



### METCALFE HOCKEY CLUB

Russell County Hockey Association - 1907  
(a Trickey Photo, Winchester, Ont)

l. to r. J. Moxley (Rover), W.T. Hopkirk (Centre), J. Johnston (Goal), E.H. Rolston (Point) C.S. Trickey (Cover Point) lower - E. Kennedy @. Wing), W.J. Campbell (President), S.S. Latimer (L. Wing)

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

For the most part, 2008 at the Osgoode Township Historical Society was a good year. Jim Stevenson, our Curator and Archivist with some assistance from a number of Algonquin College Museum Studies students has completed several dioramas depicting the history of the former Osgoode Township from the earliest activities involving clearing the land in the late 1820's right up to the amalgamation of the township as Ward 20, City of Ottawa in the year 2000.

The vast collection of farm tools, implements and machinery in our barn gives a good cross section of the manner in which early residents of Osgoode Township made their living. Our barn is full! We need additional space to display and /or store other items offered to us.

Genealogy remains a main feature of ours. Staff are kept busy searching our files for queries. Our collection of early census records, voters lists, tax rolls and births death and marriages are very helpful for those searchers. Many of our documents are photographed or recorded on CDs and DVD's to researchers. A modern microfilm reader has been donated to us by the former Osgoode Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF).

We are doing our best to control heat, humidity and light in attempt to preserve our collection. Some articles have been temporarily stored off-site at the Diefenbunker Museum in Carp. A number of old maps from our collection that have been suffering from improper care and old age have been sent out to a professional conservationist.

There have been several staff changes this year. Ann Robinson is now our office administrator and assistant to Jim Stevenson. Robin Cushnie is our new Educational Program Specialist, many of her programs to the public have been enjoyed. Thanks to the funding provided by the City of Ottawa we are able to operate our Historical Society with a good level of service as we are open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 to 5:00 year round.

Although I will be staying on as a Director on the Board, I step down from President's chair as of our Annual General Meeting on Feb. 3, 2009. Thanks to the OTHS&M staff, volunteers, you have been very professional, generous, interested and interesting!

Ron Isaac

We regret the passing of Director Pierre Doyon January 18th of this year. He will be missed.

## Historical Society & Museum

at the

Old Vernon School

## Newsletter

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### OTHS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2009

Past-President ..... Ron Isaac  
President ..... Russell Johnston  
Vice-President ..... Jim Bowman  
Secretary ..... Kim Bates  
Treasurer ..... Ann Leighton-Kyle  
Directors - Alec Ball, Doug Hughes, Ron Isaac, Harvey Linton, Ken McDiarmid, Sandra Toll, Eda van der Linden and Jim Bowman

### MUSEUM UPCOMING EVENTS

Display and exhibits still on - Nursery Crimes, Hidden Meanings in Your Favorite Rhymes and age old toys and games

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Monthly meeting of membership at the museum at 7:30. Susan Potter of Potter Photography on methods of photo restoration. Admission free and open to all.

**March 7<sup>th</sup>** - 1 - 5 p.m. Hat making Workshop. Re-purpose your old hat with leader Edwina Richards. Bring your own hat and embellishments or purchase kits. Pre-registration required. Cost \$25.00. Call 613-821-4062 to register.

**March 17 to 19<sup>th</sup>** Spring Break program with heritage crafts and stories for children. The 17<sup>th</sup> will be St Patrick's Day celebration from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00. The 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> is Snowshoe Making and outdoor activities 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. Contact the museum for registration details, pre-registration required for Snowshoe making.

**March 28<sup>th</sup>** Easter Bonnet Fashion Show and contest for best hat starting 1 p.m.. Prizes for winners.

**March 27 & 28** - Gene-O-Rama at Ben Franklin Place, Nepean.

**April 7<sup>th</sup>** - Regular monthly meeting at museum at 7:30 p.m.

**April 11** - Easter Crafts workshop at museum. Contact Robin at the museum for details.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** - Spring Tea and Art Show. 1 - 4 p.m. Local artists and craftspeople.

