

Presbyterian Church, Kenmore, Ont.

JUDGE MacTAVISH PERFORMS HONOURABLE TASK

Kenmore, June 3, 1093. The cornerstone of the beautiful edifice hereafter to be known as St Paul's Presbyterian Church was duly laid with imposing ceremony at high noon here on Monday, June 1st.

The site is ideal, a rising eminence facing the east, on which the building when completed will command a splendid view of the surrounding country. Main street south was thronged with people long before the appointed hour. The weather was most propitious and all nature seemed in harmony with the anticipative joys.

Upon the platform were His Honour Judge MacTavish of Ottawa, to whom had been entrusted the honour of the day, the pastor, Rev. W.T. Prittie, Rev. R. Herbison of Ottawa, Rev. T Saddler of Russell, Rev. E.S. Logie of Winchester, Rev. T.W. Johnston of the Baptist Church and Rev. J. McIlroy of North Williamsburg. The corner stone having been removed from the old church, it was pleasurable to have relics therein brought to the light of day and the historical sketch read. This having been written in 1873 by Rev. Jas. White, pastor at that time. A new sketch had been prepared covering the record of the years since then. The latter was very interesting indeed and showed how carefully it had been prepared. Mr. Arch. Campbell, chairman of the building committee, then came forward and presented Judge MacTavish with a beautiful silver trowel, artistically engraved. The judge in well chosen words, then gave a short address in which he thanked the committee for the honour they had bestowed upon him by selecting him to lay the corner stone. He said it gave him much pleasure to be present to meet old time friends and acquaintances and particularly was it pleasurable because of his former relationship and connection with the old church. He then elaborated upon the importance of the occasion, the importance of the church to the individual, to the community and to the nation and closed his remarks by wishing for the church and people unbounded success.

In the old stone had been placed the

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at the

Old Vernon School

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historical sketch, the Witness and the Citizen of 1873 and a photo of Rev. Jas. White. To these were added the popular dailies, the Presbyterian Record, the Presbyterian church report, the minutes of the general assembly of 1902 and a photograph of Rev. Prittie, the pastor, whose untiring efforts since he came to this field have won for him the praise and admiration of all.

The stone was then laid, Mr. Jackson, the mason assisting Rev. McIlroy then offered prayer, after which Rev. Logie reminded the people of one more important phase of the ceremony. In a short time a considerable amount of money had been placed upon the stone. Rev. R. Herbison then gave an able address, touching upon national life, its centre and its resulting tendencies, illustrating by referring to the Roman Forum and the life that emanated from its centre. The Grecian type, with its national centre the theatre, was then spoken of. Then lastly, Isreal was typified as having as its centre national life, was next spoken of and a strong appeal made for the defense and strengthening of the church which should indeed be the centre of the national life. The benediction was then pronounced by Reb. Logie and the people were soon wending their way towards the picnic grounds.

Submitted by Mrs. Grant Bowman

OSGOODE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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Correction: New director Corinne Atkins-Sheldrick
phone number is 821-3950

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

May 2002

We have had another interesting and active spring in the Society. The April meeting was held on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:30 p.m in the Metcalfe and District Lions Den. It was a very stormy night with 4" to 6" of heavy wet snow. We welcomed George Hobson, a renowned historian and lecturer who gave "A Short History of Afghanistan" along with his slides from an earlier trip to Afghanistan. This gave the audience a stark reminder of the terrain and hardships our troops face while they try to bring a lasting peace to the country.

In May our speaker was Dr. David Gray who spoke on "The First Canadian Expedition to the Arctic - 1913 to 1918". David's most interesting talk was followed by a lively period of questions and answers and then refreshments.

Up Coming Meetings

On Tuesday, June 4th at 7:30 p.m at the Museum in Vernon we will have Dr Ken Trudel from S. L. Ross Environmental Research Ltd. speaking on "Oil Spills and Their Consequences" including a very interesting slide show.

The July meeting will be a working session to prepare for the Pioneer Day and Strawberry Social which will be held on Saturday, July 27th from noon to 4:00 PM.

