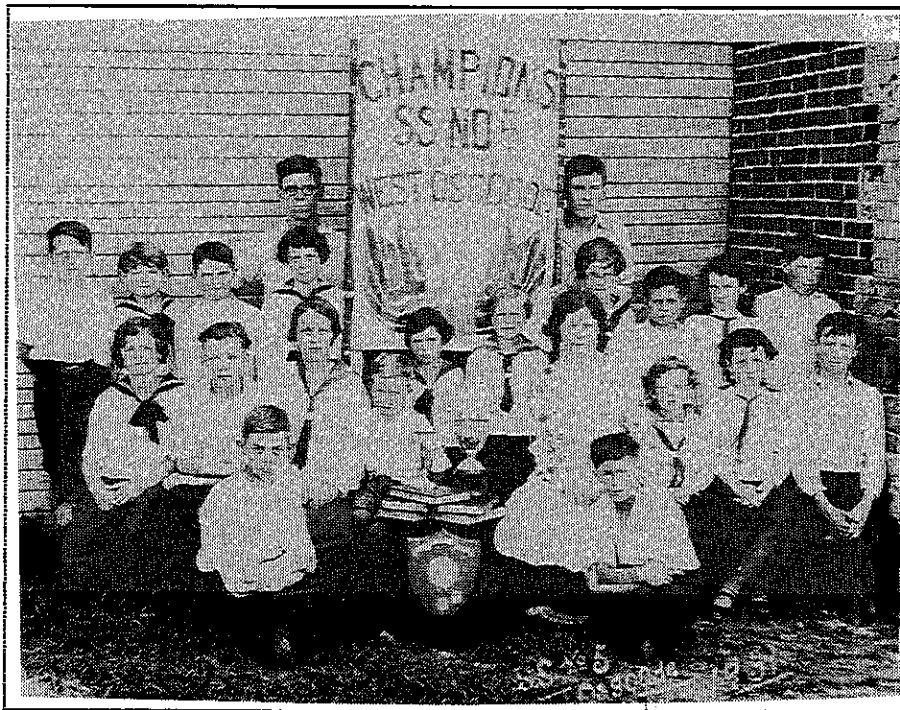


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SCHOOL FAIRS - S.S.#5, 1931

S.S.#5 is situated on part of lot 27, Con 3, Osgoode Township. The picture was submitted by Grace Blair.

President's Report

As I write this article Canada continues to be in the middle for a national postal strike which could delay the distribution of the newsletter. Winter has arrived early this year with the snow staying on the ground since mid November. As we approach the Christmas Season it will likely bring several of you fond memories of the community Christmas Concert which used to be an important part of almost every rural areas Christmas Celebrations. Today I know of only one that continues to thrive in the area. This takes place every year with all the Dalmeny neighbours gathering at the Dalmeny Hall for a festive evening of carols and recitals by the many talented young people of the area. The evening always ends with an exciting visit by Santa who has a treat for every little one.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family the very best for the Christmas season.

Doug Hughes

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A BRIEF SKETCH OF THE ORIGIN & STRUGGLES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF OSGOODE UNTIL THE SETTLEMENT OF ITS FIRST MINISTER REV'D LOCHHEAD

Early in 1973 our society became aware that the records of the Osgoode Presbyterian Church, from the time of its first settled pastor, the Rev. Wm Lochhead, were still in the township. Thanks to the Elders of the Church, we were permitted to get photocopies of some of these early records. At the present time the same records are at Knox Church Archives in Toronto. Jessie Robertson typed out the 12 pages of the early history as written by the Rev. Lochhead. Excerpts from the history are printed below.

In the spring of 1827 the territory now known as the Township of Osgoode was an unbroken forest. In the summer of that year a few families moved in and were followed by others in constant succession. The settlers, however, belonging to several religious Communion, no one was strong enough to sustain the ordinances amongst them. The Presbyterians who first settled in the township were chiefly from Perthshire in Scotland and

ardently attached to the Church of their fathers. Early in the year 1832 they invited the Rev. Robert LYALL of Osnaburgh to visit them and organize them into a congregation. The first sermon preached by a Presbyterian Minister was preached by him in Mr. William YORK's house on the 10th of March 1832 when he baptized several children and on the following day dispensed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

A church was organized and Messrs Robert GRANT, Daniel CAMERON, William YORK and John R. LOUCKS were elected ruling Elders; the three former of whom were ordained by Mr. LYALL.

