



# Osgoode Township Historical Society & Museum

at the

Old Vernon School

## Newsletter

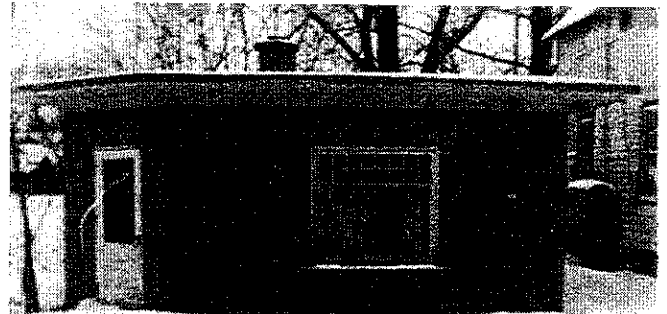
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### OSGOODE VILLAGE LIBRARY

- from "Birth of a Library" by the late Margaret Robb



FIRST LIBRARY BUILDING

Margaret Robb began with Osgoode's earliest attempt to provide valuable reading to the public by saying that in 1925 books were scarce and a luxury. A Mrs Fraser who ran an Ice Cream Parlor initiated a loan plan for the girls in her Mission Band to share books they had with other girls increasing the number of books possible to read. The girls sold ice cream for Mrs Fraser to the shoppers on Saturday night. As word spread, books began to be donated and shelves in the front entrance soon filled. New borrowers were welcomed. Fees were 10 cents a year.

Interest grew, and with the support of Independent Order of Oddfellows, the Women's Institute and volunteers plans were made for a proper library. In 1929 Duncan Kennedy loaned money to buy a lot, Harry Boyd donated enough Boyd Blocks to build, and masons Perry Lewis and John Robb completed the building. It was first heated by wood and later someone donated a small oil heater.

Mrs Duncan (Minnie) Kennedy was the first volunteer librarian. There were many board members over the years. It became known as "Osgoode Station Associate Library" with the deed made out to Chair, Harry Boyd. Some difficult years ensued and near closing nearly closed its doors forever. Relief came from Osgoode Township via the Regional Library Board which was formed in 1969. The library was able to move to a 600 square-foot frame building which is now a Community Police Centre. Most recently a much larger library was built in 1990. Margaret wrote that from "a few shelves in an Ice Cream Parlor a grand new library was built because of the dedication of those who believed in education."

*Excerpt from The Osgoode Village Story 1801-2006, ed. Joe Banks (available for \$15.00) and Birth of a Library by Late Margaret Robb (archival copy only).*

### EATON'S CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE

Eaton's catalogue was first distributed in 1884 at a farmers' exhibition in Toronto. At that time, Canada was a sparsely settled country where most people lived miles from the nearest town.

By the early 1900's, the catalogue had become a Canadian institution known to many as the "Homesteader's Bible" or the "Wishing Book." It was often said that only two books mattered in a typical Canadian home; the Bible and the Eaton's catalogue. For rural Canadians the catalogue offered a selection of goods that was otherwise unavailable. Many small town shopkeepers, unable to compete with the fixed prices or money back guarantee, despised the publication and some sympathetic local postmasters threw out the publications when they arrived.

Though modest by today's standards, Eaton's appreciated the value of the Christmas market from the beginning. In 1905, they sponsored the first Santa Claus parade in Toronto as a way to encourage people to spend their Christmas dollars at Eaton's. Eventually though, as urban populations grew through the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Canadians had greater access to local stores and products. The last Christmas catalogue was produced in 1976 and Eaton's closed its doors for good in 1999.

