

VERNON CENOTAPH

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES - NOV 3/2001

The Remembrance Day Ceremony held on the grounds of the Osgoode Township Historical Society & Museum Building in Vernon was conducted by the Royal Canadian Legion, Osgoode Branch, No. 589 at 11 A.M., Nov 3rd, 2001.

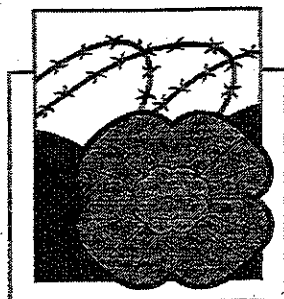
Sgt-at-Arms	..... Falls in Colour Party & Parade Marches to the Cenotaph Report Parade to the President
President	... Chuck Empey - Introductory Remarks O'Canada
Bugler, Erin Campbell	..... Last Post The Silence
President	..... Act of Remembrance
Bugler, Erin Campbell	..... Reveille
Padre, Rev. Cathy Victor	..... Prayers
Sgt-at-Arms	..... Colour Party, Order Colours, Parade Stand at Ease
Names on the Cenotaph	..... Bob Usher
Poppy Chairman	..... Place the Wreaths
Recitation, Flander's Fields	..... Michelle Crook
Padre, Rev, Cathy Victor	..... The Benediction
Sgt-at-Arms	..... Parade Attention, Colour Party "The Queen"
Sgt-At-Arms	..... March Off Colours
President	..... Dismiss the Parade

Wreath Laying

Govt of Canada	..... Mr David Pratt, M.P.
Silver Cross Mother	..... Mrs Edith Forget
Province of Ont	..... Hon John Baird
City of Ottawa	..... Counc, Doug Thompson
Osgoode Ward	..... Harvey Linton
Royal Cdn Legion #589, Osgoode & Ladies	..... Pres, Chuck Empey, Pres, Dianne Lance
Community Police	..... Cst. Mark Scharfe
Vernon Rec Board	..... Larry Alexander
Osgoode Twp. Historical Soc.	..... Ron Isaac
Vernon Friendship Club	..... Marg Hill
Loyal Orange Lodge	..... Fred Alexander
Metcalfe & Dist. Lions	..... Archie Sayant
Vernon Women's Institute	..... Laura Acres
In Memory of P/O Oswald Linton	..... Harvey Linton
Girl Guides of Canada	.. members of the Brownies

The Osgoode Branch #589 of Royal Canadian Legion also conducted Remembrance Day Services at the following locations:

Kenmore	Nov 04, 2001	9:30 A.M.
Osgoode	Nov 04, 2001	1:30 P.M.
Metcalfe	Nov 11, 2001	10:45 A.M.



Osgoode Township Historical Society & Museum

at the

Old Vernon School

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President's Report - December 2001

With Christmas just around the corner we can look back at what has been a very busy year and forward to the excitement of the coming year as we will be celebrating the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Historical Society. The first formative meeting was held in late November 1972.

This fall has been an exceptionally busy season at the Museum. Since its founding in 1972 the Society has seen its collection continue to grow at an exciting rate. Members of the community continue to donate numerous articles and artefacts related to the history of the Township of Osgoode. This is most encouraging as it important to acquire these many stories, artefacts and data in order to preserve the history of our Township. Old photographs, artefacts and stories enrich our understanding of the rich history we have.

As mentioned in the last newsletter we launched the "History of the Metcalfe Rural Telephone Company" at Pioneer Day in July. The initial printing has now SOLD OUT and we hope to have a second printing available in early December.

Our exhibit at the International Plowing match was a great success. It was visited by well over 1,000 people who talked with our members manning the booth.



Ploughing Match 2001

Left to right - Spencer Waddel, Ron Isaac, Michael Daley

Service of Remembrance

On Saturday, November 3rd the Royal Canadian Legion-Osgoode led the regular Service of Remembrance at the Vernon Cenotaph (in front of the Museum) followed by a reception in the Museum hosted by the Historical Society. The service was well attended and many people took the opportunity to look at the interesting displays put together for the occasion.