Sometime afterwards, Mr York who had been originally connected with the Wesleyan Methodists, resigned his office as Elder of the Presbyterians so that he might unite with some other members of the Methodist Communion who had moved into the township.

In the winter of 1832-33 the Rev'd Mr McAULLEY spent six or eight weeks in performing Missionary labour in the congregation.

Rev'd Mr CRUIKSHANKS, Presbyterian Minister of Bytown, and other members of the Presbytery of Bathurst in whose bounds Osgoode lay, occasionally visited the congregation when they not only preached and baptized children, and gave them counsel and direction in their efforts and cheered them with the hope of soon enjoying the benefits of a settled Ministry.

A considerable majority of the original settlers having come from the Highlands of Scotland, their hearts were set on obtaining a Minister who could preach in the Gaelic language. This natural desire was the principle cause of delay and disappointment in regard to the settlement of a Minister. Application was made to the Presbytery of Bathurst and petitions transmitted by that Body to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to send out to Osgoode a minister who could preach in the Gaelic tongue. But the hopes which these applications and petitions excited were doomed to constant disappointment.

To prepare the way for the comfortable support of a Minister, the Congregation purchased lot No. 30 in the 7th concession containing 200 acres at 7/6 per acre in the year 1835. Having cleared three acres on the south west corner, they set apart an acre of it for a grave yard and erected a log church 22 by 28 feet in the year 1838.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in this house for the first time by the Rev T WILSON of Perth in March 1840 when 39 persons communicated.

In the meantime, other settlers of the Presbyterian order and faith came into the Township a considerable proportion of whom were from the North of Ireland. The drooping spirits and hopes of the church revived and renewed efforts were made to obtain a minister.

In the spring of 1844 Rev W. BELL of Perth visited the congregation, preached, baptized twenty one children, admitted twenty-four to the communion of the

church and dispensed the Lord's Supper.

A number of Presbyterians from the North of Ireland having settled in Gloucester, too few and feeble to support the institutions of religion by themselves and too far from Bytown to unite with the Presbyterian Church in that place, agreed to unite with the Presbyterians of Osgoode in calling and supporting a Minister. The people of Gloucester were to obtain one-third of the pastoral service and to pay one-third of the salary.

In the summer of 1844 an attempt was made by the united congregations to call Mr. George BELL, son of Rev. W Bell of Perth and licentiate of the Bathurst Presbytery. He having received a Call from the Churches of Cumberland and Buckingham which he felt inclined to accept. They were again disappointed.

In the month of September of the same year Rev. William LOCHEAD, a Presbyterian Minister originally from Scotland, but who had spent a number of years in the State of New York, having paid a visit to his friend Rev. Thomas FRASER of Lanark, at the request and by the commendation of his friend, he visited and preached two Sabbaths and almost every weekday during his stay in the congregations of Osgoode and Gloucester.

During this visit and on the 4th Oct 1844, after preaching in the church at Osgoode, a meeting was held of the friends and supporters of the Presbyterian Churches of Osgoode and Gloucester, at which the Rev W. LOCHEAD was urged to consent to become the Pastor of the joint Congregation.

In the meantime, the Congregation fitted up for a Manse, the building hitherto occupied as a House of Worship. Into this, Mr LOCHEAD and family moved in the month of June 1845 and commenced his labours.

The congregation were now, however, without a place of worship. The effort therefore, was made to erect one. At the suggestion of Mr. Robert WOODS, Elder CAMERON proposed to the members of the Congregation, especially the young men assembled on the 4th of June after Muster, to spend one week in getting out timber and putting up the frame of a church. The suggestion was adopted by acclamation and on Monday, 16 June, almost every young man in the congregation entered on the work. By Monday, May 23rd not only every man in the congregation, but almost every man in the township was present at the erection of the frame of a church 32 feet by 48.

In the meantime the congregation were accommodated once at the house of Elder GRANT, three or four times at the barn of Henry YORK and during the remainder of the season in the Methodist House of Worship after their service had closed.

Further effort was made by the congregation to erect stables and a wagon house. The following individuals volunteered their help in getting out the timber and raising the walls.

