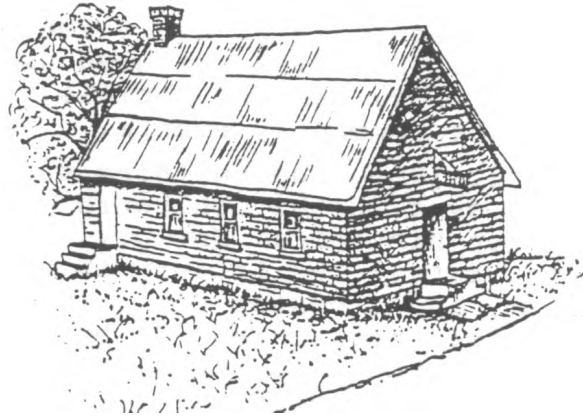


THE GOULBOURN NEWS



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COMING EVENTS

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings and special events.

Saturday November 14, 1998 (at the Ashton Pub. in Ashton. at 1:30 p.m.)

This is a social gathering for the Historical Society and the Museum Board. A different time and place. Come one....Come all, let's have a ball. The luncheon is at 1:30 p.m. but if anyone is interested, Barry Roberts will be giving us a walking tour of Ashton beforehand. The walking tour will meet at 1 p.m. at the Ashton Pub. Hope to see everyone there and guests are most certainly welcome. We will need to have a head count by October 31st for the luncheon so please call Percy Cathcart 831-2781. The cost of the meal will be \$15.00 per person, taxes included and we will be served a meal of roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, soup or salad and for dessert you have a choice of fruit cobbler or ice cream.

Thurs. November 26, 1998 (in the Museum at Stanley's Corners. 7:30 p.m.)

Local writer Barb Bottriell will describe her soon to be printed book on the history of Stittsville. Previous works by Mrs. Bottriell include "The Story of Mowoo".

RESEARCHERS!!!!!!

SPECIAL NOTE.....Re: Address Change...The ARCHIVES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA has moved to 50 Wynford Drive, North York, Ontario M3C 1J7. Telephone number: (416) 441-1111, extension 310.

LOOKING BACK

BYTOWN GAZETTE

March 30, 1837

“How To Save Expense In Clothing”

Purchase that which is at once decent, and the most durable; and wear your garment despite the frequent changes of fashion till it becomes too defaced to appear decent; then turn it and wear it henceforth as long as it protects the body. A blue coat is as warm after fashion requires a green one, as it ever was. A red shawl in fashion today, is as comfortable as a black one which fashion requires tomorrow. A few years hence your fame will not depend upon the style, colour or quality of the broadcloth you wear in 1837.

DID YOU KNOW.....

Guy Fawkes Day-A Pioneer Holiday

(GTHS Newsletter October 1981)

What holiday falls between Thanksgiving Day and Christmas? Most Canadians would say “Why none!” Yet those with strong ties to their British heritage would indicate Guy Fawkes Day. November 5th is often celebrated in England with fireworks and bonfires where effigies of Guy Fawkes are burnt. Guy Fawkes, an ex-British soldier, became involved in a plot to blow up the British Parliament Buildings; the so called “Gunpowder Plot” of 1605 was the idea of a group of Catholic fanatics who decided to destroy King James 1 and his ministers because of their increasing oppression of Roman Catholics. After 20 barrels of gunpowder were discovered in the cellar of Parliament, Fawkes was arrested and tortured on the rack. He was later executed, opposite the Parliament Building. It is interesting to note that during the nineteenth century, November 5th was almost as important a social event in Goulbourn Township as the 12th of July. The following excerpts from the Stapleton Orange Lodge Minutes, demonstrates the ingenuity of our

forefathers in planning social activities for themselves and friends.

October 1862

“moved...that the 5th of November be celebrated by a shooting match and that the members of this lodge meet at Bro. McClinton’s limekiln at 12 o’clock noon for that purpose.”

October 1863

“moved...that the members of this lodge walk in procession to the School house on the 3rd line on the 5th of November next to hear a sermon from the Rev. William White.”

October 1865

“moved...that there be a meeting on Monday Nov. 6 and have a spree.”

September 1866

“motion to invite L.O.L. 151 Richmond to visit on the 5th of November.”

October 1868

“moved...that this lodge do have a squirrel hunt on the fifth of November.”