Robin Cushnie, O.T.H.S Education Director

### 1821 CENSUS DATA

*New Census records added to Irish Genealogical Online Record Search System*

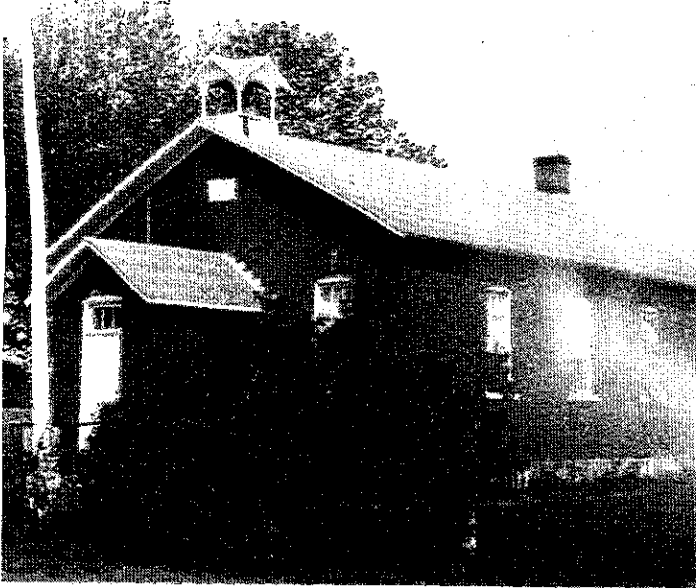
The Irish Family History Foundation's Online Research Service (ORS) are pleased to announce the availability of the 1821 census records for the Parish of Forkhill, Co. Armagh.

A copy of the 1821 Forkhill Parish Census was found in an old house a few years ago and it has 6344 individuals listed. For those with ancestry in Forkhill parish, this is an immense source. Armagh Ancestry is in the process of computerizing the remaining surviving remnants and it is anticipated this will be completed by end of 2008.

Alec Ball

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### The Scotch School S.S.#12

In Osgoode Township the Scotch School was known as the little red brick school of School Section No. 12. Built in 1907, it was closed officially in the 1960's and turned into a residence. Mary Bushe is the latest resident and a keen interest in it's history.

The Scotch School started as ½ acre on the S.W. corner of Lot 35, Con 9 which was donated for a school by Peter McEwan in 1830 and a log building was erected. In 1838 a second ½ acre was donated by Peter McEwan, the additional lot noted by the line of old maples west of the present school. About 30 years later, in 1860 a frame building replaced the log and the logs were dismantled and put to use in the neighbourhood. Of that school little has been written though it served for a further 47 years, replaced by a yet newer school.

The new school was built in 1907. It was built of brick with much consideration by the trustees, Dan McLaren, Archie Stewart and Ed Cowan, after visiting others in the Township. The school was largely built by the trustees themselves, the only contract was for drawing local stone for the foundation. Then lumber came from Carkner's Mill in Kenmore, and the carpenter was John L McNab. The brick came from the brickyard east of Russell; masonry by James Jackson; roofing and metallic ceiling by T L Homes. The wood furnace was changed to oil in 1952. The bell was bought in Toledo Ohio for \$75.00. All finished the cost was \$2350.00. The teacher, pupils and everything needed was moved over from the old school in winter of 1907.

The school was painted in 1937 for first time since being built. Fred Stoodley painted it again in 1955. At that time Fred Stoodley and Bill Hume built a kitchen at the back with cupboards, stove, fridge, sink with hot and cold water, and 2 new bathrooms. Grant Bowman in 1959 recovered the floor. In 1960 they painted the outside brick. 1961 saw Wilbert Duncan put plywood on the walls and ceiling of the basement, a great place for indoor activity on rainy days.

Some well known people have received their primary education at this school. The late Hon. Alexander Rutherford, the first Premier of Alberta; the late Judge D.B. McTavish of Carleton County; the late Dr James Stewart of McGill University; Dr McGregor Fraser of Acadia



Present day Scotch School with Mrs Mary Bushe on stairs University; the Rev D J MacNab of Indiana; and the Rev A.M. Little of East Angus, Que and Dr. D. McEwan (Wilmington, Delaware).

On July 24, 1948, the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary saw more than 400 people come to celebrate. Guest of honor was Hon. John Bracken, leader of P.C. party. Wayne Little, Grade 8 Student, at the time wrote a school paper, excerpted - "In the years since 1838, attendance has dropped from sixty to twenty. Of the many recreations, hockey in winter and baseball in summer were the most popular. Years ago, the pupils found fun in kicking a paper stuffed lunch bag around the yard. Proof that all our fathers were not saints as one day a rock found its way into the bag. Our school has had such an illustrious history that I feel that the Scotch School will be remembered for years to come."

