



Harry Iveson in his Harness Shop.

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To many "Old-Timers" of Osgoode Township, the name TIMOTHY IVESON and SCOTCH COLLAR and HARNESS will be synonymous. But many of our readers will be quite unaware that a well-known Harness Business ever existed in Metcalfe. Recently, on the cover of Volume XI of PIONEER FAMILIES OF OSGOODE TOWNSHIP, we used the picture of the original building in which this trade was carried on. During the last few months, the enlarged interesting Heritage Home has been purchased, and it is in the process of being lovingly restored to a place of pride on the main street of Metcalfe.

"But how did Timothy Iveson, founder of the IVESON SADDLE, COLLAR and HARNESS BUSINESS come to locate in Metcalfe? Records left by son Frank Iveson indicates how "FATE" out-manouvered the well-laid plans of his father, Timothy, who, with a brother, had been bound over in strict 'Indenture of Apprenticeship' to their father, Batty Robert Iveson, who had catered for over thirty years to Rochdale and vicinity. On Batty's retirement in 1829, Timothy assumed management of the 46 Duke Street establishment in England.

In the year 1854, reports of the New World prompted Timothy, along with his two oldest sons, to board ship in Liverpool for an intended destination of Guelph. But at the ticket office they met a Mr. Lemming, formerly of Rochdale, who was then owner of a Dry Goods Wholesale Store in Montreal where he resided. There was a branch store in Kemptville and here 'Fate' stepped in.

The mention of Guelph as destination brought the reply: "No, you go to my home in Montreal, remain there, and I will be right after you. We have a branch store in a small town just west of Montreal - Kemptville - and the owner has just died. A young man speaks of starting up, but if you get there first he won't start." A voyage of nine weeks brought Timothy with sons Joseph and Willie to Quebec and later to Kemptville. But the young man previously referred to had indeed begun his business. The outlook was one of 'Doom and Gloom', but temporary lodging was obtained with a Widow MacGregor. Her brother-in-law, Robert MacGregor, visiting at the time, persuaded Timothy to go to Kenmore. Another brush with fate. Robert MacGregor was well qualified to instruct Timothy on the 25-mile trek to Kenmore.

Leaving the boys in Kemptville, Timothy proceeded on foot, plodding for about ten miles along the sandy Prescott Road till he reached the Mountain Boundary with Osgoode at Marlin's Cemetery and Log Church. Shortly afterwards he would turn eastward along the trail that would lead him past the Daniel Ferguson farm and onwards, missing as much of the Castor as possible until he would reach the hill west of the present-day Vernon and Highway 31. Following the "Hill Road" he could come out at Spring Hill where there was a School, a Log Church, a small Cemetery, and the Glebe of the Free Church Minister. Then he would walk east until the Castor again came into view, and by following its north shore he would arrive in Kenmore. But 'Fate' intervened again. On route he met Duncan McLaurin walking to Metcalfe, who asked the stranger, "Are you going far?" Timothy replied: "To Kenmore to start a Harness Shop." "You will do no such thing," insisted the enquirer. "You will start up in Metcalfe."

To be continued - Frances M. Iveson, 24 Roseberry Ave., Ottawa

The picture above is that of the Metcalfe Shop where Henry (Harry), son of Timothy, is at work. We thank Wilfred Kearns of Ottawa for reproducing the picture and the WINCHESTER PRINT for their care in using this old inside picture. Some of Robert MacGregor's brothers and sisters had come to Osgoode from Chatham, C. E. Robert, a carpenter and furniture maker, had built the log Baptist Church. His brother David had a store at Kenmore, Alexander was a School Teacher, Christiannè had married Peter McNab, another sister married Rev. Daniel McPhail. Duncan McLaurin had come to Breadalbane with his parents in 1815. He had recently sold 300 acres just south of the Baptist Church and had purchased valuable property at Metcalfe Corner, lot 21 con 6, just opposite the home of Archibald McDonnell and the Catholic Church built 1838 and the Cemetery. At that time there was consider-

able dispute as to whether growth should take place at the present site of Metcalfe - a mile south of it, or a mile to the west. McLaurin was a familiar name around Metcalfe for many years.

