

Links to Information about People in the Bell-Irving Family Tree

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This document contains a summary of hyperlinks to information about people which has been put in the Bell-Irving Family Tree which is located on the My Heritage Website. People are listed below in alphabetical order.

The profile page for each person in the online Tree contains 2 Tabs - "Info" and "Events"- which are referred to throughout this document:

Links with a *** are a must read as they contain excellent family history and more information than just that for the person associated with the link.

Alan Duncan Bell-Irving - 1894 - 1965

Served with the Royal Flying Corp in WWI and the RCAF in WWII. Was the first Canadian Ace in the RFC with 7 aerial victories.

*** A must-read book is "Gentleman Air Ace" by Elizabeth O'Keily.

Info:

- Biography
[BC Aviation Hall of Fame](#)
- Citations
Canada Veterans Hall of Valour
(need to update link)

[The Aerodrome](#)

(click on Attestation Paper to get partial military record)

[Canadian Great War Project](#)

(click on Service File to get partial military record)

[Canada.ca - replica of his Nieuport XI biplane displayed in Ottawa Museum](#)

[City of Vancouver Archives](#) – Link #1

[City of Vancouver Archives](#) – Link #2

[Newspaper Article: "The Bell-Irvings: A family of heroes" Ray Eagle](#)

Events:

- Baptism
- Burial
[Find a Grave](#)

Anne Hilda Bell-Irving - 1891 - 1977

Events:

- Death
[Royal BC Museum - Death Certificate](#)
- [Burial/Cremation - Find a Grave](#)

Brian Bell-Irving - 1926 - 1958

Killed at sea in March 1958 when brakes failed while landing jet on HMCS Bonaventure

Info:

- Photos – Stained Glass Window Memorial at HMCS Discovery, Vancouver
- [Biography](#)
- [Citations](#)

[Canadian Virtual War Memorial](#)

(click on pages in Digital Collection)

[Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

Duncan Bell-Irving - 1857 - 1929

Came to Vancouver (then known as Granville) in 1884 as a medical officer for Hastings Mill. Went to Australia and England and returned to Vancouver to set up practice. Was largely instrumental in the formation of the first golf club on the Pacific coast – now known as Jericho Golf Club.

Info:

- [Biography](#)
- [Citations](#)

Events:

- [House](#)
- [Burial - Gravesite](#)

Duncan Peter Bell-Irving - 1888 - 1915

Came to Vancouver in 1888. As a BC Land Surveyor in 1913, he was surveying part of the Nass River when war broke out. He enlisted in the Canadian Engineers and went to France in Jan 1915. Was KIA in Belgium in Feb 1915 - the first BC Officer killed in the war. The Bell-Irving River which is a tributary of the Nass River in northern BC was named after him. Mount Bell-Irving was also named after him in 1945 (see Citation B-I Land Surveyors)

Info:

- [Biography](#)

- Citations

[Library and Archives Canada](#)
[Enlistment Papers and link to service file](#)

[Canadian Virtual War Memorial](#)
(click on pages in Digital Collection)

[Book of Remembrance WW1](#)

[The Bell-Irving Land Surveyors in BC](#)

(pages 11 to 13)
(cover photo is HOB-I's painting "Kicking Horse Pass, Rocky Mountains)

Events:

- [Death](#)
- [Burial](#)
[Strand Military Cemetery, Ploegsteert, Belgium](#)

Henry Ogle Bell-Irving - 1856 - 1931

Survey engineer for the CPR crossing the Rockies, came to Vancouver in 1885, established ABC Packing Co with 9 fish canneries along the Pacific coast. Prominent figure in Vancouver's early development.

Info:

- Citations/Biographies:
[Link #1](#)
[Link#2](#)
[Link#3](#)

*** [West End Vancouver](#) – in depth history of his life & family with links to additional information

- Citations/Articles
[Scots in British Columbia](#)

[Bell-Irving Land Surveyors in BC](#)
(pages 11 to 13)
(cover photo is HOB-I's painting "Kicking Horse Pass, Rocky Mountains)

[Buildings Owned in Vancouver](#)

[Scots in BC's Fishing Industry – "Mon-He's a Gran Fish"](#)
(requires download of file)

[He Thought He Was the Boss of Everything](#)
(requires download of file)

- Citations - Other
[HO B-I's Watercolour Paintings – Royal BC Museum](#)
- [Anglo-British Columbia Packing Company](#)
(expand “history” file)
- Photos:
 - [Link#1](#)
 - [Link#2](#)
 - [Link#3](#)

Events:

- [Burial – Gravesite](#)

Henry Pybus Bell-Irving - 1913 - 2002

Distinguished service with the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada,
23rd Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia 1978-1983

A must read book - “In the Service of the Crown” by Raymond Eagle

Info:

- [Biography](#)

James Jardine Bell-Irving - 1857 - 1936

Went to China in 1881 – Partner in Jardine Matheson & Co; Chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation; Member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong and Member of the Executive Council of Hong Kong until he returned to England in 1902.

