



Osgoode Village Public School No. 22, 1921

SCHOOL DAYS

SEPTEMBER - A TIME TO REMEMBER

School days, school days
 Dear old golden rule days
 Readin' and writin' and 'rithmetic
 Taught to the tune of a hickory stick
 You were my queen in calico
 I was your bashful barefoot beau
 And you wrote on my slate, I love you Joe/Kate
 When we were a couple of kids.



Osgoode Township Historical Society & Museum

at the

Old Vernon School

Newsletter

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Back Row - Left to Right - Dave Robb, Ted Rowland, Donald Taylor, Lambert Cleland, Hamish Frazer, Verna Crawford, Madaline Moses, Edna Saunders, Luella Craig (Teacher), Susie Scobie (Teacher), Thelma Hawkins, Dorothy Wallace, Winona Nixon, Hilda McCurdy, Viola Cleland, Winnie Rutledge, Jessie Robb.
Third Row - Muriel Edwards, Beatrice Boyd, Dora Humphry, Marjorie Hawkins, Jean Reid, Violet Otto, Bessie Beamish, Helena Logan, Rita McCurdy, Flora Wilson, Beatrice Cleland, Arlowa Ferguson, Jean Robb, Helen Reid, Violet Kerr.
Second Row - Leonard Cameron, Delmer Boyd, Laird Hawkins, Manning Nixon, Andrew Robb, George Robb, Charlie Nixon, Lois Thompson, Bessie Kerr, Jennie McCallum, Kathleen Wilson, Gladys Pritchard, Doris Nixon, Flora McCallum, Annie Ferguson.
Front Row - Eddie Rutledge, Alfred Boyd, Willie Rutledge, Lloyd Cleland, Gordon Cleland, Frank Nixon, Jimmie Cleland, Harry Kerr, Arthur Ferguson, Bill Moses, Frank Boyd, Wellington McCallum, Mell Moses, Fred Rowland, Bill Pritchard.

The following article, in part, was derived from the publication "From Then Till Now" by Margaret Robb. She writes "The Osgoode Township Tax Roll of 1892 showed residents of Osgoode paying taxes into the following School Sections; two on the River Road, Davidson School No. 1, Rideau Hill or Gibson No. 2; No.5, West Osgoode; and the Separate School on the River Road. The Roll of 1897 indicates the Taxes go into the Public School No. 22.

The first school in the village, a little red school, on Main Street, circa 1895, was built on the lot where Rideau Valley Upholstery and Decorators of 166 Main Street was recently in operation. Shown on the map of 1908, the deed of this property was made out to the Trustees of S.S. No.22. In 1911 due to overcrowding, a new cement block school was erected by Boyd Brothers where now stands our Post Office. Miss Cuddy, the teacher at the time, moved with her pupils to the new location. She was succeeded by Laura (Graham) Moses. Part of the red school house was moved to 237 Main Street and is still used as a garage.

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In due time as the village grew, enrollment of this school became too heavy for one teacher. In 1920 a second teacher was hired and the Forrester's Hall was rented. Mabel Hawn continued to teach in the Senior School and Ruby (Meredith) Saunders was the first junior teacher. She was succeeded by Luella (Craig) Morphy in 1921 who taught in this hall for seven years. Holding a Kindergarten certificate, she was expected to teach the five year olds. Her number of pupils grew to a classroom of fifty, grades kindergarten to grade four as our grades to today. She coped with no thought of striking.

This building was bought by the school board and moved to a lot west of the block school. In the early hours of a cold morning in 1944, from an overheated stove, the building was destroyed and a white frame school was moved in from Mountain Township. This building west of the Post Office is now a residence.

A need to accommodate more pupils led to the hiring of a third teacher. At the same time the Odd Fellow's Hall was rented. A new three room school opened in 1956, since then several rooms have been added including an auditorium. Buses began transporting children to school and outlying schools were closed. The close knit school section disappeared and Osgoode Township Area School Board came into being.

Many changes have occurred in the school systems - children in the classroom at the age of four. No fear of those High School Entrance Examinations when Senior IV or Grade VIII wrote exams prepared in Toronto. The era of the one room school house is now but a memory.

