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at the
Old Vernon School

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The beautiful summer of 1998 has rapidly passed, we look forward to the fall and the series of interesting programs planned. The summer has been fairly busy. The Township of Osgoode agreed that we could proceed with the repairs necessitated by the Ice Storm of 1998. This involved new eaves troughs all around the building as well as roof repairs including improved sealing around the chimney.

The most exciting event of the summer was the Pioneer Days and Strawberry Social event hosted on Saturday August 25. The afternoon was well attended with about 250 - 300 visitors. This year the day was expanded to include a small but most interesting display of antique and collectable cars. We were also fortunate to have a live display of horseshoe making and the shoeing of a horse. Everyone seemed to enjoy the special displays of hit-and-miss motors as well as the old tractors, all of which were displayed in running condition. There was also a high level of interest in the permanent displays in the main museum as well as the Agricultural Building. In conversation with several Directors, Doug Thompson, the Mayor of the Township of Osgoode commended the Society for its excellent collection of artifacts.

This summer were fortunate enough to have Donna Bowen at the museum from Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 4:00 p.m. Hours for the off season have not as yet been established. Anyone interested in visiting the museum should call the museum - the times will be on the message in our answering machine.

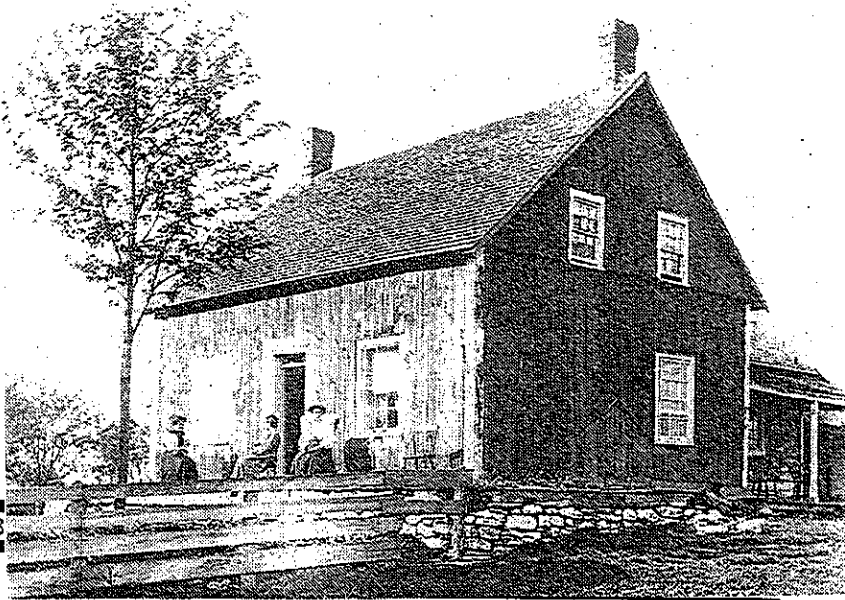
We now have our own e-mail address for the Society, we can be reached at OTHSandM@canada.com.

Doug Hughes

THANKS TO PIONEER DAY CONTRIBUTORS

Vern Johnston, Ottawa - Ford Galaxy 500 Convertible
Cliff Sinclair, Greely - 1934 McLaughlin Buick
Bill McVey, Metcalfe - W30 McCormick Deering (1937)
Tractor, 1967 Pontiac Parisien 242 Convertible
Skuce Family, Vernon - Massey Harris 101, Minneapolis
Moline Bronco
Fred Alexander, Vernon - Empire Tractor (1947),
wagons, tables & chairs
Bill Zandbeit, Vernon - assorted machine collection
Rolly Staal, Russell - Julien Gas Engine (1915),
Machine/implement seats collection
Gordon Weedmark, Ottawa - 1911 Stayrite Gas Engine,
Steam Models, Steam Windmill
Yvan Roy, Winchester - Blacksmith/Farrier services,
horse

Thanks also to Lowe Strawberry Farms, Manotick for the strawberries and the ladies who prepared and served at the tea.



The Leahy Home circa 1898 - presumed built in 1855

HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMING EVENT

On October 6, 1998 at our monthly meeting we are fortunate to have Cecil Reaney of Metcalfe as our guest speaker. Cecil has been researching the history of the Metcalfe Rural Telephone Company. As a continuing research project he would appreciate information or photos relating to the company. As part of the program visitors are urged to bring forward any equipment from home as part of "show and tell."

