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OSGOODE BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR - 1905

Taken in front of Baptist Church Hall, Vernon
Back row - James Donaldson, Mrs Jas F.
Campbell, Alex McConnell, Marjorie Logan,
Margaret Ferguson, Mrs Howard Ferguson.
Front row - Mrs John Reoch, Rev. O.F. Kendall and
daughter, Miss Nettie Ferguson, James F.
Campbell, Miss Ella McDiarmid, Mr John Reoch
(choir director)

Rev. O. Kendall and daughter pictured
above were a topic of the following letter to
Elizabeth Stuart, dated 16 January, 1982

My dear Elizabeth

*When Nellie Heath brought my Christmas card
she also brought the envelope with your anniversary of
100 years of Osgoode Baptist Women's Missionary
Societies and it has been my favorite reading ever since.
(Referring to the photo) I am the little girl on Papa's lap -
born 1902 and I have his racoon coat, much worn in the
attic and his black hat.*

*Father's horse was named Nellie. He and
mother drove many miles to call on the people of
Osgoode.*

*They transferred when the babies became quite
a chore for mother to manage. She was never robust.
My favorite toys were the sticks of wood to fuel the
kitchen fire. Faith was born in 1904 in the kitchen at
Vernon, Feb 6th in a snowstorm, delivered on the kitchen
table with long spoons for instruments by the M.D. Mrs
Reoch revived Fathie who was a big fat little baby. But
Mama was too weak to nurse her. So she bought a
cow. They had Nellie as well.*

*Our moves were to Plattsburg N.Y, then a small
city, then to New Hampshire which was a country village
and then to British Columbia as home missionaries to
Cranbrook.*

*The World War I brought us back to Ontario and
we resumed country living - a horse, a cow, pigs (2),
chickens and a garden.*

*The move to the states was after I grew up and
was a teacher - as were my sisters Faith and Ella - born
in Plattsburg. My brother was born in New York.*

*I think those first years 1900 to 1904 were a
time of learning to live together and managing on very
little, so far from stores. How we pored over the Eaton's
catalogues and sent in the orders for our clothes. There
are many stores of our bringing up over the years but
none as warmly recounted as the years in Osgoode.*

Thank you and God bless, with love,

(Signed) Ruth Kendall Rolleston

The Osgoode Baptist Church in Vernon has had a long standing excellent choir as chronicled in histories of the church. The old Baptist Church at Kennedy's Corner is mentioned as ringing with voices. The old church is remembered as having a big box stove at the back by which the choir assembled. They were lead then by "Big" Alex McConnell, organist was Nettie McDiarmid. Non-Baptist neighbours relate hearing the singing a quarter mile away. Elizabeth Stuart relates that "I have never heard a choir and congregation who could sing with such spirit and harmony as those in the Old Osgoode Church."

Reference to the Osgoode Baptist Church in Vernon was written by K.S. McLaurin daughter of Mary Bates McLaurin and Reverend John McLaurin. The McLaurins were sent as the first missionaries to India in 1870. John who grew up Osgoode and his wife, stayed 37 years returning to visit on this occasion noted by his daughter - "They sang the grand old hymns. The choir, a purely voluntary one, who could all read music by sight, sat together in the middle of the congregation. The leader got his pitch from his tuning fork and hummed the tonic note which gave the others theirs. A second, while they hummed the opening chord and away they went full and strong and true, no lagging, no flatting, the congregation joining in with joyful volume. It was more like part of the triumphant chorus sung by hosts of heaven than just a hymn on Sunday in the plain old Osgoode Church. A today we enjoy hearing our pealing organs and trained choirs, but they enjoyed singing."

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - SEPT 2002

We have had an interesting and busy summer in the historical society. With the increased financial support from Ottawa we have had the museum and archives open for five days a week, eight hours a day. Also with the help of a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Culture an student was employed for the summer.

