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Papa Chambers used to deliver milk every day to the people of Stittsville. His house was located on what is now Jonathan Pack Street, near the corner of Abbott Street. This photo was taken sometime in either the late 1920's or early 1930's.

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ANNUAL PROGRAM CALENDAR FOR 2013

Mark these important dates on your calendar! We encourage everyone to come out throughout the year to enjoy the many events that Georgia Derrick and her team have arranged for the GTHS. If you can provide some baking or help with the set-up for the events, please contact Fran McCarthy at 613-831-1036 or email her at: francath39@sympatico.ca. She will be delighted to receive your assistance because as you know many hands, make light work.

February 16 – Heritage Program, Stittsville Library
March 16 – Voices of Goulbourn with Linda Preston and Cheryl McCoy, Stittsville Legion
April 20 – Antique Time Pieces – Presentation and Appraisals with Grant Perry, Stittsville Legion
May 18 – History of the Rotary Club, Stittsville Library
June 15 – History of Firefighting, Stittsville Library plus Firehall visit
October 19 – The Masons at Goodwood Masonic Lodge, Richmond
November 16 – Military Men with Dave Brown, Stittsville Legion
December 15 – Traditions of the Season

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

We are starting 2013 with a couple of new people in place who we think will be able to contribute fresh ideas and different perspectives to our Society. Lesley McKay, who was born and raised in Stittsville and has many connections to people throughout Goulbourn Township, is the new editor of our newsletter. She is open to ideas you might have about our newsletter and would be happy to hear from you.



**New Board Member
Lynne Blenk**



**New Editor
Lesley McKay**

Our second new person is Lynne Blenk who is the newest member of the Board of Directors. She lives near Munster and she and her family are very involved in doing re-enactments, especially of the 84th Regiment of Foot. Lynne has recently retired and worked as a civilian for National Defence for many years. She and her husband were also very active with the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts as their children, two sons and daughter, were growing up.

New Project

One of the things done at the beginning of each new year, is to decide where we will focus our energies in the coming year. This year, we have decided to take on the challenge proposed by longtime member Lillian Hobbs at our AGM – to work on a plaque commemorating the Holiness Movement, the Methodist Campground which later became the Mapledene Camp. The campground attracted people from Ottawa and even

further away, to come to Stittsville to take part in its activity, which in 1920 would have been quite a trek. One of our members, Reta Desmaisons, has agreed to head a small committee to research the background and perhaps gather people's memories of their time at the camp. The Methodist campground was located in Stittsville, behind Alexander Grove in the area where the soccer field is now. We hope to hold an event in conjunction with the placing of the plaque.

Family Histories

Many people are fascinated by their family history and our Archives are proving to be a popular source of information for them. If your ancestors came to Goulbourn in the 1800's, you may have some information that could be added to our files.

If you do, please contact Evelyn Leroux at 613-836-7576 lashleroux@sympatico.ca in Stittsville, or Joan Darby at 613-838-5692 darbyjoan@sympatico.ca in Richmond.

We would be very happy to receive additional material for our files.

We also encourage all members to visit the Stittsville or Richmond Libraries to see what is in our files. In Stittsville, you need to sign in at the Library Information desk to gain access to the files. You can also browse through our history magazines or view the Library's collection of Local history reference books.

Programs

Our Heritage Day program at the Stittsville Library on Feb. 16th was well-attended and had a bevy of colourful costumed characters to meet and greet people coming into the library. Railway Bob had an attentive audience for his railway history display and Marion Scott met with a number of people interested in Richmond's history. The

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historic maps supplied by the Goulbourn Museum were very interesting and Evelyn Leroux was busy over at our Family and Social History Archives showing people the files, while John Bottriell explained how the Photo Archives worked to interested observers.

There's a great line-up of interesting speaker's for 2013 so keep the third Saturday afternoon of every month available to come and enjoy the presentations. The list of speaker's is elsewhere in this newsletter and also on our website at www.goulbournhistoricalsociety.org.

Costumed characters greeted visitors at the Historical Society's Heritage Day celebrations at the Stittsville Library on February 16th



"Railway Bob" with his display of local railway history at Heritage Day on February 16th

Last but not least, we've sold over 140 of the 150 copies we printed of Goulbourn Stained Glass so we're very pleased with the response to this book. Congratulations to all who worked on this project and especially to writer-researcher Bernie Shaw, without whom we would not have been able to accomplish our goal.

Barbara Bottriell

AGM REPORT



Listening to a point being made by Georgia Derrick (standing) at the recent AGM are: left to right, Lesley McKay, Doreen Bell, Robin Tilgner, Bernie Shaw, Phil Sweetnam and Evelyn Leroux

Our Annual General Meeting covering the year 2012 took place at the Stittsville United Church on January 19, 2013.

