



Who are We?

From the Newsletter Coordinator:

If you are one of those members who decided to receive this newsletter, electronically, this is your second issue sent out via EM. It is my hope that all went well and you have received a newsletter that is readable and enjoyable (although I have since heard that there were several hitches). I, the newsletter coordinator has been having numerous PC, software and network problems over that last few months and am every so slowly getting most of them worked out, although not without a lot of screaming, crying, hair-pulling and general frustration (have I told you just how much I HATE Word). If you find any errors, please be patient.

**Osgoode Township
Historical Society
& Museum**

at the

**Old Vernon School
Newsletter**

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As for those who are still receiving their newsletter via conventional mail, sorry for the delay in getting your newsletter to you (probably received it in January 2011).

Coreen Atkins-Sheldrick

Goings-On at the Museum

As a result of the ongoing process of re-organization and updating of our structure within the Historical Society and Museum much has been done and there is still much to do. During the regular November meeting, our constitution was formally updated and passed, in order to reflect our changing partnership with the City of Ottawa, Heritage Department, the demographics within our as well as the 21st Century technology. **Our priority is still to remain true to our History and the heritage of Osgoode Township, even if the Township no longer exists as a legal entity.**

The signage at the Museum site, on the Agricultural Building has been cleaned and repainted. The flag pole in front of the Museum has also been refurbished and repaired. A recent addition has been the cement, ramped entrance to the building,

construction carried out by the City of Ottawa and its contractors. Gone is the removable wooden ramp so lovingly built and maintained by our Society's volunteers.

Work is still continuing with the City of Ottawa on a development plan which will outline our direction of the next few years. Priorities have been identified by our Board of Directors and are included in the plan.

Our Web page has also been undergoing some renovations.

Work is still ongoing with the Bronze casting workshops started during 2010. Many of the wax moulds are nearing completion and the process of pouring the bronze should be happening in the next month or so. When the project is done, our Historical Society and Museum will have several (goal is 12) bronze plates depicting images from Osgoode Township's past. These plaques will be available for touring with the final resting place to be our Museum site. Some of the images being recreated are the Metcalfe Firehouse, Leisure activities, Milling and industrial practises. Once these plaques are completed and ready for touring, announcements will appear on our Museum's web site as well as in this newsletter and the local media.

The Accessibility Plan is also still an ongoing process. Additional items still being explored are improved access to the barn as well as increased lighting on Museum grounds, audio assistance for some of our displays as well as translation of materials, where warranted. Also being considered is improved access to the back door of the Museum, again, to meet the Province's Accessibility requirements for Jan 2011. If there is anything, that you as a member, think should also be considered, please contact a member of the Board of Directors or Museum staff with you suggestion. **NOW IS THE TIME TO SPEAK UP!**

Plans for future Pioneer days (last Sat. in July) are as follows:

- 2011 - Irish heritage
- 2012- 40th Anniversary of OTHS
- 2013 - 200th Anniversary of War of 1812-1814 and Battle of Chrysler's Farm (Nov. 1813)
- 2014 - First Nations in the Township

If you have any stories, ideas or contributions to make to these upcoming events, please contact one of the members of the Board of Directors or the Museum staff.

While our Board of Directors and Staff have been quite busy with the Historical Society and Museums' progression into the future, we always appreciate any extra input or help you can give. Please feel free to contact us with suggestions or come out and visit us.

For those of you who regularly attend our monthly meetings, this may be 'old news'. If you do not attend our meetings, please consider it. We meet the first Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:30pm the Museum in Vernon.

Family Profile
McLaurin Family from Metcalfe

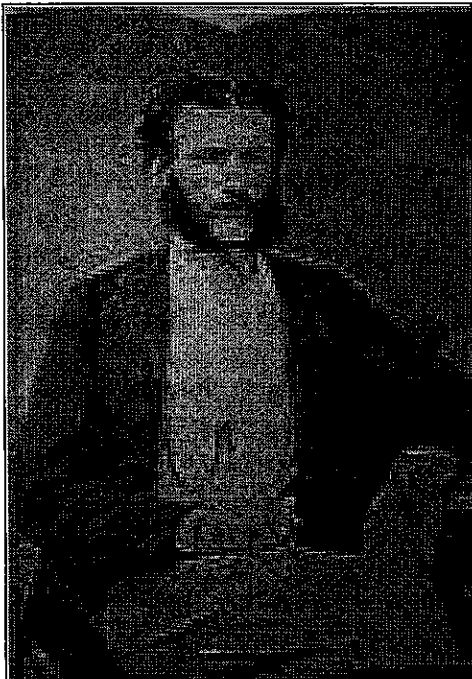
Submitted by Kelly Calleigh

The family of Donald "Roy" McLaurin and his wife Catherine (McTavish) immigrated to Canada in 1815 during the Bathurst Proclamation. They took up farming in Vernon and raised their 9 children there. The oldest son, Duncan "Roy" moved north in 1852 to Metcalfe and farmed Lot 21/ concession 6 (currently 7732 Snake Island Road.)