#### Past Teachers

Miss Tannie Fraser	4 years
Miss Jessie McEwen	4 years
Miss E. McGregor	1 year
Miss Meighen	2 years
Miss E McGregor	1 year
Miss Annie Fraser	8 years
Mr Wm. McLaren	2 years
Miss Elsie McDonald	1 year
Mr Ray Brunton	2 years
Miss Margaret McLaren	1 year
Miss Myrtle Hall	3 years
Miss Louise Stearns	3 years
Miss Vera Brunton	1 year
Miss Gladys Hill	4 years
Miss Marion Lor__?_	1 year
Miss Laura Moorhouse	1 year
Mr Charles Pedler	3 months
Miss Myrtle Boyd	7 months
1945 Mrs Myrtle MacNab	Sept 1948
1948 Miss Myrtle Margaret McDonald	June 1950
1950 Helen Craig/Margaret Wy_?_	June 1951
1951 Mrs Gladys MacDonald (Hill)	June 1952
1952 Annie B McVey	June 1955
1955 Mina Van Allen	June 1958
1958 Ann Lefebvre	June 1960
1962 Evelyn Biggs	June 1963
1963 Ethelyn Carkner to closing	June 1967

Info found in Archives at O.T.H.S. Included in the file are a few photos, teacher's names from 1838 till closing; Articles include History of Scotch School by Mrs Harold (Evelyn) Cowan in Vernon Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History; Wayne Little - School project, History of My School, 1948, and orally from Lyndon McEwan.

## ORMOND PROTESTANT CEMETERY

Incorporated Oct 10, 1908

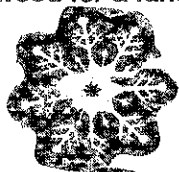
- formerly Dewar's Hill Cemetery founded 1841
- excerpts from booklet of burials researched & written by Lorraine (Baldwin) Reoch

Ormond was thought to have been settled as early as 1807, one of many communities springing up all over Canada West. As soon as enough support was gained, this small community made plans to erect a church in their midst. With care they chose the highest piece of land, all the closer to heaven, and erected a log structure. A major snowstorm in 1841 collapsed the roof and a further 10 years would pass before a new church was built.

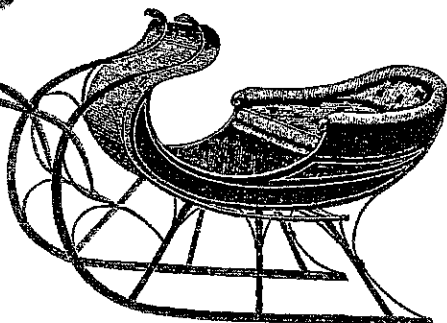
The Beginning of the Cemetery - The first burial was James Stewart on Oct 14, 1841 at age 63. The widow and group slogging through mud, water and tree stumps on their way to Springhill decided to bury Mr Stewart on top of Dewar's Hill near the collapsed church. It was the start of the Dewar's Hill Cemetery. James Dewar was the first chairman from whom 2 lots were purchased for the purpose of forming a cemetery, for the sum of \$5.00 each. The name changed to Ormond Protestant Cemetery on Aug 10, 1908. The present board has Gord Reoch (grandson of the first Chairman) Doreen McRobbie Secretary-Treasurer; and Directors Linda Skuce, Roy Campbell, Murray McIntosh, and Alex McGregor. All are related to pioneers buried there.

A little story found among the burials listed by Lorraine Reoch was talked about for years to come. The story involves Harry Stoodley who lived with the Meldrums. Little is known about him, he was possibly a hired hand or a home child. As the times were, it was practiced that gifts of kind often replaced cash, a type of bartering between friends and neighbours. Harry, apparently a good and kind community minded person, cut and brought a load of wood to then Rev. Burns on several occasions. At the Manse after he had unloaded the wood, he would knock on the door and announce that he'd delivered the wood. Rev. Burns thanked him and said what did he owe him for the wood. Harry always said "Nothing." Rev Burns protested, "I must do something for you." In that case Harry said, "You can preach a good sermon when I die." The two gentlemen made a deal.

