



Who Are We?

**Osgoode Township
Historical Society
& Museum**

at the

**Old Vernon School
Newsletter**

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From The President:

To the Members of Osgoode Township Historical Society and Museum.

Many things have been going on at our wonderful little Museum in the past few months and I would like to share some of them with you. Not all our members have access to email so feel free to share this note with any other members, or potential members, that you know. For those of you who regularly attend our monthly meetings, this may be 'old news'. If you do not attend our meetings, please consider it. We meet the first Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:30pm the Museum in Vernon.

At our AGM in February, I was elected President and I am honoured to represent our Membership to the community.

We have recently hired 4 very qualified and capable staff to assist us. Linda Klein-Swormink is our Bookkeeper and Ted Ross joins us in the Marketing Coordinator's position. We have also hired an Assistant

Curator, Tara Shannon-Heft and a Summer Student, Kristie Bredfeldt (see story below).

On **Sat. May 29** we held a Memorial Service with Tree dedication in memory of Anna Leighton-Kyle. A small reception followed (see story below).

Our **June monthly meeting** was very important to our future. We set this meeting aside to update and amend our Constitution and Bylaws. More information will follow in the September Newsletter.

On June 5th we participated in Ottawa's Doors Open program.

While there will not be a "Regular" meeting held at the Museum during July and August, the Board of Directors will still meet to discuss items of importance.

We are also in the process of planning to have a "special" Saturday afternoon guest speaker on the 21st of August (tentative). Check our web site for further information.

Sat. July 24 will be our Annual Pioneer Day. It will run from 10-4 at the Museum grounds. We have chosen to have a theme this year. We will be focussing on the Township's Dutch heritage this year. It ties in with the recently released book series "They Ventured Forth" by members Eda van der Linden and Diane Wade and the anniversary of the Liberation of the

Netherlands (see story below). Plans are underway now and our committee would appreciate any thoughts and ideas for the day as well as volunteer help.

We have many exhibits coming up over the next few months with displays at the Metcalfe Farmers Market (tentative), Ottawa Carleton Plowing Match and BIFHSGO to name a few.

We are also working on a development plan with the City of Ottawa that will outline our direction of the next few years. An Accessibility Plan is also to be worked on to help our Museum with not only mobility issues but also sight and language barriers. A new ramp was installed at the front entrance, a bench has been added and general upgrades are being done to the building.

While our Board of Directors and Staff have been quite busy with the Historical Society and Museums' progression into the future, we always appreciate any extra input or help you can give. Please feel free to contact us with suggestions or come out and visit us. My personal contact info is included at the end of this email. Thanks and hope to see you soon.

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NEW FACES AT THE OTHS&M!

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the addition of four new faces to the OTHS&M.

We welcome **Ms. Tara Heft** to our staff team as our new Assistant Curator and Education Officer. Tara has several years of work experience in museum settings including the Canadian Museum of Civilization and the Canadian Children's Museum, where she worked as a Program Animator and as the Educational Services Representative. She gained valuable arts administration skills during the time she was employed by the Canada Council for the Arts, as well as several years of teaching experience with the Ottawa Catholic School Board.

Tara looks forward to creating some great new programs for the Osgoode Township Historical Society and Museum, meeting the members of the community, and continuing to preserve and promote the history and culture of this beautiful area.

Mr. Ted Ross has been appointed the Marketing/Communications Co_ordinator for the Osgoode Township Historical Society and Museum.

Ted is a long time member of the Greater Ottawa heritage community and has worked with several community museums and heritage organizations including the Goulbourn and Nepean Museums and nearby Watson's Mill where he was instrumental in significantly increasing public awareness of the Mill through a number of educational, marketing and fundraising initiatives as a Mill volunteer.

Ted has been hired to develop and implement a Marketing and Communications Plan for the OTHS&M as well as to promote our scheduled events. Over the several months, Ted will be examining our current status, marketing practices and our present visitorship and will later make recommendations on market themes, messaging and strategies.

Ted lives with his wife, Bonnie Gray and two Miniature Schnauzers on Long Island in Manotick...just downstream from the Mill.

Linda Klein-Swormink joined the OTHS&M on May 10th as our new Bookkeeper. She brings with her 30 years of valuable bookkeeping experience. Linda lives in Winchester with her husband and 3 children.

