



## Osgoode Township

### Historical Society & Museum

at the  
Old Vernon School

# Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT - February 1997

As we enter a new year there are new opportunities and challenges to be addressed in 1997. At the Annual General Meeting held on February 4 we elected the slate of officers for the coming year. On behalf of all the members I would like to take this opportunity to thank Murray Little for his dedicated service as President over the past three years and Shirley Lowe for the years of efficient service as Secretary. A special thanks is also extended to all the other members of the Executive, the positions and the committees. Late last year we established a Publication Committee to assist with and oversee the development and publication of new documents.

Under Murray Little's past year as President we again had another busy year with many interesting speakers at our monthly meetings as well as six special events. The year began with a general business meeting in January followed by the Annual General Meeting in February. In March Steve O'Halloran presented "Compiling a Family History Using the Computer and the Internet" followed by a general business meeting in April. At the April meeting Murray Little had an interesting display "Pictures of Duncan McNabb - Osgoode Township Pioneer." while in April Al Simard presented "A History of Bottle Making" and in September Bob Usher gave an interesting review of the book "Peter Robinson Settlers" written by Carol Bennett. The October meeting featured Marilyn Lawlor with "Perthshire, Scotland - Home of the Kennedy Family" followed by a presentation to our archives of seven books - "Our Heritage Walks" by the Council of Blairgowrie in Scotland" from which we are most appreciative. In November and December we had regular business meetings with the latter followed by David Garby with Completion of the 1901 Census Project.

During the year we reprinted "Manotick Station" and "From Then to Now - Osgoode Station" and the Metcalfe Women's Institute published "Walking Tour of Metcalfe Village" based on research in the Osgoode Township Archives.

Special events included Heritage Day in February, the Strawberry Social on July 2 and Pioneer Day on July 20. On September 7 we had Iveson Day with a display of artefacts from the family and a reception for family members. On November 9 a Remembrance Service was held at the Vernon Cenotaph followed by a reception in the Museum. The year of events closed on December 7 with a successful Victorian Tea and display of crafts.

Outreach during the year included participation in a meeting of the British Isles Family History Society where we displayed research material and the a speaker for the event. In March we had an interesting display at the Gene-O-Rama Conference of the Ottawa Branch of the O.G.S. while in May we had a display and speaker for their Irish Research Branch. During the fall Bob Usher visited Algonquin College and in December we had a display at the Vernon Trade Fair.

Other activities in 1996 include the addition to the Archives Collection of new documents on Osgoode Township, updating of light fixtures and the setting up of new displays in co-operation with Algonquin College students. In September Donna Bowen and Bob Usher attended the Ontario Heritage Society, Heritage of Ontario Cemeteries Workshop in Kars.

### PIONEER OF OSGOODE TOWNSHIP

The picture above, I am sure will bring to the minds of many of our readers, vivid memories of pictures of another era. Pictures of your grandparents, and other ancestral family members, set in a beautiful gilt edged frames and hung in a prominent place on parlours or dining room walls.

The above picture, taken from a "Charcoal Portrait" that was drawn prior to 1879 is that of Thomas Daley (Daily, O'Daly). Born 1820, Kings Co. Ireland. Immigrated to Canada with his parents Michael and Elizabeth (McGuire) Daily in 1826. Settling in Quebec, moving to South Gloucester and Osgoode in 1835-40, settling on lot 14, Con 3, Osgoode.

On March 14, 1850, Thomas purchased 50 acres of land for the sum of 100 pounds, situated on the south east corner of lot 12, Con 4 from Sylvester and Mary (Bailey) Doyle. On Aug 30, 1850, Thomas married Mary McGee in "Our Lady of the Visitation" Church, South Gloucester. Mary, daughter of Patrick McGee and Mary Hughs, from Co. Armagh, Ireland was born Osgoode Township July 15, 1831. Her birth is registered in the records of Notre Dame Cathedral, Ottawa. Thomas died suddenly while working in the fields, May 21, 1879 leaving a family of six girls and five sons, an indelible imprint in Osgoode township and across the continent.

Michael Daley born 4/9, 1851 married Katherine Keough, daughter of Thomas Keough and Elizabeth Shanahan, farmed part of lot 9, Con 4 moving to lot 14, Con 3 in 1898-99.

Patrick Daley born Jan 7, 1853 married Bridget Rodgers (2) Mary Keough, sister of Katherine above, grand daughters of James McKeough and May Ryan from Co Tipperary, Ireland (removed to Pittsburg, Penn)

James Daley born Aug 14, 1855, married Agnes Grant, daughter of James Grant and Elizabeth McNally, farmed n 1/2 lot 12, Con 4, Osgoode Township.

