



IRA MORGAN, *Reeve*

JOHN KENNEDY, *2nd Clerk* JOHN DOW, *Councillor*

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Looking back at 1991 we can be justified in feeling great pride in our various accomplishments. Our representatives have visited Kingston, Smiths Falls, Brockville, Kemptville, North Gower, Oxford Mills, Cumberland, Nepean, Carleton Place, Russell, Kars, Upper Canada Village and Ogdensburg, N.Y. in the line of duty. At home here in Osgoode Township we took part in Canada Day at Osgoode, the opening of the addition to the Town Hall in Metcalfe, Metcalfe Fair and the Carleton County Plowing Match.

We were at home to visitors on Heritage Day, Pioneer Day and for our Strawberry Festival.

Visitors to the museum were from Europe and the British Isles and in North America from Yukon to Texas and many points between. Our museum was open to visitors from mid May to the end of December, 6 days a week and sometimes 7. Visitors included the Exec. Dir. of the Ontario Historical Society and a rep of the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Communications, Guides and Brownies and 4H groups. We also hosted Women's Institute meetings, and introduced local history to students at Castor Valley school and at Metcalfe Public school.

Improvements to our museums included the landscaping of the agricultural building, a proper sign over the front doors and the installation of a farm windmill in front of the building. Inside, some shelving was installed and much work was done repairing and re-conditioning artifacts. In the original museum, plumbing was

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A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST

The picture to the left, from the Archives of our Township museum, is one of the many Historical pictures received along with artifacts and manuscripts from the Estate of the Late Frances Iveson. The following are excerpts from the Carleton Saga. Ira Morgan, served as Deputy Reeve and Reeve of Osgoode Township from the period 1855 to the time of his tragic death Dec. 18, 1891 with the exception of 2 years 1877-78. John Kennedy, was Township Clerk from Feb. 7, 1856 to Jan. 1885. Mr. John Dow served as Reeve from 1855 -1871 with the exception of 1857.

----- Michael Daley, Editor

improved by providing washroom facilities for the handicapped. A plaque commemorating the founding members of the society was placed in the foyer.

Our archives are continually being improved and enlarged. We recently received a great amount of material from the Iveson estate pertinent to the history of the Metcalfe area. Our library of general historical reference material is constantly increasing. We were able to assist a number of students doing research for term papers and historical compositions.

In summary, a very successful year, thanks to the efforts of our very dedicated members. For the year ahead, we must keep up the momentum, make a concerted effort to enlist new members and increase public awareness of our existence as a first class museum and historical society.

----- Bob Usher, President

MEMBERSHIP

The membership fee for the year 1992 is \$8.00 per person or \$9.00 per family. If your membership card is not with this Newsletter, your membership is now due. If there is an error please inform us. We sincerely appreciate your past and hopefully your continued support (and your comments too) as we strive to portray a picture of our Township History.

