloody Mohawk. While there we watched a very dangerous looking set of storms and clouds pass over. This ended with a short rain shower and then it started to clear. After that we headed to Utica and then New Hartford, NY for our hotel. There was a threat of severe storms all day long. Walked 7.3 km.

#### Wednesday

The last day of our tour of the Mohawk Valley of New York. We headed off from Utica about 8:30 and headed for Rome where we had a tour of Fort Stanwix. After that we headed back East to Oriskany to see the Oriskany Battlefield. Then we headed off towards Syracuse to have lunch at the Cracker Barrel at Cicero. Nice lunch. After a stop at the duty free we crossed the border and headed towards Williamstown on the 401. We arrived back at Williamstown about 5:15, unloaded and then headed home in our car. Arrived back in Ottawa about 6:45 p.m. Walked 7.2 km.

#### Thursday

Rain today, abt 16 C. Lots of catching up to do today. Walked 4.3 km.

#### Friday

Cloudy today. Did some garden and lawn cleanup today. The cold weather is coming. Walked 7.8 km.

28 Oct 2010

October 2 to 21

Saturday October 2

Sunny today, abt C. Did some gardening and lawn cleanup today. Cut the grass. Biked 10.7 km. Walked 4.6 km.

Sunday October 3

Trip to London, England and Europe

Took off from Ottawa about 6:55 p.m. on AC 888. There was a gorgeous sunset that lasted for about an hour. The windows were new and we should have had our camera ready. Ed watched a movie called The Canadian Pacific 1946, Randolph Scott and Jane Wyatt. It was good. Elizabeth watched the tracking for the airplane. It was good too! We had dinner about 7:30 p.m. Chicken tomato pasta, cold squash and peas salad, roll, chocolate dessert (dessert was really good). Ed had a bottle of wine and I had gingerale. We slept for about 2 hours and then we were woken up for breakfast at 11:45 p.m. just off of the Irish coast over the Atlantic, muffin, juice and coffee. We travelled 3365 miles at 38,000 feet and about 560 miles per hour. The outside air temperature was as low as – 56 degrees F. We landed at Heathrow about 6:20 a.m. London (BST). Damp with a little fog. Walked 6.3 km.

Monday October 4

We adjusted our watches and it is now Mon day in London. The Underground workers decided to do a series of rotating strikes today so it was a challenge getting to our hotel but we actually made it here by 10: 00 a.m. and were able to check in early. We unpacked and slept until 1:00 p.m. In a groggy state we decided to follow through on our first day's plan to see the Imperial War Museum and a few other items. The walk to the hotel from Waterloo Station was only ½ mile and it was a short ½ mile. We didn't really have a feel for distance but do now. We walked to St George's Circle along Waterloo Road and then onto Lambeth Palace Road. The War Museum was close to that intersection. We spent about an hour in the museum including a lunch of World War II vintage food (rationed food). We had beetroot cocoa raisin and it was good! Beetroot sugar instead of cane sugar which was couldn't be obtained during the war. We then walked down Lambeth Palace Road to see if it was too far to Lambeth Palace (the home of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the See of Canterbury (spiritual home of the Church of England and the Anglican Communion worldwide). It was not too far and we spent a little time wandering

around this ancient palace and the Church of St Mary at Lambeth and discovered a plaque to Lieutenant Colonel John By erected by the Ottawa Historical Society! The Church is closed first Monday of the month so we couldn't go in. We wandered along the Thames River in front of the Palace and had terrific views their house of parliament (Westminster Palace) and the other items along the waterfront. We then crossed Lambeth Bridge and walked down the other side through Victoria Tower Gardens and past the Houses of Parliament. We were going to go back on the Westminster Bridge by the Houses of Parliament but instead decided to walk along the Victoria Embankment. Good choice as we found the statue of Bodicea which we wanted to see. Plus the war memorials. We then crossed over on the footbridge (Hungerford Foot Bridge part of the Jubilee Walk of 2002) and walked by the London Eye and the London Aquarium (no time to see it) to Westminster Bridge. Then we walked over to Lower Marsh which has a market garden through the day and that brought us back to Waterloo Road where the Old Vic stands. We then walked just the couple of blocks back to our hotel. Walked 11.6 km.

Tuesday October 5

Today we were caught up on our sleep. We both slept about ten hours plus waking up at 7:00 a.m. to British daylight. It was somewhat cloudy but not raining. We had already paid for our breakfast and it turned out to be excellent. It was a hot buffet and a typical English breakfast of eggs, bacon, ham, baked beans, baked tomatoes, cold cereal, granola, fruit yogurt, orange and grapefruit sections, toast with jams/marmite/nutella, other pastries/croissant, juice – apple, orange and tea or coffee. It was an all you can eat buffet. We tucked away a good breakfast and then headed for the underground (or Tube as they call it here) at Waterloo Station. We had to go from Waterloo Station to Kew Gardens Station to reach the National Archives (our destination for today). The trip was about forty minutes and we left at a little after 9:00 a.m. We transferred from Bakerloo at Waterloo to District at Embankment. Then we transferred again at Earls Court to the Richmond train (second last stop is Kew Gardens). Not so many trains for Richmond but we moved along fairly quickly. There was about half a kilometre walk from the station at Kew Gardens to the National Archives. There must be a regular “parade” from the tube station to the NA as we followed along in a group (the way was well marked). The building is most impressive with a wonderful artificial lake and fountain in front. The lake is full of wildfowl. We admired that for a bit before entering. Up then to the second floor to get our Reader's Ticket. We had to pass a small test to get that but

were both successful quite quickly. The long wait was the queue for the ticket itself. Finally after about 45 minutes we had our Reader's Tickets (with our pictures on it) in hand and they are good for three years. We then proceeded to the Reading Room to start downloading the wills that we wanted and to order the documents I particularly wanted to see. We had discovered before we left the hotel that I had a problem with charging my computer. We didn't have a conversion plug that would work. My computer was definitely not going to be useful for downloading wills! Ed proceeded to download them on his computer (in total he downloaded 285 wills for us (19 for him and the rest for me). That was wonderful to have that done. I started working backwards on the list and photographed about 50 of the wills. As well I ordered my documents only three at a time though. Surprisingly it was 1:30 p.m. and we were off to lunch. By then Ed had downloaded 145 wills and I hadn't gone to see my documents yet which were now available. Lunch was interesting and a good price in the cafeteria. We had ham with a local crumbled cheese. Absolutely excellent. Then a local yogurt with plum preserves and a drink of mango and orange juice again – very pleasant. Then we went to the book store and left with 40 pounds (English currency) in books that I had wanted to purchase for a while from the National Archives plus a map of Northern Norfolk for Ed's Abbs families. Then back to work and Ed finished download the wills mentioned above and I went to look at my documents. They were very very old and I photographed the two single ones that were about John Blake of Wiltshire in the late 1100s. I will try to transcribe them later. The third item was a large box of documents not yet individually identified. After looking at five of them I decided to leave them for another day. The archivist was very worried about her documents in my hands (after all I was a stranger) and was hanging around behind me to make sure I took proper care of them – I quite understood. I returned the box and headed down to continue photographing items that I wanted. Around 5:00 p.m. we headed back to the Tube and decided to see what direction Kew Gardens was as we will go there on Friday afternoon to walk in the gardens. Then we caught the tube and retraced our steps back to Waterloo. This time the tube took us straight to Westminster where we changed to the Jubilee line and then to Waterloo Station. We looked around for a conversion plug and found one! My computer is now charged up again but the plug is a monster one – two connectors to fit it to the plugin here. It will also work on the continent. Dinner was at the hotel again and we had hamburgers, salad and fries. It was very tasty. We also added in a British dessert – chocolate cookie mash with ice cream – very tasty. We

got to talk to Margaret on Skype once again and then I fell asleep sitting up. Then typed up the journal and Ed will upload it with pictures. Enjoy! Walked 6.8 km.

Wednesday October 6

Up at 7:00 a.m. and did Tae Bo before Breakfast. Same breakfast as yesterday by 8:00 a.m. and then planned our walking trip through the City of Westminster and the City of London. We left about 8:45 a.m. walking up Waterloo and across the Westminster Bridge once again. We proceeded to the Cabinet War Rooms and Churchill Museum. It was similar to the Diefenbunker in Ottawa. The War Rooms were at Whitehall. We spent about 1 hour touring the facility and bought a DVD of the Dunkirk evacuation. After visiting the War Rooms we walked past Whitehall and then past Downing Street. We then walked along Horse Guard Parade and through the arch and over to Horse Guards Road which runs along St James Park. We then headed for The Mall which connects Buckingham Palace and the Admiralty Arch and there we saw the statue of the Duke of York. We looked at all the statues in Waterloo Place and then headed up Pall Mall Street back to The Mall and walked by the statue of Captain Cook and walked under the Admiralty Arch. We then headed for Trafalgar Square looking for Canada House which we finally found. Then we toured the square where there is Nelson's Ship in a bottle, the fountains in the square and of course the statue of Nelson on top of his column with four huge bronze lions around it and thousands of people! There was also a statue of King George IV and a statue of Charles 1 which is the milemarker. All distances from London are measured from his statue. We visited St Martin In The Field Parish Church and had lunch in the crypt. There were a lot of live people down there eating lunch. We had cheese pies, a chocolate croissant and liquids. St Martin In The Field Church is where my 2x great grandparents went to Church when they lived in London from 1840 to 1850. They lived on Covent Garden Place and their pork butcher shop was on Lamb Conduit Way nearby. After that we visited Canada House. We went up to the door and it said to wait there so we did and the guard motioned us in. We went through all the security and then sent an email from Canada House. It was quite impressive with an enormous floor to wall mirror which looked like a doorway. Very impressive entrance way for our High Commission in London. We were off once again and walked past the townhouse where Benjamin Franklin lived when he was Envoy to London in the late 1700s. Returned to the path along the Thames River known as the Victoria Embankment and found Cleopatra's Needle (an obelisk from 1500 BC Egypt) which had been a gift to the British people. It is very impressive. We

continued along the Victoria Embankment and found the Temple Church and the all the legal courts of England. The Temple Church was closed because the usual person to show the church was sick. There were a number of disappointed tourists whilst we were there. We continued walking along Victoria Embankment past Blackfriars Bridge and came across another foot bridge called the Millennium Bridge which is the actual one from the Harry Potter movie. From there we were looking for washrooms so walked up Peter's Hill to St Paul's Cathedral and found a Starbucks. So we went in and ate and drank and used the washrooms! We wandered around the area and discovered one of the old gates of London (from the 1600s) which was very impressive and then continued around St Paul Cathedral courtyard which was redone since Margaret and I were there in 2001 – your Dad and I hadn't wandered around the Church last time. We then walked back and crossed the Millennium Bridge. But we didn't see any wizards? We were then walking along the south bank of the Thames and walked by the recreation of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. We continued past Southwark Bridge winding through narrow street, past the reproduction of the Golden Hinde which as the boat of Sir Francis Drake who saved England from the Spanish Armada in 1588. Then continued past the St Saviour Southwark Cathedral and it was a masterpiece. They have built a church hall, office buildings, condominiums all in the same old stone of the original church. It is very impressive. Continuing along under London Bridge we came to Tooley Street where my 3x great grandfather had his Slop Shop (he made sailor uniforms) and walked a little ways on this street past the London Bridge Tube Station – it is an enormous tube station. We then headed back down Borough Street towards our hotel. We threaded our way down old narrow streets including Copperfield Lane and Mint Street to reach Waterloo Road which took us back to our hotel. Total distance 17.9 kilometres. Needless to say we are a little tired! Walked 18.4 km.

