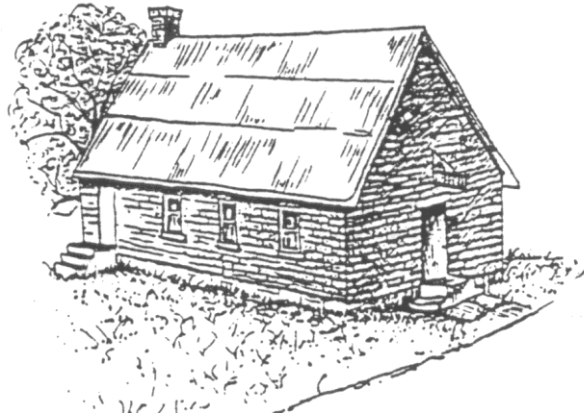


THE GOULBOURN NEWS



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COMING EVENTS

Thursday March 25, 1999 (Goulbourn Museum, Stanley's Corners-7: 30 p.m.)

Lynn Griffiths-McKee will be speaking on the topic of Tracing your Family History, or as Lynn likes to kiddingly say "There's more than dirt under your family tree". Lynn will provide a basic outline of how to get started in family genealogy. Lynn has been doing some genealogical research herself for the past four years and hopes to pass on some good tips she has acquired from her personal experience.

Thursday April 22, 1999 (Richmond Library-7: 30 p.m.)

Sharon McMullen will give us a tour of the collections held by the Richmond library. She will be concentrating on those collections dealing with local history and genealogy. The archives of the G.T.H.S. are held at the Richmond library, where they are available to the public during regular library hours. As of Feb. 1999 the hours for the Richmond library are: Monday 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. till noon, 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., Wednesday 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., Thursday 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., Friday 2-5 p.m., Saturday's 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Closed on Sundays.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL G.T.H.S.
MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

RECENT EVENTS

Sunday February 14, 1999 (Goulbourn Museum, Stanley's Corners-1: 30p.m.)

Heritage Day (25th Anniversary Celebrations for Goulbourn Township)

The Goulbourn Township Historical Society and the Goulbourn Museum celebrated Heritage Day by bringing together members of the 1974 Inaugural Council, for the then newly formed Township of Goulbourn. Mac Storey, Gilmour Brown, Dewar Burnett and Betty Hill participated in a round table type discussion, outlining their memories from this turbulent period

in Goulbourn's history. Present Council members Dwaine Barkley, Louise Beggs and Janet Stavinga added their own personal insights to the discussion. Also in attendance were several former members of Council including Sally Beaton, Leslie Haubrich, Ken Vaughn and Anton Wytenburg. Many Councilors both past and present remarked that despite the passage of time, Councils still deal with virtually the same types of issues as those of their predecessors. The construction of public facilities, roadway maintenance, taxes and the agenda of the provincial government were all as relevant in 1974 as they are in 1999. The discussions proved to be both interesting and enjoyable.

Special Presentations

Charter member of the G.T.H.S., Percy Cathcart was honoured with a special Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding contributions to the Historical Society, over the past twenty years. Percy was one of the founding members of the Historical Society and has held a number of executive positions since 1978. Congratulations Percy!

Immediate Past President Anton Wytenburg received a special gift thanking him for his leadership in the Society, over the past several years. Anton received a rare copy of the "Carleton Saga" autographed by the authors. Many thanks for your service and commitment Anton!

Annual Meeting of the Goulbourn Township Historical Society
Thursday February 4,1999 (Goulbourn Museum, Stanley's Corners)

Many thanks to past Executive members of the G.T.H.S. for all their hard work. For those recently retired, please realize we still need your expertise to guide us through the upcoming years. Please continue to come out to meetings and special events! To those members still active on the Executive, we want to thank you for your past efforts and your willingness to continue.

