

# THE CABOOSE



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## Editor's ramblings (by Jeannie Smith)

Once again, it's summer, a great time to share in family reunions. Celebrate family, organize get-to-gethers, be they gatherings to welcome a new baby, witness a marriage or mourn a loved one. Take pictures, share stories and laugh! Stay connected! The CTHS extends sympathy to the families of Norman Minogue (1942-June 12, 2007), husband of Diane Scharfe, son of Ferg (1918-1997) and Kay Minogue; and of Kenneth Smith (1921-June 15, 2007), husband of May Hewens (1923-2003), son of Julia McGonigle (1896-1977) and Clarence Smith (1893-1968).

*Remembrance is a golden chain death tries to brink but all in vain. To have, to love, and then to part is the greatest sorrow of one's heart. Time may wipe out many things but this they wipe out never- the memory of those happy days when we were all together.*

Contributed by Earle J. Fitzpatrick

### Our Society

The Cumberland Township Historical Society (CTHS) was founded in 1986. We are a non-profit, volunteer and community-based organization whose goal is to preserve Cumberland Township history.

### Our newsletter

*The Caboose* is published six times each year by the Cumberland Township Historical Society.

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## Firefighters Day at The Cumberland Heritage Village Museum July 15th 10-4 pm

Doug Lancaster and Terry Morrow (owner of the old fire truck) will share stories of the Cumberland Fire Department, Sunday, July 15, 2:00 in the fire hall. Volunteer firefighters will perform maneuvers to entertain families. The exhibit 'Memories of Cumberland Township' is featured in the Orange Hall.



### Foubert Family Reunion at the Cumberland Museum

On June 17th, the descendants of Rupert and Adelia Foubert gathered at the Cumberland Museum to celebrate the 200th year the family settled in Cumberland. Over 240 members enjoyed a Pot Luck lunch, social time, old time music and a great family reunion. Many of us, seeing the museum for the first time, were quite impressed and promise to come back.

Frank and Aline Foubert

## Next meeting of the CTHS

The next meeting of the CTHS will be held on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at the Ottawa Regional Police Station on St. Joseph Blvd & Tenth Line Road. Our guest speaker will be Michelle Muir. Be sure to bring a friend along. Light refreshments, as always, will be served.

## A Bit of Research by Dorothy-Jane Smith

*The Evening Journal, Ottawa  
June 6, 1889 Thursday  
p. 4 column 4*

CUMBERLAND May 27th – The 24th was a gay day here. A union picnic of the Baptist and Presbyterian Sunday school was held in Mr. McCaulumsv grove here, and was conducted by Rev. Mr. Beat. There was lots of amusement such as, base ball, foot ball, races, jumping &c., which everybody enjoyed very much. It ended by singing "God Save the Queen".

Mr. D.N. McDonald, our enterprising merchant, is about finished his improvements in Lower Town, The scholars of the Cumberland Public School are very thankful to Mr. McDonald for his improvements to the school ground.

Dr. Ferguson is about finished his Bakery, and it is to be hoped that the Cumberland friends will appreciate his endeavours to build our village up and patronize some trade.

The meeting for the selection of a minister for the Presbyterian church was adjourned on account of the rain, till the 5th of June.

Cumberland seems to have taken a sudden step forward, building seems to have become a mania in our little village. Messrs. Wilson and Wilson are progressing splendidly with their woolen factory which is expected to be finished in about a month.

### Contact us

If you have questions or suggestions regarding any aspect of the Society including The Caboose, our local history room or anything else of interest to you or to the Society, you may contact any member of the executive by phone or by email:

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They will then commence their roller mill which promises to be the crowning feature of their operations. They are also erecting a new store on the site of the one owned by Mr. Chas. Wilson.

The cheese factory has started, but not much milk has come as yet as a great many farmers are not prepared.

### We've got mail!

I have finally got organized enough to be able to start catching up on my reading of the CTHS newsletters but of course that leads to more questions than answers.