Thursday October 7

Up at 7:00 a.m. and breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Same breakfast as yesterday and the day before. It is a good breakfast and always hot and fresh tasting. It is very quick as it is buffet style. Today we were planning on spending the day at Greenwich. That entailed catching the Jubilee line at Waterloo Station and then transferring to the Docklands Light Rail for our trip to Cutty Sark which is the stop for the Maritime Museum and other items at Greenwich. We arrived at 10:00 a.m. at Greenwich and walked down towards the pier into the Thames River. There was a tunnel from the

south side to the north side with a very ancient looking entrance building but unfortunately both sides were closed whilst they are repairing them. So we could not do the walk under the Thames River. Somewhat disappointed but on the other hand it gave us lots of time to do other things. We then continued walking to the Maritime Museum and the first buildings we encountered were the Naval Academy. Surprisingly there looked to be a lot of construction but as we moved forward we realized they were filming a movie about life in the 1700s and it is to be a Disney Movie called Blackbeard. It looked very interesting and we watched a few minutes. We then moved on to our objective which was to visit the National Maritime Museum. It was enormous, full of children very excited to be there, but we managed to see many of the exhibits. We will show you the pictures on our return. We spent about an hour at the National Maritime Museum and then moved on to our next quest. We wanted to find the Greenwich Observatory and the Statue of General Wolfe. The statue we were not sure where it was located but as we headed towards the Observatory which was up quite a steep hill we spotted the statue looking down at us from the top of the hill. He is directly in front of the Naval Academy at Greenwich. Although this was not a holiday the grounds were crowded with people wanting to visit the Royal Observatory and they gathered by the statue but I think we were most impressed at the time with the Statue since it more directly involves us as Canadians. The Statue was placed on the grounds by the Government of Canada in 1930 which was a surprise. Also it was damaged during the Second World War and still bears the marks of machine gun fire from the air. Not sufficient to knock him down but just put a few dents in it. We then entered the Royal Observatory and stood with one foot East and one foot in the West of the Time Meridian which is 0 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds longitude but at 51 degrees latitude. It was a beautiful sunny day and warm for England I suspect. There were a lot of tourists at the site in particular several buses from Germany. The Observatory and the house for the Royal Astronomer were built in the 1670s by Charles II, King of England and the buildings were amazing. If you remember seeing the "Octagonal Room" it was exactly as pictured. We wandered through the museum looking at all the astronomical tools through the hundreds of years – an amazing collection. The Royal Astronomy building had a cafeteria so we stopped there for lunch and had an egg and watercress sandwich on many grains bread, coke and a slice of orange lavender cake which was very good. We walked along Blackheath Road through Greenwich Park to the area known as Blackheath where the Palatines lived in the early 1700s before being sent to the American Colonies. Then we headed back to the center of

Greenwich to visit the Church of St Alfege which was built around 1000 AD. My 3x great grandfather Christopher Buller and his second wife attended that church and their two sons were both baptized and buried there in 1813 and 1818. The Church itself was completely gutted by an incendiary bomb in World War II but has been completely redone and is quite beautiful inside with the outside looking probably very like it has looked for the last millennium. Back on the Docklands Light Rail to the end of the line which was Bank Station and also Monument Station. We exited right at the Monument – a 300 feet high structure constructed in memory of the Great Fire of London in 1666 and built in 1671-76. You can climb to the top if you wish for 3 pounds each but we were too tired to do that. We then wandered down Pudding Lane which was where the fire started. Continuing on our way we walked to the Tower Hill on which the Tower of London stands. In behind the tower is the area which is known as Tower Hill and the location of the martyring of many of the supporters/defenders of the Roman Catholic/Church of England depending on the monarch involved. As well there is an enormous memorial to the Merchant Marine members who died in the Battle of the North Atlantic (thousands of them) and also Trinity House where their records along with other maritime institutions like lighthouses are stored. As we moved towards the Tower Bridge to cross to the South Side Ed spotted something to the left which looked interesting and proved to be the Roman wall of London built in 61 AD. A marvellous find and quite well preserved. Continuing to follow the directions we also found the footings of one of the medieval towers at the gates of the City of London. Then around the Tower of London towards the Bridge. We had crossed about half way and discovered that they were raising the lift in the middle of the bridge to let a boat through. Lots of people were standing around watching and finally the bridge came down again and we proceeded into the district known as Bermondsey. We followed the Tower Bridge Road to Tooley Street (mentioned yesterday) and then continued on to Tanner Road and then we turned right and headed for Bermondsey Street. This is the street that my 3x and 4x great grandparents had businesses on at different times plus the Church of St Mary Magdalen that they attended is also located on this street. We followed Bermondsey Street to Long Lane where Christopher Buller lived when my 3x great grandmother Mary Beard Buller was still alive. This was an interesting old/new street with a mixture of buildings. Following to the end of Long Lane we reached Great Brough Road which led us to Brough Street and then St Georges Circus where we had been on our first day's travels in London. The way home from there was easy. When we got back to the hotel we decided to go up to Waterloo Station and buy our dinner.

We had Cornish Pasties – I had lamb and mint and Ed had a typical Cornish pasty (beef and potatoes). We also purchased a bowl of fruit and two interesting desserts – Chocolate Triffin and Raspberry Almond bar. Both were delicious and your Dad had a beer. We walked 17.6 kilometres today.

Friday October 8

Up at 6:00 a.m. and packing to get ready to move on to our Trafalgar Hotel and the beginning of our European Tour. The usual breakfast once again and as usual it was good and hot and quite tasty. Plenty of food as well to keep us going until lunch time! Today was also the day that we had planned to visit the Church of St Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey. We had walked the direction from the church yesterday on our way home but decided to revise it slightly today and it probably saved us five minutes or so. The Church was incredibly ancient inside. In very poor repair (adequate for holding services but very very old). The two people at the Church were very helpful with their explanations on the Church but must admit it was somewhat depressing to see what was once a beautiful Church in such disrepair. We didn't go up on the balconies to take any pictures. Really just wanted to escape the poverty of that building. The font though was quite spectacular – all marble and carved – and we have a picture of it. It dates back to 1801 so my 2x great grandfather Henry Christopher Buller was baptized in that font. That made it somewhat pleasant to have found that. We left after twenty minutes and then walking around the corner discovered that the burial yard still existed so we spent more time there than we had inside. My 4x great grandparents were buried in the Churchyard but no stones for them exist now if there ever were any. The graveyards was fairly well maintained and as we left we discovered a notice saying that the Church was to undergo repair which was nice to read. We then traveled to the Ancient Bermondsey Marketplace (has existed since mediaeval times at least and I think back to Roman times). That was a different experience – sort of like a flea market – lots of really nice items but we didn't buy anything. Then we headed back on our same path to the Travelodge Hotel to sign out and head for Jurys Inn in Chelsea. We had decided to take the Overground Rail Service from Waterloo. It would take us to Clapham Junction and then we transferred and caught the train going to Imperial Wharf where our next hotel was located. That worked quite well and was very quick (about 20 minutes). We only had to move the suitcases up and down one full set of stairs. Our room here is very nice (about twice as big as our last one). We had planned to go to Kew Gardens so as soon as we had everything organized in our room we headed

for the Underground (about a 15 minute walk) and arrived at Kew Gardens (our destination) about a half an hour later. We toured Kew Gardens and had time to visit all of the glass house exhibits of flowers and shrubs plus one of cactus which was very interesting. As well we walked the length of Kew Gardens to the Thames River (somewhat narrower at this point than in the City). To save ourselves the long walk back from the underground your Dad decided we would try transferring to the National Rail Service that stopped at Imperial Wharf which is almost beside our hotel. It worked out perfectly on a transfer if you can image and we were back at the hotel quite quickly. We had dinner in the bar because their restaurant isn't open. Your dad had a roast chicken/mashed potatoes with vegetable medly plate and I decided on a tuna sandwich on brown bread and onion soup. Both our meals were excellent. Back in the room and we discovered that our wake up call on Sunday is 4:50 a.m. and we leave on the bus at 6:00 a.m. (that will be Sunday morning). The weather is promised to be clear and sunny so we should be able to see the White Cliffs of Dover. Walked 18.5 km.

Saturday October 9

The first day of our tour and it was to be a day on our own in London. We picked up our luggage tags yesterday evening and they are on our bags. We will be across the channel by the time you wake up on Sunday. In Brussels some time later in the day – not sure when yet. We will try to telephone in the evening but we are one more hour away from both of you (six hours ahead of Kathryn and Rick; seven hours ahead of Margaret). Today we had a buffet breakfast at Jury's Inn and it was quite nice. They made me a bowl of oatmeal which was very tasty and I also had a slice of toast, a sunny side egg, a small amount of baked beans and two steamed tomatoes plus a good sized bowl of fruit and two pieces of cheese – a typical English breakfast except I didn't eat any bacon or sausage. We had decided to go to the Victoria and Albert Museum today. That involved walking up to the underground (about 2.5 kilometres) and then taking two different lines to reach the museum. The underground connects directly into the Victoria and Albert Museum and likely the others as well. We decided to go out on the street and enter from the road so that we could actually see the outside of the building. Well worth that effort, the buildings are beautiful. We spent about two hours looking around and then decided to take a break in the Cafe and had a scone with apricot jam and clotted cream plus a coke to keep us going and some water. We had spent quite a bit of time in the sculptures area including seeing a cast of David by Michaelangelo and we will see the original of David in Florence. It

is a majestic statue about 10 feet tall. We also viewed the tapestries – hundreds of years old and many Christian artifacts from 300 AD on. Your Dad took a lot of pictures and we will show them to you when we return. This is likely going to be a shorter entry in the journal! We then went back to the Cafe and had our dinner. The food looked so good that we decided to eat there. We had roasted lamb sandwiches (on homemade whole wheat/seed bread) and a green salad. Your Dad also had roasted potato wedges. I had enough meat for me for about three days on my sandwich – the pieces of bread were very large. I ate it all though and it was most enjoyable. Your Dad couldn't get through all the potatoes which is amazing for him but there was so much food. We went back and viewed some more of the museum and then decided to try and see some of the Natural History Museum. The building is absolutely beautiful in itself. As you enter the enormous atrium on the far side at the top of the stairs is a marble statue of Charles Darwin seated. In the middle is an enormous dinosaur skeleton. The main floor was absolutely packed with people so we headed upstairs to view the primate exhibit. There was a stuffed white handed Gibbon and we share one mutation with this primate (and so far we are still the only people in the world who do so – along with anyone who matches us). There was also a movie on cutting down a tree and then turning it into an exhibit in the museum. The movie was absolutely fascinating and we watched that to the end and then your dad found the exhibit. It was 5:00 p.m. by then so we headed up towards Hyde Park and the Albert Memorial which we hadn't seen up close when we came before. Your Dad took lots of pictures of it. Then we walked back to the Underground to head home picking up some yoghurt, oat cakes, bananas and water along the way. The underground was very very busy and we arrived home about 6:15 p.m. Now we will pack up so that we are ready to go at 5:00 a.m. Walked 12.3 kilometres today!

