



Haying at Spearman Farm (10th Line) - Billy Middleton, Fred Spearman and Emerson Chapman (boy unknown)
GTHS Collection STC008

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From the editor

Summer has arrived, and the grasses in our temperate climate have been growing at a fast pace. The timing of “haymaking” is quite critical to ensure a crop is at the right stage of maturity that dries properly and yields a high nutritional value. There is usually a harvesting window of only a couple of weeks, and weather conditions must be right to ensure proper drying. Our cover photo this issue shows a team of farm workers on the Spearman farm stacking hay. A loaf-shaped haystack can be up to 30 feet high, weigh up to 20 tons and last for up to 5 or 6 years.



In this issue we focus on entrepreneurs from Richmond (Butcher) and Ashton (Carpenter) in vignettes taken from our Family and Social History Archives.



As we contemplate the changing face of the Civic Hospital in Ottawa and the state of our medical system today, member **George Neville** shares some insight into the mechanics of health care at the Ottawa Civic Hospital in the mid-1940's.



Fall Programming we are anticipating returning to in person lecture events starting in September. We hope to see you there!



We'd also enjoy having your contributions to our newsletter. Please address them to editor@goulbournhistoricalsociety.org



Editor: John Bottriell

From the President

Dear Friends,

As we enjoy the “break” that summer gives us, we look forward to the joys of our gardens and summer activities. We also look back over the past two years of Covid and it’s been a “long haul,” often quite difficult. Although we don’t know exactly what’s around the corner, we have seen improvement and many of our old pastimes are available to us again. We continue to be cautious, but also optimistic.

In my role as Acting President, I have the privilege of meeting people and talking about our Historical Society with them. I have noticed that some are aware of our activities, while others are less so, sometimes asking what we’ve been doing. In view of questions like these, and to increase awareness, I thought a short review would be helpful.

Although the first year of Covid was quiet for us, as it was for many groups, we have since continued to maintain our Programmes, holding seven “Zoom Presentations” for the public in 2021 and 2022, with more coming this fall, using Zoom and/or in person. We maintain a website and Facebook page that continue to be updated and active due to the efforts of John Bottriell and Brian Baxter. Due to the work of our Editor, John Bottriell, and many contributors, we have produced four excellent Newsletters per year. We have held our monthly Board Meetings and two Annual Meetings with Annual Reports, and our administration continues to be ably carried out. Our Secretary, Susan Clark-Dow does an outstanding job of keeping things together.

In addition, excellent photo displays have been placed in the local library for Heritage Month in February. We continue to maintain and expand our Archives and respond to questions as they arrive from many parts of the world. Unfortunately, social activities, such as our Christmas parties, have not been possible. However, all in all, we have accomplished quite a lot! All of this is done by people volunteering their time, effort, and ability. We do this because we care about our heritage. It is even a labour of love.

It is important to remember that all of this is accomplished by a relatively small group of volunteers from their own homes with no paid employees, nor permanent venue, and on a modest budget. We have made good use of our resources, but we continue to depend on the support of our members who hold memberships and attend our events and programmes. Of course, members of the public are always welcome and encouraged to join.

So, what does the future look like? It largely depends on you. We would appreciate any input or suggestions regarding how we can best serve you and respond to your needs. What would you like to see in programmes or events? What can we do to assist you in your interests and concerns? What resources would you like us to provide? At the same time, do you have time, talent, or resources to contribute to our work? Can you help us to become more what you would like us to be? We are not an island to ourselves. We exist for you and because of you.

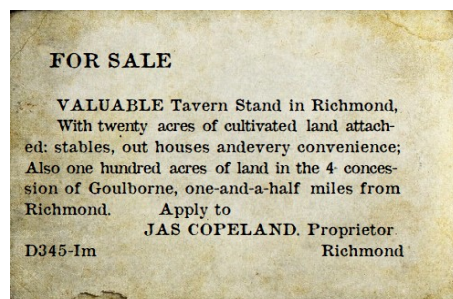
Thank you again for being part of our efforts and for helping make our work possible. Have a safe and happy summer.

Roger A Young

Upcoming GTHS events

September 24 2022 - 1:30PM - *The Spirits of Richmond -*

Hotels and Taverns – GTHS Board member **Mark Heckman** will be presenting an overview of Richmond's 19th century hotels and taverns, their purpose, and their growth and decline in the 19th century. This is intended as a live event held in the community. Please check our website for confirmation and location.