**May** - May is Museum Month

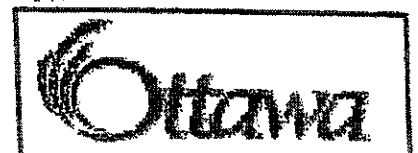
**May 5<sup>th</sup>** Regular monthly meeting at museum at 7:30

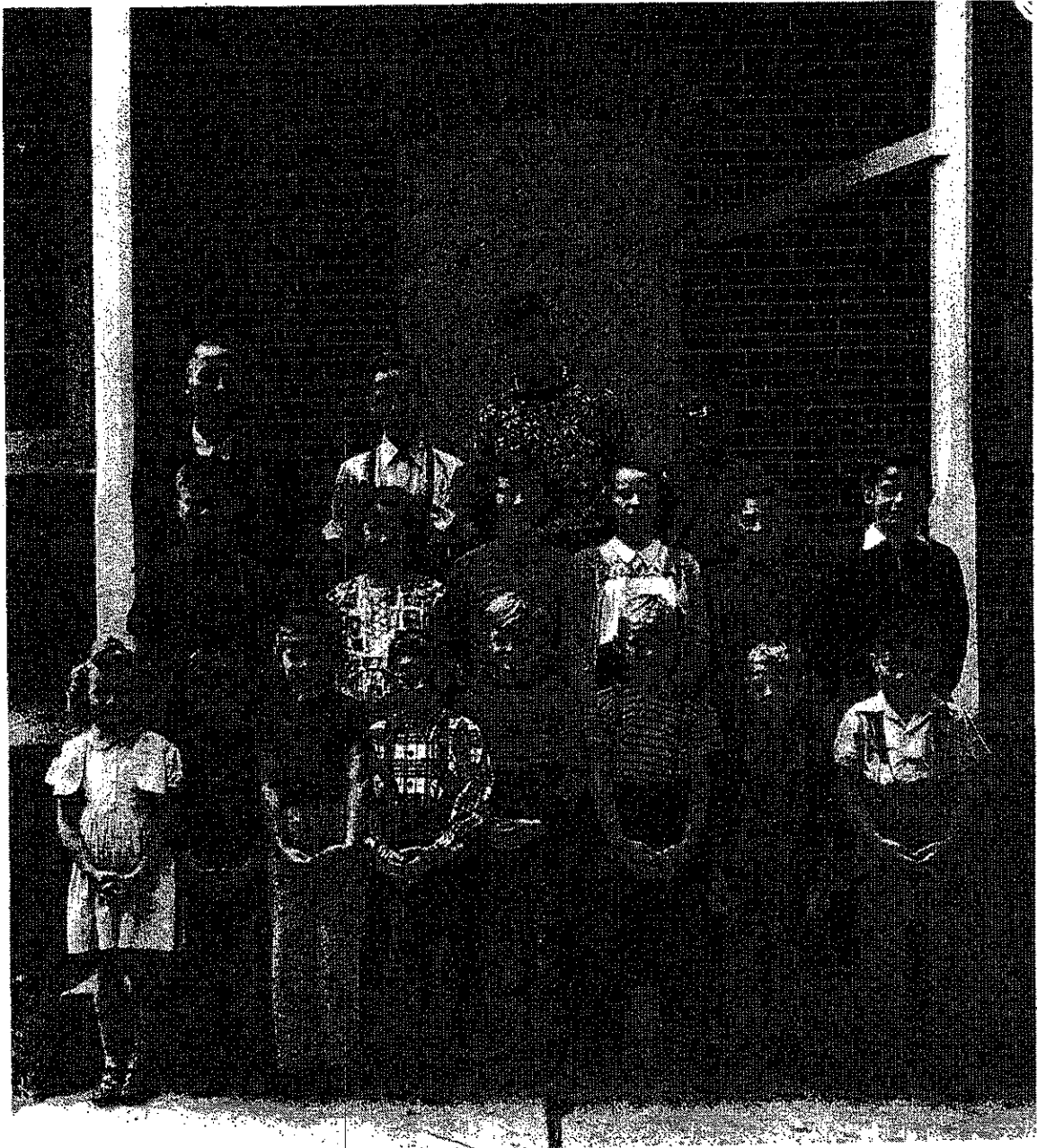
**May 9<sup>th</sup>** - "History Collectors, Women's Institutes of Osgoode Township" exhibit opening.

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** Museum Open House and Volunteer Appreciation Tea. Share tea and treats to celebrate contribution of volunteers.

