



School Days - 1920 - Kenmore Continuation

The picture above depicts a sunny day in the spring of 1920. The six students from the Kenmore Continuation School, are sitting on the railing of the bridge that spans the south branch of the Castor River, in the village of Kenmore.

The students are from left to right, Flo Fader, Elizabeth Stuart, Bea McLachlan, Estella Stuart, Evelyn Carkner and Annie McConnell.

M Daley

## President's Report

7 June 2000

With summer here, we are looking forward to another busy season at the museum. Our hours this year are noon to 4:00 PM as follows:

April, May and November : . . . . . Wednesday to Friday  
 June & October . . . . . Tuesday to Saturday  
 July to Thanksgiving . . . . . Tuesday to Saturdays  
 December to March . . . . . open by arrangement

During July and August we will also try to be open on Sunday afternoons from 1 to 4 PM.

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). This season we are again grateful to have the able services of Donna Bowen as Archivist/Curator.

We took the opportunity to have a sales table at the Ontario Genealogical Society Seminar 2000 which was held in Ottawa on May 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> at the Ottawa Congress Centre. The Seminar was attended by over 500 participants from across Canada and the USA. We exhibited all of our publications and were pleased to sell about \$200 of them over the three days. The exhibit gave us the opportunity to meet many interesting people including several of our members who dropped by for a visit. I would like to thank Michael Daley, Ann Leighton-Kyle, Jim Bowman, and Heather Hughes who all staffed our exhibit/sales area. It was a busy weekend with the Ottawa Tulip Festival and Mother's Day all at the same time.

On the evening of Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, we opened the museum to the Metcalfe District Canadian Girl Guide Association for their annual advancement

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at the

Old Vernon School

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night. The evening was well attended by about 60 people: Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders, leaders, parents and friends.

Earlier this year we applied to the Township of Osgoode for a grant to add a mezzanine level along the north wall of the Agriculture Museum. Initially the Township approved an amount of \$ 6855.00; this was then put on hold by the Ottawa Transition Government and was finally approved in mid-May. At the moment we are scheduled to have the work done starting the week on September 11<sup>th</sup>, after the tourist season. The \$6855 covers about 60 to 70% of the anticipated cost. **We would like to encourage members to make donations towards this project** - all donations will be given a tax receipt. Thank you for your consideration.

Planning is well underway for the Pioneer Day and Strawberry Social which will be held on Saturday, 29 July 2000 at the Museum in Vernon from noon to 4:00 PM. This year we look forward to a very busy afternoon with displays of our farm machinery and artefacts, live demonstrations of horse shoeing and a blacksmith, antique gramophones, antique cars, displays of our historical records and publications, along with the Strawberry Social and live entertainment. We also hope to have an interesting display on the history of Metcalfe Rural Telephone service in the township and on old gramophones. Please come out for this interesting afternoon and bring along your friends.

We 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. E-mail us at [oths@magma.ca](mailto:oths@magma.ca)

Best wishes to all for good summer.

Doug Hughes

## PINK & BOLSTON,

METCALFE,

DEALERS IN

## DRY GOODS, GROCERIES,

BOOTS and SHOES, HARDWARE, &c.



## TRIBUTE TO MARGARET HILL ROBB

Nov 20, 1908 - May 1, 2000

Our Historical Society lost a very valued founding member in the death of Margaret Robb. From its earliest days she worked tirelessly both in the museum and in the Historical Society.

She was born Margaret Hill, at Marvelville on November 20, 1908 one of a family of nine children. She attended public school in Marvelville and Continuation School in Kenmore, then Normal School in Ottawa. She began her teaching career at her home school in Marvelville, then at No. 5 Osgoode where she met her future husband John Robb. When she left No. 5 she moved to Port Hope where she and John were married. They moved to British Columbia for a short time but both their families were in Osgoode Township, so they returned to their home area.

After their only son Jack was a few years old Margaret returned to the work she loved and son conscientious was she, that when a teacher at Dalmeny school was forced to leave mid-term because of ill health, Margaret was asked to finish the year. The morning she was to begin, a snow storm had blocked the roads, but there was a crust on the snow, so rather than miss a day, Margaret walked from Osgoode to Dalmeny.

