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## Family Ties

My name is Amy Frederick. I am eleven years old and I am in six. My hobbies include Guiding, reading, and crafts.

My heritage project is called "Family ties." It is my family tree. I chose to expand my heritage project from the year before. I have been collecting information for over a year. Last year I had 165 names on my project, this year I have 649 names.

I wanted to find out who was the first person in my family to come to Canada, who was the first born in Canada, and to see how many generations back I could go.

I collected a lot of my information by interviewing my Grandparents I received a lot of information from my Grandma and Grandpa Rogers, Grandma Frederick, my Great Aunt Kay Rogers (Porter), my Great, Great Aunt Dorothy Hegland (Johanna), and my second cousin Susan Rogers. Susan lives in England and she has been emailing me information for the last year. The birth, death, and marriage certificates came mostly from emails from relatives. The war records for Frederick Rogers and Thomas Burns were ordered from the Archives of Canada. I received lots of old photos and family bibles from my Grandparents.

I was able to go back 10 generations on my Dad's side and seven generations on my Mom's. I found out that the first person in my family to come to Canada was Joseph Lancaster. He came before the War of 1812. He was my Great, Great, Great, Great, Great, Great, Grandfather's son on my Dad's side of the family. The first person born in Canada that I know of was. Thomas Robb, in 1824.

Another interesting fact I found was that my Great, Great, Great Grandfather, William Sutherland started the London Free Press newspaper in London, Ontario. He also printed the first railroad ticket used in Canada.

I observed that the reason my ancestors on my Mother's side came to Canada was for the

Homestead Law. The Homestead Law was, if you came to Canada you were given land to own if you turned it into agricultural land. This brought settlers to Canada. Because my ancestors lived in European countries with high population land was expensive to own there. They wanted to be landowners.

I learnt a lot of where my family came from. It was interesting seeing all the old photos and certificates. I really enjoyed participating in the Heritage Fair.

