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at the
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1930-1969, to comply with provincial laws regarding the release of personal papers under the Freedom of Information Act.

The new owners are looking for a School Bell to replace the one that was removed from the Bell Tower and donated to St. Leonard Church in Manotick. Any information on the possibility please reply to.....

Michael Daley

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, the warm weather has finally arrived and what a blessing! We thought winter would never give up!

Here at the Osgoode Township Museum, we are looking forward to the tourist season. Our regular staff, Donna Bowen will be 'manning the helm' as usual. (Hope that isn't being sexist.) If any of you members, from a distance are in the area, please drop in and pay us a visit.

As I was meandering through the agricultural display building the other day, I glimpsed the old blacksmith equipment. A thought came to my mind about a story my dad used to tell.

A local blacksmith, who lived and operated a shop in my home town, had a son. Now, he liked to go out hunting with the neighbourhood boys, along with their 22 rifles (perhaps shooting groundhogs etc...) One evening, while arriving home for supper after their jaunt through the woods, he entered the house with gun in hand. His mother and dad were seated at opposite ends of the table -- supper being served and ready. In the centre of the table a sealer of preserves stood. 'Sonny boy', thinking he had unloaded the 22, threw the gun to shoulder, sighted in and pulled the trigger. "POW!!" The sealer of preserves exploded in mid-air.

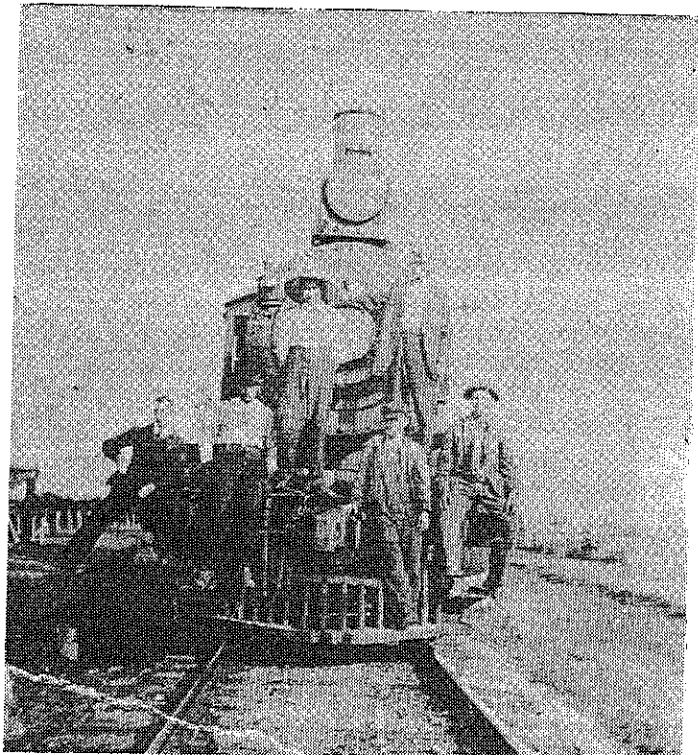
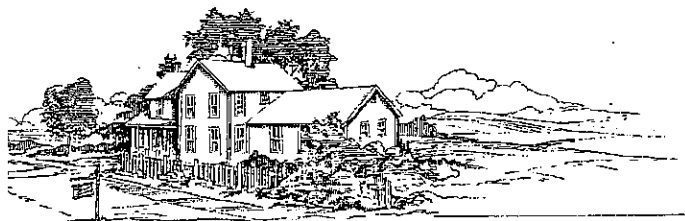
Nobody was hurt, thankfully. The old blacksmith, taking it in his stride, exclaimed, "Now that was a hell of a good shot!" Maybe that is what sparked the era of gun control.

Hope my good buddy from Middleton, N.S. gets a kick out of this story.

Food for Thought

If you learn to chuckle at your mistakes, you will never be short of laugh material.

Murray Little



THE OLD IRON HORSE

The picture above is that of the New York Central Railway engine as it stands by the Edward Station. The Old Iron Horse braved many a winter storm.