Ultimately, Harry passed on. On the day of Harry's funeral, Rev. Burns preached and preached until the sun was about to go down. Those present were afraid the darkness would prevent the burial. The debt was paid, a load of wood for a funeral that was to be long remembered.



From the Archives at O.T.H.S



## HOCHELAGA BANK, MAIN STREET VERNON



The Hochelaga Bank on Main Street Vernon comprised one of the businesses of the community and neighbourhood of Vernon not that long ago. Its closing began the exodus of local businesses to larger centres. The Hochelaga Bank was a division of the National Canadian Bank at 26 Rideau Street in Ottawa. In a letter dated April 26, 1951, a letter was sent to subscribers that stated: *"It is with regret that we have to inform you of our decision to close our Vernon Office on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1951. As you know our excellent representative at Vernon Mr. A.H. Allin is under the doctor's care for an indefinite (sic) period of time and under the circumstances. It has been decided to discontinue to operate our Vernon Office. We wish therefore to thank you sincerely for your past patronage and hope to continue to be of some service to you at our 26 Rideau Street Office where your account will continue to be carried. Should you decide to transfer your account at another Bank, we suggest you delay such transfer after May 31<sup>st</sup>, 1951 at which date, your interest will be credited to your account."*

*Yours faithfully,*  
J.R. Bolduc, Manager

## A TRUE STORY - THE YEAR 1943

My Maternal Grandfather, Oswald Coursolle's death  
-Submitted by Harvey Linton

Our country was in the midst of World War II. Many of your young men were in the services of our country. Some were overseas, others were stationed at various training camps in Canada. My eldest brother Oswald was stationed at Trenton, Ontario before being transferred to Manitoba for further training prior to going overseas. December 1942 was a month when we had a lot of snow. Rural roads were not snow plowed at all, so traveling was done by horses and sleighs or one horse and a cutter. Shortly after Christmas 1942, eastern Ontario suffered a severe ice storm and as a result of the ice storm, many hydro lines were down and a major power outage occurred. The electricity was off for approximately six weeks and telephones were out for even a longer period of time.

In the midst of all this, my grandfather died. Notifying the undertaker was very difficult as the message had to be relayed by someone who would drive by horse and sleigh to Vernon and contact the undertaker in Winchester. Arrangements were finally made and someone had to meet the undertaker at Dalmeny Road and fifth line road and

**A True Story Cont'd**

bring him and a stretcher to pick up the body for embalming and so on.

In those years most wakes were held in the homes by lamplight as the electricity was out. The friends, neighbours and relatives would come to the house to extend sympathy and condolences by horse and sleigh. Funeral arrangements prior to the day of the funeral, I remember my mother instructing me to walk to some of the neighbours asking them to be pall bearers the day of the funeral. The day of the funeral, the casket was loaded on to a sleigh and pulled by a team of horses for the three mile trip to Vernon for the service in our church. The pall bearers and mourners drove in other sleighs to the church for the funeral service. After the service was over, the casket was transported by hearse to the Springhill vault for burial in the spring when the frost was out of the ground in order to be able to dig a grave for burial.

**MUSEUM NOTES**Looking for Missing File

When we computerized the catalogue of the Frances Iveson papers this spring, there was one file missing: File No. 29. Letters to Fannie from Ross, Elmo and Duff. It has been missing since before 2003 and perhaps much longer than that. Files no. 26,27 and 28 also containing WWI letters are safe and sound and include more than 40 letters from 1916 and 1917 but File No. 29 is missing. We think it contains letters written in the second half of 1917 through 1918. A couple of volunteers are working on a publication based on the letters and it would be great to include what is in File No. 29.

**CURATOR/ARCHIVIST REPORT**

Records based on year to date

Number of activities to end Nov. - 60 events or educational programs held, 22 new exhibits, 4 genealogical functions attended, 4 group tours of facility, 250 genealogical inquiries, 12 fairs and farm shows attended. Total number of visitors or participants at museum/archives to end of Oct 3716 persons. Number of volunteer hours - 760, student hours 360. Number of volunteers - 54 active, 11 on occasional basis, 3 students. Total number of members 237. Locations at which activities were held: Township of Osgoode Care Centre; Metcalfe Fair; Gene-O-Rama; Ont. Genealogical Society (Ottawa Branch); British Isles Family History Genealogical Society (Ottawa); Turnbull School (Ottawa); Greely Friendship Club; Osgoode District High School (Metcalfe); City of Ottawa, Heritage Day; Fairs at Russell, Richmond, Athens; Osgoode Home Support, (Osgoode Village); Ottawa Teacher's Conference.