I noticed in one of the articles on the Dunning Family the mention of a Dunning Cemetery and the fact that Zalmon Dunning's headstone still remains. I recall reading his obit in the Bytown Gazette in 1845 when I was going thro' that paper on microfilm. Can you tell me the exact location of that cemetery? I don't ever remember it. I knew of the McMillan Cemetery just under the Hydro pylons west of the old village and there was another old cemetery just east of the road down to Ferguson's shore but I thought it was covered when the highway was built along the old tracks. If you know the first bungalow that Angus Wilson built just east of the Harkness place, the cemetery would be directly north of that house and between the old tracks and the shore of the river. It was a gloomy spot under the pine trees but we played there many times, telling each other tales of the gold that may have been buried there. We were going to dig up a grave for the gold but our fears always got in the way.

Keep up the good work,

Peter Andersen

### Navan Sports 1901

Back Row: Jack Merkley, Percy Dunning, James Cotton (Capt.), Sam Rathwell, Norman Holt, Howard Wall. Front Row: Garret Shaw, Charlie Bickerton, Tom Grimes, Tom Armstrong, Pat Elliot.



Picture submitted to Navan Tweedsmuir History by Annie McCullough. George McCullough wrote 'Jack Merkley (station agent) and Pat Elliott replaced George McCullough and Melvin Martin. James Cotton replaced Percy Dunning (1st cousin of J.D. Ferguson). Mr. Dunning was the teacher and later became the doctor in Navan until his early death in 1919.

Three rousing cheers for Dunning's men  
 the swift young Navan pack  
 And three for Marshall Rathwell, goal,  
 who drives each foeman back.  
 And three for our good full-backs who  
 check them as they go,  
 And three for old man Savage true who  
 covers up their dough.

With a right good shake of the hand for  
 every man  
 To play square ball with every team we'll  
 do the best we can.  
 But he who dares to fight and hack 'Til  
 legs are sore  
 Will find the light young Navan splints can  
 hold their own and more.

His half-backs and his full-backs bold they  
 fight with might and main  
 And when opponents rush it up they send  
 it back again.  
 And, though we're scattered far and  
 wide one man we will adore,  
 And he is Grimes our centre man for he's  
 the boy can score.

On any day, in any place beneath the  
 shining sun  
 We can lick Vars the windy pack and  
 think it only fun.  
 In Cumberland they know our strength  
 the Normalites and all,  
 But when we went to Russell town we  
 never smelled the ball!

By Charlie Bickerton and George  
 McCullough 1901

## 'The Smiths' Confusing Connections

by Jeannie Smith

Mr. Smith, please stand up!

How many Cumberland Township males would obey the preceding command? We are more connected than separated, due to common links of ancestry, friendship, social events, community ties and cultural traditions. It is a small world after all, especially when you learn how many Cumberland Township residents are connected, somehow, to The Smiths!

Thomas Smyth (1779-1873) and his wife, Jane Ash (1809-1895) left in County Down, Northern Ireland to settle in Cumberland in 1832. Their children were: Sarah (1829), William (1831-1897,) Mary Jane (1834-1901), Elizabeth (1843-1901) and Rachel (1845-1913). Was this Mrs. Smith, Jane Ash, any relation to our CTHS President Randall Ash, son-in-law of the late Jean-Noël Dessaint? Could be! Was Mary Jane Smyth, who married Samuel Wallace (b. 1825) Sept. 13, 1856 a sister-in-law to Mary Ann Wallace (1821-1921), who married Louis Burns (1804-1868), the great-grandmother to Bob Burns from Navan?



Helen Edwards, daughter of Florence Kennedy (1904-1987) and Norman Edwards (1903-1986), and Robert Burns, son of Martin Burns (1889-1976) and Jessie McFadden (1895-1979), September 17, 1955.



### CONGRATULATIONS & FELICITATIONS!

Gilles Chartrand was the recipient of Rockland's Volunteer Award for his contribution to the preservation of Rockland's history.

Germaine Dessaint received a posthumous award for her husband, Jean-Noël Dessaint, from the Agricultural College in Alfred for his contribution to agricultural education.





Thomas Smyth was a cantankerous old Irish gent who tended to enjoy whiskey rather than work. With his feet resting on the pot belly stove, he would moan to his busy wife, "Oh Jane, why did we ever leave Ireland to come to this God forsaken place?" Their home on the Ottawa River was cold and drafty but provided shelter for their family.

