

LOWTHIAN TIMES

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Dave Lowthian

This is it, folks! The year of the biggest and best ever Gathering of Lowthians!

The dates are from Thursday, August 26th to Sunday, August 29th in beautiful Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. The Ottawa Crowne Plaza Hotel is the scene of the "Gathering Of The Lowthians, 2004". It will be an event you won't soon forget!

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What is the frequency of our name?

The Office of National Statistics database lists surnames in use in England, Wales and the Isle of Man in September 2002. The following is the frequency of three variants of our name:

Lothian -- 681

Lowthian -- 406

Lowthion --37

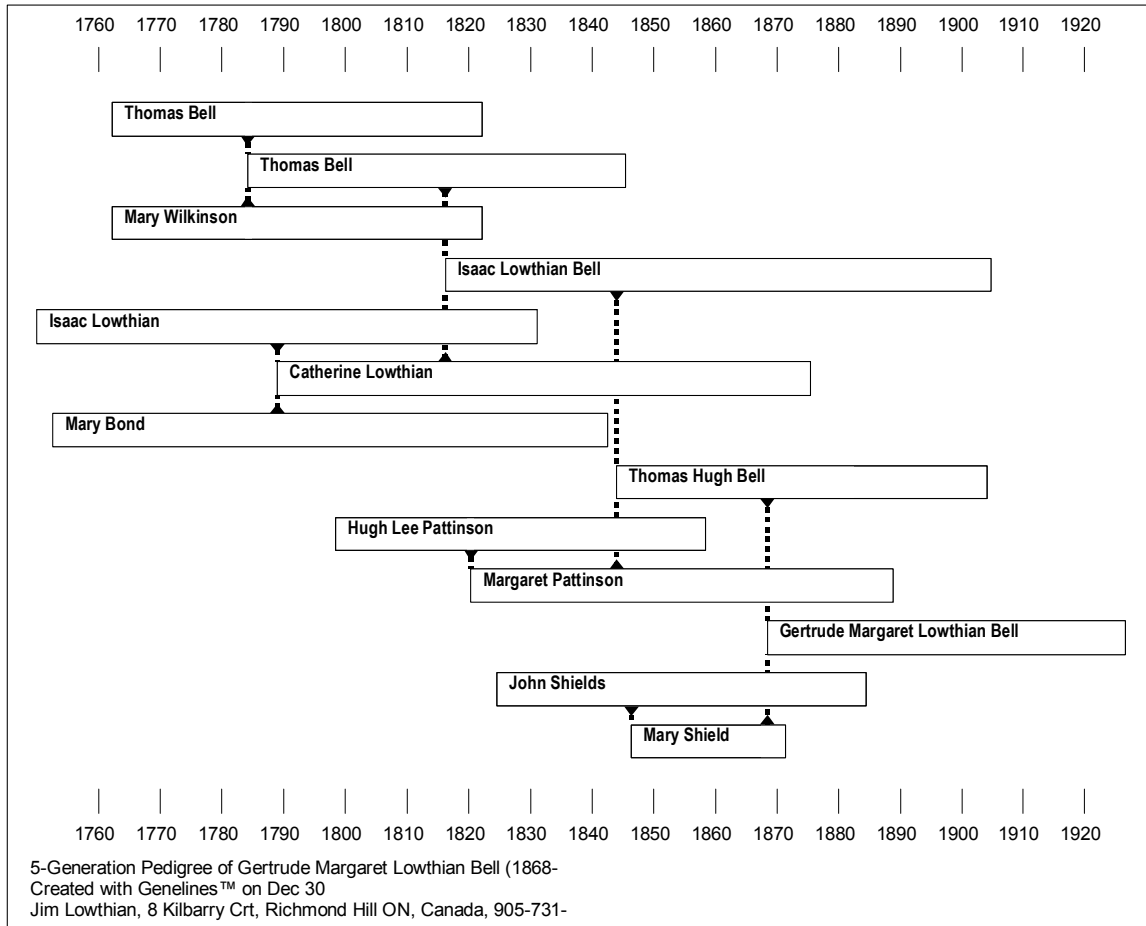
To learn more about this database go to <http://www.taliesin-arlein.net/names/search.php>

How many of you met the challenge in the last Newsletter?