James Stevenson

**MUSEUM COMING EVENTS****Special Christmas Fun**

Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 1 - 3 p.m. Join us as we make "Frosty Friends" and other treasures to decorate the tree

Jan 3 - 1 - 3 p.m. Join us as we create a gumdrop wonderland and other seasonal crafts.

\$5.00 per child/ Call 613-821-4062 to register

**OTHER COMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM**

- ☛ January 6, 2009 - Business meeting with speaker Eda van der Linden on "Wartime Childhood in Holland"
- January 28<sup>th</sup> - Children's Valentine card workshop
- ☛ January - March "Nursery Rhymes" - an exhibit on early nursery rhymes and display of toys
- ☛ February 3, 2009 - Annual General Meeting - nomination to the Board. Looking for people interested in history or involvement in the Historical Society, specialty in research, business or architectural interest.
- Feb 7- "Be Mine Valentine" display of old cards and candy making for children
- Feb 16 - Heritage Day at City of Ottawa
- Feb 21 - Heritage Day at the museum - A return of the Croquinole Tournament for adults & children with prizes and lunch. Registration of \$8 per team will be limited to 14 teams. Call ahead, first come first served basis at 613-821-4062.
- ☛ March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Regular monthly meeting - speaker not yet finalized.
- March - Make an Easter Hat. OTHS will be offering a Felt Making Workshop. Call for more info.
- March 16 - 20 Spring Break program for kids featuring heritage crafts and stories. Call the museum for details
- March 28<sup>th</sup> Easter Bonnet Fashion Show and contest. Prizes.
- March 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> - Gene-O-Rama at Ben Franklin Place, Nepean

**IN SEARCH****OF THEIR****ROOTS**

- The following search queries have been received.

Freida Mason researching Lee/Lees, Harrington/Stanly families. She's at 5931 Gladewoods Place Orleans.

Barbara Dennison researching Simzer/Wyatt families (613) 543-3823

Elaine Howes researching Barkley/McConnell families (613) 825-9359

Donald Scott Dalgleish looking for historical information on the Dalgleish family (905) 880-4532

Mary Anne Schmitz, 3256 Yorks Corners Rd looking for information on the house owned by John Carkner of Kenmore.

Michelle Lachance researching the Village of Edwards (613) 822-7965

Mary Brohman researching the James Murray family (519)745-4446

Betty Tomback & Barb Wilson researching the John Robert Stanley family. No contact information given.



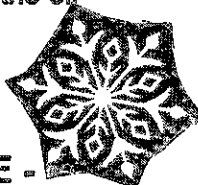


### In Search of Their Roots Cont'd

Jennifer MacArthur Re: McArthur Plow  
I am based in Toronto. I'm from the John B McArthur line and my great grandfather was his son John A McArthur (spelling changed to Mac at some point). After he left the foundry J B McArthur moved out to Paisley, Ontario and set up a carriage trade. I'm not aware of too many McArthur relatives although I was in contact a couple of years ago with one of Duncan's descendants who was based in Missouri. I'll be out to your archives one day to see the histories/materials you have. Tel: (416)869-5262 [jmacarthur@stikeman.com](mailto:jmacarthur@stikeman.com)

### PETROLEUM FACTS

As fuel is constantly in the news and in demand at present, it is interesting to find that oil found in Pennsylvania in 1859 was so useless that it was sopped up with rags and wrung out and peddled as a cure for everything from headaches to deafness. Then shortly after a demand for oil was spurred by a demand for lamp fuel because whale oil had suddenly become scarce. It didn't take long until derricks popped up all over Pennsylvania. Also interesting to note was that the standard barrel size of 42 gallon or 160 Liter was determined by the oil men who collected it in whiskey barrels.