May Daley born Oct 25, 1857 married Phillip McEvoy son of John McEvoy and Anastatia Powers, farmed Lot 20 Con 3 Osgoode Twp.

John Daley born Apr 15, 1863 married James Blanchfield, son of John Blanchfield and May Durning, farmed West Osgoode.

Teresa Daley born Aug 16, 1865 married Jack Kelly, son of Patrick Kelly and Catherine McEvoy, farmed Lot 14, Con 1.

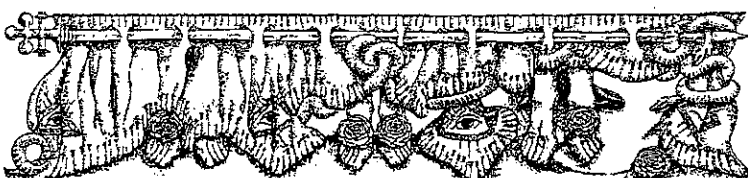
Annie Daley born Nov 14, 1867, married Thomas Grant son of James Grant and Elizabeth McNally. Thomas, barn builder, etc. operated a General store in Enniskerry for many years.

Terence Joseph Daley born Mar 29, 1870 married Teres Mary Shields, daughter of Patrick Shields and Mary McEvoy, farmed n 1/2 lot 14, Con 3.

Margaret Agnes Daley born Aug 5, 1872 married Jim Fagan, son of Christopher Fagan and Margaret Nash, farmed Lot 19, Con 1, Osgoode Twp.

Gertrude Daley born Jun 28, 1875 married Hugh Cleland, son of Hugh Cleland and Mary Ann Kenny, farmed West Osgoode.

Michael Daley



**President's Annual Report - Feb. 1997 cont'd**

Early in 1997 a Projects Committee was established to encourage and oversee the program of projects undertaken by the OTHS&M. This year we hope to complete and publish the Iveson Papers. Other projects being considered include compiling some oral histories based on interviews with senior residents of the township, expand or collection of historic pictures of the townships, create an Osgoode Township Book of Remembrance with the names and information of people from the township that served an gave their lives during past wars and conflicts. In the artefacts area we hope to continue to carefully expand our collection. One project could be more extensive labeling and descriptions for many of the items in the extensive collection.

We would like anyone who reads this newsletter to give us their ideas for any projects we could consider undertaking. Please send your to us at the mailing address given in the Newsletter or email me at: [DIHughes@magma.ca](mailto:DIHughes@magma.ca). Your feedback will be greatly appreciated.

Doug Hughes

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**NOTE FROM PAST PRESIDENT**

I would like to thank the Directors and members of the Society for the support and confidence that they placed in me for the past four years as president. It was a great experience as well as a rewarding challenge. They are a great group of people to work with and be part of. It is also nice to feel some what relaxed with less pressures and a new face at the helm. Doug Hughes is our new president and I wish him every success.

We are all looking forward to a busy summer with many projects within our society and also hope to see many of you.

*Food for thought: A moment of good health is worth a thousand blessings.*

Murray Little

**THE WAY WE WERE**

We take an affectionate look at the past through the pages of Woman's Weekly

Mums-to-be were clearly expected to be accomplished seamstresses in the year 1912 BB (before Babygros)!

**A Long Clothing Set**

Pattern No. 15,906 shows a complete set of long clothes for the new baby. It includes a long flannel for flannel or Viyella; night-gown or monthly gown, and white petticoat, for nainsook or longcloth; robe for fine, ready-tucked nainsook, muslin, or washing silk, with insertion yoke; bib for cambric, silk, or Turkey towelling; matinee jacket for flannel or washing silk; cloak for cashmere, thin cloth, soft satin or pique, and a bonnet and hat for same material as the cloak.

All the designs are quite simple to make, and will look just charming if pretty and dainty trimmings are used.



Submitted by Maureen Arthur

**IN SEARCH OF THEIR ROOTS**



Dean Pratt  
720 West Cora #50  
Spokane WA. USA 99205

Dear Sir or Madam;

My great grandfather, Edley Allet, and my grandfather, James Pratt, entered Canada as assisted immigrants on the SS Sarmation in April of 1875. They are listed in the 1884 directory of Carleton County as being tenants on lot 22, Concession 6 of Osgoode Township, Carleton County, Ontario

The Canadian National Archives office has informed me that your office might have further records related to these immigrants.

Any further information about these individuals or where other records might be located would be sincerely appreciated.

