



S.S.#4, Herbert's Corners

THE ONE-ROOM SCHOOL

The one-room school house with wood shed and ever popular outhouse dotted the countryside in eastern Ontario and elsewhere. This school house, built in 1890, still stands today under the name "Flower Bud's Nursery, Antiques and Craft Shop."

In March 12, 1876 Michael Herbert, his wife Ellen Nash

Memories are like a picture, a link with the past and continuity with the future. If the above picture has instigated in your minds, memories of your school days, brought laughter or a smile then I have accomplished my purpose in portraying the same.

living on the east ½ of Lot 15, Con. 3, sold one-half acre to School Section No. 4 for the erection of a new school house. This agreement was signed by Andrew Doyle, Patrick O'Brien and James Herbert. It would seem that the present one room, fame school house is the third in the immediate area.

My grandfather, Michael Daley, received his education in the log school house, situated on the south west corner of Lot 15, Con 4, as shown on the 1863 map of the Township, on the property of John Turner. This school house opened in the month of November 1844 and was known as S.S.No. 4 with 68 inhabitants in this area, 28 of them enrolled in the school.

The Osgoode Township Assessment sheets for the year 1841 verify the fact that John Turner was situated on the north half of Lot 15, Con. 4 on which the first school was opened. Who the first teacher was, we may never know. But the 1861 Census states the names and ages of the Turner family, plus "Moses Nolan" non-member, school teacher, born in Ireland, age 26 years. We do know however, that January 9, 1862, Elizabeth Turner, born Canada West in 1838, daughter of John Turner and Susan Whelan, married Moses Nolan of "Ballindogin," County Wexford, Ireland in the St. John Church, Enniskerry (Osgoode) by the first resident priest, Father Thomas O'Boyle (born May 29, 1820 Co. Mayo, Ireland.)

As one delves into the fascinating world of local history, there are many unanswered questions, like why three schools (1844 north half of Lot 15, Con. 4, 1876 and 1890 south east corner of Lot 15, Con. 3). Which leads one to believe that the tales that were told were true. That two students chastised by the teacher one day, left the room and promptly started a fire under the eaves creating a situation where a new building was required.

Note: *Mary Ceciel McEvoy, wife of William Fahey, (deceased), born July 3rd, 1902 in Enniskerry (Osgoode) daughter of Sylvester McEvoy and Bridget Herbert, received her education in the above one room school house. She departed this world in her one hundredth year, Oct. 26th, 2001 in Detroit, Michigan.*

Michael Daley



Osgoode Township Historical Society & Museum

at the

Old Vernon School

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President's Report & Annual Report

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As we go through our 30th year there are new opportunities and challenges to be addressed. At the Annual General Meeting held on February 5th we elected the slate of officers for the coming year. It was with great pleasure that we welcomes three new directors to our executive: Coreen Atkins-Sheldrick, Cecil Reaney and Eda Van Der Linden. It was with regret that we accepted Lorne Craig's request to step down - he has been a significant contributor to the societies activities over these many years. Among many other things we could always count on Lorne to have the Agriculture Museum open on Sunday afternoons through the summer months.

On behalf of all the members I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Executive, the Directors, the positions, and the committees for their dedicated work in support of the OTHS&M throughout the year. The efforts of all the volunteers is a critical element in the ongoing success of the organization. Our volunteer put in about 3,000 hours in 2001.

Special events included a very successful Heritage Day in February and The Strawberry Social and Pioneer Day in July at which we opened the new mezzanine level in the Ag Museum, launched "A History of the Metcalfe Rural Telephone Company" and unveiled the historic plaques to honour the first settler families of Archibald McDonell and William York. The fine weather and the extensive exhibits drew a large crowd which enjoyed the afternoon with many family members coming a great distance.

Outreach during the year included participation in March with an interesting display at the Gene-O-Rama Conference of the Ottawa Branch of the O.G.S. and a presentation to several seniors groups, a class visit from Greely Public School and displays at the Metcalfe Farmers Market.

During the year we enjoyed many interesting speakers. We would like anyone who reads this newsletter to give us their ideas for any projects we could consider undertaking.