On Feb. 14, 1957, the last freight train of the New York Central, made its final run through the quiet little hamlet of Edwards. The train was manned by Engineer Bill Sweeney of Massena; Fireman Tom Leonard of Ottawa; Brakeman Bill Carson and W.A. Forsyth. There was much work to be done as the crew put the last train together. Leaving Ottawa Station at 3:30 p.m. and picking up cars here and there enroute, it stopped in Russell where Agent Bernard Campbell handed over his company book to the Conductor to take to Massena. From Russell, the train went on to Embrun, Chrysler, Finch and Cornwall. And then like the closing of a book, the Ottawa New York Central passenger and freight train runs were no more. Like the far sounds of a steam engine, is now but a memory.

ABANDONED SCHOOL HOUSE REINSTATED

Thanks to Alison Whitlock and husband Pat Hopkins, the old school house at Herberts Corner R.C School Section No. 4, built in 1890, being vacant for the last number of years has turned over a new leaf. The school house has come back to life as a greenhouse, nursery and craft shop. They plan to be open the year round with craft supplies and locally produced crafts for sale.

The floor has been sanded and varnished, walls and ceiling scraped and painted. The outside walls were scraped and painted, as were the windows taken out and rebuilt where needed, and which now work as well as they did 60 years ago.

May the 11th was opening day with plants and flowers of all description, and garden tools, etc. being sold. The weekend of May 18 was the official opening with many former students returning to visit and reminisce. A mini museum was set up on the stage. Desks, books, pictures and other artifacts of earlier times and attendance lists, which were photocopied from the school register. The original registers are in the Ontario Public Archives in Toronto.

Thanks to the Carleton Roman Catholic School Board, for granting authorization to the Ontario Public Archives in Toronto regarding my request for copies of full attendance, listed for one day of each year 1911-1915,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following information refers to Adolphus W. Greely, of whom the first Greely Post Office was named. Prior to 1884, Greely was known as Rossiters Corners. Upon the establishment of the Post Office in 1884, the name Rossiters Corners was not acceptable to the Post Office Department. At that time, in 1884, there was great interest in the Arctic, especially the expedition lead by Lt. Adolphus W. Greely, A U.S.A Cavalry officer in charge of the Lady Franklin Expedition (1881-1884). Rescued June 29, 1884 only 7 out of 25 men survived. It was a story of endurance, heroism and death, and the name Greely was readily accepted by the Post Office. (ref. Newsletter Vol XV #1)

To The Editor:

I have been a member of your Society since at least Jan 1, 1982. Your newsletter is welcomed; I consider it well done.

I wish to pass on this information concerning the work of **Adolphus W. Greely**, who, as an officer in the United States Army is well documented. Any good sized library should have copies of publications pertaining to him and his explorations.

He was one of two officers awarded the Medal of Honour between World War I and World War II. The other being Charles A. Lindbergh.

* Rank and Organization: Major General, United States Army, retired. Place and Date: _____ Entered Service at Louisiana. Birth: Newburyport, Mass. Gen Orders No.#, War Dept., 1935. Act of Congress, Mar 21, 1935.

* Citation: For his life of splendid public service, begun on 27 Mar. 1844, having enlisted as a private in the United States Army on 26 July, 1861, and by successive promotions was commissioned as Major General on Feb 10, 1906 and retired by operation of law on his 64th birthday.

Authority: Page 270 "The Medal of Honour of the United States Army." United States Government Printing Office, Washington, DC, 1948.

My ancestor, Rudolph Papst (variant) and his wife, Ann (Wood) Papst were early settlers of Osgoode Township; coming from Osnabruck Township, Stormont County. I have accomplished much research of the Papst (variant) extended family. I am also a member of the St. Lawrence Branch, U.E.L Ass'n of Canada.

Ervan L. Amidon Lt. Col, USAF (Ret)
3782 Incochee Trail, Traverse City, Michigan

TWENTY YEARS AGO

AN EXCERPT FROM THE OSGOODE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER - Dated Vol 2, 1976. Editor - Elizabeth Stuart

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

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

Many of us have similar memories, but we could not

express them in such a delightful manner.