LISTING OF CROWN DEEDS - OSGOODE TOWNSHIP
A Partial List

TOWNSHIP	LOT	CON	ISSUE DATE	TRANS-ACTION	NAME OF LOCATEE
Osgoode	E 1/2 no record Br. Front Br. Front N 1/2 33 (Br. Fr.) Br. Front lot 37 (Br. Fr.) N 1/2 33 (Br. Ft.) Lot 39 (Br. Ft.)	6	1861 1794 1797 1798 1856 1842 1861 1836 1861	sale free grant free grant free grant assignment sale lease sale, Clergy reserve sale, Clergy reserve	James Doyle Grant Ephraim May Birmingham Thomas Jones Francis Jones John Chisholm Anthony Doyle James Doyle James Taylor
	part 20-21 E 1/2 9 N part 42 N 1/2, E 1/2 lot 33 N 1/2 19 part of 28 S 1/2 23 S 1/2 39 17 34	1	1805 1840 1811 1861 1851 1808 1874 1856 1842 1811	free grant sale free grant sale sale free grant lease sale sale free grant	Daughter of U.E. Peter Davidson Christy McIntyre D.U.E. James Doyle Charles Fagan Allan McDonell J. Ferguson Geo. Hunt William Kelly James Fraser
	part of 30 E 1/2 29 E 1/2 12 E 1/2 18 E 1/2 24 e 1/2 34 E 1/2 46 N 1/2 28 R 1/2 2 R 1/2 32 S 1/2 14 S 1/2 22 S 1/2 8W 1/2 12 W 1/2 18 W 1/2 18 13 26 38 4 41	2	1839 1822 1851 1843 1847 1852 1836 1846 1853 1844 1855 1856 1847 1842 1848 1853 1800 1800 1835 1847 1800	free grant (Militia) free grant (Militia) lease lease sale sale free grant (Militia) sale assignment lease sale sale sale sale sale sale sale free grant free grant sale lease free grant	William Wood Thomas Williams Michael O'Brien Robert Grant William Moses Arthur Allen Alex Campbell Timothy O'Connor James Stewart Alexander Taylor Lawrence Finlay William Murphy Nicholas Sullivan John O'Brien Thomas Murphy Patrick Shiel (Shields) Elizabeth Crawford D.U.E. Elizabeth Brady D.U.E. John Ferguson Thomas Brownlee William Fitzpatrick S.U.E.
	E 1/2 18 E 1/2 43 E 1/2 43 E 1/2 28 F 1/2 13 N 1/4 38 R 1/2 13 R 1/2 3 S 1/2 28 W 1/2 23 14 15	3	1856 1833 1821 1863 1855 1848 1857 1881 1846 1841 1808 1803	sale free grant (Militia) assignment assignment lease sale sale lease sale sale free grant free grant	Michael Terry Harmonus Cryderman Archibald McDonell Alice O'Toole Thomas Rourke Hugh McDiarmid Jas. Darcy Thos Conway Patk. Blanchfield May Stewart Isobella McRae D.U.E. (Daley's since 1839-40) Nancy Shanon D.U.E.

LISTING OF LAND DEEDS (cont'd)

TOWNSHIP	LOT	CON	ISSUE DATE	TRANSACTION	NAME OF LOCATEE
Osgoode	25	* 3	1809	free grant	Catharine McDonell D.U.E.
	30-32		1808	free grant	Allan McDonell S.U.E
	21		1809	free grant	Ann McDonell D.U.E
	E 1/2 12 E 1/2 22 E 1/2 17 E 1/2 27 E 1/2 29 E 1/2 37 E 1/2 42 Ft 1/2 39 N E 1/4 9 N W 1/4 9 N 1/2 2 R 1/2 14 R 1/2 34 R 1/4 39 S 1/2 9 W 1/2 12 ! 1/2 32 W 1/2 32 19 21	* 4	1837 1857 1872 1870 1878 1833 1832 1859 1856 1856 1833 1838 1838 1855 1846 1853 1861 1880 1857 1810	sale sale sale lease sale sale sale sale sale sale sale sale sale lease lease sale sale free grant	Sylvester Doyle James Mantle James Herbert W.H. Schwerdfeger Robert Cleland Archbd McDiarmid Thos Campbell Peter McMartin James Keough John Piper James Smith Thomas Kangley John Ferguson Wm McKendry James McKeough Thomas Daley John C. Bower Robt. Patterson Rev. Thos O'Boyle Catherine McDonell D.U.E
	E 1/2 13 E 1/2 34 E 1/2 8 E 1/2 6 N 1/2 3 N 1/2 3 N 1/2 38 W 1/2 13 W 1/2 18 W 1/2 23 W 1/2 39 19 20 25,26,27 28 32 7	* 5	1838 1837 1856 1836 1832 1842 1837 1862 1854 1862 1840 1811 1811 1828 1861 1825 1812	sale free grant sale free grant sale sale sale lease sale lease free grant free grant free grant free grant free grant free grant free grant free grant free grant	H. McCullogh Peter MacDonald (Heir) John Gilfoyle Wm Smith U.E.L James Keely William Stackpole Donald Martin Bernard Sheerin Wilson Black Patk Herbert John Campbell Gotlieb Otto D.U.E Peter Otto S.U.E Alexander McNaughton Thos D. Lewis Malcolm Campbell (Land Board) Christopher Stevens S.U.E
	E pt W pt30 E 1/2 32 E 1/2 33 E 1/2 8 N pt 43 NW 1/4 1 N 1/2 18 N 1/2 32 W 1/2 12 W 1/2 24 W 1/2 32 W 1/2 34 W 1/2 8 16,E 1/2 15 27 38 6 E 1/2 14,15,16	* 6	1840 1854 18(?) 1854 1830 1824 1838 1835 1842 1882 1843 1857 1856 1823 1837 1833 1812 1822	sale sale free grant (Mil) sale free grant free grant sale sale sale lease lease assignment sale fr grant(mil) assignment sale free grant fr grant(mil)	Leonard Wood Thos Carson John Cameron John Quinn Duncan McLaurin Scottish Emmigrant Hugh McKenna (Land Board) George Patterson William McKeown Michael Fenning Jas McRosti Wm McEwen James Robertson Thomas Keough Alexander McDonell Adam McCroskie Donald Macarthur Chris Merkley S.U Alex McDonald