October 1871

“moved...that this lodge do provide fifty lbs. of bread and 10 lbs. of sugar, 1 lb of tea and 2 lbs. of butter for the 6th of November next.”

October 1872

“moved...that we do have preaching in the fifth line meeting house at two o’clock P.M. on the fifth of November.”- carried

“moved...that we do have a spree on the fifth of November night.”-carried
October 1873

“moved...that we do have a game of Base Ball on the fifth of November and a luncheon afterwards. The game to commence at 1 o'clock sharp.

The success of this baseball game is indicated by the fact that it was repeated the following year. There are also indications that similar celebrations took place at Munster and Richmond. These notations tell us much, not only about celebrating Guy Fawkes Day, but also provide us with many unanswered questions!

A LITTLE PIECE OF HISTORY

This article is taken from the book Country Tales written by the Womens Institute. It is no longer in print and we felt that this article would be of interest.

MANSFIELD

*Strange are the dunes of sand which rise
o'er wood and field
And no one knows from whence they
came, nor secret yeild
'Twas guessed that in an ice age past a
crack did spill
Sea sand from ancient, deep hid beds to
raise a hill---B.S.T.*

This phenomenon occurs on Lot 12, Concession VI in Goulbourn Township. Three or four hills of sand, sea shore sand, according to geologists, stand surrounded by ordinary field and pasture land on the farm owned in 1970 by Clarence Hobbs. From the vantage point of these hills one can look over the tallest trees growing on the surrounding land and see most of the community known as Mansfield. The district is approximately four miles in length between regional road No.5 (the Huntley road) and the Munster side road made up of the sixth, seventh and eighth concessions of Goulbourn Township.

Records state that in the early 19th century the whole area was covered

by heavy bush and clearing the land was slow, difficult work for the early settlers. Not all of the newcomers were fortunate enough to have oxen but those who had, helped their neighbours. Fodder for these animals during the first year was a little grass but mostly branches of trees.

Like many others who came to Canada in the early 1800's these men were soldiers turned farmers. William Cathcart, who received a Crown grant in 1822 had served with the 89th Regiment. Some of his fellow soldiers sold their land without ever setting foot on it but William came with his wife and three sons and helped to build the early settlement. His second son, Carleton received a grant from the Crown to south west half of Lot 20, Con. VII and also leased the clergy reserve--Lot 17, Con. VII. Here he built the community's first saw mill operated by steam at a cost of £1,000 sterling. It was destroyed by fire soon after commencing operation.

Other early settlers were James Simpson, John Meyers (Mears) and William Healey. John McCoy, James McCaffrey and William Mann arrived in 1840. The latter married Margaret Ann, daughter of pioneer William Healey.

The following undated history from the log book of S.S. No. 6 was probably written by Robert Mann, a long-time secretary of the school and grandson of Wm. and Margaret Healey.

“Early settlers were chiefly of Irish descent, some of them veterans of the wars with Napoleon. A family of Larkins from Ireland arrived in 1824. Others from Ireland were John Powers (Wexford), the Forbes in 1848, Charles Bone of the Royal Irish Constabulary 1841 and the Bartons. Tamons (Tammans), Haileys, Cathcarts (1832) and Devines. A deed for land in the Sixth Concession dated in 1828 was held by the Featherstons (English) who arrived that same year. Samples who settled on the Sixth Line were of Scotch origin. James Sample fought in the Fenian Raids. The Kavanaghs were Crimean veterans.

For many years most of the land in the section was owned by the Mann family hence the name “Mansfield”. The settlement besides a number of farms had an Orange Hall, a Methodist Church, and a sawmill (Cathcart).

It is drained by the creek known as Mann’s Creek and the first school in the district was built to the east of the latter site. Mr. Graham was one of the earliest teachers in the school by the creek in 1869. James Mann’s son, Robert, was secretary of the school for many years”.

Some milestones in the community’s growth should be noted here. The small log school, S.S. No. 6 had three windows and instead of desks there was a wooden form around the wall with benches for seats. The location on John Mears land, Lot 16, Con. VII was near a stream later known as Mann’s Creek. A second school site was on higher ground at the corner of land owned in 1863 by Jno. Taman.

The Mansfield Methodist Church built in 1847 was on Lot 18, Con. VII, close to the road on Robert D. Mann’s property. The Orange Hall, home of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 69, was located

just east of the church also on Mr. Mann’s farm.