On Oct. 21, 1856, William Smyth married Margaret Lough (1835-1880), daughter of William Lough (1790-1852) and Mary Dale (1790-1860) who had emigrated from Ireland in 1819. Margaret Lough's siblings were William (1811-1880), Samuel (b 1819), Martha (b1822), Daniel (1824-1903), Rose (1826), Robert (1828) and Anne (1831). Margaret and William Smyth lived with Daniel Lough on his farm along the river at Canaan Road until they acquired the farm to the west where they raised their children: Margaret Lough (b 1853), James Edmund Lough (b 1859), Mary Ash (b1862), Rose Elizabeth (1864-1887) married Alexander Cote of Buckingham in 1897; Robert William (1867-1934). Martha Jane (b 1868) and Maggie McClymont (b 1873) married Buckingham brothers Willie J. and Eddie McCullough in 1895/96, relatives to Letitia McCullough (1924-1989), who married Robert Russell (1915-1992), son of Myrtle Lough (1886-1981) parents of Elaine Findlay. Connections crop up again and again! Margaret Lough, widow of Melvin Lough, is a good friend of Wayne Smith, great grandson of Margaret Lough Smyth!

*Robert Lough (the pater familias in this family) was brother to Daniel Lough and Margaret Lough. Daniel Lough was the fellow Uncle (Alton Alfred) John always called "Old Uncle Dan". It was his farm that Uncle John owned. Margaret Lough of course was our Great-Grandmother on the Smith side, as she married William Smyth. Robert Lough, in this picture, was then our GR-GR-Uncle and his children in the photo would be our grandfather, Robert Smith's (son of William Smyth and Margaret Lough), first cousins. (contributed by Dorothy-Jane Smith)*

James Smyth married Annie Sell (1871-1940) who had emigrated from Hamstead, England with her parents James Sell and Emily Cole. James Smyth's brother, Robert, married Annie's sister Ellen Eliza (Nellie-1875-1928). Nellie and Robert Smyth's children were Margaret Emily May (1894-1895); Annie May (1896-1919 married Earle Clifford Orton); James Robert Willard (1898-1924); Elsie Gladys

(1901-1960) married Leslie Hewens and their daughter May (1924-2002) married Kenneth Smith (1921-2007) son of Clarence Smith and Julia McGonigle.

Robert and Nellie Smith's sons, Alton Alfred John (1903-1978) and Norman William (1905-1968) married sisters Mildred Presley (1912-1992) and Luva May Presley (1910-1997). Their brother Howard Presley married Edna, the daughter of Eva Dale and John Sharkey, Edna's sister, Hilda (1931-2001), married Stanley Edwards, and her brother Wilfred Dale Sharkey (1919-2003) married Gladys Edwards, Stan's cousin!

Nellie and Robert's children changed the spelling to Smith to distinguish themselves from their Buckingham Smyth cousins, George and Bert who they felt were less 'citized'! Their son Ernest Edward (1908-1973) married Mildred Cameron (1912-1990) whose daughter, Dorothy-Jane Smith, is on the CTHS executive. Mildred's sister, Dorothy Cameron married Jared Chamberlin and their son David Chamberlin lives across from Earle Fitzpatrick.

Robert and Nellie's youngest child, Walter Fredrick Smith (1911-1983) married Dorothy Ferris (1912-1982). Their granddaughter Sharon, child of Bob and Gert

Smith, is married to Terry Smith, brother of Wayne, sons of Walter's older brother (Alfred Alton) John.

When Nellie Smyth's mother, Emily Sell, became a



The Lough family: back -Daniel A. Lough, Robert Lough, Edwin Lough, Charlotte Lough Hyndman. Front - Mary Lough Moffatt, Robert Lough sr., Eva Lough Carson, Priscilla Lough (nee Gehan), John O. Lough (photo contributed by Harry Kuntz)

widow in Rockland, she married Ned Larocque who was a relative of Narcisse Larocque, the murderer of



Luva Presley and Norman Smith, March 23, 1932.

Mary and Eliza McGonigle in 1890. These little girls were aunts of Ken Smith, Nellie's grandson-in-law! His mother-in-law was Elsie Smith Hewens.