Dean Pratt

*\* Any information can be replied to the above address or to the Editor for compilation.*

**LETTERS**

**THE IVESON REUNION, SEPTEMBER, 1996**

In my household in Alaska we are all immigrants. I was born in the Netherlands, my mother was born in Perth, Ontario and my father was born in Germany.

My mother's family name is Iveson. This summer we all went to Canada to an Iveson family reunion. I learned about the Ivesons who immigrated from England and settled in Osgoode Township, Canada.

My great, great, great grandfather Timothy Iveson, was the one that immigrated from England in 1854 when he was 50. He took his two sons who were unmarried and left his two married daughters behind. He handed his saddlery business over to his brother, John, who stayed in England.

In Metcalfe, Ontario, under rough pioneer conditions, he opened a new saddlery with his two sons. He was the first school inspector and the first library was in his house. He brought the first telegraph to Metcalfe and operated it himself. He also founded the first Metcalfe band and gave music lessons.

His son Frank played the bugle on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1867, the day Canada got it's independence. Timothy's house and shop is now a historic site. The Osgoode Historical Society and Museum, with Iveson tools, pictures, letters and more, is close by at Vernon.

I also visited an outdoor pioneer museum called Upper Canada Village, which showed how pioneers settled in Canada. There was an Iveson exhibit mostly about Timothy.

Of all the things I learned, I think the most interesting part is who my relatives are, where they came from and how we are related.

Matti Iveson Dupre (age 10)  
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## DEATHS THAT OCCURRED IN OSGOODE TOWNSHIP IN THE YEAR 1899

A list of the Deaths that were reported in 1899 to the Registry Office in Toronto. Frank Iveson was the Clerk of Osgoode Township at the time.

Name	Date of birth	Age	Residence	place of birth	Religion	Informant
GENOE, Mrs Jessie	Dec 31, 1898	66	Pt E ½ Con 6	Ire	Pres	Sam Genoe
CLELAND, William	Jan 2, 1899	22	Pt 28 Con2	Osg Tp.	R.C	J.B. Harkness
LEAHY, Timothy	Jan 11, 1899	85	Lot 24, Con 5	Ire	R.C	John Leahy
ACRES, Clifford Bill	Jan 24, 1899	5- 11 mo	Lot 41 Con 7	Osg	Ch E	Mr Acres
POPHAM, Cephas	Jan 27, 1899	46	N ½ 20 Con 6	Can	Meth	Dr. Wallace
PEPPER, Lavina	Jan 29, 1899	85-10mo	W ½ 39 Con 7	Ont	Bapt	Rev McQuarrie
McDOWELL, Daniel	Jan 26, 1899	88-4mo	SE1/4 13 Con6	Ire	R.C	Dr. Wallace
LAWLOR, Margaret M	Feb 14, 1899	25	Lot 25 Con 5	Osg Tp	Ch E	Jas Lawlor
LAMOURIE, Mary Agnes	Feb 15, 1899	13	Lot 23 C9 Mt'n	Mount'n	R.C	Eli Lamourie
PALMER, Mary Ann	Feb 18, 1899	65	Pt s1/2 27 con 8	Osg	R.C	Thos Palmer
MURDOCK, Moses	Feb 26, 1899	73	sw 1/4 38 Con 1	Ire	Meth	M E Murdock
ROBERTSON, Matthew	Feb 22, 1899	37	Lot 30 Con 6	Can	Pres	Andrew Robertson
McGIRR, Mary	Mar 8, 1899	80	e1/2 27 Con 7	Ire	Pres	Alex McGirr
BEAMISH, Phoebe	Mar 9, 1899	32	Lot 9, Con 8	Can	Meth	H H Beamish
McCULLOUGH, William	Mar 9, 1899	79-10mo	Manotick Vill'ge	Ire	Meth	Dr McKay
McEVOY, Michael	Mar 18, 1899	11dys	N ½ 21 Con 3	Osg Tp	R.C	P McEvoy
DOW, Isabella	Mar 17, 1899	80	E ½ 26 Con 7	Scot	Pres	Rob't Dow
WACHORN, Elizabeth	Feb 2, 1899	76	— Con 1	Ire	Ch E	Dr McCordick
McGUIRE, Patrick	Apr 6, 1899	85	E ½ 23 Con10	Ont	R.C	Hugh McGuire
MANES, William	Apr 11, 1899	-	nw 1/4 15 Con10	Ont	Meth	Dr Morrow
LEPLANT, Earnest Ed'd	Feb 9, 1899	11 mo	s ½ 13 Con 1	Osg	R.C	Basil Leplante
CONDIE, William	Apr 9, 1899	78	s ½ 6 Con 1	Scot	Pres	Dr McKay
LAMOURIE, Rosanna	May 12, 1899	18	Mountain Twp	Co Rus	R.C	Eli Lamourie
McGEE, Ellen	Apr 22, 1899	40	Gloucester Twp	Glouc	R.C	N Foran
PALMER, Thos J.	Jun 7, 1899	10m-23d	Pt s1/2 27 Con8	Osg Tp	R.C	H Palmer
KERFOOT, Elomer J.	Jun 12, 1899	69	Wpt 35 Br Front	Ont	Meth	J B Harkness
PYPER, Benjamin	Jul 10, 1899	74	Lot 10, C8 Glouc'	Eng	Meth	Dr Wallace
HERBERT, Thomas	Jul 15, 1899	22-8mo	Lot 23, con 5	Osg Tp	R.C	Pat Herbert
RYAN, Michael	Aug 17, 1899	53	no fixed abode	Ire	R.C	Father McCauley
PORTEOUS, Jennet	Aug 27, 1899	60	lot 40 Con 7	Can	Pres	Dr Wallace
McEVOY, Anistatia	Aug 28, 1899	88	Lot 20 Con 3	Ire	R.C	Philip McEvoy
CONLIN, Angus A	Sep 5, 1899	1y- 10m	N1/2 4 Con 8	Osg	R.C	Wm Conlin
O'LEARY, Mrs. P.	Sep 14, 1899	65	Lot 16 Con 1	Ire	R.C	Father McCauley
SHERAN, Mrs. Cathr'ne	Oct 24, 1899	65	Lot 30/3 Glouc'	Can	R.C	Rich McEvoy
COLIN, Ann (sic)	Oct 28, 1899	65	N1/2 3 Con 8	Ire	R.C	James Conlin
MORROW, Thomas	Dec 12, 1899	81	Gloucester	Ire	Eng	Jas Anderson
PORTEOUS, John	Oct 1, 1899	72	Lot 40 Con 7	Scot	Pres	M Porteous
DALEY, Mary	Oct 3, 1899	63	Lot 19 Con 3	Can	R.C	Dr Wallace