Pioneer Day & Strawberry Social

On Saturday, July 27, our 26th Annual Pioneer Day and Strawberry Social was blessed with great weather, interesting exhibits and a good crowd. along with a. It was again most successful. There were 222 people that signed our guest book which means there were likely well over 300 visitors who passed through in the afternoon. Strawberry Social was enjoyed by almost 200. Overseas visitors came from as far as Holland (3), Japan (2) and England (1). We would like to thank Don and Shirley Lowe who supplied a generous amount of delicious strawberries which everyone who had the Strawberry Social enjoyed.



This year we had over 20 exhibitors come out for the day with numerous antique tractors, cars, trucks, a dairy industry display, working models of steam engines, railroad telegraph, old record players, a working grist mill grinding wheat into flour. Several ladies took turns at quilting while Alice Craig showed several young people how to make ice-cream the old fashioned way. Everyone enjoyed the delicious treat when they were finished.

We had visitors from the Rideau Historical Society, the Ottawa Historical Society, Huntley Historical Society, Torbolton Historical Society, and the Cumberland Telegraph Operators Club.

It was a pleasure to welcome Jim Watson, the last mayor of the old City of Ottawa and currently President and CEO of the Canadian Tourism Commission.

A special thanks goes to all the volunteers who worked so hard and made the afternoon a great success. The gross revenues for the day was about \$ 800 while expenses amounted to about \$ 300. Revenues came from the Strawberry Social, publication sales and new memberships. Admission was free and all exhibitors were given 2 complimentary tickets to the Strawberry Social.

We took the opportunity on Pioneer Day to launch several new publications adding to the over 100 publications we have issued, among them:

- ✓ Early Records of the Osgoode Presbyterian Church 1830 - 1858
- ✓ The 1901 Census
- ✓ ✓ Second editions of Osgoode Township Assessment Rolls of 1831, The Census of 1842, and the Taxpayers List of 1842
- ✓ Second editions of Osgoode Township - In the Beginning which contains the Assessment Rolls of 1830 to 1841 and the Census of 1836
- ✓ Volume 21 of Pioneer Families
- ✓ Family Sketches - Stories and Memories of the Descendants of Henry York and Anne Langford
- ✓ Second Editions of Pioneer Families Volumes 4 and 17

Other News

Our speaker on September 3rd was Brigadier General Jack V. Watts D.S.O., D.F.C., *CD (retired) who spoke on his experiences during World War II as an observer (navigator) with RAF Bomber Command and the Desert Air Force. His experiences have been captured in his book "Nickels and Nightingales" published in 1995.

The jacket of his book reads –"Maybe it was the bracelet of Canadian nickels he wore, but Jack Watts, an observer with RAF Bomber Command and the Desert Air Force during WWII, certainly led a charmed life.

"Successfully completing three tours plus, Watts was one of the few to become a member of the select Pathfinder Force, the Winged Goldfish and Caterpillar Clubs, and the Order of the Winged Boot. Written by a decorated Canadian air force hero, Nickles and Nightingales is a compelling recollection of how one young man successfully beat the odds of war."

Jack will took us from September 4, 1939, when Canada declared war on Germany through the establishment of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan (BCATP), his joining up, training in the RCAF and his experiences in the position of observer in the RAF Bomber Command throughout the war. An observer was the navigator, bomb target identifier, photographer, etc. He flew over 100 missions in many different aircraft including the: Whitley, Anson, Halifax, and Mosquito, serving in both Europe and North Africa. After his talk the informal discussion continued for well over one hour during refreshments.

We now have a new member in Brisbane, Australia bringing our total to 249!

All work of the Society is dependent on the efforts of volunteers of which we need more. There are many opportunities to put your skills to use or learn new things in helping to preserve the history of the Township of Osgoode. Please contact us through calling the museum (613-821-4062) or email oths@magma.ca or speak to any member.

Doug Hughes President

CURATOR/ARCHIVIST REPORT

Visitors for June, July, August: 951

Researched in-house during the 3-month period:

McKeeny; Merkley; Wyatt; Campbell; Wood; Simzer; Cowan; Craig; Moses; Cheney; Eastop; Edwards Air Strip; McLean; Kuhn; Sheldrick; Phair

Queries via e-mail for the same period:

We answered over two dozen e-mails in this period. See further in the newsletter for some examples of mail received.