At the Annual General meeting a new Executive was voted in:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Newly voted in.</u>	<u>Recently retired.</u>
President	Robin Derrick	Anton Wytenburg
Vice President	Barry Roberts	Bee Griffiths
Secretary	Virginia Notley	Virginia Notley
Treasurer	John Curry	John Curry
Memberships	Donna Hockey	Donna Hockey
Archives	Isabel Crawford, Freda Dolan	Isabel Crawford, Freda Dolan
Telephone	Helen & Percy Cathcart	Helen & Percy Cathcart
Programme Convenor	Audrey Bobier	Erskine Rivington

Meet the New Executive

Robin Derrick-President

Robin and his wife Georgia are residents of Stittsville. They have been members of the Historical Society for the past three years. Robin is originally from Montreal. He attended St. Pat's College in Ottawa where he was a History and Political Science major. Robin works for the Federal Government at the Office of the Solicitor General.

Barry Roberts-Vice President

Barry and his wife Pat are now residents of Carleton Place, although they lived for twenty years at Lilac Hill, just outside the village of Ashton. Barry is originally from the English Midlands and arrived in Canada in 1953. He has held a variety of positions in his career including newspaper reporter, technical writer, and Federal Government administrator in the Arctic. Prior to retirement he spent sixteen years working as a consultant on northern affairs. At present, Barry is conducting extensive historical research on the village of Ashton.

MEMBERS OF THE G.T.H.S.

We thought that it would be appreciated if you knew who your fellow members of G.T.H.S. are. So here's a listing:

Barry & Pat Roberts	Percy & Helen Cathcart	Virginia Notley
Anton & Catharina Wytenburg	Erskine Rivington	Isabel Crawford
Donna Keays-Hockey	John Curry	Mary Gibson
Robin & Georgia Derrick	Freda Dolan	Roberta Godkin
Muriel Gingras	Bee Griffiths	Grace Peever
Lynn & Mike McKee	Bernie & Jean Shaw	Jack Mackenzie
Don & Margaret McMillan	Hilda Moore	Keith Hobbs

It's our pleasure to welcome our newest members, who are:

Suzanne O'Hara	Jane Fitzsimmons	Albert Murphy
Joan Darby	Howard Martin	Barb & David Fairbrother
Audrey Bobier	Lorna Wall	Stanley Keays
John & Rosemary Brummell		

PLEASE NOTE: Our Annual Meeting is a time to elect a new Executive, cover pertinent business, and renew our commitment to the G.T.H.S. If your membership dues are up for renewal, please note the change in fee structure for 1999: Single \$10.00 Family \$15.00.

Condolences

It is with regret that the Society notes the death of Mary Lewella Collins (nee: Lewis), longtime member of our Historical Society. Mary was born in Ashton and had a career as a Registered Nurse. Mary was a member of the Goulbourn Historical Reenactment group, which was active in the early 1980's. She passed away December 31, 1998. Mary was the sister of another longtime member of the Society, Isabel Crawford. Our thoughts and sympathy are with you Isabel.

LOOKING BACK

These notes were taken from the G.T.H.S. minutes of their February 20, 1979 meeting.

The guest speaker for that evening was Mrs. Emerson Thompson, curator for the Stittsville Women's Institute, a position she had held for the past 16 years.

As February 19th was Heritage Day, Mrs. Thompson's informative message on

"Preserving our Heritage" was very appropriate.

The Women's Institute began in Canada in 1897 and the Stittsville branch was organized in 1908. Its motto "For Home & Country" gave the group an opportunity to meet the challenges and needs of the community in the changing world.

The early role of the organization was that of a service club, since there were neither

Lions nor Legion clubs in the villages at that time. The Women's Institute came to the rescue when there was a need for community effort.

The Tweedsmuir convenorship began when Lord Tweedsmuir was Governor General of Canada from 1935 to 1940. Lady Tweedsmuir had been involved in the Women's Institute as by this time there were a great many branches in England.