The above material was obtained at the Family History Centre of the Latter Day Saints on Prince of Wales Drive. Following persistent demand from the Genealogical and Historical Societies, the Provincial Government decided to make the Vital Statistics of Births, Marriages and Deaths available to interested people without charge. Five years ago the material was put on 800 reels of information and these were bought by various Societies. Naturally there is a great demand for information such as this. Previously it could only be obtained at a cost of \$25.00 for one item. There is always a waiting list to secure the use of a Microfilm Reader. There was a cut-off date for the information available: deaths in the 20's, marriages ten years earlier.

The same information, that from which this was taken, is at our Township hall, but we have been refused access to it. The material for the whole Province is arranged alphabetically on the reels and three reels were looked through before finding information for Carleton County and Osgoode Township. All the information we have copied is in the Archives of our Society and is available to the public.

Note that during the year 1899 people were free from any serious epidemic. In the 1880's there were years when half the deaths might be from diphtheria. Note, as well, that of the 38 deaths reported, 22, More than half, lived past age 60, 8 into their 80's - more than 21%. Reports were sent in quarterly and the deaths for the last 3 months in the year would not all have arrived as yet, but 18, almost 50% occurred in the first 3 months of the year

The names of seven different doctors appear in the above records, but that of Dr WALLACE of Metcalfe appeared in attendance in 20, more than half, of the situations. Dr Calvin MORROW, just beginning his long career, attended seven. Other doctors named were: MCKAY, HARKNESS, McLAUGHLIN, McCORDICK, MALLOCH

The causes of death, and some other information appeared in the records. The chief causes for that year were disease related to the lungs: pneumonia (6); pulmonary tuberculosis (4); consumption (2); pulmonary consumption (1); pulmonary hemorrhage (1); inflammation (2); inflammation of lungs (1); inflammation of throat (1); La Grippe (2); influenza (1); asthma (1). The next highest cause of death was Heart (4); paralytic stroke (1).

## ROBBIE BURNS

The long, long history of Scotland is filled with many events that are worthy of memorials. Last year, 1996, there was the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the disastrous battle at Culloden - a nation with divided Loyalties. And the streets of Edinburgh were crowded last summer with visitors from all over the world whose interest was kindled in a country full of the extravagant beauty that produced "BRAVE HEART" and "ROB ROY". And there is the adulation given a young peasant, a local bard, who had produced strange rhyme that had "something in it for every moment of a man's life, good day's and bad." Robert BURNS was born on a cold winter day, January 25, 1759, in a cottage which is now said to be the most famous cottage in the world.

