All in character of past residents of Goulbourn Township.

Heritage Day 2016 at the Stittsville Public Library.
L – R: John Bottrieil, Barbara Bottrieil, Lee Boltwood, Robin Derrick, Marion Gullock, Hélène Rivest

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ANNUAL PROGRAM CALENDAR FOR 2016

Mark these important dates on your calendar! We encourage everyone to come out to enjoy the many events that Georgia Derrick has arranged for the GTHS in 2016. If you can provide some baking or assist with the pre-event set-up, please contact Fran McCarthy at 613-831-1036 or email her at: francath39@sympatico.ca. Fran will be delighted to receive your assistance because as you know many hands, make light work.

January 23, 12:00 noon – Annual General Meeting, Christ Church, Ashton
February 27, 1:30 pm – Heritage Celebration and Photo Display, Stittsville Library
March 19, 1:30 pm – Women in the World Wars, Goulbourn Museum
April 16, 1:30 pm – Clara’s Rib, Ottawa Sanitorium, Stittsville Library
May 21, 1:30 pm – The Grants of Goulbourn, Stittsville Legion
June 18, Time TBA – A Visit to Middleville Museum, Lanark County
October 15, 1:30 pm – The Irish Experience in the Ottawa Valley, Stittsville Legion
November 19, 1:30 pm – Soldiers in the World Wars, Stittsville Legion
December – Christmas Gathering – Place and Time TBA

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EDITOR’S REMARKS

Spring is around the corner and our new year of Programs has begun with a successful and busy February having taken place. The GTHS Heritage Day event was held on February 27 at the Stittsville Library. Present were costumed interpreters, exhibits and photos to view and there was great interest from the community which was evident by the attendance.

On February 16, some GTHS members bravely ventured out into the greatest snowstorm of the 2016 winter to participate in the Ottawa Heritage Day celebrations at Ottawa City Hall. This annual event brings together representatives from historical societies, museums and heritage groups who promote Ottawa’s heritage through literature, themed displays, costumes and entertainment. The theme for this year’s event was “Distinctive Destinations – Experience Historic Places”. GTHS put together a bookmark with a local map that points out our Goulbourn historic places that was given out at the event, as well as at our own Heritage Day event.

These are some photos shared by Lesley McKay on Heritage Day of the Orville and Ermel Parks (nee Faulkner) families dating from 1901 through to 1975.

Fran McCarthy, Marion Gullock and Lee Boltwood at Heritage Day - Stittsville Public Library - February 27, 2016

GTHS Display at Heritage Day - Stittsville Public Library - February 27, 2016

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Another endeavour that GTHS took on in February was to present a gallery of portraits in appreciation of our Goulbourn Township pioneers at the Artspace wall at the Stittsville Branch of the Ottawa Public Library. The presentation was on display for the month of February 2016.

These were a careful selection of images from our extensive photo archives celebrating the pioneer families of the former Goulbourn Township. Some of the images dated back to the late 1800’s and included studio portraits, group photos and airbrush portraits.

Also on display was a Scrapbook compiled by Mary Jane Argue and recently donated to the GTHS by Ellen Faulkner.

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During our February display of the “Pioneer Portraits” exhibition on the Artspace wall at the Stittsville Library, we provided a guest book for those attending from the community to sign and leave comments. Below, are some of the remarks we received from visitors and wanted to share them you.

“Great display!” Linda Noble
“Brings back memories”. Betty Turpin
“Great historical pictures.” K. Hobbs
“Loved the portraits. Thank you”. J. Chagnon
“What a gift these pictures are. Remarkable memories”. Nadja Davidson

Bradley-Craig Farmstead Update

As many of you are aware, our exasperation over what was to become of the Bradley-Craig, heritage-designated, barn was remedied by Ottawa Council on January 27. The Council allowed for the demolition and relocation of the barn with a vote of 20-3. The barn will be moved to Saunders Farm, near Munster, within two years. The removal will certainly take away from the farmstead feeling of the existing location. It was a sad loss for Stittsville as it has been a landmark on Hazeldean Road for centuries and is another piece of our heritage lost.

