



Who Are We?
(Unidentified photo from OTHS collection)

News from the Museum:

If you are one of those members who decided to receive this newsletter, electronically, this is your first issue sent out via EM. It is my hope that all went well and you have received a newsletter that is readable and enjoyable. The newsletter editor has been having numerous PC and network problems over that last few months and is getting most of them worked out, although not without a lot of screaming, crying, hair-pulling and general frustration. If you find any errors, please be patient.

As for those who are still receiving their newsletter via conventional mail, sorry for the delay in getting your newsletter to you (probably receiving it in late October or early

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at the

**Old Vernon School
Newsletter**

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November). December will be better and is already in the works.

Staffing Changes at the Museum

As a result of the ongoing process of re-organization and updating of our staffed position with the Museum, the current position of Curator had become redundant. Work is being done to revamp it as more of a Managerial position to oversee all the many tasks that are carried out on a daily basis by our Museum staff. As a result, our Board of Management has taken on a more active role in the day-to-day operations of the Museum and Jim Stevenson, has moved onto other opportunities. Ann Robinson has taken on a larger Managerial role, until such a time as staff job descriptions are revamped.

Our Assistant Curator, Tara Heft has also moved elsewhere. Her husband accepted a job transfer to another city and province and the commute for Tara would have been murder. Our previous summer student, **Kristie Bredfeldt** (had been Collections Management & Inventory Clerk) has now filled that vacated position. If you have had the opportunity to meet with Kristie or speak to her on the

telephone, you will know that our Museum is in goods hands.

Work is still continuing with the City of Ottawa on a development plan which will outline our direction of the next few years. This plan, which will take a year or more to develop, while allowing us to move toward the future, will and will always reflect our mandate to protect, preserve and promote the rich heritage that is the former Osgoode Township and its families.

The Accessibility Plan is also an ongoing process. It is a Provincially-mandated initiative as well as one which is important to the OTHS to insure access for all. We have already seen improvements to the Museum site with the installation of the new ramp at the front entrance as well as renovated and full-accessible washroom facilities. Additional items being looked at 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. 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!

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 - Everts Family of Osgoode Township

- 1 David Everts b: 1783, d: Unknown
- + Sarah Smythe b: Unknown, m: Unknown, d: Unknown
- 2 David Everts b: Apr 1811, d: Unknown
- + Ann McLean b: 1821, m: Unknown, d: Unknown
- 3 Jonathon Everts b: Abt. 1847, d: Unknown
- 3 Cynthia Everts b: 1849, d: Abt. 1908
- + Thomas Skuce b: Unknown, m: Unknown, d: Unknown
- 4 Ida Skuce b: Unknown, d: Unknown
- + Alec Hoy b: Unknown, m: Unknown, d: Unknown
- 4 George Skuce b: Unknown, d: Unknown
- 4 Sam Skuce b: Unknown, d: Unknown
- 4 Beatrice Skuce b: Unknown, d: Unknown
- + Willard Miller b: Unknown, m: Unknown, d: Unknown
- 4 Emma Skuce b: Unknown, d: Unknown
- + E. E. Gilpin b: Unknown, m: Unknown, d: Unknown
- 4 Effie May Skuce b: Unknown, d: Unknown
- + George Fairfield b: Unknown, m: Unknown, d: Unknown
- 3 Mariah Everts b: Abt. 1851, d: Unknown
- 3 Donald Everts b: Abt. 1853, d: Unknown
- 3 Daniel Everts b: 1858, d: 1932
- + Margaret Dundas b: 1862, m: Unknown in Manotick, Rideau Township, d: 5 Nov 1952
- 4 John David Everts b: 11 May 1881 in W1/2 Lot 25, Conc. 2, Osgoode Township, d: 6 Jul 1964
- + Beatrice E. Mace b: 1885, m: Unknown, d: 1960
- 5 Gordon Everts b: Unknown
- 5 Jean Everts b: Unknown
- 4 Mary Ann Everts b: 1883 in W1/2 Lot 25, Conc. 2, Osgoode Township, d: 1942
- + David Nash b: Unknown, m: Unknown
- 4 Sarah Jane Everts b: Unknown, d: Unknown
- + Thomas Thompson b: Unknown, m: Unknown, d: Unknown
- 5 Bertha Thompson b: Unknown
- 5 James Thompson b: Unknown
- 5 Vera Thompson b: Unknown
- 4 Rebecca May Everts b: Unknown
- + Samuel Gilliland b: Bef. 1912 in IRELAND, m: Unknown, d: Unknown
- 5 Hilton Gilliland b: Unknown in Osgoode Township
- + Lois Cleland b: Unknown, m: Unknown
- 5 Bertrum Gilliland b: Unknown
- + Evelyn Clingen b: Unknown
- 5 Marguerite "Peggy" Gilliland b: Unknown
- + Edward Clinton Scharf b: 1920 in Edwards, Osgoode Township, m: Abt. 1947, d: 5 Feb 2008 in Metcalfe, Osgoode Township
- 6 Sandra Scharf b: Unknown
- + Robert "Bob" Weagant b: Unknown, m: Unknown
- 6 Ken Scharf b: Unknown
- 6 George Scharf b: Unknown
- + Anastasia Unknown b: Unknown, m: Unknown
- 6 Darlene Scharf b: Unknown