Ottawa Citizen Mar 8 1866

October 1 2022 - 1:30PM – *Where the Spirit leads Us!* –

Churches have an interesting link to our pioneers. Join us for a driving and interpretive tour of select historical churches and pub in Goulbourn Township. Instructions and maps will be provided upon registration early this autumn.



St. Clare's Catholic Church

Other Events of Interest

September 28 – October 2 2022 - *England and Wales: at home and on the move* – this is the annual conference (virtual) presented by the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa. Explore on-line English and Welsh ancestry and migration with 12 international speakers in 12 presentations over 4 days. <https://www.bifhsgo.ca/2022-BIFHSGO-Conference>



Past Events of Interest



April 23 2022 – For our April event we attempted to stump our members with trying to identify some 35 off-beat and/or obscure items that confirmed the proverb “necessity is the mother of invention”. This on-line event elicited some interesting guesses to some of these devices. Needless to say we had a good laugh, and perhaps had a little

more respect for the ingenuity of past generations in streamlining their labours.

For the curious, this particular object was a “sheep shearing stool”. Apparently

sheep were more docile when seated in this bowl, allowing the shearer more control when removing the fleece.



George Bennett, Entrepreneur

“The economic and cultural aspects of Richmond represent the old village quite well. The number of farm oriented businesses such as mills, blacksmiths and harness makers represents the rural community of early Richmond. Seamstresses and tailors, barbers and bakers show a bustling small rural village. The rise and fall of such establishments as the hotels, breweries and again the mills, reflect economic change and the transformation of this rural community into a suburban one.”¹

The story of George Bennett’s various businesses typify the variety of commercial enterprises Richmond residents undertook. The following excerpt is taken from the publication “Richmond 150 – Yesterday and Today 1818 – 1968”.

“On March 19, 1897, George Bennett purchased property and a butcher shop on McBean Street² from Mrs. Polly Burns. Mrs. Burns’ first husband, Charles Blunt, had operated the butcher shop in former years. Mr. Bennett operated the butcher shop until 1907 when he closed it, due to ill health.

“In 1910 he purchased an egg and produce business from the late James Mills. This consisted of travelling through the country for a radius of ten miles from Richmond, by horse and wagon, and later by truck, buying produce such as eggs, chickens and livestock from farmers.

“In the early 1900's practically every farmer, especially in Goulbourn Township, had a flock of sheep. In September each year, Mr. Bennett would go through the country buying spring lambs from the farmers. After he had bought up all the lambs that he could within an area, the farmers would deliver them on a specific day to a prearranged place, where they would be congregated to one large flock and driven to Richmond by Mr. Bennett and his helpers. It was a common occasion in the fall of the year to see a flock of about two or three hundred lambs, followed by two or three people and a white horse hitched to a buggy unattended, come down the fourth line, up the front street of Richmond, and into a field behind the slaughter house



George Bennett's Egg Van on the Jock River Bridge (1925)
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Sheep in Goulbourn Township
Sam Neelin Collection (donated by Helen Sadler) GTHS MUN110

where the lambs were kept until slaughtered. He also bought the wool from the farmers after they had shorn the sheep. This was packed in large jute bags about 8' high a 4' across, loaded in freight cars and shipped to the processors for making wool yarn.

“Cattle and calves, etc. were also slaughtered in his own slaughter house. The beef, veal, lamb, chickens, etc. were then taken to Ottawa by horse and wagon on Friday of each week and what was not sold to butchers and grocers on the way into Ottawa, was sold on the Ottawa market (Byward) on Saturday morning.

This he continued until 1929, when he reopened the butcher business, which he operated until retirement in 1945, when he sold the business to Harold Fisher.”

“Between 1900 and 1903 Mr. Bennett also operated one of the first rinks in Richmond. Along with his other business during the First World War, and in the early twenties, Mr. Bennett operated a flour and feed business and later a farm machinery agency, and sold and installed the first lightning rods in the district.”

¹ Richmond Essays, Chapter II Daily Life in Richmond – Businesses and Industries in Richmond by C. Kirkwood page 25

² The shop was located at 21 McBean (now numbered 3480) Street, Richmond

In 1945 Mr. Bennett retired and sold half of his property with the store to Harold Fisher. Harold installed the first food lockers in Richmond. He ran the shop for about two years until it was taken over by Mr. Connell who leased it to operators.