In Canada she found very little interest in preserving local history. She asked the Women's Institute to take on the project of compiling histories of local communities. Certain rules were laid down for each branch. The duties of the Curator of these histories were to convene a Committee to work with her; to supervise and edit all material that was to go into the Tweedsmuir history, and to have custody of the history books.

The individual Institute Branches were left a good deal of freedom to do as they saw fit—to meet the needs of their particular area.

There are two Women's Institute Branches in Goulbourn Township—Richmond and Stittsville. Within the Stittsville branch are the built up communities of Ashton, Mansfield, Stanley Corners as well as Stittsville. But there are no hard fast borders between the branches.

The Tweedsmuir History Book reflects the initiative of the Curator and her Committee, and are based on the lives and activities of the residents in this area. The Stittsville Women's Institute has three volumes of local history. Mrs. Thompson brought two of the volumes with her. These volumes are divided into sections such as pioneer life, organizations, armed services, family trees, farms and families, wedding anniversaries, people and poetry. The Women's Institute book "Country Tales" was taken from the 3rd volume. It is a closed volume now and no more additions will be made to it.

The skills of the people within the area have made these volumes more attractive such

as the three pages of beautiful hand lettered names on the Honour Role (a list of persons who served in the different wars from this area) artistically created by Clive Morris. There is an index and maps included in the section on Farms & Families.

As the Tweedsmuir History is a community book and not a record of any one family, it only includes one or two family trees. But the Women's Institute are delighted to receive genealogical records as resource material. The acquisition of such material is noted at the end of individual family stories to which they apply.

Each family's story will be different, just as each person is different and this gives the books great variety. Pictures accompany nearly every story. From these pictures we can learn about the styles of clothing, types of architecture, the developments of photography and many other aspects as well.

It is easy to add information to the Tweedsmuir volumes. Mrs. Thompson is continually looking for more material. For this reason she agreed to speak to the Historical Society, hoping that more and more people will realize that there is a great deal of research work still to be done. Preserving our heritage is very important. The best way to make it a permanent record for future generations is to get it printed and published. It is also a tribute to our ancestors.

Webster's dictionary defines a Curator as one who cares for or supervises a collection, such as a Museum. So you see, Curators do not write histories but preserve them.

History has been preserved on unique samplers such as the one borrowed from Bert and Evelyn Kenny. It was the Family Register and was made by Ann, wife of William Healey who were married in 1847, and who lived on Lot 16, concession 8, Goulbourn Township. She died in 1899.

The exciting and challenging new manner of recording history on tape preserves voice, local sayings as well as historical facts. Pictures also preserve the past and reflect

changes that have occurred with the passing of time.

The Women's Institute has introduced a new project known as 'House Logs'. These are permanent records that are kept in the home and record the history of the house. 'House Logs' are passed from owner to owner. They should not only give the history of the house such as when it was built and who built

it, original and successive families, but should include helpful information such as the position of the well on the lot and the lot size. All this information preserves the history for others.

Heritage Day reminds us once a year of our past. Mrs. Thompson is doing a very important job to preserve our local heritage for future generations.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

If you can spare one afternoon a week or even one afternoon a month to work at the Museum, we have a number of jobs that require assistance in order to complete.

One of the first projects, we would like to get some help with, involves creating an index for the photographic collection at the Museum. The new indexing system will allow patrons to access the photographic collection from a number of points including: subject of the photograph, date, place etc. The original photograph will be xeroxed and placed in archival storage conditions. The xeroxed copy of the photograph will be placed in the index. This will be extremely useful to clients searching for material at the Museum.

If you can help us out with a project, please contact the Curator Donna Hockey at the Museum 831-2393. Leave a message and we'll get back to you.

DID YOU KNOW

(Taken from the book titled "What is it?" written by Lorraine O'Byrne in 1977.)

Where and what does the phrase "BACKLOG:" come from and mean?: In the days when matches were not available, starting the fire was a difficult chore. With wood plentiful it was easier to keep the fire going all

the time than it was to try and relight it each day. Drywood was consumed quickly but a large green log at the back of the fireplace would smoulder for days and yield live embers each morning for lighting a new fire. Hence a reserve of any kind became known as a "backlog".

