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# THE CABOOSE



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## Editor's ramblings (by Jeannie Smith)

International Women's Day, March 8<sup>th</sup>, is an occasion marked by women's groups around the world. When women on all continents, often divided by national boundaries and by ethnic, linguistic, cultural, political and economic differences, come together to celebrate their Day, they can look back to a tradition that represents at least nine decades of struggle for equality, justice, peace and development. Take this opportunity to remember the women in your lives who have been influential in your upbringing and success.

Thank the women who are in your lives today and never underestimate their value!

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### **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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## Community Builders Awards February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003



Back: L-R: Kay Minogue, Sally Edwards, Gracia Martin, Helen Burns, Bernadette Johnson, Liz Schultz

Front: L-R: Eileen Corry, Mary Dashney, Jeanne Surprenant, Verna Cotton, Christine Nooven.

### **Next meeting of the CTHS**

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at the Ottawa Regional Police Station on St. Joseph Blvd & Tenth Line. Our guest speakers will be Jeannie Smith, Bob Kendall and Randall Ash. Be sure to bring a friend along. Light refreshments, as always, will be served.



## Society calendar

For more information on these and other upcoming 2007 events, please contact a member of the executive committee or visit our website at [www.cths.ca](http://www.cths.ca).



Wed. March 7 <sup>th</sup>	CTHS General Meeting. Learn the history of the Navan Fair as you listen to a tape of the late Sam Rathwell and the late Syd Cotton. Randall Ash will present pictures of his trip to Turkey. Police Boardroom, Tenth Line & St. Joseph Blvd. 7:00 pm
Thurs. March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ottawa Women's Canadian Club Luncheon. 12:30 pm, Chateau Laurier. Speaker: Glenn J Lockwood, Anglican Diocesan Archives. Tickets: \$36.00. Phone Margie Marlatt 613-731-7511
March 31 <sup>st</sup> – April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pancake Festival. Cumberland Lion's Maple Hall
Wed. May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	CTHS Annual General Meeting. Guest speaker: Brian Coburn.
May 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>	Heritage Power & Country Festival. Cumberland Heritage Village Museum

## 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:

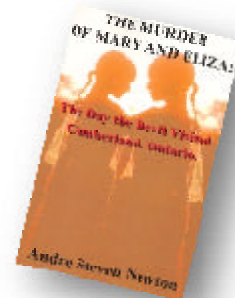
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### "Memories of Cumberland Township" is still on sale!

Copies are \$20 (\$25 if mailed) and are available from Jeannie Smith at 613.833.2877 or via email at [gsmith2877@rogers.com](mailto:gsmith2877@rogers.com), or contact any member of the Executive.

## The Day the Devil Visited Cumberland

"The author of *The Murder of Mary and Eliza* did not actually choose to write their story; Mary and Eliza chose him! He has not disappointed them nor the McGonigle descendants. Andre Steven Newton has recorded the facts of what Justice Hugh MacMahon, trial judge, described as "the most diabolical crime ever committed in the annals of this country's history" and, in the reading, he takes us back to that fall of 1890, when Cumberland's innocence was shattered and its history forever altered. You will not want to miss this riveting true story." Linda Thibodeau, grandniece of Mary and Eliza.



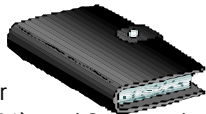
For your copy send check or money order for \$15.50 plus \$5 shipping, made out to Dylan Newton, 307-390 Montreal Rd., Vanier, Ontario, K1L 8H1. Please let us know if you would like your copy of the book signed by the author.

## Audio tapes in the CTHS History Room

Patricia Wright, Fran Stronach, Ann Gonneau Blake and other volunteers recorded the stories of Cumberland Township residents. The following audio tapes are locked away in the History Room and can be made available on request.

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| Al & Helen Tweddle         | Albert Weston Marshall          |
| Alice Lavergne             | Angus Wilson                    |
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| Bradley Family History     | Carleton Farmer                 |
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| The McFadden Family        | The Foubert Family              |
| The Mount Family           | The Morris Family               |
| Victor Dunning             | Verna Cotton                    |
| Wilfred Sharkey            | Wendell Stanley                 |

## Diary Dialogues



Written by Susie Rice Ferguson (1883-1986), youngest daughter of Dr. James Ferguson (1838-1921) and Susannah Rice McLaurin (1841-1918).