So you see connections are never ending. Norman and Luva Smith lived in the farmhouse of distant relatives William Dale (1805-1895) and his wife, Mary Lough. In 1967, when I became 'connected' to their son James Cameron Glenwood, my husband Glen, aka. 'Pinkie Smith', I lived in 'Clearview' with my mother, Anne Ferguson. My sister Suzanne and her husband Hugh McCord owned the stone house. After my Father, Dr. Douglas Ferguson died in 1965, Donald Watson, son of John and Mabel Scharf, bought my horse. My father had bought 'Nimble Sprinter' from Russell Galloway in 1962 because it reminded him of the strawberry roan that he rode to French Hill in 1924 when he taught at

SS#1 school. Edwin Williams' oldest son, John, saddled up the horse until it was under control. Dad had taught Edwin at SS#5 Cumberland, along with Phil Morin, Hilda MacMillan Kearns and Florence MacEachern Hill, later Mrs. Robert Russell. (Germaine Lafrance Dessaint, mother-in-law of Randall Ash, attended French Hill School.)

'Nimble Sprinter' was kept in my Uncle Fred's pasture that ran south of the school along Angus Wilson's property to Edwin Williams' fields. 'Duck' Watson tethered the horse by his house at Watson's Esso Garage.

Mabel Scharf, wife of John Watson, ran a restaurant at their Esso Gas Station on the site of the Old Cumberland Hotel which was first owned by the Fouberts, then by her father-in-law, Mathias Watson. The Gas Station, built around 1935, is now at the Cumberland Museum.

One afternoon, I was experiencing trouble calming 'Nimble' as I rode in front of Watson's garage. A turquoise blue 1964 Pontiac convertible pulled up and out jumped a handsome fellow...Pinkie Smith! He handed me his bottle of gin and 'Ginny', mounted the horse and road calmly up Cameron's Hill. After an interesting courtship, we were married in 1974. Our home is along the river at Cumberland, north of Clearview, and I now tend the flowers for the new owners at Galla Heritage Restaurant. I was pulling weeds when a vehicle stopped and Teresa McCormick McCann approached me to inquire about the restaurant. We commenced sharing history and low and behold, connections were found again! The mother of Teresa's half sister Ena

McCormack Hayes, was Eileen Presley. Eileen was a cousin of Glen's mother, Luva. Eileen's half sister was Elizabeth Dalrymple, the mother of Gertie



Hodges, widow of Stanley Hodges. Stan's grandparents were Rachel Smith (1848-1938) and Isaiah Hodges (1847-1932). Rachel's parents, Andrew Smith and Jane Cummings, lived on Lot B, Con. 7, Cumberland Township. This Rachel Smith was not the same Rachel, spinster daughter of Thomas and Jane Ash Smyth...but a Smith is a Smith!!

Are you confused yet?



Teresa McCann's mother was Nellie Fitzpatrick, aunt of Earle J. Fitzpatrick. Earle loaned me the Fitzpatrick family album for CTHS Director, Bob Kendall to scan. Earle asked me to look at an old cupboard that he had stored in his barn. Carpenter Delmer Scharf and his helper Eric Smith (son of Mildred and John), had moved the cupboard from the upstairs kitchen of Clearview to Fitzpatrick's barn, during renovations of the stone house. Earle said that James Cox had purchased 1000 acres of Crown Land between Frank Kenny, Innes and Wilhaven in the 1840's and bequeathed the properties to his children, Tom, Manson, Albert and Annie who married George Walsh. Annie's son, Manson Walsh, was a good friend of my Uncle James Ferguson. Manson's wife was Mae MacEachern, a cousin to Florence (Hill) and Bertha (Edwards). The web continues to be



The Gospel Hall on the corner of Old Montreal Road and Faubert Street

interwoven! John Smits bought Manson Walsh's farm and his daughter Rita is married to Robert Dessaint, son of Jean-Noël and Germaine.