* 30 free grants Con 3, 28 free grants Con 4,36 fr. grants con 5 26 - Con 6

NOTE OF INTEREST from Osgoode
Township Council Records 1857

The Appointment of Assessor for the
5 wards in the Township:
Southwest Ward - William Mackey
Northwest Ward - John McEvoy
Middle East Ward - Robt. Reaney
Northeast Ward - Jas. York
Southeast Ward - Peter McLaren

Road Superintendents

Southwest Ward and Northwest Ward -
Thos Daley
Northeast Ward, Middle east Ward and
Southeast Ward - Richard Stanley

LOST AND FOUND

Some of our members living in the
Metcalfe area will remember that,
while the McGirr family lived on the
west side of the 8th line road (lot
27, con.7) they also owned 100 acres
across the road at lot 27, con. 8.
What is not commonly known is that
Wm. McGirr and his family were
living on the east side as early as
1831. They quite obviously lived in
a shanty on the ridge which is about
80 rods back from the road. That is
also the side of the legendary house
which was built for a bride about
1884 and which no one ever occupied
when the wedding failed to happen.

About 1975, I found a copper coin
in the soil near the old house. It
is dated 1837 and is in what might
be termed very good condition. About
the same thickness of our one dollar
coin and just slightly larger in
diameter. One side has the words
BANK TOKEN HALF PENNY 1837 around
the rim. In the centre, St Andrew's
Cross surrounded by a garter
inscribed with the words *CONCORDIA
SALUS*. In the interstices of the
cross are a thistle, a rose, three
shamrocks and a beaver. A ribbon at
the bottom of the garter is stamped
with the words *CITY BANK*.

On the other side, around the rim,
are the words *PROVINCE DU BAS CANADA
UN SOU*, and in the centre the figure
of a habitant wearing a toque, and a
knee length coat belted with a sash.
The figure seems to be carrying a
whip or goad in his right hand.

The most interesting aspect is
that the coin shows almost no sign
of wear and probably indicated that
it was lost while it was fairly new.
Money was very scarce in those early
days and no doubt handled very
carefully. Perhaps the probability
of it being lost are almost as great
as the probability of it being found
some 150 years later.

Bob Usher



NEW PUBLICATION AVAILABLE

**PIONEER FAMILIES OF OSGOODE
TOWNSHIP - VOL XIX.** Names of
families: Dan'l & Thomas Girard
Thomas Howes
McGregor
William McGirr
Rev. Daniel McPhail
John McVey
Murphy
Wm. Shepherd
Nelson & Allen Simzer
Stearns Part 1.

IN SEARCH OF THEIR ROOTS

A letter dated Dec. 7, 1991
requested Genealogical information
on Murphy, Castigan, McEvoy and
Terry connection. Resource
information was forwarded to Al and
Dorothy Gallagher, Lodi, Wisconsin.
(see Murphy family, Pioneer Families
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Michael Daley

THE McCABE LIST

Early Irish in the Ottawa Valley
Bruce Elliott

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Her Majesty's Stationery Office is
without a doubt the most important
genealogical document in the Ottawa
Valley to surface in recent years.
It provides the signature or mark,
county, parish and townland of
origin, number of male and female
children and names and addresses of
relatives in the home land for some
700 mostly Irish families who were
in the vicinity of Bytown on 5th of
February 1829. A richer genealogical
gold mine on early Irish immigrants
can scarcely be imagined.

The list was discovered by John
McCabe, the well-known Belfast
genealogist who delivered the
Houston Memorial Lecture at Seminar
88, while researching at the Public
Record Office in England. Suspecting
its value to many of those attend
the seminar, he brought photocopies
of the first few dozen pages with
him. He readily agreed to its
publication in "Families", if the
British government granted
permission reproduce it. Bruce
Elliott obtained a complete
photocopy and transcribed it. The
list should help resolve countless
long standing research deadlocks for
those with Irish ancestry in eastern
Ontario and western Quebec. Hundreds
of familiar valley names appear.