Elder CAMERON 4 days, oxen 2 days, Elder GRANT 4 days, Mr Alex'r KENNEDY 3 days, horse 1 day, A DOW 3 days, Wm McGIR 2 days, oxen 1, Donald CAMPBELL 2 days, Duncan CAMERON 2, F McNEIL 2, Rob't WADDEL 2 of oxen, W. PORTEOUS 2, Alex McLAREN 2, oxen 2, Jas DOW, Hazlet ANDREW 2, 1 of oxen, E.F. LOUCKS 2, Samuel McLAREN 1, Peter McLAREN 1, Hugh McCORMIC 1, Wm. PATERSON 1, John WADEL 1, A SIMPSON 1 & load of slabs, A McCROSTIE 1, A Woods 1, Peter SHARP 1, Rob't WOODS 1, A. McTAVISH 1, Peter McEWEN 1, James ANDREW oxen 1, Wm BRUNTON oxen 1, John DALGLEISH 1, A STEWART 1, Hugh McLAUGHLAN 1, Thos GOLD 1 drew load slabs, Wm DOCTOR, John BRUNTON, Thos SHAW's man, John RODNEY, John McDONALD 1, Jas JOHNSTON, Francis WOODS, Allan CAMERON, John BROWN, Jas DEMPSEY, Jas BUSH, Thos WADDELL, John HIGHLAND, A. McCROSTIE drew poles for top (loft)

After this a subscription was raised to put on the roof and put up the building. In the month of June 1846 the following member of the congregation volunteered their service in getting out timber, drawing and erecting the walls of a log barn 24 by 34 feet.

After the walls were put up, another "bee" was held and most of the men named above again offered additional assistance with days of labour or with their oxen or horses. Those names who contributed help, not mentioned in the first group above are added below.

James Brunton, Dan'l Cameron, Andrew McCormich (1/2 day), John Cameron, Nelson Campbell, Thos Carson (1/2 day), Daniel Craig's boy, John Dow (2 days), Geo Jackson, Jas Manson, Hugh Matthews, John McDonald's son, Samuel McMillan, James Porteous, John Porteous, Henry Robertson (2 days).

The congregation gave Henry Robertson 9 pounds, ten shillings for finishing it - flooring, shingling and putting a door on it.

The Henry Robertson mentioned above, lived at Springhill where he built the white house where Campbell descendants have lived for many years. He would have been near his work on the barn on the Springhill Cemetery site. Later he worked on the Parliament Buildings when they were being erected and he would walk back and forth to Bytown on weekends.

Mr. Robertson was a skilled carpenter and joiner who made fine furniture still found in some homes in the township. He is the ancestor of Jessie Robertson, Alice Craig, Phyllis Campbell and other members of our Society.

Contributed by Elizabeth Stuart

SCHOOL SECTION No. 5, OSGOODE

Continued from Sept. Newsletter

Did you know that this school which we all attended was built in 1878? The contractor was a Mr. Giffen, with lumber and windows supplied by William John Moses. The first teacher in the new building was Mr. Daniel O'Connor.

In 1914, the original wood stove was replaced by a new furnace purchased from the Waterman Company for \$140.00. This same furnace, converted to oil, was heating the school until the end of the school year 1961-62. Beginning in September that year, the heating system for the new addition served both rooms.

In 1924, the school was re-shingled. The shingles cost \$106.55 at Clark Moses in Osgoode and Joe Taylor was paid \$40.090 for doing the work.

A new piano was purchased for the school in 1926.

In 1927, the school got a new floor. The flooring cost \$46.10 at Carkner Lumber in Kenmore and Bernard Dewan was paid \$5.00 for bringing it to the school by team and wagon. Wesley Everts was paid \$20.00 for installing the new floor.

Miss O'Neil's salary in 1930 was \$100.00 a month.

No. 5 students did exceptionally well at Metcalfe Fair in 1931.

1933 - Wood for the school this year supplied by Bernard Dewan, Lorne Taylor and Hugh Cieland at \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cord.

1934 - This year, Chas. Biscope is paid \$20.00 for painting the inside of the school. Teacher's salary has been reduced to \$50.00 a month but Secretary has been raised from \$5.00 to \$10.00 a year.

Bernard Dewan is paid \$3.25 a cord for 7 cords of maple furnace wood in 1935. It pays to have maple!

In July of 1936 the school got a new drilled well at a cost of \$180.00, plus \$21.00 for the pump. No more carrying a pail of water each day from the Blanchfield's. The students were happy, and probably the Blanchfields were too.

1937 - sweeping floor each day and lighting and tending furnace each paid \$10.00 twice a year.

By **1937** the teacher's salary is up again to \$65.00 a month.

1940 - cost of wood is up, secretary pay is up, teachers' salary is up, but how about the poor farmer. This year one local farmer is hired to mow the schoolyard and another one is hired to clean the outhouses, each one is paid \$2.00.