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

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

First I give and bequeath to Elizabeth McDonald my dearly beloved wife for her maintenance during her lifetime (so long as she remains my widow) the use of all my lands and tenements, goods and chattels on lot number twenty eight in the tenth Concession of the Township of Osgoode, from the Castor River west to the allowance of road in front of said lot, being ten acres of land more or less ...I also give and bequeath to my beloved sons William and John McDonald... right of way through the above named lands from the Castor River to the concession line...now and forever. And also they my beloved sons are to give my beloved wife right of way through their land to the rear and there to cut and carry away all the firewood fence and building timber that she may stand in need of during her lifetime - I give and bequeath to my beloved granddaughter Elizabeth Robertson (if she remains with my beloved wife during my wife's lifetime and will be obedient and dutiful to my wife in the same manner as if she were her own child) in money goods and cattle, in the whole not exceeding the sum in value the amount of twenty pounds, and if she leaves at any time before her grandmother's decease (except she marries) she gets nothing but her wearing apparel - I also... order that after my beloved wife's decease that all...remaining shall be equally divided between my two sons and two daughters (or their heirs) Namely William McDonald, John McDonald, Jean McDonald and Mary Ann McDonald - Also I hereby appoint David McGregor and Peter McLaren both of Osgoode (Gentlemen) my sole executors.

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

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

An interesting will had to do with lot 44 in the 6th concession on the Mountain boundary. It was Crown Land offered for sale on the 6th August 1852. Benjamin Stoodley of Mountain had offered to buy it. The Crown deed was made out finally in 1860, but Benjamin had already died June 4, 1858 and the deed had cancelled written across it. By the Will, this 65 acres was to go to (Continued page 6)

MUSEUM UPDATE & ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

At the end of May this year, students of the Algonquin College Museum Technology Program completed "The Students for Exhibit Work," here at the museum. The front portion of the hall, in the main entrance, is being used as an introductory space, with panels on the history of the museum and the village of Vernon. In the back portion, exhibit cases and artifacts have been reorganized. On the walls are murals depicting buildings and scenes in Osgoode Township, which have been reproduced from original photographs.

Since opening for the summer, we have had several visitors here doing research.

We have received updated information on (1) The **Logan family**, donated by **Mrs. Ethel (Nixon) Russell** of Ottawa (2) on the **Carson family**, donated by **Freda (Carson) Mason** of British Columbia, when she visited the Museum in June. Additional information on the **Archibald McDonell family** was donated by **Neil McDonell** of White Plains, New York. Mr. McDonell is planning a visit to our Museum this summer and is interested in the material that we have concerning his family.

CURATOR'S REPORT

The following articles have been received into the permanent collection:

- ✓ A large earthenware bowl - Maureen Arthur, Vernon
- ✓ Five scrapbooks of local happenings over a long period of time from long time resident and member - Muriel Cameron.
- ✓ A deed of Land between Wm. Beatie to L.O.L #706 - Township of Russel at Lot 5, Con 1 dated Nov 119, 1895 - Margaret Robb, Osgoode
- ✓ A genealogy of the family of the late Rev. H. Clayton - Some Descendants of Wm. Vaughan and Jane Copeland compiled by E. Janet Taylor, 1995. Rev Clayton was a great-grandson of Sgt William Vaughan and his wife Jane Copeland. He was one of the group of disbanded soldiers of the 99th Regiment who were offered land grants in 1818 to settle at Richmond in Goulbourn Township. The descendants of Sgt Vaughan have given faithful service to the Anglican Church of this area. William Vaughn was a member of the building committee for St. James Church, Manotick in 1876 and the pillars of this church were hewn from logs taken from his farm. Donated by E. Janet Taylor.
- ✓ Poster - donated by Bette Crerar of Vernon, shown reproduced on this page does not show the actual year. Bette notes that Miss A. Hughson, Pianist was her husband's mother who was married about 1925, therefore suggesting the date to be somewhat prior to then.