President's Report Contd.

November Meeting

At the November meeting we were fortunate to have Ruth and Ron Shurliff of North Gower talk about the Quarrier Home Children. Their talk was followed by an expansive question and answer period which further stimulated the interest of the audience. Refreshments were served following the meeting.

In the past we found that after closing for the winter months it took several weeks to catch up on the backlog of work that built up. This year we are trying to extend the hours that we keep the museum open. Instead of closing completely for the December through March period we will try to be open from noon to 4:00 PM as follows:

December Thursday to Saturday

Jan Feb & March Friday and Saturday

weather permitting. Please call ahead if in doubt.

While this will incur some additional expense we hope to encourage additional donations from our members so as you send in your membership renewals for 2002 please consider including some additional amount to help us offset the increased costs.

Also, as you renew your memberships for 2002 it would be appreciated if you could include your email address and complete the members survey included with this issue of the newsletter. Your input is most important so that we may plan projects and programs to meet the members needs.

Over the next few weeks I would like to see the Society develop a vision for where we should be going in our 4th decade. Your suggestions of special projects and events would be most appreciated. Please drop us a note or email at your earliest convenience.

As one project for our 30th Anniversary, Cecil Reaney has started collecting material on the dairy industry in the township. This will include, among other things, as much information as possible on cheese factories and their cheese makers as well as home farm dairy practices. A good deal of this information was collected by members in the past and we hope to gather this together and have it published for Pioneer Day 2002 to be held on Saturday, July 27th. Any contribution of stories, photographs and artefacts would be appreciated.
Best wishes for 2002.

Doug Hughes

PS: We try to keep current information on our web site: www.magma.ca/~oths

**THE OTTAWA CITIZEN READS -
"IN MEMORIAM"**

LEAHY, MAURICE, KOREAN VETERAN, WARRANT OFFICER, CANADIAN FORCES 1948-1979"

Maurice Leahy, descendant of a pioneer family of Osgoode, died Oct 21st, 2001 at the Veteran's Hospital in Ottawa. Born 1929, son of Joe and Anna (Burke) Leahy of the Old Prescott Road, returning from active duty in Korea. He married Antoinette Sauve, Dec. 27th, 1954, 3

daughters, one son were born of this union.

In his many postings across Canada, Korea, Europe, and the Mid-East, he served his country well. In the 1960's he served in the peace keeping force in Hemer, Germany. In the 1970's he served under the United Nations peace-keeping force in Egypt.

A memorial service was held in the Chapel of the Veteran's Health Centre with members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Montgomery Branch # 351 participating. His daughter in her eulogy to her father, eluded to his army career stating she was never more proud as she followed his flag draped earthly remains into the chapel. The flag, maple leaf was the emblem for which he served for many years.

Michael Daley

OUR HERITAGE

*They tell us the twilight is falling.
Falling on heads turning grey.
That soon there will be no remembrance
Of warriors long gone away.*

*They say we romanticize killing.
That War is a curse and a blight.
Dear Father in Heaven, they knew it
They knew it, but still went to fight.*

*Why prate of ideals when the goose-step
Was heard from behind bolted doors?
They poured from this land in their thousands
To keep all that hell from our shores.*

*Perhaps it is twilight for veterans.
It comes to us all with the years.
At least we have rich, hallowed memories,
And poppies, and crosses, and tears.*

Helen Middleton

recited by Bill and McLachlan, Montgomery Legion member.

JOHN REOCH, HOME CHILD

On Nov 30th, St Andrews Day, Patron Saint of Scotland, the following biography will warm your heart. John Reoch an avid singer and author of many poems, arrived in Osgoode Township at an early age from the Quarrier Homes of Scotland. The following was submitted by Lorraine Reoch of Vernon.