Museum Hours

With City of Ottawa making additional funding available to we are now able to open the museum for additional hours as follows:

- Tuesday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Wednesday noon to 8:00 PM
- Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Group Tours are welcome at almost any time as long as prior arrangements are made.

Please call ahead just to be sure the museum is open as scheduled. We try to accommodate anyone wishing to visit the museum at other times. Those interested should call the museum (613-821-4062) and leave a message (with name, phone number and requested time) on the answering machine and we will get back to you or you may contact any member of the executive (phone numbers were in an earlier newsletter).

Miscellaneous

We took the opportunity to have a sales table at the annual Gene-O-Rama in Ottawa in March. The Seminar was attended by about 300 participants. The exhibit gave us the opportunity to sell several publications and to meet many interesting people including several of our members who dropped by for a visit. I would like to thank Michael Daley, Corinne Atkins, and Heather Hughes who all staffed our exhibit/sales area.

On the evening of June 20th the Rideau Township Historical Society will be visiting the museum for their regular meeting.

Pioneer Day & Strawberry Social - Saturday July 27th from noon to 4:00 PM.

This year we again look forward to a very busy afternoon with displays of our farm machinery and artefacts, live demonstrations of horse shoeing and a blacksmith, antique cars, displays of our historical records and publications, along with the Strawberry Social. We also hope to have an interesting display on the history of Metcalfe Rural Telephone service in the township and a large display covering the dairy industry.

We continue to look forward to hearing from our out of town members, please send your suggestions and ideas to us by mail or email or any other means. Email us at oths@magma.ca

Best wishes to all for good summer.

Doug Hughes

SURVEY OF BROKEN FRONT - 1ST CONCESSION OF OSGOODE TOWNSHIP

To: Inhabitants of Osgoode Township

From: His Excellency Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, Governor General etc, etc, etc, etc.

The Petition of the undersigned landholders of the Township of Osgoode, District of Dalhousie, and Province of Canada West humbly Sheweth.....

That your Petitioners have settled upon the lands in the Broken Front and First Concessions of the said Township of Osgoode and that there being no line run between the said Broken Front and First Concessions, your Petitioners therefore suffer very serious difficulty and inconvenience - Those who have settled in the Broken Front Concession have no limits set at the rear of their lots, and those in the First Concession have have (sic) no line or post at the front thereof and are therefore entirely unable to ascertain which are their own lands or to know the proper places to open their roads.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pay....

Dated at Osgoode this fifteenth day of March, eighteen hundred forty four.

James Buchanan	Lot 3	Concession 1 st
James Buchanan jr	Lot 3	"
Johiel Hurd	Lot 4	"
Robert Davidson	Lot 7	"
Joseph Martin	Lot 7	"
Silvemus Hams	Lot 8	"
Isaac N Hurd	Lot 8	"
Stephen Wigans	Lot 9	"
Peter Davidson	Lot 9	"
Barnard Magee	Lot 11	"
Patrick Sloan	Lot 11	"
David Davies	Lot 12	"
Joseph Baker	Lot 12	"
Cornelis Calahan	Lot 13	"
William Hotchcroft	Lot 13	"
Hiram Eston	Lot 14	"
William Talor	Lot 15	"
Pascal Boshon	Lot 16	"
William Kelly	Lot 17	"

Hugh Loun	Lot 19
Michael Wall	Lot 20
Olav Phire	Lot 21
John Chisholm	Lot 23
James Chisholm	Lot 23
Francis Librant	Lot 25
John Quail	Lot 28
David Chisholm	Lot 29
James Carr	Lot 27
George Carr	Lot 27
Clark Moses	Lot 34
William Ford	Lot 36
George Clifford	Lot 36
Andrew Clifford	Lot 36
John Login	Lot 39
William Morell	Lot 39
Hezekiel Clark	Lot 41
Alexander Taor	Lot 42

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The line between the Broken Front and 1st Concession of the Township of Osgoode was not intended to have been run in the original survey of that township, as, by Mr Sheinan's return of survey, the Broken Front forms part of the 1st Concession and it has generally been so granted.