✓ THANKS TO.....

those who donated time and money to the society in the last quarter in order for us to continue in these days of cut backs. Receipts issued to:

Doug McKercher	- \$25.00
Vernon Women's Institute	- \$25.00
Richard Cowan	\$33.00
Bruce McLeod	\$25.00
Gerri MacEwan	\$25.00

✓ Don't forget your local historical society when doing your Estate Planning. Even a small donation makes a difference.

Ann Leighton-Kyle

Announcing two new publications for sale. They are "Baptisms of the Osgoode Presbyterian Church 1829-1858 by Rev. Wm. Lohead" and "Baptisms of the Osgoode Presbyterian Church 1858-1877 by Rev. James Whyte." The price is \$8.00 each.

In September, the **Iveson family** is planning a reunion. Descendants of Timothy and Ellen Iveson from England, United States and Canada are planning to attend. Part of their agenda will be to visit our Museum, to view the large Iveson collection of photographs, letters and artifacts that were donated to our society the the family of the late Frances Iveson.

Submitted by Donna Bowen

SUMMER OPENING HOURS

Tuesday - Saturday 11:00 - 5:00 p.m

Sunday 1:00 - 5:00

or contact a member

GARDEN PARTY

A Garden Party, under the auspices of the Women's Institute, will be held on the

School Grounds,
VERNON, ONT.
ON THE EVENING OF

FRIDAY. AUGUST 4

SPLENDID PROGRAMME.

Mr. J.A. Grace, B.A., of Ottawa, Comic Singer
Mrs. C. Smith of Toronto, Soloist
Miss Viola Allan, Elocutionist
Miss A. Hughson, Pianist
Mr. Dan Kennedy, Piper
Scottish Selections and other local talent.

REFRESHMENTS SERVED ON EUROPEAN PLAN.

Admission 25 Cents...

Children 15 cents



EXCERPTS FROM THE OTTAWA AND CENTRAL CANADA DIRECTORY

1876-1877

KENMORE

A Post village situated on lot 28, in the 9th and 10th Concessions of Osgoode and County of Russell, 25 miles from the city of Ottawa and 15 miles from Osgoode Station on the old St. Lawrence & Ontario Railway. Was first settled about the year 1830 by three brothers - John, James and William McDonald. It contains 2 churches, steam Saw and Grist Mill, a Cannery, and a population of about 200.

Andrew, James, farmer
 Brannen, P.J., farmer
 Brimton J, Jr., farmer
 Brinton, J. Sr., farmer
 Campbell, Arch'd, farmer
 Campbell, John, farmer
 Cartwright, Noble, farmer
 Craig, Donald, farmer
 Craig, H, farmer
 Craig, James, farmer
 Corcoran, James, farmer
 Dalglish, J.T., farmer
 Dempsey, John, farmer
 Dempsey, Soloman, farmer
 Dow, James, farmer
 Eastman, Daniel, farmer
 Eastman, John, farmer
 Farmer, James, Jr., farmer
 Fisher, D., Tailor
 Gillissie, Ed, farmer
 Gillissie, Jas., farmer
 Gillissie, John, farmer
 Gillissie, P.D., Shoemaker
 Gauthier, Michael, farmer
 Grant, Geo., farmer
 Grant, Rob't, farmer
 Grant, Rob't, farmer
 Hall, Jas., farmer
 Hall, Wm., farmer
 Hepinstall, C.R., farmer
 Jackson, George, farmer
 Jackson, N. Blacksmith
 Jackson, W.J., farmer
 Kinkade, Rob't, farmer
 Kinkade, Wm.
 Kerr, Jas., farmer
 Kettles, Thos., farmer
 Lemoine, A., farmer
 Lapointe, John, farmer
 Loney, W.S., farmer
 Looney, Alex, farmer
 Looney, John, farmer
 McArthur, D. Post Master,
 Blacksmith, Manf. of iron and
 wood ploughs
 McArthur D. Sr., Blacksmith
 McCormack, Jas, farmer
 McCormack, John, farmer
 McDiarmid, D., Grist Mill
 McDiarmid Rev. D., Baptist Rev.
 McDonald, Thomas, farmer
 McDonald, William, farmer
 McEwen, D., farmer
 McEwen, Peter, farmer