Michael Daley

PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS

The "past" refers to time, place, actions, persons and records that have preceded present time and/or place. We often refer to past events. Things happening in the past are often remembered as "the good old days." It has been suggested that many past historical happenings have often been told and even written down from the individual's personal observations and point of view at the time, or even much later, by telling it the way he/she interpreted the event.

We were taught in school that before Columbus, everyone believed the world was flat. We were also taught the world was in fact round and that seemed quite plausible: however, a teacher that I had in grade 5 informed his highly gullible class of 10 year olds that the world was not really round at all. According to his research, the globe is pear-shaped. Imagine that! Then in later years, I could hardly believe my ears when I was told that Columbus was not the first explorer to "discover" America after all! What a let down! It took a magician at a spectacular magic show to finally prove to me that not everything is what it first appears. I suppose there really isn't a "Man-in-the-Moon" either!

Many of the great stories of English history that I had read and studied and enjoyed as a child took on a much different light after visiting several historic sites and examining many famous artifacts close up on a recent tour of England and Scotland. On a side trip to Winchester, home of the famous Winchester Cathedral and its famous bells, I was filled with awe as I viewed down on the recently unearthed remains of King Arthur's Castle. And to see his "actual" Round Table fastened to a wall in the great hall was truly an amazing sight! What memories of childhood stories of those famous, brave and courageous knights of old came flooding back to mind. Why even their coats of arms were preserved and emblazoned by the sun brilliantly shining through the multitudes of high stained glass windows built into the thick stone walls of that great hall. Then later, going to a nearby pub for supper and to be told emphatically by a Winchester native that that round, geometrically divided - each piece of the pie-shaped markings representing each of King Arthur's knights - wooden structure fastened high up on the wall was really "a fake" and that the stories of King Arthur were really only myths - someone made them up! Well then, I asked the native non-believer, what proof did he have that it was not the real thing. His answer, "That table top has only been hanging on that wall since 1200 A.D." "Good enough for me," says I. Is the "Stone of Scone" now on display in Edinburgh Castle a symbol of royalty and worth fighting for, or is it just a mere everyday field stone?

Another time, while camping in Gros Mome National Park in Newfoundland, after telling the park attendant at the gate that we were planning a trip up the coast to L'anse aux Meadows to visit the Viking settlement there. His comment, "Some say the Vikings settled there, I am not so sure." On our return, the same park attendant proly asked, "Well, did you get to L'Anse aux Meadows? Wasn't much was it?" So you see, not all is as important as it might seem to be to someone else.

When Sheila Reid, a teacher from Greely Public School, recently brought her class to the museum as a followup to a unit of study on Pioneer Life, the students were diligently examining the many pioneer household and machinery artifacts that we have on display at the Vernon Museum. One student wondered out loud if the barn was haunted. She wanted to know if we had any ghosts. I was standing beside an old treadle sewing machine at the time and I made up a scary sounding ghost story right on the spot. I Told a convincing tale of a weeping young lady ghost, dressed in a long, flowing white gown, who came and sat down at the sewing machine, night after night (around midnight of course).

She sobbed and sobbed while working the treadle non stop until just before dawn. She was making herself a beautiful wedding dress. She was to be married, but just before the wedding was to take place, her husband-to-be was killed by a tree that he was chopping down to build their log home. Upon learning of her fiance's death, the bride-to-be was so distraught she committed suicide, and every night since, she returns to finish her wedding dress. "Have you seen her?", a student asks. I shuddered and said "No, I was always too afraid to look." Another student asked, "When did it happen?" "About 1850", I replied. (She didn't realize the sewing machine in question was from another era!) The students ran off to get the other group and when they returned they too begged that I retell the ghost story of the seamstress. Afterwards, I whispered into a student's ear that the story wasn't true. I had just made it up. When he tried to tell the others the story was a fake, they wouldn't believe him. It just goes to show you, people believe what they want they want to believe. (I must think up a name for the ghost of the O.T.H.S Museum. If Watson's Mill in Manotick has their very own ghost, why not us?)