SEEKING RELATIVES

The attached article appeared in a recent Ottawa Citizen. Having contacted a daughter of Thomas Baxter, she informed me she was aware of the article and is in the process of trying to locate the family (presumed to be in Western Canada) of this gentleman, Mr Hulme. Ed

I am seeking assistance in my search for the descendants of my great-uncle who immigrated to Canada on May 14, 1920. His name was Thomas Hulme. At the time of immigration he was 15 years old. He was born on May 17, 1905 in Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire, England. His parents were Edward and Annie Hulme (maiden name Bradburn), who lived in Paradise Street, Endors, Stoke-On-Trent.

Since both of his parents died, at the age of 12 he was placed in a Catholic home for children called Cottage Homes, Penkull, Stoke-On-Trent. He was then transferred to St Paul's Home, Coleshill, Birmingham prior to his emigration. His last known address in Canada, in 1923, was with a farmer named Thomas P. Baxter, Richmond, RR#2, Co Carleton, Ont.

*Christina Shirley
Parkhead Cres, Weston Coyney,
Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire, ST3 6EN, England*

IN SEARCH OF THEIR ROOTS

Jerry Holleren and his wife Carole visited Osgoode Township recently from Youngstown Penn, hoping to meet some of their Canadian cousins. Jerry born Mar 26, 1936, son of John Holleren and Ethel Mary Daly, great, great, grandson of Michael Daley and Elizabeth McGuire, native of Kings Co Ireland. Maternal great, great, grandparents were Patrick McGee and May Hughes, native of Co Armagh, Ire. A reception was held on the homestead, where his great, great grandparents settled on lot 14, con c in 1839-40 with 63 Canadian cousins in attendance.

Michael Daley



OBITUARY

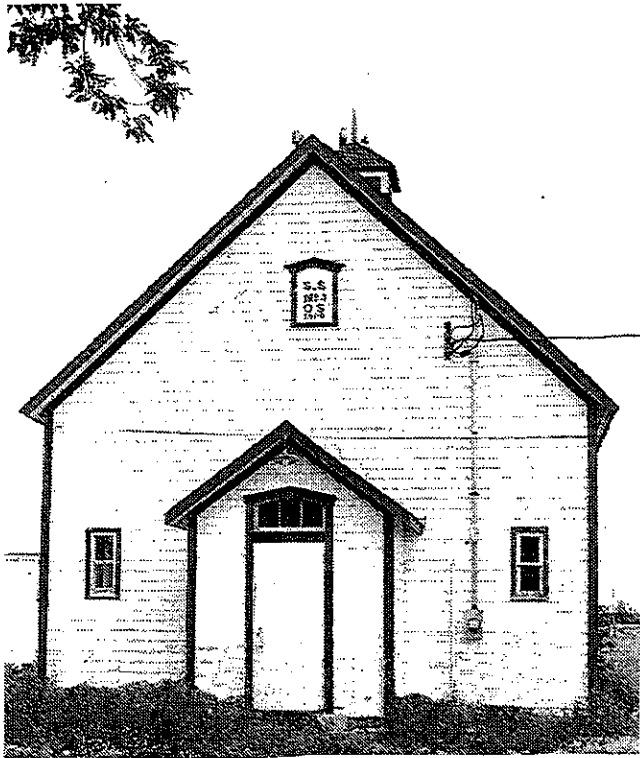
Bessie (Howes) Windsor, in hospital, Sept 10, 1998. Mother of Bruce (Elaine) of Maidenhead, England. Grandmother of Erin, daughter of Charles and Eva (Sheldrick) Howes. Bessie, member of Historical Society, researcher of her family and others, an avid member of the Greely Legion, collector of antiques, supporter of Old Time Fiddlers, an environmentalist, bird watcher. It was Bessie's wish that there be no visitation or funeral service. Her body was donated to science.

Michael Daley

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the mornings hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there, I did not die.