A change in our By-Laws was passed which will increase the number of Board members from 7 to 8 elected members, plus the Past-President who is an ex-officio member.



Hilda Moore thanking the Society for awarding her a Life membership

Elections for the Board of Directors took place and the following returning members were elected to a new three-year term: Barbara Bottriell, Jim Kirkpatrick, Mike Bryan, and Lee Boltwood. Lynne Blenk was elected to fill the newly added Board member's position. The following members of the Board still have either one or two years to run in their three-year term: John Brummell, Debbie Proulx and Tina Cockram.



Presentation to retiring GTHS Newsletter editor Virginia Notley

Special presentations were made to Hilda Moore, who received a Life Membership, and to Virginia Notley, who has retired after fourteen plus years as the editor of our newsletter.

In a separate meeting immediately after the AGM, the Board of Directors elected the following people to officer positions – President: Barbara Bottriell; Vice-President: Mike Bryan; Secretary: Jim Kirkpatrick; and Treasurer: Debbie Proulx.

AGM REPORT - Cont'd

The Society's financial statement was presented by Treasurer Debbie Proulx as follows:

Our opening bank balance was:	\$ 4,950.15
Our Net Income for the year was:	\$10,387.71*
Our Total Expenses for the year:	\$ 9,254.19*
Closing Bank Balance was:	\$ 6,083.67

*Includes \$2502.52 from Nevada GIC, cashed in to pay for the Great Fire Plaque.

We have a GIC worth \$6,267.98 on Dec. 31, 2012 and a Nevada Savings Account worth \$936.83 on Dec. 31, 2012.

Davis Bookkeeping was again appointed as our Auditor as their work has been very satisfactory

Reports were received from the following Standing Committees: Program, Publications, Newsletter, Membership, Outreach and Archival.

Under New Business, our new newsletter editor, Lesley McKay was introduced to the 39 members present at the AGM. Lillian Hobbs raised the matter of a plaque which would commemorate the presence of the former Methodist Campground in Stittsville. This idea generated a lot of enthusiasm among those present and the Board of Directors agreed to look into it.

The AGM dinner was provided by a team from Stittsville United Church and it was very well received by all those present.



Members lining up for a delicious turkey dinner at the recent AGM in January

NEW FUNDRAISING NUMBER FOR GTHS AT HURLEYS

(Submitted by Robin Derrick)

For the past several years members of the Goulbourn Township Historical Society have been able to help the Society raise needed funds while enjoying a meal at the same time.

About 10 years ago we were able to take advantage of an opportunity offered by the Broadway Bar & Grill Restaurant in Stittsville to form a "Team" (ours was team 396) and every time one of our team (GTHS member) ate at the restaurant and informed the server they were with team 396, 10% of the cost of the meal went into the Historical Society account. Our Society contact simply had to check (periodically) with the manager and a cheque in the amount of whatever was in our account was turned over to the Society's contact person.

In December of 2012, Broadway's closed, but the restaurant that took over the location, *Hurleys*, has agreed to honour the team system - with one small change. We will still receive the 10% of each meal going into our account but we now have a new team number. We are now *Team 3966*. So please feel free to enjoy a good meal at Hurleys, mention *Team 3966*, and continue to fundraise for the Goulbourn Township Historical Society.

Remember too - that if you dine at Bistro 54, also in Stittsville, and show your Historical Society membership card, you receive 10% of your meal cost deducted from your bill.

Keep eating, keep fundraising!

THE WINDOW DETECTIVE

(By Bernard Shaw)

Dispell all thoughts of Peeping Toms! This is a story about Church Windows!

Ideas have been floating around for many years about generating an inventory of the stained glass windows of Goulbourn Township. We all know the windows in our own church, but what about those works of art in the other churches? The Historical Society decided to do something about it and 'invited' me to get busy.

Required was a short history of each window and the associated family. The long-term objective was to combine this information with photographs in a book that would make the windows available to all and add a little township history. My enquiries were sometimes met with suspicion, which turned to universal support of the idea and assistance from dozens of people.

Some of the families left Scotland under the shadow of The Clearances that left them without a home or income. Refuge in Ireland, beset with a series of famines, was almost as bad. They and many more Irish moved to Canada with the hope of survival. They did survive – quite well – at the expense of hard work. Many descendants still live today on farms cleared by their ancestors. With the defeat of Napoleon and the joint British objectives of unloading troops and building a barrier against the United States ambition, Irish Regiments were disbanded here and land made available to them – giving a distinctly Irish character to Goulbourn.