In the spring of 1949, Father and Son, Bert and George Whitteker bought the store. On their first day of business they had sales of \$4.50. Through hard work and personal service the store became the largest and busiest store in Richmond. In 1953 the Whittekers joined the Independent Grocers Alliance (IGA) as well as carrying Bata Shoes and B-H Paints.

On Easter Sunday, April 1, 1956, despite the efforts of firemen from Richmond, Goulbourn and Nepean volunteer fire brigades a devastating fire destroyed the Store, an apartment above the store (home to George, his wife Rita and children Ann & Michael) and the adjacent home of widowed Mrs. Isabel Bennett.



Smouldering rubble remains of the Whitteker property - April 1 1956

Ottawa Citizen April 2 1956 – photo by Newton

The Whittekers wasted no time in rebuilding, remarkably in less than 4 months. The following was reported in the Ottawa Citizen of July 25th 1956:

“When Bert and George Whitteker observed the shambles that was all that was left of their hours of work and organisation on that Monday morning, they wasted no time in idle regrets. By Tuesday morning the bulldozer was at work clearing the debris, arrangements were being made to purchase the adjoining lot from Mrs. George Bennett, and the plans were being drawn up for this fine new Foodliner which will open for business on Thursday morning July 26 at 9:30 a.m. There will be many surprises for the customers, and Whittekers friendly staff will be on hand to welcome the customers.”

On June 29, 1971, Mr. and Mrs. Gonto bought the property. Mr. Len Parliament leased the store from Mr. Gonto in 1973. The building still stands at 3480 McBean Street, although no longer a retail/grocery store. As with many enterprises, shopping habits change over a half century. Kudos go to the many business owners who have continued to repurpose the building.



This space is currently (2022) a well-appointed fitness Studio called Boom Box Fitness.
photo: John Bottriell

2022 Library Display

Our 2022 annual photo display in the Stittsville Branch of the Ottawa Public Library was focussed this year on linking historical newspaper clippings to families of historical buildings in Goulbourn.

For those of you unable to view the display we're highlighting Blondehead Farm in this issue.

The happy day Mother Goose cheated death



Dave Brown
Brown's Beat

Mother Goose lives west of Ottawa in a field along the Queensway, and according to **Don Coldwell**, she's "the luckiest goose in the world."

It's National Capital Commission property, a corn field, and annually leased to Blondehead Farms of Stittsville. Mr. Coldwell's job last week was to prepare the field for planting. He was on a tractor, pulling a cultivator the width of three garage doors, when he came on Ma's nest with six eggs in it. As the deadly discs approached, she stepped off the nest and waddled out of harm's way. She watched.

"I couldn't do the deed," said Mr. Coldwell, 67. **Don Kenny**, one of the owners of Blondehead, was waiting to drag the next bit of wide and heavy machinery over that field — the planter. Mr. Kenny reminded Mr. Coldwell of something he already knew. The crop will be harvested by machine, and the rows have to be straight.

The field is now planted, and in a depression in the middle of it, hidden under her own natural camouflage, a goose is incubating her eggs. Both wide rolling machines just happened to miss the nest by less than a hand's span. "Talk about lucky," said Mr. Coldwell.

Could it be a couple of men, renowned for straight lines, bent one just a bit?

"Lucky," Mr. Coldwell repeated.

Ottawa Citizen - May 11 2000



Blondehead Farm - The house in which the family live today was built in 1865 by Mark Kenny Jr. It was built of logs which were later covered with boards and still later with red brick.

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The Kenny family emigrated to Canada from Kilkenny, Ireland in the early 1800s. Son Mark built this farmhouse in 1865 as a log house. It is located on the 9th line of the former Goulbourn Township and survived the Great Fire of 1870 which bypassed the property.

Over time it was improved with tongue-and-groove sheathing and finally the red brick still seen today. It was named the Blondehead Farm in 1952.



As the building has been in the same family since 1824 it has received recognition as a Century Farm³

by the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario.

The name Blondehead dates from 1952 when the Kennys entered a farm improvement contest and all farms had to have a title. They called it Blondehead because their nine children were blondes, a whimsical and Irish reason! This wit has extended to their dogs, Cleopatra, the Basset hound, Anthony (called Tony) the mixed hound, and a plump Spaniel called simply, Tiny.