Registration or information at [museumosgoodetownship@yahoo.com](mailto:museumosgoodetownship@yahoo.com) or call 9 - 5 Tues to Sat at 613-821-4062

O.T.H.S gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the City of Ottawa





**Vernon Public School circa 1948**

Back row: Harry Anderson (Teacher), Lorne Wyatt, Bill Carlyle, Freeman Acres  
 Middle row: Frederick Acres, Grace Lee, Joan Duncan, Vivian Duncan, Bill Wyatt, Ron Logan  
 Front row: Mary Dalgleish, John Millar, Morva Folkard, Wayne Dalgleish, Ab Skuce, Glen Cameron, Gary Sheldrick, David Lee



**THE VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Previous to the year 1882, pupils from the Vernon community who wished to get an education had to walk to either the "Swale" School at McCauls or to Spring Hill. A few of those who attended these schools were A.M. Stuart, J. Archie Campbell, Dan Kennedy and W.J. Porteous. Then as the population grew, the people demanded a school here. The contract was awarded to the Bowen brothers, Edward and Dick. Mr John Lora did the carpenter work and Dan Kennedy remembers that he drew some sand to the school.

The first school board chosen consisted of John Mungo Campbell, father of Elmer Campbell, Alec Kennedy, father of Dan Kennedy and John Howell, father of Ernest Howell. David Fraser, father of Alec Fraser was the first teacher. He taught for two years. Some of the first pupils of the school were; Alec James Kennedy, J. R. Campbell, Mrs Dan MacAndrew, M.G. Porteous, Mrs Humphrey Hughes, Mrs Wm. Allin.

From 1884-1889 Miss McNaughton taught except for three weeks when she was away and Miss Robertson of Perth took charge. The next teacher was Jessie Walker who lived on the Bowman farm. She taught 2 years. In 1892 John Dow took charge and taught for 3 years. Then came John Waterson for a two-year term. He and his wife and family lived in Kemptville. He "batched it" in Ed Anderson's house and drove home for the week-ends. John Roxborough 1899 (2 years 3

months), George Hughes 1901. He boarded at Mrs Briggs' home. In 1902 Lyn Fraser of Winchester and Bill Beggs taught. Fraser often had to snowshoe home on account of the drifts. Wm McPhail came here in 1902 or 1903 and taught until 1908. For the balance of 1908 Fred Cassidy was the teacher. The continuation class was taught by Miss Stenhouse and Miss Rose. 1909 Miss Colborne and Miss Spence. We remember Miss Spence as she wore men's shoes, collar and tie. 1910 Miss Spence, Miss Patton, U. Brown 1911 and 1912 Miss Patton, Hattie Bailey, Art Allin 1913 Miss Fraser, Miss Bole, E.R. Campbell 1914 Miss Cass, Miss Bole, E.R. Campbell 1915 Miss Lockhart, A Swerdfager, L Schoular 1916 Miss L Schoular, Miss Lockhart, Miss Macintosh 1917 Miss Lockart, Agnes Woods, Edith Dewar, Sadie Feely 1918 Agnes Wood, Sadie Feely 1919 Agnes Wood, Miss Green, Edith Dewar 1920 Jessie McKeown, Miss Lockhart 1921 Miss Lockhart, Miss Hawn, Jessie Ferguson, M. McDivitt 1922 Hilda Feek, Miss Hawn 1923 Edgar Taylor 1924 Ruth Hughson 1925 Ruth Hughson, Hazel Monroe 1926 Ruth Hughson, Hazel Monroe, M MacRuer 1927-28 M MacRuer 1919 M MacRuer, Lloyd Lemoine 1929-34 Lloyd Lemoine



### Interesting Facts

On Armistice Day 1918 - the school bell was cracked  
Mr Wm. Allin served on the School Board for 18 years  
In all 40 teachers have taught here since 1882, 26 were  
women. At least 8 of them got married and took up  
residence in this district.

Lloyd Lemoine Nov 8, 1934  
From the archives at OTHS

1943-44 Mrs Myrtle Boyd  
1944-46 Miss Mera Levere  
1946-1947 Mrs Marion Harten, Mrs Carman Acres  
1947-52 Mr Harry Anderson  
1952-1961 Mrs Hilda Wilkes-Dombroski (Juniors from 1953)  
1953-1969 Mrs Annie McVey (Senior Grades 16 years)

### The new school opened 1961 with Mrs McVey and Mrs Dombroski

1961-63 Miss Nancy Louis (Juniors)  
1963-65, 1966-1969 Mrs Nancy Cooper (Juniors)  
1965-66 Mrs Marion Stanley (Juniors)  
1969 Mrs Marion Stanley (Juniors)  
1969-1972 Mrs Iris Stewart, grades 4,5,6  
1969-1970 Mrs Bev Wildeman (Juniors) (Mrs Rowan)  
1970-1972 Mrs Doris Porteous, grades 1,2,3,  
In June 1972, the school closed. The building presently  
houses the Osgoode Township Historical Society and  
Museum. The original brick school on Highway 31 which  
was built in 1882 is the Vernon Branch of Ottawa Public  
Library.

