



Dr. Ballantyne in Vernon

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Most of us who have lived for at least three score years and ten have fond memories of the "horse and buggy days" and of the valuable impact that was made on our lives by the reliable, cooperative, well-groomed, well-disciplined horse upon which so much of our living depended. We remember, too, standing in awe, watching a strange vehicle travelling, seemingly effortless, along the road. And when there was the rare confrontation between a high-spirited horse and the motor car on the dusty, narrow, rounded roads, the results were unpredictable.

The picture of the "auto" on the Newsletter with its owner and admiring friends was taken beside the old John Howell brick house in Vernon. The handsome bachelor, Dr. Bill Ballantyne, came to Vernon before World War I and had his office in the south side of what was perhaps the oldest house in Vernon. John Howell, age 29, was a blacksmith in 1881 when the census was taken. Dr. Ballantyne enlisted in the Army and later lived in Ottawa. The young lady to the left, Vida Thompson, was a niece of Hugh Slater who had bought the Vernon Lumber mill from Byron Moses. Next to her is Ruth Kennedy, owner of the picture, and daughter of James Kennedy of Kennedy's Corners. The others are as yet unidentified.

Again this year the Historical Society has chosen an Osgoode Township Heritage Day, Saturday, February 16. We have invited the students in our Elementary Schools to help us preserve our History by participating in a contest in which they may choose from three topics: *A Little-Known Person; A Little-Known Place; A Little-Known Thing*. Entries will be judged and the winners will read their stories on February 16 at the Museum, from 1:00 - 5:00 in the afternoon. As usual we will be serving afternoon tea and would welcome contributions from the members.

We can report an enthusiastic audience of more than 100 who came out in November to honour the Scottish tradition in our area. We are grateful to Norma Morrison, David Robb, Harvey Linton, Eric Ferguson, Walter McDonald, and Doris Broughton for their part in arranging the program. George Neville, a member of the Osgoode Heritage tour, and Editor of "Families", the magazine of the Ontario Genealogical Society, is showing his slides of the tour at the Ottawa Branch meeting to be held at the Auditorium of the Public Archives, Wellington Street, on February 4, at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome. We continue to marvel at the splendid plans made for us by our Tour Guide, Herb Stewart. Leslie Robinson and wife Isabel (McDonald) also visited Scotland, and Isabel toured the ancestral home of her Menzies ancestors, the castle at Weem, about one mile from Aberfeldy. James McDonald of Ormond, the ancestor of so many who still carry the McDonald name, was a son of John McDonald and Janet Menzies. The Castle, long neglected, is recently being restored by descendants of the Menzies families. The castle at Weem was only one of half a dozen rival strongholds in a small area. By the 1842 census we can appreciate the great activity there at the time. The occupants of the castle have the following occupations listed after their names:

mole catcher
journeyman
innkeeper
oak peeler
lodge keeper
joiner
carpenter
gardener

mid - wife
building superintendant
farm overseer
weaver
shepherd
shoemaker
mason
wood monger

dairy maid
hostler
nursing maid
house maid
wood officer
cooper
sheriff officer
carrier
smith

There seems to be an endless variety of sources from which information on our past history may be gleaned. In the Perth Library, Scotland, the very obliging Librarian showed us the "Rental Book of the Cisterian Abbey of Cupar Angus, Vol. 1". Norma Simpson Morrison and Jean Morrison Capell visited the very old and well-kept village and cemetery of Cupar Angus looking for the tombstones of their Simpson and Paterson ancestors. In the Rental Book, we read for Couper Grange (spelling as written):

"At Pentecost 1471, the 12th part of the deceased Wm Jorgeson is let for 5 years to David Simonson for the annual payment for the ferm of a chalder of barley, royal measure, and 2 merks money, a dozen capons and 2 bolls of horse corn and 6 thrains of oaten straw and with all other services usual in divots and others, and he shall plant his gardens at least on the edge with timber, viz ashes, saichs, and osiers and as far as possible sow corn according to the statute of parliament and the cort of the monestery; finally he shall stand at the will of the abbot and convent and decisions of their cort and for the grasses he shall give 10 merks within 2 years; for all of the above Robert Simonson Coupar Grange is secured."

In 1479 the name of Donald Paterson appears. When the Church ceased to be the landlords, others replaced them, and the system carried on. It is little wonder that the pioneer immigrants bore great hardships knowing that finally they could hold property in their own name.

As previously mentioned, 1980 is the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the splendid postal service out of "Osgoode Station" that has benefited a large part of the Township. In "Rural Life in Ontario" Ken Russell, son of Johnny Russell, Osgoode Station agent for many years, tells of the People and homes at the "Turn of the Century".