On the Heritage Tour to Scotland for our Historical Society by Dalmeny native Herb STEWART, our group had a group picture taken beside the Burn's birth place at Alloway, near Ayr. The cottage had been built by the poet's father, William BURNS, with his own hands for his bride Agnes BROUN. Robert, the eldest of seven children, was named for his grandfather. The father sent the first 2 sons to school to John MURDOCH, but MURDOCH got better employment and William taught his sons himself.

Robert BURNS died young, age 36. During his short life he had made hundreds of spots in the neighbourhood immortal. Sixty years ago, during a summer Music Course in Toronto, I was required to conduct: (I passed the test)

*Flow gently sweet Afton, among thy green braes  
Flow gently, I'll sing thee a song in thy praise.  
My Mary's asleep by thy murmuring stream  
Flow gently, sweet Afton, disturb not her dream.*

Compare the mood of the above verse with the rousing words written in 1793 shortly after France had declared war against England.

*Scots, wha hae wi' Wallace bled,  
Scots, wham Bruce has aften led,  
Welcome to your gory bed,  
Or to victorie.*



The poem "To A Mouse" was among our school day "Shorter Poems." BURNS disturbed a mouse's nest when he was ploughing. He did not make a profit on his 80 acre property and moved to Dumfries where he was an Excise Officer. The PORTEOUS family came from Dumfries - the locality of the unsolved airplane bomb tragedy.

*The best laid schemes o' mice and men  
Gang aft a-gley  
An' lea'e us nought but grief and pain  
For promis'd joy.*

He wrote:

*Man's inhumanity to man  
Makes countless thousands mourn.*

And

*Princes and lords are but the breath of kings,  
An honest man's the noblest work of god.*

Robbie BURNS was indeed fortunate in having faithful Jean ARMOUR for his wife. Their first children were 2 sets of twins. Jean even raised one of his "natural" children who adored her. But Jean's father never accepted his son-in-law, and 3 days before his death in 1796, BURNS wrote again to Mr ARMOUR. Certainly BURNS knew his own failings better than anyone:

*God knows, I'm no the thing I should be,  
Nor am I even the thing I could be.*

And

*Oh wad some power the giftie gie us,  
To see oursels as others see us!*

Year after year there is always: Auld Lang Syne And finally - a Grace. It is said that BURNS' poetry shows the Scots to be a "Distinct People."

*Same hae meat and canna eat,  
And some wad eat that want it  
But we hae meat, and we can eat,  
And sae the LORD be thank it.*

Submitted by Elizabeth Stuart



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CELEBRATES 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

submitted by Ann Leighton-Kyle

Over 15,000 women were expected to gather in homes and community halls across Ontario to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute on Wednesday, February 19, 1997. Local branches in Osgoode Township were hosted by the Metcalfe Branch to a celebration in the Township Council Hall on that night where a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary candle was lit. Special feature that evening was local historian, Jim Rowan with his slide show of historic Metcalfe and a presentation by the Metcalfe Branch of a history of the Women's Institute and the persons who played a dominant role in the founding of this world wide organization.



Many local women have played a part in this organization whose motto is "for home and country", striving to improve the quality of life for their families and communities through commitment.

The founder Adelaide Hunter Hoodless embarked on a crusade to educate and improve health as a result of the death of her youngest child who died in infancy as a result of drinking impure milk. That this should be the cause of her son's death and the cause of other infant deaths, she began a vigorous campaign against the selling of contaminated milk in Hamilton where she lived. She was convinced that through education of the mothers of the future the health and well-being of the country would be improved. She succeeded in having broadened the curriculum of Domestic Sciences taught to girls in schools. By 1893, she was one of the organizers of the National Council of Women and 1897 assisted Lady Aberdeen, wife of the then Governor General in the formation of the Victorian Order of Nurses. On February 19, 1897 she gave a stirring address at Stoney Creek to 100 women which resulted in a motion that an organization of Women's Department of Domestic Economy be formed, which shortly became the Women Institute.

In her book *For Home and Country: The Centennial History of the Women's Institutes in Ontario*, Linda Ambrose cites that

during the First World War 30,000 members knit socks and mittens for soldiers overseas. They also raised money for the Red Cross and donated medical and other supplies. Following World War members continued their work for reform, public health promotion and fund-raising. During the depression years, needy families received donations of food and clothing. The knitting effort continued through World War II and as well, aid to families in war-torn Britain were also undertaken.