In Oct **1961**, due to the increase in the number of students, staggered hours were introduced. Mrs. Robb taught grades 4 to 8 from 8 am until 12:30. Mrs. Faith then taught grades 1, 2 and 3 from 1 to 4 pm.

The new addition was opened in September **1962**. The contractor was James Kelso of Hallville and the contract was for \$23,000.00 Mr. Kelso came in under budget and billed for \$22,780.00

1969 was the last year classes were held at S.S. No.5 Thanks to Osgoode Township Council and the drama group "Isle In The River Review" (who lease the building) we have the privilege of using this classroom for our reunion today.

Manning McEvoy

A WALK BACK IN TIME

On May 5th, Mary and I decided to re-enact September, 1933 by walking to school. We were joined by Joan and Maynard and we did notice some changes along the way.

The swamp across the road from the Taylor farm had been cleared up by the Banning's during the 1960's and is now productive farmland. The Taylor's dairy barn is gone, destroyed by fire in 1994. No sign of Ted and Bill, Eimer's beautiful iron grey team and no dairy herd. Some beef cattle as Pat, the present owner, is a Department of Transport employee and part time farmer. There is a new house on the farm we knew as Uncle Bernard's. The original farm house has had the clapboarding removed and has been returned to a log cabin. This cabin serves as a gift shop and checkout for the fifteen hundred tree pick-your-own apple orchard, established by Kevin O'Connor in 1982. The cabin in the sugar bush across the road looks much the same as it did the first day we went to school.

We were asked by Council to submit suggestions for a name for our road, and to choose a name with historical or geographical significance. In conversation with Kevin O'Connor, we felt that the two cabins were on the road before any of us and would be here for many years after we are gone, so Kevin suggested "Cabin Road" to Council and it was accepted.

Another addition to our road, is a small house by the edge of the Banning's maples.

As we got to the corner - no mail box and no starlings.

The hills have been lowered and the hollows have been raised, so that going up the hill on Lorne Taylor's road is not the same as in the 1930's, neat. That barn is also gone, destroyed by fire many years ago. A modern bungalow stands where the McKeen house was. Three different families have lived in this house in the 20 years since it was built. We do not know the present owners, but surely they could not be a more caring family than the McKeens.

When we arrived at school, we just took a walk around the yard. New room added, no woodshed, no outhouses, and the paths worn in the grass from playing ball are all gone. In fact, somebody suggested playing ball, but that did not go over too well. We just rested and talked about the happy times we had at No. 5.

On the way home, as we got to the corner, we took a long look down what we used to call the swamp road. In the 1930's, you could not drive through the swamp road with a car. In fact, you could not walk through without

getting your feet wet, at least that's what Clarence and Frank always told their parents (because it was a lot more fun to come around by the McEvoy's and have a short game of ball on the way home). This worked fine, until one evening, when they had their shoes off walking in the ditch, (getting their feet wet), when their father happened to see what they were up to. I'm not sure what the outcome of that was, you will have to ask Clarence or Frank.

This same swamp road is now built up and paved and has twelve houses on its one mile length.

One nice memory I have of our walks home from school is, that each spring at maple syrup time, we would be sure to stop at the cabin in the maples every day for a drink of partly boiled maple syrup. We never forgot us and always had some at exactly the proper strength for a drink, good old pail and dipper style.

The McEvoy farm has not changed names since the 1930's, but our neighbour's across the road have been the Evert's, Biscope's, Thomspen's, Dagg's, Murdock's and the present owners, the Banning's.

Next door, the Taylor's were followed by the Mackie's and now the Casey's.

Next farm, the Dewan's, followed by the Caswell's, Nick Hanchuk, a commune, the O'Connor's, the Mansfield's and now the Hawk's.

The house by the Banning's maples was built by Ken Banning and is now owned by Don Brown and family.

Lorne Taylor sold to the Thompson's, and four different generations of the Thompson family have lived there. Present occupants are Janet Plummer (nee Thompson), her husband Doug Plummer and their three children.

Next house was the McKeen family, followed by three different families in the new bungalow.

Even if you stay home, some changes occur in one lifetime.