Though she was in her ninety second year Margaret's memory remained sharp to the end and she not only remembered, she wrote so that future generations would know the conditions in a large family on a farm in the early days of the 1900's as she wrote in her book about the Hill Homestead. She researched and wrote a book about the Village of Osgoode "From Then To Now" as well as one about her native Marvelville. She also collected and published a book of poetry written by natives of Osgoode Township. Our sympathy goes out to Jack and wife Joan in Calgary and her grandchildren Michael and Leda who made her so proud and also to her many nieces and nephews who will miss her dearly.

Grace Blair

## LETTERS

March 18, 2000

President, Doug Hughes & Staff

Congratulations for the well designed artistry sign for the Museum of our beloved Osgoode Township Historical Society. All of us have memories of the days before, and this new sign will remind us that blood, tears and loved work gave us our well known township. Orval Prophet gave to so many people everywhere, encouragement and uplift with his voice and music, yes even his life and we are so grateful for his contribution being one of Osgoode Township's true sons.

Two months ago my wife and I met Ruth Vitolugt, the Director of Nursing in Georgian Manor, Penetang, Ontario. She was formerly Ruth Walker, raised on a farm near Winchester and well acquainted with the Brian Booth family, north of Metcalfe, and others around Vernon. She thoroughly enjoyed my late brother Allison Dempsey's book entitled "Growing Up On the Castor River" and plans to visit the Osgoode Society Museum in 2000.

I would like to share with you a composition on the influence of our parents, Russell and Isabella Dempsey of Osgoode Township on their special days in both May and June.

### CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE

The tremendous heritage they gave, and left to their six children can never be forgotten. The Bible was

always in evidence in our farm home and Mother and Dad took time out of their busy schedules to share with us daily Bible reading and prayer.

Our Sunday school and church was three miles away and no matter the weather, we all travelled there every Sunday morning without fail.

When we settled down to sleep we would hear our parents praying and asking God to direct our young lives.

In July, 1942 while in military service, I heard a Salvation Army group singing a hymn that our parents and all of us used to sing around the piano. Memories flooded in and as I bowed my head, the words convicted me and quietly Jesus Christ touched my heart and life. The spiritual life was so wonderful, that I made a vow to God on my knees, promising for the rest of my life I would serve Him wherever and whenever He needed me. It has been a life of rich rewards in faithfully keeping that vow for 57 years, with the credit going to my gifted parents.

In 1946, God started to use me as a "missionary on the police beat," where there were many outreach contacts in ministering to numerous individuals who daily needed the touch of God's master hand in their lives. Miracles happened!

Today friends is the only day we have to thank God, not only for our success in life, but for the genuine influence of our loving parents. Yesterday has gone and tomorrow is in God's hands. So right now is the perfect time, to show to your parents, in your heartfelt expressions, the love, beauty and respect, mirrored and reflected towards them in return for the way they taught you in your growing up days. This is really what your parents want to hear and see!

Our farm river was a source of recreation in many ways, summer and winter. Lawn games were always real treats, especially when our adults joined in the fun. We were all coached early to share in many farm chores, such as learning to help milk 30 cows twice each day. But it was the harmonizing spirit of our gentle parents that made these chores so much easier. In essence, they took time to lovingly teach us the important basics of life, which indeed helped each one of us, in our future years, when choosing vocations. We were very fortunate children, to have parents as Mom and Dad were and who both lived for 90 years and over.

My late Mother always wanted to be a missionary and a nurse, and that wish was richly fulfilled under God's leadership on the home front, in our farming community near Ottawa. She had Dad's full encouragement and support as they raised their family of six, and she still had time to teach a Sunday school class every Sunday, along with Dad too.

Both Mom and Dad's devoted influence resulted in three sisters becoming nurses and all four were busy in their church. My brother served over forty years in the United Church ministry and his son is now following in his footsteps. Personally, I have never regretted that vow I made to God in 1942, for He has been and still is top priority in my heart and life.

God may have altered our Mother's steps, but He placed her in the very right area, in being long time missionary nurse and a true witness for Jesus Christ, shared with the family over these wonderful years.

Deuteronomy (O.T) Chapter 5 and verse 16, contains this challenging message - "Honour your father and mother, as the Lord thy God has commanded thee, so that your days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee in the land (and place) where the Lord has given you."