When Duncan retired from farming his sons

Daniel, Peter, and James farmed this property. There is an artist rendering of this farm featured in the Belden's Historical Atlas of Carleton County Ontario circa 1879. At this time it was owned by son James. In that same Atlas he is also on the "Patrons" list. Daniel McLaurin, as well as being a farmer, was also an inspector and issuer of licenses, and a Pvt in 3 Company of the 43rd Battalion Militia. His wife was Christie Ann (McDiarmid).

Peter McLaurin was also a Pvt in the same Militia and made his way to the USA.



James McLaurin

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John E McLaurin became a highly revered Baptist Missionary he and his wife Mary (Bates) taught in India. The hall in the Osgoode Baptist Church is named after him. His children followed in their parents footsteps and there is a high school in India named after them. His wife Mary also started a school for girls named the "Kakinada Girl's School".

James McLaurin grew up in the Vernon and

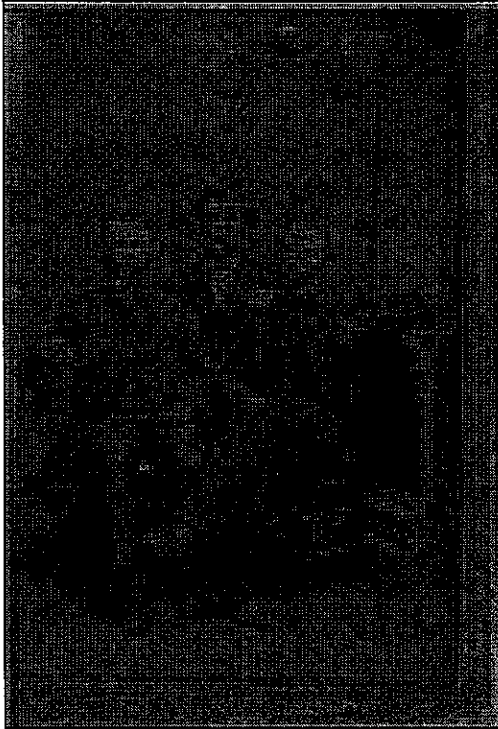
Metcalfe area. He married Isobel Cummings and had a daughter Ida who was also born raised and schooled in Metcalfe.

James McLaurin was, according to an article in the Aug 8th 1907 Kemptville Advance, a man of local prominence and highly regarded.

He was a Director of the County of Russell Agricultural Society for over 25yrs. At one time he was also a Trustee on the Board. He is described as being an "advocate for the advancement and interests of the Agricultural industry during that time."

In the ledger book of the minutes of Meetings, Receipts and Expenditures of SS # 11 (1893 — 1925) it documents James McLaurin, as Town Treasurer providing funds for up keep and modification of SS #11 . He was actively involved in SS #11's affairs as Secretary Treasurer, a Ratepayer, a Board member, an Auditor, and Trustee of the Board, a Chairman, and an advocate for the Continuation portion of the school. James McLaurin was nominated for these positions by his fellow board members and ratepayers. In 1913 he was again nominated Trustee for 3 years, a position he had to relinquish after serving 1 year due to illness and his untimely death in January 1916.

Once again, in consideration for the local youth, was the donation of land to house the



**Rev. John E. McLaurin, Peter
McLaurin, Daniel McLaurin**

new site of the town's Tennis Court when it had to be moved. (This site is now 2655 Hume St.). When the telephone was introduced to Metcalfe in 1909, James McLaurin was one of the first members of the Metcalfe Telephone Association. Their telephone number was 6-R-21.

Family Finders:

Looking for the descendants of the John McInnes Family

Between 1851 & 1861, John McInnes, his wife Isabella (Kay) and some of their children emigrated from Crieff, Scotland to the Osgoode area. Son John (born 1825, died 1877) accompanied his parents. He married a Mary Jane Campbell and had at least one child, son William. Three daughters, Margaret,

Mary Jean and Isabella also emigrated to Canada with their parents.

Isabella, the youngest child, married on August. 14, 1867 to Samuel Clarke, a British soldier. This family then left Canada for England where 4 children were born to the couple. A day after giving birth to the youngest child, Agnes Isabel, Isabella died. Six months later, the father, Samuel Clarke, returned to Canada with the 3 surviving children: son Gilbert James (born 1870), Alice Mary (born 1873) and Agnes Isabel.