A LITTLE PIECE OF HISTORY

This article is taken from the "RICHMOND 150, Sesquicentennial Book, 1818 to 1968". We felt that this article would be of interest as it puts to mind that things could always be worse.

BIG SNOW FALL OF 1869

Holds the Record for this Section of Canada. Richmond resident related his experience—snow reached to the roofs of the houses—teams drove through tunnels of snow.

"I see where the majority of the county Councillors interviewed by a Citizen man state

that the present winter beats all records for depth of snow", said a Richmond resident yesterday. "This is not correct. The Councillors may take rightful pride in their knowledge of theatrical affairs and the building of roads and bridges, but they're away off when it comes to snow records. I've known several winters to beat this one, but the 'bell cow of the herd' was the winter of 1869. It was a corker. The weather did not come in one continuous cold streak as it did this winter, but the snow heaped up in proper fashion. There were a few mild spells in between, and

as a consequence the snow took to itself a crust hard as city pavement. Out at Richmond we weren't able to get any mail to or from the city for several days, and the situation certainly looked serious. In a spirit of adventure, myself and a friend decided to drive out of the village along the Richmond road, taking the mail with us. It was our intention to hand the mails over to the driver of the stage stalled somewhere on the road, and let him make his way back to the city. In turn we intended to secure the mails for Richmond and make our own way back to the village with them".

"I had a fine spanking team", said the narrator, "and it was fortunate for us that they were horses that kept their heads and picked their way carefully in dangerous places. We hitched up to a cutter, secured the mails and started off. It may seem incredible, but it's a fact nevertheless, that we were able to drive on the crust, the horses not breaking through once. The snow on the road was piled high above the log fences, but we were able to keep on the right course by taking our bearings from familiar objects, such as solitary trees, that stood above the snow. To say the least, our view was an elevated one. Despite its dangers, we rather enjoyed the trip and made fair progress. To give my companion an idea of the depth of the snow I pointed to a blacksmith shop along the road, (since torn down). All one could see of the structure, a good-sized one, about twelve feet high, was the ridgepole on the roof. The side walls were completely

buried by the snow. When we drove alongside the building we were on a level with the roof, and could obtain a good view of the river beyond. In all my experience of travel on the Richmond road since, I've never seen the snow piled so high. It was fortunate for us that it bore a thick crust, else cutter and horses would have been buried out of sight. As it was, we had a close call near the blacksmith shop. A post had broken the force of the wind, causing the snow to drift around it and leave a chasm about a foot wide in the roadway. Over this I had to urge the horses, but they never faltered and took the cutter over without a misstep. Had one of the beasts slipped into the chasm it would have been impossible to save the team from serious injury and the cutter from wreck".

"When we got near Fallowfield we had another experience", continued the Richmond man, "that will give you an idea of the depth of the snow. Men had turned out to clear the road and for a lark they dug a tunnel. The heavy crust made a regular roof and we were able to drive our team under the natural archway without any trouble. It was the most remarkable experience I ever had. This year the snow, while rather deep, is not troublesome, and the horses are able to turn out when rigs driving in the opposite direction meet. In 1869, the year I've just been speaking of, there was not a log fence in sight about Richmond, and people made their way to the post office across the fields on the snow crust".

A PIECE OF TRIVIA

Taken from an article "In the Carp Review..." written by Erskine Rivington.

November 21, 1929-Preparations are being made to keep approximately 1,800 miles of the province's 2,500 miles of highways open during the winter months. Last year 17 trucks were engaged in keeping the arteries of traffic free from snow. This coming winter will see 25 trucks and 150 men engaged in the work, R.M. Smith, Deputy Minister of Highways has announced.

