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Vernon School

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In the first Newsletter of 1975 we printed a few lines from a poem written by Mrs. John Hawkshaw (Lillian Allin) now of Ingleside, who lived for a number of years just north of Vernon. Recently Lillian read to our Society a poem in memory of her parents William and Sara Allin and her brother Arthur. The poem is beautifully printed and framed and is now hanging in our Museum. The third verse reads:

I know all the fields and the fences
And the rocks by the old back lane;
The old-fashioned rose where we oft loved to pose
While the birds tilted out their disdain.
I wander again to the pump-house
To drink where I oft drank before,
While Nellie and Bess, old Doll and the rest
Whinner forth from the horse barn door.

Many of us have similar memories, but we could not express them in such a delightful manner.

We promised to identify the members of the Loney family present when the picture on the Newsletter was taken.

Near the barn door is John Farlinger Loney, the father, son of Samuel Loney and Mary Farlinger. John's wife, Liza Jane Quaille, daughter of James Quaille and Mary McGovern, is at the front of the picture. To the left, holding a child is daughter Emile who later married Arthur Brown of Stoney Creek. Standing behind the child on the white horse is William Richard, father of the present owner. On the wagon is Samuel John, and behind the wagon sister Emma who married a Sparks. On the fence behind the pails is Flossie who married Wm Orr, a cheesemaker, and near her Effie, Mrs Wm Hall of Kenmore.

These are various ways that we who are interested in family history can gain information. Herbert Taylor wanted to know the maiden name of Sarah, John Taylor's wife, mentioned in the ticket from Ireland printed a year ago. From the OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL McDonald Block Parliament Buildings, Toronto 5, came the following information about one of the sons: Name of deceased: William Taylor, died May 19, 1911, North Gower, Carleton County, born December 15, 1836, Ireland, retired farmer, son of John Taylor born Ireland, and Sarah Nixon, born in Ireland.

Valuable information, both genealogical and social, can be obtained from wills. John McDonald, named with his brother William, as settlers on lot 28 in the 10th concession, in a report sent in by Archibald McDonell to the Land Board in 1832, made his will July 17, 1860. During his thirty years in the district he had sold off considerable of his 100 acres which was east of the road through Kenmore. His brother William sold his 100 acres, the south half, in 1851, to Thomas Shaw and moved over to the first concession Russell. Part of John McDonald's will reads:

First I give and bequeath to Elizabeth McDonald my dearly beloved wife for her maintenance during her lifetime (so long as she remains my widow) the use of all my lands and tenements, goods and chattels on lot number twenty eight in the tenth Concession of the Township of Osgoode, from the Castor River west to the allowance of road in front of said lot, being ten acres of land more or less...I also give and bequeath to my beloved sons William and John McDonald...right of way through the above named lands from the Castor River to the concession line...now and forever. And also they my

beloved sons are to give my beloved wife right of way through their land to the rear and there to cut and carry away all the firewood fence and building timber that she may stand in need of during her lifetime - I give and bequeath to my beloved granddaughter Elizabeth Robertson (if she remains with my beloved wife during my wife's lifetime and will be obedient and dutiful to my wife in the same manner as if she were her own child) in money goods and cattles, in the whole not exceeding the sum in value the amount of twenty pounds, and if she leaves at any time before her grandmother's decease (except she marries) she gets nothing but her wearing apparel - I also...order that after my beloved wife's decease that all...remaining shall be equally divided between my two sons and two daughters (or their heirs) Namely William McDonald, John McDonald, Jean McDonald and Mary Ann McDonald - Also I hereby appoint David McGregor and Peter McLaren both of Osgoode (Gentlemen) my sole executors.

Witnesses were brother William James McDonald and Donald McArthur, both of Russell. The wife, Elizabeth McMillan lived until 1883. The right of way was known as Reids Lane. The granddaughter was the daughter of Mary Ann and Joseph Robinson, Tailor in Kenmore and Metcalfe. Jean, Kenmore's Grandma Reid, was left a widow herself in 1863, with eight children to care for.

Wills that involve any land transfers in Osgoode can all be seen at the Carleton County Registry Office, Nicholas Street, Ottawa. There is always courteous service there.