Author Unknown

SCHOOL REUNION - HERBERT'S CORNERS



Herberts School House 18957

August 2nd, 1998, "A Day to Remember" was a beautiful Sunday afternoon when students of the former Herbert's Corner School, SS no 4 were back in the classroom. Over 150 people came, some from as far away as Thunder Bay, London, Belleville, Kingston, Cornwall, Chicoutimi (Que), Alexander, Perkins (Que), Lanark, Smiths Falls, Wendover, Carp and many places in between. With family names like Anderson, Alberts, Bradys, Burns, Carroll, Corrigan, Cleasby, Daley, Dewan, Dumoulin, Herbert, Killeen, Loughlin, Leahy, McEvoy, McDermid, Nolan, O'Brien, Turner and Vriend. With spouses, children and guests all made for a fantastic afternoon.

Allison Whitlock and her husband Pat Hopkins purchased the old school house to house their business in "Flower Buds Nursery", turning the building into a gift/craft shop. Many customers who were former students stopped in, they would speak of their days in

the class room and thus instilled in the minds of Pat and Allison to hold a school reunion.

Having acquired copies of the School Registers dating from 1930 - 1968-69, I volunteered to help in contacting former students with a list of students. With the list, numbering 312, I proceeded to put the word out by word of mouth to the many families that we could locate. Pat and Allison proceeded to advertise the event in local papers. The response on that Sunday afternoon was overwhelming. The oldest student in attendance was Edna (McEvoy) Kennedy in her 90th year. Three former Teachers attended the reunion. Peter and Pat McEvoy were former students at the school. Neil Kelly taught in the school in 1947-48-49 with 55 students in attendance in eight grades. Neil courted a former student of Herberts School, Margaret O'Rourke. They were married in 1952 and reside on their farm in the Chesterville area.

Six members of the Dewan family recreated their day in school by walking the two miles to the school reunion as they would have done in the year of their youth. They were, Brian, Louis, Lorne, Norma, Leona, Noreen and Brian's son Billy (a little tyke, walked half way). The trek to school as they knew it, stately elm trees lining the roadside, grainfields to stook, cattle, horses pasturing, the apple tree to shake for an apple or two are now but a memory. There were four residences the, there are now 19.

For the reunion the school room was filled with desks to recreate the classroom feeling. Father McEvoy, a former student addressed the gathering and gave a blessing. Entertainment was provided by Clinton and Vera McEvoy who put their trained golden retrievers through their routine - they are professional dog trainers. The demonstration was very well received by the children. The former students and teachers were very happy that we had been given the opportunity to have a reunion in the very building that was a class room for many of us, thanks to Allison Whitlock and Pat Hopkins. Mayor of Osgoode, Doug Thompson welcomed the former students and guests.

Some World War II veterans also met at the reunion. As I was standing at the registration desk, a former student Clinton McEvoy came in and said "Mike I have some memorabilia, do you have a place for it?" We wound our way to the front of the classroom where I had a table reserved for such items, pictures etc. pertaining to earlier years. There he handed me a picture of his brother Oliver McEvoy in his Air Force Blue uniform. Many of us went to school with Oliver, he was unfortunately, never to return home. He also presented a picture of himself in uniform and his medals depicting the unit in which he served. A gentleman coming up on my right spotted these medals and said "Those medals are the same as mine." Clinton in turn responded, "What Unit did you serve in?" "39 RECCE Wing", was the reply from Maurice Roussey. Maurice and Clinton both Air Force Veterans, served with a Canadian Unit under the R.A.F. They made a point to get together at a later date to discuss some of the old times (50 years ago and more.) They would cover and I quote "the butt kicking we took on New years Day 1945, the smell of "Belsen" and being the first Air Force ground troops to enter Germany, etc." Maurice had married a former student of Herbert's School, Doris Herbert, a class mate of Clinton and yet those two veterans could not recall of ever having met during their war time experiences. Ironically, Clinton's younger sister was flower girl at Maurice and Doris' wedding.

Clinton had for some years been trying to trace some of the veterans of his unit, many being from the western provinces. Herbert's Corner School Reunion was the last place that he expected to meet a fellow veteran. Clinton recalled another strange meeting one night in Harrogate, England. In the over crowded

barracks, all beds were taken, so many of us were sleeping on the already covered floor. So to find a place to sleep, one had to walk around sleeping bodies. Someone stepped on Clinton and when he looked up it was Gearid Herbert, brother to Doris.

Once again I would express my sincere appreciation to all those former students, spouses, children and all those who helped provide lunches, coffee, etc, who returned to this century old building (108 years) on a beautiful Sunday afternoon which made for a fantastic, memorable event.