In 1854, neither Duncan McLaurin nor Timothy Iveson would have seen any sign of the present-day Village of Vernon. It was not until the 1880's that the area was mapped out. One hundred years ago, in 1882, the settlement in the community seemed to warrant the formation of a School Section. S.S. no 20 was one of the last few to be so formed. Fortunately there were capable and experienced builders close at hand, and the fine brick Heritage Building then erected still stands, looking very much as it did 100 years ago.

Before the year 1882, children in the Vernon area, even as far south as the Winchester and Mountain Boundary, had to get their schooling at Spring Hill - S.S. no. 8. It was on 17 November, 1851 that Finlay McNeil had sold 5 square rods of lot 31 concession 7 to the Trustees of S.S.8. In 1868 the grant of land was increased to $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. The McNeil property is interesting because of the fact that it was one of the few early grants to children of United Empire Loyalists that remained in the family. Mary McNeil was baptized 8 March, 1782 in Montreal when her parents, John McArthur and Mary Simpson, like many other refugees, were still awaiting the outcome of the settlement with the American Rebels. Mary was granted the land when she was 21 years old, and married, 21 May 1811. Her son Finlay McNeil got the deed for the property in 1837. It was shortly after the formation of S.S. 8 that Peter McCaul gave a corner of his lot 40 in concession 5 to the trustees of S.S. 9, and 'The Swale' came into being and served the children of Dalmény and Belmede as well as those west of Vernon. Mrs. Harry Anderson tells of her father going first to 'The Swale' and later to Vernon. It would appear that the first teacher was David Fraser whose brother had a store on the corner. In 1884 Christina McNaughton came. And John Russell Dow was one of the first teachers. He celebrated 50 years as a teacher when he was employed in Ottawa in 1930. As his second wife, John Dow married Helen, one of the 12 children of Joseph Archibald Campbell and Sarah Manning.

Before the turn of the Century, there was an extensive and prosperous business carried on in Vernon by the CAMPBELL BROTHERS. The probate records give us much of the following information.

Joseph Archibald and John Mungo were sons of Archibald Campbell and wife Helen Campbell who had settled near Belmead in 1834. Joseph A. was born in Osgoode 7 October 1834, married Sarah Manning, sister of Mrs. Francis Pepper, also of Vernon, and set up a Mill on the property where the Museum now stands. The house on the property belonged to Joseph; that across the street to his brother John Mungo. Both brothers died young - Joseph in 1890, John M. in 1894.

INDENTURE 27 July 1896 Late partnership business of Grist Mill and Saw Mill lately carried on by said Joseph A. Campbell and one John M. Campbell also deceased under the name CAMPBELL BROTHERS in the village of Vernon, Township of Osgoode, consisting of:

- (a) Plant and Machinery in steam saw mill consisting of two large circular saws, two shingle saws, one surface planer and matcher, and the gear and belting and chattels necessary for the running of such machinery.
- (b) Plant and machinery in Grist Mill at Vernon aforesaid consisting of two run of stone, with belting and gear to run such, also one watchman's indicator.
- (c) Frame building of saw-mill and frame building of grist mill with about three and three-quarters of acres of land being lots numbers one and three in Vernon.
- (d) House and frame store and stables on lot number one.
- (e) One frame building used as a carding mill and dwelling House.
- (f) Dwelling house on Village lot number fourteen in Vernon aforesaid.
- (g) Frame barn on lot number 41 in 5th concession of the Twp of Osgoode.
- (h) One hundred acres of land being the east half of lot number forty-two in concession six in Osgoode.
- (i) And three horses.

Incidentally, a half shoe (that of an ox) was picked up on the property now owned by Doug McMillan. We have that in the Museum as well as a complete Army Uniform from W.W.1 worn by one of John Mungo's sons and given to the Museum by Dan Cameron.

Christiana Campbell, sister of the BROTHERS mentioned above, married Daniel P. MacPhail of Belmead in Mountain Township, and we often hear of the 'Shanty' on their extensive property where lumber was cut. Perhaps some of this lumber found its way, in earlier years, to the Vernon Mill.

This large tract of land in Mountain, known as the MacPhail property, as well as 700 acres in Osgoode, first belonged to Thomas Campbell from Plantagenet, who bought land in this area from 1829 on. Thomas and wife Sarah Farrens had 12 children and descendants from several of these children belong to our Society.