At Saunders Farm, their officials have assured everyone that the building will be maintained and it is to be placed outside of the parameters of the Farm whereby it will be free of charge for all to visit the barn.

The Board would like to thank everyone who supported us by expressing their concerns to the Society, writing to the City of Ottawa Planning Committee and who attended the public consultation meetings personally.

On the upside and an aside, the Boyd House on Huntmar Drive has finally received full Heritage designation. Although this house is not technically in Goulbourn Township, it is an issue that was brought to our attention and one which we have followed for some time. Now we will have to see what direction the developer will take for incorporating the home into his building plan.

Happy Spring!

Lesley McKay
Editor
10. Nepean Township Residents at Hog’s Back and Hartwell’s Locks in 1847

There is a lot of information in Bruce Elliott’s book The City Beyond, A History of Nepean Township. This book covers all of Nepean Township from its earliest days, including the Rideau Canal. The following map, from page 23 of the book, shows a map of French Canadian and Irish settlers at Dow’s Lake and Hog’s Back in 1847, the year of the potato famine in Ireland. Donald Kennedy (his wife was Catherine Ferguson) is the only Scot here on Ordnance Land in 1847. There is a photograph of his modern brick home on the east side of the canal beside Hartwell’s Locks where Carleton University is today in Harry and Olive Walker’s book: Carleton Saga, page 117. Mr. Kennedy later became a surveyor.

11. Using the 1879 Carleton County Digital Atlas

Among the holdings in our Library are hard copies of the Belden County Atlases for many counties of Ontario. Using these atlases, we can locate our ancestors in the relevant township where they settled and can pinpoint the location of their property – lot number, concession number and amount of acreage for their land.

We are not allowed to photograph material in the library but once again, we can use the public computer there to retrieve a digital image showing the property location in 1879. McGill University has digitized these large maps and we can access them on our computers. The URL for these maps is: http://digital.library.mcgill.ca/Countyatlas/search.htm
We can search for individual surnames or can view individual township maps.

Many of the canal workers were not itinerant labourers but instead became permanent settlers on farmland in the various townships adjacent to the Rideau Canal and carved farms out of the wilderness.

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The built-in Windows Snipping Tool allows the capture of all or a portion of the map showing the location of your ancestor’s property. This image can then be pasted into a Word document or saved onto your thumb drive. The map below has been extracted from the digital version of the Belden Atlas of 1879. It shows some of the folks who were renting land on ordnance property in 1847 have moved on to privately owned farms adjacent to Dow’s Great Swamp. Some of the surnames are STACKPOLE, NEVINS, MULLIGAN and KENNEDY. Gabriel TAILLON is the francophone neighbour of the STACKPOLE family. His son Jean was a godparent to some of the STACKPOLE second generation children.


12. Using Ancestry Institution at the OBOGS Library

There is free access to ancestry.com in our library. This is normally a paid subscription service for individual users but the version we have is provided free of charge for OBOGS computer users in the library. The URL is ancestryinstitution.com. Before accessing this URL, you need to be signed on to the Wi-Fi Network at the Library. This URL leads to original digital documents such as census data for Canada and the United States, Ontario birth marriage and death records (civil registration records). Also available are many church records available for Ottawa area churches. For example, the Drouin Records at http://www.ancestryinstitution.com begin 1829 for Notre Dame Cathedral on Sussex Drive. These records contain information on most of the Irish Catholic and Francophone Rideau Canal workers. Also available are most of the records for the early Protestant churches, except for Anglican records which require contacting the Anglican Diocese Archives on Sparks Street downtown. E-mail them at archives@ottawa.anglican.ca
GENEALOGY: PART 2 – RESEARCHING FAMILIES OF RIDEAU CANAL WORKERS IN THE OTTAWA, CANADA AREA USING RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT THE OBOGS – Cont’d

13. The Stacks at the OBOGS Library

This is a shot of some of our family histories at our Library. Hundreds of local family historians have submitted hard copies (and some electronic copies) of their own family research to our library to serve as a permanent repository for current researchers and for use by future generations. We can search for individual family histories by entering the surname into the search engine for the library catalogue on our website.