What does all this have to do with the Township of Osgoode Historical Society? Our mandate is to preserve, as accurately as possible, the history of the former residents of the former Osgoode Township. We do this by collecting, identifying, cataloguing and displaying the numerous artifacts used by the many township residents of bygone days. The provenance associated with these artifacts and families are a record of the way things really were and it gives today's residents and others a better understanding of the past and a greater appreciation of the present. We attempt to tell the real story of Osgoode Township. Drop by the museum in Vernon soon and return to visit us often. We are open daily except Monday. Come out to the monthly meetings - the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Take out a membership. It's only \$15.00 annually. Michelle Lachance, our Curator/Archivist will give you the "straight goods" - no fake ghost stories and/or myths.

Ron Isaac

ATTENTION OSGOODE VETERANS

OTHS&M is looking to contact all Veterans who were either born in or have lived in the Township of Osgoode. We are currently gathering information to prepare a publication of "The Military Heritage of Historic Osgoode Township"

If you are a Veteran or are currently serving or have an ancestor who served, we would like to speak with you. Please contact

Corinne Atkins-Sheldrick
at (613)821-4062 or oths@magma.ca

CURATOR/ARCHIVIST REPORT

September 2003

There have been a whirlwind of activities at the Museum since the last newsletter. We received a total of 889 visitors in the past three months and the following topics were researched either in house or by e-mail:

Iveson; McRostie; Lot 20, Con. 6; Moore; McKenna; Divisional Registrar Death Records; McDonald; Notre Dame Church, Ottawa; McNeil; Dalmeny; Bowen; Poapst; Starr Manufacturing Co.; Local Authors; Local Newspapers from 1872; Buchanan; Cinnamon; Kelly; Liddell; Kearns.

We are pleased to welcome two new volunteers, Gayle Luth of Metcalfe and Beth McEvoy of Ottawa. Osgoode Township High School student Stephanie Curry of Kenmore completed 40 hours of work with us over the summer months.

CURATOR/ARCHIVIST REPORT CONT'D

Over the past few months, we have made four appearances at the Metcalfe Farmers' Market, participated in the information fair at the Carleton County Ploughing Match in Kars, held a cemetery recording demonstration day at Springhill Cemetery, and begun an inventory of our holdings. Angela Barkley of Vernon worked with us for a second summer with the held of a Young Canada Works Grant from the Canadian Museums Association.

New to the Museum:

A collection of pieces which are on loan to the museum, which include a nursing rocker, oak frame bed, mahogany dresser, cherry/oak night stand, glass fronted bookcase and kitchen dish cupboard.

On loan from **Bill Zandbelt** of Vernon is a replica of a house/barn structure which depict both a typical housing structure on farms in Holland, and specifically, the home where Bill was raised before emigrating to Canada.

Donated by **Jane Cooper** of Metcalfe are (1) a booklet "Constitution and Laws of the Loyal Orange Young Briton Association - 1925", two badges: AOUW and IOFL - both from Metcalfe lodges; badge from IOFL River Philip lodge; apron and sash from Free Mason (unknown lodge).

On loan from **Clarence Prescott** of Winchester is a set of six bells tied to two leather harness straps.

Donated by **Maureen (McKeown) Young** of Russell is a beautiful wedding dress worn in 1850 by Kate McKeown when she married Peter McPherson.

Two wooden poles used to measure depth of graves, a handmade wooden rake and a water pump, all used at Springhill cemetery, donated by the **Springhill Cemetery Board**.

Two oars made and used by Dominic Kelly with his last handmade boat at Kelly's Landing on the Rideau; oar locks and bottle opener also used on this boat have been donated by **David Gray** of Metcalfe. Also donated by David is the head of a pike pole used in timber drives and a wood chisel used by Ephrem Lindsay.

A framed Memory Box for Sgt Pilot Duncan McVey Carkner, with photograph, 3 medals and silver cross, with text, and the RCAF Pilot Flying Log Book for Duncan McVey Carkner, 1943, have been donated by **Nona Cherry, Doris Loney, Helen Boothe, Phillis Curran and Joyce Fulford**.

