



Maplehurst Sugar Bush March 25, 1977

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Our 1978 Newsletter picture of the Sugar Bush near Dalmeny is a recent photo, but many of the large tall trees on the 10-acre lot were probably standing when the first white settlers tramped through the wilderness of Osgoode Township. The 60-year old sugar hut is at least the third built somewhere on the 100-acre lot, west half of lot 34 in the 5th concession. No doubt syrup was first made without the benefit of any building.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings and all good wishes to the Members of the Osgoode Township Historical Society and Museum - to all whom I know, and to all who know me only as a name.

It has been a privilege and an honour to serve as President of the Society, and an added honour to be chosen to be at the helm for a second term. Since an Organization is only as good as the Members and the Officers wish to make it, I wish to state that we have an excellent slate of Officers and we have undivided support from our Members. I wish to thank each one who helped make the past year such a memorable one as we celebrated Osgoode's Sesqui-Centennial. I ask your continued support for our activities during 1978.

I am a "displaced" person, having come from Nova Scotia where my elder brother, Trueman, is preparing our Wright Family History. It was because of his interest in similar work that I became involved with the Historical Society here. I assure you that it has been a pleasant association, and I look forward to knowing many more of you personally.

Mrs. M. M. (Connie) Sallans,
President.

Our first special event of the year will be what we call "Osgoode Heritage Day". We have chosen Saturday, February 18, to pay tribute to those whom we admire and to whom we are indebted for their courage, imagination, hard toil, and faith in our Township and in our Dominion. During the afternoon of the 18th, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., we shall have a special Open House, Tea, and Bake Sale, somewhat similar to the one many of you attended a year ago. We invite you again to come and to contribute to our Bake Table, to enjoy the fellowship of old and new friends and to assist us in any way you wish. We expect to have some musical talent and some special displays. And Wilfred Kearns, of 2069 Saunderson Drive, Ottawa, whose birthday happens to fall on the 18th, will be present, and he has offered to show us the slides he took at our Pioneer Days last August. It would be a good opportunity for you to bring in your valuable old photos for him to reprint. We recommend his work to those, too, who are too far distant to be present.

We are still having regular business meetings the first Friday afternoon in each month. On Friday evening, March 10, we plan to honour the Irish of the Township. Come and take part in the enjoyable program we have planned. There will even be an Irish Harp.

There have been about 100 members who have already paid their \$2.00 fee for 1978 (\$1.00 for a second member in the family), and we thank you for your support.

Volume VIII of Pioneer Families has been printed and it includes:

Patrick Blanchfield	Patrick Doyle	Stephen Ferguson	The Murray Family
Robert Cleland	David Everts	Stewart Hill	The Mussell Family
Samuel Craig			George Walker

There are eight Family Histories on hand for Volume IX.

In December 1832, Archibald McDonnell stated in a letter that there were then, among the inhabitants of Osgoode, 35 Scotch families and 27 Irish families. Below is written the ancestry of two young Osgoode men whose family trees illustrate these two strong strains in our Heritage. There are numerous methods of recording our ancestors. The important thing is that all our known data be written down for the many who are very much interested. According to the numbering system below, the father of #13 is #26; the father of #100 is #200. If numbers are omitted it signifies that the ancestor is unknown. Perhaps you can supply some of the missing links. Much valuable data had to be omitted.