³ The Century Farm designation was a centennial project of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario. It was so popular that the designation process continues to this day.

Goulbourn Health Care in 1946

Health Care of Goulbourn Resident Mary Ann Brown (née Cox) in Early 1946

by George A. Neville

Compiled from surviving receipts by George A. Neville

This account of mid-20th century health care of the maternal grandmother of my wife, Iris M. Neville (née McLinton) involves the case of Mary Ann Brown (née Cox), wife of John A. Brown, whose farm was located on the east side of the Huntley Rd. (Lot 24, Conc. VI, Goulbourn Twp.) at the middle of the notorious S-turn in that road about 2½ miles north of Richmond on its way to Stittsville and onto Huntley Twp.

Mrs. Brown (she was always known and addressed as Mary Ann), who was 56 years of age at the time, had gone out of the farm house in the morning to feed the geese when she slipped on the ice around the barnyard and broke her hip. She was admitted to the Ottawa Civic Hospital by Richmond Doctor Wallace on 2nd January 1946 as patient No. 53 located in Room No. 4W. These were the days before the Ontario Health Coverage (not brought in until 1st July 1968) existed, and cash advance payments on one's hospital account were required for room accommodation, diagnostic procedures, drugs, and pathological examinations. Private nursing services were separate, and payment was made directly to the engaged nurse(s).

Mrs. Brown responded well to her hospital treatment, attended to intermittently by her sister, Helena Cox, who transmitted cash payments from time to time from John Brown to the hospital. Mary Ann was in hospital for nearly 1½ months until 14th



Ottawa Civic Hospital

February of 1946, but when she was being prepared for discharge, she suddenly took a seizure and died. Apparently, even at that period, hospital attendants and Doctors did not get patients up and mobile for even short periods of time to mitigate against formation of blood clots. Although heparin was discovered in 1916, more than 20 years later it was demonstrated that heparin requires a plasma co-factor for its anticoagulant activity; hence, it is possible that low dosage heparin was not used in 1946 as a

preventative measure against clot formation for hip surgery, etc.

When Mary Ann died at the **Ottawa Civic Hospital**, her personal effects were turned over to John Brown in a small brown envelope (5½" x 7") [Fig. 1] showing on its front, her **Name, Ward 4W, Date 14 Feb/46, Address** as Richmond, Ont., **Money** \$5.26, **Other Valuables** 2 pair glasses & 2 cases, 1 Registration card, 6 - 4 cent stamps, Bills & Receipts, followed by **The**

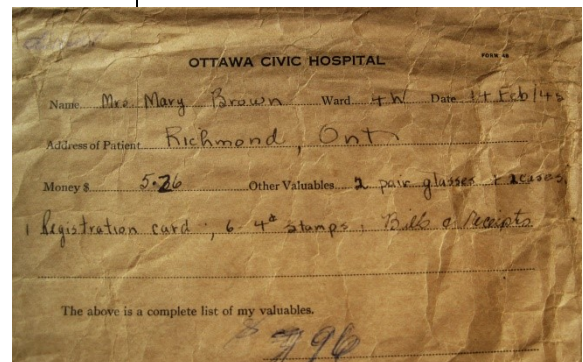


Figure 1 Brown Envelope

above is a complete list of my valuables, and signed by Witness F. Garnett. the blue ink amount \$7.96 appears to have been written in at a later time. The bold categories above were pre-printed on such envelopes.