When her brother John (1875-1958) married Nettie Helmer (1874-1957) in 1897 and moved into the family home 'Chestnut Cottage' in Cumberland, Susie went to live with her bachelor brother Dr. Willie (William Dunlop Turner Ferguson 1864-1912) at 'Inglehyrst' on Laurier Street just east of the Roman Catholic Church in Rockland. Susie enjoyed the social life of the booming lumber town at the turn of the century when W. C. Edwards operated the mills. Susie met Lorne Kennedy (1887-1931), a young engineer from Maxville, Ontario, when he was supervising the construction of the paved 'highway' that went through Rockland around 1908. They were married February 7, 1911. While Lorne served overseas in WW1, Susie and her daughter Margaret (1912-1992) lived at 'Clearview' in Cumberland. Her parents moved to 'Inglehyrst' in 1912 after Willie's death. The couple moved to New Liskeard where Lorne's father A.J. Kennedy was elected Conservative MPP for Northern Ontario in 1923. Lorne and Susie had another daughter, Elizabeth (1924-1994), and a son, Angus, who died at 6 months of age in 1926. After Lorne's death, Susie stayed in New Liskeard. She moved to Ottawa in 1946 when Elizabeth began to work at Bell Canada. Margaret taught high school in Northern Ontario for over 40 years. Susie and Elizabeth moved to Montreal in 1962 when Elizabeth got a promotion at Bell Canada.

In her youth, Susie had been the 'Belle of Rockland'. She was a great horsewoman and rode side saddle and drove Dr. Willie's team of hackneys.



Elizabeth Kennedy (right) with The Right Honorable John Diefenbaker



Susie, Margaret and baby Elizabeth Kennedy at Chestnut Cottage, 1924

She took pride in driving 'Black Beauty', a 1936 Air stream Chrysler. She was independent and feisty right up to her death at age 103. Her strong Presbyterian faith, combined with her distant aboriginal genes (her great great grandmother was Indian), her vibrant red hair (kept dyed until age 100) and her determination to ensure that her daughters were well educated, made her unique. She was a liberated woman long before the term Women's Lib was fashionable.

## Excerpts from the diary of Susie Rice Kennedy, 1923

Jan. 5: Letter from Mrs. Derby re buying of bookcase at "Clearview". Write to Mrs. Tweedie.

Feb. 4: This was my dear father's birthday. I am very lonesome for him to-day. I miss him so at times. Go to church with my little daughter Margaret at 11 a.m.

Feb. 8: Send away to the Ottawa Journal a notice In Memoriam of dear Father's death Feb. 10, 1921. I am very lonely for him to-day. Ironing in afternoon & in evening help Margie with her homework. We all three retire early.

Feb. 19: Write to Mrs. Dr. Derby re rent of "Clearview". They are over 3 months behind and owe \$20.00 from summer, last paid was for October.

Feb. 26: Lorne is delegated to attend the 65 Annual Convention of Royal Arch Masons of Canada held in Toronto, hence our trip.

March 1: In Toronto at Queen's Hotel...Lorne and I go to Royal Alexandra to see Hal Jolson again, Lorne did not see him last night so wanted to go and I went too. Good time.

March 8: Dr. Byrnes of Barrie here to tea and over night, attending a meeting of Presbytery. A very fine man and one who has made good as he is now Doctor of Divinity. We have big chat over Cumberland.

March 9: Dr. Byrnes here for breakfast and lunch. Leaves on quarter to two electric car for Cobalt. I enjoyed his visit with me very much. He is such a fine fellow and from Cumberland.

March 23: Letters from John (brother) & Dr. Derby re rent of "Clearview". Letter from Mrs. Tweedie. (Rockland)

April 21: Letter from Aunt Nettie to Margaret. She invites us to Cumberland for the holidays. I expect to go out for a change this summer and dear wee Margaret is overjoyed with the thought of it.