In Belden’s Atlas of Carleton County, reference is made to district council of 1842 when Goulbourn Township had the greatest number of ratepayers in the county except Nepean. For that reason it was permitted to have two representatives. Local affairs in the Township were administered from a Town Hall built in 1853 at a cost of £80 sterling on Lot 17, Con. VII, then owned by Carleton Cathcart. Mr. Cathcart served as clerk of the Township from 1850 to 1879 except for a couple of years when he was in Western Canada. This township hall with all those early records was destroyed by fire in 1872.

In 1886 William and Robert D. Mann sold their land to David N. Graham. This man and his two sons Joshua and Milton with their families have been active in all community affairs. In time, a larger Orange Hall was built across the road from the first to house the local lodge and this was used for lodge meetings and as a social center for the community.

Mansfield’s settlers of the Roman Catholic faith were part of St. Philip’s parish established in and about Richmond village in 1819. Although Richmond is three miles west as the crow flies it was a considerable journey over rough trails that wound through the heavy bush. When first established Rev. Michael Harris of Perth was in charge of this and other scattered settlements. In 1825 mass was first celebrated in a small log church, which was destroyed by fire in 1847 and a stone church was completed in 1858.

Among names appearing in St. Philips records before 1840 are a number of names noted on Mansfield properties on a map of 1863. Some of these are Cavanagh, Devine, Forbes, Larkin, Mears

and Shanahan. In the 70's these names are still to be found on the roadside mail boxes.

It is of interest that Mr. and Mrs. David Graham and their sons Joshua and Milton with their respective wives all lived to celebrate golden wedding anniversaries. Another Mansfield couple to reach 50 years as man and wife were Mr. and Mrs. Mills Cathcart. This couple caught the community by surprise by eloping one July 12th when others were listening to fife and drum and busy with picnic celebrations.

This record of Mansfield's history comes from talking with members of pioneer families on the Seventh and Eighth Lines of Goulbourn and digging in records and histories of Carleton County. These facts and dates with family names are the frame work of the settlement. In conversations there was evidence of bits and pieces of a life that went on within that frame or skeleton of the community.

No dates, no names and no definite place can be given but it was a hot summer day when the rutted track of the narrow road lay deep in fine, hot dust. Weeds along the road edge drooped in the dry heat and with the weight of dust. The cicada's or "heat bugs" note was high and shrill. Along the road came Grandfather carrying his empty jug, a green glass demijohn in a wicker case, to get some grog at the little stopping place. A young lad tags along scarcely stirring the thick dust with his bare feet. They reach the inn. The small building of weather beaten logs isn't on any map but it is close to a stump fence all covered by

hops and wild cucumber vines. Bees and flies with multi-coloured wings drone among the leaves and bright butterflies rest with quivering wings. Grandfather's voice is high and cracked as he greets the old man who keeps the inn.

Like a TV set in need of adjusting the scene fades; light spots dart and quiver. Then a picture comes into focus.

It is evening and several women are sitting about a quilt in a frame. The heavy woolen cloth is in soft shades of brown and red obtained by skilful use of golden rod and garden beets. A young girl stands near one of the candles, fixed in a holder, high on the white-washed log wall. She is carefully wiping clean the paws of the family cat. It is a high point of this quilting bee. All chatter stops, the women catch their breath as kitty is suddenly tossed toward the centre of the quilt. Landing with a bounce on the yielding woolen surface she stands for a second with eyes blinking. Which way will the cat go? Suddenly she darts toward one of the sewers; there is a shriek and much laughter and cries of "Mary!" "Now we know!" "You're next." Now everyone is laughing and Mary blushing, joins in; the next girl for whom the neighbours will make a wedding quilt.

In other history books you can read of the dangers and hardships of the early settlers. But in visiting Mansfield one knows that there were those other nights and other days with happy stories that pioneers passed on to their children whose grandchildren may sometimes think the 20th century came too early in Mansfield.