I therefore am of opinion that it would not be proper for Government to order the line to be run, it being merely a boundary between private property.

T.G.A 27th March 1844 (Signed) Thomas Parke
 Supt. Genl.

Submitted by Elizabeth Stuart



Department of Public Works
 Trades & Labour Branch
 #15 Queen's Park, Toronto

June 2nd, 1919

We take pleasure in forwarding to you the Soldiers of the Soil Certificate, awarded for Farm Service during the stress of 1918. In the years to come you can look upon this as a souvenir of work done by you in one of the outstanding years of history, when the fate of civilization hung in the balance, depending in a vital way on agricultural production in Canada. It is not going too far to say either, that in the years of reconstruction that lie before us, the well being of our own land is directly dependent on a large production of wealth from the soils of Ontario Farms. Soldiers of the Soil Service therefore is good peacetime as well as wartime service, even if there should be no badges nor certificates awarded.

The Trades and Labour Branch will be pleased to help you further should you ask for its service.

Submitted by Cecil Reaney



SNOW - YEAR BY YEAR

The following is a list of total snowfalls for winters from 1915-16 to the 1970 winter. From the Ottawa Citizen.

1915-16	140.4	1926	116.8	1941	97.8	1956	70.3
1917	116.9	1927	108.8	1942	76.5	1957	57.5
1918	114.9	1928	87.1	1943	119.2	1958	86.7
1919	88.8	1929	55.4	1944	62.9	1959	100.8
1920	78.1	1930	62.8	1945	87.4	1960	110.3
1921	59.2	1931	67.6	1946	65.4	1961	65.3
1922	88.6	1932	77.0	1947	132.5	1962	68.6
1923	107.4	1933	67.1	1948	56.5	1963	70.4
1924	96.7	1934	108.4	1949	81.9	1964	48.6
1925	68.7	1935	75.6	1950	85.4	1965	82.9
		1936	74.7	1951	91.9	1966	93.9
		1937	49.4	1952	98.7	1967	98.2
		1938	62.0	1953	39.6	1968	85.9
		1939	88.5	1954	98.1	1969	84.5
		1940	84.9	1955	108.1	1970	102.5

CURATOR/ARCHIVIST REPORT

Visitors: March - 87, April - 108

Research in house - March: Hugh McCormick; Boulger; Cooper; John McCormick; McEwan
April: Blair; Porteous; Stanley; Murray

Queries via 3-mail - March: McKenna; Metcalfe Reserve Unit; Howes; O'Connor; McEwan; Dowser; Gillissie; Kennedy; McVey; Carkner; Keeney; Tobin

New to Archives: We are very pleased to acknowledge the following donations to the Archives and Reference Collection:

- (1) A Harvest of Remembrance - Osgoode Baptist Church, Vernon (1839-1964) - a booklet
- A Historic Sketch of the Osgoode Baptist Church- a 7 page document outlining the history of the church from the laying of the cornerstone in July 1923 (2 copies); a scrapbook containing a collection of newspaper clippings, poems, letters - donated by **David Gray**
- (2) A collection of notes and background information on local cheese factories: donated by **David Gray**
- (3) River Road School - R.C. S.S#1 Fonds - containing among other documents, financial statements dating back to 1912; records of teaching staff dating back to 1900; minute books dating back to 1916; daily registers dating back to 1922. Also included are 2 seals used by the school. This fonds is donated by **Jack Doyle**, records are those kept by his mother, Gertrude Mary Doyle, secretary for the school until its closure in 1962.
- (4) Township of Osgoode Chamber of Commerce Fonds - containing financial reports and membership lists from the 1990's; incorporation documents; documents regarding the amalgamation of the Chamber of Commerce of Osgoode Township; the Greely Business Association and the Osgoode Business Association. Also included are the Chamber of Commerce banner and poster board. Donated by the **Osgoode Ward Business Association**.
- (5) Family History of the Carkner Family, compiled by Thomas W. Carkner, 1992. Donated by **Helen Carkner-Boothe and Edward Boothe**.
- (6) Men of Upper Canada: Militia Nominal Rolls, 1828-1829 purchased by the OTHSM for the reference collection.
- (7) Goulbourn Memories, published by the

Goulbourn Township Historical Society, donated by **Michelle LaChance**.