Michael Daley

KEMPTVILLE ADVANCE

April 26, 1894

What has happened to the Gypsies? Usually before this time a long procession of them make their way to town from the north with a large stock of horses to dicker, dogs to seel, while their women cover the town with lace.

Advertisement

For twenty five cents we will send a recipe for a perfect hair dye guaranteed to restore the hair to its natural colour in 3 to 4 weeks. Perfectly harmless. Can be prepared at a cost of 10 cents a quart. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

April 12, 1894

Wm Allen of Vernon has rented Lawrence Fitzpatrick's farm. Mr Allen lost his silver watch on Saturday night when on the way home from Ottawa with a load of furniture, but if it has fallen into the hands of an honest man it will no doubt turn up in due time.

June 14, 1894

Apropos of the fascination of golf, I heard the other day of a Scotsman, a retired ministry of the kirk who was deploring the tendency of the game to become a ruling passion and also to induce bad language. "In fact" he said, "I had to give up for that reason." "Give up golf?" exclaimed his friend. "No" said his Reverence, "the ministry."

August 9, 1894

A couple of citizens had a brief skirmish in a public place Tuesday, but no blood was spilled. They simply showed how foolish man can act.

May 17, 1894

It is said that hereafter the first Monday in September will be called Labour Day throughout Canada and it will be observed as a public holiday.

Mr William Logan, Mr Jos A Moses and Mr Geo Taylor left on Tuesday for the west.

Dalmeny, Sept 22, 1907

Mr Geo Lewis who had the misfortune to get badly scalded about the eyes by oil exploding from his engine, we are please to state is able to be around his work again.

Metcalfe, Oct 21, 1907

Mr T A Hicks, our local tailor, returned from Cobalt and Hailebury on Wednesday evening. He says there is quite a stir there but quiet towards what it would be were all the mines working.

Chief County Constable Hamilton and Police Magistrate Smith of Ottawa are in town today holding court in the Sanders-Lewis assault case. We understand Saunders was fined \$10 and costs.

Oct 31, 1907

Funeral of J Russell Booth

On Wednesday, Oct 23, the remains of the late J Russell Booth, who died on Sunday, Oct 20th were entered in the Methodist Cemetery of Metcalfe. The funeral took place from the residence of the deceased's father, Mr Thomas Booth, Edwards. It was one of the largest ever seen in that vicinity. Rev J M Tredrea conducted the service at the church and the Orange Order at the grave. The pallbearers were six members of the O.Y.B; Bros E Hamilton, T Buckingham, D Carson of No 309 Russell, and J E Woods, W A Loney, O Switzer of Metcalfe Lodge. The late Bro Booth had held the office of Treasurer for O.Y.B No 260 for a number of years.

Vernon, Nov 8, 1907

Mr T Melrose is engaged for the winter in Mr J K Porteous' store.

Mr James Daigleish has moved to Sam Genoa's house while W J McPhail has moved to the house owned by J R Campbell.

Dalmeny, Nov 11, 1907

Mr and Mrs J C Stuart and the Misses Stella and Elizabeth are the guests of Mrs Stevens, Athens.

Aug 13, 1907 Dawson

Master Eugene Mooney of Watertown, N.Y is visiting his aunt, Mrs Jas Doyle.

Mr. Charles Doyle accompanied by his cousins Misses M & Doyle of Perth are at present visiting their many friends here.

Dalmeny

Miss Mary J McDiarmid is on the sick list.

Miss Ella Stuart, nurse-in-training at Ottawa and brother Donald visited Mrs Hugh Watson, Kenmore on Saturday.

Dr McLauren, returned Missionary from India, who is spending a few weeks with his sister, Mrs John Ferguson, of this place, assisted the young people with their prayer meeting on Tuesday night.

Miss Ethel and Master Stewart McConnell are holidaying with their aunt, Mrs Jos Allen, West Osgoode.

Preparations are being made for opening a continuation class here in September

August 16, Dalmeny

Mr W A McConnell and daughter Katherine visited Ottawa Wednesday.

Mr J C Stuart has purchased the grist mill at Osgoode Station, owned by Jas Ewings.

Miss Ella Stuart is visiting her sister, Mrs I Amer of Cornwall.