Throughout the past 100 years, not only has the Institute developed the personal growth of its members, but it has also been instrumental in initiating government legislation to protect citizens of Canada. Through resolutions and legislation, issues of safety for home community have been addressed. The Women's Institute is an affiliate member of Associated Country Women of the World, represented at the United Nations as a non-governmental organization. A few items that the Women's Institute has been instrumental in initiating government legislation are:

- \* wrapping of bread
- \* painted white lines on highways
- \* garments labeled re: quality
- \* music on school curriculum (1937)
- \* stop signs at railroad crossings
- \* car owners purchase public liability insurance before a license (1938)
- \* law mandatory for traffic to stop when school bus is stopped (1962)
- \* uniform overhead lane directional arrows installed
- \* 911 emergency phone numbers all over Ontario (1987)

Survival of the organization for 100 years can be attributed to the difference Women's Institutes has made to daily life in our province and across the country. The Women's Institute still lives up to its motto *For Home and Country* by developing leadership, education through workshops, charitable work and volunteer hours, providing scholarships and bursaries, influencing government policies and last but not least, fellowship with other members.

## AN INTERESTING STORY

History doesn't have to be a boring statement of facts and time of happenings. There are so many interesting stories that bring it alive.

Any place where my journey through life took me, became my interest and urge to learn all about it. In doing research on Osgoode Village where I had finally put down deep roots, many things I found made me inquire farther. I can't recall now whether it was through the telephone or railroad, there had been three telegraph systems in the township. one in West Osgoode, Metcalfe and Kenmore. Well acquainted with Francis Iveson (retired school teacher, daughter of Frank Iveson, township clerk at that time), I talked with her by phone. She not only told me of their locations but an interesting story told to her by an older sister. The story follows.

The clerk's (Reeve) office was a room off the winter kitchen up. They referred to it as the "ticker machine." The family

in the Iveson home. In this room the telegraph system was set were well informed, when it sounded there must be perfect silence. On this particular evening they were all seated around the table comfortably warmed by the wood range and enjoying a warm bowl of homemade bean soup. The iron cauldron was placed on the damper, keeping warm a second bowl of soup for all.

But!!! the sound of the "ticker machine" which called for perfect silence, not even a rattle of a plate. Mr. Iveson went into the office. The family sat quietly waiting. Finally their father stood in the doorway, both hands on the frame and said, "Kids go out and run up and down the street and shout to everyone "Queen Victoria has just died.. January 22, 1901 as we all remember. There were no telephones. The story finished with:

The children came running in cold and looking for that second warm bowl of bean soup but, the hired help who had stayed at the table had finished it off.

Submitted by Margaret Robb

## A ONE DAY JOURNEY TO VISIT TAY VIEW MILL (BOWES MILL)

Submitted by Cecil Reaney

On a beautiful day in early December 1996, Lorne Craig of Vernon and I enjoyed visiting the water power mill and museum of artifacts on the Tay River some two miles west of Perth, Ontario. This historic site and mill being privately owned, houses Indian and early Canadian settlers' artifacts.

One intriguing item not usually found in other museums, was a metal shoe (I will name it a "Bog Shoe") that was worn on horses to aide in the harvest of crops in low wet areas (Beaver Meadows and poorly drained fields) by early settlers farming the area.

For those of us who are familiar with different types of horse shoes, the winter shoe had threaded metal corks inserted in the shoe with a sharp edge that penetrated the snow or ice to give the horse better footing while working.

The "Bog Shoe" was fastened to the winter horse shoe by first removing the winter corks and installing a manufactured metal plate approximately 12-16" in diameter using the same metal threads of the shoe.

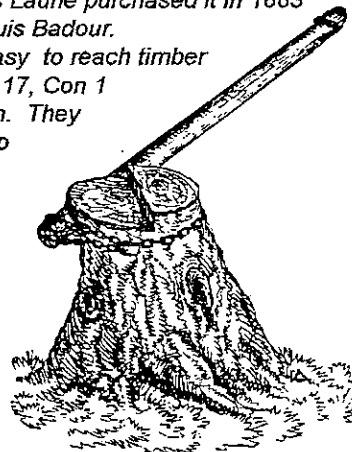
This arrangement served to keep the horses hoof from sinking into the soft ground while pulling reaping equipment and wagons during the harvest of primitive crops not well drained.