“Name the Lowthian, born in 1868, whose great grandmother was Catherine Lowthian. This person was:

- The brain behind Lawrence of Arabia’s brawn.
- Part of the British Expeditionary Force in Basra and Baghdad.
- Influential in appointing Faisal as King of Iraq.
- The archeologist who founded the recently looted Archeological Museum in Baghdad.”

- The answer, of course, is Gertrude Margaret Lowthian Bell. Read about her in the book “Desert Queen”, by Janet Wallach.

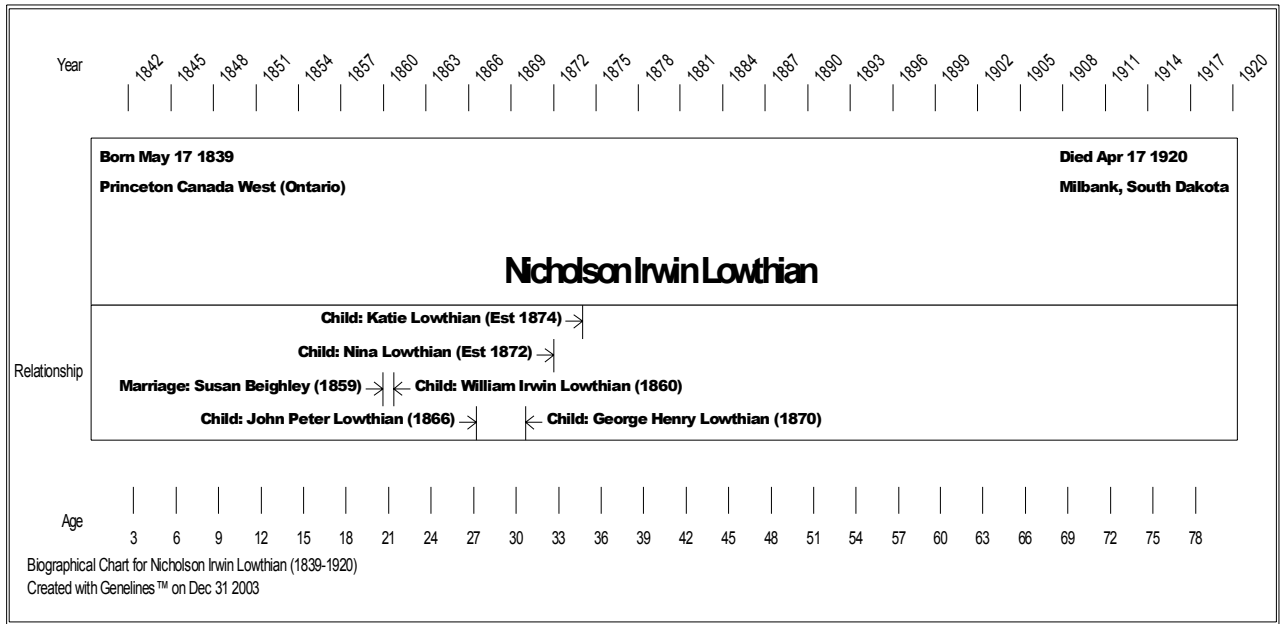


Nicholas Irwin Lowthian, a Civil War Hero

Nicholas Lowthian [1839-1920] was born in Canada West, now Ontario. He participated in thirteen major battles, including the siege of Fort Ridgely in 1862 and the Battle of Vicksburg in 1863. His career started as a private in Company C, Fifth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, assigned to the Army of the Tennessee. He was discharged in March 9th 1865. After the war, he settled in South Dakota, was a delegate to the state's Constitutional Conventions in 1883/85. He was a State Senator from 1893-97.