Summer Activities:

With the assistance of the Ministry of Culture, the OTHSM was fortunate to receive a grant to hire a summer student under the Summer Experience 2002 program. Angela Barkley of Vernon spent seven weeks working on number of projects, including the compilation of an index for our newsletter (covering 27 years of township and family history), the updating of our family file collection, the updating of our subject file collection, and helping out with summer visitors and special events. Angela has proven to be a valuable asset to us and we hope to keep her busy continuing to work for us on a casual basis once she begins her studies in September at Carleton University. *Thank you for all your help Angela!*

One of the new activities we held at this year's Pioneer Days was a Kid Quiz which was prepared and managed by Angela Barkley. Congratulations to the winners: Rianna Zandbelt of Barrhaven; Ian Cumming of Vernon and Brittany MacIntosh of Apple Hill who won first prizes. Posters and buttons were available for the other contestants, and a good time was had by all.

Once again, the OTHSM staffed a booth at the Metcalfe Farmers' Market on two occasions over the summer - a wonderful opportunity to get out into the community and meet with many new faces.

We attended a portion of the Phair Family Reunion in August and it was great to meet so many Phairs and Phair connections whose names we had often heard over the years.

New to the Archives and/or Reference Collection:

The Turner Family Tree, compiled in August 2000 by *donor: Marilyn Dwyer*.

A series of vertical files, the contents of which were prepared by Donna Bowen. The topics include:

- Births and Baptisms performed by Reverend George McKay, Osgoode Presbyterian Church, 1882-1888;
- Marriages - Metcalfe Presbyterian, 1898-1921;
- Marriages in the Eastern District, performed by Reverend Hugh Urquart, 1836-1849;
- Register of Marriages celebrated by the Reverend William Lohead, first Bishop of the Presbyterian Church of Osgoode;
- Baptisms - St. Andrews Church, Bytown, 1828-1831;
- Marriages - St. Andrews Church, Bytown, 1830-1843
- Baptisms performed by Father Thomas O'Boyle, St. John's Roman Catholic Church, 1860-1861
- Baptisms and Marriages - St. John's R.C. Church, 1870;
- Liber. 1875 Confirmations, St. John's R.C. Church
- Births and Baptisms - United Church, Kenmore-Marvelville, 1930-1965;
- Births - Carleton County Register, 1869-1879;
- Deaths - Osgoode Township, 1874-1879

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- Deaths - Carleton County, Osgoode Division, 1898-1899
- Funeral Records kept by by Howard Porteous (Day of Death), Springhill Cemetery, 1913-1959
- Miscellaneous Deaths - Osgoode Township, 1870-1871;
- Members of the Metcalfe Circuit, 1882 and 1885

The Phair Family Tree, compiled in July, 2002 by David & Donna Phair of Campbellford, Ontario.
donor: Phair Family (at their reunion August 3, 2002).

New to the Museum:

The Museum is proud to currently have on display an exhibit of miniatures which are from the private collection of one of our Board members, Coreen Atkins-Sheldrick. This lovely display features many different rooms and scenes which are beautifully done to varying scales. The display will be on exhibit until the end of October.

The Metcalfe Rural Telephone Company artifacts are now on permanent display in the Museum. Thanks once again to Cecil Reaney, visitors can enjoy looking back into their pasts and remember the days of switchboard operators and summer kitchen ringers! If you haven't seen this display, it is well worth the visit. Copies of Cecil's book *History of the Metcalfe Rural Telephone Company, 2nd edition* are still available for \$7.00 (\$9.00 by mail) at the museum.