Jim Dempsey, Barrie, Ontario



## LETTERS CONT'D

Dear Michael

I am continuing my search for ancestors who were in Osgoode Township beginning in the 1840's. (Surnames BURNS, CHRISTOPHER, SULLIVAN and McGEE, and others) Here are a few resources for people doing a similar search for their roots:

- 1) Many of the early settlers in Osgoode Township were in Bytown from the 1820's onwards. Many of them worked at building the Rideau Canal which was finished in 1832 and a lot of the workers settled on land in the Ottawa area. Many of this group of people are documented in "The McCabe List", ISBN #1-55075-048-8, a book by Bruce Elliott who has transcribed about 700 names, using the original spelling - e.g. most of our "McGEE" ancestors from County Armagh are listed as "McKEE." the spelling used on the original document dated 1829. "BURNS" are often "BYRNES", etc. There is a wealth of information in this book!
- 2) Microfilm Reel TP-2 at the Museum is a fascinating collection of land records for Osgoode Township, covering the period of the original U.E.L land grants to about 1880. These records are filmed by Concession and Lot number and are a revelation of Pioneer life. There are many examples of amicable settlements of land disputes between neighbours and a few examples of land speculation. For example, many land deals beginning about 1855 seem to have taken place in Rowan's Hotel on York Street in the Byward Market. This hotel was very close to the terminus of the Bytown and Prescott Railway which passed through the northwest corner of Osgoode Township.
- 3) Beginning about 1850, many researchers will find gaps in their family trees. In many cases this was the result of the baby boom generation maturing in the 1850's (children of the canal workers) facing a shortage of land. Many of this generation went to the U.S. - often to Illinois, Michigan or Iowa.

Here's an excerpt from a website (<http://www.canalcor.org/>) on the Internet: This website deals with pioneers who came to Illinois to work at canal building. *"The Irish began arriving in northern Illinois in large numbers in 1836, to work on the Illinois & Michigan Canal. They continued to pour into the area during the Great Potato Famine of 1845-7, during which time the population of Ireland decreased by over two million people through death and emigration. After 1848 many Irish moved to the Bridgeport neighbourhood of Chicago, where they worked in meat-packing plants and brickyards. Other Irish spread throughout northern Illinois, often becoming farmers in canal towns."*

If any of your readers wish to share information on these people who came from Ireland, spend some time in Osgoode and later moved to the U.S. (in the 1800's), I can be reached by e-mail at [ag.lewis@sympatico.ca](mailto:ag.lewis@sympatico.ca) My web page on Irish pioneers ("Bytown or Bust") is at <http://www3.sympatico.ca/ag.lewis/history.htm>

Al Lewis



## NOTE OF INTEREST

Here in Eastern Ontario and across the continent, farmers in the late 1940-50 era were changing their way of life. Teams of horses were being retired from their work place. Small tractors were being introduced into the agricultural industry in ever increasing numbers. Familiar names were; Farmall, A.C.H, McCormick W 4, and were put out by International, Ford, Ferguson, Massey, Allis Chalmers, John Deere, etc.

These older Tractors now take a prominent place at fall fairs and antique displays. One very rare tractor in this area owned by Fred Alexander for the last 10 years is a 1947, 4 cylinder, Empire, bought new by Gordon Adams of Ramsayville. The price tag approximately \$875. Rubber tires loaded for \$10 - a far cry from today's tractor prices. The Empire tractor was built by Empire Tractor Corporation in Philadelphia. These tractors remind one of the Willys Jeep. They were exported to other countries and were found to be very reliable.

Info submitted by Fred Alexander.

## WHEN THE CHURCH CAME TO CANADA

**I**n the beginning the Diocese of Quebec covered all of French North America. However, after Canada was ceded to England in 1763, the Canadian Church subdivided the Diocese of Quebec. As early as 1816 a new series of Dioeses were created in Canada.

In Ontario, the first of the new Church Structures were in order - Kingston 1826, Toronto 1847 and Ottawa/Bytown in 1847.

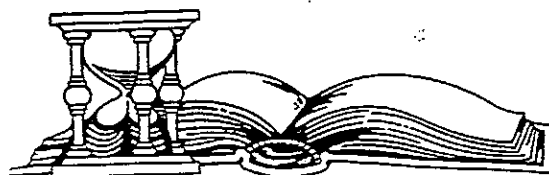
Some marriage records have been found in (as recorded in the Registry of Notre Dame Cathedral, Quebec City) Quebec dated 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1827.