PATIENT'S STATEMENT			OTTAWA CIVIC HOSPITAL		
NAME Mrs. Mary A. Brown		DATE ADMITTED Jan. 2-46		DATE DISCHARGED	
ADDRESS Richmond Ontario		RATE \$5.50		ROOM No. 4 W	
MEMO.	DATE	EXPLANATION	AMT. CHARGED	AMT. CREDITED	BALANCE DUE
1	JAN-3-46	CASH	*	* 25.00	* 25.00 CR
2	JAN-9-46	PATHOLOGY	* 1.00		
3	JAN-9-46	SEMI-PRIV	* 24.50		* 0.50
4					
5	JAN-9-46	X-RAY	* 5.00		* 5.50
6	JAN-10-46	CASH	* 30.00		* 24.50 CR
7	JAN-16-46	SEMI-PRIV	* 24.50		* 0.00 CR
8	JAN-17-46	CASH	* 25.00		* 25.00 CR
9	JAN-18-46	X-RAY	* 3.75		* 21.25 CR
10	JAN-23-46	SEMI-PRIV	* 24.50		* 3.25 CR
11	JAN-24-46	CASH	* 27.75		* 24.50 CR
12	JAN-30-46	SEMI-PRIV	* 24.50		* 0.00 CR
13	FEB-1-46	CASH	* 24.50		* 24.50 CR
14	FEB-4-46	SPEC.DRUG	* 0.35		* 24.15 CR
15	FEB-5-46	X-RAY	* 5.00		* 19.15 CR
16	FEB-6-46	SEMI-PRIV	* 24.50		* 5.35
17	FEB-12-46	CASH	* 29.85		* 24.50 CR
18	FEB-13-46	SEMI-PRIV	* 24.50		* 0.00 CR
19	FEB-13-46	SPEC.DRUG	* 1.00		* 1.00
20	FEB-13-46	SPEC.DRUG	* 5.25		
21	FEB-13-46	SPEC.DRUG	* 3.20		* 9.45
22	FEB-14-46	SEMI-PRIV	* 3.50		
23	FEB-14-46	PATHOLOGY	* 9.00		
24	FEB-14-46	NURSES D.	* 0.70		* 22.65

PLEASE RETURN THIS STATEMENT WITH REMITTANCE

NOTE—EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO HAVE THIS ACCOUNT COMPLETE ON YOUR DISCHARGE. HOWEVER, CHARGES FOR TREATMENTS, EXAMINATIONS, DRUGS, ETC. ORDERED SHORTLY BEFORE LEAVING ARE NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE. ANY FURTHER CHARGES WILL BE BILLED SEPARATELY.

Figure 2 Patient account ledger

Among the receipts that were contained in that small brown envelope is a daily ledger record (6½" x 6½") [Fig. 2] of expenses and payments on account for Mrs. Mary A. Brown, No. 53 in Room 4W of the Ottawa Civic Hospital. The record shows her Date of Admittance as Jan.2-46 at a Rate of \$3.50 [per day]. A cash advance payment was made to the account the next day, 3rd Jan. On Jan. 9th, Pathology was done for which

there was a \$1.00 charge, and on Jan. 9th, she was moved to semi-private accommodation for which \$24.50 was charged leaving her with a 50 cent Balance Due. Later on 9th Jan., her injury was X-Rayed at a cost of \$5.00 adding to her Balance Due of \$5.50; however, that imbalance was addressed the next day, 10th Jan. with a \$30.00 cash payment that left a Balance Credit of \$24.50. The \$30.00 cash is probably that which Helena Cox received [from John Brown] and in turn provided a signed form of receipt, dated Jan. 8/46, intended for Mrs. Brown [Fig. 3].

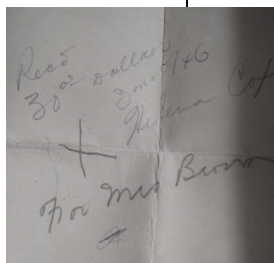


Figure 3 Transfer Receipt

On 16th Jan., Mrs. Brown's account was debited with another \$24.50 charge for her Semi-Priv. Room [weekly rate] that depleted her remaining credit. Another cash infusion of \$25.00 was made on 17th Jan., but further X-Ray work done on the 18th Jan. amounting to \$3.75 left her with a credit balance of \$21.25 that was eliminated by the next weekly Semi-Priv. Charge of \$24.50 on 23rd Jan. leaving her with a Balance Due of \$3.25. On 24th Jan., a cash payment of \$27.75 on account left a credit of \$24.50 that was promptly consumed by the next advance weekly Semi-Priv. charge made on 30th Jan. That payment was probably covered by the \$28.00 receipted by Helena Cox on 24th Jan/46 with 25 cents expended for incidentals.