Mr and Mrs A M Stuart entertained a number of our pioneer settlers on Tuesday, in honor of Mr Stuart's mother, Mrs John Stuart, where most enjoyable afternoon was spent renewing old acquaintances. The following were present; Mrs David Kennedy, Mrs Peter McAndrew, Miss Margaret McNaughton, Miss Christie Ferguson, Miss Janet McDiarmid and Messrs Robert Campbell, Hugh McDiarmid, James McPherson and also Rev D and Mrs Brown.

Aug 24, 1907 Belmeade

Mr James Slater has moved his dredging machine and will begin work on the Allen drain in the near future. School opened last Monday; All glad to see Miss Byers back again.

KEMPTVILLE ADVANCE CONT'D

Sept 3, 1907 Dalmeny

Mr and Mrs James Donaldson and daughter Miss Edna have gone to New Liskeard, Ontario where they will reside for some time. Miss Kate McDiarmid having charge of their store and post office in their absence.

Sept 9, 1907 Dalmeny

Quite a number from here will attend High School in Vernon next week.

Sept 10, 1907, Vernon

Vernonites secured quite a number of prizes at Winchester Fair. The Baptist Hall has been renovated for the continuation class here

Jan 31, 1912 Osgoode Station

Mr Roy E Moses from St Paul Minn. Is spending a few weeks with his parents Mr & Mrs James Moses.

Jan 27, 1912 Metcalfe

Mr & Mrs George Baldry of Winchester are spending a week with the latter's parents, Mr & Mrs James Simpson.

Feb 21st 1912 Winchester Slater-Duncan

An interesting event took place at the Wesleyan Methodist parsonage, Winchester, On Wednesday afternoon, Feb 21st, when Rev J R Pitt united the holy bonds of matrimony Mr S Bruce Slater of Inkerman to Miss Ida Mae Duncan of Marvelville, Ont. After the ceremony the happy couple drove to the groom's splendid home at Inkerman, where they were given a warm reception by the immediate friends and relatives. Both the bride and groom are popular in the community and have the best wishes of a host of well wishers for a happy wedded career.

Feb 12, 1907 Osgoode Station

Mr John Cranston and Miss Emma Cranston spent over Sunday with the former's son, Mr E. Cranston, manager of the Union Bank here.

Owing to the heavy snow storm, Auctioneer Moses had to postpone a number of his sales.

W.J MOSES - LUMBER, FLOUR, FEED ETC.

By far the largest dealer in Osgoode, or in fact, in Carleton County, whose interests are situated in several parts of the country, as well as all other points. Some idea of the amount of business done by the firm can be formed when it stated that the outlay for grain was \$15,000, for logs \$12,000, for lumber and other material \$16,700, while for help \$15,800. Six other teams are

always on the road, which are worth \$2,400 and the maintenance costs as much or more per year.

At Osgoode Village, Mr Moses conducts a planing mill, a feed mill and sash, door and blind factory and a cheese box factory as well a huge grain warehouse where flour, feed of all kinds and grain are handled in large and small quantities.

At West Osgoode is a large saw mill. At Vernon is a saw mill, box factory, veneering plant and feed mill. At Carp is a planing mill, saw mill, box factory and feed mill. At Farrellton, Que. Is a saw mill.

From this, then, it will be seen that the interests of the firm are extensive and far reaching. Mr Moses conducts one of the largest cheese box factories in Eastern Ontario as well as banana crates, apple boxes and turned goods of all kinds.

Mr Moses, the proprietor is a native of Osgoode and at West Osgoode he has two good farms. That he is a distinct benefit to the country at large goes without saying.

Dec 31, 1914 Enniskerry

Teachers spending the holidays at their respective homes are Misses Mamie and Laura Grant, Miss Alice Shields, Miss Margaret Deverix and Miss Mary Leahy.

Mar 11, 1915 Vernon

On Monday morning about 10 o'clock fire broke out in Mr Fraser's store and despite the efforts of the citizens it was burned to the ground. There was a strong wind blowing at the time and the fire caught in the barber shop and burned it too. Mr Fraser's dwelling was attached to the store and was completely destroyed with the contents. Nothing of any value was saved. For some time fears were entertained for the safety of Mr Porteous' store. Mr Fraser had only a small insurance on his stock.

Jan 4, 1917 Osgoode Township RESULTS OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Osgoode Township Reeve & Deputy Reeve by acclamation - Reeve; F.J Loney, Deputy Reeve; D. J Hill, Counciliior; George Acres, William O'Brien, William Jackles.