We have received the following donations for our collection:

◆ Copy of a photograph of St. Bridgid's R.C. Church on the River Road in Osgoode (founded in 1854), **donated by Bob Doyle.**

Copies of photographs of:

◆ SS #13 (York's Corners) School (date of photo unknown)

◆ SS #13 class of 1928, with all of the children identified - **donated by Chris (Gillissie) O'Brien**

◆ Photo of Metcalfe Hockey Club, 1908, **donated by Hugh Latimer**

◆ Partial pieces of a rifle which belonged to Henry Charles Hanna which was lost in the Castor River when Henry and a friend drowned in the mid 1850's. - **donated by Henry Charles Latimer.**

◆ Photo of Frank Iveson, his two sisters and their children, **donated by: Ralph Hindson of Ottawa.**

◆ Photo of a work crew at the Gravel Pit in 1907, and a photo of a group of school children taken in 1908, **donated by Bob Doyle.**

Thank you all for your continued support!

Michelle Lachance, Archivist/Curator



CASTOR RIVER GIVES UP ARTIFACT OF EARLY OSGOODE TOWNSHIP TRAGEDY

The following text, written in the hand of Henry (Harry) Charles Latimer, accompanied the remains of a gun presented to the Osgoode Township Historical Society and Museum by Ron Isaac on behalf of Hugh Latimer of Russell, Ont. On the occasion of the Society's 30th Anniversary and their annual "Pioneer Days" held at the museum on Saturday, July 26, 2002. (Hugh Latimer is the great-great-great-grandson of William and Ann York, one of the first two families to settle in Osgoode township in March of 1827, and the son of the late Harry, the author of the following note and Iva York.)

Hugh's father came into possession of the gun barrel in the early 1900's.

The Middle Branch of the Castor River crosses the Township of Osgoode in a south eastern direction. The road between Con 6 and 7 from about Lot 19 to 41 is not Highway 31. It crosses about N ½ 22 where lived a Mr Kennedy and enters Lot 23 about 100 rods east of Hwy 31 and leaves 23 exactly at center of Con 7 where it enters 23 as it widens noticeably. Mr Henry Hanna, a veteran of Waterloo, settled on Lot 23 in 7 Con. His son Henry Charles Hanna who I am called after was my grandfather's brother. He and a James boy about the same age were taking their fathers' dinner to them and crossing on a log jam here, and had this gun. The log jam parted and both boys were drowned. It (the gun) was under water over 50 years and this Mr Kennedy was fishing and his line caught on it. He brought it to our place when I was a small boy. My mother told me the story.

Henry Charles Latimer

Two very interesting books were also donated to the museum at the same time by Hugh and both add greatly to the provenance of the antique gun. The first, published in London in 1818 and entitled "The Seasons by James Thomson to Which is Added the Life of the Author" was inscribed by Henry Hanna, "Arrived in London 10th April, 1832. Embarked for Canada 15th April 1832." (Henry Hanna and his family settled on Lot 23, Concession 7, Osgoode.)

The second book presented, entitled "The English Reader: Pieces in Prose and Verse: A Selection of the Best Writers," published in Toronto, 1840, contained the following notation, "Gift to Henry Charles Hanna of Osgoode from W. John Froste, Long Island, March 1842. On the next page is written, "Gift of W. John Frost of Long Island to Henry Charles Hanna of Osgoode who was drowned 25th May, 1842, aged 10 ½ years."

Submitted by Ron Isaac

* Editor's note: A tragic tale from the township's early days. The identity of the James boy remains a mystery. If any reader has any further knowledge of this fateful event, please contact the historical society.

IN SEARCH OF THEIR ROOTS



e-mails we have received

(1) **Carole Kulinski**,
Montrose, Scotland:

pckl@Breathemail.net

A friend gave me your web address as I am researching Archibald George Ezra Robinson family who was born in Scotland in 1844 and moved to Canada in 1871. His father was Daniel Robertson a highly respected teacher of Kinnettes Parish School, Scotland. He died in 1930 in Kenmore and as far as I know is buried alongside his wife and children in Springhill Cemetery. He lived for many years at Echo Bank farm. The family were all very religious.