Info:

- [Biography](#)
(has links to other family members and his business and political organizations)

Events:

- [Burial - Gravesite](#)

John Bell-Irving - 1813 - 1906 - Laird of Whitehill

Inherited the Chieftanship of the Hoddom branch of the Irvings descended from the Dukes of Hoddom

Info:

- [Book “The Irvines and Their Kin” by L. Boyd](#)
- A history of the early Bell-Irving family and other related families in the Dumfriesshire area of Scotland.
- Bell-Irving family on Pages 46 to 61.
- Scroll down to picture of John Bell-Irving before the title page

(This is a must read as it is an important and valuable family history)

- [Burial - Gravesite – Old St Mungo Kirkyard](#)

John Bell-Irving – 1846 - 1925 – Laird of Milkbank

Inherited the Chieftanship of the Hoddom branch of the Irvings from his father, John Bell-Irving, Laird of Whitehill.

Had an illustrious career in Hong Kong with numerous major corporate and government entities including Jardine, Matheson & Co. Returned to Scotland in 1889 as Justice of the Peace for the County of Dumfries.

Info:

- [Biography](#)
[Link#2](#)

Events:

- [Burial - Gravesite – Old St. Mungo Kirkyard](#)

Kenneth Bell-Irving - 1892 - 1917

KIA Oct 1917. Buried in Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium

Info:

- Citations
[Canadian Virtual War Memorial](#)
[Veterans Affairs Canada – Book of Remembrance](#)

[Commonwealth War Graves](#)
(click on links in webpage for Certificate, Military Records and Cemetery details)

Events:

- Commemoration
[Surrey in the Great War](#)

Imperial War Museums
<https://livesofthefirstworldwar.iwm.org.uk/lifestory/2056444>
- Death
[Canadian Virtual War Memorial](#)
- [Burial - Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium](#)
Commonwealth War Graves

[Surrey in the Great War](#)

[Find a Grave](#)

Malcolm McBean Bell-Irving - 1892 - 1942

Royal Flying Corps - the first Canadian flier in action.

Info:

- Biography
[Canadian War Museum](#)
[Wikitree](#)
- Citations
[The National Archives UK – Military Records](#)
(You must register & sign in to be able to download a PDF for free)

[City of Vancouver Archives](#)
[Link#2](#)
[Link#3](#)
[Newspaper Article: “The Bell-Irvings: A family of heroes” Ray Eagle](#)

Events:

- [Baptism – Royal BC Museum](#)

Michael Bell-Irving – 1899 - 1950

Info:

- Citation
[Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force - Service Record](#)

Events:

- [Burial – Victoria](#)

Richard Bell-Irving - 1888 - 1962

Canadian Expeditionary Force in WWI. Commanded training station for the Royal Flying Corps in Turnberry, Scotland. President Anglo British Columbia Packing Company

Info:

- Citations
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Events:

- [Baptism – Royal BC Museum](#)

Richard Morris Bell-Irving - 1916 - 1945

KIA at sea Mar 1945 onboard H.M.C.S. Guysborough which was torpedoed and sunk in the Bay of Biscay. Name inscribed on Halifax Memorial, Halifax, NS

Info:

- Citations
[Canadian Virtual War Memorial](#)

Events:

- Commemoration
[Halifax Memorial](#)
- Death
[Royal BC Museum - Death Registration](#)

Robert (Robin) Bell-Irving - 1893 - 1949

Served with RAF, Royal Engineers, Canadian Engineers, Became a BC Land Surveyor and joined Powell River Co. Ltd.

Info:

- Citations
[UBC Library - The Bell-Irving Land Surveyors in BC](#)
(pages 11 to 13)
(cover photo is HOB-I's painting "Kicking Horse Pass, Rocky Mountains")

Events:

- Baptism
[Royal BC Museum](#)
- [Burial](#)

Roderick Keith Falconer Bell-Irving - 1919 - 1944

KIA over France May 1944

Info:

- Citations
[Canadian Virtual War Memorial](#)
(click on pages in Digital Collection)

[Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

Events:

- Burial
[Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France](#)
[Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

Roderick Ogle Bell-Irving - 1891 - 1918

KIA in France during the 16th Battalion's last major engagement of the war in October 1918.