Teresa lived in the Gospel Hall on Old Montreal Road. The building was built by my Great Grandfather Dr. James Ferguson (1838-1921) in the 1880's and had a Plymouth Brethren Meeting room on the

second floor. My grandfather J. D. put the house up for rent after his father's death. Vic

Dunning (1899-1991) and his wife Pearl Brennan (1903-1973) lived there with their daughter Jean Dunning Hanson Harkness until they bought their home by the Maple Hall, from the Sharkey family. John Sharkey and his wife Eva Dale, and Thomas McNeely and his wife Sarah Morin (niece of Jimmy Morin) bought a farm east of Cumberland and split

the property. The Gospel Hall burned to the ground April 22, 1932 when a grass fire at the Laframboise's flared up, spreading out of control. Glenda Barnett Murray and her late husband Charlie bought the empty lot from my uncle, Fred Ferguson (1902-1966), in 1966. Fred kept huge blocks of ice that he and Jimmy Morin hauled up from the river in winter, in the stone foundation that remained of the Gospel Hall.

Jimmy Morin lived by the river at the end of Faubert Street in the house that is now at the Cumberland Museum. Napoleon Faubert had constructed the wooden house along the CNR tracks around 1915. Bill McGuire and

his wife Lucy Adams (Aunt of Navan's Eric Smith) lived there first. John Dale and his wife Mabel Magladry raised their daughters Vera Trethowen, Fern Harkness Kennedy, Greta and Amy Jones in this house before



The Fitzpatrick Family: James Fitzpatrick (1886-1970), son of John Fitzpatrick and Margaret Quigley married Catherine Elizabeth Pruner (1895-1960), daughter of Martin Pruner and Catherine Lant of Vars, January 27, 1919 in Sarsfield. Their children were: Kathleen (1920-2004), Evelyn (1921-2003), Hilda, Earle, Teresa, Burte (1926-2003), Lillian, Margaret, Bertha, Maurice, Kenneth, Dorothy, Doris, Mary, Norman (1938-2004). You will read more about the Fitzpatrick Family in the September Caboose.

James and Nellie Morin bought the farm and raised their children Martin (Joy Barnett), Bernard, Leonard, Dorothy, Grace (Bob MacEachern), Bernadette, Mildred (Myles Edwards), Katherine (Jack Armstrong), Robert (Lois Minogue), Joan (Reg Smith).

You are probably wondering 'where is the Smith connection?' Well, Joan Morin is my sister-in-law and she lives just west of our place. She was married to Reg Smith (1932-2006). Reg's and Glen's sister, Betty, chummed with Annie Watson's and Lawrence Barnett's daughter Joy before heading out west in 1955 to marry Everett Mills. Reg and Betty attended Sunday school picnics at Chestnut Cottage, the home of my grandparents Nettie (Helmer 1874-1957) and John Ferguson (1875-1958). Grandma encouraged everyone to sing

"Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?" to drown out the bellows of my Uncle Fred as he trodded up the back stairs on his morning return from drinking in Rockland with some of his buddies: John Lough (Dorothy Millar's brother), Donald Martin

(1924-1991), Bill McGuire (1878-1967), Art Watson (1906-1966) and Doug Taylor (1925-1981).

Our son Brett boasted that he and his pals, Matthew Hill and Jeff Cotton (grandsons of Florence MacEachern, whose sister was Bertha Edwards, mother of Stan), and Jason Minogue (son of Norman and Diane), had found a place in Masson where they could buy beer on Sunday! Imagine... Brett Smith believed that he was providing valuable information to his father Glen and Uncle Reg!! Heading across to Masson to imbibe was a right of passage for most Cumberland youth! Back before WW2 a troop of young Cumberland lads (including Alvin and Irwin Kennedy) rounded the bend down the hill from Buckingham to find my Uncle Fred's car in the ditch!

During WW2 Glen's Uncle John worked with Tom

McNeely Sr. (grandson Doug is married to Sharon, daughter of May and Ken Smith) and Walter Millar (wife Dorothy Lough) at Carp Airport. John had suffered a heart attack and could not enlist in active duty. John Smith had inherited his grandfather Robert's skills and was an expert mechanic. John worked on aircraft for RCAF pilots such as Cumberland's Dr. Irwin Farmer Kennedy and Navan's Eric Smith. John and Mildred were proud parents of their third child. Their first children, Donald and Audrey, welcomed Eric Lyle Smith (1943-2005). Later siblings were Wayne and Terry. John Smith had befriended a young pilot from Navan, Eric Smith, who was connected by surname only, and named the new Smith addition 'Eric' in his honour.