The lists appeared in "Families,"
Vol. 29, No. 3, No. 4, 1990 also
Vol. 30, No. 1, No. 2 and Index in
No. 3, 1991.

THE GLENGARRIAN

Alexandria, Nov. 1, 1895

Editorial - Isaac Wilson, Editor and Prop.

In Free Trade times, the constable and the sheriff are always prosperous.

No farm products from the United States are cheap that tend to leave Canadian farm products rotting in the field and nothing is cheap that creates idleness at home.

KEMPTVILLE ADVANCE - 1915

Feb. 18 - Notice to the Public
Owing to the disturbance of usual conditions caused by the war and the general hard times prevalent at present, we beg to announce that our prices from Feb. 18, 1915 will be as follows - Hair cutting - 15 cents, shave 10 cents, shampoo - 15 cents, head rub 10 cents, razor honing - 25 cents, massage 20 cents, hair singe - 10 cents, neck shave 5 cents, beard trimming - 10 cents. Signed Chas. Beaucaire, Geo. C. Tuck.

March 11 - Mr. Storey, tea merchant, passed through Vernon on Friday last.

March 18 - Mr. Geo. Clark of Metcalfe has sold his farm to Mr. James Mullins and purposes moving to Brantford where he has purchased a farm.

June 24 - Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Carson of Metcalfe celebrated the 20th Anniversary of their wedding on June 19th and entertained several of their friends in honour of the day. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Stinson Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. David Stinson of North Gower, Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Armstrong and daughter Muriel, Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Carson of Kemptville, Mrs. R.L. Kerr of Mountain.

The old dispute as to the boundary line between the townships of Mountain in Dundas and Ottawa in Carleton came up in county court on Saturday. For upwards of 40 years the dispute has been carried on. There is a "jag" in the road past James Clark's farm and the farmers in the township of Mountain have been fighting to have the bend taken out.

May 11, 1916 - Five new Chevrolet cars were delivered to Manotick on Friday last, the purchasers being Mr. A.D. Babcock, Mr. Johnston Clapp, Mr. Sam Walters, Mr. Leo Driscoll and Dr. O'Hara.

We are sorry to report that Dr. Crawford is leaving Vernon.

Mrs. Lorne Campbell had a quilting here last week and a euchre party following in the evening.

June 15 - Mrs. William Boyd and Mrs. William Saunders of Osgoode left on Tuesday for Winnipeg where they will spend some time with the latter's sister Mrs. Dunbar.

Oct. 5 - Mr. Allan Carson of Chicago was the guest of his brother Mr. Charles Carson of Metcalfe last week and renewed many old acquaintances in town.

The steamer Rideau Queen which for a number of years has been plying between Kingston and Smiths Falls was sold by public auction on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Murdick of Trenton, agent for the Trent Valley Navigation Company purchased the boat for \$5,450. After the boat has been thoroughly overhauled, she will be used by her new owner in local trading on the Trent Valley route.

Dec. 7 - Mr. Ellis Otto of Osgoode Station who has been a civil servant in Ottawa for the past year was transferred to Regina on November 30th.

Jan. 25, 1917 - During Mr. J.E. McRostie's absence from Kemptville to attend the short courses at Merrickville, Mrs. McRostie will be at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stanley near Metcalfe.

The well-known Kimberly Hotel situated in the village of Kars on the bank of the Rideau river, 20 miles from Ottawa, is for sale. This is an 18 room house with a large grocery store in connection; stabling sheds in good state of repair. There is a good tourist and commercial trade. Reason for selling - lack of help. Owner S.H. O'Callaghan.

March 8 - Line-up of the Metcalfe Hockey Team. Goal - R. Spears, Point - W. Latimer, C. Point - Art Siguaw, Centre - L. Nadeau, Left Wing - H. Latimer, Rover - L. Dowser, Spares - L. Siguaw, F. Dowser, V. Craig (who is now playing on the Ottawa team.)

April 5 - Mr. Gus McEvoy met with an accident last week which cost him the loss of a couple of fingers. While working around the sawing machines belonging to Mr. J.R. Blanchfield his hand was brought in contact with the saw and was cut severely.

Compiled by Shirley Lowe