At the moment we have the following on our list: Most of these projects will take several years to complete. Anyone who would like to assist with the projects or contribute ideas, stories or artefacts related to these projects are encouraged to contact the primes.

1. **History of the Metcalfe Rural Telephone Company** - Artefacts, photographs and stories continue to be collected - prime: Cecil Reaney

2. **A History of the Dairy Industry in the Township of Osgoode** - a collection of artefacts, photographs and history covering the dairy industry as it has evolved since the first settlers came to the township in 1827. Includes farm practices, transportation of product, cheese factories and dairies - prime: Cecil Reaney

President's Report cont'd

3. **A History of the York Family** - to be published in 2002 - *prime: Coreen Atkins-Sheldrick*
4. **A History of the McDonnell Family** - to be published in 2002 - *prime: Coreen Atkins-Sheldrick*
5. **Volume 21 of Pioneer Families** - to be published in July/August - *prime: Micheal Daley*
6. Republication of "**Metcalfe Village – A History from the Iveson Papers**" – planned for July - *prime: Doug Hughes*
7. **Agricultural Drainage** - a collection of photographs, artefacts and stories to trace how the Township of Osgoode evolved from what the Colonial Office surveyors described as and "impenetrable swamp" around 1800 to a thriving agricultural community. *Prime: Eda Van Der Linden and Harvey Linton*
8. **The Schools and Teachers over the Years** - a comprehensive collection of photographs, artefacts, names, and stories related to the evolution of the education system within the Township of Osgoode - *prime: Ron Isaac*
9. **Tweedsmuir Histories** - work with the Women's Institutes within the Township of Osgoode to assist in the preservation of and making the public more aware of these historic resources - *prime: Ann Leighton-Kyle*
10. **Heritage Buildings of the Township of Osgoode** - collection of photographs and stories related to these properties - *prime: looking for a volunteer*
11. **A History of the Military in the Township** - a comprehensive collection of history, photographs and stories related to Militias, Drill Halls, and profiles of all those who served the in the military with roots in the Township - *prime: Coreen Atkins-Sheldrick.*
12. **We Will Remember** - a collection of the Commonwealth War Grave Commission's "In Memory" pages and the Books of Remembrance pages for every serviceman from the Township of Osgoode who gave their lives for the country - *prime: Doug Hughes*
13. **A History of Transportation Over the Years** - a collection of photographs and history of how transportation evolved in the Township from the first trails and crude roads (we have a map of the roads of Eastern Upper Canada in 1837), through the stage coach route, the coming of the railways, etc - *prime: looking for a volunteer*
14. **Updating of Cemetery Records** - the records we have of the various cemeteries in the Township are in need of updating - *prime: looking for a volunteer*
15. **A History of Local Government in the Township** - a collection of photographs and stories related to the evolution of administration within the Township over the 100 years of local government including the names of Councillors, Reeves, Mayors, and administrative staff - *prime: Fred Alexander*

Please contact the project primes if you would like to help out with any of the projects or if you have material (photos, names, stories) that we can use in any of the projects. If you have photos or documents we can scan them and return the originals to you.

Please send your suggestions to us at the mailing address given in the Newsletter or email to OTHS@magma.ca Your feedback will be greatly appreciated.

Executive for 2002:

Past President	Murray Little	821-1698
President	Doug Hughes	258-1444
Vice-President	Ron Isaac	821-2075
Sec/Treasurer	Ann Leighton-Kyle	821-2301

Directors:

Fred Alexander	826-2018	Jim Bowman	821-3470
Michael Daley	821-2054	Harvey Linton	826-2338
Murray Little	821-1698	Bill Zandbelt	821-2541
Ron Isaac	821-2075	new directors in 2002 ♦	
♦Cecil Reaney	821-2742	♦Eda Van Der Linden	821-1936
♦Coreen Atkins-Sheldrick	821-2562		

Positions:

Archivist/Curator	Michelle Lachance	821-3524
Asst. Curator & Maintenance	Bill Zandbelt	821-2541

:Membership - Michelle LaChance	821-4062
Program Convener	vacant
Newsletter - Michael Daley	821-2054

Committees:

Social Committee- Alice Craig, Heather Hughes
Historical Committee - Donna Bowen; Ann Leighton-Kyle; Cecil Reaney; Coreen Atkins-Sheldrick.
Newsletter Committee - Michael Daley (Editor); Ann Leighton-Kyle; Jim Bowman.
Museum Committee- Jim Bowman; Ann Leighton-Kyle; Doug Hughes; Bill Zandbelt; Eda Van Der Linden

A complete copy of our Annual Report for 2001 is on our web site. Check it out at: www.magma.ca/~oths and follow the links to Annual Report

Membership Fees For 2003

At a recent meeting of the Executive we had a close look at costs and find with increased postage, printing and supply costs as well as the costs of heat, hydro and insurance continuing to rise we had to re-examine our membership fees. On this basis it was agreed that renewing and new memberships for 2003 will increase to \$ 15.00 for domestic and US \$ 15.00 American for foreign membership. This is on par with most historical societies and/or museums in the area who fees now range from \$15 to \$20.

City of Ottawa Grants Programmes

I spent several interesting days in January and February participating in meetings called by the City of Ottawa Heritage staff for museum groups and historical societies. The purpose was to gain an understanding of the evolving funding and grant application process. We completed and submitted three grant applications: Museum, Historical and Projects. It was an interesting process with our submissions totaling over 100 pages.

Heritage Day 2002

The parking lot at the museum in Vernon was full on Saturday, February 16th, as we held a most successful Annual Heritage Celebration. Heritage Day is to commemorate our ancestors and the pioneers who helped make the area what it is today.

Our speaker, Kerry Badgley talk "Ring in the Common Love of Good." looked at the interesting history of The United Farmers of Ontario from their beginnings in 1914 to their rise to power in the 1919 Ontario election to their demise in the mid 1920's. The talk was followed by a likely exchange of questions and answers. Kerry's insight was much appreciated by everyone.

In keeping with this years Heritage Week Theme of industry and innovation there was an extensive display of early industries in the Township.

Irish Night

On Friday, March 8th, we held a fundraising evening of Irish song, dance and history at Enniskerry. The evening was a sellout and enjoyed by all! The Misfits presented a wide variety of songs and ended the evening leading a singsong. The Trillium Academy of Irish Dance presented a variety of Irish dances. David Shanahan gave a history of St Patrick followed by our own Michael Daley exploring the names of the early Irish settlers in Osgoode Township. Michael had everyone smiling as he described several Irish Legends such as Murphy's Leap and the dreaded Hoop Snake! Our thanks to Michelle who did a great job organizing the evening and Michael for all his support.

Up Coming Speakers

On Tuesday, April 2nd, we will be welcoming George Hobson, a renowned historian and lecturer will give "A Short History of Afghanistan" along with his slides from an earlier trip to Afghanistan. These will give the audience a stark reminder of the terrain and hardships our troops face while they try to bring lasting peace to the area. **Note:** This meeting will be held at 7:30PM in the Metcalfe and District Lions Den which is on the Fair Grounds in Metcalfe which are south on Albert Street.

President's Report Cont'd

On Tuesday, May 7th at 7:30 PM at the Museum in Vernon, David Gray will be talking on "The First Canadian Expedition to the Arctic - 1913 to 1918".

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

News From Members

Ken McDiarmid of Belmeade had to cut down a giant elm tree! On a recent Saturday I visited the McDiarmid's to look at the giant tree Ken had taken down - it was 92" at its widest place, likely well over 300 years old - growing there before the first settlers came to the area. The tree received severe damage during the 1998 Ice Storm and last year all the leaves died off after less than half of it leaved out in the spring. Ken's son, Dan, easily fit into the hollowed out trunk. Ken was surprised to see a family of racoons scurry out of the hollowed tree after it came down. We took several pictures to capture the size of this giant.

William Quarrier - Scottish Orphanages & "Home Children" in Canada

This is further to our November meeting when Ruth and Ron Shurliff of North Gower talked about the Quarrier Home Children. On our web site we will be placing links to several interesting sites related to Home Children. The following article was suggested by Fred Alexander.