Manning McEvoy

THE PIANO

When we first attended No.5 in 1926, Miss O'Neil stood at the front of the school and lead the singing, beating time with her two first fingers. It was very obvious she missed a piano, but money was scarce in those years. I don't recall how it came about but two dances were held to raise money to pay for a piano. A dance platform owned by the Osgoode Recreation Club was moved south of the school and a truck with a piano was backed up to it. Miss O'Neil played the piano, Vince Killy, the saxophone, and Val Chartrand, the violin. There may have been others too but I don't remember. The ladies of the section provided sandwiches and cakes for the lunch which was served.

Modern kids miss a lot by having baby sitters - they likely would be left at home from such an event.

After the piano was purchased, several pupils took music lessons from Miss O'Neil at recess time.

Grace Blair



KEMPTVILLE ADVANCE - DECEMBER 1897

The Paris Exhibition - Dec 2

Twenty million dollars is the sum which the French government proposes to devote to the Paris Exhibition in 1900. Nearly \$10,000,000 will be consumed by the construction of two palaces in the Champs Elyses and those in the Champ de Mers, in the Esplanada des Invalides and on the Quay. The bridges across the Seine are to cost \$1,000,000 and the mechanical and electric services another \$1,000,000. In one word France proposes to do the whole thing on a scale of unprecedented magnificence.

Advertisement

**Mundle and Percival,
The Commercial Centre**

**1000 yards Scotch Tweed, Double Fold, Dress goods
....only 12 ½ cents per yard
Ladies Tailor-Made, American Up-To-Date Style
Jackets ...Old Price \$6.00
Bargain Price \$1.69**

ANDERSON & LANGSTAFF

**Men's Coon Coats\$25.00
Saskatchewan Buffalo Robes, Water and Wind Proof
Men's Heavy Frieze Pea Jackets\$2.90 and Up
Men's Heavy Tuff Cloth Pants ...\$1.25
New "Owl Chop" Japan Tea ...25 cents lb.**

**J.J. CONLEY, Merchant Tailor
Buchanan Block**

**Suits To Order\$9.85
Pants To Order\$2.75**

Osgoode Station News

There was much excitement here on Monday about noon when the alarm of fire echoed through the streets that the blacksmith's shop was ablaze. In a short time many were on the scene and the fire brigade did excellent work under the command of Chief Church. The brigade were successful in saving the building from utter ruin.

December 9

Ottawa Markets — Choicest Hogs - \$6.00, Heavier Pork - \$5.25 to \$5.75, Beef Hinds - 4 c to 6c, Fores - 3c to 3 1/2c, Mutton - 5c - 7c, Ducks 60 to 80c pair, Chickens - 35 to 50c pair, Eggs - case 16 - 18c, Butter - tub 15 - 18c, print 19 - 22c, Hay - \$12.50 to 14.50, Oats - 24 - 25c, Buckwheat - 34 to 37c, Potatoes - 45 to 50c per bag.

News

The last survivor of Waterloo has just died in an Irish Workhouse having reached the age of 115 years. He was 33 at the time of the battle in which he was severely wounded.

Advertisement

BUCHANAN'S FINE X'MAS PRESENTS

**Dressing Cases in Celluloid, Ivorette & Plush
Traveling Cases in Leather & Celluloid
Necktie Cases in Celluloid
Glove & Handkerchief Cases in Ivorette & Celluloid
Veil Cases Work Boxes
Fan Boxes Music Folios in Leather
Jewel Cases Shaving Cases in Ivorette
Manicure Sets Photo Cases and Holders
Perfume Cases Photo Frames
White Metal Ink Wells, Match Holders & Trays
Silver Forks - \$1.00 per doz.
Perfume Bottles from 10 c to \$2.00**

December 16

Osgoode Station News

The Hornerites are drawing large crowds to their meetings held here every night. Mr and Mrs Young attended the wedding of Chas Acres of Vernon on Wednesday and report a very good time.

December 23

The Roller Mill

The long talked of industry for Kemptville is starting out in excellent manner and bids fair to meet the expectations of the most sanguine and convert to its favour the most skeptic. It is attracting to Kemptville farmers from long distances many of whom hertofore went to Ottawa.

A prominent farmer from Osgoode stated that his road tolls to the city amounted to 15c and his hotel bills about \$2.00, beside his time which invariably takes nearly two days while to come to Kemptville it would not require one full day

compiled by Shirley Lowe

STUART/STEWART UPDATE

Our society has been selling copies of *The Family of John & Jane Macnab Stuart/Stewart* that were prepared for the 90th birthday of the writer, Elizabeth Stuart and the Family Reunion. The price is \$15.00. The society now has copies of the enlarged edition that sells for \$20.00. There are 50 additional pages that include 5 more family stories that arrived late, more pictures and an index. There are copies of the index at the museum that can be consulted to see the families included in the book. The page numbers will be only approximate for the early edition.