Info:

- Citations
[Canadian Virtual War Memorial](#)
(click on pages in Digital Collection)

[Newspaper Article: "The Bell-Irvings: A family of heroes" Ray Eagle](#)

[Veterans Affairs Canada – Book of Remembrance](#)

Dictionary of Canadian Biography

http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/bell_irving_roderick_ogle_14E.html

Events:

- [Baptism – Royal BC Museum](#)
- Burial
[Find a Grave](#)
[Commonwealth War Graves](#)
(click on links in webpage for Certificate, Military Records and Cemetery details)
[Link#2](#)

William Bell-Irving – 1878 - 1915

Royal Flying Corps - KIA - 1915

Info:

- [Citations](#)
- Burial
[Find a Grave](#)

[Commonwealth War Graves](#)

(click on links in webpage for Certificate, Military Records and Cemetery details)

Events:

- Commemoration Memorials
[Rossall School Chapel](#) – to be updated

[Lockerbie Statue](#) – to be updated

[Link#2](#)

[Link#3](#)

[Link#4](#)

[Middlebie Parish Church](#)

- [Burial - Gravesite](#)
(information is for William B-I and website is incorrectly titled William Ogle B-I)
([better picture of Headstone on a different website](#))

William Ogle Bell-Irving – 1889 - 1917

Partner in Jardine, Matheson in Hong Kong. In 1908 joined Imperial Yeomanry, was commissioned into the 11th (Prince Albert's Own) Hussars, KIA in Palestine.

Info:

- Biography – to be added
- [Citations - Commonwealth War Graves](#)
(click on links in webpage for Certificate, Military Records and Cemetery details)

Events:

- Commemoration Memorials:
[St. Mungo's Church](#)

[Charterhouse School](#)

[All Saints Episcopal Church](#)

[Lockerbie War Memorial](#)

[Link#2](#)

[Link#3](#)

[Link#4](#)

[Brydekirk Memorial](#)

- [Death](#)
- Burial
[Commonwealth War Graves](#)
(click on links in webpage for Certificate, Military Records and Cemetery details)

[Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel](#)

(scroll through pictures)

[-additional pictures](#)

[Memorial Gravestone – Old St. Mungo Kirkyard](#)

(on webpage of Mary Louisa B-I)

Cornelius Burke - 1916 - 1999

Distinguished Naval Career well known as one of Three Musketeers from Vancouver. Travel Business after the war.

Info:

- Biography and Military Citations
(to be added)

Heather Lacon (born Bell-Irving) – 1891 - 1969

Events:

- Baptism
[Royal BC Museum](#)
- Death
[Royal BC Museum – Death Certificate](#)
- Burial
[Denman Island Cemetery](#)

Ethel Mary Maitland, Countess of Lauderdale (born Bell-Irving) -1891 - 1970

Daughter of James Jardine Bell-Irving, married Ian Colin Maitland, 15th Earl of Lauderdale and became Countess of Lauderdale in 1931.

Info:

- Citations
[The Peerage](#)
- [Art UK](#)

Events:

- Marriage
[Grand Ladies](#)

Henry Pybus - 1809 - 1843

Hong Kong merchant and opium trader chronicled in the Book “The Opium Clippers” by Basil Lubbock

Info & Events:

- [Citations - Holy Trinity Church Maidstone - Memorial and Will](#)
(scroll down to see info on Henry Pybus)

Henry Pybus - 1850 - 1938

Captain of CPR ship Empress of Japan which sailed between Hong Kong and Vancouver. Replica bowsprit of the ship located in Stanley Park overlooking the entrance to the harbour.

Info:

- Biography
[Commander Henry Pybus - Elizabeth O'Keily](#)
(cover photo & pages 8-11)

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Joseph Pybus - 1810 - 1863

Hong Kong merchant and opium trader – brother of Henry Pybus -chronicled in the Book “The Opium Clippers” by Basil Lubbock

Events:

- Fact inserted into Tree

Thomas Pybus - 1773 - 1846

Events:

- Fact inserted into Tree

Reginald Symes - 1881 - 1948

Info:

- [Citations - West End Vancouver](#) – in depth history of his life & family with links to additional information

Isabel Sweeny (born Bell-Irving) - 1889 - 1974

Info:

- Citations
[City of Vancouver Archives](#)

[Newspaper Article: “The Bell-Irving: A family of heroes” Ray Eagle](#)

Events:

- [Baptism](#)

Mary Patricia Wilson (born Bell-Irving) - 1925 - 2020

Info:

- Photos – numerous family photos in the Tree
- Biography and Obituary in the Tree

This document and future updates of this document will be added to the bell-irving.com website

The document “How to Navigate the Family Tree” is located on the bell-irving.com website and contains instructions on how to navigate the on-line Bell-Irving Family Tree on the myheritage.com/ Website.