Note: The Baptist Hall and the Orange Hall were used as  
school rooms at times.

Isobel Lewis (nee Patton)2001  
from the archives at OTHS&M

### NEW PRESIDENT, RUSSELL JOHNSTON

We welcome Russell Johnston to the presidency  
of OTHS&M. Russell has been with us as director and  
vice-president for a number of years and served on and  
chaired many committees, including the one that  
organizes Pioneer Day. He worked 25 years in the  
Federal Government in Consumer and Corporate Affairs,  
Supply and Service, Public Works and Government  
Services and others.

Russell's roots are in Osgoode Township. One  
of his great, great uncles was Duncan Carkner of the  
Carkner Mill in Kenmore and another was Duncan  
Cameron, the eighth settler in Osgoode, who married  
Margaret Grant (father was 5<sup>th</sup> settler Robert Grant) and  
this was the first marriage in Osgoode Township. His  
Johnston line first appears in Osgoode Township in 1840  
settling on York's Corner Road near Marvelville Road.  
His family is connected to the Camerons, Carkners,  
Fishers, Simpsons, Latimers, Stuarts, Reochs, McLeans  
and many other old Osgoode families.

Russell hopes to advance and further develop  
the Historical Society and Museum during his term as  
president.

Ann L Kyle

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor

Thanks for the acknowledgment in the Sept Newsletter  
of the receipt of my Uncle John MacDonald's memoirs.  
Also I have been working on an annotated list of "Gaelic  
Names in the Castor Valley" (Osgoode Twp., Russell  
and Winchester area). I would hope to have a rough  
copy of a manuscript to share next year dedicated to the  
memory of my cousin Les MacDonald (son of Walter  
MacDonald of Winchester). Somewhat later, I plan to  
help some other family members to complete an  
electronic copy of journal kept by our Great, Great Uncle  
Alexander McDonald, a Baptist Minister who established  
many churches in the Prairies.

Bob McDonald Dec 15/08

Marvelville

Jan/09

I thought this might be interesting to members at OTHS.  
At globeandmail.com, Canada's leading source for on-line  
news: "ROBERT METCALFE, SOLDIER, SALESMAN  
AND VOLUNTEER 1915-2005" Second World War  
Veteran Bob Metcalfe is gone but every day his legacy  
touches the lives of millions of Canadians, though most  
never know it. We all know him: He is the tall soldier with  
the blue beret and blazer depicted on the back of the  
Canadian \$10 bill under the words "in service of peace."  
How his image made it into the bill remains a mystery to  
his family.

Patti Mitton

*Reply:* Robert Metcalfe indeed had an extensive service  
history. Born in England, he was one of 400,000 of the  
British Expeditionary Force sent to the mainland where  
they found themselves facing the new German warfare  
technique - the Blitzkrieg. En route in an ambulance after  
being wounded with shrapnel he came under fire from a  
German Tank, which mysteriously ceased fire. After  
evacuation from Dunkirk and recovery he was sent to  
allied campaigns in North Africa and Italy. En route his  
ship was chased by the Bismark. In Africa he served  
under General Montgomery against the Desert Fox,  
Rommel. Sent into the Italian campaign, he met his future  
wife, a lieutenant and physiotherapist in a Canadian  
Hospital. After the war they settled in Chatham where he  
went into politics and in retirement he and his wife moved  
to Ottawa.

At age 80 he wrote a book about his experiences.  
He was said to be surprised that he was chosen to be on  
the bill.



To the Editor:

Great job on the previous issue about the Scotch School  
on Lot 35, Con 9. Just a small correction, in 1838 the  
second 1/2 acre lot wasn't donated by Peter McEwan. The  
school board was now able to buy the said lot, which is  
still noticeable behind the row of east to west maples.