April 26: Letter from Aunt Alice in Niles, Michigan to say that Uncle John (Ferguson) poorly.

June 11: Letter from Dr. Leonard Derby wanting me to let his parents remain at "Clearview" and saying he will pay the rent in future.

June 20: Letter from Bessie (1900-1963) (niece). She is now a graduate nurse and highly delighted. Enjoying her holidays at her home in Cumberland.

June 25: Grandpa Kennedy elected M.P.P. with over 1000 of a majority. What a big celebration we had at night. Band out and streets crowded with everyone cheering. Conservatives have 75 seats in the house now. G. Howard Ferguson our new Premier. Hurrah!

July 9: Arrive in Maxville for funeral service of Lorne's mother. Cecil (brother 1868-1944) and Ada over from Rockland. Lorne, Margie and I return to Rockland with Cecil and Ada in motor. Lovely day and good roads.

July 10: In Cumberland. Cecil, Ada, Lorne, Margie and I motor from Rockland and stay for tea. Grand day. Have a sail on the Ottawa in Douglas' (1904-1965 nephew) new boat. Meet James Helmer and his wife and little boy. The old burg looks the same as ever. John & Nettie are glad to see us. Return to Rockland in evening and chat out under the trees. "Inglehyrst" looks lovely this summer.

July 11: Lorne goes to Maxville. Margie and I remain in Rockland and spend the day out in the orchard and on the tennis court. Cecil and I have several good games and Margie and Ada play. Lawn is in good shape. Old Levis keeps the grounds looking great but I find Rockland very quiet this summer. Margie having a big time. Toby the dog still here.

July 12: Call on Mrs. Tweedie in morning with Margie. She and Mr. Tweedie also doctor Willie look very well. In afternoon motor to Ottawa with Cecil and Ada. Call at Cumberland and say goodbye to folks there. They were sorry we could not stay longer. Met Grandpa Kennedy and Myrtle at Russell House. Lorne came from Maxville with them after tea. Lorne, Margie and I go out to Phil. Wright's and spend the evening. Take train at 12 a. m. to New Liskeard.

July 17: Letter from Aunt Alice saying Uncle John (Ferguson 1835-1923) is sickening fast.

July 21: Telegram from Niles, Michigan saying Uncle John Ferguson died today. Funeral Monday. Just Aunt Margaret Cameron left now. (Her husband was Sir Douglas Colin Cameron, born in Hawkesbury June 8, 1854, died in Toronto Nov. 27, 1921. He was Liberal MPP for Kenora 1902-05 and Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba Aug. 1, 1911-Aug. 3 1916. Lady Cameron, younger sister of Dr. James Ferguson, died in Vancouver in 1929.).

July 29: Bad motor accident in town to-day. Intoxicated driver (Tessier) runs down a man on horse back near beach. Four persons in hospital.



Margaret, Susie and Elizabeth Kennedy, c. 1958

Aug. 4: Letter from John said Dr. Derbys have left the stone house. Wants to rent it himself.

Aug. 15: Lorne has a fit of the pouts these days, not enough to do. Too much loafing for the last three years. Wish he would do something like other men.

Aug. 21: Letter from John wanting to buy the "Clearview" property at Cumberland for \$3,000.00. That is the amount I took it for from Mother's estate.

Nov. 12: Thanksgiving Day. Margie & I spend it very quietly together as Lorne did not get home from Toronto. We went to the train to meet him & were disappointed not to find him there. A letter came saying he would be home next Saturday instead. We have our chicken dinner with pumpkin pie & nuts & raisins alone. A lovely warm day, wonderful for this time of the year.

Nov. 26: Letter from John saying Cecil is ill with typhoid fever (mild case). Dr. Tweedie attending. 10 tons Welsh coal arrives from Conclin Bros. so we should not freeze for a while at least! \$22.00 ton, some price!!

Dec. 3: Write to Ada and John. Cecil has been ill with a mild case of typhoid & John is staying down in Rockland now. Send to Murphy Gambles for hats, brown velvet to go with my brown velvet dress.

Dec. 20: I send away Mrs. Tweedie's presents coat hanger & shoe trees (fancy).

Susie and her daughters spent summer holidays in Cumberland.