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| 1. Michael Patrick Daley
b Nov 13, 1952 lot 14/3
PARENTS | 1. Christopher Ronald Duncan
b May 28, 1958 lot 35/7
PARENTS |
| 2. Michael Francis Daley
b Sept. 26, 1926
m June 3, 1950 | 2. Donald W. Duncan
b Jan. 30, 1934
m July 6, 1957 |
| 3. Beatrice Muriel Thompson
b Apr. 11, 1930, Maniwaki
GRANDPARENTS | 3. Irene Campbell
b Feb. 8, 1936 lot 29/6
GRANDPARENTS |
| 4. Thomas P. Daley
b Nov. 6, 1878
d May 30, 1948 | 4. Wilbert Duncan
1907-1970 |
| 5. Mary Ida Leahy
b Nov. 18, 1891
d Apr. 3, 1931 | 5. Donald McLaren
1907-1971 |
| 6. Wm. Pat'k Thompson
b March 19, 1892
m Dec. 25, 1917 | 6. Rolla Campbell
b Aug. 21, 1905 Indian Lands |
| 7. Edith Mahoney
b May 2, 1893
***** | 7. Katie Campbell
b Feb. 6, 1910 Golden Valley
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| 8. Michael T. Daley
1851-1948 | 8. Samuel Duncan |
| 9. Catherine Keough
1849-1948 | 9. Mary Lever |
| 10. Maurice Leahy
1862-1921 | 10. John McLaren |
| 11. Margaret Jane Herbert
1867-1948 | 11. Ellen Hall |
| 12. Alexander Thompson
1858-1939 | 12. John Colin Campbell
1875-1951 |
| 13. Frances Keegan
1861-1929 | 13. Isabella Ross
1880-1969 |
| 14. Charles Mahoney
1855-1929 | 14. James A. Campbell
1868-1927 |
| 15. Catherine Collins
1863-1905
***** | 15. Annie May MacTavish
1883-1946
***** |
| 16. Thomas Daley | 20. John McLaren |
| 17. Mary McGee | 21. Janet McPherson |
| 18. Thomas Keough | 24. John Campbell |
| 19. Elizabeth Shanahan | 25. Catherine Munro |
| 20. Timothy Leahy | 26. John Ross |
| 21. Mary Downs | 27. Elizabeth Smith |
| 22. James Herbert | 28. Robert C. Campbell |
| 23. Elizabeth Nash | 29. Margaret Sinclair |
| 24. Alexander Thompson | 30. Robert S. MacTavish |
| 25. Julia Murphy | 31. Kate McDiarmid
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| 26. John Keagan | 40. John McLaren (Cooper) |
| 27. Alice Huggart | 41. Catherine McDiarmid |
| 28. Denis Mortimer Mahoney | 48. James Campbell |
| 29. Sarah McGuiness | 50. Murdock Munro |
| 30. ? Collins | 52. ? Ross |
| 31. ? Knox
***** | 53. ? Grant |
| 32. Michael Daley | 56. John Campbell |
| 33. Elizabeth McGuire | 57. Ann Campbell |
| 34. Patrick McGee | 58. Peter Sinclair |
| 35. Mary Hughs | 59. Isabella Walker |
| 36. James McKeough | 60. Alexander MacTavish |
| 37. Catherine Ryan | 61. Mary McLaren |
| 44. Patrick Herbert | 62. Donald McDiarmid |
| 45. Bridget Herbert | 63. Catherine Stewart
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| 46. Patrick Nash, b 1798 Co. Kilkenny d 1886 Osgoode | 112. James Campbell d 1799 bur Lawers |
| 47. Margaret Blanchfield b 1801 Tipperary d 1886 Osgoode | 113. Margaret Crerar d 1822 |
| | 118. James Walker bur Ardeonaig |
| | 119. Jean Comrie d 1804 |
| | 124. Hugh McDiarmid |
| | 125. Catherine Lumsden |
| | 126. Alexander Stewart |
| | 127. Catherine McDiarmid
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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE OSGOODE TOWNSHIP MUSEUM FOR THE YEAR 1977

RECEIPTS		EXPENSES	
Book Value as of Jan. 1/77	\$ 6,658.58	Pioneer Families	\$ 1,062.22
Bank Deposit	\$2,658.58	Donation to "Glimpses"	1,221.00
Certification	4,000.00	Maintenance-Museum share	1,617.31
Interest	591.25	Bank Certificate	2,000.00
Donations	520.99	Expenses-Curator	608.91
Pioneer Families	1,752.25	Pancake Days	634.40
Atlases	90.00	Repairs	18.00
Bake Table	82.20	Atlases	143.00
Pancake Days	1,121.43	Pens	183.23
Pens	137.00	Donation to Historical Society	104.50
Provincial Grant	3,616.00	Membership - Ont. Museum	10.00
Sesqui-Centennial Grant	1,113.68	Bank Charges	9.00
Other Receipts	5.50	Postage	56.48
Total Receipts	\$15,688.88	Refreshments	67.40
Total Expenses	7,735.45	Total Expenses	\$ 7,735.45
Balance	7,953.43		
Bank Certificate	2,000.00		
Book Value as of Dec. 31, 1977	\$ 9,953.43		

Margaret Robb, Treasurer, Museum Section

The Slate of Officers for our Historical Society and Museum for the year 1978 will be the same as in 1977.

Miss Arlowa Ferguson, our Curator and Archivist, took advantage of a short course at Algonquin College to familiarize herself with some of the aspects of Museum procedure for which none of us have had any training. Because of this association, we are very fortunate to have gained the interest of the Staff of the College in our Museum here as evidenced by quotes from a letter written January 6, 1978.