A wash stand set consisting of a large bowl and pitcher, toothbrush holder, 3-piece soap dish, water cup and small pitcher, owned by Wilfred and Dorothea (Kyle) Latimer, donated by **William and Nibby Donaldson** of Metcalfe.

Donated sometime back, and now fully restored thanks to the efforts of Bill Zandbelt is a knitting machine donated by **Arnold Duncan** of Winchester.

On loan from **Roy Porteous** of Vernon are a collection of photographs of The Lighthouse Dance Hall on the Rideau River, and the Cliff Wilkes Band.

New to the Archives:

Photographs of the Stevenson family, and three scrapbooks donated by **Dwight McRuer** of Kenmore.

Invoice book used by W.E. Lindsay of Kars in 1940's; cash receipts and disbursements journal used by Lindsay family 1901-1928; cash receipts and disbursements journal used by Lindsay family 1875-1876; envelope postmarked 1902 addressed to J.C. Lindsay; envelope sent by Clark Moses of Osgoode to Robert Raney of Metcalfe (no date); Poultry insurance flyer addressed to Clark Moses; correspondence from Clark Moses dated Feb. 1, 1929 (recipient unknown), were donated by **David Gray** of Metcalfe.

Certificate issued to Provincial Lieutenant

Governor Albert Matthews to Howard Wellington Porteous re: Appointment as Commissioner of Oaths and Affidavits, donated by **Roy and Kay Porteous** of Vernon.

On loan from **Elizabeth Stuart** of Dalmeny is a publication: Index to the Upper Canada Land Books, Volume 3, January 1906 to December 1816.

On loan from **Basil McCormick** is a publication: A Souvenir of the Glengarry Telephone Company, prepared by Mr. McCormick and presented to the Glengarry Historical Society.

Donated by **Doug Hughes** of Kemptville is a photo reproduction of the Metcalfe Calf Club, 1932, taken at the Ottawa Winter Fair. Among the three boys showing their calves is Donald Munroe Hughes, b. in 1913.

Donated by **Ed and Bonnie Simons** of Redding, California is a biography of the Life and Times of Mr. Lee Browne.

Donated by **Ruth (McKeen) and Ralph Wilkinson** of Ottawa is a photo reproduction of the family of William John McKean/McKeen family.

And in other news....

We are seeking the help of volunteers in the following capacities:

- (1) Updating some of the Scrapbooks we have in our Scrapbook History of Osgoode collection. This a job which one or more persons could do at their leisure, which has no target date.
- (2) Entering our property records information on computer. This is a job which requires experience working with spreadsheets, and it is a job which someone could work on at home.
- (3) Doing some general typing using either WordPerfect or MSWord software. This is also a job which someone could easily do at home.

If you are interested in helping with any of these tasks, please come into the museum and see me, or give me a call at 821-4062.

Michelle Lachance
Archivist/Curator

UPCOMING MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

October 7th at 8:00 p.m. **Alec Ball**, Metcalfe on
- History of Springhill Cemetery
- Using cemetery recordings in family research

November 4th at 7:30 p.m. **Alexandra deQuimper**, of
Cheney on Grant Settlement - Then and Now.
Display of artifacts she uncovered while
researching her book

October 12, 2003 **HALLOWEEN** **AYS**
noon to 5:00 p.m. at **Springhill Cemetery**, Vernon

✓ Come out and enjoy demonstrations featuring activities featuring apple bobbing, pie eating contest, canning and quilting, much more.

Free beverage for all who show up wearing a cowboy hat!

October 18, 2003 **ANTIQUARIAN** **ROADSHOW**
FROM 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.
Agri-view Building, Vernon

✓ Collectors and experts to help you identify collectibles and objects. For more information contact us about your collections. Sales not given for one item, each item \$1.00.

For more info on these call Michelle at 821-4062
Come and bring your collectibles!