Navan's Eric Smith's parents were George and

Mary Ann Adams (born in Cumberland). Eric's Aunt Lucy (1893-1947) married Bill McGuire (who was the caretaker of Dale's Cemetery) and they lived on the 'back street' (Sparkle) in Cumberland. George Smith's parents, Thomas Smith and Eliza Foster, left Wicklow, Ireland to settle in Bytown in 1845. They purchased Lot 11 Concession 10 in Navan. Their son



Foubert Family (1907): R to L standing: Rupert, Dorothy, Ellen Swain Foubert, Napoleon Foubert. R to L sitting: Blanche, Lyla, Flora, Wilfred

Tom Junior married Mary Watchorn, his brother Sydney married Catherine Walsh whose daughter, Letitia Smith, was the mother of Stanton Lancaster (father of Lana, the late wife of Norm Deavy) and Phurn Lancaster (Mrs. Eldon Kinsella, father-in-law to Verna Kinsella). So continues the circle of Smiths!

The Andersen Family rented the stone house in Cumberland in the late 1930's. Peter, and his sister Edith, spent many happy hours rambling around the verandahs. I answered the phone the other day and found that I was connected to Edith Andersen Dowdell from Perth. She told me that her neighbour, Graeme Wall, was interested in 'The Caboose' as his mother, Gwen Taylor (sister of Doug, father of Kim) was from Cumberland. To make things even more bizarre...Gwen was married to Neville Wall, brother of Navan's Edgar Wall who was married to Mildred Coburn, sister of CTHS Director Verna Cotton! Some



years ago, Edgar Wall noticed my sister Suzanne McCord working at the R.J. Kennedy Arena he exclaimed, "I never thought I'd see a Ferguson cleaning toilets!" Edith is looking forward to visiting Cumberland this summer with her school chums, Joyce Kennedy (daughter of Eva Farmer and Robert J. Kennedy) and Doreen Watson (daughter of Edna Martin-Don's sister, and Arthur Watson-John's brother).

I started to teach in Navan in 1970. Smiths cropped up in my class often. There were the Smiths from the Long Bush Road at Notre Dame Deschamps who were connected to the Cleroux Family of market gardeners. I taught the siblings of Steven Smith, whose mother was a Cleroux, at Meadowview and I taught little blonde haired Steven Smith from Bearbrook. Of course, there was my step-son Stephen Cameron Smith who was twelve years old when Glen and I were married. Steve is now living beside Mary Smith on Ted Kelly Lane. Mary and Cam Smith are no relation but have been long time community supporters. Steve had a school chum, Gordon Smith...no relation. His mother, Ruth Smith, still lives on Quigley Hill Road across from my sister, Suzanne. Her husband was Donald Smith. John and Mildred's oldest son is Don and then there's Ken and May Smith's son 'Big Don' Smith. His mother, May was the daughter of Glen's Aunt Elsie Smith Hewens.

When our son Brett attended kindergarten at Riverview PS in Cumberland, he was waiting in the office for a drive to his Grandma Smith's (Luva). When the school secretary, Fay Hidlebaugh (Art Barnett's daughter), asked Brett who was picking him up he replied, "My cousin!" In came May Hewens Smith, Brett's first cousin once removed, to pick up her granddaughter Katrina and Brett! May and her neighbour, Doris (Mrs. Clifford) Smith, were connected as 'telephone pals' rather than relatives. They always joked that they'd have phones placed in their coffins so that they could keep chatting to each other. Telephones were placed in the caskets of May and Ken Smith so that they would always stay 'in touch'. Their children, the late Allan, Mary, Don, Danny, Sharon, Heather and Phyllis had Smith relatives on both sides. Their paternal grandfather Clarence Smith came from Quebec to Cumberland in the early 1900's and their maternal Smith relatives came from Clarence Point to Canaan Road in the 1850's. Hard to sort out, isn't it?

