

## **The Goulbourn News**



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### **COMING EVENTS**

The G.T.H.S. Programme Committee will not be having any guest speakers during the summer months. Some ideas are in the workings and any updates will be noted in future Issues of the 'Goulbourn News', in the local papers or the local membership will be called.

We would like to wish you all a wonderful summer.

### **WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOME CREATIVE IDEAS**

Are there some creative artists out there? The Goulbourn Township Historical Society is looking for a new logo – one which will reflect the former Township's history. If you are interested and would like to submit an idea, please email or call the Museum (both are noted above).

### **Costumes and Clothing**

The Museum and the Historical Society are trying to increase their collection of wearable costumes for museum activities and heritage events. Do you have some items that are in your way or cluttering your house – items that could be useful to us? We are looking for old hats and caps, both men's and ladies. Also useful are flour sacks, feed sacks, aprons and various odds and ends. Also, if your Aunt left you a box of sewing supplies and buttons and cloth that are no use to you, please consider passing the whole box of old 'junk' along to us – maybe it would be a 'treasure' to us. Thankyou.

### **THE NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**

We are also looking for creative writers – memoirs, historical extracts, items of interest. All welcome. Please contact Virginia at 836-1556.

### **MUSEUM HOURS**

During the summer, the Goulbourn Museum will be open Tuesday to Friday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., as well as Sunday afternoons, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

## LOOKING BACK

### The Hidden House

Just so no reader gets as confused as I was:

Concession 9 fronts on 9<sup>th</sup> Line (Flewellyn Rd)  
Concession 10 fronts on 10<sup>th</sup> Line (Fernbank Rd)  
Concession 11 fronts on 11<sup>th</sup> Line (Abbott St)  
Lot 26 lies on the East Side of Shea Rd



The Pig Gate

Most drivers negotiating the dog-leg at Shea and Fernbank fail to notice the fine stone farm house on the NE corner of the intersection with a giant cut-out pig on the gate. In the winter it hides behind cedar trees and in summer it disappears behind maples in leaf. An effort to describe its history was side-tracked by the intriguing family history of Richard Flewellyn, first owner of the house, so we end up with two interwoven stories.

The house stands on the corner of Concession 10 Lot 26. Edward Bassett and his wife obtained the Patent for the rear  $\frac{1}{4}$  from the Crown on 22 January, 1840 and for the remaining  $\frac{3}{4}$  on 2 December 1851. Bassett is also shown as the owner of C11 L26 on Walling's 1863 map. "Richard Flewellyn & wife" purchased all 195 acres of C10L26 on 14 December 1869. In June

1870 a four-acre slice at the rear was purchased by the advancing Canada Central Railway Company (and is now part of the Trans Canada Trail).



The Flewellyn homestead 2006

Wilma Kelly, Richard's great-grand daughter, searched the 1871 census to determine that Richard Flewellyn was born in Ireland in 1835. His wife, Margaret Boyle was born in 1839, also in Ireland. They came to Canada in 1863, accompanied by four-year old John. The voyage was undoubtedly a difficult time, particularly for Margaret, as William was born en route. According to oral history, a son named Robert had died at the age of two, probably in Ireland. Richard Henry was born in 1864, followed by George, James, Margaret Emma and Margaret Elizabeth at two-year intervals, Harriet in 1879, Beatrice (also called Bertha) in 1881 and Mabel in 1884.

In 1874 (the earliest Assessment Roll we have) Richard is shown living on 24½ acres of C11L26 owned by John Kemp, and owning C10L26. It is not clear (to me) where the Flewellyns lived until 1876 when the Goulbourn Township Assessment Roll shows the population at C10L26 increased from one to ten persons. We can perhaps assume that C11L26 offered adequate accommodation for the family while Richard was busy clearing and building on C10L26, permitting them all to gradually occupy their home starting in 1876. The 1877 Collector's Roll shows 9 cattle, 8 sheep, 2 hogs and 4 horses at C11L26. By 1879, he no longer

rented this property and a similar number of livestock was shown at C10L26 where 50 acres had been cleared.

By 1883, 75 acres were cleared, probably with help of the older boys, and things seemed to be going well, although the family experienced another tragedy in 1881 when William died at the age of 18.

After many spelling variations, the assessor finally got the name right as Flewellyn in 1884. Cleared acreage totalled 155, sustaining 13 cattle, 20 sheep, 3 hogs and 5 horses. However, the next few years must have been difficult because both the cleared acreage and the livestock reduced slightly in 1888.

In 1889, an orchard was established. The property was assessed at \$2,800. Richard was 65 in 1900, but still going strong. He had 21 cattle, 12 sheep, 15 hogs and 6 horses. It must have been about this time that Richard Henry decided to "Go West" and he farmed in Saskatchewan for the rest of his life (he died in 1960). John also seems to have departed, leaving James, George and the five girls at home.