Doug Hughes

WILLIAM QUARRIER

(first appeared in "Ottawa South This Month" Nov 20, 2001)

In the not too distant past, orphans and destitute children from Scotland and Britain were transported to Canada for a better life. Many people in Ontario can relate to a "Home Child", they were adopted into families to help on the farms. According to Anna Magnusson in her book "The Village, A History of Quarriers", those "Home Children" were rescued and given a chance in new environment.

In the latter part of the 19th century, William Quarrier found the neglect of hundreds of homeless and abandoned children unbearable and decided to do something about it. William himself knew first hand about poverty. When he was 8 years old, his widowed mother moved the family to Glasgow in the hopes of finding work at the many cotton mills. She found meager work hand sewing at home, but not enough to feed her family. William went to work as a shoe shine, later finding work as an apprentice in a shoe shop. He often ran barefoot to his work. With perseverance he worked his way up to having his own shop and was able to move his family to a better place.

William Quarrier was unable to avoid seeing small children begging for food and sleeping in alleys, stairways or even boxes. The turning point in his life was the night on returning from his shop he came upon a small match boy crying. Enquiring what the trouble was, the boy said he'd been robbed of his matches and earnings by a larger boy. To safeguard these small workers he gathered a group together and organized a work brigade. With public assistance some "safe houses" were found and staffed where they were fed and sheltered and some schooling. A religious man, William Quarrier found support in his faith as well as other humanitarians in other areas. Two homes in Renfrew Lane and Govan Road gave shelter to hundreds of destitute children. Again with perseverance he gained public support and was able to purchase 40 acres of land in nearby Bridge of Weir in 1878, to build an Orphanage with individual cottages, schoolrooms, shops and a church. Public assistance was often stretched to the limit having to cover so many bases.

William Quarrier knew that large institutions were not the ideal place for small children and that better situations needed to be found. The ideal situation at the time was the

wide open spaces of Canada. He was supported by other humanitarians and was able to send children to Canada as early as 1872. Orphanages in Belleville, Niagara on the Lake and in Brockville were built and fitted out as in the years from 1872 to 1930, over 70,000 children from Quarriers' found homes in Canada.

Each child was provided with a black box to store his clothing. Murray Little has donated one to the Osgoode Township Museum. It belonged to a "Home Boy" Peter Graham who was brought to Murray's grandfather's farm. In this trunk or box were: one cloth and one linen suit, 4 shirts, 4 pair of socks, a box of collars, writing material and a pair of strong boots. Quarrier also provided them with a reference bible, a copy of Pilgrim's Progress and a pocket knife. The box of Peter Graham is stenciled with "Quarriers" and "Graham P." It was recently taken to the Quarrier's Reunion in Kingston as a valuable artifact and memento.

In 1900, 30 years after he first opened his home, 13,000 children had passed through his hands. His Orphan homes at Bridge of Weir had grown into a village with a church, fire station and the first Sanitoria for consumption. His village and sites now care for the handicapped, elderly and epilepsy.

William Quarrier died on Oct 16, 1903. He had been a man of incredible energy and enthusiasm who was always seeing new work to be done. He had a fighting streak which helped him survive a hard childhood and brought him success as a businessman. A century later Quarrier expanded and now exists in 50 sites in Scotland.

Ann Leighton-Kyle

ROBBIE BURNS

The following lines are an excerpt from a "Tribute to Robbie Burns" by writer Rod McDonald of the Ottawa Citizen.

Robbie Burns is Scotland's most famous bard. Who could forget that memorable line "But if ye wish her grateful prayer, 'Gie her a Haggis." On the anniversary of the birth of Scotland's beloved son and cherished versifier, Robert Burns was born January 25, 1759. People with as little as a dram of Scottish blood running in their veins celebrate with millions around the world the life of the lyricist who according to his School Master "As a pupil made rapid progress in reading and was just tolerable in writing."

'Burns Suppers' have remained part of the Celtic legacy for more than 200 years, as a means of remembering the "The Ploughman Poet" who rose from the ranks of a lowly wordsmith to a Tax Collector and eventually, Poet Laureate of Scotland.

OSGOODE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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CURATOR/ARCHIVIST REPORT

Attendance at the Museum was as follows: November 161, December 58, January 68, February 120.