Sunday October 10

An early morning as we were up at 4:50 a.m., breakfast at 5:30 a.m. but our bus was late so we didn't board until 6:30 a.m. We were very ready. However, we picked up everyone and were on our way to the Ferry at Dover by 7:30. The drive through England was interesting. The land looked very like Ontario as there weren't any hedgerows or sheep much to speak of; mostly crops. By the time we reached Dover which is quite spectacular we just had to wait a few minutes to board the ferry and the ferry left about ten minutes after we loaded. Dover Castle was very large. We had a distance view of it and would like to see it another time. The white cliffs of Dover though are shinny white and can be seen quite a long ways out and actually

we had such a clear day that you could still see the white cliffs when we were on the French coastline. We drove along the Normandy coastline continuing to move along the coast into the Port of Calais. Whilst on board the ferry we had a light lunch – carrot cake and cheese. Most pleasant. We were off the ferry and on our way by 11:45 (new time now as this is European Summer Time) and will be on our way now all the way through Germany, Switzerland, Italy and back into France. We had landed at Calais which is a French port. In about half an hour though we would be in Belgium having passed the port of Dunquerque made famous because of the forced evacuation of 338,000 British, French, Belgian, Polish and Dutch troops when they were encircled by Hitler's armies in 1940. They speak Flemish, Dutch, German and French in Belgium so we didn't feel too lost as we could speak enough French if they didn't speak English. We had a coffee break at a car stop about 50 kilometres from Brussels and had a chocolate cupcake and yoghurt. Arrived in Brussels at 3:00 p.m. and saw the Atomium which is a very large metallic model of an atom created for Expo at Brussels in the 1950s. We arrived at our hotel around 4:00 and our room is very nice. We then went out for a walking tour in the old city and dinner. We went to the Grand Place square) where we saw the ancient buildings of the Guilds. They were quite beautiful although only dated back to the late 1600s because the original wooden buildings burned down in 1697. We then chose our restaurant for dinner and had a traditional meal of Flemish stew – absolutely delicious and we had a glass of house wine to go with it. The restaurant was really the front of an old house on one of their famous eating alleys. After that we walked about and had a Belgian waffle with strawberries, cream and chocolate – also very delicious. Continuing our walk about until it was time to head back to the hotel at 8:00 p.m. No internet except for 30 euros a day. Decided to pass on that and use our phone card. No public telephone at the hotel so bought 15 minutes of Internet and the keyboard is different. Managed to send an email to you and reduce our mailboxes before the time was all gone. We probably will not try to get in touch with you again unless we find a hotspot or internet cafe until Thursday when we have access once again in Italy. You will not know this other than our email since we will not be online. Heading for bed soon as we are up at 6:00 a.m. and on our way at 7:30 a.m. to catch our boat trip up the Rhine. It will be interesting to take the path of your ancestors except in reverse. Walked 10 kilometres today.

Monday October 11

Up at 6:00 a.m. with breakfast at 6:45 a.m. and it was a buffet breakfast that was incredible. There were four stations and each station was about ten feet long and four feet wide laden with food. I started with a vitamin enriched juice and a bowl of fruit – grapefruit sections, orange sections, pineapple and mixed fruit plus cheese (a piece of camembert). Then the hot table and I had a hard-boiled egg, rye bread but there were several kinds of eggs, bacon, sausage, and potato cakes. Then I had a bowl of cereal – granola, walnuts, almonds, filberts and dried apricots. There were a number of other cereal and fruit choices as well. Then a bowl of yoghurt and finally a glass of freshly squeezed orange – they had a machine which squeezed oranges right in front of you. We left on time at 7:30 a.m. from Brussels heading for the German border in a southeast direction. We then moved up along the Rhine and gradually worked our way down to the Rhine River (360 degree turns and all – fabulous views).

Felt like we were already in the Alps! We ended up at Boppard Germany where we boarded our Rhine cruise ship. It was a large cruise ship and very well appointed. We had lunch on board as we were leaving which included Schnitzel (sausage), fries and raw vegetables plus minestrone soup and a bottle of red wine (local). We then proceeded to the deck and watched the shores of the Rhine pass us by (in the reverse direction that your ancestors came up from the Palatine to Amsterdam! The travelogue was very good describing each of the castles as we passed by then. The tour was 1.5 hours and most enjoyable. We landed at St. Goar and walked around this small village for about an hour and did some shopping. They had the most fantastic cuckoo clocks and we were tempted to buy one but not practical as it is fragile to bring home in a suitcase. Then boarded the bus and headed along the Rhine River south towards Heidelberg. As we traveled we passed kilometres and kilometres of vineyards – this is the German wine making area. At Heidelberg we again got off the bus and walked around this University town in the old area. There is a castle high on the mountain which was built in 1683 and was a 45 degree climb from the street and one kilometre in length. We puffed our way up and the views were great. Then back to look at the old area of the city which included an old church, a monument to the Bubonic Plague and an ancient bridge first constructed in the 1200s. This was over the Neckar River and some of your ancestors lived in this general area. After that we headed to Karlsruhe where we unloaded at our Best Western Hotel about 6:45. After a rest we had a buffet supper which was very nice. Walked 7.7 km.

Tuesday October 12

Today was an early day; we were up at 5:45 a.m., breakfast at 6:30 and it was a fabulous breakfast. Even more interesting food than yesterday. Hard boiled eggs (still warm), bacon, sausage, pork meatballs, turkey, chicken, ham, three kinds of potatoes, mushrooms, tomatoes with cheese, and I may have missed some. For cold food, cereals – two kinds of granola, several types of nuts, some with dried fruit. Also a fruit area – grapefruit, oranges, pineapple, mixed fruit salads (two kinds), four kinds of yoghurt (apricot, strawberry, natural and plain) and then the bread (rye/other not sure which flour), many pastries, squares, and then cold cuts (at least ten different kinds) and a cheese bar. Then fresh fruit juice including grapefruit juice which pleased me and of course tea and coffee. Very nice breakfast. We left at 7:15 a.m. as our tour leader wanted to beat the traffic. We were doing so

well until the German Police pulled us over as they wanted to check the bus – that took about twenty minutes. When finished we were deep into traffic. Our first stop was at the border into Switzerland. Because they are not members of the Economic Community we had to pass through their border although Trafalgar must have such a good name that they did not come in to check our passports. Our wait there was only about ten minutes; however we had lost an hour in total so had to change plans somewhat. Our lunch stop was now the Rhine falls which was quite interesting and we spent about an hour there and had our lunch. We ate cranberries and a bar that we had brought with us from Canada. We just didn't feel like a large meal at 11:00 a.m.! However, that gave us time to really look around the waterfall and we walked from one side to the other and back again taking lots of pictures and discovering an interesting part of the Rhine River. Back on the bus and our change in plans was reviewed. We would still be able to make it to our appointment for the train and cable car up the Stanserhorn Mountain in the Swiss Alps. This was to be quite exciting. The drive itself to get there took us through at least ten tunnels in the mountain as we headed for Lucerne. Several of the tunnels were several kilometres long. At last we arrived at Lucerne and our train station. The train took us about half of the way up the mountain. The old train went all the way but has since been replaced at the top by a cable car. Only 38 of the 45 people on the tour took the train and cable car. The others spent the afternoon shopping in Lucerne. The Cable Car was quite exciting although there was a heavy cloud layer on the mountain and people screamed each time that the car went over one of the cable supports. Part way up we went through the clouds to brilliant sunshine and we were looking at fluffy clouds instead of the earth below. The mountain is 6300 feet (1300 metres) tall and is the highest I have ever been on land. It was cold coming up but on the top it

was warmer in the brilliant sun. They have a spot where you can have a 360 degree view which is a metal stand built up over the chasm between mountains – the secret is not to look down! Your Dad took a panorama of shots. Then we climbed up to the mountain peak (about another 500 feet from where the cable car brought us). The view was terrific and we could see all the mountain peaks around us sticking up out of the clouds. As I was looking around, I was suddenly thinking – oh my gosh, we are at the top of one of the mountains in the Swiss Alps. We really enjoyed our time up there. Soon enough (after 1.5 hours) it was time to come down once again. First the Cable Car and we had a reservation so passed ahead of this big long line of people waiting for their ride down – they actually booed us which surprised me. We passed through the clouds and could see the ground far beneath us. Then onto the train again and back down the rest of the mountain. But that wasn't the end of our day. We boarded the bus once again and drove to the next part of our optional tour and it was a boat ride on Lake Lucerne. It was really cold and I wore my new red gloves that Kathryn and Rick gave to me for my 65th birthday. I also had on a turtle neck shirt, a sleeveless vest, a hooded fleece jacket and then my windproof/waterproof long jacket. I had both hoods on and I was warm enough to stay outside and enjoy the boat ride along with about 5 of the tour people. It was interesting to be on the highest glacial freshwater lake in the world (and the largest). It provides 45% of the drinking water for Switzerland apparently. The boat took us from the Stanserhorn Mountain to the dock at Lucerne a trip of about 45 minutes. After that we had two hours to tour Lucerne with its ancient bridges built in the 13th century and old buildings that date back to the early 1600s. We walked around for awhile shopped at The Bucherer and then it was time to board our bus and head for our hotel in Stans. This is an old house (very large) made into hotel rooms. Our room is quite nice and fairly large. Our dinner tonight was on Trafalgar once again and it was a fairly simple dinner of cream soup and fresh whole wheat/mixed grains bread. Then chicken/mushroom sauce, carrots and onions and roasted potatoes. Finally a chocolate pudding with whipped cream. This was at 8:00 p.m. and we finished about 9:15 p.m. We have to get to bed early as we are up again at 5:45 a.m. for a 7:15 a.m. start to Venice. We walked 10.3 kilometres today.

Wednesday October 13

Up again at 5:45 a.m. again today and breakfast at 6:30 a.m. This was a cold buffet breakfast with granola and fresh yoghurt. Whole wheat bread and cheese (and ham but I didn't have any) along with jams. Orange Juice, apple juice were also available.