As you can see, there is a great variety of the types of family history publications that we have on our shelves. As you can see, some are hard covered published histories but many more are small duatang or cerlox publications that can vary from 2 or 3 pages to 100 pages. These all provide excellent research potential for you.

As well, we have over 500 cemetery transcripts available. They cover not only cemeteries in our own area, but across the province and many from other Canadian provinces and some from the USA too.

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14. Land Speculators

As soon as workers realized that the canal construction was coming to an end in 1832, there was a concentrated effort made by them to acquire farmland along the Rideau River. This led to the proliferation of a number of early land speculators. The major speculator was Charles Rowan who owned a tavern at 34 York Street in the Byward Market. His tavern attracted many of the Irish Catholic workers and he bought and sold many farm properties at his inn and arranged private land transactions between individual farmers-to-be. The tavern, owned later by his son John Rowan, is shown in the next picture. The source for this photograph is Ottawa: An Illustrated History, by Professor John H. Taylor, ISBN ISBN 0-88862-981-8, page 87.

Right, from the Belden Atlas in 1879, are shown two lots, marked in red, one of thirty acres and one of 50 acres on the Bowesville Road where the Ottawa International Airport is located today.


15. Real Life Example: The Michael STACKPOLE and Patrick CHRISTOPHER Families

On the 1828 militia list, Men of Upper Canada, Militia Nominal Rolls, 1828-29, by Bruce Elliott for the Ontario Genealogical Society, 1995, we have a John STACKPOLE, aged 19 and also a Michael STACKPOLE, no age given. Michael is likely the father of John STACKPOLE. Michael STACKPOLE signed the 1829 McCabe List Petition. He signed the petition with an “X” therefore Michael is unable to read or write. His exact location of origin is Glanworth, in the north of County Cork, Ireland and already here in Canada are 7 of his family members, 2 males and 5 females. Michael has two brothers, William and John back in County Cork and they can be recommended by Lieutenant Roberts of Shanballymore, County Cork. In Notre Dame Records which begin in 1829, there are additional children baptized beginning in 1831:

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10 Apr 1831 – Baptism of William, aged 1 week, Father: Michael STACKPOLE; mother: Margaret Haws; Witnesses: John Ryan and Honora STACKPOLE; Priest: Angus McDonell. A minor daughter marries in 1843: 16 May 1843. After the publication of one bann, marriage of Patrick O’NEIL, resident in this mission and adult son of Gerald / Garret O’Neil and Mary Burns of County Carlow, Ireland to Bridget STACKPOLE, resident in this mission and minor daughter of Michael STACKPOLE and Mary HAW of County Cork; Witnesses: James Black, Mary Hogan & others. The STACKPOLE family is still living on Ordnance Land at Hogsback after the canal construction is finished.

6 Oct 1833 – Marriage of Thomas Davy and Elizabeth Cusick of Hogsback; Witnesses: Michael STACKPOLE & Catherine Barry; The priests from Notre Dame travelled to the major works on the Rideau Canal to perform marriages and baptisms. There were large settlements of workers at Dow’s Lake, Hartwell’s, Hog’s Back, Black Rapids and Long Island.

17 Mar 1837 – Conditional baptism of Patrick, born the 11th of the marriage of Michael STACKPOLE and Mary HAW; Godparents: Jean Taillon and Mrs. Conroy.