The 1881 census shows that the youngest daughter was living with her aunt's family, the family of Daniel Cameron aged 59, wife his wife Margaret aged 47 and their children: Elen B 27, John W 25, Isabella 23, Jane E 21, Alex D 17, Jessy A 11 and William C. aged 7. Agness Clark (sic) is listed as age 5. In 1891 she continues to be with her aunt's family but is listed as a domestic.

Agnes Clark retained her "birth surname" and married Archie Galbraith (who was also adopted). They had 6 children: Olive, Willis, Evelyn, Hazel, Irene and M. Isabel. I know that Olive did not marry & died in 1936. Evelyn married Cyril Matthews. Irene May married John Cochrane and M. Isabel married Robert Hitsman. Agnes and her husband are buried in the Springhill Cemetery along with many of their children.

Both of the older 2 surviving children were raised by the McDiarmid family, also of the Osgoode area BUT both those children were called McDiarmid on the 1881 & 1891 censuses and Gilbert James McDiarmid used the McDiarmid name when he married. The 1881 lists Gilbert as Jilbert and Alice as Alleci. They were living with Margaret McDermerd aged 42 (sic) and husband David 45. (I did some searching this past summer and believe that Isabella (Kay) McInnes had a sister who married a McDiarmid so these

children, Gilbert James and Alice Mary, were raised by distant relatives.

I have not been able to find Alice Mary McDiarmid or Alice Mary Clarke marrying or being buried. (There is an Alice Mary McDermott listed in Ancestry who died of consumption in Toronto in 1891 at age 17 which could explain what happened to her.) She is likely to have died before 1927 as she is not mentioned in the obituary of her brother. Only Agnes is mentioned.

Gilbert James McDiarmid married Martha J. McConnell on Feb. 21, 1900 in Osgoode. (Martha was the eldest child of Alexander McConell and wife Lena, nee Marlin). Gilbert and Martha had 4 children. Daughter Goldie was born Oct. 22 1901 in Dalmeny Ontario. The second child, son Garfield Gilbert was born Dec. 19 1905 in Ottawa. The family then moved to Edmonton where the youngest two sons, (Kenneth Alexander, born 17 Feb. 1909 and Donald, born 8th Jan. 1911) were born. Gilbert died Dec. 26th 1927.

My husband's family is descended from Garfield Gilbert who died in 1998. I would love to be able to find photographs of any of the above mentioned people as we do not have any. We will gladly share any documents we have. (I have news clippings of Gilbert James obit and ones related to the death of the eldest daughter, Goldie).

Katrina Link (link_katrina@yahoo.ca)

WWI Cenotaph

Plans for updates to the Osgoode Township WWI Cenotaph as well as general cleaning and repair to both Cenotaphs are ongoing. Library and Archives Canada has just recently

made available several thousand documents from the First World War (correspondence between the Canadian CEF Offices in London, ENGLAND and CANADA (Official as well as from families)) which may yield additional information regarding the individuals whose names are being considered for addition. A date for the rededication has not be set. Please look on our web site and well as in future newsletters for more information about this project, as it becomes available. Co-Sponsors of this initiative include our Osgoode Township Historical Society, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #589 (Osgoode), Osgoode Ward Councillor Doug Thompson and Member of Parliament, the Honourable Pierre Poilievre.

Subject: Reid family

Date: Wed, 23 Feb 2011 12:47:20 -0800

From: Betty Franklin

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To: OTHS@magma.ca

Hello from Santa Barbara, California, Jenn --

I've been doing fairly extensive research on the Reid family that emigrated from the Belfast, Ireland, area in the early 1800's.

William Reid was born ca 1774 in Ireland and died 1860 in Osgoode Township.

His son, Alexander Reid, was born 10 Jun 1809 in Ireland and died 13 March 1904 in Osgoode Township. He immigrated to Canada in 1836 and was married to Mary Carson.

So far I have been able to trace them back generally to the Belfast Down area or County Antrim, but nothing more specific as to which village or parish they may have come from so we can continue to trace this family's genealogy. Is there anything in the Reid family file that would give any information or clues in

this regard?

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request. Of course I would be willing to compensate for your time, or, upon your recommendation, would even consider traveling to Ottawa if there are additional resources there that can only be examined in person.

Kind regards,

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805.455.3096 cell

Note from Newsletter Coordinator:

I decided to start something different this newsletter as part of our Family Finders section.

If you are not aware, Ancestry.ca has online message Boards where genealogists can post information that they have uncovered or details of their "Brick Walls" in the hope that someone out in cyberspace might have some information or a lead. There are no fees for access to these message board, you just have to set up a username and password.