A LITTLE BIT OF A QUIZ, COURTESY OF THE GOULBOURN NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 1980

NOTE: By 1851, Richmond was a Village and therefore its census figures were separate from those of the rest of Goulbourn.

- 1) List the 3 largest religious denominations present in **Goulbourn** in 1851.
Answer: Church of England-1065, Church of Rome-533, and Wesleyan Methodist-400.
- 2) List the 3 largest religious denominations present in **Richmond** in 1851.
Answer: Church of England-212, Church of Rome-112, and Church of Scotland-85.
- 3) Goulbourn Township's population was approximately how many times greater than that of Richmond?
Answer: Almost 6 times larger –2525 to 434.
- 4) How many more Churches did Goulbourn have than Richmond?
Answer: Three-all Methodist. Each had 1 Anglican, 1 Catholic and 1 Presbyterian.
- 5) The census indicates 5 types of dwellings: stone, brick, log, frame and shanty. Which type was most prevalent in both Richmond and Goulbourn?
Answer: Log. 241 in Goulbourn and 45 in Richmond. An interesting sign of the development of the communities was the fact that there were only 15 stone houses in Goulbourn and 2 in Richmond. There were no brick houses.
- 6) How many Inns and Taverns were there in Goulbourn and in Richmond?
Answer: Goulbourn-5 and Richmond-3.
- 7) How many more "holdings" of greater than 200 acres were in Goulbourn than in Richmond?
Answer: One. Goulbourn had only 6 and Richmond had 5.
- 8) Which had more shops and stores?
Answer: Richmond had twice as many as Goulbourn. 8 in Richmond to 4 in Goulbourn.

MUSEUM NOTES:

Although the Museum is officially closed, work continues on a daily basis. Last season's displays have been dismantled and the Museum was set up for our Heritage Day open house. For Heritage Day this year we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the amalgamation of Goulbourn Township. The event served as an excellent opportunity for past and present Council members to compare political notes. I believe it strengthens the township when groups can get together and examine past processes and what worked and what didn't.

The Museum is now being set up for this coming season. I want to follow through with the idea of getting the complete township history up on the walls, as well as expanding the pioneer exhibit. These permanent exhibits would then be supported by some smaller displays that could be changed on a regular basis.

I would like to see some improvements made to the exterior site at Stanley's Corners. Museum visitors have mentioned to me that they often stop at small Museums in their

travels. These Museums provide a small passive park where people can relax and have lunch. The Stanley's Corners site along Flewellyn Rd. bordered by Huntley would be an excellent area for a small park, if the brush was cleaned up. This area is not well maintained at present. And it would also be nice if children had a small place to play. Perhaps a work group of a few township employees and some Museum volunteers could be put together to tackle this job. This would also be an ideal spot to place a sign outlining the history of Stanley's Corners, which was once a thriving community. The sign would be similar to the one designed for the pioneer community of Mansfield. At the Annual General Meeting of the Historical Society, we discussed the prospect of placing historical signs at several areas in the township including the Fair Green (home of Jackson Stitt), Stanley's Corners and the Abbott Street Park. These ideas were well received by the membership. The village of Ashton and Munster are also communities with a rich pioneer history which would be enhanced by appropriate signage.

Site improvements at Stanley's Corners and the placing of historical markers are not particularly expensive ideas, and yet they would go along way toward enhancing the history of the township.

Our membership in the Historical Society is steadily growing we are currently at 40 members. The Newsletter is now being mailed out to 62 persons.

Work continues on a new Museum brochure, which outlines the features of the Museum and the mandate of the Historical Society and includes a historical driving tour of the township. We hope to have it available this spring.