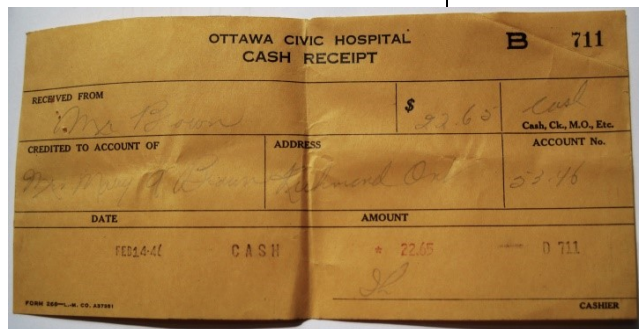


Figure 4 Ottawa Civic Hospital yellow cash receipt

By 1st Feb., another cash payment to the account provided a Credit of \$24.50 from which a special Drug (35 cents) on 4th Feb., further X-Ray work on 5th Feb. (\$5.00), and a further weekly billing for Semi-Priv. accommodation on 6th Feb. combined to eliminate the credit and leave a Balance Due of \$5.35. The next day, 12th Feb., a cash infusion of \$29.85 left a Credit on account of \$24.50 that was eliminated the next day, 13th Feb. with another weekly Semi-Priv. charge of \$24.50. On the same day, a series of charges for special

drugs (\$1.00, \$5.00, and \$3.20) were made, but on 14th Feb. an extra SEMI-PRIV charge of \$3.50, and a Pathology examination (\$9.00) [occasioned by her death] and a Nurses BD cost of 70 cents left a Balance Due of \$22.65 that was disposed of by John Brown himself, later that same day (info shown on one line of patient's second accounting sheet) for which he was issued the dark yellow, Ottawa Civic Hospital receipt, B 711 [Fig. 4]. [What a pity that the names of drugs used were not cited on the Civic Hospital Account – such

information would be so much more revealing!]

In a separate envelope bearing a 1 cent stamp of King George VI, sent from Ottawa, franked Feb. 19,

1946, addressed to Mr. John Brown, Richmond, Ontario [Fig. 5] was a

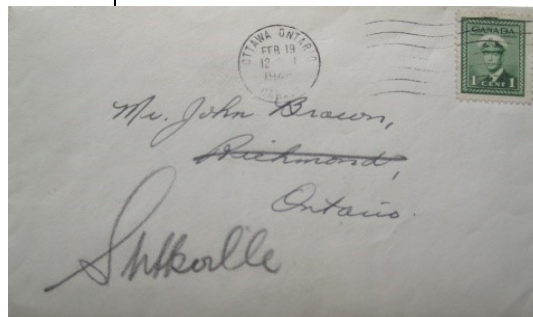


Figure 5 Readdressed envelope with 1¢ postage stamp

receipt in the amount of \$5.00 for private nursing by Lois Eddy, Reg. Nurse, for one day of service on 13th Feb. 1946 from 3.30 PM to 11:30 PM, signed L. Eddy Reg. N. It is curious why that receipt was dated 16 April 1946. [Fig. 6]. The envelope shows Richmond crossed out and Stittsville written largely on

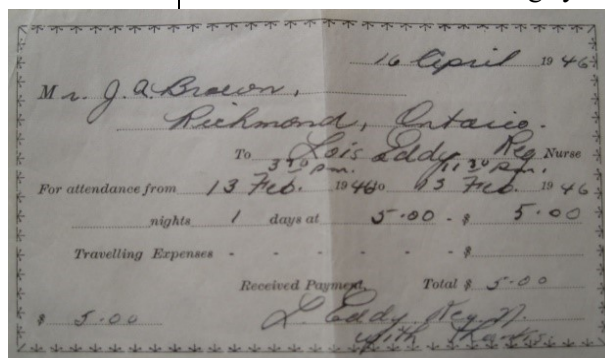


Figure 6 Receipt from Lois Eddy, Reg. Nurse for 8 hours service

the lower left of the envelope in heavy lead pencil; obviously the letter had gone first to Richmond P.O. then to Stittsville P.O. from which it was delivered because the reverse side shows franking marks for Richmond and Stittsville.

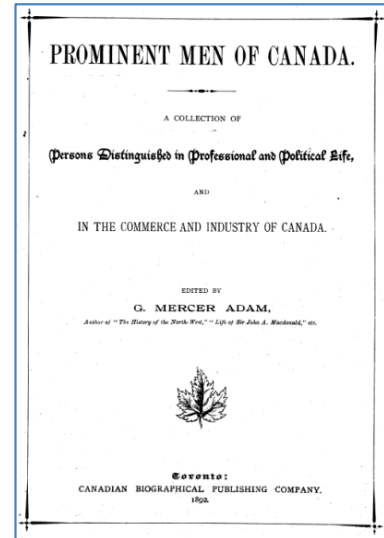
Mary Ann Cox, b. 11th February 1890 (died Valentine's Day, 14th February 1946) was nearly 20 years younger than John A. Brown, b. 11th May 1873, d. 11th October 1958. My wife Iris well remembers the depressing state of her maternal grandfather in his final months walking about all hunched over afflicted with arthritis. Both Mary Ann and John Brown are buried in St. Paul's United Cemetery at Richmond.