Earliest Biography - May 1st, 1886

Many years ago a middle aged couple who had no children of their own decided they would send to the Orphan Homes of Scotland for a boy whom they wished to adopt. The man of the house although he could not sing himself was passionately fond of music so in his order asked that they send a boy who could sing. The little lad was so long in coming that the couple had ceased to expect him but on the first day of May the following year, the wee Scotch laddie arrived at his future home about noon. The man of the house was away but on returning home at night was much surprised to see a boy in their home and asked his wife "whose little boy is this?" She answered, "I guess he is ours." "This is the boy we sent for over a year ago." "The mail man brought him today from

JOHN REOCH CONTD

the station, he and his little trunk packed full of clothes."

The man of the house after sizing him up remembered his request, so asked the shy little fellow if he could sing. He replied, "Aye, a wee bit." "All right let us hear you." The little fellow wondering what he would sing, started to say to himself, "let me see." "I will sing - I will sing" and the words of the hymn *I Will Sing Of My Redeemer*, came to mind, so without a book he began to sing this beautiful gospel hymn. He sang the first verse and part of the chorus until the old gentleman with tears running down his face said, "that will do, that will do, the bill is filled." That little lad sang many solos since but that was the first solo he sang in Canada. It is one the wee Scotch lad's favorites yet.

*I will sing of my Redeemer,
And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered,
From the curse to set me free*

JOHN REOCH - POET

He was born Sept 24, 1877 in Glasgow, Scotland, number two of the third family at 85 Garnethill St., home of his mother Margaret Jackson Wilson. The father, John Cromb Reoch, being married twice before, had one child Elizabeth Cromb Reoch from his first wife Lavinia Boath. The second wife, Jane Carmicheal Faichney, gave him two more children, James Faichney Reoch and Jane Dawson Reoch. Jane eventually came to Canada and married Robert D Gordon in Winnipeg. Elizabeth and James were found living with grandparents James and Elizabeth Reoch in Auchtergaven in Perthshire.

John and third wife Margaret had four children in a very short time - Robert, John, William and Margaret. John died on Nov 21, 1884 from alcohol related liver disease and Margaret, it is said, died of a broken heart on Dec 3, 1884. James Wilson, Margaret's brother placed the children in the Quarrier Orphan's Home on Dec 11, 1884.

Robert and John were placed on a ship seventeen months later for Canada. Robert was placed with James Dillion and John went to the home of John and Margaret Andrew in Osgoode Township, where the Andrew were widely known. The two younger siblings, William and Margaret arrived six weeks later. William was taken in by Sanford Moon and Margaret went to live with John at Andrews. John and Margaret were lucky, the Andrews had no other children and were good to them.

John as an adult, worked around many other farms and eventually bought a farm at Vernon. John married Lydia Allin, an English lass, the daughter of George and Emmu Allin. John and Lydia were instrumental in forming the first choir in the Osgoode Baptist Church. Lydia became ill, bed-ridden and died in 1927.

John remarried in 1929 to Mildred Howell bringing new life to the Reoch farm. Mildred was also a Vernonite, her father being the local blacksmith. John and Mildred worked the farm

together until Feb 1931, when Mildred was stricken with what John called "washer womens knees" and was also bedridden. It was at this time that John, sitting at her bedside, wrote his first poem to her. This is the first of many poems he wrote. In 1931, when he was 54 years, he sold the farm to retire to Alexander St in Winchester. This was where most of his poems were written.

After Mildred died, John married Effie Cooper Merkley, a widow. John continued to write poems to people in poor health, in sympathy, on special occasions, to all he knew. Pleasure was no doubt received from his verse.

John's poetry was published widely, in Margaret Robb's *Poet's of Osgoode Township*, the Winchester Press, and in church papers. He wrote his early biography a short time before he passed away and it was published as short and sweet as it was. As an avid singer and church goer, he was finally told to take life easier as it was believed his heart was giving out. But he insisted he "could still help people by writing poems."