Aug. 10th, 1937: Elizabeth ill, take her to Dr. Major in Orleans.

Aug. 11th, Elizabeth worse, right arm helpless. Have Dr. Major down.

Aug. 12th. Elizabeth in bed all day, very sick.

Aug. 13th: Elizabeth no better. Dr. Major down again.

Aug. 14th: Elizabeth little better and down stairs.

Aug. 15th : Elizabeth able to sit up on veranda in sun with Margaret while Nettie, Bessie, Ross and I motor to Navan to call on Alfred Shaw a patient of Bessie's.

Aug. 16th: Take Elizabeth to Dr. Evans in Ottawa. He pronounces her case Poliomyelitis Infantile Paralysis. Slight. We all feel very sad. Extreme heat.

Aug. 17th: Dr. Irwin of Navan M.H. O (medical health officer) calls to see Ibby and placards the house. We are to remain in quarantine two weeks from today.

Aug. 18th: First day of seclusion. Ibby in bed all day.

Aug. 19th; Elizabeth in bed quite ill. I stay with her all the time nursing.

Aug. 20th: Elizabeth in bed. Right arm helpless from the shoulder to elbow.

Aug. 21st: Nursing Ibby who is still very ill.

Aug. 22nd: There are 48 cases of Infantile Paralysis in Ottawa City where I think Ibby contracted the dread disease. Cooler today which may help stamp it out. Ibby about the same.

Aug. 23rd: Still quite cool. Ibby feels a little better. The rest of us are fine, just John, Nettie, Margaret and I here now. No other cases around the village.

Aug. 24th: Warmer again. Ibby able to sit up in a chair & look out of window at passing cars etc. Nettie making crab apple jelly.

Aug. 25th: Elizabeth feeling much better. Dressed & down on veranda in sun for a short time. Not near anyone. Bessie, Ross and Anne motor down to visit on the lawn for a short time. Ibby in her own room before they arrive.

Aug. 29h: Bessie, Ross, Anne & Doug down for tea on the lawn. Ibby on veranda. Corn on the cob abundant & very good

Aug. 31st: Margaret leaves for Westmeath to commence school teaching. Has to go by train.

Sept. 1st: Dr. Irwin arrives from Navan to fumigate house & remove Poliomyelitis placard. The disease has run its course. Arm helpless. There are 1180 cases of Poliomyelitis in the province. 94 in & around Ottawa, 350 in Toronto City. Terrible epidemic. Terrific heat! Take Elizabeth to Ottawa to Dr. Evans who prescribes massage & Galvanic battery treatment.

Elizabeth Kennedy received the 125th Anniversary of Confederation Medal in 1993. She died in June, 1994. She was the president of the Montreal Council of Women 1990-1992 and served on the National Council of Women of Canada executive as Montreal President. She chaired the National Council Committee on the Status of Women and contributed to the debate on employment equity. The Bell Canada retiree was an active member of the Presbyterian Church of the Town of Mount Royal, taking part in the Women's Missionary Society and on the senate of The Presbyterian College. In 1991 she chaired the Women's Interchurch Council of Canada for the Montreal area. The welfare of native women was close to Elizabeth's heart. She was a member of the Quebec Native Women's Association and National Action Committee in support of Native Women. Elizabeth Kennedy made an enormous contribution to women's causes.

## Tribute to a Fine Navan Lady: Eva Brereton

*by Linda Dunn for the Communique May, 1985  
edited by Jeannie Smith and Laurie Watson, with  
information recorded by Jessie McFadden Burns in  
1970 and Ivy Brereton Ferguson in 1984*

Eva Brereton was born in 1888 and raised on a farm north of Navan (Lot 7, Concession 9). She moved into the village with her husband Ernie when they were married in 1913. Together, they raised six children: Frances, Hamilton, Ivy, Maude, Hawley and Berna.