McIntyre, James, farmer
 McKay, J., farmer
 McRuer, Robt, farmer
 McLaren, D., farmer
 McMaster & Carkner, Sawmill
 McNab, Alex, farmer
 McNab, C. Merchant
 McNab, D. Jr., farmer
 McNab, D. Sr. farmer
 McNab, R., farmer
 McTavish, A.L., Merchant
 McVey, Stewart, farmer
 O'Callaghan, Thos, farmer
 Poapst, W., Shoemaker
 Robertson, Hugh, farmer
 Rushford, John, farmer
 Shaver, J., Cooper
 Stewart, Alex, farmer
 Taylor, James, carpenter
 Watson, James, farmer
 Wishart, D., Carriage Maker
 Woody, W.H.

METCALFE

A village known as Osgoode Post Office is situated on lots 20 and 21 in the 7th Concession in township of Osgoode and Russell County 20 miles from the city of Ottawa and 10 miles from Osgoode Station on the St. Lawrence & Ontario Railway. It contains 4 churches, a Drill Shed, a Town Hall, a Sawmill, 2 Tanneries, several stores, hotels, and a population of about 400.

Albert, Joseph, laborer
 Allison, J.R., Pumpmaker
 Ault, J.H., clerk
 Baker, Adam J., M.P.P
 Blair, George, blacksmith
 Blair, Wellington, blacksmith
 Borthwick, D.J. Engineer
 Bradshaw, George, Carpenter
 Bryns, Miss, School Teacher
 Cameron, Mrs. P.,
 Boardinghouse
 Campbell, W.F., merchant
 Carson, Wm., carpenter
 Crerar, Alex, blacksmith
 Doctor, W.R., farmer
 Dow, James, shoemaker
 Fleming & Irving - Carriage
 Maker
 Gill, L., Laborer
 Gold, Robert, Carriage Maker
 Grant, James, Laborer
 Hall, James, farmer
 Henderson, James, Clerk
 Higgins, John, Carpenter
 Imley, A.P., shoemaker
 Iveson, Frank, Telegraph
 Operator
 Iveson, Timothy, Saddler
 Kennedy, John, farmer
 Kennedy, J.S., agent ac.
 Lafrance, Francois, Laborer
 McCrostie, James, farmer

McDonnell, Alex, Coroner
 McKeown, Robt, shoemaker
 McLaurin, Daniel, Inspector of
 Licenses
 McMillan, Z., Issuer Marriage
 Lic's & Post Master
 McPherson, Alex, Blacksmith
 McPherson, Charles, blacksmith
 Mayew, Benjamin, Cooper
 Mallory, O.H. Tinsmith
 Mathews, Hugh - Pensioner
 Mimons, James, School Teacher
 Morgan, Ira, President
 Agricultural Assn, Ont.
 Morgan, W.W., Hotel Keeper
 Pink & Rolston - dealers in dry
 goods and Groceries
 Rainey, John, carpenter
 Rainey, Rev. W., Pastor Wes.
 Methodist Church
 Roche, W.P. M.D.
 Rowley, Nelson, tinsmith
 Scott, James, farmer
 Scott, John, farmer
 Soper, Wm.E., Carriage Maker
 Stanley, James, farmer
 Stringer, Wm. farmer
 Sutherland, Wm., clerk
 Sweeney, Michael, Shoemaker
 Wallace, James, Merchant
 Wallace, Wm., Merchat
 Wilson, James, Sawmill Owner
 Wright, Rev. W., Pastor Church
 of England
 York, Mrs. W., Hotelkeeper

WEST OSGOODE

A Post Village situated on Lot 28, in the 2nd Concession of the Township of Osgoode and County of Russell, 21 miles from the city of Ottawa and 2 miles from the St. Lawrence & Ontario Railway. Was first settled in 1835 by Wm. Cleland and contains 2 Churches, several schools and a Steam Sawmill and has a population of about 200.