Cancelled

IN SEARCH

OF THEIR

ROOTS



I am seeking information

on the **Buchanan** family my g-g grandfather was born in Upper Canada , I do not know where, on 10 Oct 1827 - his father was supposed to have been born in Scotland and his mother in Vermont, USA. My ancestor, George Robert Buchanan moved to the USA before 1851 , as he was married on 27 Oct 1851 to Mary Jane Oviatt in Derby , Conn. USA. He used his middle name " Robert "during his lifetime in America ..he was a shoemaker by trade until about 1860 and then became a hatter — a partner in the firm Mork and Buchanan Hatters in New York city and Newark NJ— he resided on Spring Street , Newark NJ at the time of his death on 19 Aug 1881 — his first child , a son , was named George Thomas Buchanan , after his paternal grandfather ??? the first daughter Harriet and second son David were named after the maternal grandparents — maybe the second daughter , Guineith , was named after her paternal grandmother ..

Thank you, Leslie L. Post , Fountain Hills, U.S.A

<genealogist@penaguin.com>

I am looking for evidence of the existence of my g-g-grandparents in Osgoode township. John and Jane Murray/McMurray emigrated from Ireland in 1832 with their 2 children, Christopher (age 2) and Harold (age 6 mths) from Co. Monaghan, Ireland. (Harold died on the voyage). They settled in the Osgoode Station area and raised their family (7 more children were born in Ontario). John was of Scottish descent and his wife, Jane was Irish. They also were supposed to have settled on land which was offered to them cheaply by the government at that particular time.

Thank you for your assistance.

Regards, Mary Brohman marybrohman@sympatico.ca

Department of Education, Ontario

Annual Examination, 1932 - Middle School

CANADIAN HISTORY

1. (a) Give the location of the following: the Long Sault, Catarauqui, Montgomery's Tavern, Chateauguay, Charlestown.
- (b) By reference to historical facts explain why each of the places named in (a) is of importance in Canadian history.
2. (a) What is meant by saying that Canada has a federal system of government?
- (b) To what court in Great Britain is there an appeal from Canadian courts?
3. Give an account of the exploration of : Cartier, Champlain, Alexander Mackenzie.
- 4.(a) Describe the relations between seigneur and the habitant in New France
- (b) Give an account of the part played by the Church in New France
5. (a) What is meant by "the National Policy of Sir John A. Macdonald?
- (b) Give a summary of the contributions of Sir John A Macdonald to Canadian development.
6. Give an account of the League of Nations and Canada's part in its work.

4TH QUARRIERS CANADIAN REUNION

November 1st, 2003, Holiday Inn, Kingston

Quarriers' story begins in 1833 when three year old William, his mother and sisters were plunged into poverty by the death of his father. Rising to become a successful businessman, he had a vision - to help destitute children. Starting in the slums of Glasgow he dreamt of a children's village in the country where fresh air and education could transform the prospects for the children of destitute families. In 1876 he bought land and the Village began to take shape.

Quarrier began to sent parties of children to Canada to find a better life. The first party of thirty-five boys set sail in July 1872. In May 1888 William Quarrier opened his own receiving home Fairknow, in Browckville where thousands of children passed through on the way to a new life in Canada.

Over 200,000 Canadians are descended from the young immigrants from Quarriers. Four generations will have followed from those early immigrants in the 1870's.

For more information regarding the reunion contact:
Beth Brude, 93 Elmwood Ave. Toronto, M2N 3L8

PATRICK DEWAN

Note: In the June issue, one sentence was omitted in the last paragraph in the biography of Michael Dewan. My sincere apologies.

Patrick Michael's roots run deep in Osgoode Township. Grandson of Patrick Dewan born 29, May, 1820 County Tipperary. His wife Mary McGee born 1828 County Down, Ireland. Great Grandson of Morris Dewan born 1793, his wife Alice Prout born 1798 County Tipperary (farmed Gloucester). Great Grandson of Bernard McGee, his wife Briget of County Down, Ireland. Great Grandson of Patrick Shields, his wife Molly McGee of County Wexford, Ireland. Great Great Grandson of Edmund McEvoy, his wife Catherine Kennedy of County Kilkenny, Ireland. Edmund McEvoy died Dec 12, 1834, buried in St Scolastique, Quebec. His wife Catherine Kennedy died Feb 27, 1861, buried in Johns Cemetery in Enniskerry, Township of Osgoode.