John and Jane had 8 children, 6 girls and 2 boys. John taught school when he came to Osgoode in 1840. He is known to have taught at the Scotch School and in 1844 he was at #5 on the Old Prescott Road. Three of his daughters, Gracie Mulloy, Jennie Allen and Christena Cook, also taught for a number of years. They had studied at the Ottawa Normal School.

Although the ancestors of both Jane and John had lived in the Scottish Highlands for more than 100 years, not one of the 8 children - Jessie, Kate Alexander (Sandy), Colin, Jennie, Grace, Margaret Ann, Christena - chose a spouse from Scotland. Sandy's second wife was a McNAUGHTON. All but the eldest of the children had issue. At the present time, Sandy, Colin, Jennie ALLEN, Margaret Ann McCONNELL, Christena COOK - have living issue.

There are 10 male descendants carrying the name STUART - none in Canada - and 2 the name STEWART - both in the Maritimes. Margaret Ann McCONNELL had 8 children, 2 sons and 6 daughters. She has the greatest number of descendants - no grandchildren carrying the name McCONNELL. Four of her daughters were well known school teachers - Ella, Ethel BAIRD, Bessie CAMPBELL, Annie McVEY. The eldest daughter, May, and her husband Frank STANLEY, had 5 children, 3 still living, with numerous local people bearing the name STANLEY. As well, Bessie and Earl QUINN, and Jean and John BOLAND have numerous descendants. The Christena COOK-FEAR relatives are Americans on the west coast.

Part 2 of the book deals with the highland ancestors and related families. John's mother had an Uncle Donald McNAUGHTON in the KRRNY - The King's Royal Regiment of New York - who settled in Charlottenburg. His son, John McNAUGHTON, was an Ontario Land Surveyor whose name appears often in our early records. There is a relationship to the family of Peter McANDREW, also born in Styx, and the LOGAN family. Jane came out to Canada in 1832 with her grandparents, Alexander McNAB and Grace McDONALD, aunt of all the Ormond McDONALDS and the RUTHERFORDS. The grandfather, Alexander McNAB was a third cousin of Chief Archibald MACNAB of McNab Township. Jane could trace her family back through the chiefs. And she was a cousin of Margaret SINCLAIR, wife of Robert CAMPBELL of Springhill.

The majority of the Scotch people of Osgoode Township came from the Breadalbane are from which John and Jane came.

TURN BACK THE PAGES OF TIME

From an Account Book Dated Jun 14 to July 27 1879 of Roiston General Store in Metcalfe

The accounts listing many ITEMS, some bought, and paid for at a later date.

I will only mention a few, the necessities of life, pan of Bread 22c, Darning Needle 4c, Corn meal 2 lbs 40c, Box of Matches 3rd Book 35c, ½ gallon of Coal oil 15c, 2 pairs of Shoes \$1 - \$2, 1lb of Sugar 9c, Dozen eggs 18c, 1 oz of Cream of tarter (went with Epsom Salts), Corn starch 13c, 1 yard of crinoline 12c, Pair of Rubbers 50c, one pair of Misses Shoes \$1.25, oatmeal 25c, Hat 10c, Tea 35c, Bar of soap 10c, package of yeast 10c, 1lb of Twist 15c, 3 plugs of Tobacco 24c, ½ dozen Pencils 18c, Pair of boots \$2.25, Flowers \$2.63, 1 glass jar 13c, Can of varnish 44c, 1 pint of Vinegar 4c, 2lbs of nails 8c, ½ gallon of Alcohol \$1.25, Sprinkler \$1, dozen Buttons 1c, 1 pair of Broyens \$1.00, 3 yards of Cotton 30c, Shirt front 20c, 1 rake 12c, 1 scythe \$1.20, one stone 7c, 1 keg of Nails \$2.80, 1lb of Paris green 30c, 2 cans of Peaches 50c, etc.

The following are some names of people who visited this store in that short period of time, some of them many times over.

