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Editor's ramblings (by Jeannie Smith)

I've been known to be a 'fast woman' but this is ridiculous! It was wonderful to receive a perfectly handwritten copy of the Melvin Family Story from Verna Cotton for the March issue of The Caboose. Unfortunately, due to my speedy typing and mediocre editing, I copied words and labelled family photos incorrectly. I was once typing so quickly that 'editor' presented as 'idioter'. Editing must be done at a slower pace!

Wedding Bells chime for many couples during May and June. Our centre page features 'Brides and Grooms' from pre-1945 Cumberland Township. Are any of these your relations? Please continue to scan photos and send them in to be published.

Success breeds success. This has been the case for the CTHS. Membership is growing rapidly and people are keen to read The Caboose. Without the technical expertise of Randall Ash, I could not create this newsletter. Thank you for the positive feedback... we'll spring ahead into future publications.

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.

Our Executive

- Randall Ash, President and newsletter production
- Jeannie Smith, Secretary-Treasurer and Newsletter Editor
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Our address and local history room

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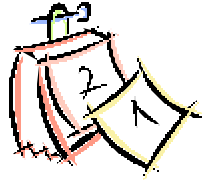
Wedding photo William Henry Francis Coburn and Louise (Lulu) Taylor, Feb.10, 1915

Next meeting of the CTHS

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Thursday, May 4th at the Lions Maple Hall, Old Montreal Road, Cumberland Village. Doors open at 5:30 pm, followed by the AGM ('The year in retrospect') at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. After dinner, our special guest, Don Boudria, will talk about the changes that he has witnessed in Cumberland Township.

Society calendar

For more information on these and other upcoming 2006 events, please contact a member of the executive committee or visit our website at www.cths.ca.



Thursday May 4	CTHS AGM, Dinner Meeting, Lions Maple Hall, Cumberland Village, Don Boudria will present "Memories of Cumberland Township." Tickets (\$15) for the dinner will be sold in advance.
Saturday May 6th	Annual Spring Clean-up Village of Cumberland
Sunday May 21st	Rural Roots Lecture Series 1:00-2:00 pm, Cumberland Heritage Village Museum, Orphans of Industry: Canada's Home Children
Saturday May 27-28	Village Fair and Spring Crank-Up, Cumberland Heritage Village Museum
Sunday June 4th	Doors Open Ottawa
Sunday June 11th	Annual Memorial Service, Cumberland, Dale's Cemetery, 2:30 pm
Sunday June 11th	Annual Memorial Service, Navan, St. Mary's Anglican Cemetery, 2:00 pm
Sunday June 18th	Annual Cemetery Service, BearBrook, Holy Trinity Anglican Cemetery, 2:00 pm
Sunday June 25th	Annual Cemetery Service, Navan, Wilson Cemetery, 2:30pm
Sunday July 23rd	Garden Tour and CTHS History Walk, Cumberland Village, 1:00 pm
Wednesday Sept. 6th	CTHS General Meeting, Police Boardroom, Tenth Line, Orleans: The Dunnings: Cumberland's Founding Family, Guest Speaker: Randy McConnell

We've got mail!

From the Chief of Police:

Thank you very much for sending to me a copy of the recent publication 'Murder in Navan'. I took the time the other night to read the book and I enjoyed the story very much. I was of course familiar with the tragic tale, but had never been privy to the detail contained in the book.

Please convey my compliments to the Cumberland Township Historical Society for their good work in preserving our history.

Regards,
Vince Bevan
Ottawa Police Service



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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We need your help!

We need volunteers to help scan the binders of family/local history that are shelved in the CTHS History Room at the Cumberland Library. If you would like to learn more about Cumberland's history, why not spend a few hours sifting through the material to prepare it for scanning. This valuable history will soon be lost to deterioration unless it is digitalized. The CTHS Executive is undertaking this massive project but cannot do it alone.

The CTHS Executive is searching for members who have skills in computers and website development who are willing to serve on the Executive or to help out with special projects.

Please contact any member of the Executive if you would like to help.

Thank you to Ona Spratt, Randall Ash, Jean-François Beaulieu, Gilles Chartrand, Michelle Muir, Edel Schmitz, Jeannie Smith, Diane Young, for volunteering to redo the binders in the history room. The collection is being replaced into acid free sleeves so that the collection will be preserved for posterity.