August 15, 1915 - Article SEEING THINGS

A very mysterious and thrilling form was observed in the sky around West Osgoode on the night of August 7, by a party of young people. It represented a perfect outline of a skeleton of a man's hand and passed across the heavens at a very rapid rate of speed. There is no doubt to most people (it) will seem foolish, nevertheless true, and is thought to bring forth tidings of a famine.

Compiled by Donna Bowen

The World Takes All
our output and calls for more

although we built and sold the unparalleled number of
189,760
McCormick Machines
in 1898.

The McCormick
Harvesters and Binders,
Reapers,
Mowers,
Corn Harvesters,
Rakes,
Fodder Shredders,
are absolutely the Best Known to the Buying World.

McCormick Harvesting Machine Co. CHICAGO.

THE LEAHY FAMILY

The Gaelic Family name, O'Laochdha (Anglicized into: Leahy, Leehy, Lahey, Laffey, Lahiffe) is derived from the Gaelic word Laochdha, meaning heroic. The family is descended from Melesius, King of Spain, through the line of Heber, third son of the Monarch. Cormic, King of Munster, 483 A.D, the founder of the family, was of the Eoganacht Tribe. The ancient name, LEAGHA, signifies Physician and the possessions of the Sept were located in the present Counties of Kerry and Tipperary. The Leahys too were Chiefs of Caladh, a District in the Barony of Kilconnell, County Galway.

Timothy Leahy, b 1820 in Ireland, d Jan 11, 1899 in Osgoode Twp, mar Mary Downs from Co Down, b 1826, d July 17, 1900. Their marriage certificate, dated 1844 and signed by Father Fitzgibbons of Limerick, was destroyed in a 1964 fire at the home of their grand son Howard Leahy, s ½ lot 13 con. 4. In the year 1845, Timothy and Mary sailed for Canada, and it is believed that after a 12-week voyage, they came into the Township via the Rideau, landing either at Wellington (Kars) or Kellys' Landing.

After spending some time with the Pat O'Brien family w ½ lot 20 con 5, they struck out carrying all their belongings with them to find their lot, 24 con 5, in what is still known as "Snake Island." After chopping a little clearing in the corner of the lot, a little shanty was put up and in it were born 2 or 3 children. When the McMahan family moved in with them, Timothy Leahy decided to build a house and outbuildings farther back on the lot along a high ridge of land known as Tobins' Island. The Tobins, Brennans and Styles lived along the ridge while the McMahons remained in the old shanty. My Great Grandmother told of being pestered with racoons, lynx and bears tearing at the roof of the shanty. She used to chase the bears away with red-hot poker.

Tragedy struck the family in 1861 when Black Fever took the lives of 2 sons and 2 daughters. Picture with me, if you will, this grief-stricken couple hitching a team of horses to their wagon to carry the bodies of two of their children to St. John's Church at Dawson (Inniskerry) to be interred in the Cemetery there and finding on their return home that two more of their children were dead. A simple headstone, erected many years later, stands as a mute testimony of the times. The brief inscription reads, "In Loving Memory of the Leahy Family. Erected by Mr and Mrs Malone" Fortunately this family was blessed with two more children and the heavy burden of sorrow laid across their shoulders was somewhat eased. The census of 1861 named the people who had died within the year including:

Patrick b 1850. D 1861

Donald b 1850, d 1861

Ellen b 1851, d 1861

Molly b 1853, d 1861

Other surviving children:

John b 1846

Margaret b 1857 m Francis McGee (widower) Nov 6, 1900 at S Gloucester. 2 children by first marriage - John and Francis

Honora b Oct 14, 1859 m Nov 22, 1922 S Gloucester - James Malone

Bridget Ann, b Apr 28, 1865 - un m

Timothy b Jun 10, 1867, d May 12, 1941.

Maurice b the year of the Black Fever (Mar 18, 1861), d Apr 20, 1921; m Margaret Jane Herbert d/o James Herbert and Elizabeth Nash, on Oct 21, 1890 and lived lot 11, con 4. There were 5 children; (1) Mary Ida (Nov 18, 1891 - Apr 3, 1931) m Thos Daley on Apr 23, 1918. (2) Howard b Mar 7, 1893 single d Jan 3, 1982.