- 5 Evelyn Gilliland b: Unknown
- + Harold Cowan b: Unknown, m: Unknown,
d: 2009 in WDMH, Winchester
Township
- 5 Effie Gilliland b: Unknown
- + Charles Biscope b: Unknown, m: Unknown
- 6 Earl Biscope b: Unknown
- 6 Oliver Biscope b: Unknown
- 6 Donald Biscope b: Unknown
- 6 Wesley Biscope b: Unknown
- 6 Leonard Biscope b: Unknown
- 4 Mabel Everts b: 1893 in W1/2 Lot 21, Conc. 2,
Osgoode Township, d: 1956 in Osgoode
Township
- + Robert J. Gilliland b: 1890, m: Unknown, d: 1963
- 5 David Gilliland b: Unknown
- 5 Dalton Gilliland b: Unknown
- 5 Noreen Gilliland b: Unknown
- + Douglas Unknown b: Unknown, m: Unknown
- 5 Muriel M. Gilliland b: 1931
- + George Earl Maxwell b: 1932, m: Unknown,
d: 1981
- 4 James Everts b: 1895 in W1/2 Lot 21, Conc. 2,
Osgoode Township, d: 1980
- 4 George Everts b: 1899 in W1/2 Lot 21, Conc. 2,
Osgoode Township, d: 1926 in Osgoode
Township
- 4 Wesley Everts b: 1901 in W1/2 Lot 21, Conc. 2,
Osgoode Township, d: 1983
- 4 Forest Everts b: 1904 in W1/2 Lot 21, Conc. 2,
Osgoode Township, d: Unknown
- 5 Stanley Everts b: 15 Sep 1948 in Osgoode
Township, d: 22 Sep 1948 in Osgoode
Township
- 5 Ernie Everts b: 15 Sep 1948 in Osgoode
Township, d: Abt. Sep 1950 in
Osgoode Township
- 3 Sarah Everts b: Abt. 1856, d: Unknown
- + Isaiah Fouzie b: Unknown, m: Unknown, d: Unknown
- 3 James Everts b: 1863, d: 1955
- 3 Isabella Everts b: Abt. 1867, d: Unknown
- 2 Lucinda Everts b: Unknown, d: Bef. 1859



An olde-fashioned game of Marbles



Pioneer Day

This year's event was very well attended. We chose as our theme the Dutch Heritage within our former Township and all that those more-recent immigrants have contributed to our heritage. It tied in with the recently released book series "They Ventured Forth" by members Eda van der Linden and Diane Wade and the anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands (which are almost sold out).

Exhibitors were:

- Ron Skuce

- Greg Little

- George Zandbelt
- Bette Crerar
- Bruce Straby
- Denzil Reany
- Watson's Mill
- Dave Laverie
- Roger Burns
- Tony Zandbelt

- Harry Brownell
- Pool Woolner
- Fred Alexander
- Ron Price
- Leighton Kelly
- Garry Wilson
- Albert Periard
- Murray Hall

- John Larsen - Lloyd Cowan
- Eda Van der Linden - Adelard Backs
- Garry and Mary Montgomery
- Plowmen's Association
- Robert Vaughn (From the Cumberland
Museum-Blacksmith)

Plans for future Pioneer days 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 we did not have any formal meetings during the summer, our volunteers and staff were out and about in the community, attending the Metcalfe Farmers Market, Ottawa Carleton Plowing Match, BIFHSGO and the Central Canada Exhibition, to name a few.

Local Book Launch - "Kars on the Rideau, 2nd Edition" by Coral Lindsay

During the last week of October, Rideau Township Historian, Coral Lindsay released the long-awaited 2nd edition of "**Kars on the Rideau**", an updated and expanded edition of her highly successful 1972 publication. The original printing of 200 copies was sold out with a week. Orders are now being taken for a 2nd printing of the 2nd Edition. Tentative cost is \$

35.00 per copy and can be ordered through the Rideau Township Archives and Historical Society or by contacting Ellen Adamson at 613-489-2350.