We were on the bus by 7:15 a.m. and moving towards Venezia (Venice). First we had to clear the Swiss border since they are not in the Economic Union. This is quite a trip through many many tunnels in the alps plus the incredible images of the mountains on either side of the road as we moved south through the Alps. They are up to 12000 feet high and they look it. We did not see any snow on these southern alps as we had on the northern alps when we were near Lucerne. Margaret and I flew over these mountains and they were snow covered caps with brown peak and an obvious lower treeline in mid-November 2001. Finally we reached the Gotthard Tunnel and this is now the second longest tunnel in the world. It is 17 kilometres long and took us just under thirteen minutes to clear it. It has stop lights every 500 feet so that the traffic can be brought to a halt. Shortly after the Gotthard Tunnel we reached the Swiss border and managed to cross fairly quickly into Italy which is part of the Economic Community so we did not have to go through their border control. We continued driving through the now Italian Swiss Alps which are the tallest but gradually the plains of Northern Italy took over. We stopped for a break about 10:30 a.m. and had our first opportunity to try out our Italian. We did very well and managed to purchase a bottle of spring water without difficulty. Continuing along the highway towards Milan where we were to have our lunch, we gradually passed out of the Alps and the level flat plains of upper Italy were all around us. Lunch was an interesting affair. We had a lovely salad (lettuce, other greens, mozzarella cheese balls, fresh olives, and tomatoes) with balsamic dressing and extra virgin olive oil, four bread sticks with olives cooked in the batter (excellent taste), and a bowl of fruit plus a bottle of local wine – very tasty (a red slightly dry wine).

Then back into the bus and we continued driving to Venice. We reached Venice at 1:30 a.m. and immediately caught our water taxi to Venice. Venice is an island (actually a series of islands with the building on stilts that are not on islands making for a continuous community with lots of waterways linking the homes and other buildings. Our first boat ride took us around the whole city of Venice to the far side near the Piazza St Martino. This was about a 30 minute boat ride out on the Lagoon (which opens into the Adriatic Sea) and is surprisingly a very large body of water. We had a special exhibit arranged for us of a glass blowing display. This is Venetian glass and then we were shown about 19 rooms of venetian glass. We thought about buying a piece but hated to spend that kind of money on a fragile piece that might break on the way home. So we didn't do that. We then had about 1.5 hours to look at Venice and did see quite a bit of the area around the Piazza. Then our next excursion was a gondola ride through the small (water) streets of Venice with a

musician playing music and a bottle of Spumanti wine. There were six of us on each boat but only Ed and I really drank the wine and it was a large bottle – we had too much but managed to look stable. ? This ride lasted about 45 minutes and was so very pleasant – we quite enjoyed it and when finished we immediately went and bought a map of Venice to remember it by. We also bought a small china plate just to remind us of our time in Venice. Then we all got onto water taxis and travelled back along the Grand Canal through the middle of Venice to our bus – took after 15 minutes and was a very speedy trip. There were about a dozen of us in each taxi and we passed by all the castles and estates of the rich in Venice – quite spectacular. Back to the Hotel and this one is particularly nice. Our dinner was again with the group and we started with a tomato pasta starter, then pork, mashed potatoes, peas and peppers as the main course and then a carmel pudding with chocolate sauce for dessert. The pasta was really great and I think it is a pity to not let the Italian chef make us an Italian meal for the entire meal instead of making an “English” meal but we are just enjoying this trip not leading it?. Still no internet for a reasonable price so we will wait until Rome where it is supposed to be available free. Time will tell. We are to be up at 6:15 a.m. tomorrow so that will be a treat. The total distance walked today was 7.6 kilometres.

Thursday October 14

Up at 6:00 a.m. with breakfast at 7:00 a.m. This was a cold buffet breakfast but was quite acceptable – with cereal, bread, fruit juice, cheese and meat, yoghurt and coffee or tea. We were in the bus at 7:45 a.m. on our way to Rome. This is a long trip and we spent most of it on the bus travelling. Our first stop was one of the autogrills. They offered a good variety of food and you could have bought freshly made sandwiches or pastries or just water like we did plus a package of fruit bars which turned out to be very good. Northern Italy is industrial and there are many many tunnels in the highway continuing from our trip of a day earlier which saw us using the longest tunnel in the world (17 kilometres). Most of the other tunnels are quite a bit shorter. Sometimes we were right on the edge of the mountain flying around a curve. Lots to see but especially the grape vineyards and the olive orchards. I have acquired a liking for fresh olives – they are quite good but I suspect it will not last as they have a strong taste in Canada. Lunch was again at one of the Autogrills and we enjoyed a fresh salad, olive breadsticks, fresh bowl of fruit, a bottle of wine and a dessert. The desserts were very interesting and we had purchased a chocolate chiffon dessert with possibly a mocha topping. We enjoyed our lunch very much. We

shared all the items as it is too much food for one person. We had stopped at 1:00 p.m. for our lunch so continued then straight on into Rome. We were staying in the southeast area which is a relatively new area of housing with our hotel reached via a lot of residential housing. This hotel is very nice and we finally got the Internet working. It was good to be able to hear from both of you.

Our first night in Rome was one of the optional tours which included a walk from the Trevi Fountain to our restaurant. First we threw coins into the Fountain and then walked from that Piazza to the next which was the Poppolo Piazza where we saw Trajan's Column. Crossing the road we were able to see the city gates (these had also been pointed out to us when we drove downtown to our rendezvous with the guide who led us) and the tomb of the King of Italy, Victor Emmanuel. From this Piazza we crossed several more stopping to look at a few items. We arrived at the Pantheon (not to be mistaken for the Parthenon in Greece!) and this building (completely intact) is 2008 years old. It is a magnificent structure with the largest free standing dome in the world (before St Peter's Basilica was built). We spent some free time there taking pictures of this building which was originally a pagan temple and following the acceptance of Christianity as the state religion of Rome because a Christian Church and is to this day. From the Pantheon we then headed for Piazza Navona where our dinner restaurant was located. A lovely restaurant with chairs outside under an awning (probably a hundred people or more eating there with our group being about 44). We started out with fresh bread and a choice of red or white wine or water. Then a plate of antipasto (including egg plant breaded). The next course was pizza and in total our group of four received four pizzas (different kinds) and each of us ate one entire pizza. I especially liked the last one which was a three cheese pizza. Dessert was Tretta (chocolate ice cream embedded with chocolate pieces and whipped cream on top). We wandered around the Piazza for a bit and then headed home – everyone full of wine and exhausted. The distance was 6.8 kilometres.

Friday, October 15

Up today at 6:00 a.m.; we just woke up early. We needed to breakfast at 7:00 a.m. and it was supposed to be on the roof but ended up in the basement so delayed us somewhat. Good breakfast except the scrambled eggs looked strange – somewhat runny so put it mildly. I ate cereal, fruit (canned), cheese, yoghurt, fruit juice (grape fruit?), and some pastry because no brown bread. We were all finished by 7:25 a.m. and on the bus just after 7:30 a.m. which was good. Today our destination was the

Vatican Museum. We had a special conducted tour of the Museum and boy was I in for a surprise. Margaret and I spent an entire day there! The tour was precise and controlled so that we had just one hour in the Vatican Museum and then one hour in St Peter's Basilica. It was all the time that we had actually. My daughter and I spent one entire day at St Peter's Basilica. It was really nice to see it all again and I enjoyed it. I felt somewhat sad that Ed had so little time there but he said he enjoyed it. The Cathedral and square are all set up for a beatification ceremony tomorrow so the space was somewhat limited. We wandered around St Peter's Square which was most interesting once again. Then we headed for the Vatican Shop and bought a small statue of Piata which we will enjoy and be a good memory of our visit to St Peter's Basilica. We also bought a book on Rome and the Vatican which will be helpful remembering everything that we saw today. We had lunch but I picked a salad which was somewhat old but the roll was good as was the spring water. We should have gone and bought a proper lunch and it was a good lesson to us. Then we were off to the Coliseum to see that ancient building and have a tour plus on our own in the Forum. The Coliseum was quite interesting . I learned that we shouldn't have been up in the very top when we visited it in 2001 but the person in charge said it was okay so we had climbed up. There weren't very many people there so perhaps that way why we were permitted to go up. Apparently it has been closed since 1970. But the views were lovely and we enjoyed them. The tour guide said very few Christians died in the Coliseum and it was funny the effect that had on me. Last time I found it depressing to think of all the Christians who were martyred there and this time of course the element of question entered into the thought and I simply enjoyed such an ancient establishment and how much you can learn from being there. We had some free time and so Ed and I walked around the ruins but it is different from before in that so much is fenced off and better organized. That is a plus I think in terms of protecting the dig. Then back to the hotel for a couple of hours break. We were off to the dinner at 4:45 a.m. and it included a lovely walk through the ruins and also Campione Square. We saw a young couple in wedding dress obviously very happy at their special day. The end of the day was idyllic as we enjoyed our stroll about and then back into the bus and heading for our dinner's restaurant. They were all ready for us with lovely breadsticks and wine to start. Quickly they brought us antipasta – bruschetta, Italian meat specialty and red wine. Then we moved into the Pasta courses – first a filled pasta –cottage cheese and mozzarella then a second pasta which was equally delicious. Next course was the dinner and I had chosen beef and potatoes were included along with a separate

salad (olive oil). Everything was very nice although I only ate half of the meat (far too much). Then into the dessert course – ice cream and fruit. Then a final drink of spumanti and we saluted our evening. Then back in the bus and another boisterous crowd on the bus – it is lucky the police do not stop us for rowdiness (I am sitting quietly in my seat as is your Dad?). Back in the hotel I wrote both of you and I am now talking to Margaret. The Distance today was 11.8 kilometers. On to Florence tomorrow.