(3) Timothy Joseph b Feb 28, 1895 - May 16, 1958 mar Mary Anna Burke June 29, 1928, d/o Jos Burke and Agnes McMillan of Cantley Que. - 7 children.

(4) Bert - b June 11, 1897, received his early education at the Stone School, Hwy 31, The Holy Ghost Fathers at Ironsides Quebec, Regiopolis College, Kingston and at Loyola College, Montreal, ordained to the Priesthood in 1931, very active in parish work for many years. Deceased Mar 15, 1985.

(5) Raymond - b Aug 25, 1899 - d June 18, 1993 mar Madonna Daley Mar 24, 1929 d/o James Daley and Agnes Grant - 5 children. Farmed E ½ lot 11, con 4, Osgoode Twp.

THE FAMILY OF TIMOTHY LEAHY & ROSE McKENNA

Famine and poverty in Ireland drove thousand of its native sons and daughters to emigrate to other lands. In the 1840's both the Leahy and McKenna families left Ireland to make new homes in Canada. The Leahy's settled in Osgoode, lot 24, con 5; the McKenna's in Goulbourn. Both reared fine families; there were 10 Leahy children, there were 11 McKenna children. One of the 11 McKenna children, Rose Jane became a school teacher and her first assignment was the little schoolhouse in Snake Island not far from the Leahy homestead. Although the era of the one-room schoolhouse has gone, the school still stands and is now a private residence.

Thus it was that Timothy Leahy, b Osgoode Jun 10, 1867 s/o Timothy (Thadeus) Leahy and Mary Downs, won the heart of Rose McKenna, b Apr 11, 1871, d/o Thomas McKenna and Mary Ann Kenney of Dwyer Hill. Rev Patrick O'Connell officiated at the ceremony, St Clara Church, Dwyer Hill, Feb 19, 1895. The new couple farmed for many years on the homestead until 1916-17 when they bought the Paddy Connors Hotel in Metcalfe and used the large beautiful building as a residence for their family of 11 children. This historic building in the Leahy name until 1978, was originally built by Adam J Baker from whom Metcalfe received it original name of Bakers' Corners.

(1) Mary Cecelia (Dec 4, 1896 - Feb 28, 1967) m Stephen Laginski - 9 children

(2) Dominic (Mar 19, 1897 - May 28, 1978) m Marie Murphy

(3) Carmel Rose (Sept 23, 1898) - single - registered nurse

(4) Veronica (Jan 8, 1900) m Oct 22, 1935 Roger Finnerty of Co Galway, ire: 5 children

(5) Christopher (Oct 24, 1902) (Chris) like the rest of the family, attended the little schoolhouse where his mother had taught; later, 5 years at St Alexander College, Ironsides, Que, and at St Michael's, Toronto. He worked in Detroit during the summer of 1924, staying with the Sylvester McEvoy family from Osgoode and then back to St Michaels to graduate in 1925. In October he entered Mount St Mary's Seminary in Ohio and was ordained to the Priesthood, 1929 at the Cathedral of St Peter and St Paul in Detroit. His first Solemn Mass was offered on Sun, June 2, 1929 at St Catherine's Church, Metcalfe. The Reception was at his parents' home. In Detroit he was appointed Assistant Pastor of Holy Name Parish and in 1940 to St Catherine's Parish. In 1942 he joined the 6th Motorized Div of U.S Army, Military Chaplain, First Lieut. And was on active combat duty against the Japanese. At the end of the war he was Capt Chris Leahy with ribbons - Purple Heart and 2 Bronze Stars. In 1955 he was appointed to St Christopher's Parish in Detroit and there on May 27, 1979, he was honoured for his 50 years in the Priesthood. Died Aug 30, 1987.

(6) Annie Gertrude (July 23, 1940) - single

(7) May Helen (May 11, 1905 - Nov 14, 1939)

(8) Martha Angela (Jan 6, 1907 - Sept 10, 1911)

(9) May Clara (Mar 11, 1909) - single

(10) Mary Theresa (Apr 24, 1911) m Leonard Blanchfield

LEAHY FAMILY CONT'D

s/o John Richard Blanchfield & Edith Owens
 (11) Margaret Mary (Oct 8, 1915) m Joseph Pelyk - ch:
 Michael - well-known hockey player, mar - 3 ch;
 Timothy, mar - 1 ch; Patricia - single

compiled by Michael Daley with help of Mrs Don (Marie) Mercer of Pembroke, great grandchildren of Timothy Leahy and Mary Downs.