New to the Museum:

(1) Trophy - "Presented by Reeve J.H. Nixon to the Ladies Champion of the Osgoode Golf Club with three chevrons indicating the winners for 1932, 1933-34 and 1935. Donated by **Joe Lamb**.

(2) Creamer and Sugar Bowl, "Rose Time" pattern, Lord Wilson Ware, England which was a wedding gift in 1934. Donated by **Alice (Dalgleish) Craig**.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome and thank **Pierre Doyon**, a new volunteer at the OTHSM, who has been working with the archives and assisting us with our special events.

Thank you for all your continued support!

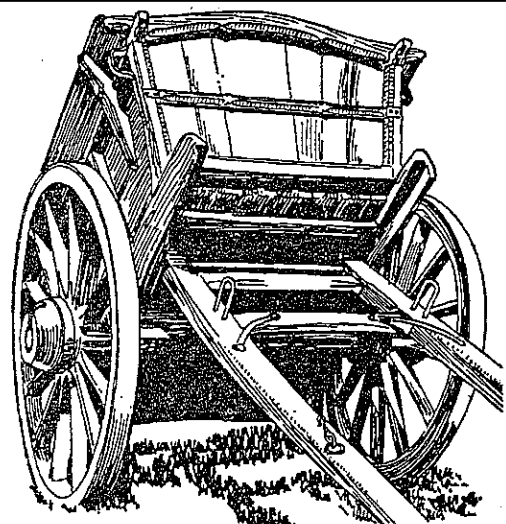
Michelle Lachance

OSGOODE VILLAGE

A parcel of land designated as an "athletic field", where picnics and ball games were held also was used by the Osgoode "Golf Club." It was situated at the west entrance to the village and the east end of the Sparks Farm. Recently a trophy was presented to the Museum. The inscription reads - "Presented By Reeve J.H. Nixon To The Ladies Champion of the Osgoode Golf Club." On the base there are names inscribed, Mrs. R.A. Dowd, 1932, Mrs L. Rea, 1933-34, Mrs J. Emer 1935.

A local contractor, Joe Lamb, while renovating a house on the banks of the Rideau River discovered this trophy in a window casing that had been closed over for some time.

Michael Daley



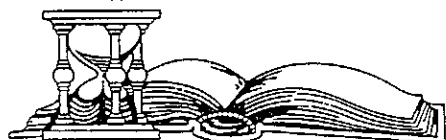
DISTRICT NEWS - OTTAWA NEWS - AUG 29, 1905

Herberts Corners

Aug 23 - Threshing is the order of the day.
Miss M. Bennett, Westport has returned to resume duties as school teacher.
Miss Nellie Daley, Ottawa, is spending a few holidays at her home here.
Mr Michael O'Brien has returned home after spending a week visiting friends at Toronto and Niagara Falls.
Miss Nellie Hassitt, Ottawa, is renewing acquaintances here.
Miss Mollie Daley is visiting with friends at Ottawa.
Mr Peter Daley and sister spent Sunday with friends at South Gloucester.
Mr John Doyle was called to Manotick on business Saturday.
Thomas G Herbert spent Sunday at West Osgoode.
Miss Lizzie and Agnes Daley spent Sunday with Mrs Ambrose Brophy, Twin Elm.
Mr B. McCarmen of Manotick, was the guest of Mr A Doyle Sunday.
Mrs James Daley, Greeley, spent Tuesday with her parents, Mr and Mrs Jas. Herbert.