In his declining years he became a little eccentric and a regular on the streets of Winchester. He sometimes hung or hugged the telephone poles on Main Street. He fell once going for a pail of water during a dry period and declined most colorfully the offer of being helped up by my father. Both he and Effie died in 1956 only months apart. He was genuinely missed when he departed our street for good.

I know he is looking over my shoulder as I wrote these words saying, "I was always good to you kids". And he was, with treats of candies and cookies after school and poems on our birthdays.

This man lived a full life, had three wives but no children. He loved life, church and God. Although he came from poverty stricken roots, he made well. His life will long be a reminder for the kind and gentle words he wrote in verse and not for the fact that he was one of those Home Children from Scotland.

Submitted by Lorraine Reoch
Lorraine's husband Gordon is a direct descendant of John Reoch and Margaret Jackson Wilson of Glasgow, Scotland.

OSGOODE TOWNSHIP TEACHERS 1864-1865

S.S. No.1	James Doyle, teacher; log building
S.S. No.2	Maria C Dunham, teacher; log building
S.S. No.3	James O'Meara, teacher; log building
S.S. No.4	Michael O'Keefe, teacher; log building
S.S. No.5	D. O'Connor, teacher; log building
S.S. No.6	John Dalglish, teacher; log building
S.S. No.7	James Minions, teacher; log building
S.S. No.8	William Grant teacher; log building
S.S. No.9	A. McLaren, teacher; log building
S.S. No.10	James Simpson, teacher; stone building
S.S. No.11	Joseph Morrison, teacher; frame building
S.S. No.12	James McDonald, teacher; log building
S.S. No.13	Andrew Andrews, teacher; stone building
S.S. No.14	John O'Keefe, teacher; log building
S.S. No.15	Alice Prendergast, teacher; log building
S.S. No.16	Protestant Separate School, Miss Sipes, teacher; log building

submitted by Michael Daley

THE AUCTION SALE

HAVING DECIDED TO MIND MY OWN BIZZYNESS OF FARMING, WILL SELL THE FOLLOWING AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO ANYONE WHO CAN RAISE THEIR HAND, WINK, SCRATCH THEIR EAR OR EVEN LOOK HALF INTERESTED. SINCE I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE, I DIDN'T PUT ANY DIRECTIONS.

AT 2:30 NEXT WEEK
ALOTTA LIVESTOCK, SOME DEAD
M.T. WALLET - OWNER

HORSES

- 1 NIGHT MARE (1/2 BLIND)(NO BAD HABITS)
- 1 DONKEY - A REAL JACKASS
- 1 UNPREDICTABLE MARE (A TRUE POLITICIAN)
- 1 SORREL STUD - WITH LONG PEDIGREE

CATTLE

- 1 NERVOUS HOLSTEIN - YOU'LL GET A KICK OUT OF HER
- 1 HERD OF TWO FACED COWS
- 20 HEAD DRY COWS - MUST BE WATERED SOON
- 1 GURNSEY - 4 BALES PER LITRE OF MILK
- 1 MILK COW - HIGH KICKER NO UDDER PROBLEMS
- 1 BUM STEER - THIS AIN'T NO BULL
- 1 REJECTED HEIFER - WILL FRESHEN AS SOON AS SHE OVERCOMES B.O.
- 3 HIPPIE COWS ON GRASS

HOG - SHEEP & GOATS

- 1 OLD SOW - WITH BOAR FOR HUSBAND
- 2 GELDS - GOT THAT WAY AT NEIGHBOURS
- 1 NANNY - FOR DAIRY, A GOOD BUTTER
- 1 RAM - A BIG HIT WITH THE KIDS
- 1 WHEEL BARROW - NO LONGER A BOAR

POULTRY

- 1 CAPON - NOTHING TO CROW ABOUT
- 80 HENS ON A 40 HOUR WEEK - PRESENTLY ON STRIKE FOR HIGHER ROOST
- 1 COLD CHICKEN - WALKS AROUND BARNYARD WITH CAPON USING FOUL LANGUAGE