James moved out of the family home, probably in 1902, with his purchase of 100 acres, 80 cleared, of C9L26. He is listed there alone until 1911 when he married Mary Jane Spearman.

In 1903 George started a long association with the Farmer's Independent Cheese Factory, perhaps even starting it because milk production at C10L26 increased significantly with 28 cattle, growing to 40 the next year. In the same period the other livestock decreased.

From 1904 to 1907 the situation at C10L26 was fairly stable but appeared to deteriorate in 1908 when only 125 acres (25 decrease) were shown as cleared. In 1909 only 96 acres were cleared. However, at the same time, the building assessment moved from \$350 to \$3,000 and property from \$3,300 to \$5,000. The increased assessment could be attributed to building the stone house we admire today. (If so, it casts doubt on 1886 date carved into the wall as being the date of construction. Perhaps the example of the Grants on Hazeldean Road was followed: When the Robert Grant house was rebuilt after the 1870 fire, 1822 was carved on the lintel to mark the date of building the original house.) Richard, then 73, transferred the East Half of the property to George in 1909.

George's hand is visible in the 1910 assessment when the cleared acreage was restored to 160 with 35 listed as "slash." Richard had replaced George at the cheese factory, shown as located at C12L11, although this location (Jinkinson Rd and Hwy 7) is suspect. Later, Richard and George are shown as joint owners of 160 acres of C12L11 which had no residents shown so Richard probably continued to live at the family home.

This convenient arrangement continued during the war years until 1917 when the building assessment of C10L26 decreased to \$2,200 and property increased to \$6,900.

The Assessment Roll for 1918 is the last one in the Township Archives. That was the year Richard died at the age of 83 and George inherited the West Half. Richard's wife Margaret had died in 1887. Of their eleven children only John, Richard Henry and James married. "R.H"



went to Saskatchewan and John also leaves this story. Today, James' grandson Jim and his wife Lisa farm the property on the 9<sup>th</sup> Line (Flewellyn Road).

George continued to farm until his death in August 1945. Bare facts likely hide what must have been a very traumatic time for George's surviving sisters. By quit claim deed executrix Margaret transferred the property to Harriet for one dollar in 1946. The following year it was sold to George A. Jamieson for \$8,000 and the Flewellyn name disappeared from C10L26. George Jamieson fell behind in his taxes and Alvin Jamieson paid back taxes of \$729 in 1954. The Land Register shows that George A. Jamieson and his wife sold the property to William Paul in 1957 for \$14,000. Dorothy and Bill Jones, the current owners, purchased a sub-divided ten acres including the house in 1962. The remaining 185 acres await a decision on the current controversy regarding a large housing development

Dorothy, a war bride, recalls that the house was in "a pretty good-sized mess" when they moved in, but the couple restored it and happily raised their daughter in the peaceful countryside. She also pursued a life-time love of pigs, initiated during a farm visit in England when she was only four years old. Today, her farm boasts a huge cut-out pig on the gate and a superb pig wind vane on the barn. Inside are some 200 stuffed and china pigs surrounded by pig calendars and pig ornaments. She will be pleased to learn that Richard Flewellyn also favoured pigs and had 29 in 1903.



The Pig Wind Vane

Observation from Bernie...

Changing Attitudes!

The Goulbourn Township Assessment Rolls from 1874 to 1918 only identify women if they are *Spinster* or *Widow*. Margaret Flewellyn, wife of Richard, for example, who had eleven children, one born while crossing the Atlantic Ocean in 1863, and died at the age of 48, does not get a mention. But dogs and bitches are enumerated every year.

Bernie Shaw March 2006

Note from Virginia

I would sincerely like to express my thanks to Bernie for providing this article to print in the G.T.H.S. "Goulbourn News". He visited the owners, then compiled the information and gave us a very interesting article to read.

**THOUGHT TO PONDER**

**OLD STORYTELLER WHO REPEATS TALES DESERVES UNDERSTANDING AUDIENCE**

This 'Thought' comes from the Ottawa Citizen's, Dear Abby column (2000).

**Blow The Rest Away**

Wheat, after the harvest, must be thrashed  
To separate the chaff from the grain.  
The chaff is light and worthless,  
And is easily blown away.  
The things people say to us  
Are a lot like the wheat.  
Some of it has truth and value, and  
Some of it, like the chaff, is worthless.  
Sometimes people will tell the same jokes and stories  
over and over,  
say provocative things, just to get your attention,  
quickly overreact to your viewpoints,  
always play the devil's advocate, or just talk and talk and talk.  
People usually have a reason for what they say, and  
We need to listen carefully, and even  
Look behind their words, and between the lines  
To separate the chaff from the grain,  
Keep what is worthwhile, and  
With a quiet, patient understanding,  
**Blow The Rest Away.**

## The Newsletter

Would you be interested in receiving your Newsletter on-line? This will help the G.T.H.S. by saving on the cost of envelopes and postage. Please let us know. Our new email address is indicated on page 1.