Future meetings...

Most CTHS meetings are held at the Police Boardroom, Tenth Line & St. Joseph Blvd. We appreciate the free use of the Ottawa Police Boardroom for meetings. Mark the following dates on your calendar for next season's meetings.

- Wednesday September 6, 2006
- Wednesday November 1, 2006
- Wednesday March 7, 2007
- Wednesday May 2, 2007

More Lough History

From Harry Kuntz

1870 Census for Mound City Post Office,
Potosi, Linn, Kansas

Lough, John 25 M W mill wright b Canada East - both parents foreign born

Lough, Jane 35 F W keeping house b Canada East - both parents foreign born

Lough, William J 14 M W at home b Canada East

Lough, Martha 11 F W at home b Canada East

Lough, Robert 9 M W at home b Canada East

Lough, Thomas 7 M W at home b Canada East

Lough, Emma 6 F W at home b Canada East

Lough, Samuel 5 M W at home b Canada East

Lough, Harriett, 3 F W at home b Canada East

Lough, Clara 2 F W at home b Canada East

Transcribed from *A Standard History of Kansas and Kansans*, written and compiled by William E. Connelley, Secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka. [Revised ed.] Chicago: Lewis Publishing Co., 1919, c1918. 5 v. (xlviii, 2530 p., [155] leaves of plates): ill., maps, ports; 27 cm.

BUTLER HOUSE

by Pat Wright, in 1983 for *The Courier Newspaper*

"How do I love thee? Let me count the ways." So said Robert Browning the poet to Elizabeth Barrett, the lady he loved.

In modern time Mr. and Mrs. Gavin Macaulay of Cumberland Township must have thought along similar lines, but in their case, about a house, because they have literally moved their house twice. To move a house so often one must certainly love it.



Butler House sketch by Mary Kinsella



Macaulay House in Gloucester, 1950's

I wish those of my readers, who feel as I do about old log houses could have been with me when I visited Mr. and Mrs. Macaulay this month. It was like stepping back 100 years in time. The setting, on the afternoon of my visit, was like a picture. The log house, dark-beamed against a backdrop of snow laden pine trees, pure white unmarked snow, smoke spiralling from the chimney, I could become quite poetic about it, but I must get back to my explanation of how this lucky little house finally got itself settled in our Township.

Gavin Macaulay is a retired Research Engineer with the National Research Council (NRC) a native of St. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec. Mrs Macaulay is a New Englander. The Macaulays and their two daughters came to Ottawa some twenty odd years ago (1963). Mrs. Macaulay's interest in history and antiques dates back to the days before her marriage when she lived in Maine and worked as the curator of a museum, although she tells me that her main interest at this time was in the field of genealogy. It is quite obvious from visiting with her, that she has no small knowledge of antiques and it is rare to find a house completely furnished with them, but the Macaulay house is just that, cozy and comfortable.

This fairly large, 30'x36' log home built circa 1830, was once known as the Butler house. The Butlers were an Irish family who had settled in Gloucester Township in the 1800s. The house was used as a hostelry or one-night stopping place at the toll gate on the Old Montreal Road. At the time that the Macaulays bought the house, it and the surrounding property was owned by Mr. Lemay (Lemay Hotel, Montreal Road Green's Creek). Former Reeve Henri Rocque's wife, Madeleine Lemay, lived in this house as a young girl, before her marriage to Henri. When Montreal Road was widened in 1951, the "Butler Home" as it was known had to be torn down or removed. The Macaulays fell in love with it and bought it and undertook the enormous task of numbering each log and taking it apart.



Gordon McLaughlin (best man), Edward Smith, Mildred Cameron, Marjorie McArthur (bridesmaid), Ottawa, April 3, 1937



Eliza McGonigle and Frank Deavy



Lillias Watson and Matthias Watson, Canaan, Nov. 21, 1894



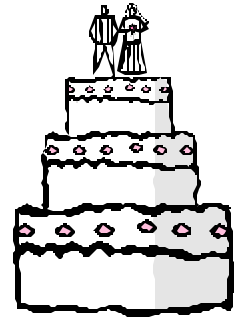
Jean-Noël and Germaine Dessaint, August 1943



Mable Scharf and John Watson, Cumberland, 1938



Florence Griffith and Neville Rivington, Bearbrook, July 25, 1942



Bridesmaids, Anne Counsell and Douglas Ferguson, James Ferguson and son Bruce, Ancaster, Ontario, June 12, 1937