Saturday October 16

Unfortunately Ed was sick in the night with vomiting and diarrhea, he is feeling better this evening but our day in Florence was quite an effort for him. We were up at 6:15 a.m. and headed down for breakfast just before 7:00 a.m. I got Ed a cup of tea but there wasn't really anything else for him unfortunately. My breakfast was a different affair as I managed to eat at three different tables starting with cereal and juice, then having cheese and an apricot bar and finally a glass of grapefruit juice and apricot yoghurt. Then we headed out to the bus. We left at 7:45 a.m. and managed to get out of Rome quite quickly. I turned on the GPS today and watched the path out of Rome and towards Florence. I turned it off after about half of an hour. Ed slept most of the time to the first stop. At the first stop we tried to get gingerale but the stores only had sprite. Did find some nice thin slightly salted crackers which worked well. We arrived in Florence about 11:30 a.m. and immediately were dropped at a leather store. Not only did they sell every leather product that you could think of but they do trimming, alterations, etc. right at their store. They had a demonstration for us of several of their products which was very interesting and included putting gold leaf on leather and a movie on making leather shoes. The leather jackets were wonderful and if I was younger I would buy one but I already had a leather coat and do not want another one. The leather though is absolutely beautiful – so soft and light but they would be warm. I promised myself that I would buy a piece of leather for myself as a treat – I had to decide between the various purses/wallets and other items. I didn't rush? We had a map and headed out to find the statues in the piazza Signoria (the copy of David is there as well as Neptune, Zeus and many others as it turned out). We spent about half of an hour there and Ed was able to rest for a while. We had purchased a special electrolyte powder to help him to get better. You just mix it with water and the druggist was quite helpful (he spoke some English). We walked towards the Duomo in Piazza Duomo (the people's piazza) and actually the Church of Santa Marie del Fiore. This is an absolutely beautiful Church with a facade

of three colours of marble – white, pink and pale green. It is one of the largest cathedrals in Italy and was the largest. It has the largest free standing (double) dome in Italy. We queued up to view the Church and it took about 30 minutes to look all around the Church – another rest time as well. Then we headed back to see the other Church Santa Croce. The first church had been free to view but this one was 5 euros each but worth every penny (as was the other one actually). Santa Croce contains the memorials for Galileo Galilei, Michelangelo Buonarroti, Dante Alighieri, Vittoria Alfieri, Nicolo Machiavelli, Gioacchino Rossini and many others. It also include the original “Statue of Liberty” by Pio Fedi. Many of the paintings date back to the 1300s and the 16 small chapels beside the main altar have amazing frescoes and paintings. We spent about 45 minutes in the Church and they permit pictures so we took pictures of as much as we could. Then we went out through one of the Cloisters unfortunately missing the other cloister and the two crypt walks. There just isn’t enough time to see everything and there wasn’t anyone else that we were particularly trying to see. We were to meet for our Florence City Tour at 3:25 p.m. in front of the leather shop and I forgot to mention that I did finally decide on my leather purchase and it is a beautiful red leather purse (small clasp purse) with three inner pockets and every bit of it is leather. I will enjoy using it and my Aunt Elaine had given me a small leather purse when she went to Italy (I was about six years old). I used the purse for many many years until it finally just wore out when I was in my 40s. The lifespan of really good leather is very very long. Our City Tour started at the leather shop and led back to the Signoria Piazza but far more detail on everything. For instance I did not notice that the building behind in the statues mentioned earlier was a palace belonging to the local Duke. We spent a number of minutes looking at all the statues once again but with some new information on the individual sculptures and their sculptors. We then left the civil piazza as the young woman described this particular area of Old Florence and moved towards the Religious Piazza which was of course dominated by the People’s Church or the Duomo as it is called (the actual name of the Church being Santa Maria de la Fiore). She explained about the marble stone and that originally the facade had been much plainer but the Medicini family wished to have a spectacular church in their homeland and when Florence was named the Capital of Italy back in the 1600s, then they removed the old facade and added the spectacular one that is now there. The Bell Tower is a separate building and has a viewing platform at the top as does the dome with there being 491 and 497 steps respectively in each (plus you pay a fee to do it!). We then moved to the Baptistry which is also in the same marble facade as the Church of

Santa Maria del Fiore. The doors are the particular attraction as they are known as the Gates of Heaven. The 12 scenes depicted are all Old Testament and we learned that they are only copies of the original. The Arno River flooded over and the brass carved door panels popped out and the decision was made to copy them and keep the originals in the museum. We then moved towards the Museo Nazionale del Bargello to view Michaelangelo's works there especially including the Statue of David. It was about a five minute walk and we arrived to enormous lines (one of individuals trying to get into the Museum) and the second of several tour groups also trying to enter the Museum). We waited in line about fifteen minutes which I found somewhat strange since we had a reservation but then we received the tickets and basically we had arrived fifteen minutes before our tour time started – perhaps you have to do that but it does rather cut into your observation time. The Museo was wonderful though and I managed to look at everything on the first floor especially David. He did a fantastic job but I am waiting to see Moses before I call this his greatest work. The Pieta was wonderful as well and I shall rank them as I see them once I have seen Moses. Dinner was again part of our fee and the restaurant at this Hotel is very nice. We had Spelt Soup as a starter. The soup was excellent and likely made with pork stock but not greasy (it was split pea with tomato sauce). Then the main course was pork roast (I had an outside piece), roasted potatoes and peas. The Dinner was hot which was wonderful. Then for dessert a Chocolate Mousse which was very very good. Our dinner companions certainly kept the conversation lively but we begged out leave around 9:00 p.m. as we are both quite tired. Distance traveled today was 10 kilometres. Tomorrow off to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Sunday October 17

Heavy rain in the night and still raining in the morning, this is our trip along the Italian and French Riviera coast and finally we will enter France. It will be nice to be able to mostly read the signs and understand more of what people are saying. Up at 6:15 a.m., breakfast at 7:00 and on our way at 7:45 a.m. Breakfast was a cold buffet although at the last moment we were brought scrambled eggs (actual eggs!) and bacon. The dry granola type cereal is quite good, the yoghurt is also very good, cheese slices (real cheese) and fruit juice make a nice breakfast. Leaving our small village of last night proved to be quite easy and we were headed to Pisa to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa. This is a real touristy place and as soon as we arrived we were immediately inundated by salesmen trying to sell us umbrella and scarves (mostly Algerians I think). We parked the bus and loaded onto a small electric train which

took us to the correct area but still necessitated a ten minute walk back to the actual tower. The way was absolutely littered with stands and people carrying their wares. We had to thread our way through all of them to reach our objective. I found the Church and Baptistry more impressive but the tower was interesting and we wandered around it and then the Church (inside and out) and then the Baptistry (outside only, they had an admission fee and if it had been right there we would have paid it and gone in). We spent about an hour there including going into the Local McDonalds restaurant for a couple of cold drinks. It was painted similarly to the old buildings so a little hard to spot but still had mostly the same food as in North America. They usually also offer specialties of the area. Then we headed back to the train and riding that back to our bus so that we could make our journey to the next stopping spot. We were on our way again by 10:45 a.m. and the views as we drove along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea were spectacular (including driving through 169 tunnels). Sometimes we were on bridges hundreds of feet above the valley floor looking down on skyscrapers for the large cities – amazing roads. We stopped for lunch at the last service centre before leaving Italy. The Service Centers offer very unusual food – mostly homemade and very tasty. This time we had a sandwich with provolone and a second cheese I have forgotten for the moment plus tomato and cheese (toasted). We also had a fruit salad and drinks. A most enjoyable lunch. Tried to call Kathryn but it was only 1:30 p.m. our time (7:30 EDT). We didn't get through unfortunately. We will try again though to call to use up our 32 minutes of time. On our way again and continuing driving across the elevated roadways and underground tunnels. We were riding in the front seat (our turn to be there) and will be glad to be in the second seat tomorrow as you can see better from that seat. You can not see out the side in the front seat – only out of the front and the pictures are not as good. Finally we arrived in Nice (our stopping spot and our hotel, an older building from the early 19th century although renovated). We unpacked and then walked in the rain up to the Mediteranean Sea. It was very warm to our fingers and it was quite wet but very pleasant to do anyway. We were out to a restaurant for dinner (all the group) and it was a typical French meal in Nice. We started with a lettuce salad which included large mounds of salmon – very tasty. Then a beef stew with squash, tomatoe salsa and then fried potato rings. It was very good and also baguettes (French style). Then we finished off with a dessert of ice cream. Well our day was still not done as we were scheduled to go to Monaco for the rest of the evening. We had a guide for this event and she introduced us to Nice showing us where famous people lived and gave us a great background on the history of the city

of Nice. Originally settled by the Greeks as a trading post under the name Nicea and then a Roman settlement before Christ, Nice was originally part of the Duchy of Savoy and an independent state into the 1700s. Defeated by the French and freed after the French Revolution following the Battle of Waterloo, a free vote of the people united them with France. There are three main roads, one down by the Mediterranean, a second about half way up the mountain side and the third (Via Aurelia) at the height of the old Roman settlement. Monaco is a free standing state within France and is four distinct areas including the Royal area where the Prince Albert II lives, Monte Carlo where all the gambling is, a commercial area and a fourth area which I have forgotten already?. We drove to Monte Carlo to have a look at the Gambling Casinos and the grounds around these establishments. From the parking garage it was a climb of the height of 5 sets of full storey staircases. The flora is absolutely wonderful – huge cactuses line the walks and all kinds of blooming flowers. There are five fountains with the main one just set down from the top of the hill. As you look down over the fountains you can see the picture often displayed for the Royal Casino. We could not enter the Royal Casino with our cameras so just wandered around outside for the 1.5 hours. It was a little on the cool side (12 degrees Celsius) and a typical winter day we learned so somewhat cool this time of the year. Our return trip was on the middle road (we had travelled the lower road to get there) and the views at night were dazzling of the City of Nice from this height. Arriving back at the hotel, we were on internet but did not manage to catch our children online. Usually we manage to speak to them at least every other day but the time change and the busyness of this trip has resulted in our only speaking to our eldest daughter a couple of times and not our youngest daughter at all. We managed to leave a message on her cell phone! That is the closest we have come to talking to them. Tomorrow we travel to St Paul de Vence – a beautiful village inhabited by artists and other such individuals. Then on to Lyon for our last stop before Paris. We walked 12.9 kilometres today. I do not think we have gained any weight but haven't lost any either !

Monday October 18

Up at 6:00 a.m. today and had a relaxed morning getting ready to go as our bus didn't leave until 8:15 a.m. Our breakfast at 7:00 a.m. was excellent. Rye bread, plain yoghurt (excellent quality), hard boiled eggs, applesauce, granola and walnuts in warm milk, and fresh cheese. It was cold here to start the day (less than 10 degrees Celsius) but we had lots of clothes to keep us warm but we were wearing several

jackets and I had gloves on. Today our first destination was St Paul de Vence. This is a mediaeval walled city high in the Alps and we arrived about 9:30 a.m. Our tour guide was local and led us through the mediaeval village pointing out various interesting points and then we had 1.5 hours to investigate the village on our own. The views from the walls of the city were quite wonderful (we could see the Mediterranean about 30 miles away as well as all the countryside around. Many ancient shops and homes were along the old narrow roads. We found the Church and inside was a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture dating back to 1100 A.D. We wandered around the many streets quite enjoying ourselves. It is interesting to see such an intact mediaeval village especially given that both of us can trace our ancestry back to these early years in small villages. We then loaded back into the coach and headed for Avignon (2.5 hours distance) but it turned out that the winds were very high (described as violent winds on the road sign) slowing us down somewhat. The winds were horrific all the way to Avignon. Avignon has the Papal Palace for the Popes when they lived at Avignon from 1305 to 1375. They returned to Rome after 1375. This too was a walled city and the Papal Palace is huge but cost 17 euros to visit. We decided we didn't have time to do that but we did visit the Church which was a Romanesque (1100 AD) Church and quite fascinating to be in. We spent a lot of our time there and then went outside to the Garden of the Church (Notre Dame de la Doms). Here we climbed up and looked out over the walls of the city although held on so that the wind didn't carry us away?. Our time was up so we headed back to the bus but before leaving we dashed up one of the corner turrets and had a good view from there as well. Then our final destination was Lyon (250 kilometres away) and we had to pass down the Rhone Valley which was beset also with violent winds. Our bus driver was fabulous handling the bus expertly and we managed to do the trip in just three hours given that he couldn't get a high speed going. This hotel is fairly basic but does have free internet which makes it perfect in our eyes I suspect. Plus we are only here about ten hours! Hardly worth putting a lot of money into accommodation. Dinner was provided tonight and it was excellent rolls, Salad Lyonesse (with chicken and quite good), main course was fries, string beans (really good) and a meat roll which was okay but I would have been more excited with a French cut but you need to please all of the people not just a few? We walked 9 kilometres today only but were up and down stairs a great deal so felt like more. Tomorrow is our last stop – Paris. I am most excited to see Paris in spite of the possible difficulty with strikes.