In-House researchers have been Gillissie; Dowser; McCooney (January) Bower; Blanchfield (February)

E-mails received were from- Barnard; Graham; Gaffney; Conway; McHale/Neilon (January) McDonnell; Lora; Metcalfe Fire Dept; McEwen; Village of Vernon; Howes; John Tierney; Michael McKenna (February)

Updates received - McGregor family history; Blanchfield family file

Michelle LaChance

JUST RELEASED

**Early Records of the Presbyterian Church
of Osgoode Township
Upper Canada 1830-1858**

The 92 page publication records the struggles encountered by the early settlers to Osgoode Township mainly Perthshire, Scotland as they attempted to settle the land and establish a place of worship. It includes the Early Membership Roll, the 1st marriage ceremony, Petitions to the Colonial Government and Lord Breadalbane, plus other valuable information. Some of the family names included are: BRUNTON, CAMERON, CAMPBELL, DALGLEISH, DOW, GRANT, KENNEDY, LOUCKS, McROSTIE, McNABB...

Price \$8.50 (in person) \$11.00 (by mail) (U.S. members in American funds)

1901 CENSUS

The 100 page indexed publication contains names, ages, occupations, origins & religion of township residents. Also available on microfilm in the archives. Price \$18.00 in person \$21.00 by mail.

OBITUARY

(From the Semi-Weekly Free Press, Ottawa, Thursday, February 27, 1902)

MICHAEL QUINN

An old and respected resident of Gloucester died at six o'clock yesterday morning in the person of Mr Michael Quinn of Gloucester. Deceased was in his 83rd year and up to six months ago had enjoyed the best of health. He was stricken down at that time and had been failing ever since. He leaves a widow and four children, two sons and two daughters to mourn. The sons are Mr. James Quinn of Gloucester, Mr. Patrick Quinn of 345 Wilbrod Street and the daughters are Mrs. Hazel of Montreal and Mrs. Burgess of Glen Falls, New York.

Mr Quinn came to Canada from Kings County, Ireland, sixty-five years ago, settling in Gloucester, where he has ever since pursued the occupation of a farmer. He was well and favorably known and the family will have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement. The funeral will take place Wednesday morning to Gloucester church and thence to Gloucester cemetery.

ROSE MORRIS

Rose Morris, in hospital Dec 13, 2001. Rose Seguin, daughter of Fred Seguin and Margaret Garrand was born March 1st, 1897 in the town of Nakoma in North Dakota where they lived in a simple sod hut. Her family consisted of two brothers and two sisters. They came to Canada when she was 10 years old (1907). They settled on a farm near Metcalfe, Ontario

In 1932 her husband of a few short years, Edward J. Morris passed away, leaving her a young widow with four small daughters to raise. During World War II, Rose traveled across Canada as a clothing inspector. She later became a seamstress, predeceased by her daughter Helen (Earl Checkley), Twyla (Giles McEvoy) and Leona (Lloyd Palmer).

Rose whose life span touched on three centuries, 19th, 20th and the 21st, saw the coming of the railroad and the invention and implementation of electricity. She is survived by one daughter Lillian Rowan (late Joe Rowan) and many grandchildren. She has left an indelible imprint in the sands of time. Her body was laid to rest in St Catherine of Siena's Parish Cemetery in Metcalfe, Ontario.

Michael Daley

**FROM IRELAND TO OSGOODE
Hugh McKenna**

(from the Osgoode Township Archives)

Hugh McKenna born 1790 in County Tyrone, Ireland, evidently served with the British Army during the Napoleonic Wars and came to Canada in 1818 where, as a Military Claimant, was entitled to land. He seems to have received land in Gloucester Township at this time. He walked to Gloucester from Prescott to locate his land. It is probable that he returned to Ireland for a time because there is a certificate given from the Land Board that says Hugh McKenna b. Tyrone, age 34, arrived in the Province 1818 and petitioned to become a settler. It was dated Jan 8th, 1824. He was examined, took the oath of allegiance and was granted 50 acres, the north west 1/4 in Lot 1, Con 6. If he cleared half the road in front of his house and put up a dwelling house within two years, the land was granted to him and to his heirs. The Atlas of Carleton County states that Hugh McKenna got land in Gloucester and was a leading figure there from 1821. His land in South Gloucester was adjacent to that which he and his heirs held in Osgoode until 1973.