A.Sully, James Sharp, Rev/ Christie, Rev. G. Goldie, Arch. McDermond, M. Gillesie, Jas Quail, Dan Gerard, John Looney, P. McAlinden, S.Fisher, Ira Morgan, Mrs. Pendergrast, William York, Alex Dow, Jas Roiston, H. Hartley, Geo Bradshaw, Mrs. Carson, J. Baker, Jas McLaren, A. Fisher, Zack McDermond, Mrs. Eastman, J. Whiteside, Richard Stiles, William Scarf, J. Waddle, Thos Dempsey, John Irving, Mr. McMillen, Mr. McDonnell, John Savage, George Blair, P. Talbot, Mr. York, Mr. Boyd, Thos Deveaux, Mr. Latermore, George Robertson, Salfy McDole, John Sullivan, Alex McGur, Thomas Scrivens, Richard Tobin, P. Cameron, Jas Fisher, Hughes Mathews, Daniel Cameron, D. McMaster, Mr McKey, Jas Simpson, Jas Kearns, John Keaney, Mrs. Moreau, John McNab, David Fraser, James Quail, Peter McCrostie, Mr. McGowin, Paul Cooper, Mr Kilfoyle, John Kennedy, Pat Conlin, James Cochran, Thos Blair, John Tobin, Charles Scrivens, John Wilson, Jas Elliot, Robert Stanley, Hugh Carrigan, Michael Fanning, Patrick Keough, Oliver Carson, John Stanley, John Scott, David Quinn, Bernard Breman, James McLauren, John Dunlop, William Jakle, School Trustees, Frank Iveson and Jas Dalglish.

Michael Daley

THE FOLLOWING EXCERPT IS TAKEN FROM THE 1879 HISTORICAL ATLAS OF CARLETON

Metcalfe, is now probably one of the most prosperous villages in the limits of Carleton County. It is situated 20 miles from Ottawa and 10 from Osgoode Station, off which it has daily mail. It is connected to Ottawa by a first rate macadamized road (except a 1 1/4 mile) which is partly owned by the by the Nepean and Gloucester Road Co. And partly by the Township of Osgoode. The village is on the direct road between Ottawa and Morrisburg, on the St. Lawrence front, is situated in the midst of a prosperous and thriving community, and is the center of quite a local trade. The business part of the place consists past office, Telegraph (Montreal), Office, 2 hotels, 3 general Stores, 2 tanneries (quite extensive), new and first class steam, grist, and sawmills (owned by Wilson-Bassett), 2 carriage shops, 3 blacksmith shops, 1 cabinet shop, 2 tailor shops, 3 shoe shops, and a barber shop. There is one physician in the place and it is the seat of the Division Court, The Town Hall, or rather the Council Chamber is here situated. In addition to the business places above-mentioned, Metcalfe contains a school and four churches (Methodist,

Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic), and has a population of at least 300 persons.

The account book, of which I have written was handed to **Gerald Morris** of Metcalfe, by a complete stranger, who discovered this account book, and other books in the attic of the former Roiston General Store, situated on the main street in Metcalfe ten or twelve years ago. Gerald whose roots are firmly planted in Metcalfe and surrounding area, with a keen interest in agriculture artifacts, and other aspects of Historical Nature, was quick to access the historical value of this book.

Michael Daley

Note of Interest

DEED FOR RIGHT OF WAY

submitted in part by Gearled Morris

This indenture made the twenty-ninth day fo July AD 1896 between Daniel McLaurin of the village of Metcalfe in the County of Carleton, Division Court Clerk, hereinafter called the Grantor, of the first part, and Isabelle Grey, Mary Grey, Ellen Gray, Spinsters, and Alfred Grey of the same place, yeoman hereinafter called the Grantees of the second part.

In consideration of the sum of one Dollar, paid by the Grantees to the Grantor, acknowledge their right to free and uninterrupted was and liberty of passing and repassing, horses and other animals, wagons, or other vehicles, over a certain road, or way. Thirty feet in width and Thirteen hundred and Twenty feet in length or thereabouts, and across the west-half of lot Twenty-Two in the Sixth Concession in the Township of Osgoode across the west-half of lot Twenty-one to the side road between Lots Twenty, and Twenty-one in the sixth Concession in the Township.

Both the Grantees and the Grantor were to assist one another in keeping the said road in proper repair. The Grantees keep in repair, a wire fence along each side of said road.

Today one hundred and one years later this Indenture dated 1896 is still honoured.

This document was signed by Daniel McLaurin, Isabella Grey, Nellie Grey, Alfred Grey.

HOW GREY CREEK GOT IT'S NAME

Grey's Creek Drain, known to many of us as the Middle Castor, meanders across our Township from lot No 2 in the second Concession, to its junction with the North Castor in Lot No 22 in the 10th Concession of Osgoode.