Bearbrook's Thomas Smith was born in Liverpool, England Oct. 2, 1905 to Thomas Smith Sr. and Annie Clayton who were married August 1, 1897. The name 'Thomas' could be traced back seven generations on the Smith side. Thomas Smith Sr. was born in 1868 and died Aug. 2, 1909 and is buried at Kirkdale Cemetery, Longmoor Lane, Walton, England. He

drove a team of horses and delivery wagon and died suddenly of pneumonia. His widow, Annie born



Dominion Day, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1941: Suzanne Ferguson McCord, daughter of Douglas Ferguson (1904-1965) and Anne Counsell (1913-2003) and Doreen Watson, daughter of Arthur Watson (1906-1966) and Edna Martin (1907-1986).

to Thomas Clayton and Mary Hartley March 27, 1878 arrived in Montreal on the 'Maurtanie' May 5, 1913. Annie Smith and her son Tom, lived with her sister, Nellie, who was married to Robert Eaton, a riverboat pilot in Montreal. Robert Eaton told Annie that he had learned of a housekeeping position in Bearbrook at the farm of Francis Henry Walsh (Frank, 1860-1933). Annie and her son moved to Bearbrook to work for Frank and Johnny Walsh. Annie and Frank were married Nov. 5, 1913 and Tom Smith attended Bearbrook SS#4. Annie died March 3, 1955 after raising her children Robert Henry (1914-1995) married Arleene Tanner; Florence May (1916-1956); Mildred May (1918-1995) married Albert Lowe of Vars; William Clayton (1919-1943 killed in WW2 action in 1943 while flying a Hudson Bomber aircraft in Badrauli, India. (Clayton Road, one mile east of Bearbrook, near the Walsh farm is named in his honour); Edith Alice (1921-1990) married Edward Minogue from Cumberland.



Tom Smith farmed the family farm. He was in the Cameron Highlanders Army Reserves from 1942-1955. He married Agnes Tanner July 3, 1943. They had Thomas Clayton Smith Jr. and Barbara Ann (married to Ronald Robinson of Brockville). I taught Laurie-Lee and Steven William Clayton, the oldest children of Tom and Sharon (Windsor) Smith at Meadowview PS in Navan. Tracey Darlene and Tammie Gail were born later. Tom Smith is a part time farmer, printer/cartographer, pilot and mechanic of tractors and aircraft. In 1976, Tom built an airstrip on the farm. He retired from the Federal Government in Aeronautical Charting in 2005.



Tom Smith on his farm in Bearbrook

Bearbrook Smiths live on East 1/2 lot 21 Concession 3 Cumberland Twp. (now 9364 Russell Rd., built in 1905).

and William Smyth raised their family and where my husband, Glen lived until 1957.

Navan Smiths, Thelma, widow of Syd and their sons Doug and Don, still live on Smith Road near the train station where Syd's father, George Smith and his son, Eric, found OPP Constable Harold Dent mortally wounded after being shot in June, 1940.

The Smith name occupies a long list in telephone directories. The Smith name may be common, but, the Smiths sure are interesting individuals!

Many Cumberland Township residents are descendents of a 'Thomas Smith'. There are numerous other links that could have been made. To better understand the Smith Family, a second or third reading of this article may be necessary!!



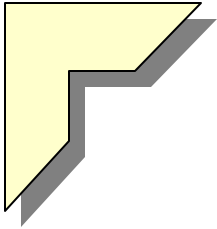
Tom Smith, England, c1907

Before Oct. 26, 1846, the property was owned by the Crown and when the Canada Company was formed, the property was purchased by Robert Walsh Sr. on Feb. 8, 1877 and passed on to his son Johnny who died Nov. 12, 1925. John Walsh willed the farm to his brother Frank on Feb. 12, 1926. After Frank's death in 1933, his

stepson Tom Smith inherited the farm. Tom and his son Thomas Clayton Smith formed a partnership Oct. 1, 1972. Tom and Sharon Smith still live on this property, having purchased the balance of the farm May 18, 1984.



Canaan Road Smiths, Terry and Sharon, live on the property of Daniel Lough at the north end of Canaan Road, adjacent to the farm where Margaret Lough



Angus and Alice Wilson celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on May 29, 2007



City of Ottawa Civic Appreciation Award Winners for Heritage: Jim Stanzell, Robin Derrick, Michele LeBoldus, Allan Meltzer and Jeannie Smith May 7, 2007. CTHS Director Verna Cotton won this award in 2006



Cumberland Night at the Races. From L to R (back): Bob Dessaint, Randall Ash, Dan Brazeau; (front): (jockey), Jeannie Smith, Verna Cotton, Dorothy-Jane Smith

