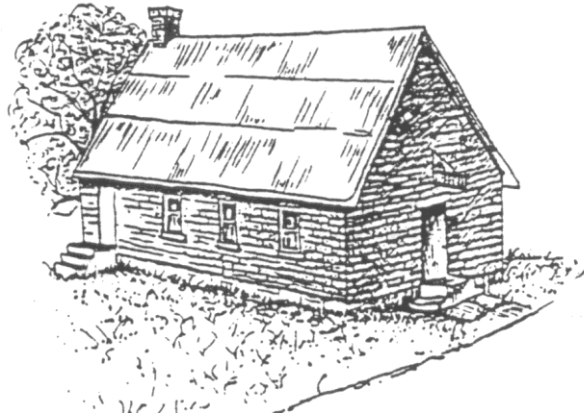


THE GOULBOURN NEWS



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RECENT EVENTS

Canada Day in the Jock River Park, Richmond, Ontario

Canada Day events, held at the Jock River Park, were enjoyed by both participants and visitors. The weather was perfect, with a slight breeze, and the entertainment was excellent. The G.T.H.S. had a booth just across from the stage, so our volunteers had a good view of the proceedings. Donna had an exhibit of news clippings, which chronicled events in the Township prior to the Amalgamation in 1974. Also on display were aerial photos of the four villages of Goulbourn, which drew some attention from the public. A pamphlet was distributed on the 25th Anniversary of Goulbourn Township.

June 24, 1999 (G.T.H.S. meeting night)

Jim Stanzell was our guest speaker on this every hot night at the Museum. Jim has been compiling a list of the holders of early crown land grants in the Township, and he shared a lot of his information and research techniques with the audience. Jim talked about the military background of many of Goulbourn's first settlers, and described what was expected of these settlers before they could actually receive their land patents. Despite the very warm conditions of the Museum, members of the audience continued to ask Mr. Stanzell a number of questions, after his talk.

Our Museum is now open for the 1999 Season. The interior of the Museum has been spruced up with an attractive new paint job. As well, we have a number of new displays, and our gift shop is now open. The Museum is open Sundays 1-4 p.m. Drop by for a visit!

Meet the New Executive

Audrey Bobier-Programme Convenor for the G.T.H.S. and Museum Board Committee member.

Audrey is the daughter of Herman and Lillian (Sample) Cassidy of Goulbourn who farmed in Goulbourn Township. Audrey attended S.S.#2 Goulbourn (Jock School) and then Richmond Continuation School and Ottawa Normal School (Teacher's College). Audrey taught school in Smiths Falls and at Fort Henry Military Camp. In 1962 she married J. Sidney Bobier, who also came from a Goulbourn farm family. Audrey continued to teach in Ottawa schools then retired to raise a family. Sidney and Audrey raised three boys. Later Audrey returned to work as a supply teacher, which she continued to do for seventeen years. In 1993 Sidney Bobier passed away. Audrey and her family continue to live on the family farm on the Muster Side Road.

Audrey has been a member of the Museum Board for six years. Recently she was appointed Programme Convenor for the Goulbourn Township Historical Society.

Isabel Crawford-Archival Research for the G.T.H.S.

Isabel is the daughter of William and Lewella (Garland) Lewis, pioneer settlers to Goulbourn Township, arriving in 1828. Isabel was born on the family farm, which is now Herron Lake Estates. She attended S.S.#4 Goulbourn (Dwyer Hill) and Richmond Continuation School. In 1933 Isabel married George Crawford, who lived in North Gower. In 1939 they moved to their farm in Richmond. Isabel and George have two sons and two daughters. Isabel has been a member of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in Richmond since 1939. She is a member of St. John's Parish Council.

Isabel has been a member of the G.T.H.S. since 1983. She was an enthusiastic member of the Reenactment group active in the Society at that time. Isabel assists in the Archives of the Goulbourn Township Historical Society. As a long time resident of the Township she is particularly helpful to those people working on family genealogies.

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

Nancy Dale	Toronto, Ontario
Dorothy Moore	Richmond, Ontario
David Ross	Calgary, Alberta
Jim Stanzell	Gloucester, Ontario

Condolences

It is with regret that the Society notes the death of Lifetime Member, Roberta Godkin. Roberta was an active member of the G.T.H.S., since its early days. Our condolences go out to members of her family.

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.

VANITY, ALL IS VANITY

This old nursery rhyme was taken from
"Sulfur & Molasses" by Audrey Armstrong

The fair maid who, on the first of May
Goes to the woods at break of day
And bathes in the dew from the hawthorn tree
Will ever after handsome be.