### METCALFE RURAL TELEPHONE - 1909 - 1967

From Cecil Reaney's book published 2001



**M**etcalfe Rural Telephone Assn was formed in 1910 because of a need to improve telephone communication already supplied by Montreal Telegraph Co and on the Bell Telephone Co.

The company was comprised of ten Directors appointed by the shareholders. Funding was raised by selling shares to members, businessmen, farmers and citizens. The establishment of this telephone exchange provided a telephone operator switchboard that would eventually serve most areas of the Township of Osgoode.

The first lines extended to subscribers were hung on telegraph poles that created communication lines between Russell, Kenmore, Metcalfe and Vernon. These new lines were

suspended on locally acquired cedar poles using 3/16" bare copper wire. Construction crews were hired to laboriously dig holes for the poles by hand. In swampy areas stone cribs framed in logs and filled with stones were made to support the poles.

The first telephone switchboard was located in the residence of Frank Iveson and later in the home of Jim Thompson. It first served communities of Metcalfe, Vernon and Kenmore and soon after to Marvelville, Edwards, Greely and Dalmeny. Sometime between 1920 - 1927 the switchboard was relocated to the brick block on Victoria St. Billing was on a semi-annual basis with rates set at \$6.00 for 6 months. It continued to be so in 1914 and still \$12.00 in 1942, increasing to \$29.20 by 1959.

The 1950's found difficulties in the need to improve services, rotary telephones were introduced and new lines were required to meet with acceptable levels. There was also increased pressure from Bell Telephone Co to monopolize business. A petition presented to Ontario Telephone Services to improve level of service resulted in an order in 1966 to sell to Bell Canada. The author, Cecil Reaney was given the task of taking inventory of all equipment including poles, so that proper value could be placed on the worth of the Company.

*History of Metcalfe Rural Telephone Company 1909 - 1967 by Cecil Reaney is available at the museum for \$8.00. It includes in its appendix 24 pages of telephone directories of various communities during this period.*

### JOHAN ADAM PABST, HIS WIFE, EVA MARIE (HAMM) PABST AND CERTAIN OF THEIR DESCENDANTS

- compiled by Ervan L Amidon Lt. Col, USAF (Ret.)  
A Fourth Great Grandson, Traverse City, Michigan  
(2007) Amundsen Publishing Company, Decorah, Iowa.

This is a thoroughly researched book of 900 pages which was given to the society in 2007. Mr Amidon did an intensive and prolonged search and used professional researchers to this descent. He tells of his application for membership in the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada in 1995.

He has proved that Rudolph Papst is the son of John Papst and his wife Elizabeth (McWilliams) Papst. Rudolph, born ca 1803, probably at Osnabruck Township, Stormont Co, Ontario. John Papst, in 1822 purchased the West ½ of Lot 12, Conc. 6, Osnabruck Township, Stormont Co. In 1831 he sold to Rudolph. Sometime between 1834-1835, Rudolph and his family moved to what is now Osgoode Township, Russell County, Ontario after selling the land described above. Rudolph Papst and his family are found in the 1842 Census of Osgoode Township showing that he had been in the Province for 38 years.

Ann Wood and Rudolph Papst had married by 11 Oct 1838 when Ann (Wood) Papst petitioned for a land grant as daughter of John Wood of Cornwall and Osnabruck. The 1851 the Agricultural Census of Osgoode Township reveals that Rudolph Papst is living on East ½, Lot 39, Conc. 8 on 50 acres.

## Rudolph Popst cont'd

Accordingly he had in 1851, 30 acres under cultivation; under crops 15 acres; under pasture 15 acres; under woods or wild 20 acres. Wheat was in 5 acres which produced 55 bushels; peas 6 acres which produced 60 bushels; oats which produced 60 bushels; Potatoes planted on one acre which failed. Hay produced was 5 bundles or tons; Wool produced 20 pounds; maple sugar 100 pounds; flannel produced was 30 yards. They had 3 milch cows; 1 calf; one horse, 6 sheep; 4 pigs. Butter 200 pounds; and pork 600 barrels of cwt.

He is enumerated with his family as Rudolph Pop on the 1861 Agricultural Census living on Lot 37, Conc. 7 on 50 acres; under cultivation 14 acres; woods or wild 36 acres.