Upcoming Meetings

December Meeting - 7 Dec - Instead of a formal Meeting, the Board of Directors decided to continue the tradition of a Dinner Meeting. As with last year's Diner, this year, the event will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Metcalfe Golf & Country Club. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Cost of dinner is \$ 20.00 per person for Members and \$ 27.00 per person for Non-members. In addition to the meal there will be games and prizes.

January Meeting - 4 Jan. - Lorraine Reoch will talk about the Canadian Year of the Home Child (2010) and her work in researching and documenting the Home Children in the area.

February Meeting - 1 Feb. 2011 - Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers.

Why Wear A Poppy?

By: Don Crawford

'Please wear a poppy', the lady said
and held one forth, but I shook my head.
Then I stopped and watched as she offered them
there,

And her face was old, and lined with care;
But beneath the scars the years had made
There remained a smile that refused to fade.

A boy came whistling down the street,
Bouncing along, on care free feet
His smile was full of joy and fun,
'Lady', said he, 'May I have one?'
When she pinned it on, he turned to say,
'Why do we wear a poppy today?'

The lady smiled in her wistful way,
and answered, 'This is Remembrance Day,
And the poppy there is the symbol for,
the gallant men who died in war,
and because they died you and I are free__
That's why we wear a poppy, you see'.

'I had a boy about your size,
with golden hair and big blue eyes.
He loved to play and jump and shout,
free as a bird he would race about.
As the years went by, he learned and grew
and became a man__as you will, too.'

'He was fine and strong, with a boyish smile,
but he'd seemed with us such a little while
When war broke out and he went away,
I still remember his face that day.
When he smiled at me and said 'Good_bye,
I'll soon be back, mom, so please don't cry'.

'But the war went on and he had to stay,
and all I could do was wait and pray.
His letters told of the awful fight,
(I can see it in my dreams at night),
with the tanks and guns and cruel Barbed wire,
and the mines and bullets, the bombs and fire.'

'Till at last the war was won_
and that's why we wear a poppy son'.
The small boy turned as if to go,
Then said 'Thanks lady, I'm glad to know.
That sure did sound like an awful fight,
But your son__ did he come back alright?'

A tear rolled down each faded cheek;
she shook her head, but didn't speak.
I slunk away in a sort of shame,
and if you were me you'd have done the same;
For our thanks, in giving, is oft delayed,
though our freedom was bought__and thousands paid.

And so when we see a poppy worn, let us reflect on
the burden borne
By those who gave their very all
and asked to answer their country's call
That we at home in peace might live.
Then wear a poppy. Remember__ and give!

Lest we forget.

Submitted by Michael Daley
(extracted from www.ilovepoetry.com)

See also

http://www.vac_acc.gc.ca/remembers/sub.cfm?source=feature/vetweek/comm_guide/poems

As a result of research carried out during the preparation of the books "*In Our Defense: The Veterans and Military Heritage of Historic Osgoode Township*", c2007, it was revealed that there were several names missing from the WWI Cenotaph which should be added. The process of having those names added, as well as having the Township Cenotaphs cleaned and restored has begun. An application is being prepared for funding through the Canada Remembers program of Veterans Affairs Canada. 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.

It is hoped that the engraving of names and cleaning will be completed in time for November 11 Remembrance Services in 2011.

Family Finders June to September 2010:

Subject: Re: Alexander Cameron Rutherford
From: billr@rutherford-research.ca Date: Thu, 30 Sep 2010 11:15:58 -0700 Dr. W.
Rutherford 9322 Edinboro Road, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6G 2A1

Just a quick heads up. We are doing some research on the descendants of the family of the First Premier of Alberta, Alexander Cameron Rutherford. The Rutherford family settled on a dairy farm near Osgoode in 1855, details of which are in Volume 18 of Pioneer Families of Osgoode Township from the Osgoode Township Historical Society & Museum.

If you are, or happen to know of any descendants from the early or latter part of the 1900's up to the present time, please contact Kristie Bredfeldt at the historical society. Best Regards Dr. W Rutherford (great grandson of Alexander Rutherford)

Does anybody know anything about 2 boxes left in the front of the Museum doors, without any identification, containing RCA Tube handbooks, and RCA tube records, speakers etc. If you do, please contact Museum Staff.

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.

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

Reminder!

Memberships are due to be renewed in January 2011.

Memberships are \$ 15.00 each.

Please contact the Museum at:
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7814 Lawrence St.,
Vernon, ON K0A 3J0.
Tel: 613-821-4062

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 remain "confidential".

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