Hugh McKenna's daughter Mary is said to have been born in Ireland in 1822 and that her mother died on the voyage. The second wife was Catherine Duffy born in Louth, Ire. The marriage was performed in the small log building opposite the present Basilica on Sussex St, Ottawa. Catherine was born 1806 and died July 16, 1877.

Mary McKenna married Michael McGrath whose family owned 150 acres along the McKenna property. In the census of 1871, Mary was a widow with a large family: William, John, Patrick, Mary, Annie, Jane, Bridget, Hugh. Their ages ranged from 9 to 24 years. Mary died Jan. 10, 1910.

Hugh McKenna cont'd

Other children were Hugh born 1831 and Margaret born 1833. Catherine, born 1834, died Oct 24, 1899 married Patrick Sheerin, died May 5, 1907. They lived on the McKenna property, probably with Catherine's brother William, born 1835, died Nov 20, 1895. The Sheerin's have their names on the same tombstone as Hugh and Catherine McKenna, spelled McKenney.

Hugh's son John attended University in Montreal and then practiced law in Chicago, Illinois for many years. John's son Virgil Francis born Nov 22, 1858, died Feb 1, 1939, attended Notre Dame University in Indiana 1877-1879. In 1881 he worked in a law office in Indiana but by 1883 he was back in Canada with his aunt and uncle in Osgoode Township. After marrying Catherine O'Callaghan of Kars, he farmed the McKenna property for many years. His sons were: John Hugh, Cicero Joseph and James Cornelius, all deceased. His daughters were: Mary Brigit (Mrs Joseph Nolan) of Ottawa deceased; Petronella (Mrs Dan Nolan); Elizabeth (Sister Martha) and Angela (Sister Francis of Assissi) both of the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, Yardley, Pennsylvania.

John Hugh McKenna, son of Virgil, farmed the original home property for many years. The land that was granted to Hugh McKenna in 1824 was sold in 1973. John died March 4, 1975. He had married Mary Agnes Walter Sept 16, 1930. She is the daughter of Samuel Walter, a blacksmith in the Osgoode Manotick area, and his wife Ellen McNeely. John and Mary McKenna had five children: Walter John of Edmonton and Donald Hugh of Ottawa, and Joan (Mrs Manning McEvoy) and Isobel (Mrs. A.J. Herbert), both of Osgoode, and Aileen (Mrs Glen Carroll) of Blossom Park.

In the South Gloucester Cemetery we find too, the name of Bernard McKenna 1813-1890, married first to Margaret (1822-1856) and second to Mary Collins (1842-1921). Each marriage had a son James. Was Bernard a son, a cousin or a brother of Hugh McKenna? We wonder.

Submitted by Mrs John (Mary) McKenna

FIFTY YEARS THE QUEEN

She was born 21st of April and named Elizabeth Alexandra Mary, eldest daughter to the Duke and Duchess of York. She stood 3rd in line of succession to the throne of Great Britain and the Commonwealth. Today, we know of her as Queen Elizabeth our Sovereign.

On the 12th of May, 1939, she became 1st in line of succession after her father, King George VI as a result of the abdication of her Uncle, King Edward VI as a result of his love for "that Simpson woman." She made her first radio broadcast from Windsor Castle the 13th of October, 1940 at the age of 14. Her first official public speech was the 23rd of May 1944.

During the Second World War, upon her 18th birthday, she joined the Auxiliary Transport Service (Feb 1945) where she was given the rank of "2nd Subaltern." While in the service, she learned to drive and service her military vehicle, qualifying as a driver in April of the same year.

On July 10th, 1947, she became engaged to

Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten R.N., who was born 10th of June 1921, the only son of Prince Andrew of Greece and Princess Alice of Battenburg. They were married November 20th, 1947 in Westminster Abbey. From there, their family grew and came to include: (1) Prince Charles Philip Arthur George b. 14th of November 1948 (1st in line of succession) (2) Princess Alice Elizabeth Alice Louise b. 15th of August 1950 (8th in line of succession) (3) Prince Andrew Albert Christian Edward b 19th of February, 1960 (4th in line of succession) (4) Prince Edward Anthony Richard Louis b. March 10th, 1964 (7th in line of succession.)