\*\*\*\*\*RECIPES\*\*\*\*\*

These recipes were found in one of the many cookbooks that are in the Museums collection.

### Titled, Helen Gougeon's Original Canadian Cookbook

*This book was compiled in the 50s from recipes that I had collected all across Canada and published in my column when I was food editor of Weekend Magazine.*

## NUTMEG BEETS

*This is one of those recipes, almost too simple to mention, except that it points up the use of a spice, usually associated with desserts. Nutmeg is fine with spinach, onions, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, green peas, succotash and sweet potatoes. It's good in soups, too.*

1 can beets, diced or cut into strips,  
OR freshly cooked beets

2 tbsp. butter  
Dash of nutmeg

Heat beets and drain.

Toss with butter and a dash of nutmeg

*This is one of those dishes, which gain a reputation for a cook. It is the extra dish, the unexpected treat which can even be eaten with a salad, as a main course.*

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### DID YOU KNOW

(Taken from the book titled "What is it?" written by Lorraine O'Byrne in 1977.) Where and what does the phrase "Dyed in the Wool" come from and mean?: Cloth woven from dyed wool is more thoroughly and evenly coloured

and will retain its colour better than material dyed in the piece. The fleece will absorb the dye through and through. A person described as 'dyed in the wool' has characteristics, which are unlikely to change.

**NOTE: If you have not been receiving the mass email on program committee events and wish to receive it. Please email Peter Holmes at [petcan@ca.inter.net](mailto:petcan@ca.inter.net)**

### ADD A SMILE TO YOUR DAY

*Coffee Companion©Facilitations*

The banker fell overboard from a friend's sailboat. The friend grabbed a life preserver, held it up, not knowing if the banker could swim, and shouted, "Can you float alone?" "Well, you would need some sort of collateral," the banker replied, "but this is a heck of a time to talk business."

**Membership Renewals:** Please check your membership renewal date found on our mailing envelope under the return address label. The timely payment of Membership Dues will make it easier for the Society to keep up with our expenses.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
To the Goulbourn Township Historical Society

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town or City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal amount: \_\_\_\_\_ single \_\_\_\_\_ family \_\_\_\_\_ sub-total: \_\_\_\_\_  
New member: \_\_\_\_\_ single \_\_\_\_\_ family \_\_\_\_\_ sub-total: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation to the G.T.H.S.: \_\_\_\_\_ sub-total: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation to the Goulbourn Museum: \_\_\_\_\_ sub-total: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ **Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (Authorization for disbursement of funds)

The cost of membership in the Goulbourn Township Historical Society is \$15.00 per year. This rate applies to either a single or family membership. Please make your cheque payable to "The Goulbourn Township Historical Society" and mail it to The Goulbourn Township Historical Society and Museum, 2064 Huntley Road, P.O. Box #621, Stittsville, Ontario K2S 1A7.

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** Donations made to the Goulbourn Township Historical Society and/or the Goulbourn Museum (of \$10 or more) will be given official tax receipts for income tax purposes.

Members of "The Goulbourn News" committee are: Hilda Moore, Georgia Derrick and Virginia Notley. Questions or suggestions regarding the Newsletter can be directed to Virginia at 836-1556. For information concerning the Obituary section please call Hilda at 838-2274.



## *Obituaries - Goulbourn Residents*

**CLARK, WILLIAM DOUGLAS** – of Richmond – On March 31, 2006, aged 62, husband of Alison and father of Adam (Deeanna) and the late Tammy. Also survived by two grandchildren and his mother-in-law Eileen Taman.

**DUNCAN, LILLIAN** (nee Craig) – of Richmond – On February 27, 2006, aged 85, wife of Ross McLeod Duncan and mother of Judy Jones (Danny), Beth Staton (Myke), Ruth McEwan (Dave), Carol Duncan and Laura Habgood (Mitch). Survived by 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren as well as her brothers Eric (Betty) and Eldon (Norma) and sister Orma (Bob Sturrock).

**GOOD, WILLIAM ROBERTSON** – of Richmond – On April 1, 2006, in his 74<sup>th</sup> year. Son of the late Edward and Elizabeth Good and brother of Bessie McCurdy (Gordon) and Doug (the late Zelda).

**GREEN, MAY VIOLET** (nee Preston) – of Richmond – On March 6, 2006, in her 62<sup>nd</sup> year, wife of Hilliard and mother of Graham and Neil (Jamie-Lynn). Daughter of the late Violet (Morrison) and Earl Preston. Survived by 12 brothers and sisters and their families, as well as her mother-in-law Fern Green.

