

Fifth International Coubrough/Cowbrough Family Reunion

**July 30 – August 1, 2011
Red Deer, Alberta, Canada**

Hundreds of Coubroughs and Cowbroughs now living trace their roots to the Stirling area of central Scotland. According to the earliest available records, the Scots lines seem to have mostly started in Campsie parish*¹. Itchy feet and the need to feed ourselves, took us first all over Scotland, then to England, Ireland, and beyond the seas. Today, we are everywhere: Scotland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Uruguay, South Africa, USA, and England. Over the centuries, our name, like many others the victim of regional accents and semi-literate clerks, has undergone many spelling changes. Of the 59 we have found so far, Coubrough and Cowbrough are the most commonly in use today, with the “u” spelling (probably closest to the “original”) being quite a bit more common than the “w” spelling. Of the several pronunciation variants, “Koo-bruh,” (long O and accent on the first syllable), is the most common for both main spellings.

During the past 20 years, several of us around the world independently began researching our own family trees. This eventually led us to believe that *all* Coubroughs are related to each other, regardless of how the name is now spelled. The small number of early branches (about 8 from before 1650) convinced us, and in turn led to the idea of gathering in one place all the Coubroughs we could find. So here we are: However you say your name—or spell it—if you are a Coubrough or a Cowbrough, or you have one lurking anywhere in your family tree, pack up your family sapling, shrub or forest and join us for a Canadian summer holiday. If you have ever wondered who you came

from and where they went, then this is the place for you: All the cousins you never knew you had will be there.

Location:

Springbrook Meeting Room, Hampton Inn, 130-37400 Hwy 2, Red Deer, Alberta. The hotel is on the south edge of the city, in the area known as Gasoline Alley, with accommodation, dining and shopping in easy reach. Calgary and Edmonton airports are both within two hours’ drive. Red Deer does have an airport, with commuter flights, but it may be more practical to rent a car and drive there from the larger centres, as everything is generally more than walking distance in the great western spaces of Alberta, and the hotel is not downtown. Accommodations fill up quickly in the summer, so be sure to book early. See the hotel’s Web site for driving directions.

Programme:

We will have displays of family trees, photographs, maps, etc. If you would like to have yours included in the displays, please send copies (paper or electronic) to Myrna Coubrough (address on back) before the end of June 2011.

We will be asking everyone to tell us a little bit about themselves: where you are from, do you have children, etc. We will be taking group photos, and copies will be made available. There will be sample copies of the current versions of the family tree available for viewing. (Copies may be ordered for delivery by mail.) Cost of pictures and family trees is *not* included in the registration fee.

The plan is to have very little in the way of structure. We want to have as much time as possible for visiting. Except two evening dinners, and a presentation by Myrna about the family tree and the research project, no large-group events are currently planned, and there will be time to explore Red Deer and area.

Room & Board:

The plan is to hold the reunion in a city hotel,

where everyone can stay together. The hotel has a small restaurant on the premises, and ten rooms have been reserved (more are available, of course), at a discounted rate. However, these must be booked before June 30, 2011, or you will have to take your chances. There are quite a few hotels in Red Deer, but none are within walking distance of the Hampton. Dining establishments are plentiful, but again, not particularly close by. It is recommended that you reserve your accommodations early, as they fill up quickly in the summer.

Cost:

There will be a per-adult charge of \$90 (about US \$95, or £60), for the full three days, which will be used to pay for the hall rental, displays, etc. Should you wish, you may also choose to attend for only one or two days, at a cost of \$30 per person, per day. Children 11 – 16 will be charged at \$50 for the full three days, or \$20 per day. Children ten and under will be admitted free, but must be registered. Registrations and fees must be received not later than *June 15, 2011*.

Fees should be remitted in Canadian or US dollars. Cheques and bank drafts may be made to Myrna J. Coubrough, and you may send both your registration form (from the back of this page) and your money order or bank draft to Myrna Coubrough, at the address on the form. *Please do not mail cash!*

Last Word:

Addresses have been collected from wherever we could find them, but most likely, we haven’t found every Coubrough. Even more certainly, we haven’t found all those Coubroughs whose ancestors were female! Please feel free to copy the registration form for as many people as you like, or just list the information on a separate sheet, and enclose it with the appropriate fees. For more information, please see the Web site, www.coubrough.com, or contact Myrna at one of the addresses on the back page. We are looking forward to meeting you.

Yes, I will attend the Coubrough/Cowbrough International Reunion 2011.

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Number of Adults @ \$90 each

Children 11-16 @ \$50 each

Children <10 (Free)

Total enclosed:

Prices in Canadian dollars. Cheques or bank drafts to M.J. Coubrough in Canadian or US dollars only please.

Programme:

Sat., 9 a.m - 5 p.m.

Registration, introductions, coffee, visiting

Sat. 5 p.m. Photo shoot

Sat. 6 – 9 p.m. Dinner, talk by Myrna on

Coubrough/Cowbrough family tree

Sun. 9 a.m – 9 p.m. Visiting, coffee, lunch

Mon. 9 a.m – 5 p.m. Visiting, coffee, lunch

5 – 9 p.m. (possibly) Farewell dinner

Cost (Canadian dollars):

Adults: \$90 (\$35/day)

Children 11 – 16: \$50 each (\$20/day)

Children 10 and under: Free, but must be registered.

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