In 1879, the township map of Osgoode portrays the Grey family situated on Lots - Wm Grey on east 1/2 of lot 21, Concession 5, one hundred acres; Wm Grey Jr situated on the N ½ of the East ½ of lot 22 in concession 5, 50 acres; John Grey situated S ½ of the East ½ of lot 22, Concession 5, 50 acres. The Middle Castor River crossed these properties.

I do not have on hand the year the Middle Castor River was down graded to "Grey's Creek Drain."

Michael Daley



Genealogy and the Internet

(Part 1)

The Internet is a global wide network connecting millions of computers together. It has many uses such as electronic mail, email and the World Wide Web: www. In the former it is somewhat like a post office where each user has an address and can send mail to any other user, anywhere in the world, usually in a matter of seconds - a bit faster than the postal service we are used to.

The World Wide Web aspect is somewhat like a combination of a library and information request cards. Here the user starts with a reference to a specific document or site and by using an Internet browser requests (by the click of the mouse on your computer) to see the page (somewhat like writing a letter to a library or research centre)

One useful genealogy tool on the Internet is The Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid (OCFA). The OCFA is a pointer database consisting of the surnames, cemetery name and location of over 1.1 million interments from approximately 2000 distinct cemeteries, cairns, memorials, and cenotaphs in Ontario Canada. The OCFA is now at Version 5 which replaces and expands beyond all earlier versions.

The project is supported numerous genealogical groups including the Bruce County Genealogical Society, the Temiskaming Genealogy Group, the Niagara Peninsula and Norfolk Branches of the OGS as well as the Perth, Waterloo-Wellington, Kingston, London-Middlesex, Lambton, Ottawa, Kawartha, Quinte and Brant Branches of the OGS, and the Upper Ottawa Valley Genealogical Group.

Data published by the above organizations is obviously essential to the growth of the OCFA database. However, the volunteers who have spent hundreds of hours to transfer the data from "paper to computer" represent the heart and sole of OCFA. Without them, the project could not have succeeded.

Any database of this size is bound to have some errors which users are encouraged to report to the OCFA. The database can be searched for specific surname, full name, cemetery, county, or township - any or all information may be used depending how much information you already have. For example a search for Daley, Osgoode Twp, Carleton County results in about 30 names being found.

The OFCA can be found at:

<http://www.islandnet.com/ocfa/homepage.html>

Another helpful site is the RAND Genealogy Club which provides a place to share information about genealogical resources found available on the "information highway." Everyone, however, is welcome to submit information to the Roots Location List and Roots Surname List.

RootsWeb Resources provides three sections:

Roots Location List : Searchable index of locations and the people researching them.

Roots Surname List : Search thousands of surnames & the people researching them.

Soundex Converter : Type a surname and get its Soundex code.

Roots Surname List (RSL), containing about 337,063 surnames submitted by about 46,675 genealogists. On the RSL you can submit the surnames and areas you are looking for. Here are a couple of my entries:

Hughes 1760 1840

WEX,IRL>Papineauville,Lower>George'sLk,Upper,CAN diH

Porteous 1836 now
Boriand,DFS,SCT>Vernon,ON,CAN diH

The site can be searched to see who is searching for a specific surname and what time period and area they are researching. The last few letters of each line allows you to email to the person who submitted the information. Today the RSL has about 25 people researching Daley, about 75 doing Stuart and 8 doing Porteous. The Porteous listing eventually brought a response from a fourth cousin in Australia whose great-great grandfather had emigrated to Australia in the mid-1800's.

The site can be found at:

<http://www.rand.org:80/personal/Geneal/>

In the next article I will review sites of particular interest to those searching in the UK.

Doug Hughes

WINTER

*Dear ones, this time of year has come
When its so cold we're nearly dumb
We almost hide and hibernate.
Oh bears, how pleasant is your state.
How you in dens of leaves or grass
Can cuddle up til winter's past.*

*No taking clothes from off the hook
No putting feet in warm felt boots
No taking off and putting on
Of clothes to keep the old clay warm.
You just lie there in blissful daze
Till sun returns with his warm rays.*

*Oh bears, how happy is your lot
I think with you I'd gladly swap.
But then I must look round and see
And think what I would miss by gee
I'd miss the joy of Christmas morn
When angels said Jesus was born.*

*I'd miss the hustle and the fuss
That keeps us fresh and free of moss.
I'd miss so many things I see
I guess I'll remain just me.*

Author - Raymond Leahy

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