The following history of the historic site was prepared by the family of the present owners Arthur & Helen Bowes who farm at the location on the Tay River. It is repeated here in part:

*The deed for this mill site was drawn from the Crown in 1823 by Archibald Fraser, who erected the first dam and saw mill. It was sold in 1833 to Abel Mott for 50 pounds, it was resold again to Henry Glass and then again to Joshua Adams in 1839. Adams rebuilt the mill and ran it successfully until 1843 when he sold it to Adam Scott Elliott for 650 pounds. The three Elliott Bros, ran the mills — grist mill and saw mill — until 1856 then sold it to John Allan for 3000 pounds. James Laurie purchased it in 1883 and operated it until he sold it to Louis Badour.*

*Badour cut all the oak, pine and easy to reach timber and sold in 1895, the 4 acre lot - lot 17, Con 1 and water rights to the town of Perth. They equipped the old grist mill as a hydro generating plant and supplied the town with its first electricity in 1896, continuing to operate until June of 1922.*

*The power site lay idle until 1929 when Anson Bowes rented it and set up a grist mill, which operated through the hard times of the 1930 period until a fire in 1952 destroyed the building and all the machinery. The building was restored and is now being used as an Historic Site and Museum, which will portray the ingenuity of the Pioneers for the pleasure and information of future generations.*



## 100 YEARS AGO

### JESSIE

Jessie Edna ROBERTSON was born at Springhill on January 26, 1897, the youngest of nine children born to John ROBERTSON and Ann Elizabeth MELDRUM. On Sunday, January 26, 1997 she celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Baptist Church in Winchester.

Jessie was one of the very valuable Charter Members of our Historical Society. In fact, it was at one of the preliminary meetings being held at her Vernon bungalow that we first became acquainted with our present Editor, Michael DALEY.

Upon completion of 47 years of work in the Department of Agriculture of the Dominion Government, she had a bungalow built in Vernon. Because of her enthusiasm for family history, she was a willing and efficient worker in every phase of our Society. Being skilled in office procedure, it was she who produced the early Newsletters, until such time as the membership so increased that the work required better equipment than our gestetner - and Lila TWINAME continued as publisher, giving us professional work with her up-to-date equipment.

Jessie's grandfather, Henry ROBERTSON, was a joiner by trade and obtained work in Bytown where he was employed in the construction of the Parliament Buildings. At the same time he was building the home for his family, lot 31 concession 6, a home now owned by descendant John Kennedy CAMPBELL. This house on the high hill overlooking the Huckleberry Marsh appeared to some as they picked berries in the marsh below, as the Tower of Babylon. Thus it happened that the name of "Babylon" denoted this area of the township, now called "CAMPBELL CROFT." But to the writer and others of similar age, the name of the road east of my home will always be "BABYLON ROAD."

Some of the earliest contributions to our Archives were histories of the ROBERTSON, MELDRUM and WOOD family. Jessie says that recently she has ceased to add names to the charts as members of the family multiply faster and faster. She lives alone in her comfortable Beachcroft Apartment in winter. We sincerely thank her for the fine contribution she made both to the Historical Society and the Museum. We wish her many more happy days.

Elizabeth Stuart

### ROSE CAMPBELL

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1997 in the Senior's Apartments in the village of Metcalfe, Rose (SEGUIN) MORRIS, with her family in attendance, celebrated her one hundredth birthday (five score years) on this planet. Rose, daughter of Fred SEGUIN and Margaret GARRAND, was born March 1<sup>st</sup> 1897 in the town of Nakoma, in North Dakota, where they lived in a simple sod hut.

Her father was instrumental in helping to establish the town. She saw the coming of the railroad, and the invention of and implementation of electricity. Her family consisted of two brothers and two sisters. They came to Canada when Rose was 10 years old (1907) They settled on a farm near Metcalfe. In 1932 her husband of a few short years, Edward J Morris passed away leaving her a young widow with three small children to raise.

During World War II, Rose traveled across Canada as a clothing inspector, she would later become a seamstress. Rose enjoys visits from her three daughters; Lillian, Helen and Twyla. She has 11 grandchildren, 30 or more great grandchildren and a number of great great grandchildren. She enjoys playing cards and takes great pride in her independence.

Michael Daley

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## QUARRIERS FAMILY CANADA

*The Kingston Reunion, the two-day event, the weekend of October 26, 1996 was an unqualified success and a joyful time for all. The Saturday afternoon sessions swelled to over 300 with many tracing their roots. Sharing their common heritage, they must remove the stigma that so many children felt in coming to Canada as home children and move to emphasize the contribution the children made to Canada.*

### WILLIAM QUARRIER'S LEGACY TO SCOTLAND

Quarriers is one of Scotland's oldest and largest charities. Based at Bridge of Weir, 15 miles west of Glasgow, the charity has been providing care services to the people of Scotland for 125 years. Originally as The Orphan Homes of Scotland, Quarriers has helped to build new lives for over 30,000 destitute and homeless children. Times and needs change but Quarriers is still here, still and the sharp end, still helping, still caring for those in need in today's world - children, young people, families, people with learning difficulties and people with epilepsy. Many services are now provided in people's homes and in the community across the west of Scotland, as well as others which are still based at Quarriers Village. All of this stemmed from the life work of one remarkable man - William Quarrier. His story is worth telling and remains the cornerstone of Quarriers' continuing work today.