Michael STACKPOLE dies in 1842: 16 Mar 1842 - Burial in the R.C. Cemetery (Sandy Hill, now MacDonald Gardens Park) of Michael STACKPOLE who died the 14th, aged 61 yrs. (born 1781). We now have an age for Michael STACKPOLE and can conclude that he is the likely father of John STACKPOLE who is on the 1828 Militia List.

Here is the original death record for Michael STACKPOLE from the church registers of Notre Dame Cathedral (available in the Drouin Records at the OBOGS Library). Transcription: March 16th, 1842, burial in the R.C. Cemetery (Sandy Hill) Michael Stackpole who departed this life the 14th inst. aged 61 years.

His son, Patrick, aged 11 years dies in 1848: 6 Feb 1848 – Funeral service for Patrick STACKPOLE who died yesterday, aged 11 yrs., son of the late Michael STACKPOLE and Mary HAW. Witnesses: Edward Moore and Nicholas Tremblay

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16. Wills and Estate Files for the County of Carleton

At the time of his death in 1842, Michael STACKPOLE had prepared a will and it appears in the Court of Probate Registers and Estate Files for Carleton County. The index for these wills can be searched on microfilm by name of the deceased in the library of the Ottawa Branch of the OGS. Once you have the number of the will, you are able to locate the actual documents and save them to your thumb drive. Here is part of the index, showing Michael STACKPOLE’s will as being filed in 1842. His name is outlined in yellow on the list below:

In 1848, a new church called St. Mary’s was built on Bank Street in the village of South Gloucester, to accommodate the growing families of descendants of the Irish and French Canadian canal workers. This church is now called “Our Lady of the Visitation” and many of these records can be followed from the Notre Dame records to the settlers in the South Gloucester neighbourhood. All of these records are available by searching the Drouin records via ancestryinstitution.com in our OBOGS library.

Starting in 1842, census records become available for research for the area west of the Canal (Nepean Township). The 1842 census for Nepean contains the names only of male heads of households plus the number of women and children broken down by age group and sex. The STACKPOLE family and several others who are shown on the 1847 Hog’s Back map moving to their new farm just west of Dow’s Lake. By 1879, sons of Michael STACKPOLE and Margaret HAWS have moved to the Stage Coach Road, in Osgoode Township, south of Mitch Owens Drive.

In the 1879 Belden County Atlas, three STACKPOLE farms and two neighbouring CHRISTOPHER farms are shown on the following map. This map was extracted digitally by using the Public Computer in the OBOGS library. Or you can do it from home.

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In 1910, a grandson of Michael STACKPOLE is the best man at the marriage of George BURNS and Theresa CHRISTOPHER, my grandparents. The BURNS, CHRISTOPHER, and STACKPOLE families had been friends and neighbours from the time of the construction of the Rideau Canal up to the twentieth century. Most of the families shown on the 1879 map were canal workers who became respected farmers in what is now the City of Ottawa. Some of their original farms are now suburban subdivisions.

The photograph on the left shows George BURNS and Theresa CHRISTOPHER my grandparents, in 1908. The photograph on the right shows Ambrose STACKPOLE and Ella McNeely in 1926. These two couples are grandsons and granddaughters of original workers on the Rideau Canal.

Here is a photo of the tug boat Agnes and a barge passing the present site of Carleton University during the time period when the two couples above lived.
2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Submitted by Lesley McKay

The GTHS 2016 AGM took place in Ashton on January 23, 2016 with an excellent turnout and a wonderful lunch served by members of Christ Church in Ashton. For those who couldn't attend, here is a very short synopsis of the important activities at the meeting.

At the meeting, Barb Bottriell announced that she was stepping down from the President position, becoming Past-President. The Board and membership presented her with gifts to thank her for the years of service she provided to GTHS. Two new Board members were introduced – Shaun Peppy (replacing Barry McGinnis) and Elizabethe Hobbs (replacing John Brummell).