T. A. Shore of Ashton

Compile by John Botttriell from the GTHS Family History Archives – Shore Family

Carpentry was a common theme in the Shore family pioneers of Ashton. John Willoughby Shore was born in Eskerty Wood, Castlecomer, County Kilkenny, Ireland in 1818. He settled in the Village of Ashton with his wife Frances Acres. John was a carpenter by trade, learning from his father-in-law James Thomas Acres. John built a fine clapboard house in 1842. John practiced most of his carpentering away from home in the Township of March, Torbolton and Huntley.

Keeping the carpentry trade in the family, his eldest son, Thomas Acres Shore (born 1847) joined his father John for 6 years as an apprentice. Thomas continued to excel in the trade and was subsequently recognized in the 1982 publication "Prominent Men of Canada". Following is a reprint of the biography of locally born and raised T. A. Shore included in this publication:



T. A. SHORE, *Ottawa, Ont.*

Among those who have made a mark for themselves in the practice of mechanical pursuits, and deserve more than a passing notice in connection with the industrial development of the Ottawa district, might be mentioned the gentleman whose name is at the head of this sketch, and this is all the more appropriate inasmuch as he has arrived at the position he occupies in the community entirely through the merit of his own unaided efforts.

Mr. Shore was born in the village of **Ashton**, township of Goulbourn, county of Carleton, in the month of October, 1847. His father, John W. Shore, was a native of the county of Carlow, Ireland, and his mother, Frances Acres, was born in the county of Carleton. Mr. Shore, senior, who had learned the building trade in the old country, on his arrival in Canada, about fifty years ago, settled in the village of Ashton, where he has since continued to reside, being engaged in contracting. Both of Mr. Shore's parents are still living, and are in the enjoyment of excellent health.

He received a good education at the common school in his native village, and completed his studies at the **Richmond** high school, after which he went with his father, under whose instructions

he remained for six years, during which time he devoted his entire energies to learning his trade, after which he spent a season at Brockville in charge of a large work there. In 1873 he came to Ottawa, and secured an engagement with Mr. Whyte, who was then a large contractor at the capital, and with whom he worked for five years, when, having by all those years' experience, perfected himself in all the details of his trade, he resolved to start contracting for himself, and has continued engaged therein up to the present time, being rewarded with such success as might be naturally anticipated from a thorough knowledge of the business and the great energy and close attention which he gave it.

Owing to his rapidly expanding trade, about six years ago he formed a partnership with William Ashe, a practical builder of much experience, and the firm has since successfully executed some very large contracts, among which might be mentioned the Protestant Orphans' Home, Central Chambers, corner of Elgin and Queen-streets, the Carleton Chambers, on Sparks-street, and the British American Bank Note Company's building, on Wellington-street, all of which are large and handsome structures, fitted with all the modern conveniences and appliances for facilitating

business and insuring the comfort of the occupants.

They also did the woodwork on the private residences of W. O. Soper, Esq., and Mr. Edward Sybald.

Mr. Shore was for eight years a member of No. 6 Company of the 43rd battalion, then known as the "Carleton Blazers," and during the Fenian raid had six weeks' active service with his regiment on the frontier, with headquarters at Prescott.

He is on the local board of the Canadian Loan and Investment Co., and is one of their official valuers for the Ottawa district. In 1871, he joined the Masonic order, connecting himself with Lodge No. 63, Carleton Place. He is also a

member of the Orange body. In politics, Mr. Shore is a Conservative, and ably and energetically supports the interests of his party.

He has travelled considerably in Canada and the United States. In religion, he is an Episcopalian. In January, 1877, he married Mary Ann, daughter of Hugh Conn. She died February, 1889. By this union there are five children, two boys and three girls. Mr. Shore's business peculiarities are the facility with which he masters details, and his executive ability which enables him to handle large numbers of workmen with great effect.