A letter belonging to Thomas was preserved by a descendant of Alexander Campbell and wife Elizabeth Cameron, Mrs. Clarke of Calgary. After building a fine 3-storey stone home, Thomas, when nearly 60 years old, set out for parts unknown. The interesting note reads: Thomas Campbell of the Township of Mountain, Canada West..... And the following is entered lest any accident should befall him - Mr. Thomas Campbell is a person of property, heavy landed and personal, lying in Mountain, Canada West, of and the parent of a numerous family, all men of property, that he has settled about him in the same place. Him, his companion and children are of the finest respectability. This entry is made by a friend who adds that he is in respectable standing as a religious man - Mr. Campbell is about to depart on an exploring expedition through the Western and Southern States -

17th April 1846
in his own stone house

In 1850 the Mountain property was sold to Archibald MacPhail and wife and their four children. Thomas and wife bought property south of Metcalfe.

Another letter, nearly fifty years old (written in the Depression Years) explains a gift that has come to the Museum - a towel made from cloth more than 150 years old. The writer of the letter, Tena, (Christena Fisher) was one of the two daughters of Duncan Fisher and Jessie Campbell. Jessie was the daughter of Duncan Campbell of Dalmeny and his wife Janet Dow. Janet was a sister of John Dow and of Margaret who married Colin Campbell. The letter is to Edna Hill (Barracleugh), now of Port Hope.

Kenmore, April 26, 1933

Dear Edna,

..... regards Granpa Dow's coming - he came to Osgoode in 1831 but was in the States before working at his trade as Millwright. Over there he married Grandma who was born in Johnston so that he might have been out from Scotland 3 or 4 years before 1831. So that gives you an idea how old that piece of cloth is as it must have been made sometime before he came out. That thread I gave you last year Janet spun it. The flax came from Holland. Uncle Colin - he was Margaret Campbell's father (killed in 1831 from a falling tree, age 27) - brought it from there. The lace on the towel - the flax grew on this farm. Your Grandma Dow and Janet and Ann manufactured it. We do not know how many hard days work it took. ..Janette McNab and man (Preston Rodney) are home from the States - work's shut down - no work ... we had a very poor year in the sugar bush - only made 16 gallons and all the work getting ready... Jack Wishart is very low with T.B. His son Wallace is in bed with it too... He is just a young boy. Margaret McTavish often asks for you. She married Jim Porteous you mind. Grandma Campbell remembered me - gave me a pair of linen sheets, Oh but they were very fine material. They would be grown where your towel was too....

I remain your loving
Tena.

Note: Jeanetta and Preston Rodney left an infant son buried in Northview Cemetery, Dearborn Michigan. (born Mar 9, 1932)

There is a very special celebration in 1982 - the Sesquicentennial of the completion of the Rideau Canal. We hope to learn a great deal about the actual building of the Canal as it affected the settlement of Osgoode Township. And we plan to take part in the Celebrations which have already begun.

The Report of the Royal Engineers, Book IV, describes a massive repair job required in 1838 at the locks in Manotick. Hundreds of men were required as well as horses, oxen, wagons. Did this attract settlers into the Northwestern part of the Township? Was it because of this work that School Section Number 1 was formed near Manotick for pupils on both sides of the river?

This year we are celebrating Osgoode Township Heritage Day on Saturday, February 20, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. There will be displays from the Elementary Schools that depict Pioneer Life. Donations for the tea room will be appreciated.

The Membership Fee has been raised to \$3.00 for the first member in a family. It remains \$1.00 for each additional member. For those members who paid well in advance, the \$2.00 fee is accepted.

Art thou lonely, O my brother?
Share thy little with another!
Stretch a hand to one unfriended,
And thy loneliness is ended.

- John Oxenham

Volume XV of PIONEER FAMILIES has been printed. The Families include:

ACRES - Part 2	DUNCAN McNAB - Part 1
DUNCAN CAMERON	PATRICK MOLAMPHY
KENNEDYS FROM INDIAN LANDS	THE ROWAN FAMILY - Part 1
McEVOYS - Part 3	THE SULLYS - Part 1
DUNCAN McDONALD of Vernon	LEONARD WOOD

The picture on the cover of Volume XV is of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Dow, grandparents of Bill of R.R. 3 Metcalfe. Bill and his wife Jennie (Hume), treasurer of our Historical Society, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on January 1, 1982. We extend to them our warmest congratulations.