A change was voted on for the Membership year By-law. It had been discussed at the 2015 AGM indicating that it would be preferential to alter the dates. The new dates were accepted and the membership year will now cover the timeframe from February 1 of one year to January 31 of the following year. Membership fees shall be due by February 1 of each year.

Each Committee Chair presented their reports on the activities that had taken place over the past year.

The Treasurer, Debbie Proulx, presented her report in detail. Here is a brief of what was presented (excluding the detailed income sources and expenditures):

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PEARLS OF WISDOM …

“The sun was warm but the wind was chill.
You know how it is with an April day.
When the sun is out and the wind is still,
You’re one month on in the middle of May.
But if you so much as dare to speak,
a cloud comes over the sunlit arch,
And wind comes off a frozen peak,
And you’re two months back in the middle of March.”

Robert Frost, Two Tramps in Mud Time, 1926

And remember ....

Tomorrow is always fresh, with no mistakes in it.

Lucy Maud Montgomery
On April 1, April Fools' Day is filled with practical jokes and tricks and is celebrated around the world. I would advise you believe nothing and trust no one on April 1 as neighbours, friends, family members and co-workers may try to play a practical joke on you. You can be assured that traditional hoaxing often stops at noon and should someone pull a practical joke after then, they become the fool!

How did this ‘foolish’ tradition begin? There is much speculation about how it all began and is still a mystery to many. It is thought that the first connection linking April 1 and playing tricks can be found in Geoffrey Chaucer’s - The Canterbury Tales - from 1392. As it is written in “The Nun’s Priest’s Tale,” a fox tricks proud rooster Chauntecleer on syn March bigan thritty dayes and two. This line was interpreted by many readers to mean March 30 plus 2 days – making it April 1, although it is believed that he meant 32 days after March – making it May 2.

The result of winter turning to springtime was a reason to celebrate and it is generally believed that the day would be titled April Fools’ Day. Around the beginning of April, historically many cultures hold festivities. For instance, March 25 was the date of a festival called Hilaria by the ancient Romans, Holi is celebrated by the Hindus and Purim is observed by the Jewish at this time of year.

Still others believe April Fools’ Day got its start because of the adoption of a new calendar in October, 1582. Early cultures celebrated New Year’s Day around April 1 and it is assumed that the introduction of a new calendar in 1582, called the Gregorian calendar, began the launch of April Fools’ Day. This new calendar placed New Year’s Day on January 1 and was introduced by Pope Gregory XIII who ordered its use. Myth has led us to believe that the people declined to acknowledge the new calendar or simply weren’t informed of it and continued to use the Julian calendar that placed New Year’s Day on April 1 and they continued the tradition of celebrating New Year’s Day instead of April Fools’ Day on April 1.

Sooner or later these ‘fools’ as they were referred to had tricks pulled on them, like being asked to seek something that didn’t exist, and this is where the term ‘fool’s errand’ is derived from – being tricked to believe something true when in fact it is actually false.

No matter how April Fools’ Day originated, there is no denying that many people across the world celebrate it with hilarity every year and some more seriously than others!

Have you been pranked by someone? I know I have been personally (along with 30 other co-workers) and by one of our co-workers! When I was working at Health Canada, one of the younger members of our team was a real joker (and always in the office early) and every April 1 he was busier than ever. We were to have a Divisional meeting on the morning of April 1 in the Executive Boardroom. We should have known from our first clue upon arrival at the office that he was up to something because when each of us arrived for work, our office chairs were missing – even the Director General’s! Once we found them (on another floor) and figured he had got us, we then got organized and the team proceeded to the boardroom for our meeting. Well, again all of the chairs were missing and he had placed double-sided clear tape (unbeknownst to us) on the boardroom table, so that when we put our notepads/books down, they were stuck! I might add that he may have been a wee imp, but was a great worker and certainly kept moral up and everyone on their toes!!
VISITING THE GTHS ARCHIVES

Submitted by Joan Darby

GTHS has an interesting and useful collection of published books and pamphlets that we would like to introduce. These are shelved at the Stittsville Branch of the Ottawa Public Library on the Historical Society shelves, in numerical order, much as you would find in a library. These books and pamphlets cannot be taken from the library; however, adjacent tables offer an opportunity to read and make notes, and the library offers photocopying service for a very reasonable price.