**PRETTY, ARNOLD ROBERT** – of Stittsville – On April 25, 2006, in his 69<sup>th</sup> year, husband of Shirley McCoy and father of Barry (Karen), Ron (Cheryl), Kevin (Debbie) and Terry (Rhonda). Also survived by 9 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, sisters Lois Hudson (Gary) and Cathy Halliwushka (Mike) and a brother Lionel.

## *Obituaries - Former Goulbourn Residents*

**GARLAND, Col. JOHN WILBURN** – Born June 15, 1922, in Richmond to the late Elmer and Beatrice (Trimble) Garland, died in Chicago, Illinois, on March 29, 2006. Husband of Susan and the late Dorothy. Survived by 3 children in B. C. as well as his brothers and sisters Gordon (Myrtle), Bruce (Joan), Kathleen Burley (Harold) and Dorothy Cassidy (the late A. Lorne). Predeceased by his brother Bower.

**HEALEY, HARRY** – On April 11, 2006, husband of the late Lena Healey and father of David (Sheryn) and Tom (Betty). Predeceased by his brothers Wilbert and Kenneth (Irene).

**KNOX, DONALD STUART** – Born in Richmond on May 7, 1934, to Stuart and Lily Knox, died March 14, 2006. Predeceased by his wife Theresa Goyer, his parents and his sister Elaine (Keith Gamble). Survived by his brothers Allan (Peggy), Trevor (Geri), Everett (Marion) and Larry (Anita), as well as his step-daughter Brenda (Richard Dagenais) and 2 grandchildren.

**SAMPLE, ELDON ALEXANDER** - In Brockville in March 2006, in his 87<sup>th</sup> year, son of the late George and Alice (Roffey) Sample. Survived by his wife Hazel (nee Hammond) and children Gordon (Kay) and Ruth McKenzie as well as 3 grandchildren and his sister Rose Machlin.

## Obituaries - Out-of-town Relatives

**BOUCHARD, RICHARD** – On April 28, 2006, aged 59, brother of Denis (Linda) of Stittsville.

**CATON, JOAN FRANCES** (nee Darlington) – On April 3, 2006, in her 67<sup>th</sup> year, mother of Wendy Hall (Doug) of Stittsville.

**CHAMPION-DEMERS, FRANK** – Of Levis, Quebec, on April 23, 2006, aged 73, father of Cathy Bureau (Richard) of Stittsville.

**DE BRUIJN, DEBBIE** (nee Stuyt) – On March 29 2006, aged 32, sister of Mary (Bruce) LeBlanc of Stittsville and Diane Stuyt of Richmond.

**HELGASON, RUSSELL BERNARD** – On April 15, 2006, in his 81<sup>st</sup> year, father of Peter (Maribeth) and David (Rosalind) of Stittsville.

**HYLAND, MELVILLE J.** – In Kingston on April 6, 2006, aged 92, father of Roy Hyland (Lorna) of Richmond.

**LaFONTAINE, VIVIAN MAE** (nee McClelland) – On April 21, 2006, in her 86<sup>th</sup> year, mother of Elaine Ralph (Robert) of Richmond.

**MacDONALD, RANALD JOSEPH** – Of Alexandria, on April 18, 2006, aged 77, father of Susan McDonald (Christopher) of Munster.

**McELHERAN, MARGARET ROSE** (nee Trimper) – On April 11, 2006, in her 65<sup>th</sup> year, daughter of Alvina (late Ron Lusk and the late Douglas Trimper) of Richmond.

**MOODIE, DONALD LORNE** – On March 2, 2006, aged 60, son of Aubrey and the late Ella Moodie of Richmond and brother of Edna, Douglas, Sheila and Judy.

**MURPHY, JENNIE ILLENE** – At Salt Spring Island, B. C., on March 9, 2006, sister of Bertha Hannum of Stittsville.

**NICHOLAS, ROY JOSEPH** – of Arnprior, on April 19, 2006, aged 79, father of Terry (Diana) of Stittsville.

**SEED, MABEL MARGARET** – On March 15, 2006, in her 98<sup>th</sup> year, mother of Michael (Sheila) formerly of Munster Hamlet.

**SUMMERS, EVA** – In Winchester on March 30, 2006, mother of Cleo (John) Sardino of Stittsville.

**ST-JEAN, LUCIEN** – On April 7, 2006, aged 78, brother of Gerald St-Jean of Stittsville.

**TOLTON, IAN HAROLD** – On April 3, 2006, aged 35, son of Marie and the late Harold Tolton and brother of Eden (Mark Poirier) of Richmond.

**WAKERELL, ROBERT ARTHUR** – In Carleton Place on April 8, 2006, n his 74<sup>th</sup> year, brother of Don (Pat) of Richmond.

**WARWICK, JOHN GRAHAM** – Of Monkland, on April 14, 2006, aged 58, brother of Susan (Bill Clark) of Stittsville.

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