Ms. Kristie Bredfeldt is our new Collections Management & Inventory Clerk through the Young Canada Works program. She will be carrying out many different tasks including cataloguing, conservation and restoration, curatorial assisting and registration,

She has completed two years of university at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo where

she double majored in historical archaeology and medieval studies. She plans to apply to Sir Sandford Fleming in Peterborough to take their collections management and conservation program.

Kristie grew up and lives in Carleton Place. Kristie is very much a country girl and loves to go to her cottage on weekends, enjoys singing, playing guitar and acting.

Welcome!

Local Book Launch - "They Ventured Forth":

On the 18th of May, the Kenmore Community Centre was filled to capacity for the launch of the books about the history of the Immigration of Dutch citizens to the Osgoode-Russell area, following the end of the Second World War. The three books, "They Ventured Forth", written by local residents and authors, Diane Wade and Eda van der Linden, featured the stories from families in the Marvelville, Russell Township and Osgoode Township areas. The first book, featuring Marvelville families has already sold out.

Library and Archives Canada Cataloguing in Publication

Van der Linden, Eda (1932-

They Ventured Forth! Stories of Dutch Canadians who settled in Osgoode Township, Ontario 1940s - 1960s Compiled by Eda Van der Linden.

**Includes Bibliographical references.
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Wade, W. D. (Willia Diane),

**They Ventured Forth! Stories of Dutch Canadians in Russell Township, ON
W.D.Wade.**

**Includes Bibliographical references.
ISBN 978-0-9813452-1-5**



In the photo (L to R): Lucy Hendrikx, Ambassador Wim Geerts, Eda Van der Linden (author of Osgoode book), Gertrude Bouwers (wife of Former Mayor, Albert Bouwers), Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Shauna Thomas (granddaughter of Eda), Councillor Doug Thompson, Diane Wade (author of the Russell and Marvelville books).

The hall was filled with those Dutch families whose stories appear in the books, as well as local media, Historical Society members, Osgoode Ward Councillor Doug Thompson, the Hon. Pierre Poilievre, MP for Nepean-Carleton and the Hon. W. Geerts, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Canada.

A particularly moving portion of the event happened when those in attendance, stood for the singing the Dutch National Anthem (in Dutch, of course). This was immediately followed by the spontaneous singing of "O Canada".

Following the official part of the program, guests were offered the opportunity to purchase books, speak with the authors and partake of the wonderful refreshments, provided by the Kenmore Women's Institute.

As of the writing of this newsletter, the Russell Township book is almost sold out and there are only a few copies of the Osgoode book

August 2009. Anna had been a dedicated member for her church and church choir, the Women's institute, a Home caregiver to those in need, a part-time employee of the Ottawa Public Library as well as a re-enactor at Upper Canada Village.

It was Vernon's Bradley Millar who suggested the idea of a tree in Anna's name, with the idea growing from there. The City was approached about the donation of a young tree, a site was located and when the tree was delivered to the Museum site in April, it was planted. A brass plaque, to be created by Osgoode's own, Gary Briggs will eventually adorn the base. Bradley has agreed to take on the task of caring for and nurturing the tree (Thanks Bradley - Ann would be grateful!).

Following the ceremony, refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The Directors and staff of the OTHS&M invite all who visit the Museum, to come see our new and special tree!



Singing of Dutch National Anthem - Ambassador Geerts, Shauna Thomas, Eda van der Linden, Albert Bouwers.

remaining. At this time, there are no plans to go to a second printing. Prices for each, are: \$ 34.00 for the Russell Township book and \$ 36.00 for the Osgoode Township volume.

If interested in purchasing a copy of either book, please contact the Museum for further information.

Memorial Tree Dedication:

On the 29th of May, the Family of the late Anna Leighton-Kyle gathered at the Osgoode Township Museum site along with members of the Osgoode Baptist and Vernon United Church, Vernon Women's Institute and friends of Anna.



The occasion was the formal dedication of a Maple Tree which was donated by the City of Ottawa and planted on the Museum grounds, in memory of Anna who passed away in

OBA - 175th Anniversary:

This year, 2010, marks the 175th Anniversary of the Ottawa Baptist Association, of which many of our local Baptist Churches (Kenmore, Vernon, Winchester, South Gower) are members.