While browsing these message boards, I periodically check for any references to Osgoode Township. I have come across several postings and have decided to "reprint" some of them here.

DISCLAIMER: The Newsletter Coordinator cannot vouch for or validate any of the information being re-posted herein - there are just not enough hours in a day for one person to research and verify each date or name. That's where you come in. Please use this information at your own risk and follow the basic rules of Genealogical research.

On 13 Nov 1999 **JJones783** posted the following:

"I'm searching for any information on my GGGGrandfather Rudolph Popp born about 1803 in Ontario, Canada Died about 1875 Osgoode Township, Carlton County, Ontario, Canada. His wife was Ann Wood born about 1807 Ontario, Canada. They were married about 1830. They had 8 children. The last name could have been changed around this time, possible variations are (Poapst, Paupst, Paust etc. Please email me if you can add anything to this family or you are related. Thank you."

A week later, a reply was posted by **Richard Paupst:**

"I have them having only three children - William, Collin, James, (married Catherine Labarge. Ann died in 1895. Parents of Rudolph were John Frederick Paupst and Elizabeth McWilliams - Grandparents were Johan Adam Paupst (died 1807) and Eva Maria Hamm - that is the farthest I go back in time - If you have any info to share please email me - I have about 400 names in the tree I am doing on the Paupst - been working on it for two years - look forward to chatting."

A couple of days later, **JJones7830** replied with:

"They had 8 Children listed as of the 1861 Census in Canada. They were Isabella age 22, Colin age 20, Loas age 17, Ann age 15, James age 13, Matilda age 10, Nancy age 8 and Sophia age 6. Colin was my Great Great Grandfather so I have more info on him. I couldn't get past Rudolph because of the spelling change. I appreciate the info, I did have the name Adam and Eve but didn't know where they fit in line. Since William doesn't appear on the census I guess he was the

oldest and was probably on his own by the time the census came out. If you want any further info on Colin please contact me."

Several months later (28 March 2000), **jpoaps** posted the following additional information:

"Rudolph had a son William who married a Cythia Brown. According to the census report William lived on the land of Rudolph with his Wife Cythia and had children one being my Great Grandfather John James Poapst. John Jmaes fought in the Finian raids in Prescott Ontario. I have further info on the Poaps line as well as Colin Poapst."

The same day, **JJones7830** replied:

"Colin was my Great Great Grandfather he was married to Sarah Jane, Mary Jane or Matilda Jane Campbell. Not sure of the first name because on her torestone it only lists Jane Pops. Would like to compare info."

jpoaps came back with:

"William married Cynthia Mildred Brown and their children were. John James Poapst b: March 2/1850 in Osgoode, Ontario d: December 22, 1915 in Leonard, Ontario, Cemetery; Trinity Anglican , Bearbrook, Ontario."

The final posting in that series of messages as posted by **jpoaps**, dated 28 May 2000 is:

"John Poapst, born March 2/1850, died December 22/1915

Caroline Poapst born Oct 15/1868, Married; Henry Reid on July 1/1889 in Riceville, Ontario

Criston Ann Poapst born September 10/1866 married Josiah Reid on November 14/1889

Alminia poapst born 1858, married November 11/1879 to Thomas Fitzpatrick

Nancy Poapst..search still on going for further info."

Seeking Information:

The OTHS&M is always looking to locate and record stories, information and photos, particularly, at this time, about the following subjects:

- History of Funeral Homes & Funeral Traditions in the Township
- Firefighters and Firefighting Services
- Police Services
- Schools
- Transportation - Roads, Rails and Waterways

If you have any information or photos which you would like to share, please contact the Museum.

Spare Time on your Hands????:

If you have some spare time, an interest in Osgoode Township history and would like to volunteer your services, We Want You!. We are looking for people who would like to be on one of the committees, on the Board of Directors, help with digitizing one of the many historic documents or the retyping (and indexes prepared) of one of our many older publications.



Into the 21st Century!:

We, the members of the executive of the OTHS&M, are working towards revising the way in which we deliver the quarterly newsletter to our members. The first real sign of the things to come is the fact that this newsletter is being printed on 8 ½ by 11 paper. This is to facilitate the newsletter's conversion to a digital format which will be Emailed to members (upon request) and their being able to print off the newsletter at their printer at home, if desired. If you are interested in receiving your newsletter, via electronic means, please contact the OTHS&M with a request to receive your newsletter via EMAIL and include your Email address. Email information collected by the OTHS&M will be used only for the setting up of a mailing list and will not be distributed to any other organization and will remain "confidential".

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Postcard "Victor Postal"
with note of "May 28th 1913" added