My first expedition was to the Stittsville churches. The Catholic and Pentecostal Churches have no stained glass windows. Barbara Bottriel offered to

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THE WINDOW DETECTIVE - Cont'd

take over researching the windows of St. Thomas Anglican Church leaving only the United and Presbyterian Churches for me to investigate in Stittsville. An encouraging start!

Many of the church members have intriguing family histories. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, for example has a family member who left France when Louis IV lowered the boom on the Huguenots about 1685; after a shipwreck off of Boston's shore and several family generations en route, they made their way to Stittsville.

Two families, whom assisted Oliver Cromwell to defeat the Catholics in Ireland, circa 1650, were rewarded with conquered land. The two families prospered – eventually the son of one family and a daughter of the other married and gave both family names to their son. Left behind in England with the family of his deceased father, 20 years later, the son followed his mother to Canada where he married an Irish girl with connections in Carleton County and they settled in Ashton. There, the family line was interrupted, but re-emerged for the last time in Orleans, Ontario in 2010.

The windows investigation finds us a survivor of Napoleon's disastrous march to Moscow. As well as, numerous members of the British Army's Irish Regiments with the experience of many battles - notably the War of 1812. Among the Goulbourn facts uncovered in the investigation, I found that Ashton had street lighting with gas piped from the general store prior to 1920. The opening of the Ashton Methodist Church (now United) in 1898 was signaled by a solo, British to the Core, which inspired "rapturous applause".

Is it true that the Munster United Church has seats facing the door because the donor wanted to ensure that latecomers were seen by the whole congregation?

The log house of one parishioner was acquired by the National Museum in 1970 as a prime example of pioneer craftsmanship for the entrance to the Everyman's Heritage exhibit. That family can trace its history back to Scotland in 1179.

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Stained glass window dedicated to Martin Joseph Fergus and his wife Margaret S. Silver. Located in St. Clare's Catholic Mission Church, Dwyer Hill, Ontario

THE WINDOW DETECTIVE - Cont'd

Naturally, there were surprises. The biggest one for me was to find Dwyer Hill is in Goulbourn Township – and that the beautiful church there has 18 windows! I knew none of the families and thought finding the window stories of all of the families would be impossible. A kind and knowledgeable lady from the congregation recognized my dilemma and gave me a list of telephone numbers for them all. That church became the easiest of all the twelve to complete. Thank you, Tilly.



“Blessed are the Pure in Heart” – Partial view of window dedicated to Alix and Collis Lewis on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Located in St. John’s Anglican Church, Richmond, Ontario

An unusual church window was given to one couple to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. The husband was the Richmond bank manager – a victim of a robbery in 1938 which had this area in turmoil.


My journey has been one of appreciation and respect for the pioneers, particularly the wives who had large numbers of children to care for in impossible conditions. It is no coincidence then that most of the early wives died before their husbands. Many young men had ‘joined up’ during The Empire wars and two were awarded Distinguished Flying Crosses, one of which was awarded posthumously in 1918.

There are several mysteries I did not resolve like – How is it that one church could have two expensive windows installed in the 1920s by a well-known and popular family in the village – a relative visited the village up to 1955 and then bequeathed her property to the church – and not be remembered? The next windows were not installed until the 2000s.

From all the detective sleuthing, enough material presented itself to allow for the publication of the GTHS’s “Goulbourn Stained Glass” – a book that promises to enrich those that read it and is much appreciated by the families who have graciously provided these historical windows for all to see.

Membership Renewal


Please note that our official year for membership in the GTHS runs from April 1st to March 31st of the following year. With April 1st rapidly approaching, please feel free to use the application form at the back of this newsletter for your renewal and return it to the address provided.




Voices of Goulbourn Presentation - On Saturday, March 16th, a good turnout attended the presentation from local author Linda Preston which was hosted by the Goulbourn Historical Society and held at the Stittsville Legion. Linda, and her sister Cheryl who unfortunately couldn't attend, have collected stories and reminiscences of many Goulbourn residents and turned them into a fascinating series of books called "Voices of Goulbourn's Past". Linda took the crowd through volumes 1 and 2 of their books, elaborating on many of the stories that give a glimpse into the lives of those residing in Goulbourn over the years. The sisters are currently working on their third volume.

Many questions were posed to Linda: for example, how long does it take to complete a full segment for the book? Linda responded that at least 3 interviews are required and sometimes more and many alterations are made to the text in follow-up interviews. The presentation was an entertaining one as chuckles rippled through the audience when Linda shared some of the comical situations she and her sister have encountered during the process of this endeavour.

After the presentation, lively conversation and refreshments provided by Society members were enjoyed by all.