The Goulbourn Township Historical Society website our 'home on the Internet' is now up and running. People from all over the world, with an interest in the history of Goulbourn Township, will be able to access the site and even leave messages or make inquiries. The website provides information on the Historical Society and the Museum, describes our archives, provides membership information and displays photographs from the Museum and the township. You can gain access to the site through the Goulbourn Community Access Program site or through the Goulbourn Library Network site. We are indebted to "Guiz Creations" of Stittsville for their excellent work designing the website and to the sponsor of the Goulbourn Community Access site, "Computers and More". The website is

accessible through the URL at www.gcap.on.ca/historical/ It is sometimes difficult to get into the site with the URL, so make sure, if you manage to get in, that you 'bookmark' it or add it to your 'favorites' so you have permanent direct access from your system.

Barry Roberts and I continue to work on indexing the photographic collection for the research centre. The Museum photographs are being xeroxed and indexed by several categories including: subject, place, time etc. This will make the collection user friendly, and the photographs can then be permanently stored in archival typed conditions to protect them. This project is a big job and we could use some volunteers to help out.

We are considering emphasizing genealogy in the research centre collection. This seems to be the area that generates the greatest amount of interest from Museum visitors. Local history materials would still be available, as part of the research collection, but we would try to collect extensively in the genealogy area.

Many thanks to all those volunteers who give so freely of their time to the Museum and the Historical Society. It would be an impossible task to carry on without your help!

By: Donna Keays-Hockey
Curator, Goulbourn Museum

Add a smile to your day (some true bloopers that actually appeared in church bulletins)

Care of the Internet

-At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?"...
Come early and listen to our choir practice.

-For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

-This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the Church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

-This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar

*****RECIPES*****

Hot wholesome meal ideas for this long, cold, dark time of the year. Our 1st recipe comes from the White House Cook Book circa 1900.

PEA SOUP

Put a quart of dried peas into five quarts of water; boil for four hours; then add three or four large onions, two heads of celery, a carrot, two turnips, all cut up rather fine. Season with pepper and salt. Boil two hours longer, and if the soup becomes too thick add more water. Strain through a colander and stir in a tablespoonful of cold butter. Serve hot, with small pieces of toasted bread placed in the bottom of the tureen.

Our 2nd recipe comes from Ida Bailey Allen's, delicious meals at low cost Cookbook, which was printed in 1942.

VEGETABLE STEW WITH CHEESE PUFF DUMPLINGS

1 ½ tsp. sugar	¾ cup peeled sliced young turnip
4 tbs. butter, bacon fat, or shortening	1 apple, diced
¾ cup peeled sliced carrot	1 (No. 2) can tomatoes
½ cup peeled sliced onion	1 ½ quarts cold water
2 cups shredded cabbage	2½ tsp. salt
1 cup diced celery	Few grains cayenne

Cheese Puff Dumplings

PUFFY DUMPLINGS

2 cups all-purpose flour	1 tsp. salt
4 tsp. baking powder	1 tbs. shortening
¾ cup milk or water	

Sift together the dry ingredients. Work in the shortening using a pastry blender or back and edge of a spoon. Add the milk or water. Mix to a dough. Roll on a floured board to ½-in. thickness; cut into rounds, using a biscuit cutter, or into squares as desired. Cook in boiling soup stock or steam in a buttered steamer about 20 minutes.

DROP DUMPLINGS: Prepare the dumpling mixture as described in the preceding recipe, using 1 scant cup of milk. Drop the dumpling mixture into the boiling stew by half tablespoonfuls. Cover and boil 12 minutes.

CHEESE PUFF DUMPLINGS: Add ½ cup grated sharp American cheese to the flour mixture for Puffy Dumplings.

CAN YOU GIVE US A HAND!

Submissions to the Newsletter are always welcome. Any items of interest, such as short stories, articles or local historical facts would be appreciated! Please contact Virginia Notley at 836-1556.

We are beginning a "Queries" section in the Newsletter, where people can place a request for genealogical or local history information. Many of our members trace their families back to the first settlement days and they have an excellent knowledge concerning Goulbourn families or local history trivia. Please contact any of the members of "The Goulbourn News" committee, as listed below, to place a query.

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: Single member \$10.00 per year and Family membership \$15.00 per 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.