Tuesday October 19

Up early once again at 6:00 a.m. and down to breakfast by 6:40 a.m. A good breakfast with cereal (mixed granola), plain yoghurt, fruit juice, swiss cheese slices, applesauce, home made bread. We were in the bus by 7:15 a.m. and on our way from Lyon to Paris. The news of protests in Paris was not particularly good but our trip was uneventful. The rain was quite heavy for about half of the distance but started clearing somewhat around lunch time. We stopped at one of the AutoGrill restaurants just about an hour before Paris. We were not overly hungry so had a nice roll (whole wheat), a bowl of fruit (pineapple, orange, grapefruit and mixed apple pieces) and a compote of apple and grape with a crumbly oatmeal topping. It was a very nice lunch and I suspect the dessert is a local favourite. We continued on our way to Paris. The road was not particularly busy although traffic was picking up in both directions. We learned around 12:30 p.m. that Versailles would be open for us to visit (closed by strike in the morning) at 1:30 so we continued on our way there. The traffic had increased substantially as we headed towards downtown Paris and then headed to the northwest towards Versailles. Just as we were to turn the corner to the Palace we could see a large crowd bearing down on our location. Our bus driver quickly pulled into the parking area at Versailles and we were into the Palace quite quickly. I completely forgot about the protest as we were intrigued by the stories about Versailles given by our tour guide. Just as an aside, as a Canadian likely we have a difficult time understanding why the French are protesting. Currently they retire with full government pension at the age of 60 and this pension was 100% contributed to by their employer (no salary deductions from their pay). Since we can not retire until 65 at full pension and we contribute 60% (employer contributes 40%) to our government pension plan and if we have private plans we contributed 50%. I think they need to wake up and see just how much their present system is costing and the inability of the present day economic situation to support such a bountiful pension age and plan. We viewed most of the main central floor of Versailles and since pictures were permitted we will be able to enjoy it many times in the future as Ed took a lot of pictures. I asked a question near to the beginning which perhaps increased the guided portion of our tour and must remember not to do that in the future. I was curious at the state of Versailles following the French Revolution. The present day displays are simply wonderful and seem to fit so perfectly into the rooms. However, indeed the revolutionaries carried away most of the treasures of Versailles that were portable and what we were seeing was the product of carefully replacing the furniture as it became available (some from other royal palaces). They have done an excellent job and the rooms that were replicated were quite beautiful.

We then wandered about the grounds for about fifteen minutes but the gardens are mostly finished and a lot of them have been cleared away for the winter period. Perhaps one day we will visit again and see the gardens. Unfortunately I was slowly succumbing to the flu that had beset Ed earlier in the week and by the time we reached our hotel I simply had to go to bed and sleep. I would miss the evening entertainment but I didn't want to go and then not be able to attend the Louvre and Eiffel Tower special tours tomorrow plus the guided tour of Paris by a step on guide. The decision was regretful but as I type this following a three hour sleep I think it had to be. I am still quite weak but a good night's sleep and I should be able to manage tomorrow. Ed went to La Nouvelle Eve cabaret dinner show. They had jugglers, a mime and an acrobat with lots of dancing and a Can-Can dance. There were lots of skimpy outfits and lots of bare "breasts." It was good fun. Lots of people there, young and old. It looks okay at the airport so we will hopefully be heading home on Thursday. Distance walked today was. Walked 6.2 km.

Wednesday October 20

Up about 6 am then breakfast and on the road by 7:30 for our tour of Paris. Breakfast was very nice – cereal, rolls, croissants, lots of different jams. Bowls of fresh fruit (orange, grapefruit, apples, melons), orange juice, ham and cheese (pepper brie), scrambled eggs. We headed off on the bus towards the Arc de Triomphe and had good pictures there. We then picked up our city tour guide. He was very knowledgeable and pointed out all the new and old parts of the centre of Paris. There is so much to see there and it is a beautiful city. I see why they call it the City of Light. Although there was a strike on we did not see any evidence of it in the tourist areas. Probably they were staying away from those areas as tourism in Paris is a big industry. That is good of them. The Louvre however was on strike in the morning which we knew. Our booking wasn't until just after lunch so hopefully, like Versailles, they would be back to work for the afternoon. I hadn't realized there were so many old palaces in Paris – there is a great deal to see and I didn't spend a lot of time learning about Paris nor do we purchase a guide book. Definitely we want to come back and spend some time in Paris (plus Ed could do some of his French research there and I could work on our son in law's families). We found it easy to get around in the stores as our French worked very well and when that failed many of the clerks did understand a lot of English. We did try to use French though and resolved to take both French and German courses to help us to speak the language enough to get around and be understood. We would also be able to speak French

here which we haven't done for a while either of us. I kept looking for a present for our son in law. I wanted something special made in France for him but other than clothes which we decided we wouldn't do I couldn't find that extra special item. Finally we decided on a birthday present which we will purchase back home. I did manage to find a Golfing magazine in French and a handy bottle opener made in French you could just have in your suitcase when you travel for those bottles that do not open by screw cap. There were so many sites to see in Paris and we continued down one street after another – Hotel d'Invalides was created by Louis XIV and is an absolutely beautiful building. It houses 2000 soldiers and he wanted it for his Army/Navy as they were his pride and joy. The great towers of Notre Dame come into view behind this building but we couldn't stop. The ancient church of the Madeleine with its Grecian columns all around the building was also most interesting. Then the Pantheon which is the oldest building in Paris. We were edging our way towards the Eiffel Tower and occasionally had glimpses as we worked our way towards it. It is a magnificently beautiful structure all steel except for the cement footings. The metal work is so intricate it looks almost lacey. We were to ascend to the second floor and from the ground it didn't look that high. However, once up there on the elevator the views of Paris were wonderful. We ascended the staircase to the floor above (the wire caging is on the floor below) and then you had a clear view of Paris without the wire mesh. Paris is an enormous city and works like the spokes of a wheel. The gardens work like the spokes of a wheel. The Arc de Triomphe created by Napoleon in 1806-1807 also has this spoke design with trees stretching out in a circular linear pattern. It was now time to move on to the Louvre for our tour there. First before our tour we had lunch. Their cafeteria is set up to do various European countries food and we chose French food. We had Quiche Lorraine, salad, and rolls plus water. It was very good. The Louvre is an enormous palace that was the home of the Kings of France up to Louis XIV. Originally it was a fortress that guarded the City of Paris and the Seine River access to Paris. The front part is new and built to accommodate stores and access points to the Louvre. We went right away to the inverted pyramid and took our pictures there. We also saw the prime Meridian (Rose Line in DaVinci Code!). We toured the Louvre especially seeing the Mona Lisa but also many other pictures (Madonna of the Rock) and statues. Also excavated are the original footings of the Castle and we walked along the old moat (no longer full of water!). We then had some free time and went up outside the Louvre looking at the various statues. We were trying to find the inverted pyramid but there didn't appear to be access to it like in the film. The film does take

some poetic license. Back to the Hotel and looked around the shops for a bit and then rested up for our Farewell Dinner. The Farewell Dinner was preceded by a bus tour commencing at 5:15 p.m. We drove to the Latin Quarter and then walked to the restaurant (about 1 kilometre). Our Restaurant was said to be typical of French restaurants that Parisians would attend. Our menu was in French/English/German. That was a surprise and some of our waiters spoke English and German which was a surprise. However, most were French speaking. We chose French onion soup and avocado/shrimp for starters, then duck/roasted potatoes, broccoli-chicken in wine sauce/broccoli/roasted potatoes and for dessert Peach Melba and Profferoles (pastry covered ice cream in chocolate sauce). We began with a champagne toast and then drank red wine the rest of the evening plus water. On the way back we stopped the bus once again near Notre Dame Cathedral and had a good look around it. Then we drove by the Eiffel Tower lit at night – a fabulous sight. Back to the Hotel around 10:00 p.m. but couldn't bring up our email for a while. We needed to be up early in the morning so an early night. We walked 10 kilometres today. Home tomorrow.

Thursday October 21

Up early at 5:45, breakfast at 6:30 and on the bus by 7:15. Our bus took us to Charles de Gaulle airport arriving there by 8 am. After a little walk we found our terminal and the Air Canada line which we joined. They finally decided to check everyone through and we then proceeded to security which took a while. Your mother's hand bag was searched. Through security by 9 am. The wait passed quickly at the airport as we were not flying out until 1330 (loading at 1245). Unfortunately there

was a problem with one of the doors and we ended up on the tarmac for 1 h and 30 minutes waiting for repair and then a position to fly out over north west France and southwest England and mid Ireland. Our flight was quite lovely having been blasted by the wind along the Rhone Valley, the seat belt light came on only once for our entire flight back to Montreal!

We watched two full length movies - Sex and the City 2 and Knight and Day. We had to rush somewhat at Montreal because we had to clear customs, pick up our suitcases, drop them again for our flight to Ottawa and get to the gate in time. We had had plenty of time but did manage to get there with about half of an hour to spare. Rick and Kathryn kindly picked us up at the airport which we greatly appreciated. Home again is quite pleasant but the trip was so fantastic. Walked 7.6 km. END of TRIP

1 Nov 2010

October 22 to 31

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

These days are a bit of a blurr except that we managed to rake up and accumulate 7 bags of leaves and plant material to recycle. We also saw the two dogs Jackson and Hogan for a few hours. They were happy to see us both. We obviously had some jet lag as it took about 5 nights to get back into proper timing for our sleep habits here at home. I think we are now back to normal. Walked 20.8 km in three days.

Monday to Sunday

Another week has whizzed by. Did some more garden cleanup. Emptied the garage and swept it clean and then put everything back. Wednesday was very warm and sunny. Thursday we had our daughter, son-in-law and two dogs over for supper. Saturday evening and overnight it snowed in Ottawa. We were supposed to get about 1 cm but according to the official record we received 7 cm which is a record for that date. Finally got around to cleaning the house after being away for three weeks and then recovering for a week! We have been working on identifying the pictures from our European trip. After that we will work on our maritime Canada trip which took place in July. Then we need to edit pictures and produce two slide shows. Walked 51 km. Biked 9 km.