Allen, James, farmer
 Allen, Robert, farmer
 Allen, Vance, farmer
 Alexander, Thos, farmer
 Best, William, Lime Burner
 Blackfield, James, farmer
 Blackfield, John, farmer
 Blackfield, Julia, School Teacher
 Bower, Albert, farmer
 Brenner, Jas, farmer
 Buckles, Archie, farmer
 Buckles, James, Stone Mason
 Cassidy, John, farmer
 Clark, Joseph D., farmer
 Cleland, Hugh, Merchant & Post
 Master
 Cleland, Robert, farmer
 Daley, John, blacksmith

**EXCERPTS FROM OTTAWA
& CENTRAL CANADA
DIRECTORY 1876-77
CONT'D**

Dawson, Rev. A.E., Parish Priest
Johnston, Robert, farmer
Kenney, William, farmer
Kerr, John, farmer
Kincula, James, farmer
Knowls, William, farmer
Logan, James, farmer
Logan, William, farmer
McCallum, William, farmer
McEvey, John, farmer
McEvey, J.T., farmer
McEvey, Richard, farmer
McKane, W.J., farmer
McKay, James, farmer
McKay, William, farmer
McKear, Rev. M. Baptist Minister
Marling, Robert, farmer
Marling, Vance, farmer
Marstoll, Michael, farmer
Moses, Clark, farmer
Moses, Joseph A., farmer
Moses, W.J., Agent
Murphy, Michael, farmer
O'Conner, John, Shoe Maker
Owens, Wm., farmer
Patteson, Joseph, Shoemaker
Reiley, James, Hotel Keeper
Ried, Alexander, farmer
Ried, Andrew, farmer
Ried, W.W., builder
Scuce, Charles, farmer
Swatfager, Peter, farmer
Swatfager, Wm., farmer
Taylor, Wm., Undertaker
Tredwell, Wm., farmer
Wallace, Michael, School
Teacher
Wright, Adelfes, farmer

RUSSELL

Russell Post Office is also known as the village of Duncanville and is situated on Lot 11, in the 2nd and 3rd Concession of the Township of Russell, County of Russell, on the river Castor about 60 miles from L'Original, the county town and 24 miles from the city of Ottawa. It contains 3 churches, Temperance Hall, Grist, Saw and Carding Mills, a Pottery, a Tannery, and a population of about 250.

Bolton, Peter, farmer
Brown Isaac, Carriage Maker
Campbell, Mrs. Peter, Merchant
Carruthers, John, Carpenter
Carson, Arch'd, Court Clerk
Cheney, Jno, farmer
Cochrane, Alex, Hotel Keeper
Craig, Mrs. Alex, Merchant
Craig, Wm., Lumber Merchant
Curry, Michael, farmer
Doran, Samuel, Carding Mill
Duncan, John, Cabinet Maker
Elliot Addam, Pottery
Fitzpatrick, Henry, Tailor
Garret, Rev. T., Pastor Ch. of England
Germain, Louis, Carriage Painter
Hannington, Mrs. E., Boarding House
Helmer, Richard, farmer
Helmer, W.Z., Reeve
Howe, Thos., Merchant
Irwin, Henry, Tinsmith
Keays, Jas, County Registrar
Kelly, Jas., Hotel Keeper
Lane, Gideon, Blacksmith
Lasalle, Felix, Shoemaker

Layotte, Peter, Blacksmith
Lewis, Jas, Brickmaker
Loucks, Ephraim, Shingle Mill
Loucks, Mrs. N., Boarding House
Loux, John W. Grist & Saw Mill
Loux, Wm. M.D.
Lowie, Wm. H.,
Insurance Agent McDiarmid, Rev. H.J., Pres. Church
McDonald J.W., Carpenter
MacDonald W.;J., Carriage Maker
McGirr, Henry & Co., Carriage Maker
McLaren, Robt, farmer
McNair, Wm. Saddler
Massop, Jonathan, Boarding House
Melvin, James, Blacksmith
Morran, Andrew, Gardener
Peltan, Hiram, Shoemaker
Petric, W.R., Post Master, Agt. Mont. tel.
Petric, Wm & C., General Merchants
Raney, Rev. Wm., Wesleyan Meth. Church
Sutherland, Catherine, dressmaker
Sutherland, Geo, Carriage Maker
Turnbull, Edward, Saw Mill
Turnbull, Jas, Tanner
York, Sarsfield, Merchant
Young, Robt, Agt. Agric. implements

This partial list is reproduced with thanks from the collection of Frank Freir. Compiled by Margaret Robb.