An interesting will had to do with lot 44 in the 6th concession on the Mountain boundary. It was Crown Land offered for sale on the 6th August 1852. Benjamin Stoodley of Mountain had offered to buy it. The Crown deed was made out finally in 1860, but Benjamin had already died June 4, 1858, and the deed has cancelled written across it. By the Will this 65 acres was to go to the fourth son Silas. A copy of the Will, made the day Benjamin had died, and witnessed by Francis Pepper and Daniel Kennedy, was sent to the Capital city, Quebec, and was lost for a time. The request was made to send the Patent to the Vernon Post Office. The second son Henry and the third son Elias were to get part of lot 22 in the 12th concession of Mountain.

June has been a month for Memorial Days in connection with our Cemeteries. But we should be reminded of the forgotten cemeteries in Osgoode Township that have no marker. There was a graveyard on the old Catherine McDonell property at Metcalfe Corner. Michael Daly, in doing research on this site, found the description of transfer of property in 1840, November 6, "In the third year of Her Majesty's Reign." According to the Bytown Gazette in 1839, a building had been erected in 1838 to be finished as a place of worship the following year. The Memorial reads:

This Indenture made this sixth day of November...1840...by and between Archibald McDonald...and Catherine McDonell his wife, and the original nominee of the Crown for lot no. twenty in the sixth concession of Osgoode of the one part and the Reverend R. Gaulin, Catholic Bishop of Kingston, and the Reverend John Cannon Catholic Priest, Bytown, and Duncan McDonell, Patrick Melvin, and John Casserly of the Township of Osgoode, Ottawa District... Trustees of the Catholic Congregation of Osgoode of the other part...

For the consideration of religious purposes the said...parcel of land... to be known as follows. That is to say commencing along the nine mile road between lots twenty and twenty one opposite the south west corner of the BURYING GROUND, then north...west, then north...east then south... east, then west along the nine mile road to the beginning... Saving unto us our heirs and Successors THIRTY FIVE FEET BY TWENTY FIVE FEET, NOW MARKED OUT IN THE BURYING GROUND, situated on said five acres of land, as a place of interment for ourselves and such of our family as we may deem meet to direct.

This property was sold by the trustees on June 5th 1868 to James Murray, Saving and reserving unto MRS CATHERINE MCDONELL and her heirs, thirty five feet by twenty five feet as marked out in the Burying gound situated on the said five acres of land."

This was the McDonell family plot where Archibald was already buried.

The first recognized Burying Ground seems to be an unusually beautiful splot on a high bank of the Castor River about a quarter of a mile west of Kenmore. Here the body of Colin Cambell was carried through the woods, and Margaret Dow was left a young widow.

Alexander McNab died Feb. 4, 1849, on the farm later owned by his great grandson Alex Fraser. In his will he states:

I give and devise to my son Peter McNab...lot 32 in the eighth concession... nevertheless reserving one half acre near the rear end of the said lot where

now lies the remains of my ceased wife and other members of my family with the privilege of a road from the head line butting the East end of said lot and the said one half acre to be held and kept as a place of interment or burying for the use of all the members of my family and their descendants and for no other purpose whatever.

No doubt there are many such private burying grounds in Osgoode Township.

Then there is the abandoned cemetery west of Metcalfe that was used by the Church of England before the one that is now at Greely. The Metcalfe Cemetery was at the west end of the hundred acres owned by Adam Baker M.P.P., lot 21, concession 7. The Archives of Christ Church, Ottawa, have burial records for the period the Metcalfe cemetery was used, but there are no records there regarding the property itself.

In parts of Ontario and in many countries of the world inscriptions on tombstones have been recorded and the information printed and published. It is to be hoped that all the cemeteries in Osgoode Township and on its boundaries will be properly recorded within the next few years.

It appears that there was a great deal of activity in Osgoode Township in the early 1820's, the period following the war of 1812-14, when military grants were being given out to members of the militia who had fought not only in Canada but also in Europe in the Napoleonic war. And many came because of the unsettled post war conditions.