If at all possible, could someone advise me how to find out about Osgoode Mutual Insurance Company of which he was President until his death in 1930.

(2) **Robert Telford**, Melbourne FL:
ROBERT_TELFORD@msn.com

In your history you write of two settlers from Gloucester, Hugh McKenna and James Telford, who lost their yoke of cattle and found their way to Squire McDonnell's clearing. "This was the first that Gloucester folks knew of any settlement in Osgoode and vice-versa." I would appreciate learning of any information you might have on James Telford.

IN SEARCH OF THEIR ROOTS CONT'D

(3) Sandy (Tobin) & Clarence Massine:

Cmassine@aol.com

Just a brief note to thank you for your help in our search for history on the Tobin family. It was very much appreciated. We've never been in a museum with such a friendly staff. Thanks.

Also as a result of your information I have been able to find more on the web site of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints. Once I've had time to sort the information further, I would be able to provide a little more Tobin history for you. We will be in touch.

(4) Patricia Cornish, Hamilton, Ont:

pm.cornish@sympatico.ca

I was very pleased to come across this website about a village where I spent many happy hours as a child and recognize many of the names mentioned. My mother's family (Lemoine) were from Kenmore and surrounding area and Springhill is where most of the family is buried. My uncle, Leonard Lemoine, has done extensive research and written a wonderful family history and is presently in the Ottawa area searching for further data. My grandmother was Christina Lemoine (nee Morris) and my grandfather was Thomas Lemoine. I look forward to visiting the Museum when in the area at the end of July.

(5) Stuart A Grant, Zurich Switzerland

sagrant@bluewin.ch

Subject: Campbell Family

Dear Friends

My wife is a Campbell. She inherited some years ago a large carton of family papers, mostly letters exchanged between the children of Duncan and Catherine Campbell of Monzievairst, near Comrie, Perthshire, Scotland between 1810 and 1870. I have been slowly trying to transcribe these letters. Five of the children emigrated to the United States. None went to Canada but in the letters I have so far found three datelined Osgoode. I had no idea where Osgoode was but looked on the internet and found your home page. Since you have a number of Campbells in your pioneer families, there is little doubt of their origin.

All three letters were written to Dr Duncan Campbell, then in Caledonia, Livingstone County, NY State where he was a physician and Presbyterian minister between 1840 and 1860. From the context it looks as though Dr Duncan Campbell has visited Osgoode in 1858 and perhaps again later.

Kindest Regards
Stuart Grant, Zurich, Switzerland

**LETTER TO DUNCAN CAMPBELL,
CALEDONIA, NY**

Osgoode, July 23, 1858

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 20th inst. Reached here in good time - and we felt sorry that you had put yourself to the trouble of sending the money for the drawers - as we meant making them a compliment. However we no sincerely wish for your recovery in order that you may be able to pay us another friendly visit, so that an opportunity may be afforded us of accomplishing our wishes. We were all deeply affected with the perusal of your letter, particularly that part which treated upon your illness. It is very hard to be visited with Ackney anytime, but particularly when one is so far separated from dear friends and acquaintances and surrounded by strangers. It is then and then only that such favours can be fully appreciated.

Your friend, the late John Campbell's family are all dispersed. John as gone up the country to occupy his farm. James is just now with Mr Ferguson, one of their old neighbours. Duncan is hired with Mr Archibald

McPhail and I am glad to say that they are all apparently doing well. Betsy is just now attending school in the City of Ottawa. Your brother's charitable offer was made known to her and she seems quite willing to comply with it and I shall be ready any time it's convenient for your brother, Mr Daniel Campbell to send the money to defray her expenses. You had better make this known to your brother as I am not acquainted with him, and tell him also to send all the particulars regarding the route that she will not be apt to go asking, being never much from home.

Duncan Campbell is also well with his family.

The crops in general here are now looking pretty well although not so heavy as those of last year owing to the great falls of rain we have had.

We had a letter lately from the Island of Mull and our brother, the minister, is well but there were no Perthshire news.