Eva's maiden name was Burns. Her grandfather Lewis Burns, a native of Ireland, came to Canada probably in the 1830s. He was employed by Captain Petrie of Cumberland. While working there, Lewis Burns met Mary Ann Wallace from the Clarence Creek area who was born in 1821. They were married in approximately 1840 and settled on a farm in the Cumberland Village area (Lot C, Concession 7). Their family consisted of four sons: John, Lewis Jr., William and Samuel, and two daughters, Emily and Sarah. In the 1850s two of their sons, John and Lewis Jr. (Eva's father) bought a large tract of land north of the village of Navan. The property was heavily wooded, and together with other settlers, they cleared the

land for farming. The ties between the villages of Cumberland and Navan were strong and the brothers would return to Cumberland for supplies. The original tract of land was later divided into four farms with Lewis Jr. and John taking one each (Lot 7, Concessions 8 and 9 respectively). The other two farms were sold to Robert Armstrong and Tom Wall. Eva's nephew, Robert Burns and his wife Helen (Edwards) still live on the original homestead of John Burns at Lot 7, Concession 8.

Lewis Burns Jr. married Eliza Jane Hamilton of Navan. They had five children: Wesley, Wallace, Eva, Martin (1889-1976), (Robert Burns' father), and Sarah. Eva recalled her early schooling at Navan Public School before the 1900's. Her first teacher was Mr. Gardner, followed by Miss Robena Wood and Miss Mooney. Mr. Percy Dunning 1879-1919 from Riceville, (oldest son of William Nelson Dunning 1840-1925 and Maria Rice McLaurin 1849-1929) coached the Grade 8 Entrance exams. Percy became the doctor in Navan but died suddenly in 1919. His uncle was Dr. James Ferguson. Only four students from Navan attended high school from that graduating class of 1901. On a crisp September day, Eva, Grace Rathwell, Annie McCullough (Mrs. Vinton McFadden) and Charlie Walsh left by train to attend high school in Vankleek Hill. Eva attended the Collegiate for three years, returning only for Christmas and summer holidays, until her mother Eliza Hamilton Burns (1849-1907) fell ill and Eva returned to help in the household. In later years, this high school education came in handy as Eva taught in local schools when teachers were hard to find. Granny Burns (Mary Anne Wallace 1821-1921) lived with her son Lewis Burns and his family for a time, then moved in with Eva and Ernie Brereton and later with her son John and his family who lived in Ottawa. Granny had a few problems adjusting to city living and 'acted up' often. Once, she stuffed the toilet full of newspapers, so was happier to return to Navan to live with Eva's family. The Brereton's quickly adapted to some of Granny's strange habits. She was known to steal Ernie's bread off his plate and sometimes would hold the babies upside down! The family fondly recalls their beloved Granny who oft sat



rocking in her chair and looked out the window. Mary Anne Burns died two months before her 100th birthday.

Ernest Brereton was born in 1886 at "The Meir", Staffordshire, England. He had a diploma as a blacksmith and a carriage maker. In 1910, times were difficult in England, and Ernie and Bill Cook, a close friend, realized that opportunities in England were limited and flipped a coin to decide between Australia and Canada. Canada was the chosen country. The men set sail across the Atlantic Ocean on "The Canada." Their destination was Ottawa to live with Bill's relative who worked at the Ottawa Car Works. They arrived in Ottawa where they ran in to a man by the name of Robert Hamilton who advised them of a vacancy for a blacksmith in the village of Navan. Ernie took the train to Navan and walked to

Bob Rathwell's where he was hired for the job. He lived at the Newton Boarding House. Two years working with Mr. Rathwell passed very quickly and Ernie found himself eager to try it on his own, so he rented a vacant blacksmith shop from Allan Dillon of Navan. Then Ernie bought a piece of property from Robert Newton on which he built his own blacksmith shop. Bill Cook returned to England. He was not able to find work in his profession of book-keeping and he found farm work too hard.

In 1912 Eva and Ernie met at the skating rink which was across from Lancaster's Feed Store, now the Old Mill Restaurant, on Trim

Road in Navan. They were married in 1913 and they moved in to the house which Ernie built on his property with the help of his father-in-law, Lewis Burns. The Brereton's were rich in kindness and happiness and the household grew larger with the addition of Aunt Emily Harrison (Granny's daughter) who came to help with the housework. An addition of a kitchen and two bedrooms was built on to the house to accommodate the large family of six children.