Quarrier was born at Greenock in 1829 into a working class family. His early life was not easy. His widowed mother moved with the family to Glasgow when William was three. He took his first job at the age of six in a hat pin factory earning a shilling per week. He later became apprenticed as a boot-shoemaker, becoming a qualified journeyman at the age of twelve.

These early years had a profound effect on young Quarrier and helped to determine his later work with destitute children. He later described an early experience."

Through the influence of his employer, a Mrs Hunter, William became a devout Christian and his faith in God underpinned all that he subsequently achieved, and established the caring ethos which still guides Quarriers today. William married Isabella, Mrs Hunter's daughter, his business prospered, and soon he owned three shops in Glasgow. However, he never forgot the hardships of his early life and he decided to try and help boys and girls who had not had his good fortune.

In 1864 Quarrier set up the first of the Industrial Brigades in Glasgow - The Shoe Blacks. Destitute young people were given a simple uniform, a red badge, brushes and polish and allocated a pitch. Out of every shilling earned they kept eightpence to themselves and fourpence went to replace brushes and polish. It is a sad reflection on society that a similar need exists today in the streets of our big cities.

William, however, realized that this was not enough. In September 1871 he wrote a seminal letter to the leading Glasgow newspaper, The Herald and Norther Mail pleading the cause of the destitute children of Glasgow. A resulting gift of 2,000 pounds (a fortune in those days) enabled William Quarrier to open the first of several homes for orphaned children in central Glasgow.

At the same time Quarrier was developing ideas at the forefront of child care. He recognized the inadequacy of large orphanage type institutions and was determined to provide better for his children. He began to develop the concept of cottage homes whereby relatively small numbers of children would live in a home under the care of a Housefather and Housemother.

In September 1878, on a site near Bridge of Weir, 12 miles west of Glasgow the first buildings of what was to become known as the 'Orphan Homes of Scotland' were officially opened. The village expanded rapidly, chiefly through the gifts of individual friends, and by the 1890's there were over 50 cottages, together with a school, church, dairy, poultry farm and workshops.

Orphaned and destitute children came to the Children's Village from all over Scotland. Many came as babies and stayed

until their late teens. In accordance with the social custom of the period, girls were taught domestic skills by the housemother and boys crafts and manual skills by the housefathers, who were also employed to run the various services needed for the village.

Quarrier, from the outset, pursued a policy of emigration, in parallel with similar programs of other children's charities such as Barnardos. Between 1875 and 1940 some 6,000 children were sent to Canada and other parts of then British Empire. Quarriers today maintains contacts with many of those former boys and girls and their descendants.

Submitted by Fred Alexander

### HOME TO SCOTLAND

The Bridge of Weir trip is suggested as a future goal. (September 1997) If you would like to join a group tour, contact for further information:

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### ARCHIVAL/CURATORS REPORT

submitted by Donna Bowen

Despite the unpredictable winter weather, we have had visitors here doing research using our various records. Fortunately everyone found some information to add to their collection of material for their family histories. They were:

Sue Gibson - Robert Alexander Gibson  
Kevin S Britt - John Britt & Thomas Stanley  
Eleanor O'Neill - Early family  
Jason Porteous - Porteous, Taylor, Saunders family

A number of items have been donated;

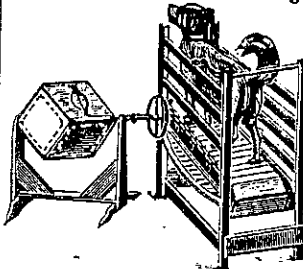
\* A telegraph sign from the Metcalfe Telegraph Office from **Clarence Prescott**

\* Daily Attendance Register for SS #12, year 1902; 1933; 1945-48; 1949-53; 1955-58; 1959-64 and Dept of Education Catalogue of School Equipment for SS #12 from **Harold Cowan**

\* A small stone scraping tool/hammer - **Lilya Eikmanis**, Greely On loan - Eaton's catalogues (Fall Winter 1975); Christmas 1975; Pre-Christmas Sale, Dec. 1975; Fall Sale Dec 1975; Spring Summer 1976 and Sale 1976 from **Miss Evlyn Anderson**.


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