Lyndon McEwan

### A KID'S FIRST ICE STORM

-submitted by George Neville

Harvey Linton's account of the difficulties  
attending the death and funeral arrangements of his  
maternal god father, Oswald Coursolle during the ice-  
storm of late December 1942 brought vivid memories for  
me.

Although I was a kid of five and a half years' age  
at the time growing up in Brockville, I well remember the  
heavy glazing of ice on trees, broken limbs all over the  
place, drooping electrical and telephone lines, broken  
poles and worst of all, downed, exposed electrical wires  
with some hissing, for two or three weeks, that my mother  
took great precautions to steer me-around while always  
explaining the great danger they presented for death by  
electrocution. We, like many people at the time, had a  
coal-burning gravity hot-air furnace which not only kept us  
warm, but also functioned as our open hearth for baking  
potatoes, heating pans of soup and stew, and boiling  
water in a big metal tea kettle. The water in the hot-water  
coiled pipe that passed through the furnace fire-pit. We  
were reasonably comfortable except for light, save for a  
few candles (quickly non-obtainable) until a few days into  
the icing, when my Uncle Walter Shipman brought in a  
spare coal-oil lamp from my maternal godmother's farm  
just west of Lyn (not yet electrified because of WWII  
demands and still dependent on oil lamps and Coleman  
lanterns.)

## A KID'S FIRST ICE STORM cont'd

In the interim before arrival of the pedestal oil lamp, my father tinkered in the basement one evening while I watched in wonder at what he was attempting to fashion - a kind of lamp with a wick coming through a slot in a tin can inverted over a jam jar containing some coal-oil topped off with a glass chimney. It didn't work very well so he set the materials out of reach and that was the end of it as well as my bedtime.

Next morning after he had gone to work, I went to the basement to see what I could do. I managed to imitate a setup with some wick, a little coal-oil and get the wick through a tight slit that I'd punched in another small can, then I took the assembly (no chimney) up to my upstairs bedroom and in one corner struck a match to the exposed wick. To my horror a black smoking flame arose, and I let out a shriek which brought my mother running up the stairs. She immediately assessed the situation and without a word and with great presence of mind, she carefully raised her foot and gently placed the sole of her shoe on the burning wick thereby extinguishing the flame. She quickly gathered up the paraphernalia and admonished me simply by saying, "Don't ever say anything to your father about this." As I grew in wisdom, I realized not only how much better she understood my emotional state, but also how angry and concerned my father might have been, for he had spent much of the previous summer building the house at 166 James St. E. using timber that had been cut by Walter (mother's entitlement from the farm), taken to a saw mill, then stacked the previous year in the back of the vacant lot to dry. He had dug much of the foundation hole by hand save for a couple of days work by a man using a two-handed scoop drawn by a horse. These were the war years and domestic mechanization would not begin in earnest until about 1948.

George Neville

## THE ROARIN' GAME - GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

There are not many physical demanding sports that one can participate in for over 50 years that allow you to be competitive, just have fun or combine both these aspects in a wonderful pastime. Such is the game of curling. Male or female, young or old, curling provides anyone who so desires, a competitive, physical and highly skilled sport. This can also be just a fun sport that allows you to meet new friends and certainly a social time after the game that will help tie friends and communities together.

As in any sport there are certain people who stand out because of their ability and their longevity. Ten, twenty, even thirty years of participating in any one sport is very admirable and takes a special athlete to do so. However, fifty years or more just doesn't seem possible or all that likely. But, the Village of Metcalfe has proudly produced four of these exceptional athletes who celebrated their Golden Anniversary by curling for 50 or more consecutive years.

**Congratulations go to Beryl and Bill Woods Sr and the late Carman Blair and Audrey Graham.**

Carman Blair, Charter Member and former President of the Metcalfe Curling Club curled his fifty consecutive years starting in 1923. The curling club celebrations in 1973 paid tribute to his contribution over the years. Club representatives from Winchester, Morrisburg, Russell and the Ottawa Curling Club were present and they took turns praising his enviable record compiled over his lengthy career. He was presented with an engraved plaque. Carman started curling when the Metcalfe Club first opened in 1923 and they used 60 pound "rocks" to demonstrate their skills in this "men only" club. Albert Carman passed away in 1987 and is buried with his wife, the former Ruth Ardella Halladay at the Metcalfe Union Cemetery.