Kars

Aug 29 - Mr Wm T. Dunbar is erecting a pair of weigh scales on Main Street.
Miss Lizzie Duel, Kemptville was the guest of her friend Miss Myrtle Scobie for a few days recently.
Mr and Mrs Wesley Brownlee and Master Frankie, Mariborough, visited at Mr Thos Kerr's Saturday.
Mr James Ewing had the misfortune to get his hand cut in his threshing machine Wednesday last. The wound was dressed by Dr Reid of Osgoode Station.
Mr Byron Mains spent Sunday at his home in Kemptville.
Miss Eva Cummings, Hazeldean is the guest of her sister Mrs J.C. Graham.
Miss Rachel Nixon intends leaving this week for Toronto where she will attend the fair.
Misses Hawkins and Mitchell, Ottawa, are holidaying with friends here.
Congratulations are extended to Mr William Hicks on his success at the recent Junion Leaving examinations.
Mr Herbert Tansett and Miss Rhoda Duel spent a few days this week with friends at Bishop's Mills. The Epworth League had charge of the Sunday evening service on Aug 27th.
Mr Jamieson, Ottawa and Miss Maud Jamieson, Mille Roche, renewed acquaintances here last week.
Messrs, Wesley and George Gibson and Miss Alice Blair, Metcalfe are visiting at Mr R.A. Gibson's.
School re-opened Monday with Misses Nina Kerr and Stella Way as teachers.

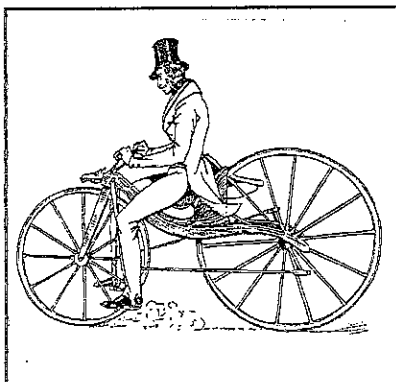


Kenmore

Aug 24 - Mr and Mrs A.D. Wishart, Renfrew were guests at the home of the former's parents last week.
Mr Andy Little left Friday last for the "Old Country." Mr Little goes in hopes of improving in health and his many friends hope his voyage will benefit him.
Mr Arch Conlon and his men are assisting with the work on C.F. McArthur's new building.
Miss Hetherington, Crysler, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Dillabough last week.
Mr Hunter, Montreal was in town last week.
A number from here attended the social held at the Methodist parsonage Metcalfe recently.
Mrs W. J. Richardson and children have returned after spending some holidays at Vernon.
Mr J Grier, Winchester, was in town a few days last week. Miss Bertha Grey is spending a few days at her home in Metcalfe.
Miss P Carscadden and her cousin Miss Hays were in town Friday evening.
Miss Melvin and Miss Low were guests of Miss C Craig, Sunday.
Mr and Mrs Geo Shook recently attended the funeral of their little niece, the daughter of Mr Jas Robinson, Marvelville. The little child was ill a few days and died of pneumonia.
School has re-opened with Mr J Wallace and Miss Myers in charge.

North Osgoode

Aug 24 - The pupils and teacher of our school resumed their respective duties Monday, Aug 21.
Mr G Courtenay, Metcalfe passed through our village Sunday.
Mr R. B. Stanley paid a flying visit to Manotick recently. Mr Eccles McCaffrey, Russell was a guest of friends here Sunday.
Miss Etta Stanley, Ottawa is the guest of her cousin Miss C Stanley at Maple Lawn.
Our candidates for entrance who were all successful purpose continuing their work at Metcalfe High School after vacation.
Mr and Mrs Robt Waddell attended the wedding of the latter's brother, Dr L.E. Stanley, Ottawa to Miss Johnson of Johnson's Corners, on Wednesday, 23rd inst.
Misses J and Annie Higgins were in Russell Tuesday.
Miss Flossie Booth is absent on an extended visit to her sister at Riceville.
Mrs McMurtry and family have returned to the city.
Submitted by Cecil Reaney



PATRICK NASH

Born 1796, County Kilkenny, Ireland, his wife Margaret Blanchfield born, 1801, County Tipperary, came to Canada in 1832 with family members Mary, James and John also Richard Grace (non-family member). Six girls and two boys were born in Gloucester. James the eldest son, born 1829 in Ireland was deaf and dumb and I'll tell you why. ("The way it was told to me.")