In private life he is greatly respected, and is regarded as one of the best citizens of the capital.

Prominent Men of Canada⁴

A Collection of persons distinguished in professional and political life and in the Commerce and Industry of Canada

Preface,

It has too long been customary in Canada to regard as proper subjects for biographical literature only persons who have figured in political life. But, in preparing the present work, we have departed from this custom, and present to our readers a group of men who have, during their life time, contributed in some conspicuous way to the moral, intellectual, industrial and political growth of our country. To those, and to others who have hewn out homes for themselves in the wilderness and little by little overcome the obstacles of nature, are -we indebted now for Our wide stretches of cultivated lands, our smiling villages, and our thriving-towns and cities.

As men are for ever drifting down the slow stream of time - and a few of those mentioned in this volume have been called to the higher life while it was going through the press - most of their deeds, like themselves, pass into oblivion, it has been our earnest desire, while the opportunity presents itself, to save as much of the record as possible for posterity. As for the literary and artistic portions of the work, no pains have been spared to, make these equal to the other parts, and we shall feel pleased if we have succeeded in meeting the views of our numerous readers.

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⁴ Prominent Men of Canada, ed. G. Mercer Adam, Toronto, Canadian Biographical Publishing Company, 1892, page 325

Passing



Peter HOLMES, Born in England c1935, Peter came to Canada in 1957. Retired from the Military with the rank of Major in 1991 he continued with sports and civic activities that had filled his spare time during the military years. Organizations that benefited from Peter's presence at military bases across Canada include Crime Stoppers, Tourism, Neighbourhood Watch, Board of Trade, Better Business Bureau, United Way, St John Ambulance, Friends of Iceland, Air Cadets, Canada Census, and Federal, Ontario and City Elections. Goulbourn's turn to benefit from Peter's energy, initiative and organizational skills was as a GTHS Board member taking on a major responsibility for updating and computerizing the membership roll. He also took on the unofficial position of Society Photographer – remember that nothing goes unrecorded!

Board Member Lee Boltwood shares her memories of Peter:

"Years ago, coming to my first Historical Society meeting I sat down beside a couple who were friendly and welcoming. That was the time I met Peter and Margaret Holmes. Was I ever lucky. They enriched my life."

"Margaret had recent Icelandic roots and Peter got involved of course. He got involved in a lot of things. He pitched in and helped. He did research and took careful photographs. Before the internet and google, this often was slow and tedious and required technical skill with complicated cameras."

"He took some of us to a lecture at the Icelandic Embassy. The travelling scholar could trace family photographs. Even old pictures of long forgotten people can be followed. Someone in another place will remember or recognize someone; the stamp of a long-defunct studio helps with more leads and clues. He could get names and dates and piece together more facts. This was an exciting revelation to me – Loving history but never having had a chance to study properly."

"Peter opened doors and helped you. He was generous with his time and effort. He had a careful mind and did good research. He could be nit-picking, yes, but you do not want help from a sloppy or inaccurate person. Peter had high standards and attention to detail. This memoir could be too long and too personal if I go on."

"Peter helped the Historical Society by serving on the Board, by staffing booths where we meet the public, by going downstairs at the Museum to work on window security. When a speaker left us in the lurch and didn't even show up, Peter filled in at the last minute and did a good job."

"Years ago Grace Thompson gave me a box of buttons, beads and lapel pins. Amongst the general junk there was a black heavy cross-shaped thing. IT had a pin on the back and a name. I polished it up and took it up to Peter's house. He recognized it right away as a Silver Cross."

"How it came to Goulbourn and a button box we will never know. Peter took it and tracked down some false leads in Edmonton. Eventually he found out about a young soldier who died in France in 1944. There was a tank battle. There was an address in Vancouver, a young widow. The trail to the widow is lost in 1946. She could have remarried. By now Peter knows which regiment. Yes, they would be glad to have medal in the Regimental Museum. It is not Peter's style to stick it in a box and mail it. Since he had family in BC it was just a bit more effort and a little more delay. The medal had already been lost for years in a button box. Peter flew to BC and went to Regimental Mess for a dinner (he did enjoy good food and good company) and he took the Silver Cross medal home for me. He was always thorough. If he were still here I think he might have corrected me – "just say 'Silver Cross'. Leave out 'medal'"