Dear Miss Ferguson:

Please accept our gratitude for the warm and wonderful hospitality you extended to Mr. Twarecki, Mr. Chetelat, and myself on our recent visit. I think the best plan is for us to assign a team of two students to research both your story-line and your collection and prepare a general interpretation plan ready to submit to you for your approval in April so that its implementation could be begun as a summer project.

Obviously the success of this venture depends in a large measure on the availability of help, information, access to collections, etc.

The two students who have been selected for the project are Donaldda Hilton and Calvin Phillips.....

Sincerely,

J. P. Wohler,
Coordinator, Museum Technology Program, Community Service Studies Section.

The two students are in our Museum on Wednesdays, and we invite you to come and meet them and share in their enthusiasm for the work that they are doing on behalf of all of us. Later they plan to tour the Township in an attempt to absorb the atmosphere of our farms and villages - the atmosphere that has made us what we are. We feel indeed that we are getting valuable professional advice.

Would anyone willing to help please phone Arlowa Ferguson 821-2518 or Harry Anderson 821-2858.

During 1977 we mentioned the Rev. Dr. McDonnell Dawson, called the "Protestant Priest", as having ministered to the Roman Catholics of St. John's and St. Brigid's after Rev. O'Boyle left. It was stated in his Obituary that he had been instrumental in locating the "QUIGRICH" and in having it returned to Scotland. What was this queer object? And what was it doing in Canada? There is a picture of it on the cover of a very valued book, "In Famed Breadalbane". It is perhaps the most prized possession of the Scottish Antiquarian Society.

St. Columba and his companions from Ireland established themselves at Iona, off the west coast of Scotland, in 563, and it was from Iona that Christianity came to Scotland. There is plenty of evidence that Columba frequented the Breadalbane district from which so many Highlanders came to our community. St. Fillan (Faalen) came to the

Killin area of Perthshire, and ruins of the priory of this Irish Saint still stand - Strathfillan. St. Fillan was highly esteemed in Breadalbane and throughout Perthshire and it was from the Christian Community that civilizing influences spread into a lawless and barbarous age. Shortly after St. Fillan's death, his relics were entrusted to laymen in Glendochart, and the Crown granted land to these custodians, called in Gaelic, Deoradh, which means 'stranger' or 'exile', since the relic was carried to distant regions for special reasons - finding lost cattle, or curing the sick. The office gave rise to the name Dewar, well known in Osgoode as well as Breadalbane. There were five relics which are often mentioned in ancient documents and which were regarded with awe as having special power.

The Crozier - St. Fillan's staff - was mentioned so frequently that a picture of society over hundreds of years can be seen. Finlay Dewar was the hereditary custodian in 1428. Even during the Reformation the Quigrich - the beautifully carved head of the Crozier - remained in the hands of the Dewars. But the Dewar family, like others, made over their lands to the Campbells, Lords of Breadalbane, and when their fortunes were at a low ebb, the precious Quigrich was sold to the McDonells of Glengarry who had remained Catholic and had great regard for this relic. When the misfortunes of the Dewars increased, they determined to buy it back. Alexander Dewar took it to Edinburgh in 1808 and advertised it, among other things as a "relic of the famous St. Fillan under which the Scottish Army vowed to conquer or die before Bannockburn". Alexander's son, Archibald, brought the Quigrich with him to Beckwith in 1818. Son Archibald took it with him to Plymton, a prairie settlement, where the Dewar family were persuaded to give it up and have it returned to Scotland in 1876.

It is quite likely that the Rev. McDonell Dawson, a relative of Bishop McDonell of Kingston, and a relative of the McDonells who had possession of the Crozier for a short time, learned its whereabouts from the Osgoode Highlanders, many of whom were related to the Dewars of Killin. Rev. Aenus McDonell helped, too, in its recovery. Now this 1200-year-old relic is preserved for all to see in the National Museum of Antiquities in Edinburgh.

Robert Bruce made St. Fillan a saint early in the 700s. We should like to see the 1200-year-old genealogy of our Dewar Family.

In the April Newsletter we plan to draw to your attention the debt we owe to our unknown United Empire Loyalist ancestors, and mention the many acres of land that they once owned in the Township. We are happy to learn that a new Loyalist Society has been formed along "The Front". We feel we can benefit one another.