"The principal store was under the ownership and management of A. P. Wilson, better known as "Pete", and a line of general merchandize and food stuffs was carried. The store was a meeting place for farmers and the problems of the day were debated at great length. Another, but less pretentious store was that conducted by Samuel Baldry and his wife Sarah (York) whose motto was "Live and let live,". The school children referred to the shop as "Bryson and Graham's" and many a coin was passed over the counter to them for chocolates and licorice bars. The Baldry establishment adjoined the school-yard, and a son, Emery, given to telling tales out of school, was often reprimanded by his father and ordered in no uncertain terms to "Button up your lip".

"The village hotel, complete with sheds and stables, was conducted by Frank Young, and the memory lingers of the choice viands served in the bright cheery dining room situated well back in the building..."

"Walking from west to east along Memory's Lane I meet Bill Lewis, his spouse, and their numerous offspring, the Riley sisters with their cloth loom. Section Foreman Patsy Scanlon and family, Tom and Mrs. Griffiths, Jonathon Kerrand, Mrs. Kerr and George, Archie Buckles and his wife and children.... Reaching the station I pause to reflect before continuing on my way to visit Dr. Allen, Captain and Mrs. Rance, the Baldrys, and Mr. Ivey, a one-time coachman who once drove the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII, while on a visit to Montreal. My journey ends with a brief stay at the Logan farm to offer respects to the good owner thereof and his sons and daughters."

"In recording the foregoing rambling reflections of the days beyond recall, I was enabled for a short period to forget the stress and strain of the era in which we live." (Written 1841...WW2.)

Another letter was received in 1943:

THE LADY OF THE LOOM

"In my childhood I was intrigued by a woman of masculine bearing who operated a hand-loom. Under expert guidance the shuttles flew back and forth with lightning rapidity, foot peddles rattled and groaned, and out of a the turmoil came carpets and bolts of cloth at the whim of the operator. The loom was a wooden contraption that filled the better part of the small dwelling occupied by Mary Riley and her sister Martha. Where Mary learned the art of weaving I am unable to ascertain, but she laboured long hours at an exacting task and received little in the way of monetary returns. Mary Riley was a woman serene in countenance, god-fearing, and although possessed of little of the world's goods, the "Lady of the Loom" was a memorable character."

According to the 1881 census, Mary, then age 40, was already weaving. She was head of a household with Martha, Sarah, Agness, Nancy, and Thomas. About 50 years ago John Eamer bought this very old, small, warm home,

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 192. Dorothy McDiarmid, Osgoode
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restored and enlarged it. Today it is the attractive residence of Mrs. Condie.

When the 1871 and the 1881 census was taken, our Township was divided into 3 parts. But in 1861 travelling was so difficult that ten divisions were set up and there were ten different enumerators who recorded the names of the family members, their ages, religion, type of home, and country of birth. Division 1 included lots 1-22 in concessions 1 and 2 - the area that begins at Manotick. John Daly, the Enumerator for those families, left us some extra valuable information. Under the heading "house built during the year", we have the year that each home was erected. For the other divisions we know only the homes erected in the year 1860-1. Below is the name of the head of the house, the type of building: log (L), frame (F), or stone (S). It is interesting that in this north west corner of the township there were no "shanties" in which people still resided. The rest of the enumerators found many. No one who has worked with early records is ever very dogmatic about the correct spelling of his name. Even in 1881 family names were spelled in a variety of ways. You may not even be able to recognize any similarity: Conley-Condie, McCortle-McKorkle, O'Brien-O'Byron, etc. And often the name was spelled differently each time it was written.

We should like some one to research in this area to find out how many of these early homes are still being lived in.