Olive, Great, Great Grandparents Patrick Nash, his wife Margaret Blanchfield, also reside in St Johns Cemetery.

Michael Daley

✓ Audrey Buckingham of Metcalfe was the winner of the 50/50 Draw at Pioneer Days on July 26th at the museum. Thanks to all for helping with this fundraiser.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

OSGOODE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

The committee organizing the 50th reunion at Osgoode Township High School has set the 14th, 15th and 16th of May, 2004 as the dates for all past and present students and staff to mark on their calendars.

Osgoode Township High School, located in the village of Metcalfe, now part of Ottawa's Ward 20 (formerly the Township of Osgoode), is approximately 20 minutes due south of the downtown core of the new city of Ottawa. This fine educational facility is one of the Ottawa Carleton Board Secondary Schools.

According to records of the former Township of Osgoode, on June 28, 1949 bylaw #1374 provided that Osgoode Township be established as a High School District effective January 1, 1950. On January 17, 1950, an inaugural meeting of the Osgoode Township High School Board was held in the Township Hall in Metcalfe. The first Board members were C. Orton Dow (Chairman), Robert McRuer, Arnold Nixon, Wilbert Duncan, Al Hebert, with Russell Blair, Township Clerk serving as Board Secretary.

Previous to the opening of Osgoode Township High School, the township had been served by Metcalfe and Kenmore Continuation Schools in the east and students in the west attended schools at Kars and Manotick. Metcalfe Continuation School closed its doors to secondary school students in 1949. Kenmore Continuation School remained open and secondary students were sent hither and yon to Richmond, Halville, Winchester, Morewood and Ottawa.

In January, 1952, the Board applied to the Ontario Department of Education in Toronto for permission to build a secondary school. By November 1953, construction of Osgoode Township's new \$135,000.00 high school at Metcalfe was under way by Paul Daost Construction Ltd of Ottawa. The six room school, built to accommodate 200 students, was located on farm land purchased from J.E. Craig and F.B. Latimer. Chairman of the High School Board of the Township of Osgoode, as it was officially known, was Wilbert D. Duncan. Trustees included R. M. McRuer, Kenmore; Ray McEvoy, Osgoode Station; J.A. Waddell, Metcalfe; and Cecil Nixon, Osgoode Station. Board Secretary-Treasurer was Mrs. G.A. Latimer.

In March, 1954, the Board engaged Mr Ross Babion as Principal and Mr Phil Kelly as Vice-Principal. Other teaching staff included Mr J Twiname, Mrs M. Mann, Mrs E. Hill, Mrs Florence Hay and Miss D. Disher. 152 students enrolled for the start of classes on September 7, 1954. (Note: Osgoode Township Historical Society's very own Miss Elizabeth Stuart joined the O.T.H.S staff of 1955-56). The newly constructed East Osgoode Memorial Community Centre Hall, located on Albert Street (now 8th Line Road) directly across from O.T.H.S. was used for school assemblies and physical education classes.

As the population of the township grew, the number of students increased much more rapidly than was forecast. Two new classrooms were added in 1956,

two more in 1959, four more in 1961, and two more in 1963. In 1966, a gymnasium and auditorium was added to the building. A second floor expansion included home economics rooms, library and three classrooms. In 1970, a number of rooms were added to include a business machines room, a supply room in the commercial area, a commercial office, a cafetorium, two science labs, two more classrooms, a new library on the main floor, three guidance offices, two industrial arts rooms, a music room, and an art room. By 1977 the student population had taken off again and as a result, eight portable classrooms were in use at the back of the school. In 1979, a major second floor expansion was added on to the south end of the building with new library facilities, an exercise gym, change rooms, and a second technical shop. In more recent years, advancements in the field of technology have created the need for additional changes to accommodate three computer labs and a well-equipped research-resource centre in the library.



Osgoode High School Grads - 1955 - Three Osgoode Township High School graduates and Marion Waddell, lower right, Osgoode Township Council scholarship winner, smile happily for the Journal photographer at the high school's first commencement exercises. The other three shown are Lois Carson, Keith Ross, left and Peter Crerar.