We are all presently enjoying good health and hope you will be able to visit us this fall if you should not be obliged to go to Scotland. My Mrs considers a fall visit would suit you best as there will be no excessive heat, nor ***** So Good Bye

I am yours truly

Arch'd Campbell

To Duncan Campbell, Caledonia

(embossed in upper right corner "Paris" in an oval)

Osgoode, Dec 28th, 1858

Dear Sir

I hope you will excuse my presumption in addressing you at this time. When I tell you that I have been for the last two months grievously annoyed with nettlerash, and in recalling, so my recollection, that you made in one of your letters to Mr Campbell that you had been afflicted with the same, I think, I cannot open my mind to a better physician, than one who knows this disease by experience and can unquestionably sympathize with the sufferer.

I would feel greatly indebted to you if you would send a prescription of the remedy and that at your earliest convenience. I was down at Metcalfe about a week ago and called upon Dr Allan, who told me it was nettlerash and gave me two brown powders and a small vial, of which a teaspoonful was to be used three times a day and that before eating. I paid due attention to these directions for the last week, but felt no better and he again prescribed a vomit (?) With a small quantity of brown powder mixed with a teaspoonful of in a grease to be used every night on going to bed to regulate the bowels. He also recommended me to change my food (?) And if these did no prove successful, that bleeding would be necessary.

I cannot say anything about the effects of the last prescription as I have not yet proved them. However by the above you will be able to form an idea of the treatment I am under and if such should prove successful.

Duncan Campbell's family are all well and also John, the boy that went up the country, came down in the fall and so going to pass over the winter in Osgoode.

The rest of us are all currently enjoying good health and desire to be remembered to you. I have had no letters from the old country for two months past buy I expect some shortly. I was glad that you found the friends all well, with the exception of your sister. I feel sorry for her. She must be very lonesome.

I add no more but the name of our sincere well wishes.

Anne Campbell

p.s. I hope your health is still improving upon receipt



CAMPBELL LETTERS CONT'D

To: Duncan, Caledonia, NY Osgoode, Mar 19, 1860
(embossed in upper r corner crest "West End")

Dear Sir

I received yours of the 4th ultimo in due time and thank you kindly for your good attention and advice, but I was then under the treatment of Dr Allen. However, I gave him your directions and I think he treated me much accordingly, but omitted bleeding and advised me to purchase some of the Plantagenate Mineral Water and drink it for some time, which I did with some success, but the disease still remained in the blood, although a little deprived of its itching effects.

I was again induced to rash doctor by the name of Hesoe (?), who was in the habit of calling on Henry when visiting in this neighbourhood, who told me the disease was produced in the blood by using salt meat. His course of medicine put a great deal of the rash out on my legs and arms but I now feel rather worse inwardly and I think that he has now struck at its root. So I am still struggling under the annoying troublesome disease and cannot tell what course it would be better for me to take. I am afraid to try any more of our Canadian doctors and on the other hand, I feel I must do something. Would you think it would be better for me to go right off _____ and I would feel greatly obliged if you would give me your real opinion of this without delay. The rash comes out in small, little white pimples and by picking the point of them with a pin, they produce thin watery matter. They turn red on the top and sometimes become red blotches with a dry scab. I feel I must stay in the dressing for bed and for the last time night to a burning heat all over during night.

The rest of us are all well. My sister is not so fleshy as usual but enjoys good health and complains of nothing same some severe attacks of the wind. Mr Campbell himself is out and in as smart as usual. Christian Anne was married a little more than a twelve month ago to a Mr D. McPhail, one of our nearest neighbours and wealthiest(?).

I had two letters lately from the old country, the one from Argyleshire and the other from Alva House Gardens, Islay, but they contained no news from Perthshire. The Minister intended then to take a trip to Perthshire and see how it fared with all the friends.

How are you with regard to health. I sincerely hope you are not continuing to bear the company with this disease, but through the use of means conceded with God's blessing you have been snatched out of the illness and made to appear as good as gold tried seven times.