LOOKING BACK

PURITY IN COURTSHIP (Taken from the
G.T.H.S. Newsletter of June 1, 1985)

Since the months of May and June have been associated with love, courtship and marriage since time immemorial, the Society thought it fitting and proper to remind the young and the young-at-heart of the proper way to court, as taken from this 19th Century authority on the subject "A complete Sexual Science and Guide to Purity and Physical Manhood". The original printing of this article by the Society was respectfully dedicated to Society member Brian Bowrin and his blushing bride Linda Ganim. The Society sent wishes for a long and happy marriage.

"...All men feel much better for going a courting, provided they court purely.

Nothing tears the life out of a man more than lust, vulgar thoughts and immoral conduct..."

"...Kissing, fondling and caressing between lovers should never be tolerated under any circumstances, unless there is an engagement to justify it, and then only in a sensible and limited way. The girl who allows a young man the privileges of kissing her or putting his arms around her waist before engagement will at once fall in the estimation of the man she has thus gratified and desired to please..."

"...A young man and a young woman had better not be alone together very much until they are married. This will be found to prevent a good many troubles. Kisses and caresses are the monopoly of wives. Such indulgences have a direct and most powerful physiological effect. ...Nay, they often lead to the most fatal results..."

“...A good long courtship will often cure many difficulties or ills of the sexual organs. Dress up, spruce up and be on the alert! Don’t wait too long to get one more perfect than you are; but settle on someone soon. Remember that your unsexed state renders you over-dainty and easily disgusted. So contemplate their lovable qualities...”

“...Statistics show that married men live longer than bachelors; and childbearing for women is conducive to longevity...”

“...Marriage purifies the complexion, removes blotches from the skin, and invigorates the body...”

“...A young couple rushing to bed together in their animal passion soon produce nervous and irritating conditions. Young husbands should always wait for an invitation to the banquet and they will be amply repaid by the very pleasure thought. Invitation or permission delights, while passion by force degrades...”

“...Marrying small waists is attended with consequences scarcely less disastrous than marrying rich and fashionable girls. Small waists indicate small and feeble vital organs, a delicate constitution, sickly offspring and a short life. Young man, beware of them therefore, unless you wish your heart broken by the early death of your wife and children...”

“...Drugs which moderate strong desire: Among one of the most common domestic remedies is camphor. The safest domestic remedy is a strong tea made out of hops. Saltpeter and nitrate of potash, if taken in moderate quantities are also excellent remedies...”

“...Coffee drunk excessively causes debilitating effects upon the sexual organs. To restore lost manhood, rye, corn and Graham bread, oatmeal, cracked wheat and plenty of fruit is a splendid medicine...”

A LITTLE PIECE OF HISTORY

A BILL TO CONTROL FEMALE DRESS EXTRAVAGANCE

In the February 1972 issue of the “Costume Society of Ontario’s” Newsletter we noted with great interest that back on April 1, 1859 a Bill was introduced to the Parliament of the Canada’s, which attempted to regulate and control female extravagance of dress.

Following are a few excerpts from Bill 99, 2nd Session, 6th Parliament, 22 Victoria:

“Whereas...it has been shown...that the Ladies of this Province have degenerated in their ideas of beauty and propriety; have deserted the wise and modest apparel of their ancestors and adopted in lieu thereof the flowing and elaborate skirts, supported and

sustained in their amplitude by certain contrivances of Springs, Ladders, Hinges, etc., and a certain other Apparatus know by the name of Crinoline...and the gaudy and expensive Trimmings, Fashions and Appurtenances which evil and designing persons have introduced into this country from a neighbouring Republic...And whereas it hath now become necessary for the clearing of the Public Thoroughfares...the said article...should be regulated and reformed...

No female above the age of forty shall wear, deck, or bedizen in any Underskirt...the pattern of which shall be red and black striped...or any other pattern approaching to chess or draughtboard pattern, or in any other pattern or colour which shall be likely to cause the taking fright of any horse, ox, or ass...”

DID YOU KNOW (Taken from the book titled “What is it?” written by Lorraine O’Byrne in 1977.)

Where and what does the phrase “STRAITLACED” come from and mean?: To be fashionable through much of the nineteenth century women were obliged to

wear tightly laced bodices creating a narrow or straight look. Many of these fashion conscious females were so well strapped in, in whalebone corsets, that they were barely able to move. Very early it became popular to refer to persons of strict conduct and unchanging views as “straitlaced”.

MUSEUM NOTES:

Opening day at the Museum this year was Sunday, May 23. We are grateful to the “Upper Canada Dancers”, directed by Nigel Kilby, for their wonderful music and entertainment. A special thank you is extended to the McKee family for setting up the Loyalist camp. We had approximately sixty visitors stop by the Museum and take in the activities.