## TAXES &amp; HUMOUR? SOMETIMES

With many thanks to the Editor of "Deductions", the Revenue of Canada, Taxation newsletter, we reprint these excerpts of actual letters received by one of their Regional Offices:

- √ "Please send me an official letter advising that I can't claim taking my wife on conventions. I didn't want her along, but need an excuse."
- √ "Please send me a claim form as I have had a baby. I had one before, but it got dirty and I burned it."
- √ "If my husband puts in a claim for a dependant named Marcia, I just want you to know that my name is Gertrude."
- √ "Please keep my refund until further notice. My wife wants to use it to bring her mother from the Old Country."
- √ "I have to inform you that my mother-in-law passed away after receiving your letter on November 22. Thanking you, I am..."
- √ "I don't know why you should be interested in the length of my residence in Quebec, but I have nothing to hide. It is 31 feet, 8 inches long, and there's an attached garage."
- √ "I cannot pay the full amount at the moment as my husband is in hospital. As soon as I can, I will send the remains."

Submitted by Jim Dempsey



## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### Expert Panel on Access to Historical Census Records

The inability to access individual census returns for census taken after 1901 has generated considerable public debate and interest over the past several years on the part of genealogists and archivists.

Canada's census records up to and including the 1901 Census are publicly available through the National Archives of Canada. The legislation authorizing these census did not contain confidentiality protections have the force of law. In accordance with the regulations under the *Privacy Act* these historical census were released to the National Archives 92 years after the collection date and made available to the public. Access to these early census records has permitted the analysis of past personal and community histories by genealogists and historians.

The *Privacy Act*, however, also stipulates that where other acts provide specific protection to personal records, the provisions of such other acts must prevail. It is this provision which, according to a legal opinion received by Statistics Canada prevents the release of the post-1901 Census micro records. In fact, the 1911 and later census were taken under a legally valid guarantee that the information would not be shown to any other person. Moreover, these legislative stipulations have no time limitation.

The Expert Panel is asked to report to the Minister Responsible for Statistics Canada, the Honourable John Manley by May 31, 2000 regarding the legal, privacy and archival implications of providing access to historical census records. It is asked to examine the following issues:

1. What are the elements of the difference of opinions between Canadians who would seek to maintain the protection of personal information and those who would like to examine personal or community histories?

On the one hand, the assurance of confidentiality of individual responses to the census was a promise made by the government to Canadians at the time of the 1906 and subsequent census and it is, apparently, a legally binding commitment. Furthermore, the legally binding assurance of confidentiality is an important element of public communication every time Statistics Canada asks Canadians to respond to the census or to any one of the Agency's surveys.

On the other hand, the public release of census information some 92 years after the collection would allow historians, researchers and genealogists to shed light on personal and community histories of Canadians. The National Archivist has declared that Canada's census is a national treasure which must be preserved. It may well be that Canadian's sense of privacy would not be threatened by the imposition of time limits on the promise of confidentiality protection.

2. What options exist to provide access to historical census records?

Statistics Canada has already developed two options: the first option contemplates amending the *Statistics Act* to allow records, starting with the 2001 Census and carrying on from there, to be transferred to the National Archives of Canada to be subsequently made available to the public; the second option is to retroactively change the confidentiality provisions of the *Statistics Act*

to the 1911 and all census taken thereafter to be eventually placed in the public domain. Either of these options have implications that the Panel is asked to explore. A third option that others have identified would involve securing informed consent.

Finally having considered the issues and options, the Panel is asked to recommend an approach which seeks an appropriate balance between the need to protect personal privacy and the demands of genealogists and historians for access to historical census records.

*From FAMILIES in the Archives of the Osgoode Township Historical Society & Museum*

### TRUELOVE BUTLER

Irene Butler Saunders (deceased)

The American Colonies declared their Independence on July 4, 1775, but the struggle continued until a Peace was signed at Paris 1783. A man named Truelove Butler signed his discharge papers at Montreal Dec. 24, 1783. The Document at the Public Archives states that he was in Jessup's Corps under Jonathon Jones, that he was born in the Parish of Quaker Hill, Duchess County and that he was 42. A number of Loyalists around Elizabethtown came from Quaker Hill. Col. John Butler was a relative.