My friends desire me to tell you that nothing would give them greater pleasure than a few weeks of your company at Osgoode during the summer season, if you thought it would be conducive to your health. Your young friend, James Campbell, is well and has been during winter paid with Mr James McDermitt - his time is out this month - and wishes me to tell you - if you would be kind enough to look for a situation for him in your neighbourhood. Although he considers himself utterly unworthy of asking or expecting any other favour from your hands, he is very well behaved and seems to regret that he left your brother. I think you will see him shortly, but he would like you would give him some encouragement. John is with an Irish family and is going to live on his farm this year. Duncan suffered a good deal with a swelled knee last winter, but is now well and able to do for himself.

Write immediately on receipt. I remain your sincere friend.

Anne Campbell



NOTE OF INTEREST

- from the Parish Register, Saint Coloman Church, Saint Coloman, Prov of Quebec.

John McEvoy, son of Edmond McEvoy and Catherine Kennedy of Co. Kilkenny, Ireland, married the eighth day of February, 1836 to Anastassia, daughter of Richard Power & Bridgit Murphy

Six girls and four boys were born to this couple. Two children were born in Quebec, eight children were born in Osgoode Township.

Edward - married Mary Kelly daughter of William Kelly and Margaret Kilfoyle

Catherine - married Patrick Kelly brother to Mary Kelly

Bridget - married Cornelius O'Callaghan

Mary - married Patrick Shields, son of Patrick Shields and Margaret Bridget Murphy

Honnora - married Paddy McCartin

John - married Mary Ann Buckles, daughter of Jim Buckles and Mary Fitzpatrick

Richard - married Elizabeth Sheerin (sic), daughter of Bernard Sheridan and Catherine O'Neil

Annie - married Bernard Brennan

Margaret - married Owen McCartin, son of John McCartin and Margaret Hughes

Phillip - married Mary Daley, daughter of Thomas Daley and Mary McGee

John and Anastassia moved to Lot 20, Con 3 Osgoode in the early 1840's.

John McEvoy and his cousin Patrick McEvoy (lot 19, Con 3) donated the land on which St John Church and Cemetery are now situated in the Hamlet of Enniskerry.

Michael Daley

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IT'S A FACT

What is the meaning of Ontario's name?

The name Ontario was first used by Europeans beginning in the 16th Century to describe the area they explored along the Great Lakes. But in 1791, when Quebec was divided, the western portion was called Upper Canada. It changed in 1841 to Canada West which lasted until Confederation in 1867 when it became Ontario.

According to Archives of Ontario the name derives from an Iroquois word or several words. (1) Kanaderio" which means "sparkling beautiful water (2) "Onitariio" meaning beautiful lake (3) Skanadario" meaning a very pretty lake. It has been argued that the concept of beauty being applied to a geographical feature was alien to the Iroquois and that Ontario may have just meant "a large body of water."

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A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST

- FROM THE ARCHIVES AT O.T.H.S

A letter to the editor of the Tri-Valley Crier - a local newspaper - dated - Sept 23, 1991



To The Tri-Valley Crier

A niece sent me a subscription to your paper and I have been enjoying the reminder of days gone by. The last issue had a picture of Carkner's Mill at Kenmore and I wondered if the white horse on one of the teams was our old white Maude. I remember the day the school cadets stormed the mill. W.B. Wallen was the teacher and the rest of us were privileged to watch. I do not know who won the battle but I remember Doug Watson rolling out a big barrel as part of the mill defense. His wide grin as he peeked over it, didn't show any sign of alarm. My four years in school there are nearly all connected with the war in my memory.