Audrey Graham started her lengthy curling career in 1937 when the men finally gave up their hold on the

male only membership rule and allowed women to curl one afternoon a week. In December 1987 the curling club celebrated her milestone with a spiel named in her honour. She was presented with her 50 year pin, a Citation from Fitness and Amateur Sport and a Letter of Commendation from Ontario Premier David Peterson. From the curling club she received an honorary lifetime membership and an engraved curling stone. She was a tremendous draw curler and from 1968 to 1972 she led her team to five consecutive wins, bringing the Francis Nadeau Woods Memorial Trophy for the District Championship back to her club. The Audrey Graham Trophy was donated by her. Audrey Beatrice (nee Henderson) passed away on March 11, 2005 at age 93 years and is buried with her husband the late Lloyd E. Graham at Springhill Cemetery.

William "Gentleman Bill" Woods added his name to this exclusive curling group in November 2003. Introduced to this sport by his father and brother, Bill played thousands of games and continued to play after this Golden Milestone. The former ice-man has encouraged all his family to play this sport. He is followed by his son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Bill has played in all three Metcalfe clubs and has witnessed many technical changes over the years in both the curling equipment used and in the ice making machines and facilities. Most of the clubs trophies have his name on them. Bill retired from curling ins 2007.

Beryl Woods is also a long time curling enthusiast who celebrated her 50 continuous years of curling in Feb 2005. A former Club President, she really enjoys the social aspect of the sport and the family atmosphere keeps her coming back year after year. She too has her name on most of the trophies in the show case. At her special recognition night at the curling club she received letters of appreciation from the Governor General of Canada, the City of Ottawa, Ottawa area MPP Pierre Poilievre and Osgoode Ward Councillor Doug Thompson. The Canadian Curling Association also presented her with an Appreciation Award. She is still curling in the Friday night social league and the day time league in 2009. Will she make the 60 year club? If I was a betting man, I would say YES.

Alec J Ball

## NEW ON-LINE SOURCES

submitted by Doug Hughes

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is pleased to announce the launch of a new online database, Quebec City Passenger Lists Index 1865-1900. Through this online database, researchers can search by name of passengers to access digitized images of original passenger lists for arrivals at Quebec from 1865 to 1900 which list the name, age country of origin, occupation and destination of each passenger.

The database is available at:

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/passenger-s-quebec-1865-1900/index-e.html> Quebec City Passenger Lists Index 1865-1900: New Genealogical Database Available Online  
<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/passenger-s-quebec-1865-1900/index-e.html>

## In Quarantine: Life and Death on Grosse Ile, 1832-1937

In the 19th century, an increasing stream of people was leaving Europe to rebuild their lives in North America. Around 1830, an average of 30,000 immigrants arrived annually in the City of Quebec, the main port of entry to Canada. Approximately two-thirds of these newcomers were from Ireland. This unprecedented immigration on the St. Lawrence River took place at a time when major cholera and smallpox epidemics were sweeping through Europe. In order to help control the spread of the diseases, the quarantine station at Grosse Ile, located in the St. Lawrence River downstream from the City of Quebec, was established in 1832 and operated until its closure in 1937.



## NEW ON-LINE SOURCES cont'd

Through a variety of documents preserved and digitized by Library and Archives Canada (LAC), such as lists of births and deaths at sea, hospital registers, journals, letters, photographs and maps, in *Quarantine: Life and Death on Grosse Ile, 1832-1937* tells the story not only of the quarantine station, but also of the individuals who experienced life on the island.

Finally, thanks to the database

[http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/grosse-ile-immigration/index-](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/databases/grosse-ile-immigration/index-.html)

.html. Immigrants at Grosse Ile, thousands of digitized documents related to individuals who lived on Grosse Ile are now available through this website.

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/grosse-ile/index-e.html>

#### Connecting Canadians To Their Irish Roots

Library and Archives Canada has announced that its partner, the National Archives of Ireland, has launched the next important phase of an online census research tool for the Irish counties of Antrim, Kerry, and Down for 1911. The census records for all counties for 1911 and for 1901 will be made available online throughout 2009.