William Larmour and Annie Maude Poaps (Seated), his sister (Margaret Larmour) and her brother (Herman Poaps) standing, April 18, 1906, Vars



Nellie Ryan and James Morin, 1921



William Levi Dale and Amanda Catherine Chamberlin, Cumberland, May 10, 1905



Elizabeth Kennedy, Anne Counsell, Doug Ferguson, Bruce Ferguson, Wanda Timms, Minister, Bessie Ferguson, Ross Fraser, Bea Ferguson, Margaret Kennedy, Cumberland, Oct. 5, 1935

BUTLER HOUSE (cont'd from page 3)

They bought five acres of land from Mr. Perreault at Notre Dame des Champs, a small hamlet in those days, some ten miles from the city. Here with the help of some friends, the Macaulays began to put their house together again. Notable among these friends was Mr. Bill Cundell of Rockland whom, Mr. Macaulay tells me, was a giant of a man with the strength to match. When the house was finished, the Macaulays found an old log chicken house in Clarence Township which they bought, brought back and erected as a garage and workshop. Mr. Macaulay also became a water diviner about this time and with the help of the willow sticks found a good source of water which never let them down. This well was dug by hand and lined with hemlock. They put a rock wall around it and a roof over it, completing a very pretty old world scene.

However, within a few years, more houses were being built around them, the road became busier and noisier and it was obviously time to move on. This time they chose as their site, 12 acres from the farm of Mr. Eldred Hayes in Cumberland. This site, on the Baseline Road, (now Wilhaven) covered in pines and quite secluded at that time (1963), was prepared. However they decided to move the house on a flat bed rather than take it apart. They laugh now at some of the memories of the move, but from what they tell me it must have been a fairly hair-raising adventure. Can you imagine leaving all your furniture inside the house while it is being moved? They were extremely fortunate they feel, in their choice of a mover. They chose Mr. Loiselle from Embrun and they fondly remember the foreman, Mr. Raymond Clement whose job it was to put the house on its foundation and build the basement, which apparently was done after the house was in position. Mr. Clement also walked behind the house while it was being moved, because any speed caused it to sway.

Because of road regulations, they had to remove five feet of the roof's peak to transport the house. The family followed behind the house. The trailer carrying the house had to be parked overnight near the old school house and since their beds were in the house, along with everything else they owned, even though the house was parked on the side of the road, that night they went upstairs to bed! Mr. Macaulay recalls that the house was marked by kerosene lamps on the road during the night and his constant fear was that the lamps would go out and they would wake up and find a car in the kitchen. However, all went well and next day they began the job of settling in. To-day when you drive along the Baseline Road and see this house and garage set back amongst the pine trees it's hard to believe that it hasn't always been there and we history buffs must

congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Macaulay and acknowledge their efforts in preserving something of our past.

The present owners of this charming log home are Abraham and Mary Penning. The Pennings purchased it from The Macaulay's in 1991 when they sold their farm (originally the William Edwards Homestead) on Frank Kenny Road.

The Hodges Family (Part 2)

by Isobel Hodges

This history contains the descendants of Isaiah and Rachel Hodges. The following is the legend to distinguish the generations:

- Isaiah and Rachel - 1st generation
- I, II, III, 1V, V, - 2nd generation
- 1., 2., 3., 4., etc. - 3rd generation
- i., ii., iii., iv., etc. - 4th generation
- a), b), c), d), etc. - 5th generation
- i., ii., iii., iv., etc. - 6th generation

The original Family History was written from information gathered from Hodges' kin and printed June 11, 1981 by Isobel Hodges. This update was undertaken in 2003 by Cathy Johnson and Isobel Hodges and was completed and printed in 2005

Part 2 - AGNES AND WILLIAM NEWHAM

II AGNES AND WILLIAM NEWHAM had four children: 1. George William Newham (1902-1944), 2. Charles Fredrick 'Fred' Newham (Oct. 4, 1906-Mar. 10, 1980), 3. Agnes Annie 'Bessie' Newham (Nov. 10, 1912-Jan. 13, 1993), 4. John Arthur 'Jack' Newham (1915-1990).