Another Truelove Butler U.E. El'town (Brockville area) s/o Truelove Butler U.E. asked for and was granted 200 acres in the Eastern District, 19 Sept. 1797. Another Petition, 16 Nov 1816, from Truelove Butler stated: I am the s/o Truelove Butler, deceased (1805), late of El'town, and I have attained the age of 21. On 17 July 1817 Abigail Dayton d/o Nathan Dayton U.E. and wife of Truelove Butler was also given 200 acres. My grandfather was no doubt the grandson of Abigail & Truelove. William Butler and wife Ellen, both 48 in the 1861 census were living at the time in a frame house said to have been built in 1836. Truelove, age 22, was the oldest of the children. He took up land, lot 22, Br. Front, near the new Kars Bridge and married Margaret Drew, Schoolteacher at Kars d/o Paul Drew and Mary Elliot, also U.E. stock.

William Butler, another son of William & Ellen, was a Blacksmith at Kars. He married Agnes Nesbitt from Merivale - no children. I know of 3 men who put in their apprenticeship with him: Charles Blanchfield of West Osgoode; Willie Magee at Kars before he went to the Experimental Farm where he forged the piece that went over the gate into the Farm; Bruce Edwards, later of Waipole Sask. where he farmed & 'smithed' in his spare time. The anvil from the Butler Shop is now owned by a great grandnephew, Ivan Saunders.

Other children were - Nathan Butler, a foreman at E.B. Eddy's m Almeda \_\_\_\_\_ (?), son Fred moved to Calgary; Edith m Grant Brand and lived and is buried in the Plattsburg, Peru area of N.Y.; Eva, a nurse, m Dr. Noah Wadham and lived in W. Hampton Beach, Long Island. Nathan & Almeda are buried in St. James Cemetery, Hull. Betsy m David Borthwick, millwright, who fired and tended the engines that used to be in the sawmills at W. Osgoode. Betsy & David moved to Orillia, Gravenhurst, 'Bisco', Muskoko, buried at Gravenhurst. One dau died young; one m John McNab and their son has a marina at Gravenhurst. A sister was drowned in view of her mother after taking her brothers & sisters across the Rideau to school. There was no bridge then. One girl (Marion) ? M \_\_\_\_\_ Farar - one daughter.

Some of the things I remember about Grandpa Butler (Truelove): he was counted a good stone mason. He made tile for the Township culverts. There is a high wall still standing at his old home and a stable wall at Donald McDiarmid's barn. He put in many cement floors

## TRUELOVE BUTLER CONT'D

in barns and pig-pens when the change was made from plank to cement. They had a rambling house with a loft over the summer kitchen where there were plenty of magazines. I used to climb up there and read by the hour. In 1909 there were two silos along that road - Archie Boyd's and Grandpa's. In Oct. they were filling the silo when a spark from the engine set the barn on fire and Grandpa was trapped and the hot solder dropped down and burned holes in the back of his neck. The sores were slow to heal. All the buildings were burned and the neighbours kept the cows and horses that winter.

Truelove Butler (1838-1918) and Margaret Drew had: William (1868-1907); John unmarried; Ernest m Florence Nesbitt of Merivale, niece of Agnes above, and worked for the city of Ottawa - buried Merivale; Bertha died of T.B at 28; Eliza m Edward Shepherd, widower - no children.

My father, William Paul, m Eliza Edwards d/o Wesley Edwards & Eliza McCrumm.

Their family: Cyril m (1) Myrtle Clarke d 1929, m (2) Hazel Ennis - Elaine m Albert Lee; Fern Lives at home. Gordon m Grace Long of Merivale, niece of Florence Nesbitt above - William, Edward, Cecil (all unmarried). Ruth m Wilbert Morrison.

Irene (myself) b 7 Nov 1893 (the oldest grandchild) m Robert Saunders s/o John Henry Saunders & Martha James. We celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary 3 May 1976 - Ivan m Gladys McConnell; Grace m Gordon Blair - Robert, Donald, Helen, Brenda, all married.

Ellen m George Sinclair - Donald, Winona, Beverly, all married. Lola m Wm Saunders, bro of Robert; Alton m Doris Murdock; Raymond m Gwen Summers; Jean m Kenneth Crump.