Library and Archives Canada signed an agreement with the National Archives of Ireland in December 2005 and the two institutions have been working to make the censuses of Ireland for 1901 and 1911 accessible online, free of charge. Library and Archives Canada's contribution included digitizing microfilm reels, linking images to the database and making the records searchable by name. To visit the Irish Census Online and the virtual exhibition on life in Ireland in 1911, please, go to: <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie>

Doug Hughes

### SCARF/SCHARF MEMORIAL FAMILY STONE IN IRELAND

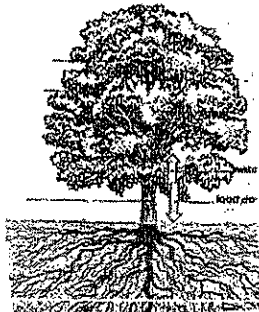
Extensive research and documentation on the Scharf family in Ireland who emigrated to Canada and Australia has led to the erection of a stone in Old Leighlin, Co. Carlow. A similar group of Canadian descendants erected a stone in the Scharf Cemetery in Hazeldean in 1982.

Some individuals in Canada and Australia have expressed an interest in attending this dedication at the end of February, 2009. Further information could be had from Brad Schneller at [schnelle@pathcom.com](mailto:schnelle@pathcom.com)

submitted by Mary Patterson

### IN SEARCH OF THEIR ROOTS

(From 'Bytown or Bust' website via Michael Daley & Al Lewis)  
submitted by Michael Daley



Dear Mr Lewis,  
I was given the Bytown website by a Leigh Leblanc. I found many articles on the McGee families. I am a great, great granddaughter of Terence McGee whom as in reading the articles, was a brother to your great, great, grandfather, Dennis McGee. My great great grandfather was a son of Terence McGee & Ellen Hughes. Terence Edward McGee, who went by the name Ed, immigrated through the Port of Ogdensburg in August in 1870, and then on to Wisconsin. Eventually he moved to North Dakota, after losing his wife and 3 children.  
Reply;

Al Lewis writes (in part only) I have spent some time trying to sort out the McGee's of South Gloucester who pioneered in South Gloucester, there are a couple of other researcher here who are descended from the McGee's, between the years 1829- 1849 there are

McGee's recorded from Notre Dame Church in Downtown Ottawa. They settled almost across the road from Our Lady of the Visitation, church South Gloucester. (Millar Campground)

The following is Obituary from the Ottawa Free Press dated Nov. 14 1881. It reads, Terence McGee. The old settlers are rapidly disappearing from the scene of their labors. That generation which battled with the primitive forest in the vicinity of Bytown is passing away, amongst the most energetic of the pioneers of the Ottawa Valley was Mr. Terence McGee who died on the 11th of November instant [1881] of apoplexy at the ripe old age of 77 years. His funeral took place from his late residence in the township of Gloucester and was attended by a large concourse of people from the city and country, the deceased Gentleman was a native of County Armagh, Ireland, and immigrated to this country in the year 1826, he first settled at Bytown but subsequently, removed to the Township of Gloucester. He leaves a wife and family to mourn his loss. He took an active part in public matters and was a consistent supporter of the Liberal Party.

NOTE: Three McGee brother's from Co. Armagh settled in South Gloucester, and Osgoode Township, married three Hughes sister. Dennis born 1801 married Alice Hughes; Patrick McGee, born 1802 married Mary Hughes; Terence McGee born 1806 married Ellen Hughes, Sept. 14 1840 at Notre Dame Cathedral, Ottawa.

Sept. 21 2008. A day to remember! After countless hours, days, and years of research, the publication of a manuscript on the life and times of our McGee connection, compiled by Mardelle (McGee) Considine of Billings, Montana with contribution from Al Lewis, descendent of Dennis McGee and Alice Hughes; from Michael Daley, descendent of Patrick McGee and Mary Hughes; from Mary Quinn, descendent Terence McGee and Ellen Hughes; and others on the 18th of Sept. 12. Descendants, of Terence McGee and Ellen Hughes, flew in from Texas, Los Angeles, Oregon, Nevada, North Dakota and Montana. We gathered at Our Lady of the Visitation Church for nine o'clock Mass then we gave them a tour of the cemetery where many of their ancestors were interred. We left there to visit the Daley Family funeral home where charcoal portraits of Thomas Daley and his wife Mary McGee, now hang on the wall. Continuing on, we passed through Enniskerry to the Daley homestead. Here a gathering of their Canadian cousins with names like, Carmichael, Daley, Brady, Brophy, Doyle, Downey, Guilfoyle, Kelly, Lewis, Quinn, enjoyed meeting the descendants of Terence McGee and Ellen Hughes. There were names like Mardelle (McGee), Leo Considine, Roger Rolfsness, Marian Goertz, Shane Rolfsness, Patsey McGee, Ivan & Theresa McGee, Eugene & Joann Millar, and Theresa McGee.