Davit Conley	L 1852	Thomas Mansfield	F 1860	William Fox	L 1858
Charles Chambers	L 1849	John Trembley	F 1857	James Stuart	L 1860
William Conley	L 1835	Omer Kingbard	F 1858	Thomas Fernan	L 1838
Josaph Martin	F 1834	James Bacamen	L 1853	Peter Cavnagh	L 1835
Robert Lowerry	S 1858	James Haney	L 1858	Thomas Brownlee	L 1857
Patrick Ryan	L 1838	Jameas McKey	F 1832	Briget Ryan	L 1839
William Davison	F 1839	Robert Davis	F 1837	Patrick Harney	F 1860
Patrick Caton	F 1860	Andrew Garner	F 1858	Martin Finley	L 1858
Francis Russell	L 1838	John Suliven	L 1857	Thomas Plunket	L 1860
Peter Davison	L 1952	Jameas Hannem	L 1853	Mathew O Bryan	L 1853
Francis Brannan	L 1854	Micheal O Byran	L 1858	Patrick O Bryan	L 1850
Bernard Brannan	L 1859	John O Byran	F 1859	Patrick Sheels	F 1856
Lillil Letmore	L 1860	Patrick Erley	F 1854	Patrick Dewan	L 1857
Micheal Dolan	F 1854	Lawrence Finley	F 1855	James McCullan	L 1855
Thimity Ryan	L 1852	Patrick O Bryan	L 1838	William Murphy	L 1852
Henery Coners	L 1839	Thomas Brady	L 1842	George Cook	L 1837
Dines Connors	F 1838	Patrick Gilfoil	L 1850	Elizabeth McCarney	L 1835
Francis Laplant	F 1836	James McDunagh	L 1858	John Dolen	L 1852
William McCortel	L 1837	Thimity Connors	L 1834	Arthar McCawan	L 1853
Thomas Murphy	L 1853	John Flood	L 1838	Charles Fagen	F 1856
Jameas Doyl	L 1854	Nicholes Suliven	L 1856	Pashel Boushaw	L 1852
Jammes O Bryan	L 1857	Thomas Hatch	F 1849	Mathew Daley	L 1858
Edward Liurum	L 1857	Mathew Suliven	L 1852	Anthony Doyle	F 1854
		Patrick Suliven	L 1835	William Buttler	F 1836

The 3rd column begins with lot 1 in concession 2 - the 2nd from the Rideau.

We benefit from all correspondence and inquiries that we receive. Two years ago a letter regarding a Chamberlain family came to the Township Hall. We found there was one and only one Chamberlain family in Osgoode - that of George who lived south of Metcalfe. Descendants went to Kentucky. Arthur M. Campbell of O.G.S. Ottawa handed us the names of the large Chamberlin family of Hull Quebec. The 12 children married Edeys, Hudsons, Ruggles, Tiberius and Mary Wright, etc. Norma Simpson Morrison found the parents - Nathaniel, born 1746, and Mehitable Elliott, born 1753, recorded in the first U.S. Census - 1790 - in Newbury, Salisbury Co. Vt. As well, there were many other Chamberlins, some of whom came to Leeds County. Our early assessment roll for 1857 showed that Nathaniel Jr. b 9 Feb 1788 and wife Lydia were living in Osgoode, parents, no doubt of George and Melissa. We received a very informative letter from Irma Jean DeBrabander from Lansing, Michigan, descendant of the eldest of the large family of Thomas Campbell-Ellice and wife, Mellisa Chamberlain. Thomas Campbell and his wife Sarah Farens have thousands of descendants, many still in Osgoode and in the neighbouring townships of Mountain, Winchester, Russell. We had had no information on the descendants of Ellice and Mellissa (b Hull) up to that time.

We are indebted to G. Duncan Collie of Winnipeg, Manitoba, for sending us the original two letters written in 1855 and 1856 by Donald MacKeracher to his relatives in Perthshire. We shall print more of the contemporary information of living conditions here 115 years ago.

With this Newsletter we are enclosing the Membership List for 1979, and either your membership card for 1980 or your "Time to Renew" notice. We know there must be numerous errors. Please remind us if a name is omitted, your name is mis-spelled, or you have changed your address.

The Financial statements will be printed in the April Newsletter. We are indebted to many members who have made substantial monetary gifts. Laura Margaret McDiarmid (nee McIntosh) donated \$25.00 in memory of her late husband Hugh Leslie McDiarmid, son of Duncan, born Beckwith, and his wife Matilda Gagnon. Duncan, Matilda, and elder son John are recorded in the 1881 Russell Census. Duncan bought the Robert McTavish farm east of Vernon in 1905 and the family moved in in February 1906 - on wheels. For a period of 31 years Duncan McDiarmid was in the Municipal Council - in Russell or Osgoode. Hugh was born May 10, 1884 and after he died July 29, 1946, Laura sold the farm which they had taken over in 1914. Ivor Bath has lived there since 1947.

The members of the Executive for 1979 are holding office for 1980.

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Our regular business meetings continue to be held the first Friday of each month at 2:00 p.m., and we would like more participation from the members. As mentioned above, there will be a special gathering in February for Heritage Day. And in March we plan to "Honour the Irish", probably Friday evening March 21.

Volume XIII of Pioneer Families is now being printed and should be available on Heritage Day.