There will be an Ottawa Public Library genealogical presentation on **Home Children, April 6** at the **Library's Main Branch**, 120 Metcalfe Street, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Five speakers plus John Sayers will be bringing special records to assist people in researching their Home Child ancestor. This event is free, but registration required.



Do you want to know more about the older time pieces you may have, then attendance at the **Antique Time Pieces** to be held on **April 20** at the **Stittsville Legion** is the place to be. Grant Perry, a professional appraiser and collector, will give a presentation of time pieces through history. Bring along your watches and clocks and Grant will be pleased to give a quick appraisal of the item. Be sure to tell your friends of this event as everyone is welcome and all in attendance will definitely learn a lot more of what they own from this presentation. Who knows, it may spur you to start a new hobby: collecting antique time pieces!

There will be free refreshments and attendance is free as well. The Legion has handicapped accessibility on the north side of the building.

NEWS AND VIEWS - Cont'd

On **May 18** come and learn about the **History of the Rotary Club** at the **Stittsville Library**. You will discover the many ways the Rotary Club is instrumental in both domestic and international programs through the use of each member's expertise and the projects that they take on to promote understanding and peace. Through Rotary's leadership programs for young people, Rotary members assist in enhancing the development of our youth as they participate in these leadership activities.

So, come out and learn more of the important work that the Rotary Club has done over the years.

Imagine if the modern day equipment and today's firefighters existed when the Great Fire of 1870 took place – old Stittsville, or much of it, would probably have been saved. To learn more about the **History of Fire Fighting**, everyone is encouraged to attend this enlightening presentation at the **Stittsville Library** on **June 15**.

Eleven Women Facing War An exhibition of photos at the **Canadian War Museum** until **April 21**. This event is sponsored by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The **Ottawa Regional Heritage Fair** for students from grades 4 to 9 will take place on **April 23** at the **Canadian Museum of Civilization** (now known as the Canadian Museum of History). Society members are invited to view these inspiring exhibits.

A **Family History Conference featuring Ireland** will take place in Ottawa from **September 20-22**. It is sponsored by the British Isles Family History Society. The location is still to be announced, pending negotiations with Library and Archives Canada. Registration is at www.bifhsgo.ca.

Carleton University now offers an **MA program in Heritage Conservation** that explores the theory and practice of heritage conservation in an interdisciplinary setting.



DAYS OF YORE . . .

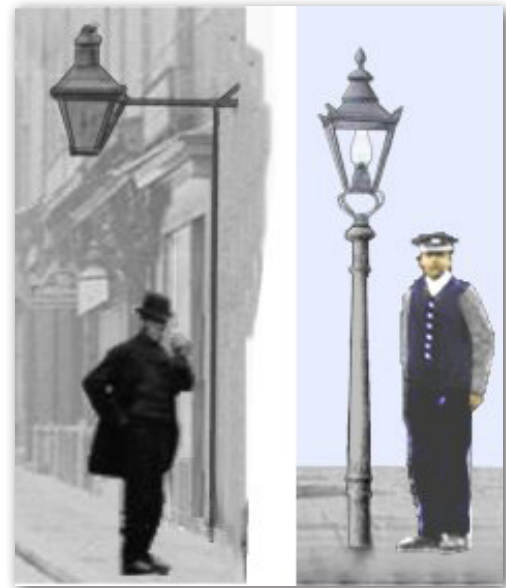
Stittsville's First Street Lights

(As told by Mrs. Garland Bradley,
nee Edna Switzer, from Country Tales, 1973)

About the year 1919, after the First World War, Stittsville Women's Institute decided that we should have something in the line of street lights. This, of course, was before the time of electricity, so the only lights available were gasoline.

Three lights were purchased – I think from a man by the name of Howard Moore – and installed. One was to be in front of my home, on what we called Vinegar Hill, and which is now the home of W.C. Switzer. Two others were located down near Green's Hotel and over the present Orange Hall.

Mr. Carleton Cathcart took care of the downtown ones, and I volunteered to light and take care of the one on our hill