These first two books to be featured provide good background on Goulbourn history and its early families.

The Index of Some Passengers Who Emigrated to Canada Between 1817-1849 was compiled for the Ontario Genealogical Society from the British Colonial Office papers available for viewing at Library and Archives Canada. The Index covers the very early period of Goulbourn’s settlement history. Most other passenger listings published or online, deal with a much later period. The Index includes the name and date of immigration, as well as reference to the location of the complete information at Library and Archives Canada. For example, the Bradley family of Goulbourn included in the Index shows Jacob, James and William arriving in 1817. This book can be found on the GTHS shelves at 929.30892.

The Index to Upper Canada Land Books 1821-1826, which was a very important settlement period for Goulbourn Township, was also published by the Ontario Genealogical Society. This valuable book includes the name, personal information (such as rank, age, title or occupation, whether UEL, Daughter of UEL or Son of UEL), residence at the time of submitting the petition for land, location of the land grant, date when the petition was submitted to the Land Board, and details of the type of petition.

As an example, for Jacob Bradley, the information includes: Jacob Bradley, emigrant from Ireland, petition for land in Goulbourn Township, date of petition Feb. 4, 1824, and “Perth48”, which indicates that this is a petition dealing with a military settlement. The Index to Land Books can be found on the GTHS shelves at 929.3713.

We hope you take the opportunity to visit the GTHS archives to check out the wealth of information on the GTHS shelves.
NEWS AND VIEWS

GTHS on Facebook – Don’t forget to check out our new Facebook page. If you are not a Facebook member, you can still access the page by typing: facebook.com/goulbourn township in your internet browser. We are pleased that Liz Hobbs, a new Board member, has created this for the Historical Society.

April 19, 2016 – Chris Wiebe of Heritage Canada will be speaking to the Huntley Township Historical Society at the Carp Memorial Hall starting at 7:30 p.m. and all are welcome. Chris will speak about Heritage Buildings and how these buildings are designated as well as the process involved and much more.

April 19, 2016 – The Ottawa Regional Heritage Fair is taking place at the Canadian Museum of History from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy the many exhibits.

New Book Forthcoming – The North Lanark Historical Society is publishing a soon to be released book entitled, “ Forgotten Heroes: Mississippi Mills Valour Award Recipients of the Great War”. The book is researched and written by Brian Tackaberry and it should be available by November 2016.

GTHS Fundraising Reminder
The Goulbourn Township Historical Society (GTHS) members have helped the Society raise needed funds while enjoying a meal at the same time. Hurleys Restaurant in Stittsville will donate 10% of each meal to the GTHS bank account. Just mention “Team 3966”. So next time you find yourself at Hurleys, mention Team 3966, and continue to fundraise for GTHS. Keep eating, keep fundraising!

PROGRAMS

Submitted by Georgia Derrick

Join the Goulbourn Historical Society at the Stittsville Library on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the Library meeting room to hear about Clara’s Rib. This book, by local author Anne Raina, tells the story of her sister Clara’s time in the Royal Ottawa Sanatorium (the San) for the treatment of tuberculosis (TB) in the 1930s, ‘40s and ‘50s. Anne and Clara’s father and six more of their siblings also spent years in the San, with their father and two brothers dying of the disease. Anne will tell Clara’s story, focusing on her years growing up in the San. She will explain why, when Clara left the San for the last time, one of her own ribs was packed in her suitcase.

Many of us probably remember the San which was located on Carling Avenue. It was often thought it’s high wrought iron gates were to allow no one in or out, except those unfortunate enough to have contracted TB. Do you remember the tests in school when they ‘stapled’ your arm? Anne has recently published two children’s books which give her a Goulbourn connection. The illustrator for these books is Julia Taylor of Munster. Anne will have copies of her three books for sale and she will be happy to sign them and chat with you.