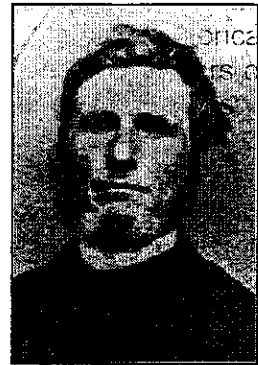
To mark the occasion, a series of Revival Services have been held and are planned for the area.

One of those services was held on May 16th at the Osgoode Baptist and Vernon United Church, in Vernon. The service included a special visit by Rev. Daniel McPhail (1810-1875) in the person of Rev. Neil Hunter.

Rev. Hunter had been preparing for his role since 2009, researching Rev. McPhail, gathering together the correct historical attire and growing a beard. Efforts were even made to try to locate one of Rev. McPhail's original sermons, - without success.

McNAUGHTON (1786 - 24 Aug 1860) [other siblings: **Malcolm, John** (1818 - Feb 1836),

Peter (b. 19 Mar. 1819), **Duncan** (17 Dec. 1823 - 20 Dec. 1898), **Margaret** (b. 20 Dec 1825), **Janet** (25 Aug. 1827 - 2 July 1855), **Sarah** (1829 - 19 Apr. 1862)].



Daniel was baptised in SCOTLAND on 9 January 1811 then at the age of 16 (1826 while in QUEBEC), Daniel became a "convert" and was re-baptized as a "new" Christian.

In 1820, Duncan decided to relocate his family from SCOTLAND to the new colony of Canada. As a result, Daniel was raised in Quebec where his father, Duncan, first taught at the small school at Cote St. Paul (now part of City of Montreal) in addition to farming a small tract of land. In 1821, Duncan was convinced by two residents from the Chatham area to abandon his land and teaching position and relocate there as their Preacher. It was while here that Duncan Started a Sabbath School, in addition to attempting for farm his tract of land and raise his growing family. The land to which Duncan relocated his family [Lot 14, Range 10, Argenteuil Seignior] was so poor and the work so hard that Duncan died in 1832, leaving the family to fend for themselves.

Young Daniel took over the responsibility of supporting his family and continuing the work his father had started with the Sabbath Church. He set out praying and travelling throughout the area where he lived, organizing revival meetings and attempting to bring many of his contemporaries to God. In 1836, he had the fortune to meet **Rev. William FRASER** and **Rev. John GILMOUR** who, at Daniel's request held a revival meeting in the Chatham area with many baptisms taking place. Daniel saw this as his call to the Ministry however due to monetary constrictions and the fact that he



Rev. Neil Hunter as Rev. Daniel McPhail

Included in the service were many of the old hymns which would have been sung by the early Baptist congregants.

It was remarked that the sound of the many voices raised to the heavens in song, was so wonderful that it was wished that the doors could have been flung open and the roof lifted so as to share the music with the whole village.

As in days of old, a time of fellowship and the sharing of conversation and refreshments was had. A historical display of photos, books and articles was also prepared and available for all to view.

As part of the assistance which our Historical Society & Museum provided to Rev. Hunter, the following Biography of Rev. Daniel McPhail was prepared.

***A Short Biography of the Rev. Daniel
McPhail, 1810 - 1875
"The Elijah of Eastern Ontario"***

Daniel McPHAIL was born in Glen Lyon, Perthshire, Scotland in December 1810, as "Donald" [Donald and Daniel were often interchangeable in the Scottish culture of the day], the eldest of the eight children of **Duncan MacPHAIL** (c1773 - 1 May 1832), a School Teacher and part-time Preacher and **Janet**

was the primary breadwinner for his family, he felt that his dream was unattainable.

A visit to a nearby store and conversation with its proprietor, **Guy RICHARDS** resulted in an agreement whereby Richards would ensure that Daniel's family was taken care of financially and to pay for Daniel's education. As a result, in 1838, at the age of 27, **Daniel McPHAIL** graduated from Madison University in Hamilton, New York and embarked upon his ministry, starting out, firstly in the Glengarry area of Eastern Ontario.