Osgoode Township High School is now operating on a 4-year semestered program for students from grades nine to twelve. Elementary feeder schools include Metcalfe Public School which includes senior students from Osgoode P.S. and Greely E.S., Castor Valley, Metcalfe Community Christian School and some continuing students from Russell. The student enrollment for the 2002-2003 school year was approximately 770 of which 215 were grade nines. There were approximately 65 staff members which included 18 administrative and support staff. (Note: The numbers for the 2003-2004 school year are slightly less.) The present O.T.H.S Principal is Kerry Callan-Jones and the Vice-Principals are Mark Mahoney and John Dixon (acting V.P.).

O.T.H.S students are ever mindful of the school's "Triple A's - a positive ATTITUDE reinforced by serious APPLICATION leads to solid ACHIEVEMENT." Each year, O.T.H.S recognizes many graduating

students for their superior achievements who go on to post-secondary education to prepare to serve and to contribute to their communities and beyond.

During these years at Osgoode Township High School, each one of us had a wonderful, invisible scrapbook of memories which we carry with us always. On its many pages, we have kept the sights, sounds, fragrances, textures and tastes, the faces and places and emotions of those few years. Unlike an actual scrapbook, its pictures will never fade, or its thoughts and words never grow old and yellowed. Look into that scrapbook of your memory. It is a unique and valuable treasure in your life. Add to its pages by attending the 50th Reunion at Osgoode Township High School in 2004! Plan to attend! (If you have any memorabilia to share with those attending on the reunion weekend 0 May 14-16 - please let me know. An O.T.H.S Reunion web site is to be set up in the near future.)

Nelda Isaac (nee Reaney) Graduating class of 1961



NOTE OF INTEREST

An excerpt of interest from Volume 3, 1977, No. 4 Newsletter, Editor Elizabeth Stuart

There has been a great deal of interest in the old road that passed by the old St Johns Church in Enniskerry that we have used on the 1977 Newsletter. A road map was printed shortly after the construction of the Rideau Canal and the settlement at Bytown. All the roads in Eastern Ontario were drawn in and many comments included. There were two roads, a short distance apart, that led out from Hogs Back: one road went east through Gloucester, Cumberland, and Clarence, following, in the main, the south side of Bearbrook; the other veered through Gloucester to the present site of Greely, where there was a divide in the road. Just before this divide there was a later a tollgate. One crooked road went south two concessions, east one concession, and then south to the Winchester Township boundary where a 'Wilderness' was indicated on the map for most of Winchester. The road coming through Gloucester passed through Cunningham's Tavern. At lot 5 in the 5th concession of Osgoode where the road divided was Barton's Inn, a house on the west side of the road that continued on through W. Osgoode to McGargar's Inn. Along this road is written 'Travelled Road to Bytown' and 'indifferent road.'

According to the 1842 Census, there were three people who had 'TK' after their names to designate their occupation. TK stood for Tavern Keeper or place of public entertainment. Harvey Rossiter, born in the United States, was at Greely, lot 5 and had a frame 2 storey house, one of the few houses in the neighbourhood; Thomas Bailey and his wife Mary Scrivens, both from England, had an Inn at Metcalfe; and Peter Swatsfigurd (one of the many spellings for Schwerdfaeiger) was at W. Osgoode. Besides these three Tavern Keepers, there were only 18 of the 240 families then living in Osgoode who said they were living in a 'house.' All other homes would be roughly constructed "shanties." The house owners were Sabrina Harrison, Daniel Davis, John Lee, John Farlinger, Henry Hanna, Peter McNabb, Thomas York, Wm York, Esq., Daniel Ferguson, Leonard Wood, Dan'l Cameron, Pat'k King, Donald Kennedy, Widow (Alex) McDonnell, Elwin Keams, John Johnson, John Blair, James Blair.