Hugh McKenna is mentioned in Belden's Atlas of Carleton County as having wandered into the Metcalfe settlement from his location in Gloucester. In a document dated Cornwall, 8 Jan. 1824 we read that Hugh McKenna was born at Tyrone Ireland, was age 34, and he arrived in the province 1818. He was assigned 50 acres, NW1/4 of lot 1 in con. 6. His settlement duties were performed 8 Feb. 1828. When anyone was granted land, he must give proof that within a period of two years he had built a dwelling house upon the lot and cleared a road in front of the lot. As well he must cut down, without clearing, necessarily, five acres per hundred along the road. One person who did a lot of work for others in clearing land was William York. He must have been quite familiar with the Township as he performed settlement duties in various parts. John Cameron, late private in the first Regiment of Glengarry Militia was given the E1/4 lot 33 in Con. 6 in 1824. William York stated 20 Feb. 1829 that he had performed the settlement duties for him. John Cameron was from Charlottenburg. He died shortly afterwards and his son claimed the land in 1854.

Alexander Grant of Charlottenburg, Blacksmith, was given the W1/2 lot 33, con. 6 about the same time was Cameron. Wm York did the settlement duties for him as well.

The Land Board at Cornwall on Dec. 31, 1825 gave a ticket of location to Walter Kinsalla, born at Carlow in Ireland, of the age of 30, having arrived in this province in 1819. He was assigned 200 acres, lot 18 in the 8th. Settlement duties were performed May 1828.

A ticket was given Thomas Mulcoy, Feb. 1823, born at Waterford in Ire, age 30, having arrived 1816, for NW1/4 lot 23 in 9th.

At Cornwall, 20 Sept. 1831, John Mackey, a native of Ulster, age 30, son of Peter Mackey, late soldier in 4th Dragoon Guards, had been a settler for 10 years and had no land. He was grant lot 18 in the 10th.

William York, Osgoode, Yeoman, had settlement duties performed for lot 16 in the 10th in Feb. 1829. Often a large number of lots were inspected at the same time and receipts granted to that the Deeds could be made out to the occupant.

Mrs. R.M. (Vivianne) Shorey has been performing a valuable service for our Society as Program Convenor, below is an account of the interesting meetings we have had since she assumed the responsibility in October 1975.

In September, 1976, our Museum will be featured on the C.J.O.H. show JOYS OF COLLECTING.

During the last six months we have had some very interesting evening meetings. We did not have to go very far afield to find some excellent speakers; in fact, most were residents of our Township or of neighboring villages.

Our first guest in November was Mrs. Audrey Renton of Kars. She gave us a most interesting talk on Early Domestic Life in the Township. She brought a large quantity of antique domestic utensils to illustrate her talk, and with the help of Miss Isobel Drew of Osgoode, she brought to life the picture of those courageous pioneer women who helped their menfolk open up the Township.

In the course of the winter Keith Last, one of our local antique dealers, brought a beautiful collection of glass and other treasures, and told us of their value and origins. He and his wife, Audrey Deckstader, exhibit at most of the better antique fairs in the province.

Dr. Wright of Osgoode, who is a pre-historian and archeologist with the Museum of Man in Ottawa came one evening and told us of Indian sites and art forms found in southern Ontario.

To complement this fascinating talk, Mrs. Rosemary Ruddell, who now lives in an old stone house west of Vernon, came to a subsequent meeting and told us about the social life and customs of these very same people who lived and travelled near or through our Township. Mrs. Ruddell lectures in Anthropology both at Carleton and at Ottawa Universities. She is at present working on her PhD.

The Department of Indian and Northern Affairs sent a young lady from their National Historic Sites Service to tell us of their work in putting together their Inventory of Historic Buildings across Canada. It is a long process, but certainly it has some significance for our Township as all our Heritage Homes will be identified and included.

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Our guest at our last meeting was Dr. C.E.L. Morrow, accompanied by his wife Myrtle ~~Walters~~. Born and reared in Metcalfe, he followed in the steps of his father, Calvin Morrow, a country doctor for many years. He spoke of days gone by and of personal reminiscences and included some of his "tall tales" to help illustrate that laughter is still one of the best of medicines.

We hope to bring to our friends and members another successful series of meetings next season. Looking into the future, we also hope to organize some exhibitions of articles in the various villages throughout the Township. Each village has its own story to tell and in that way we hope to emphasize that the Society and Museum is truly the Historical Society of all Osgoode Township and is of interest and service to all corners of the Township.

Viviane Shorey

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