Many of his descendants thrive today and have enjoyed previous Lowthian Reunions. Recently numerous items that belonged to him were offered at auction. They included

numerous letters from the battlefields, his medal, etc., and the opening price was \$25,000 USD.



Lowthian Seal



This Seal belongs to Jim Lowthian of Sequim, Washington state. It was handed down in his family for many generations.

Jim says that the story associated with the seal is that the three crosses represent three Lowthian brothers who crossed the border from Scotland to England.

Can anyone identify the structure on the right of the seal?

Do you recognize anyone?



Our most heartfelt condolences go to Bill (William John) Lowthian of Ottawa. His son “Graeme” John Lowthian died on 10 March 2003, and his wife Patricia “Jane” Lowthian died on 26 November 2003.

Lowthians On The Internet

Without the miracle of the Internet, the Lowthians of the World would not have got together to form this great organization that meets and communicates on a regular basis. Remember when you thought that your immediate families were the only Lowthians on the face of the earth?

You don't have to have the surname Lowthian to belong. If any of your ancestors were Lowthians, or one of the many variants of the name, you are one of us so join the crowd!

Visit www.lowthian.com

Join the Lowthian List at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lowthians/> and exchange information. •

2004 Gathering Ceidlidh The artists so far: Isobel Webster on piano, Leslie Farquarson, fiddle and step dancing, Ben Moyer on guitar, Jim Lowthian, bagpipes, Bill Moyer singing a selection of music from the '40s. He'd love to know what you would like to hear - e-mail me! And of course, bring your instruments and talents.

• Information in Newsletter collected by Jim Lowthian (Canada).
Thanks to Mandi Lowthian Smith (Canada), for editing this Newsletter.

If you have any questions or comments about the Newsletter, I look forward to hearing from you at jlowth2000@yahoo.com

Crowne Plaza Hotel Ottawa Toll-free reservations: 1-800-567-3600 Fax: 1 (613) 688-6821
website: www.crowneottawa.ca

101 Lyon Street,
Ottawa, Ontario K1R 5T9

- Rates: **\$129.00** CDN, single/double. Group code: **LFR**
- More than 2 in a room **\$139.00** CDN

Register ASAP – **cut off date for guestroom block is July 27th, 2004**. Reservations after this date will be accepted on a space available basis only at the hotel's published rate.

Airport shuttle runs every half-hour and takes about 40 minutes. The cost is \$20.00 return or \$11.00 one-way per person. If you arrive in multiples, it may be better to take a cab (it is faster than parading around all of the downtown hotels). A cab will cost \$25.00 to \$30.00 before tip.

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**REGISTRATION**

Pay directly to "David Lowthian". VISA and MasterCard **only**, as well as cheques accepted.  
**Registration and payment before Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Cost is \$45 CDN per adult and \$25 CDN per child 12 and under**. Includes Family Dinner, taxes and gratuities.

NAME(S): (include age of children)

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**A Draw will be held for this leather jacket with the Lowthian Crest. Register by 24<sup>th</sup> May 2004 to qualify.**

#### **Things to do and see in Ottawa**

The best way for travelers to find out about Ottawa is to either search the word "Ottawa", or go to [www.tripadvisor.com](http://www.tripadvisor.com), then go to Canada, then on to Ottawa - there are some great recommendations here. I suggest everyone takes in Parliament Hill (with or without the daily changing of the guard), the Byward Market, The Casino du Lac Leamy, any of the high-profile museums (The National Gallery, The Museum of Man, The Museum of Nature, The Aviation Museum, The Royal Canadian Mint etc.). Unfortunately the new Canadian War Museum will not be finished in time for the reunion. For the more adventurous, go white water rafting on the mighty Madawaska River - as you know - we all did this as a huge herd years ago - it was amazing! There's always the RCMP Musical ride. There are so many things going on in Ottawa in August - it's hard to decide - but best to know what's available ahead of time.

# SEE YOU THERE !