Attendance, parking and refreshments are free. And, as always, remember to tell a neighbour, bring a friend.

May 2016 – On May 21, we will hear about the ‘Grants of Goulbourn’. Our speaker is local historian and wonderful story teller and actor, John Curry. Robert Grant was an early settler in Goulbourn. He was a progressive farmer who also served in early government on the District Council. He fought in the Battle of The Windmill. His son served on local government and his property is now the site of Grant’s Crossing Shopping Center. This promises to be an informative and lively afternoon.

June 2016 - June 18 will take us on a little trip to Middleville (just outside of Almonte) to visit a fantastic museum. It is located in an expanded 1861 stone School House where vignettes of the life of our early settlers are presented. With lots to do in the area, this should be a fun afternoon. There will be more information to follow about this trip.
GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT

Maple Divinity Candy

As Angels are always around us at Christmas, below Maple syrup time is around the corner and this old-time maple syrup recipe is guaranteed to please everyone with a sweet tooth. Divinity is an old-fashioned candy – not a marshmallow or nougat and not quite fudge. Only the few ingredients used are easily found. It's very rich, light and sweet.

- 1 cup pure maple syrup
- 1 egg white
- dash of salt
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 cup chopped nuts like pecans or walnuts (optional – but they do cut the sweetness)

Instructions
- In a heavy saucepan, pour your maple syrup and brush down the sides with a wet pastry brush or damp, clean piece of cloth/paper towel. Turn burner to medium-high and bring to a boil. (Don’t stir!)
- While the syrup is boiling, separate the white from an egg and place it in a heat resistant mixing bowl. Sprinkle a dash of salt over it and swirl it around a few times to blend in the salt. Keep refrigerated until ready to use.
- Cover a large cookie tray with parchment or waxed paper.
- Use a candy thermometer to closely watch the temperature (no guessing of temperature). When the syrup reaches 250 to 260 degrees F, remove from heat.
- Using a hand mixer, beat the cold egg white until stiff peaks form. Slowly and with caution, drizzle a thin and steady stream of the hot maple syrup into the egg whites while continuing to beat the mixture. Add vanilla, when the syrup has been well blended with the egg white.
- Continue to beat until the mixture thickens and begins to lose its gloss. The Divinity gets quite thick and you may have to mix by hand with a spoon for the last few minutes so your mixer doesn’t break. If you’ve opted for chopped nuts, stir them in now.
- Form the mixture into balls using two spoons – one to scoop the mixture and the other to push it off onto your tray. The easiest way to form these is to use two spoons – one to scoop out a mound of candy and the other one to push it off onto wax or parchment paper. When all of the candy has been shaped on the tray, let it air dry for a few hours and turn it only once. (Hence the need for a dry day when making this wonderful treat!)

Maple Syrup Divinity should be stored in the fridge or can also be frozen for future treats.

NOTE: When making Divinity, it must be made on a dry day – no rain or humidity present as both are an enemy to the process. Use only 100% pure maple syrup!

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Rhubarb Chutney

A sure sign that Spring is in the air are those Rhubarb sprouts starting to appear above the soil! We adore thy tart, bright flavour. What better way to celebrate – by making and serving this tangy condiment to complement camembert/brie cheese, pork, chicken, turkey or a spicy curry.

- 2 cups diced rhubarb
  (about 3/4 pound untrimmed)
- 1 tart apple, peeled and chopped
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin

- Combine all the ingredients in a heavy stainless steel sauce pan.
- Bring to a boil slowly and then reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes or the rhubarb and apple are very soft, but still hold their shape.
- Do not allow them to turn into mush.
- Taste and adjust seasonings.
- Cool and chill before serving or canning.
- This recipe produces 1&1/2 cups.
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