THE LOYALISTS OF ONTARIO

EXCERPT FROM THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN LOYALISTS OF UPPER CANADA BY WILLIAM D. REID. Publ; Genealogical Publ Co. Inc.

Our thanks to Neil McDonell of White Plains, N.Y. descendant of Archibald McDonell, one of the first settlers in Osgoode Township for bringing this to our attention.

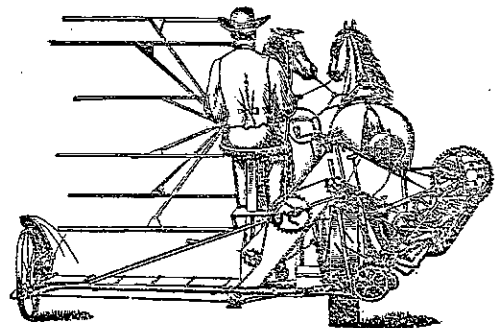
The late Mr. William D. Reid, who died in 1969 performed a valuable service for genealogists by bringing together a vast number of records into a single compilation. It was made during his years of employment at the Ontario Archives. The entry on page 190 (one of the pages sent to us by Neil McDonell) is as follows;

McDONELL, Alexander (King's Son) of Cornwall.
Alexander of Cornwall. OC 2 Feb 1819
Catherine, m. Archibald McDonell of Cornwall,
Ass't Adj. Gen. of Militia. OC 7 Feb 1821.
Janet, m. (1) Alexander McMillan of Cornwall. OC
7 Feb 1821. m. (2) Duncan McDonell of
St. Andrews, Cornwall, lumber merchant.

COMPLIMENTARY

◆DINNER◆

To the Patrons of
The Massey Manufacturing Co.



CARNER HOUSE

CHATHAM,

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1887.

TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

TWENTY YEARS AGO (cont'd from page 2)

the fourth son Silas. A copy of the Will, made the day Benjamin had died and witnessed by Francis Pepper and Daniel Kennedy, was sent to the Capital city, Quebec and was lost for a time. The request was made to send the Patent to the Vernon Post Office. The second son Henry and the third son Elias were to get part of lot 22 in the 12th concession of Mountain.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alexander McNab died Feb 4, 1849 on the farm later owned by his great grandson Alex Fraser. In his Will he states: *I give and devise to my son Peter McNab...lot 32 in the 8th concession...nevertheless reserving one half acre near the rear end of the said lot where now lies the remains of my ceased wife and other members of my family with the privilege of a road from the head line butting the east end of said lot and the said one half acre to be held and kept as a place of interment or burying for the use of all the members of my family and their descendants and for no other purpose whatever.*

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

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

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

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

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

Alexander Grant of Charlottenburg, blacksmith, was given w 1/2 lot 33, Con. 6 about the same time as Cameron. Wm. York did the settlement duties for him as well.

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

A ticket was given Thomas Mulcoy, Feb. 1823, born at Waterford in Ire, age 30, having arrived 1816, for NW 1/4 lot 23 in the 9th.

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

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

NOTE OF INTEREST

Thanks to David Dewan of Ingersol in researching the Register of Notre Dame Cathedral, Ottawa, he came upon this Death Notice which reads:

Michael Daley of Osgoode, died January 1st, 1841, age 45 years. Buried in the Catholic Cemetery of Osgoode (At Metcalfe Corners).

Michael Daley who was my Great Great Grandfather, settled with his wife, Elizabeth McGuire and family on lot 14, Con. 3 Osgoode in 1839-40. The Daley name still retains this lot.

Michael Daley

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