This information comes from a book called “**Lost Names and Places of Eastern Ontario**” by Alan Rayburn. This book was published in 1993 and is 50 pages in length. Here is what was said about Goulbourn.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Healey’s	Goulbourn	Carleton	P.O. 1901-1903, 8 km from Stittsville. Exact location unknown.
Sumner’s Corners	Goulbourn, Beckwith	Carleton, Lanark	Now ASHTON, 8 km E of Carleton Place. Ashton PO from 1851. See also Mount Pleasant.
Mount Pleasant	Goulbourn, Beckwith	Carleton, Lanark	Now ASHTON, Ashton PO from 1852. Also see Sumner’s Corners.
Rathwell’s Corners	Goulbourn	Carleton	Now Stanley Corners, 7 km NW of Richmond. Stanley’s Corners PO 1896-1923.

NOTE: Mansfield is a Lost Place but not forgotten. A G.T.H.S. member has contacted the author of the above section for future inclusion.

MUSEUM NOTES:

We have had a successful season at the Museum. Attendance has been good with 282 people visiting to date, an average of fifteen people per Sunday. Our participation in Villagefest and the Richmond Fair gave us a lot of publicity and netted approximately \$400.00 in concession sales. Thanks to all our members who participated in these events.

I am working on a new concept for the Museum for next year. I believe our museum has to create a “niche” for itself, particularly in a market like Ottawa-Carleton that has so much to offer the public in terms of arts and entertainment. We cannot expect the

public to come to see displays that virtually duplicate those found in the larger museums, but a smaller scale. We have to offer our visitors something unique, and at the same time work with the resources that we have at the Museum.

I am in the process of setting up an archival research center on the stage area of the Museum, where it will be easily accessible by the public. Over the past few years we have had an increasing demand for information on local history and family genealogy. I believe this is an area into which the Museum can expand its mandate. The Museum general

history files and family files, photographic collection, assessment rolls and various historical directories will be shelved in this archival center. As well, we are putting together a local history reference collection which will be useful to the public. The Historical Society has purchased a copier for this center, and we will charge patrons for anything they wish to reproduce from our collection.

Over the winter, I also plan to make changes in the overall set up of the Museum exhibits. It would involve putting together displays that relate the history of Goulbourn. Exhibits would be displayed chronologically, starting with

the disbanding of the military regiments and follow the development of the various communities within the township. This would make it possible for visitors to wander around the Museum and pick up a basic but complete history of the township. It would be particularly useful for school groups. New displays with different themes could be added each year to supplement this set up. This is an ambitious project but I believe it will put us on the right track for the future.

By: Donna Keays-Hockey, Curator

A Victorian Book of Days

(Taken from the December 1984 G.T.H.S. Newsletter)

This year the "AVON" people have come out with a beautiful historical desk calendar for ladies, featuring full-colour illustrations of the elegant Victorian era.

It can be used as a date keeper or diary and in addition has many pages of intriguing facts about Victorian women, fashions and lifestyles.

Examples of a few Victorian "don'ts"...

Don't trail your dress upon the road...
Don't ever lace your waist too tightly...
Don't wear a thing that needs repair...
Don't forget to brush your hair...
Don't show too much of snowy neck...
Don't buy hats at the expense of boots...
Don't neglect the neat tying of a veil...
Don't put your gloves on in the street...
Don't above all thing, ever forget you are a woman;
she is far more attractive when seen in the
flowing draperies that centuries of use have
made their own, than when masquerading as a man!!!..

The book is available from you "AVON" representative at \$12.50 and will make an ideal Christmas gift for Historical Society Ladies...

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
To the Goulbourn Township Historical Society

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Town or City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____ - _____

Date: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Memberships in the Goulbourn Township Historical Society are \$10.00 for one year. Please make your cheque payable to “The Goulbourn Township Historical Society” and mail it to: The Goulbourn Township Museum and Historical Society c/o The Township of Goulbourn, 2135 Huntley Road, P.O. Box 189, Stittsville, Ontario K2S 1A3.

The mandate of the Goulbourn Township Historical Society is to foster an understanding of our local heritage. Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month. Most meetings have a guest speaker, addressing a topic of historical interest. The Historical Society is active within the schools, speaking to children about the history of the township and showing them some of the artifacts we have on display at the Museum. The Society also participates in Township events such as Canada Day, Villagefest and the Richmond Fair.

Members of “The Goulbourn News” committee are: Erskine Rivington, Hilda Moore, Donna Hockey and Virginia Notley. If you have questions or suggestions you are invited to call Hilda 838-2274 or Virginia 836-1556.
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