Irene Butler Saunders (deceased)

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**TIMOTHY IVESON**


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*Friendship, thou brightest, I am in all our social ties.  
In Thee, our best and noblest lies.*

This quote from a poem by Timothy Iveson, founder of his Metcalfe Saddle-Harness Business, possibly best outlines the philosophy that dominated the activities of the Iveson domicile over the years. Through shop and residence doors, people came and went. Their needs, interest in their achievements, sympathy in their reverses - all concerned him deeply. In 1854, he with his two oldest sons, Joseph and William, came from Rochdale, England. Shop was set up in tentative quarters. His basic principle for serving the public was good honest effort in an atmosphere of friendliness.

With the arrival of other family members in 1856, expansion was inevitable. By 1862, the house newly completed was the first Iveson home. With subsequent renovations it remained so until 1922.

At first he made saddles. Harness output followed. All four sons learned trade. When Jo and Wm went to New York State, respective farmers' sons served terms as apprentices, some of whom opened shop in the area. The Iveson "Scotch Collar" famous for its relief to a horse's sore shoulder, was shipped all across the country.

Shop was not restricted to leather trade. In 1870, the Montreal Telegraph Company opened a local office under Timothy's management. The call, "XC" alerted him or son Frank to decode messages - both business and personal. Operational skill effected shock treatments on neighbours smitten with rheumatism. By 1887, the local Bell Telephone equipment faced its earlier counterpart across the room. Yet, there was room for Metcalfe Rural in 1910.

Frank's acceptance of Township Secretary duties c. 1881 - Treasurer later - forced Henry and the harness benches into a back room. The

front became the focal point of township business. Here, taxpayers' problems were unloaded daily. Election night? Standing room only, whilst telegraph and telephone wires relayed results. Excitement ran high. One federal Conservative win prompted supporters to burn Sir Wilfred Laurier's effigy just beyond the hitching posts. "Iveson" and his neighbours were Liberals.

Subtle gatherings occurred at times - enthusiastic leaders plotting a community project, later to quietly revel in success or to comfort each other in defeat. Others, in frustrated moments, sought advice re family and neighbour disagreements - all treated with utmost secrecy.

Saturday night, papers were pushed aside for *Band Practice* in the office. Walls vibrated, dishes rattled in adjacent family quarters, protesting loud discordant notes. However, this family area had its moments also. Doors admitted choral groups after church, groups of young fry for violin sessions in the kitchen, orchestra members for practice in the parlour. And,

there was always a bite to eat. Periodic emergency calls interrupted the routine. The *Old Fire Bell* on the roof had to be rung. Its ding-dong alerted residents to fire outbreaks, many of which plagued the village. Blistered hands of women bell ringers was the pay off for this task, all in the name of the common good.

So it went. This old unity truly developed into a people's place, reflecting Timothy's sentiments expressed in the opening quotation.

Frances M Iveson (deceased)





## ALEXANDER THOMPSON SR

When searching for the Thompson ancestors of my wife Beatrice Muriel Thompson, I found myself visiting the village of St Andrews West, situated on the banks of the Raison River in Cornwall Township, Stormont County. There, beneath the towering spire (212 feet) of St Andrew's Roman Catholic Church stands the former church, now used as the Parish Hall. It was in this church, built 1788-1802, that Father William Fraser performed the marriage ceremony on July 1, 1834 uniting Alexander Thompson and Eleanor Casserly. Alexander had been born 1805 in County Cork (probably of Scotch ancestry); Eleanor is presumed to be the daughter of John and Mary Casserly of Cornwall Township.

Some of the children of Alexander & Eleanor were born in Cornwall Township, but the family moved to Osgoode sometime between 1842 and 1849, settling on the E ½, Lot 13, Con 6. John and Mary Casserly of Cornwall bought E 1/2, Lot 15 and all Lot 16 on Jan 18, 1849 - 300 acres for 120 pounds - from John McDonald of Cornwall Township. The agreement was witnessed by Alexander Thompson; and on Feb 12 of the same year he bought the E 1/2, Lot 15 from his father-in-law for 50 pounds.

The Agricultural Census for 1851 shows: Alexander Thompson owns 100 acres, 20 acres under cultivation, 80 acres bush. The Assessment for 1872 states: 40 acres clear, 6 cattle, 8 sheep, 3 hogs, 2 horses, 5 dependents. Known children: Peggy, Mary John, Catherine, Anne, Jane.