1. George William Newham was born in Ottawa, Ont. He married Phyllis Bligh. No children.
2. Charles Fredrick Newham was born in Ottawa, Ontario. He married on June 30, 1938 to Emma Smith



(sitting) Rachel (Smith) Hodges; (left) Addie (Chas.' wife) (Rivers) Hodges; (right) Eva (Hodges) (at time of picture she was Eva Bailey) now Carrier; (baby) Donnelda (Bailey) Cummings (circa 1937)

(Jan. 2, 1911-Aug. 31, 1982). Child: i. Ann Sharon Newham (Sept. 26, 1940-Feb. 19, 2001).

i. Ann Newham married in 1960 to David Baird (Jan. 3, 1939). Children: a) David Baird (Oct. 12, 1960), b)

Brian Baird (Apr. 26, 1963), c)

Cherie Baird (May 29, 1964), d) Michael Baird (July 2, 1966), e)

Gordon Baird (Apr. 22, 1969). They live in Victoria, B.C.

3. Agnes Annie 'Bessie' Newham born in

Victoria, B.C., married in 1937 to John McLennan (Mar. 28, 1907, in Scotland-May 19, 1984 in Victoria, B.C.). Children: i. George 'Duncan' McLennan (Aug. 23, 1938 in Victoria, B.C.), ii. Diane Elizabeth McLennan (June 10, 1942 in Winnipeg, Manitoba), i. Duncan McLennan married Dec. 11, 1966 to Allene Lorna Griffiths (killed in car accident, Nov. 27, 1977). Children: a) Geoffrey Duncan McLennan (Mar. 3, 1970 at Duncan, B.C.), b) Gregory Stuart McLennan (Feb. 25, 1973 at Duncan, B.C.).

a) Geoffrey McLennan married on June 21, 2003 to Sheila Shah (Oct. 11, 1971) No Children. This family lives in Edmonton, Alberta. Geoffrey is a Chartered Accountant

b) Gregory McLennan and partner Cherry Lynn Hayes (Dec. 19). No children. This family lives in Edmonton, Alberta. Gregory is a Welder.

i. Duncan remarried on Feb. 20, 2003 to Lorraine Georgina Sharp (Mar. 16, 1940-Feb. 8, 2005). Duncan is a retired accountant, he lives in Duncan, B.C.

ii. Diane McLennan married Barry William Youell (July 20, 1939). Divorced (1980). Children: a) Wendy Anne Youell (Dec. 14, 1958), b) Dennis Robert Youell (Apr. 27, 1961), c) Brian William Youell (Nov. 16, 1962).

a) Wendy married on Oct. 29, 1977 to Gary Lennard Swan (Aug. 13, 1957). Divorced 1988. Children: i. Julia Anne Swan (Aug. 28, 1980), ii. Sheri Lynn Swan (Aug. 22, 1983). Wendy and partner Allan Louis Claxton, together Feb. 2000. They live in Victoria, B.C.

ii. Diane remarried on Jan. 23, 1981 to Malcolm David Polson (May 22, 1932). Malcolm's children: Sandra

Lee Polson (Nov. 1, 1956) married Nov. 8, 1986 to Gary Russell McCall (July 21, 1955) Children: Alysa Grace McCall (July 24, 1987 in Kamloops, B.C.) and Gordon Sean McCall (Feb. 21, 1989), Darlene Joy

Polson (Sept. 4, 1958) married on July 28, 1984 to David Graeme Cockle (May 19, 1959). Child: Kayla Marie Cockle (Jan 9, 1988). This family all live in Victoria, B.C.

4. John Arthur 'Jack' Newham born in Victoria, B.C., married in 1942 to Edith



Hodges family out for a ride in the car: Bill Newham, Agnes & George, (back) Fred, Bess, George

Sunderland (1920). Children: i. William 'Bill' John Newham (June 6, 1944), ii. Nancy Edith Newham (Feb. 24, 1950).

i. Bill Newham married in 1965 to Joy Gilham (1947). Divorced (1974). Children: a) Martin William Newham (May 14, 1966), b) Jody Anne Newham (Mar. 11, 1969).

a) Martin Newham married in 1995 to Julie. Children: i. Jared Martin Newham (Aug. 24, 1997).

b) Jody Newham partner in 2000, Rainier Zeilinger. Children: i. Leah Joy Zeilinger (Nov. 8, 2002).