17 Nov 2010

November 1 to 7

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Monday my son-in-law changed our two outside water taps to frost-free taps. When they built our house 33 years ago they saved a bit of money by not doing it then. Tuesday was a gorgeous sunny day. Wednesday started off foggy. We went shopping for dish-washers. We will probably buy one on Friday. Late afternoon we cut up a pumpkin, cooked it and froze the pieces for use in making pumpkin muffins and custard during the winter months. We made a batch of pumpkin custard tonight as well. It was great. Along with that we made our tuna casserole. This usually feeds three for two meals, so with two of us it will last longer. Continued to tidy up the gardens for winter. Put up one of the bird feeders today.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

A little rain Thursday. Went shopping again and also took the car in for drip less undercoating. Friday cloudy with some rain. We went and had supper with our daughter and son-in-law. Good evening.

Saturday and Sunday were sunny. We are still working on identifying our European travel pictures. Finally finished off the garden cleanup for the year. Walked 38.3 km for the week. Biked 9.7 km.

17 Nov 2010

November 8 to 14

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

A very nice start to the week, with sun mixed in with a bit of cloud. We cleaned all of our exterior windows, so we can look out and see the snow when it comes! <grin>

Monday we attended the fall meeting of the Ottawa Branch of the National Association of Federal Retirees. We listened to two lectures about Transitions in Living - Housing and Money. Since we are both getting older it was of interest.

Wednesday we went downtown to City Hall and got our Flu shots.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Two more good weather days have passed. Thursday we went downtown to the National War Memorial for Remembrance Day Services. It was good to be there and honour our veterans. Friday we both had our eyes checked. I will get new glasses soon. All this week I have been searching Ancestry.com for information on people in my Kip/Kipp Family in America file. I have been adding new information. This is a very slow process. Saturday we attended the monthly BIFHSGO meeting and listened to a great talk on sources for searching your WW I Canadian ancestor. Great weather on Saturday as well. In the afternoon we visited our daughter and stayed for supper and to watch a movie. We watched 3:10 to Yuma with Russel Crowe and Inception with Leonardo De Caprio. Sunday was another great day. Walked 44.7 km for the week. Biked 8.3 km.

20 Dec 2010

November 15 to 21

Forgot to post for awhile. Too busy!

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Monday and Tuesday continued the good weather. Wednesday it rained all day. We have been reorganizing our basement TV room so it is more open. Almost done.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

All this week I have been searching Ancestry.com for information on people in my Kip/Kipp Family in America file. I have been adding new information. This is a very slow process. I am also working through Descendants of Roger Williams Book III and adding information on all of my cousins. I plan to do the same for the other three books. They are on order. It rained on Wednesday, enough to make the back yard soggy. Friday I raked the front lawn of debris from the Locust tree for the last time this year. I really do dislike this tree, but at the same time I am attached too it because it has grown with our house for over 30 years. Saturday I attended a luncheon meeting of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch UELAC. The speaker was Gavin Watt who is a military historian who has written a number of books on the Revolutionary War campaigns carried out in the Mohawk Valley of New York. He is an entertaining speaker and provides lots of facts. Walked 47 km for the week. Biked 8.6 km. I guess biking is over for this year.

20 Dec 2010

November 22 to 28

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

We had some rain on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday was sunny. Tuesday I was back at "work" sorting books for the Friends for the Library and Archives Canada Book Sale group. I have also been sorting through my e-mails and pulling out items for use in the next issue of The Ottawa Genealogist. I am also putting together the next Gene-O-Rama brochure for our conference April 1-2, 2011. I am also collecting items for the next issue of The Royal Yorker for the St. Lawrence Branch UELAC. Never a dull moment! I watched a couple of old Jack Benny TV issues I found on DVD. I used to watch that show when I was a kid. Kid, now that is a long time ago! It is still somewhat funny considering many things have changed in 50 years, including our views of humour. Also watched a video tape of the Opera "Das Rhinegold" by Richard Wagner.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Thursday I went to see the current Harry Potter movie, Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows, Part 1. I think this is the best one yet. Friday evening I went to Williamstown Ontario for a Christmas party at the Sir John Johnson Manor House Historic Site. The conversation was good and the food was good. All-together a good evening. The driving was good considering that we had had an ice, freezing rain and snow storm overnight on Thursday. Saturday and Sunday I spent some time watching TV and also watching and recording a couple of my Super 8mm home movie tapes into digital format. It was interesting to watch things from 1997/8. Now I need to do the other 40 tapes I have. This will take a few months. In my spare time I continued to work on the Gene-O-Rama brochure and registration form and The Ottawa Genealogist. Walked 49.3 km for the week.

20 Dec 2010

November 29 to Dec 5

This week has gone really fast. Tuesday I picked my wife up at the Ottawa airport. She had been away in Milwaukee visiting our oldest daughter. This week I have been working on the next issue of the Ottawa Genealogist. The Gene-O-Rama brochure has gone to the printer. I have also been working on converting my 8 mm home video tapes to digital format. This involves running the tape through the video camera and while watching it the signal from the camera goes through a converter device connected to a computer. The resulting digital file looks good. Monday evening I took my son-in-law to the Met Opera replay at Silver City. The opera was Das Rhinegold. We survived! Walked 55.9 km for the week.

20 Dec 2010

Dec 6 to 12

Time seems to have gotten in the way this week. It just flew by. I have been working on the completion of The Ottawa Genealogist for Jan-Mar. I have also completed the December issue of The Royal Yorker. I am reading a book "George and Laura," by Christopher Anderson. Interesting read about my cousin! More rain and ice this week but not much snow. And all of this nice weather comes from our friend to the south. After it comes from Canada of course a week or so earlier and then in the meantime picks up all of that nice moisture from the mid west and the south and fires it back at Ontario and the East coast. On Monday my wife and I attended a Christmas reception for the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada. The money goes

towards "Raise a Reader" program. Tuesday I attend the board meeting of the Ottawa Branch Ontario Genealogical Society. Saturday my wife and I attended the monthly BIFHSGO meeting. Walked 59 km for the week.

20 Dec 2010

Dec 13 to 19

Well we had more rain on Sunday followed by a freeze and then snow 5+ cm. Finally had enough snow to use my snow mover. It has been snow showering off and on all week. Tuesday I attended the monthly meeting of the Ottawa Branch Ontario Genealogical Society. We had our daughter and son-in-law and their two dogs over for dinner on Saturday. We put up our Xmas tree and decorated it. The Ottawa Genealogist has gone to the printer and so has The Royal Yorker. Sunday evening we have the two dogs over night while their parents celebrate their wedding anniversary. Sunday we got out for our first cross country ski. Very good! I continue to add data to the Kip/Kipp family file and my Link family file. I am also working through one of the "Descendants of Roger Williams" books and adding all of my cousins to my Link file. The more names I have entered the better the possibility of finding other connections. I must be related to a very large number of people living in New England and also the other US states! Walked 58.5 km for the week.

1 Jan 2010

Dec 20 to 26

Having finished the two newsletters I have been working on, I am now back entering names into my Link family file from The Descendants of Rogers Williams Book III. Tuesday evening my wife and I went to a Christmas Concert put on by the Songmen Six, called Sing We Christmas. They also had opera singer Julie Nesrallah there. She sang three items including Ave Maria and Silent Night. This is the best version of Silent Night I have heard. She is the host of Tempo on CBC Radio 2 (Classical Music). We went cross country skiing a couple of times during the week. The day before Christmas we had the two dogs over for the day. They enjoy being out in our back yard. Christmas day we had our two daughters and son-in-law and the two dogs over for the day. We had a very nice turkey dinner with all of the fixings. Played a game or two and watched a bit of TV etc. Leftovers available for a few days. The weather has been rather good with some cloud and sun but no snow to speak of. Walked 55 km for the week.

1 Jan 2011

Dec 27 to 31

Another week which went quickly. We went cross country skiing once more this week. The snow keeps disappearing with no new snow in sight. It rained a bit on Friday and then the temperature went up to about 7 C and the snow started to disappear. I continue to add new sources and data to my Link and Kipp families. A number of cousins have contacted me with new information, which is great. The last day of the year we went out and bought a new car, which we have needed for awhile. Looking forward to driving it. As usual we watched the news years eve TV program in NYC, with Brian Seacrest. Walked 40.9 km for the week.

31 Jan 2011

January 2011

Jan 1 to 9

News Years Day was a bit wet with some rain which with the temperature being above 0 C washed away most of the snow. We went over to our daughter's place for supper on New Years day. Sunday the snow was mostly gone and the weather improved enough to give an hour of sun in the afternoon. The cold weather is returning. This was a day to do some backups of computer files for off site storage. We picked up our first new car in 10 years on Wednesday. We bought a 2010 Dodge Journey. We now have a reliable car in which to travel. It is exciting to have a new car. The radio system is connected to a hands free device for the cell phone. Also the entertainment panel has voice recognition control for the radio and hands free device.

The rest of the week brought some snow again. By Saturday we had received maybe 5 cm of new snow. The temperatures have been relatively mild for this area, hovering around -6 C. Saturday I learned how to use the voice recognition system in the new car to control the radio and set it up to accommodate hands free calling from our cell phone. It really works well! This week I have continued adding family data to my files from the Roger Williams descendants book III. I have also been adding Link family information from a correspondent. By Saturday afternoon there was just about enough snow on the ground to go cross country skiing, which we did. We skied along the Ottawa River! Of course the snow also required that we shovel the lane way. Oh well! Walked 64.9 km.

Jan 10 to 16

Cross country skied twice this week, along the Ottawa River. Tuesday I was back doing volunteer work at the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada book sorting. We had a bit of snow. Our daughter went back to teaching in Wisconsin. This week I have continued adding family data to my files from the Roger Williams descendants book III. Walked 51.8 km.

Jan 17 to 23

In general it has been winter here in Ottawa. We get 1 to 2 cm of snow when it does snow. This means cleaning off the cars and the driveway. We went skiing once this week. The last two or three days have been really cold with temperatures of -22 C at night. This should moderate next week. We have been working on creating a slide show in PowerPoint of our European trip last October. Next we will work on our London, England slide show. This last week I finished looking at the materials we photographed two years ago in Salt Lake City along with what I collected at the Allen County Public Library and also some items my wife collected in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I am also making a spreadsheet of Kip/Kipp deeds to Dutchess County New York from about 1726 to 1949.(FHL film). This weekend we looked after the two dogs Hogan and Jackson while their parents were busy. We also looked in on the two rabbits for a short time to make sure they had enough water and food. Sunday night was really cold with the temperature going down to -30 C. Walked 56.0 km.