Patrick Nash cont'd

James being a week old or so, was put in his basket placed in the parcel carrier of the buggy and off they went to the local fair. The proud parents showed James around to everyone. They were told what a beautiful baby he was. Sad to say, that night the fairies came and took his voice away. He was never to utter a word from that day forward.

In January, 1886 Patrick and Margaret took up permanent residence in St John's Cemetery, Enniskerry. Patrick on January 22nd, Margaret followed January 30-31. Son James had moved in, in July 1880. A nice piece of property (six by twelve), a "Celtic Stone" marks the spot.

Other family members, sons and daughters married into local families, the Herberts, Fagans, Cangleys, McGuires, Muldoons, Berrigans and the Tierneys.

Michael Daley

POAPST FAMILY REUNION

On August 17, 2002 in Morrisburg, Ontario
 Anyone interested please contact John Poaps
 at jpoaps@cogeco.ca

NOTES FROM THE SHOPKEEPER'S GUIDE - London 1853

This guide runs the gamut of accounts keeping to general moral rules for a good shopkeeper. Several editors submitted musts for a successful business. As shopkeepers (particularly in Upper Canada) kept a post office in their shop, it was noted that the British Stamp Act was passed in Britain on 10 Oct, 1853, though it was first imposed in Holland in 1624. The editor notes "no art which one government sooner learns of another than that of deriving money from the pockets of people."

In qualification of Shopkeeping, the editor says "It is needless to say that early rising has been the theme of praise with the wisest of men in every civilized community....never has a man come to greatness who lay long in bed of a morning." He notes John Wesley founder of Methodists - "One common effect of either sleeping too long or lying too long in bed is weakness of sight" He further sights that "in the 14th century the shops of Paris were opened at 4 in the morning, while at present people are hardly awake at 7".

NOTES ON THE METRIC SYSTEM

On May 8, 1790, the French National Assembly decreed a reform of the weights and measures system. Mr. Charles Talleyrand was the main mover of the reform. A commission was appointed by the Academy of Sciences and they proposed the metric system. The unit of length was fixed at 1 ten millionth of the distance from the equator to the north pole, measuring along the

meridian that runs through Paris. A cubic centimeter was chosen the unit of mass called a gramme. The litre was chosen the unit for liquid measure.

Ann Leighton-Kyle

ON A LIGHTER VEIN - ODD'S 'N ENDS

Pat Murphy worked at a local brewery. One day while stirring a vat of beer, Pat lost his balance and fell in. Pat's wife was called to the Brewery and was the given the awful news of his drowning. After gaining her composure, she allowed she assumed, his death was merciful and quick. The foreman shook his head saying, "I don't know about that, Mrs Murphy, Sh'um he got out twice to go to the washroom."

Patrick and his wife Bridget were at breakfast one morning. A neighbour, Tim O'Sullivan was burying his third wife this particular morning. Bridget asked Patrick, "Pat" she says, "Are you going to attend the funeral this morning?" Pat, a bit agitated says, "No." "Tim is burying his third wife and I've never had the occasion to have him back even onecit."

Just a note to say that I'm living
 That I'm not among the dead
 Though I'm getting more forgetful
 And mixed up in the head.

For sometimes I can't remember
 When I stand at the foot of the stairs
 If I must go up for something
 Or if I've just come down from there.

And before the fridge so often
 My poor mind is filled with doubt
 Have I just put food away or
 Have I come to take some out.

There are times when it is dark outside
 With my nightcap on my head
 I don't know if I'm retiring
 Or just got out of bed.

So if it is my turn to write to you
 There is no need in getting sore
 I may think that I have written
 And don't want to be a bore.

So remember I do love you
 And wish that you were here
 But no it is nearly mail time
 So I must say "Good Bye" my dear.

There I stand before the mail box
 With a face so very red
 Instead of mailing you my letter
 I had opened it instead.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLDER WHEN.....

The little grey-haired lady/gentleman you help
 across the street is your wife/husband
 You remember today that yesterday was your
 wedding anniversary.
 You join a Health Club and don't go.