Eva was always willing to help and once she went to stay with the Poaps family in Leonard while their mother was in hospital. Eva had forgotten to take the quart of yeast starter which she needed to make bread. She sent the boys to find something in which to bake the bread and they returned with the hen's dishes! With the decline in the demand for blacksmithing, Ernie made many trips north to find work. Twice, the family moved with him, first for two years to Bestel in the early 1920's and later to South Porcupine from 1940-1952. They returned to Navan and bought a house from Alfred Pruner on Trim Road, next door to their son Ham's repair shop, where they lived out their lives. After working in mines in Sudbury and South Porcupine, and serving in the Armed Forces in World War II, Eva and Ernie's son Hamilton Brereton (Ham) (1917-1992) continued in his father's footsteps working with his father in the shop in Navan, starting in 1964. St. Mark's Anglican Church in Cumberland is proud of their beautiful ornate cross atop their belfry. It was crafted by Ernie Brereton who was a talented blacksmith indeed! Ernie died in 1978. Eva passed away in 1988. They were a gem of a couple, both good, kind folk, who helped to make Cumberland Township a great place to live.

## Taylor Family Tales

*By Verna Cotton*

*edited by Kim Taylor & Jeannie Smith*

Taylor Creek Business Park on Trim Road is a hub of activity, but once, it was a 400 acre farm that stretched south from the Ottawa River. Five generations of the Taylor Family called this land, near the railway stop of Daniston, "home."

Isaac Whitney Taylor, born July 25, 1791 in North Hampton, Massachusetts, was the oldest child of James Taylor. His siblings were William, Susan, Lydia (1796-1868), Amos, Louise, Joseph and Betsy.

Isaac had a notorious past! He had been sentenced to 7 years in an Albany, New York prison for passing counterfeit American banknotes! He had just married on December 25, 1824. His wife, Elizabeth Thompson, born December 16, 1804 in County



Isaac Taylor Jr.

Monahan Ireland, petitioned the Governor of New York to set him free. He was released and the couple came to Canada and settled in Lochaber Township, Quebec on Ranges 11 and 12 in 1825, where Isaac operated a sawmill.



Taylor Girls: left- Mabel, Laura (Mrs. John Carson), Ethel; Sitting-Louisa (Lulu-Mrs. W.H.F. Coburn)

Elizabeth and Isaac Taylor's children were:

- Louisa Sept. 5, 1826-Mar. 14, 1868
- James, Dec. 16, 1827-Jan. 26, 1905
- Amos Mar. 5, 1829-Jan. 5, 1839
- Elizabeth Feb. 27, 1831-Aug. 12, 1908
- Susan June 17, 1833-Mar. 3, 1909
- Cicelia June 21, 1835-Jul. 21, 1836
- Laura June 18, 1837-Jan. 1, 1897
- Isaac Whitney Jr. July 3, 1839-Nov. 30, 1922
- Anna Jul. 5, 1841-Dec. 21, 1902
- Leticia Apr. 22, 1843-1907
- William Aug. 26, 1845-May 2, 1861
- Charles Jul. 31, 1848-Oct. 10, 1902

About 1853, Isaac purchased Lot 5, Con. 1 Clarence Township. He established a sawmill at Clarence Point and employed many workers. The lumber industry had run its course, so on Sept. 12, 1854; Isaac bought the north halves of Lots 31 and 32 Con. 1 OS in Cumberland Township for 500 pounds

sterling from Joseph Laflamme. The family wintered in a log cabin, on the hill overlooking the river. The next spring, 1855, a larger home was constructed further south. Isaac Sr. died Jan. 24, 1861 and Elizabeth died June 30, 1877. The couple is buried in the Clarence Cemetery.

Louisa married Fabien Blais Nov. 24, 1846 and they had five children: Edwin James 1850-1880; Lydia 1853-1876; Elizabeth 1855-1883; Laura 1857-1909; Willie 1866-1868.

James married his first cousin, Abigail Bennett Spaulding Aug. 5, 1851. Her mother was Lydia Taylor (1796-1868). Their son was Edgar James 1859-1937.