MACHINERY

- 1 JOHN DEERE MANURE SPREADER - RUNS LIKE A DEER, SMELLS LIKE A JOHN. OWNER WILL NOT STAND BEHIND IT.
- 1 SET OF DISCS - WITH SPINAL TROUBLE
- 1 SULKY CART - WILL THROW IN SULKY WIFE
- 1 P-U MANURE THROWER - SHOOTS IT FASTER THAN YOU CAN HAUL IT
- 1 ROAD DRAG - WILL THROW IN HUSBAND, HE'S A DRAG TOO
- 1 POTATO DIGGER - BROKEN BACK (BENT REACH)

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1 PUP NAMED CARPENTER - DOES ODD JOB AROUND THE HOUSE
- BOARDER COLLIE PUP - RETIRED WHEN HE HEARD THE SON "THERE'LL NEVER BE ANOTHER EWE"
- 1 WHIPPET RACING DOG - WITH TURPENTINE DRIVE
- 100 COB OF CORN - SORTED TO SIZE
- TWIN BEDS - ONE NEVER USED
- 1 SIDEBOARD - CAN'T FIND OTHER SIDE, CENTRE OR BOTTOM BOARDS
- 1 FEATHER MATTRESS - SMELLS FOUL
- 1 STRAW MATTRESS (PASTURE PEDIC)
- 1 LEFT HANDED PITCH FORK
- 20 POST HOLES
- 1 CHORD OF WOOD - NO STRINGS ATTACHED
- 1 WORK BENCH - NO VICES

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED
SO STICK AROUND 'TILL YOUR
FED UP

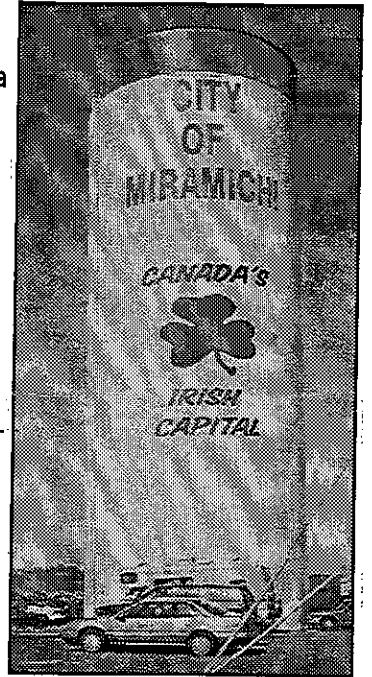
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SUBMITTED BY MURRAY LITTLE



IRISH FESTIVAL

Sure "I can't help myself," but I must tell you of a flying trip down east to New Brunswick to visit some relatives last July. I got to sit in the back seat admiring the scenery, some beautiful farms, the valley's moose and even black bear, in mile after mile of forest. We were visiting a nephew Glen Carroll and his wife JoAnn (McDonnell), our hosts at their home on the banks of the Miramichi River.



Formerly the towns Newcastle, Chatham, Nelson and a large geographical area have been amalgamated into what the huge water tower proclaims, the "City of Miramichi, Canada's Irish Capital." From 1812 - 1850, ninety percent of immigrants to New Brunswick were from Ireland.

By pre-arrangement, we were ther to take in the "Irish Festival," a weekend of music, dancing, song and family parade. Irish shamrocks were painted on the streets of the parade route. Over one hundred family crests (Irish) adorned the walls of the Lord Beaverbrook Arena. The Irish Festival began in 1984, the brain-child of "Farrel McCarthy," his interest in preserving and promoting the history and culture of the Irish settlers who came to the Miramichi and New Brunswick in General.