Early in March 1839, the young missionary came to the township of Osgoode (south of Ottawa) and began his work where he preached and prayed. At the end of two weeks, Rev. Daniel left the local congregation, to return to his other commitments but with the promise to return in June. As promised, he returned and a formal Church and congregation was formed on July 14, 1839, a Baptist church with 45 people as its first members and Rev. Daniel McPhail as its first Minister. People were converted; some were baptized and hundreds were influenced to the good, including members of the Dewar, Ferguson, Fisher, MacDiarmid, McCaul, McDonald, McGregor, McLaurin and McMartin families. In 1840, Rev. McPhail was ordained as Osgoode Baptist Church's first "official" minister and served the young church for 24 years, while farming his 100 acres at W1/2 Lot 40, Conc. 6, Osgoode Township (part of which is site of Osgoode Township Museum), which he purchased from William KELLY.

The church at Osgoode was the base from which he worked the surrounding country. Entirely forgetful of self, he toiled year in and year out for the glory of God and the good of others. Churches were founded by him at South Gower, Winchester, Kenmore and Ormond. Ormond was the last of the churches that he helped to found, and as it was not far from Osgoode, he assumed its pastoral oversight.

During his 24 years as pastor in Vernon, great numbers of people were converted and he

personally baptized more than a thousand of them. Some of the Baptisms took place in the Castor River as well as the Rideau River near Kemptville.

It was during this time, on 11 February 1842, that Daniel was married to **Katherine McGREGOR** (c1810 - 1 July 1889) and had four boys and one daughter - **John Robert** (b. 1843), **Daniel** (b. 1845), **Christiann** (b. 1847), **Duncan Guy** (b. 1849), **Malcolm** (b. 1851).

In September 1865 he accepted the call to First Baptist Church in Ottawa, and became their pastor (whose congregation was instrumental in establishing the congregation that would later become McPhail Memorial Baptist Church in Ottawa).

After five years in Ottawa, Rev. McPhail felt the call to leave pastoral ministry and return to itinerant evangelism. For a few months, he went about the country as he had done before - strengthening the churches he had helped organize and doing the work of an apostle. It was because of his work in church planting and evangelism that he became known as "The Elijah of the Ottawa Valley".

On January 8, 1871, he was dispensing the sacrament of communion in the church at Winchester and in the midst of the service was stricken with a paralytic stroke. For four years he suffered and on August 23, 1875, he passed on to his glorious reward. He was laid to rest in Beechwood Cemetery, Ottawa.

{Information in this section provided courtesy of the Canadian Baptist Archives, McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, ON.; "Greatness Passing By" by J. Gordon Jones, c1968; and information in collections of Osgoode Township Historical Society & Museum (McPhail family File, Rev. Daniel McPhail File (Church records)); "Pioneer Families of Osgoode Township, Volume XIX - Rev. Daniel McPhail", by Osgoode Township Historical Society & Museum, ISBN , pages 29-32.}



Gary with his "students" at the first workshop

During the month of June, a series of workshops were held at the OTHS&M site on the Bronze plaque creation process. The workshops, to be held over several Saturdays throughout the summer, hosted by Gary Briggs, started out with 6 participants who were interested in learning the process of going for a photograph to a bronze 3D plaque.



The "hoped for" end result will be a series of bronze plaques depicting the history of Osgoode Township as revealed in its photographs.

The next scheduled session will be on July 10th at the Museum. New "students" are always welcome. If interested contact Museum staff.

Family Finders April to May 2010:

Murray McDonald

Looking for information on **Vernon School 1966-67** and teacher **Mrs. Williams**.

Contact 613-291-0709

Carol Hooper

Researching **Denison** and **Paden** families of Osgoode and surroundings.

carol2002@rogers.com

Randy McConnell

Would appreciate receiving any new information on the **Cooper, Sheldrick** and **Wallace** families. Contact him at 613-828-1228

Angie Galindo

Looking for information on **Otis Pritchard** or descendants.

