

GLEN LESLIE CHUCH NEWS

Leslie Family Visits Area

September 11, 2018 proved to be a dull, cloudy and misty day but the day was substantially brightened by a visit by Leslie relatives from BC. Dennis Leslie and his wife Susan from Vancouver were in DeBolt visiting Dennis' cousin, Maggie (Leslie) Huette. Maggie stated that she has driven by the Church on numerous occasions and always meant to stop and visit but at that point never had.



Dennis & Maggie's grandfather, John Leslie was a brother to Thomas Leslie for whom the area was named after. John Leslie had two sons, Sam (Dennis' father), Ian (Maggie's father) and a daughter Margaret. While Dennis had heard vaguely that there were Leslie relatives who had moved out west, he did not realize that an area was actually named after them as well as the Church and Cemetery.

Left – Susan & Dennis Leslie & Maggie (Leslie) Huette with picture of Tom & Margaret Leslie in the background.

Dennis, Susan and Maggie were very impressed with the restoration story of the little

building – especially when it was explained that a crane lifted off the top three rows of logs and the roof all in one piece. Following which all the logs came down, a new foundation was poured and the walls were then built back up with replacement logs where necessary. Once again the roof and the top three rows of logs were lifted back on to the walls and all fitted as if it had never been removed.

They were especially interested in the picture displays – making special note of Thomas & Margaret's picture. Wanda and Dennis had a discussion of how precise Nels Meyers had cut the dove-tail notches in the corners. It is truly amazing how log buildings were constructed in the early 20th Century with a bare minimum of tools – axes and saws.

Dennis shared a story of the castle in Scotland that is called the “Leslie Castle” - named after the “Leslie Family Clan”.

A great time was had by all.