Editor, Michael Daley

IN SEARCH OF THEIR ROOTS



VIA E-MAIL

My grandfather was Jay Sterling Salmon, my great grandfather was Willis Salmon who married Carrie Poapst. Willis's father was Simeon Salmon and lived in or near Avonmore. Carrie Poapst was the daughter of Ephrim and his father was John whose father was Frederick which comes to the first Poapst who came to Canada, Adam Poapst. They all lived in the Roxborough, Avonmore area. If you are descendants of any of these people, I would appreciate any information you have.
Sandra Salmon, Morrisburg, Canada. Aug 18, 2001
<tuna@glen-net.ca>



IN SEARCH OF THEIR ROOTS CONT'D

Gretchen Lowe
205 Crystal Lane
Madison WI, 53714

Dear Betty (Thompson) Daley

I understand that you are the grand daughter of Stephanie (Fannie) Keegan and Alex Thompson. I am the great grand daughter of Francis Keegan who was the son of John Keegan and Alice Huggard. I have been trying to track down what happened to John Alice's children and grandchildren and it is most difficult. Violet Periot, the grand daughter of William Henry Keegan lives in Ottawa. The great grand daughter of Jane Keegan LeClaire lives in Oregon.

I was in Canada in August and went to the cemetery in Maniwaki. Eldeen Levesque who is part of the Moore family showed me around and told me about the Keegan/Nolan side of the family. Eldeen is related through my great grandfather's second wife. I wish I had known about you when my husband and I were in Canada. I met with some great grandchildren on Alice Huggard's side of the family. They live in Brockville and are great people. They took me to the Anglican Church where Alice's parents are buried in Cornwall.

Alice's parents were Evan Huggard and Frances Dumas. They came from County Kerry around 1842 and settled in the Cornwall area. Frances is mentioned in her father's will in 1829. He died in Cloghereen, which is near Killamey. I received this information from a Rose Huggard, who is not related. She obtained it from the Archbishop of County Kilcolman when she was in Ireland.

Evan and Frances had 6 children: John who married Johanna Mahoney. James married Elizabeth Ellis: Henry married Elisabeth Rey. Jany married John Benson. Alice married John Keegan and Evan died at age 7. The children lived in different areas of Ontario — Cornwall, Mathilda, Iroquois and Millroche.

John Keegan and Alice Huggard were married July 4, 1844 in Cornwall. Can't find the record, but it is recorded in a survey done by the Oblate Fathers in Maniwaki. John and Alice first lived in Osgoode until moving to Maniwaki around 1860. I guess John Keegan served as mayor of Kensington for several years. Their children: Mary Ann b. July 5, 1845, Osgoode Ont. Married Patrick Murphy and moved to Wisconsin. Jane b. March 8, 1847, Osgoode married Lucien LeClair Apr 6, 1863 and died in 1875. John who died in 1883 was b. Osgoode March 10, 1851. Alice b. March 16, 1853 Osgoode married Hugh McWilliams. Francis b. Jan. 8, 1854, Osgoode married first Sarah Hebert and after she died he married Bridget Moore. William Henry b. July 27, 1855, Osgoode married Mary Ann Moore. James b. Nov 27, 1857, Osgoode married Sarah McKay. Catherine b. Dec 7, 1859, Osgoode married Pat Nolan and settled in Maniwaki. Stephanie b. Aug 18, 1862, Maniwaki, Que married Alex Thompson and Thomas Edward who died in Vancouver, b. Sept 9, 1865, Maniwaki, never married.

I have a list of Mary Ann Murphy's children

and grandchildren; I have Jane's children's names and some of her grandchildren. Because Francis was my great grandfather, I have those names and William Henry's as well. But James, Catherine, Fanny and Thomas Edward's family are still empty blanks on my family sheets.

Any information on this family would be appreciated. Please send to Editor, Michael Daley or to the above, Gretchen Lowe.

CURATOR/ARCHIVIST REPORT

In September we had 83 visitors. The following had their family researched: McGirr, Murray, Robertson, Doyle, Dillon, Shillington/Skeffington, Guilfoyle/ Kilfoyle and Moore.

In October we had 124 visitors. The following had their family researched: Reoch, McTavish, McDonell, Swerdfager, Murdoch, McKnight, McEvoy, Doyle, Thompson, Latimer, Robertson.