Dedicated researchers have been here checking our records for information on the following families; Burns, Christopher, Robb, Cleland, Irvine, Beggs, Good, Wyatt, McConnell, Knowles, Gosson, Bower and Otto.

Donna Bowen

GENTLEMAN SOLDIER'S PRAYER BOOK

When I see the 'ace', it puts me in mind that there is one God only. When I see the 'deuce', it puts me in mind of the Father and Son. When I see the 'trej', it puts me in mind of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. When I see the 'four', it puts me in mind of the four evangelists that preached the Gospel, viz Matthew, Mark Luke and John. When I see the 'five', it puts me in mind of the five wise virgins that trimmed their lamps; there were ten but five were foolish who were shut out. When I see the 'six', it puts me in mind that in six days the Lord made Heaven and Earth. When I see the 'seven', it puts me in mind that the seventh day God rested from all the works which he had created and made; wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day and hallowed it. When I see the 'eight', it puts me in mind of the eight righteous persons that were saved when God drowned the world, viz Noah, his wife, three sons and their wives. When I see the 'nine', it puts me in mind of the nine lepers that were cleansed by our Savior; there were teen but nine never returneth God's thanks. When I see the 'ten', it puts me in mind of the ten commandments that God gave Moses on Mount Sinai on the two tablets of stone.

When I see the 'Queen,' it puts me in mind of the Queen of Sheba who came from the furthestmost parts of the world to hear the wisdom of King Solomon and who was as wise a woman as he was a man for she brought fifty boys and fifty girls all clothed in boys' apparel to show before the King for him to tell which were boys and which were girls, but he could not until he called for water for them to wash themselves. The girls washed up to their elbows and the boys only up to their wrists so King Solomon told by that. And also Queen Victoria to pray for her.

When I see the 'King', it puts me in mind of the Great King of Heaven and Earth which is God Almighty.

There are fifty-two cards in the deck which puts me in mind of the fifty-two weeks in the year.

Found in scrapbook of late Harry Bower

ARCHIVIST/CURATOR REPORT

Since the museum opened for the summer season, a number of artifacts have been received.

As mentioned in a previous Newsletter, (Vol XXV no. 1 Mar/98) we were wondering who had donated the triangular wooden framed poster advertising Metcalfe Fair, dated Sept 26, 1900. We found out that it was found in the home of Jessie and John Campbell of Dairmeny and donated by Gerald Morris.

Other donations were made by:

- ✱ Barry McKercher - throw red background with a white fleur-de-lis
- ✱ Mrs Ellis (Irma) Carkner - several articles that were found in the home of Archie Galbraith, Osgoode Centre. Among these artifacts were a cookie tin with the photo of the Royal Family on the lid © 1930;; glass toothpick holder made in a horse shoe design; small jewellery box; Cetts's Diary No. 25; identification bracelet, printed on it is "no. 345901 Dvr Knowles EA, 6th Div Sig Co Canada.
- ✱ Helen Ferguson - cloths wringer that belonged to her grandmother Ferguson
- ✱ Bette and Ian Crerar - choir gown, hat and 2 white collars worn by Audrey Darling (Crerar) who was the organist for 40 years at the Osgoode Presbyterian Church, Vernon (1928-1968); several pins (Women's Institute Life Membership, Canadian Red Cross Women's War Work, Township of Osgoode, CNIB pins.
- ✱ Bessie Windsor - on loan blanket box that belonged to her great grandfather Francis Wood.
- ✱ Harold Cowan - clippings, Metcalfe Advance Jan 1965 Issue No.2 (Newsletter); Mortgage dated 30th June 1886; Deed dated 6 Feb 1892; Deed 19 Nov 1904.
- ✱ Willis and Marian Buckingham - an updated publication of the descendants of William Booth and Catherine Brennan
- ✱ Jim Rowan - Photo of WWII Welcome Home Party 1946

This year we have had the Osgoode Brownie Troop visit the museum and the Metcalfe Women's Institute members held their meeting here in August.

It is interesting to note that we have had an increased number of visitors this year. As well as local residents, the visitor register records addresses from Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, New York State, Vermont and Holland.