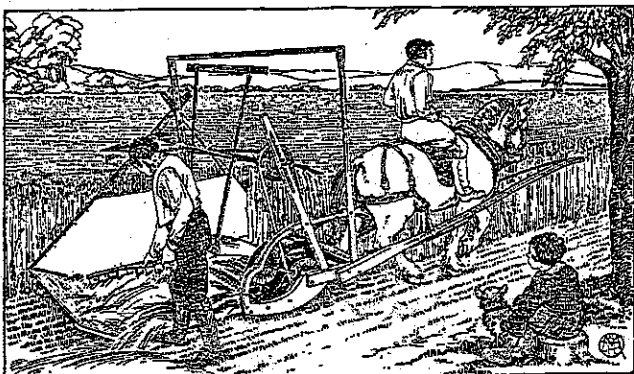
There was in town a hail on the west side of the street and it seems to me there was an event there in support of the Red Cross or other war effort benefit monthly. One was a debate on a very hot topic, a milk powder plant was being built in Russell and many were "for" and "against." I wrote to a dairy farmer in Western Ontario for help, he responded promptly but said he was sorry but couldn't think well - the day before they had received word of the death of one son and wounding of another. Another evening the speaker was the parish priest from Metcalfe. All were surprised and disappointed at his serious speech instead of his usual sparkling wit. It was discovered later that on that day he received word of the death of a brother somewhere in France.

I lived with two great aunts in a house across the street from the then Presbyterian Church. Each night I walked up to Charlie McArthur's store to get the mail. When I returned the three of us sat at the kitchen table. One aunt read the war news aloud, the other sat opposite doing hand work and listening, and I sat at the side with one part of my brain listening and the other part doing my homework. I well remember those newspapers after a big battle, with a whole page of in fine print casualties. Does anyone else remember?

Best wishes for the continued success of your paper.

Edna I. Barrowclough
(Deceased)

Note: Edna (Hill) Barrowclough was born in Marvelville on the farm (lot 39, Concession 10) land claimed by her Grandfather Stewart Hill in 1861. She grew up in a family of nine, six brothers and two sisters. Public School days were spent in S.S.#5 & 16 Marvelville. Her years at Continuation School, Kenmore were the 1914-18 years. She graduated at the age of 16 - too young for Normal School. Due to a shortage of teachers, she taught near Cryster, then Limebank School near Manotek before going to Normal School for her teacher's certificate.



96 McCormick's first Reaping Machine, 1834
From a model in the Science Museum, London

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Metcalfe County Council

Town Hall, Metcalfe

Pursuant to adjournment the council met this day at one o'clock p.m. All the members present. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Following accounts and communications were read and filed viz., letter from Mr Carkner respecting the condition of the roads; letter from Geo F. Henderson re. Winchester boundary; letter from J.J. O'Brien re. Grey creek tax; letter from Geo F Henderson re. Lough Drainage scheme; account of P. Saver & Co. For nails for repairing McDonald's bridge; Journal account; account of J Howell for hall rent, etc.; account of D. Carkner.

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Aug 29, 1905

RUSSELL

Aug 24 - Mrs Walter Fitzsimmons and children returned Thursday, after spending a few days with her sister at Avonmore.

Miss Annie Kemp, Ottawa is the guest of Miss Lorraine Morris this week.

Mr John Keane, Secretary of the Associated Charities of Ottawa, spent Sunday with his cousin, Mrs D Meharey.

Mr A.C. Little left Thursday, the 24th for a two month's visit in Scotland.

Mrs Ed Runions, Avonmore is the guest of Mrs James Harrington.

Miss B Wilson, Ottawa is visiting friends in this vicinity.

The arbitrators on the new school site were unable to agree, so a meeting has been called for Saturday, Aug 26th, when the ratepayers will be asked to vote again.

Mrs D Welsh and daughter have returned to Chicago after spending a few weeks with Mrs Frank Loux.

On Wednesday afternoon the infant child of Mr and Mrs Nelson Rombough died. Funeral took place Friday at 10 o'clock.

Submitted by Cecil Reaney

EDITOR'S NOTE

Our autumn season is now upon us. Nature has once again bedecked our country side in natural splendor. Lush green meadows and golden stubble, the aftermath of a bountiful summer with hay, grain, and corn crops in abundance. Here in Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec, Farmers are donating their surplus hay to be shipped to those less fortunate in drought stricken parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

M.Daley