Donors of materials/artifacts for 2001

The Historical Society and Museum wishes to extend their thanks and appreciation to the following persons who donated materials and artifacts to the Museum in 2001.

Mrs. H. E. Munro..... Fred Alexander.....John
and Lois McKercher..... Betty Crerar.....
Alice Craig.....Diane Buchanan-Gursby.....
...Dwight McRuer.....Elizabeth Stuart.....
Kay Porteous.....Doug and Jennifer Potts.....
.....Victor Kennedy.....George Neville.....
Ida Craig.....Archie Sayant

Michelle LaChance

A DAY TO REMEMBER

On September 11, 2001, a beautiful autumn morning with the sun shining in a clear blue sky when out of the blue a huge plane, domineered by a terrorist group made a direct hit on the North Tower of the World Trade Centre in New York City. Millions of people while watching in disbelief, as this towering inferno was televised across the continent and around the world. A second plane made a direct hit on the South Tower within minutes and a third plane crashed into the pentagon. The fourth plane, thanks to the passengers or crew (we will never know) diverted the plane to come down in a farmer's field near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. It's destination may never be known.

As we watched unbelievably, those 110 storey Twin Towers disintegrated, raining death to thousands and destruction to the ground below. This act of terrorism will indeed affect our every day lives well into the 21st century

Michael Daley



PHAIR REUNION

Calling all descendants of William James Phair (1819-1906), Osgoode Township. The first reunion of Phairs will be held Aug 3rd and 4th, 2002 in Metcalfe, Ont. Details to be published later. For more info call Donna Phair at dphair@sympatico.ca or RR#2, Campbellford, Ont. K0L 1L0

PIN MONEY

Pin manufacturing was largely a small scale though much needed commodity in Europe in early 18th Century.. French pins made were considered a better buy than English made and much more sought after. Large sheets of long thin metal began the process, they were cut in lengths, sharpened after a fashion then heads put on. Heading was often the chore of children with their small fingers. High born ladies were proud of their pins, displaying them whenever hand work was publicly done. Lower born ladies may have had to find other means of stabilizing their clothing. Pins played an important part in woman's dress in spite of their obvious drawbacks and flaws. It would be many years before hooks and eyes and safety pins were produced. In 1780, a William Hone recalls pin-sellers crying in the street



Three rows a penny, Pins:
"Shorts, whites and middlings."

At that cry, girls and women came running to replenish their stocks. In mid-18th century, it became common for menfolk at year end to buy their wives and daughters a stock of pins for the year. Thus to this day, it is known as their "pin money."

Ann Leighton-Kyle

MUSEUM NOTES

Welcome and a tip of the hat to our new volunteer, Russell Johnston who has made a difference to our storage areas. Hope he keeps returning.

Our newest publication: "Metcalfe Rural Telephone" researched by Cecil Reaney has been sold out and is in reprint. Cecil has started a new project - "Antique Dairying in Osgoode Township."

The 1901 Census is planned to go into print before the New Year.

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2002 at 7:30 p.m at the Museum in Vernon. This is the time to hear reports and vote for board and officers. Everyone Welcome

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 till 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 doze
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.

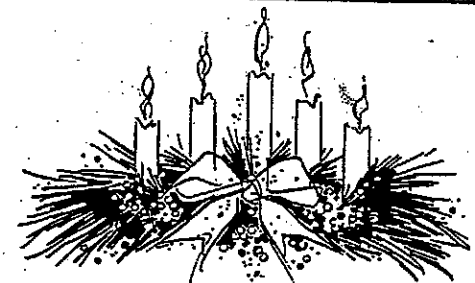
Raymond Leahy

YOU'RE GETTING OLDER WHEN

- ☉ Your children begin to look middle aged
- ☉ You're still chasing women, but you can't remember why
- ☉ You sit in a rocking chair and can't make it go

**OSGOODE TOWNSHIP
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Merry Christmas
Happy New Year