On February 6, 1952 her father, King George VI died in his sleep. She was formally acclaimed Queen on the 8th and chose the name Elizabeth II. Her coronation was held on June the 2nd, 1953 and was televised for the first time.

Throughout her reign, she has instituted several firsts. She allowed more media access than previous monarchs and has learned to make use of that tool. She started the tradition of the "walk-about" while on official visits, and at informal luncheons at Buckingham Palace where she has a chance to meet with her subject. She is also the first British Monarch to pay income tax. She is also the owner of several Championship race horses and her daughter, Princess Anne represented her family and country as a participant at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal.

Throughout her reign she has enjoyed the presence and support of her mother, The Queen Mother, who will be 102 years old on the 4th of August this year. She also has been blessed with the gift of six grandchildren: (1) Peter Mark Andrew Philips b. 15th November, 1977 (2) Zara Anne Elizabeth Philips b. 15 May, 1981 (3) Prince William Arthur Philip Louis b. 21st of June, 1982 (2nd in line of succession) (4) Prince Henry Charles Albert Daniel b. 15 September, 1984 (3rd in line of succession) (5) Princess Beatrice Elizabeth Mary b. 8th August, 1988 (5th in line of succession) (6) Princess Eugenie Victoria Helena b. 23rd December, 1990 (6th in line of succession).

On this the 50th Anniversary year of her accession to the throne, please come visit our museum to see our display honouring her Majesty (many items temporarily donated by township residents.) Here, you can pick up a free souvenir pin or poster, provided by Heritage Canada. While visiting us, you can also view our other displays, research your family's genealogy. We also have many publications for sale which document the history of the township and its families.

Submitted by Coreen Atkins-Sheldrick

PHAIR FAMILY REUNION

The Phairs will gather in Metcalfe, Ont. Aug 3rd & 4th. All descendants of William James Phair (1819-1906) of Osgoode Township are welcome. For more info contact Donna Phair at d.phair@sympatico.ca or tel (705) 653-3480 or RR#2, Campbellford, Ont. K0L 1L0

AMATEUR BOXING AND WRESTLING



Russell Arena Thursday Eve, July 20

1939, at 8.30 o'clock, Standard Time

WRESTLING

FEATURE BOUT

ERNIE BADMAN FRANKLIN, 190 lbs., Ottawa, vs H. W. McGREGOR, 260 lbs., Ormond
Best 2 out of 3 Falls — To a Finish.

SEMI-FINALS

ROUGH HOUSE CHAPPY, Italian Champ, 185 lbs. vs STEWART HILL, 160 lbs., Vernon, Ont.
Best 2 out of 3 1 Hr. Time Limit.

PRELIMINARY

FERN LEDUC, 150 lbs., Embrun, vs PAUL McPHERSON, 150 lbs., Ottawa.
Best 2 out of 3 Time Limit 30 Minutes.
Referee, REAL DEMERS.

BOXING

BOB CRAIG, 160 lbs., Ottawa, Ont. vs MERLE WARREN, 160 lbs., Kenmore Ont.
TOMMY DELANEY, 145 lbs., Ottawa, vs JACK HARRISON, 145 lbs., Cornwall, Ont.

ADMISSION — 35c

R. A. McNABB, Sec'y. R. E. KINKADE, Pres.

RUSSELL LEADER PRINT

STEWART HILL

(Dec 27, 1902 - Mar 17, 1999)

The poster above was part of a donation of papers of Stewart Hill of Vernon. Stewart was a bachelor who lived on Lot 37, Con 7, which he inherited from his father, Robert. He was a man of many interests. One was sports, making quite a name for himself in wrestling and boxing (see above). Stewart helped the promoters by organizing local bouts.

These bouts were popular entertainment and also put a few dollars in the wrestlers and boxers pockets Stewart was also the secretary for the local Agricultural Association and for the Golden Valley Cheese Factory. Some of the correspondence from these ventures were donated to the archives of OTHS by his niece Vivian Sorg.