We have had 228 visitors to the Museum since our opening. 315 visitors have been through the Museum since January of this year. These numbers include visits by school groups and attendance at Historical Society meetings. Sunday attendance averages out to 20 persons per Sunday. This number is inflated, however, by our opening day attendance (60) and the Anglican Church cemetery blessing (46). Both events took place on Sundays. Generally, Sunday attendance has been between 3 visitors and 18 visitors.

The heat and humidity have presented a problem at the Museum this year. Even with three fans circulating the air, we have had a number of people leave with heat related illnesses. Climatologists are telling us these extreme weather patterns may be around for a while, so I don’t expect this year is one of a kind. It is unlikely visitors are going to come to a facility when the humidity makes it feel like 40°C. These conditions are also

extremely hard on our artifacts and documents. According to Provincial standards for Museum collections, temperatures should range between 68°F and 74°F. The temperature should not fluctuate more than 1°F per month. Likewise, humidity should be between 47% Relative Humidity and 53% RH, with a daily fluctuation not to exceed 2%. These are basically the same conditions that humans find most comfortable. It is the fluctuations in temperature and humidity that are most damaging to Museum collections.

The gift shop is working out quite well. Since our opening day we have sold \$280.00 in merchandise. Canada Day sales were \$111.00, this is obviously a big part of the \$280.00 total. We believe the bulk of our sales will occur at local events, where so many people are in attendance. We have acquired \$509.70 in gift store inventory, all of which is on consignment. Items that we are unable to sell can be returned to the wholesaler within a specified period of time. We believe the gift shop will become a significant part of our Museum funding in the future.

Henry Darvell is reportedly near completion of the landscaping plan for Stanley’s Corners. This project will enhance the appearance of the Museum site and make it a pleasant area for families or cyclists to picnic or just relax.

In order for the Museum to be successful there are a number of initiatives that have to be undertaken at the same time.

First, one of the most important functions of the Museum is to present a concise local history of Goulbourn Township. Museum exhibits including photographs and documents should provide Goulbourn residents and visitors with an overview of the early years in the Township and its subsequent growth.

Secondly, the research centre at the Museum should encourage historical research on various aspects of the Goulbourn community, including community life, local organizations and family genealogies. Two research centres operating within the Township ensure our resources are easily accessible to the population.

The Newsletter, Website, Guest Speakers and our participation in local events are all part of the package needed to ensure the success of the Historical Society and Museum. An attractive exterior to the Museum site completes the entire program. When these initiatives are all underway, we believe we will be close to fulfilling the objectives laid out by the Historical Society in our by-laws.

Barry Roberts (Vice President of the G.T.H.S.) and I have been contacted by the Trillium Corporation, regarding our \$25,000.00 grant application. The Trillium Corporation received 40 applications for grants from our local area (Ottawa-Carleton). Many thanks to Barry Roberts for his work on this application. The correct wording of these forms is pivotal, as grant organizations have very specific requirements. I believe we provided Trillium with a very clear picture of the work done by the Museum and the Historical Society.

Our Canada Day exhibit at the Jock River Park included a “25th Anniversary of Goulbourn” display. A series of news clippings highlighted some of the major issues of this period, and covered a time frame from before the Amalgamation up to the time of the building of the Municipal building. Thanks to the volunteers who helped out at our Canada Day booth, as well to those who have taken a shift at the Museum on Sundays. We rely on your commitment and support.

By: Donna Keays-Hockey, Curator

Add a smile to your day (some creative cemetery transcriptions)

Care of the Internet

In a London, England cemetery:

Ann Mann
Here lies Ann Mann
Who lived an old maid
But died an old Mann.
Dec. 8, 1767

Memory of an accident in a Uniontown, Pennsylvania cemetery:

Here lies the body
Of Jonathan Blake
Stepped on the gas
Instead of the brake.

In a Georgia cemetery:

“I told you I was sick!”

*****RECIPES*****

This recipe was found clipped into The Home Cook Book circa 1880.

HEAVENLY HASH

Slice six oranges, one pineapple and six bananas. When you have pared the skins off, lay the sliced bananas in a chilled glass bowl; sprinkle them with fine sugar and chopped nuts. Next, have a layer of oranges, sugared, and nuts: then, one of pineapple, sugared, and nuts; lastly, a stratum of oranges cut small, and strawberries, mixed lightly together, not to bruise the berries. Cover deep with whipped cream, garnish with candied cherries and set in the ice.

I may be flattering myself when I think this is the nicest recipe for Heavenly Hash you have had. (Noted by Mrs. G. G. (Frederick City, Md.)

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.