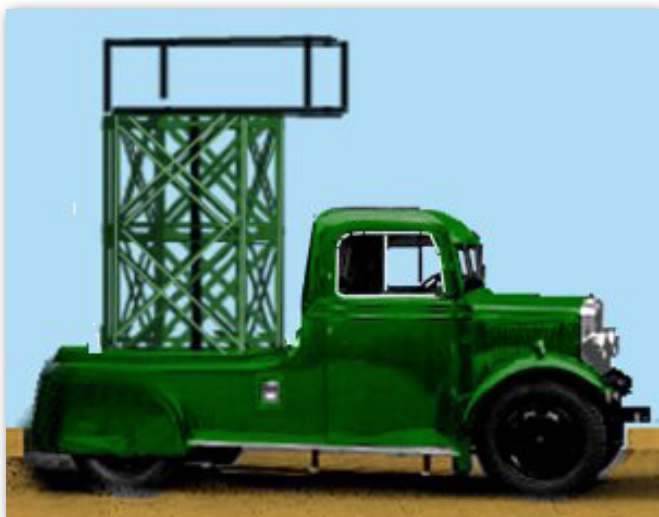


Two types of gas lamps that were in use during the Pre-World War II era

These lights were installed on the telephone poles, and lowered and raised by a rope and pulley. The light itself was a large globe with a hole in the bottom, fastened to the top which had two mantles and a sort of generator which had a hollow wire leading to a tank on the ground. Every day you put in the tank, a quantity of gas which was filtered through a chamois on a funnel; then you pumped in air to force the gas up to the light. When ready to light, you lowered the lamp, dipped a swab or torch on a wire into wood alcohol, lighted it with a match and inserted the flame through the hole in the globe, turned on the gas at the tank and prayed that it would light. Sometimes the wind would snuff your torch, and you would perform the operation all over again. If successful, you raised the lamp into the proper place.

The mantles which were used were little bags of net, with a drawstring which you tied around two sort of jets about one inch in diameter. These little bags became bags of ash when in use, and would disintegrate if you happened to touch them with the smallest object.

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Pre-World War II Street Light Service Truck

DAYS OF YORE - Cont'd

When the lights were operating properly, we had a beautiful white glow which the country people were able to see when entering the village from all directions. We also had our skating rink equipped with the same lamps, one at each end and one on a wire in the centre.

Of course, when you lighted the street lamp you had to see that it was turned off, or else let it burn until all the gas was used out of the tank. Very often, my husband, who was just a friend at that time, would take care of turning off the lamp when he would be going home at midnight or later.

PEARLS OF WISDOM ...

(Taken from the book by Lorraine O'Byrne in 1977)

Where does the phrase **"To Go Like a House on Fire"** come from and mean?

In early North American settlements, most homes were built of wood rather than stone and the danger of fire was always high. Many homes were isolated with help some distance off and often no easy access to water. Once such a building caught fire, it often burned to the ground so quickly that little could be salvaged. When something 'goes like a house on fire' it means with tremendous speed.



(Taken from Phrases, Cliches, Expressions and Sayings)

Do you know where **"Raise the Roof"** came from and what it means?

In my early childhood when I was misbehaving my grandmother told me that if my granddad knew what I was doing he would "raise the roof". My grandfather was a very handy guy indeed, and in my mind I imagined him using jacks or something to literally raise the roof off the house. That reprimand was completely lost on me. I asked my grandmother why he was going to raise the roof. She told me it was just a figure of speech - a comical suggestion that someone will explode in anger, thus raising the roof. In other words, my granddad would be shouting very loudly.

***And remember Minds are like parachutes ...they only function when they are open.
(Sir Thomas Dewar)***

GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT

Here are two recipes from two strong-minded women taken from *The Blue Book of Canadian Cuisine* by Eunice Taylor, 1985.

Treacle Tart

(The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)



1 8" pre-baked shortcrust pastry flan
Grated zest of a small lemon
2 tsp. lemon juice
6 fl. oz. golden syrup (corn syrup)
2 oz. fresh white breadcrumbs

Heat oven to 375 F. Grate lemon zest into a bowl and place over a saucepan of hot water. Add the lemon juice and golden syrup and mix together thoroughly. Then stir in the breadcrumbs. Using a spatula, spoon the mixture into the pastry shell. Place the pastry on a baking tray in the centre of the oven and cook for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Serves 6.

Scottish Raisin Bran Loaf

(Hon. Flora MacDonald, P.C.)



1 cup flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup bran
1 cup raisins
1 cup milk

Mix all ingredients together, pour into greased loaf pan. Bake at 350F for 1 hour or until straw comes out clean. This recipe is fast, easy and freezes well.

NOTE: If doubling recipe, use only 1&1/2 cups brown sugar.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

GOULBOURN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Full Address: _____
Phone: _____ e-mail: _____
Second Family Member (if applicable): _____
Second e-Mail address (if applicable): _____

Is this application for a **SINGLE MEMBERSHIP** (\$15/yr) _____
or a **Family Membership** (\$20/yr) _____ (two family members at the same address)?

Is this a **membership renewal** _____ or a **new membership** request _____
Do you wish to make a donation to the GTHS: _____
Would you be interested in volunteering with the GTHS: _____

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