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<angie.galindo@yahoo.ca>

Cathy Cummings

Looking for information on the **Peter Sharp** and **Mary Simser** wedding c1847;
cathy.cummings@sympatico.ca

Mary Lou Kemp -Barney

Researching **Margaret Anne McPhail** married to **James Peter Gillissie**.
kempmarylou@hotmail.com or 702-650-9183

Doyle (Bishop) Patriquin

Looking for information on **Wm. Porteous** and **Mary Lorimer**. dpatriquin@cogeco.ca

Debby Curry

Great, great grand daughter of **Robert Rodney** is looking for information on **Virtue Carkner** and **John Rodney**.

dcurry@gmail.com

Mike McCue and family

Looking for information on **John Howell** and relatives. John was a blacksmith in Vernon, Ontario. Mccue@sympatico.ca

Doris Marcellus

Anyone searching for information on **Colin Patterson** family can contact Doris Marcellus at doris.marcellus@sympatico.ca

Please help to identify these recently donated items - during the past month a **collapsible baby carriage** and a **image collection** consisting of 46 photographs and one album have been left on the door step of the museum. The donors are unknown and there is no information to provide a history on these items. The photo collection could be from the Nixon family as there is a Memorial Booklet for David William Nixon, buried in Elmview Cemetery. This collection also contains a "1964, Ottawa Journal" article about Eldon Veitch, which may provide further clues as to ownership. None of the photographic images in this collection are identified.

If anyone has any information that may help to identify the donors of these items or the persons in the photographs, please contact the museum at oths@magma.ca or by phone 613-821-4062.

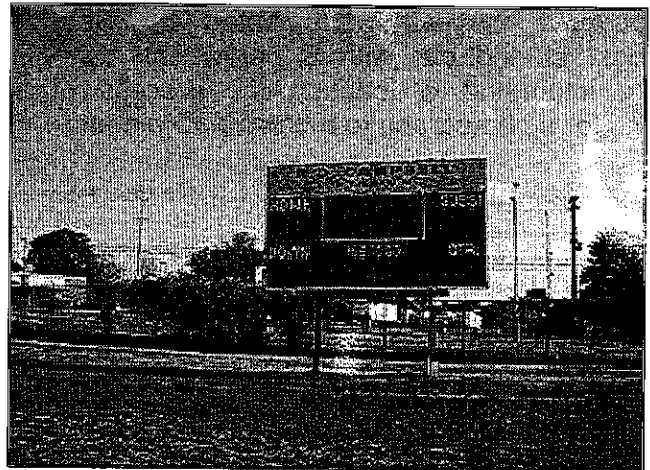
The OTHS&M is always looking to locate and record stories, information and photos, particularly, at this time, about the following subjects:

- History of Funeral Homes & Funeral Traditions in the Township
- Firefighters and Firefighting Services
- Police Services
- Schools
- Transportation - Roads, Rails and Waterways

If you have any information or photos which you would like to share, please contact the Museum.

Lost!

Recently, the former Laurentian High School site, in Ottawa, was sold to developers and the buildings demolished. As part of the school's history, was a long-time teacher and Coach, Robert D. Campbell from the Vernon-Ormond area of Osgoode-Winchester Townships. In honour of his many years of dedicated service to amateur and scholastic sports, the Sports Field at Laurentian had been named in his honour - "R.D. Campbell Stadium" ("R.D" is also a member of the Greater Ottawa Sports Hall of Fame).



Sign at R.D. Campbell Stadium

Prior to the demolition of the school and site, officials and the developer were contacted in an attempt to save that portion of the field's sign, with R.D's name, and have it donated to the OTHS&M. Unfortunately, the inquiries were too late and the sign was lost to history.

At the time of printing, the OTHS&M had lost another of its longtime members and persons with deep connections to Osgoode Township, in the person of **Ralph Hindson**, the nephew

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of one of our founding members, Francis Iveson. Our condolences to Ralph's family.

If you have some spare time, an interest in Osgoode Township history and would like to volunteer your services, We Want You!. We are looking for people who would like to be on one of the committees, on the Board of Directors, help with digitizing one of the many historic documents or the retyping (and indexes prepared) of one of our many older publications.



Into the 21st Century!:

We, the members of the executive of the OTHS&M, are working towards revising the way in which we deliver the quarterly newsletter to our members. The first real sign of the things to come is the fact that this

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34th Annual Pioneer Day A N D Strawberry Social

Saturday, July 24, 2010
10 am - 4 pm

The theme of this year's event will focus on
**Dutch settlers who came to Osgoode Township
in the 1940s, 50s and 60s!**

Presenting:
Dutch Music, Crafts and Traditions
Heritage Displays and Demonstrations
Dance, Music, Historical Film, Machinery and more!
Kiosk for Kids - Fairies, Costumes and Cornucopia

Strawberry Social!

Enjoy a morning of fun, games and prizes!

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