Bill remarried in 1978 to Roselyn J. Stanley, Divorced 1991. Children: c) Roxanne Kelly Newham (adopted) Jan. 6, 1970. d) Brian Robert Newham (Oct. 18, 1979).

c) Roxanne Newham married on 1997 to Brian Burnside. Children: i. Brooke Burnside (Oct. 13, 1998), ii. Taylor Burnside (Jan. 16, 2003).

ii. Nancy Newham married in 1968 to Michael Buckley (1946). Divorced 1975. Children: a) Christine 'Kristy' Buckley (May 3, 1970), b) Kerry Buckley (Feb. 12, 1972).

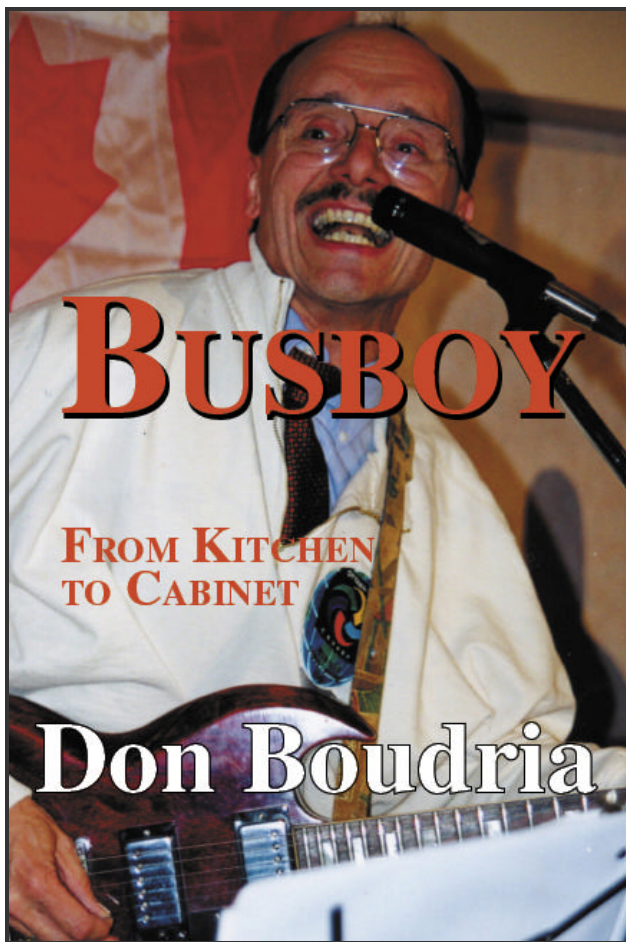
a) Kristy Buckley married in 1998 to Roland Unwin. Children: i. Jack Unwin (Sept. 4, 2000) ii. Hannah Unwin (Nov. 16, 2002)

b) Kerry Buckley married in 1994 to Jordan Snider. Children: i. Charlotte Snider (June 19, 2001), ii. Abby Snider (Sept. 13, 2004)

This family all live in Victoria, B.C.

Come celebrate our 20th anniversary!

To mark the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Cumberland Township Historical Society (CTHS) the Executive Committee has invited Former MP & Minister Don Boudria to speak at the Society's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday, May 4th, 2006. Mr. Boudria will have copies of his book 'Busboy from Kitchen to Cabinet' on hand and will talk about



the changes that he has witnessed in Cumberland Township.

Mr. Boudria began his political career in 1976 when he was elected councillor for Cumberland Township. He was re-elected in 1978 and 1980. He served as a member of the Cumberland Township recreational committee and was founding vice-president of the Sarsfield Optimist Club, founding member of the Sarsfield Knights of Columbus, founding president of the Cumberland Township Non-profit Housing Corporation, and a member of many other community groups. From 1981 to 1984, he represented the riding of Prescott-Russell in the Ontario Legislature. During his tenure in provincial office, he was the Liberal Party critic for Government Services, Community and Social Services, and Consumer and Commercial Relations. Since 1984 to January of this year, Don represented the Ontario riding of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell in the House of Commons.

Thursday, May 4th, 2006

Lions Maple Hall, Old Montreal Road, Cumberland Village

Doors open at 5:30 pm

AGM - 'The year in retrospect': 6:00 pm

Dinner: 7:00 pm

Presentation: 8:00 pm



Cost: \$15/person. Tickets to be purchased in advance. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door on the night of the meeting.