On Sept 22, Mary Quinn and her father Ralph, Al Lewis and the McGee relatives visited the Millar Camp site, the ancestral home of Terence McGee & Ellen Hughes. It was from their farm that the stone to build Our Lady of the Visitation church was quarried from.

I would be remiss if I failed to commend Al Lewis and his wife Grace, if not for there very informative web site, "Bytown or Bust" this reunion would never have happened.

Michael Daley

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John Bulloch [johnbulloch43@hotmail.com](mailto:johnbulloch43@hotmail.com)  
I am looking for most McDonell (MacDonald, McDonald information and also anything on Pecore or Picard in the Springhill Cemetery. Also Barkley/Barclay families.

Irene March [irenemarchbanks@aol.com](mailto:irenemarchbanks@aol.com)  
Irene would appreciate having someone resolve the mystery surrounding the Clark and Pelton families. I think the key may be in Osgoode or with the Pelton family. It looks like our gggreat-grandfather Nathan Clark (b. 1784) moved to Canada when he was 15 (around 1799) from Hartford, Washington County, NY. His widowed mother (Patience (Kelley) Clark) may or may not have been with him. His older sister Harriet Clark married a Mr James Pelton, so Nathan may have joined them up there. I'm also wondering if his mother Patience also married a Pelton. She was widowed when Nathan was 2 years old, so was a young widow. Other names of interest: Nathan Clark, Harriet Clark Pelton, James Pelton, Patience Kelley Clark, Patience Pelton 1799-1805.

Answer: re: OTHS Birth Records list  
Pelton, son born Nov 23, 1896 to H.E. Pelton  
Pelton, Phineas Clinton son of Phineas Pelton (father born Hartford Conn) and his wife Rachel Grunby of Mountain Township.  
Births for Leonard and Mary Celine (Mouthrop) Clark; Lucy Ann 1833, Leonard Albert 1836, Hannibal Whitney 1840, Nathan Stevens 1847.  
Kemptonville Advance list, and OTHS records for Births Deaths Marriages indicate numerous listings for Pelton and Clark but nothing to show a relationship between these people.

Alec Ball [alecball10@rogers.com](mailto:alecball10@rogers.com)  
Looking for information on the following subjects; the Veterans of Van Camp, Dundas County; Johnston's Corner Cemetery; Schools of Osgoode and Dundas County; and Carmen Blair of the Metcalfe Curling Club.

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Researching her family relations - McDonalds/MacDonalds

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### CROQUINOLE TOURNAMENT

On Feb. 21, 2009, The Osgoode Township Historical Society and Museum hosted its second annual croquinoles tournament. Ten teams participated, some traveling from as far away as Belleville. Players were competing for a \$100 gift voucher for the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, a \$30 gift certificate for the Red Dot Café in Osgoode, and a gift basket of honey products from Crerar's.

The range of skills was wide, but all had a good time. First place went to Matt and Dave Brown (Ottawa/Belleville), second place were Sarah and Duaine Irvén (Chesterville), and third place went to Gerry Bedard and Dave Chamberlain (Ottawa.)



Connor Dixon, youngest competitor at the tournament

### SOME IRISH HUMOR



An Irish farmer named Seamus had a car accident. In court, the lorry company's hot-shot solicitor was questioning Seamus...

"Didn't you say to the Police at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine?' asked the solicitor.

Seamus responded: 'Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favourite cow, Bessie, into the....'

'I didn't ask for any details,' the solicitor interrupted. 'Just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!?'

Seamus said, 'Well, I had just got Bessie into the trailer and I was driving down the road...'

The solicitor interrupted again and said, 'Your Honour, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the police on the scene that he was fine. Now several weeks after the accident, he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question.'

By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Seamus's answer and said to the solicitor: 'I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favorite cow, Bessie.'

Seamus thanked the Judge and proceeded. 'Well as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favourite cow into the trailer and was driving her down the road when this huge lorry and trailer came through a stop sign and hit my trailer right in the side. I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other. I was hurt, very bad like, and didn't want to move. However, I could hear old Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible pain just by her groans.

Shortly after the accident, a policeman on a motorbike turned up. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning so he went over to her. After he looked at her and saw her condition, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes.

Then the policeman came across the road, gun still in hand, looked at me, and said, 'How are you feeling?'  
Now what would you have said?