We are indicating below the Roots of a few of our folk who are descended to a great extent from people of The Emerald Isle. But first there is a correction to be made in one of the ancestors of Col. Amidon who is descended, through his Poapst ancestors, from John Wood and his wife Abigail Drew. It was a slip that had this John's wife as Ann Cook. John and Abigail were of Cornwall when most of their children were born, but Abigail died before her husband and John lived with son John and wife Ann Cook in their Mountain home at the time of the 1851 census. Abigail is no doubt related to the Osgoode Drews as a Paul Drew signed a petition here in the 1830's.

DALEY, Beatrice THOMPSON, R.R.1, Osgoode, gr gr grand-dau of Alex'r THOMPSON b 1805 (Ire or Scot?) m 1) Eleanora CASSERLEY on July 1, 1834 at St. Andrews-W. Co Stormont. Twsp Osgoode, lot 15 con 6 in 1840's. 6 ch: Peggy; Mary m John MURRAY; Anne m Wm BURNS; John m Jane MORAN; Catherine m Patrick KEANEY; Jane m (?) BRUNET. Alex'r m 2nd, Nov. 3, 1857 at S. Glouc., Julia MURPHY, widow of Michael SWEENEY, who had a family of 6 ch: Elizabeth, Michael, John, Mrs. CAIN, Mrs. HURLEY, a girl who d young. Alexander and 2nd wife Julia had 2 sons: William unm; Alexander who moved to Maniwaki P.Q. at age 18, m Frances Stephaney KEAGAN d/o John KEAGAN and Alice HUGGART - 9 ch. One son William P. m Edith MAHONEY - 14 ch. Moved back to Osgoode, lot 26 con 2 in 1946.

DEWAN, David M., 1380 Graham's Lane, Burlington, Ont. L7S 1W5, gr gr grandson of Patrick DEWAN b Clonmel, Ire May 29, 1820. To Glouc Twp with parents Morris (Maurice) John DEWAN and Alice PROUT in 1827. Patrick to lot 17 con 2 Osgoode. 2nd mar to Mary McGEE (b Co Down Ire) at Holy Cross Parish Kemptville on Feb 1848. Son John m Margaret SHIELDS Dec 29, 1889 d/o Patrick SHIELDS and Mary McEVOY; son Michael m Olivè TIERNEY d/o Timothy TIERNEY and Catherine HOULAHAN of Nepean. Michael resides in Ingersoll, Ont.

McEVOY, Manning, R.R.1, Osgoode, gr gr grandson of John McEVOY b Co Kilkenny Ire 1809, to Canada 1830/40, m Anastasia POWERS, settled P.Q. later to Osgoode lot 20 con 3. Son Phillip m Mary DALEY d/o Thomas DALEY and Mary McGEE. Their son Thomas m Elizabeth DEWAN d/o Patrick DEWAN and Ellen BLANCHFIELD. Ellen was d/o Patrick BLANCHFIELD and Catherine HERBERT. (All of Osgoode)

O'ROURKE, Angus R.R.1, Osgoode, gr gr grandson of Thomas O'ROURKE b 1822 Co Cork Ire s/o John O'ROURKE and Mary BURNS. To Canada - time unknown. Mar Jan 19, 1854 Catherine KEOUGH d/o James KEOUGH and Catherine RYAN of Tipperary, resided lot 13 con 3 Osgoode. Their son James m Bridget McCARTIN d/o John McCARTIN and Margaret HUGHS from Co Armagh, Ire. Their son James m Teresa DEWAN d/o John DEWAN and Margaret SHIELDS. (All of Osgoode)

SHIELDS, Andrew, Greely, Ontario. Patrick SHIELDS emigrated from Co Cork in 1840's, with wife Molly McGEE settled on the Plank Road near Oxford Mills. Son Patrick moved to Osgoode lot 18 con 2, mar Mary McEVOY d/o John McEVOY and Anastasia POWERS. Son Patrick J. mar Elizabeth Ann O'Brien d/o Jim O'BRIEN and Johanna DALEY who was d/o Matthew DALEY and (?) DOYLE of Osgoode.

Would anyone who has information on any of these families please contact us.

The Annual Meeting of the Society will be held Friday afternoon, February 5, at 1:30 p.m.