The property in concession 5 beginning at the Gloucester boundary had been granted early in 1800, mainly to sons and daughters of United Empire Loyalists. On March 4, 1816, Samuel Moss, son of Samuel Moss, U.E of Osnabruck was granted lot 4, Elizabeth Hains, lot 5, and John Empey, lot 6. Earlier, in 1812, Christopher Babuty Stevens, son of Roger, Carleton County's earliest settler, had been granted lot 7. By 1834, when the first votes were cast by Osgoode land owners, Pat'k Skiffington owned lot 2, Peter Skiffington lot 3, James Johnston lot 4, Wm O'Connor lot 7. In 1851 Samuel Rossiter owned the 200 acres that included the Tavern. He was cultivating 60 acres of it; 27 in pasture and 33 in crops; 140 were bush. The crops were 20 acres of wheat that produced 400 bushels; 5 acres barley - 70 bus.; 3 acres of oats - 60 bu.; 3 of Indian Corn - 60 bu.; 1 acre of potatoes - 100 bu.; (but the potato crop failed from blight); 1 acre of turnips - 100 bu.; The farm produced 50 lbs of butter, 1800 lbs beef, 1800 lb. Pork, and along with other animals there were 4 houses. Certainly the travelers would have plenty to eat. This farm was between John Lee's and Jas. Duncan's. On 13 June 1857, Samuel Rossiter, then of Williamsburg, made his will, stating that his wife Cloe Ann was in Morrisburg and his son Melburn Washington Rossiter was on a farm lot 5 con 5, Osgoode. In 1861, E.J. Smith, age 42, also born N.Y owned the Rossiter Inn - the frame 2-storey structure, and later it was bought by Richard Stanley, age 30 in

1871 and his wife Frances. The Inn was just west of the blacksmith shop. In the Greely area the roadway changed somewhat over the early years.

In its day the Rossiter Inn was well known in Osgoode. Early in 1849, Elisha F. Loucks, who had property around Yorks Corners, was reprimanded by some of his fellow church members "for attending a Ball at Mr Rosseter's Tavern on the night of Dec 25, 1848 and acting in the capacity of a fiddler to the company. And moreover that Mr Rosseter, a play actor or juggler held an exhibition of his tricks at his house during the month of January - the performance was an offence against sobriety..." Elisha F Loucks, who probably knew the Rosseters before they both moved into Osgoode Township, "acknowledged that he had accepted an invitation to take an oyster supper at Rosseters on the evening of 25th of Dec last and went, not expecting to see anything like a Ball, but there was dancing and he entered the Ballroom and having a taste for music did lay a few tunes". As to the charge of Rosseter exhibiting his tricks at his house or mill - "the notice was put up without his knowledge or consent - the exhibition did not take place on his premises."

Query - Did the first Agricultural Fair in Osgoode, organized 1854, take place at Rossiters (various spellings)?

TRAGEDY ON THE RIDEAU RIVER

SUNDAY JULY 20, 1947

Eight year old Lorraine Voisine, of Winchester was left an orphan when her parents Albert Voisine, owner and operator of the Crown Bakery of Winchester, with his wife and five year old son were drowned. This story begins July 20, 1947 when the Voisine family of four with their friends Thomas Kiley, born Mount St. Patrick, his wife Philomena Fleurie and two dogs made their way to picnic on James Island in the Rideau River near Osgoode Village, returning later in the evening. Four adults, two children, two dogs, was too much for the small rowboat. When someone stood up in the boat, it overturned. Mrs Kiley caught hold of Lorraine and managed to keep herself above water. James Doherty, a farmer nearby heard her shout, answered Mrs Kiley's cry for help. He pushed his rowboat into the water as quickly as he could. He rescued Mrs Kiley and Lorraine, dropped them back on the Island then returned to the overturned boat. When no trace of the others could be found, he gave the alarm to other farmers in the area and dragging operations began immediately.

Rev. Father McNally, Parish Priest of Eganville, was informed of the multiple drowning and was requested to convey the sad news to Mr and Mrs Joseph Kiley of Wilberforce. He did so with results. That, added to the distress and sorrow, Mrs. Kiley on being told of the death of her son, collapsed and before a doctor had time to arrive, she was dead. The bodies of the four victims were recovered on Monday 24 hours after the search began.