Jan 24 to 30

This week started off cold but has warmed up considerably. I continue to volunteer at the book sorting group of the Friends of the Library and Archives Canada. I finished the spreadsheet on the Kip/Kipp deeds of Dutchess County, NY and posted it on my web site. We have been working on slide shows for our European, London, England and Canadian Maritime trips from last year. We are almost finished. Thursday we went skating on the Rideau Canal. The ice condition was good and we had a good skate. We have also been enjoying our new car and not having to worry if it is going to get us there and back again. Sunday we went cross country skiing. Walked 58.5 km.

In the January I have read the following books:

Pendulum: Leon Foucault and the Triumph of Science, by Amir D. Aczel. 2003;

Clothing The Colonists; Fashions in New Netherlands, by Friends of Crailo State Historic Site, 1995;

Our Young Soldier: Lieutenant Francis Simcoe 6 June 1791 - 6 April 1812, by Mary Beacock Fryer, 1996; New York, by Edward Rutherford, 2009.

6 Mar 2011

February 2011

Feb 1 to 6

Another fast week with not time for genealogy research. We managed to get in two cross country skis this week. We just ski for a few kilometres along the Ottawa River which isn't very far from our house. We spent a few hours working on our slide shows for our trips last year.

Feb 7 to 13

Continued working on slide shows of our trips. This week we managed one skate on the Rideau Canal and a longer cross country ski along the Ottawa River. Not much genealogy work this week. On Saturday we went to the BIFHSGO meeting where we sat in on two interesting talks: one on Online Family Trees at Ancestry; the other on Tracing Dawson's Canadian Adventure, which was about George Mercer Dawson whose family came from Edinburgh to Canada. He travelled all over Canada in his explorations with Boundary survey parties and the Geological Survey and eventually became head of the Geological Survey of Canada.

Feb 14 to 20

On Monday evening we attended the Opera to see Don Carlo by Giuseppe Verdi which was a rerun of the Live HD presentation from the Met in New York City. It was very long but good. This was the ultimate in tragedies. I would say the more things change the more things remain the same. Went skating before the temperature ruined the ice on the Rideau Canal for the weekend.

Feb 21 to 28

Rideau Canal is open again so we got to skate on it again. We purchased a new cultured marble top for our upstairs bathroom vanity. It is now installed and looks very nice. This week I have been working on Kip and Kipp names I have found in [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com). At the same time I am searching [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) to find Census

and others records for these people. This is taking a long time but I am finding a lot of new information. Sunday we went skating on the Rideau Canal again. We have made it out 5 times this year as compared to once in 2010. Last day of February we finally received a nice snow fall, about 12 cm.

In the February I read the following books:

1) The Immigrant Experience: The German Americans, by Anne Galicich & Sandra Stotsky, General Editor. Chelsea House Publishers, New York. 2001.

2) Edison: The Man Who Made The Future. by Ronal W. Clark. G P Putnam's Sons, New York. 1977.

25 Mar 2011

Allen County Public Library

We were recently doing research at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. My main focus was on Quaker records and records dealing with Kip/Kipp families in NY and NJ. I managed to get through the items we had found in their catalogue in advance and also added a few more. We spent a little over a day and will probably go back in the future. They have a very large genealogy collection, most of it on open shelves. You can take as many digital photographs as you wish. So if you decide to go there take you camera and your computer.

25 Mar 2011

Adding detail to my family trees

The last few weeks I have been making use of several websites to advance the detail in various family trees. Find A Grave can lead you to tombstone data on family members. After that I then go into Ancestry.com and search for census and other data to add to the profiles. I add this information directly into the Notes field. I may also look at World Connect. I have also been making use of a new genealogy web site, [www.mocavo.com](http://www.mocavo.com) to find new information. Some of this "new detail" appears on the family trees I have on World Connect (Kip/Kipp Family in America and Link\_Mathes). My family trees on Ancestry.com will be updated sometime in April.

18 Apr 2011

New England Regional Genealogical Conference

Posted by my wife Elizabeth on her blog.

<http://kippeeb.blogspot.com/> Monday April 15th, 2011

We attended the New England Regional Genealogical Conference in Springfield, MA along with searches in cemeteries in that area and then a workshop with the New York Biographical and Genealogical Society at Elmsford, NY. We had a really busy time and good success with finding particular graves in cemeteries (my husband's New England ancestors).

The Conference was excellent and the facility very good. There were over 800 attendees at the Conference which ran for four days. I attended a lecture at every session and picked either DNA, Irish, French-Canadian or English Records for my choices. The lectures were all very good and it was interesting attending a conference dedicated to New England Research.

I will write about the lectures that I especially found interesting and could apply to my research. The lecture on autosomal testing was particularly interesting for me. I have a better understanding of how I can use the results that have been given to me by the testing company. I hope to persuade some of my nearer relatives (all my matches are 4th cousin or greater and all of them are actually more than 4th cousin thus far as I have managed to figure out who most of my 4th cousins are) to test just to see the commonalities between them and myself.

One cemetery that I found fascinating was at Sleepy Hollow, NY. This is an enormous cemetery and there are two large Kipp plots which was our reason for visiting it. Washington Irving is buried there and we stopped to see his family's plot. There are several very very large mausoleums there for old New York families of the area including the Roosevelt family.

18 Apr 2011

Kipp-Kip-de Kype Family

Posted by my wife Elizabeth on her blog.

<http://kippeeb.blogspot.com/> Monday April 18th, 2011

My husband has been researching his paternal line for over forty years (Kipp-Kip-de Kype family). The published work on this family that is generally referred to is History of The Kip Family In America, by Frederic E. Kip and Margarita L. Hawley, 1928 (Private printing). Unfortunately my husband did not find the name of his ancestor Isaac Kipp (born 1 Nov 1764, New York, USA (and thought to be Dutchess County)) in

the book but there are many lines that are not traced down. He has spent a great deal of time tracing down the many lines and now has a nine generation chart on his webpage for the Kip(p) family of New Amsterdam there as well as worldconnect. Fortunately yDNA arrived and he was able to connect himself back to the Kip family of New Amsterdam by matching people who could trace back with a paper trail (paper genealogy is still most important).

Attending the New England Regional Genealogical Conference has been in the back of our minds for a number of years and we finally did make it there this year. He attended sessions that pertained to New England and New York records for the most part. It is interesting to hear what others have to say on the subject of these records. I think for myself it is the first time that I have had a glimmer of understanding of how people do do their genealogy when they trace back to the 1600s in New England! I have to date found it very very difficult but in my case that isn't a problem at all since I do not have any ancestors on this side of the Atlantic prior to 1818 when my Routledge family arrived (except for a short stay in Halifax in 1807 by my George Lawley when he served with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers (then the 23rd Regiment of Foot)).

Back to the Kip(p) family and there is an extra bit of interesting genealogy just to make the pursuit ever more exciting. There were three Kipp emigrants from Germany arriving in the 1750s and naturalized in Pennsylvania who spell their name Kipp and with the movement about these families have been confused with the New Amsterdam Kip(p) family. Certainly Ed wondered until he did his yDNA whether he too was a descendant of the German Kipp families. We now have four distinct lines of individuals who trace back to German Kipp families and we are now researching those lines in terms of locating their emigration point and their naturalization point. Gradually we will see the lines appearing in the census as well so that we can to a certain extent assist people as they search for their ancestral line.

I went onto Footnote.com to spend a day looking at the Kipp family and discovered that the Poughkeepsie Journal is scanned and on this site from the earliest days (prior to 1800!). That will be a tool that might assist my husband with his research. The family lore coming down through the Richard Titus Kipp family (brother to my husband's great grandfather) was that the family had come from Dutchess County New York, The census of 1790 (Isaac Kipp married Hannah Mead 29 August 1790) lists an Isaac Kipp over 16 and in his household there is a female. They are listed beside or with Jonathan Mead (thought to be Jonathan Mead the cooper (and he

would be the III, his father was the II cooper and his father the I cooper) and four lines down Nathaniel Mead known to be the brother of Jonathan Mead the Cooper III. Isaac Kipp is missing from the 1800 census at Northeast Town but does appear to be at Rensselaerville, NY and the family there is listed as 4 members under 16 and 2 members over 25. Isaac was born in 1764 so he would now be 36 and Hannah was born in 1770 and she would be 30. They had five living sons by 1800 (Isaac b 1791, Jonathan bc 1792, James bc 1793, John bc 1795 and David b 1797) but one son Jonathan is thought to have not come to Ontario with them - he was known to be in Ontario by the late 1810s. Jonathan Kipp would appear to be with his Mead grandparents on the 1800 and 1810 census. The naming is interesting in that Jonathan would be the forename of Hannah's father and John the forename of the furthest back ancestor on the Mead side before the other two Jonathans. We are left to contemplate was the name of Isaac's father Isaac and his grandfather Jacobus (James)? The name David occurs in the Mead family. On arrival in Ontario, the first known daughter Elizabeth was born just a month after their arrival followed by Phoebe in 1802, Susannah in 1805, Richard Titus in 1807, Benjamin in 1811 (my husband's great grandfather) and Daniel in 1813. We continue searching out these families.

18 Apr 2011

Connecticut State Library

Last week we spent one day researching some of my Connecticut families at the State Library in Hartford. We stayed at Windsor Locks about 15 minutes north of Hartford, so had to contend with morning and evening traffic, but it wasn't that bad. We worked our way through the spreadsheet of items we had prepared in advance but didn't find any really unusual discoveries.

I did find however that the State Library had a complete 2048 page copy of Abstract of the Title of Kip's Bay Farm in the City of New York, with All Known Maps Relating thereto...Also, the Early History of the Kip Family and the Genealogy as refers to the Title, by John J. Post, NY, 1894. PP. i - x, preface, 2056 p. front., fold maps. 27 cm.

Most libraries only have the 13 pages of genealogy from the front of the book.

I know of several other complete copies none of them in Canada. So I took the opportunity to make digital images of a number of pages. I want to go through these images to confirm or add to family lines.

22 Apr 2011

Researching My American and Canadian Ancestors

I am going to move the Kip/Kipp Family in America blog to a new blog called Researching My American and Canadian Ancestors

<http://americancanadianancestors.blogspot.com/>

I will try to post information on who I am researching at the moment, what archives and libraries we are visiting and genealogy conferences we are attending.

29 Apr 2011

Researching My American and Canadian Ancestors

Just a reminder that this blog has been replaced by a new blog called

Researching My American and Canadian Ancestors

<http://americancanadianancestors.blogspot.com/>

Edward

[www.kipp-blake-families.ca](http://www.kipp-blake-families.ca)

26 Apr 2012

Blogging again new location

Hi:

I am blogging again at Researching My American and Canadian Ancestors

<http://americancanadianancestors.blogspot.com/><br />

I will be posting about my Kip/Kipp family line and also my mother's side of the family which is much more interesting.