Children known to belong to this couple -

Robert Benjamin b. 25 Oct. Osnabruck Twp.

Sophia b. 1833 Osnabruck Twp.

Collon B. 1838 Osnabruck Twp.

Isabela b. 1841 Osnabruck Twp

Lois b. 15 May 1844 Probably Osgoode Twp.

Nancy Margaret b. 14 Sep 1845 - Osgoode Twp

Ann b. ca 1846 Osgoode Twp

James Rudolph b. 26 Feb. 1848 - Osgoode Twp

Matilda b. ca. 1852 - Osgoode Twp.

Col. Amidon writes "A final word regarding Rudolph Papst, my great, great grandfather. He remains an obscure and elusive personality. I must characterize him as a poor man with respect to personal wealth of worldly goods; with no lasting ownership of real estate and limited personal possessions. Surely, he must have labored long and arduously all his life, with little to show for his efforts at old age and death. Moreover, I am convinced that he became a Baptist following arrival at Osgoode Township, Carleton County. It is obvious to me that accurate and faithful recording of dates and places of birth, marriages, deaths and burials seem to be virtually non-existent."

Col. Amidon learned that "Annie" Poapst, died 28 May, 1895 at Ottawa, Ontario at Beechwood Cemetery. The marker on her grave (placed in 1996) now reads

Ann Poapst, U.E., nee Wood.

26 Jul 1807 - 28 May 1895

wife of Rudolph Poapst, U.E.

Col. Amidon writes "I do not know the place and date of death of my great, great grandfather. I will continue to search for additional data pertaining to him and his ancestors."

Col. Amidon is to be commended for his dedication. His book contains photographs, index, endnotes, addenda, body of work, and introduction. Interesting to note is the 35 different spellings of Popst. His beginning pages list two quotes, one lists Ecclesiastes 1:5,6,9 and (a less known but favorite)

THE MAN WHO FEELS NO SENTIMENT OF VENERATION FOR THE MEMORY OF HIS FOREFATHERS IS, HIMSELF, UNWORTHY OF KINDRED REWARD OR REMEMBRANCE.

DANIEL WEBSTER 1782-1852



## SOME GREELY HISTORY


- By Eleanor McDougall

Rossiter's Corners

It was possibly named for Adam and Sam, both active in Municipal affairs in that area circa 1850. In 1853 the map shows that there were 8 houses in Greely. Richard Stanley, son of Leonard Stanley is shown in the census as owning 200 acres in Lot 5, Con 5 from 1864 - 86 and was an Inn Keeper. The map of Osgoode 1879 shows the Hotel and a Toll Gate at Greely. The map shows it as Stanley's Hotel

Stanley's Hotel was an operation known well as a "place of entertainment and was both popular with some as unpopular with others." The most peculiar fight ever staged at Greely in Stanley's Hotel from "Old Time Stuff" (Ottawa Citizen) March 24, 1928 - Two men about 50 years of age had come in and made their respective livings by working for the farmers and doing odd jobs around. One hailed from Baie des Chaleurs country, boasting this was where men were men, the other from the United States. Both were powerful in physique, great talkers and fond of boasting of their prowess in various directions. The men who gathered at the hotel conceived the idea that these two would make a good fight, so they made it their business to egg them on to talk about each other and retell the remarks to the other. One night in midsummer, the two men met at the Hotel, one going out, the other going in. They jostled each other. At once each man grabbed the shoulders of the other. The men stood holding each other, staring in each others face without a motion, like statues for about 15 minutes, both being afraid to let go. They began to tremble, then suddenly they shook apart with not a word spoken or a blow given. One backed in the door of the Hotel while the other backed across the road shouting "If you ever want a fight you know where you can get it." The other shouted "Let out the hounds" to Johnny Connors who kept them in the hotel yard. The first man who turned down the road, met two boys who asked the reason he was agitated. The man replied, "I have just finished Mr \_\_\_, I'm afraid he'll never get over it. I guess I'll have to take to the bush tonight." Back at the hotel, the other man, the centre of a crowd boasted of his victory. He said, "When he caught hold of me, he got the wrong sow by the ear." The fight was long a matter of discussion at Stanley's Hotel.

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