Peggy was born November 1, 1836 in Cornwall Township. No further information

Mary, born Sept 29, 1838, m c 1862, a widower, John P Murray (Mury, Murrey, etc) who had a family of 4: Michael, John, Margaret, Eline. Margaret m John Fitzimmons of Metcalfe. The first wife of John Murray was Honora Foren.

John Murray b c 1826 and Mary Thompson had 12 children: Elizabeth b c 1862 m John Malone b c 1856 son of John Malone and Ellen Meagher who lived on the next lot 11 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Con; Catherine m Michael O'Brien s/o Michael O'Brien and Mary Ann Nolan; Michael (no.2) un m d 1890; Alexander - no information; Wm m a Sloan; Mamie m Joe Lauzon; Teresa m Walter Johnson; Paddy un m.; Mary Ellen un m; James Christopher - no information; Peter Joseph un m; Frances - no information. Mary Thompson Murray died 7 July 1891. They had lived Lot 10, Con 6.

John Thompson b 1842 m Jane Moran and left Osgoode in the early 1860's, traveling north over hills, through beautiful valleys, often times overlooking the fast-flowing picturesque Gatineau River. He settled near St Theresa P.Q. & had a family of 6 boys and 4 girls.

Catherine m Jan 9, 1855 in South Gloucester Church, Patrick Keany, b Osgoode, s/o Michael Keany & Helen Kelly. Family of 12 children. Patrick d Maniwaki May 7, 1894.

Anne b c 1846 m June 18, 1889 in S Gloucester, William Burns of Temiskaming.

Jane m a Brunet and had 3 boys.

The mother, Eleanor Casserly Thompson, died c 1855-56.

### SECOND MARRIAGE

On Nov 3, 1857, Father Thomas O'Boyle m Alexander Thompson (widower) & Julia Murphy (widow of Michael Sweeney) in the Lady of Visitation in S. Gloucester.

Widow Sweeney had had 6 children: Elizabeth (1850-1916); Michael b 1850 m Minnie (?) - 1 child; John; Mrs Cain; Mrs Hurley; a dau who died young.

There were 2 boys in the family of Alexander Thompson & Widow Sweeney.

William b 1863 in Osgoode was killed while working on

a bridge construction in the State of Montana.

Alexander b Osgoode 7 Sept m 8 July 1885 Stephanie Keegan d/o John Keegan & Alice Huggart, in Maniwaki. Alexander had left his home in Osgoode in 1878 when he was 18 years old, heading north on the same trail that his half brother, John had traveled 18 years earlier and settled on Lot 3, Kensenten Township near Maniwaki, P.Q. Alexander Thompson Sr., 5 years before his death (June 26, 1899 at the age of 94) had moved up to his son's home. Little did he realize that years later many of his descendants would return to Osgoode Township.

Compiled by Michael Daley, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1950.

Married Beatrice Thompson, Great great granddaughter of Alexander Thompson Sr.

### PIONEER DAY & STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Sat. July 29, 2000

noon to 4:00 p.m.

At the Osgoode Township Historical Society  
(old hwy 31 & Rideau St in Vernon)

live demonstration of horse shoeing &  
blacksmith antique farm machinery antique  
gramophone antique cars live entertainment

Strawberry Social - served from 1:00 to 4:00

Everyone Welcome!

### MUSEUM NOTES

- ✓ we welcome Michelle Lachance to help at the museum on alternate Saturdays.
- ✓ Donna Bowen our regular archivist/curator reports requests via e-mail to be a dozen so far. Try it at oths@magma.ca
- ✓ Due to shortened museum hours, indepth research can be requested of Donna on her own time at an agreed upon rate.
- ✓ Memberships are still available, still at \$10.00 yearly

### HUMOUR BY E-MAIL

#### THE DUMB TOURIST

A busload of foreign tourists was going through Runnymede in England. After the tour guide went on for some time about the signing of the Magna Carta by King John, a particularly ignorant passenger asked, "When was this." The tour guide said, "1215," after which the tourist was heard to mutter after looking at his watch, "Damn, we just missed it."

Submitted by Elizabeth Stuart

### OSGOODE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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