Elizabeth married William Erskine of Rockland Oct. 2, 1851 and they had Florence 1852-1931; Albert 1854-1904; James 1866-1870; Jean 1870-1949; Helena 1873-1874.

Susan married James Erskine of Rockland May 5, 1854.

Laura married Neil MacEachern. Their children were Annie, Emma 1875-1938; Willie, Isaac and Lizzie.

Anna married John S. Erskine of Rockland and they had Jennie 1875-1925 married to William Henry Rivington 1858-1924, and Margaret Violet 1878-1957.

Letitia married George Beach.

On Oct. 25, 1881, Isaac Jr. married Caroline Fraser who was born on April 15, 1855 to Robert Fraser (1820-1904) and Louisa Hurdman (1824-1910). Robert was the son of Samuel Fraser and Mary Morris. Louisa's father, Charles Hurdman, came to Hull, Quebec with Philemon Wright. The Fraser homestead was on the hill south of the Taylor farmstead.



Wedding photo of Ernie Taylor and Annie Garvock

Isaac and Caroline's children were:

- William Ernest 1882-1940
- Robert Leslie 1884-1917
- Hattie Elizabeth 1886-1888
- Louisa 1888-1970,
- Laura 1891-1960
- Ethel 1894-1977
- Mabel 1896-1971.

William Ernest Taylor (Nov.1, 1882-Dec.12, 1940) married Annie Garvock (1897-Nov. 26, 1963). Their children were: Gwen born May 30, 1923 married Neville Thomas Wall June 20, 1942. Douglas Bryan Jul.24, 1925-Mar.25, 1981 married Violet Brown on Aug.17, 1958. James Ernest, Jul 5, 1928-Oct.5, 1930. William Leslie Feb.13, 1932-Dec.26, 1961 married Vivien Gravelle. Greig born Oct 31, 1938 married Heather Newton Feb. 3, 1962.



Ernie and Leslie Taylor, c.1912

Robert Leslie, born Jul.29,1884 went overseas in WW1 with the 73rd Battalion Canadian Infantry, Royal



Highlanders of Canada (Black Watch) and was wounded Nov. 13, 1916 in the Battle of the Somme and died in England on Feb. 13, 1917.

Ernie and Leslie worked together on the dairy farm.

They had built a modern barn with a silo, and tilled the fields for drainage. Leslie's death was a terrible shock, but tragedy struck again on Oct. 5, 1930 when Ernie's little son James dashed out of the house and ran towards the railway line. The tracks were 300 feet north of the house. Norman Edwards, and other neighbouring farmers, were helping Ernie with the thrashing in nearby fields and no one had seen the young lad wander off. James was struck by a piece of steel that jutted out from the passing train and was thrown 150 feet to his death.

where the train tracks had once been. Ernie died of a stroke in 1940, leaving his wife Annie and her young family to manage the family farm.



Ernie and Leslie Taylor and a pal digging a pathway for the cows to walk through the culvert, under the tracks, and down to the Ottawa River



Louise Kennedy and Harvey Dunning

Close to the same spot, nearly fifty years later, Doug was killed by a car that sped along the highway

Louisa, known as Lulu, to avoid confusion with her cousin Louise Kennedy (1890-1916), daughter of James Kennedy and Jane Fraser (Caroline Taylor's sister), was married to William Henry Francis Coburn



Mabel, Ethel and Laura Taylor on the railway track north of their home

on Feb. 10, 1915. They had Mildred 1916, married to Edgar Wall on June 22, 1940; Haydon 1918-1979 married to Wilma Rivington on Sept. 23, 1943, Francis 1921 married to Bertha Devine on Aug. 1, 1980 and Verna 1927 married to Syd Cotton Jul. 15, 1907- on June 20, 1958.

The complete Taylor Family history can be found in the CTHS history room.

### Famous Cumberland Quilters (1991)



L-R: Clara Nuttall (1910-2001), Freda Wright (1909-2000), Loretta Jones (1900-1993),  
Reta Findlay (1914).

### Eighties Ladies (1983)



L-R: Sheila Minogue-Calver, Jeannie Smith, Marilyn Ala-Kantti, Denise  
Ethier, Fay Hidebaugh