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# THE CABOOSE



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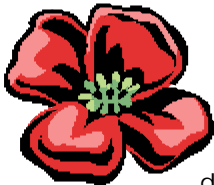
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## Editor's ramblings (by Jeannie Smith)



Guns were silenced 11:00am November 11, 1918 and 'the war to end all wars' stopped. Man's inhumanity continues and aggression has become a way of life for most of the world. "Where have all the soldiers gone?" "When will they ever learn?" Shall we ever overcome? Let us pay tribute to the men and women of Cumberland who died so that we could live in a free Canada. We must live in a manner that demonstrates love and acceptance and celebrate human diversity. Only then will ignorance and hate cease to brew wars, and peace, tolerance and understanding will reign supreme. As historians we strive to preserve stories so that people may recognize mistakes and become more inclusive and less judgmental. We must continue to develop positive social interactions and make our communities safe havens. Take time to celebrate life with your families.

### **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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## It's a long way to Tipperary...



George Smith (on right) with army colleagues in Germany, December 1918

## ... from Cumberland Township

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

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the **Queenswood Heights Community Centre** (corner of Duford and Amiens). John Kenny will give a presentation on how to research your family history, and Kyla Ubbink will speak about the preservation of historical records. Be sure to bring a friend along. Light refreshments, as always, will be served.

### Society calendar...

For more information on these and other upcoming events, please contact a member of the executive committee.

- November 5<sup>th</sup> | CTHS general meeting; 7pm at the **Queenswood Heights Community Centre** (corner of Duford and Amiens). John Kenny will give a presentation on how to research your family history, and Kyla Ubbink will speak about the preservation of historical records.
- January 7<sup>th</sup> | CTHS general meeting; 7pm at the Cumberland Public Library.
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> | CTHS general meeting; 7pm at the Cumberland Public Library.
- May 8<sup>th</sup> | CTHS AGM; 1:30pm at the at the Cumberland Public Library.

### What's on at the Heritage Village Museum...

The Cumberland Heritage Village Museum is located just east of Cumberland Village at 2940 Old Montreal Road (Queen Street), Cumberland, Ontario. If you plan to visit the museum more than once you can get a yearly family membership for only \$25. Regular admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors.



- November 5 | Cumberland Star Party (star gazing); 8pm to 10pm. FREE!
- Dec. 13, 14, 20, 21 | An Old Fashioned Christmas

For more information call 613-833-3059 or visit the museum website at [www.musecumberland.com](http://www.musecumberland.com).

#### Visited our local history room lately?

Have you visited our history room, yet? We have histories of local families including Beaton, Beaulieu, Birch, Bigras, Borland, Bowman, Bradley, Brault, Burns and many others. Over the years, dedicated volunteers have documented, written and organized a wide variety of historical references. You'll also find information on Cumberland churches, groups, maps, clubs, sports, businesses as well as scrap books, newsletters, newspaper clippings and other historical references.

#### CTHS Membership

It's not too late to add your name to the CTHS membership list.  
Send a \$10 cheque to CTHS  
c/o Jeannie Smith  
Box 27, Cumberland ON K4C 1E5  
A membership form is available from our website.

### 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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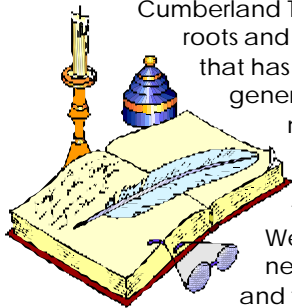
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## Diary Dialogues (From the diaries of J.D. Ferguson, Jeannie Smith's Grandfather)



Cumberland Township has strong family roots and many people reside on land that has been passed down through generations. Over the years, some of my family kept diaries and in sharing these you will find that our lives are quite similar to those of our ancestors.

Weather, work, money, neighbours, meetings, church and family still play a large part in our lives. The following excerpts are from the diaries of John Darby Ferguson (1875-1958), Plymouth Brethren Evangelist, who lived at Chestnut Cottage in Cumberland Village.

### Douglas (1904-1965) Ferguson's Diary

Dec. 24, 1930: (On holidays from University of Toronto) Saw around Cumberland, rink, Dunnings, McKeens, down to Ranger's with James Morin motoring. In evening, Sid Spratt, Annie Williams, Hilda Allan and Edwin Williams, Hazel Waters and myself went skating in Rockland. Called to see Uncle Cecil (at home, Inglehurst, just east of Catholic church).

Dec. 25: Xmas Day. Motored in with Father and brought Bessie off case with Mrs. Kennedy.

Dec. 29: Drove Bessie to Ottawa in AM and we had dinner at Murphy's. Got a lot of shopping done on her account. Had good swim in YMCA and got books at Library. Home in evening. In our rink, held hockey meeting at which I presided. Made good headway.

Dec. 30: Had fine visit in new kitchen talking over old times and comparing university with James (older brother). Mrs. Ranger had planned a ski party with Alice and Marjorie Mac Arthur and they got dressed but I had to disappoint them as James and Bea were due at Dr. Willard Dunning's for a party in evening.

Dec. 31: Bessie and I went to Ottawa to buy 14 lb goose from Experimental Farm. Out to Fees' then to see Mrs. Acres where we also saw Muriel Dawson. After supper we went out with Edwin Williams, Hilda Allan, Annie Williams. Had great time playing violin. Refreshments fine and sang old year out with Home Sweet Home.

Holidays Dec. 19-Jan 4, 1931: Visited Farmers, James Kennedy's, the "Boss", Spratts, Watson's, Mrs. Burns. Helped father saw wood. Sharpened cross cut and buck saw. Put grape vine down and repaired hen house window. Helped mother with beds. Skated on



Bill McGuire with his nephew Eric Smith during pilot training (1941)

the Ottawa with the boys and used my bobs and sail in the wind. The river was glare ice for about a week of the holidays. Bill McGuire had good ice for xmas night. Skated five times in rink while home. Met many of the old gang; Fanny Lough, Lottie Mac, Stuart Lough, Annie Williams, Hilda Allan, Mr. & Mrs. Campbell, Eileen's husband, Mr. Constant. Attended school concert in Maple Hall, Mon. 22nd. Leslie Dunning asked me to be Santa if he did not turn up, but he did just in time so I removed the costume for him. A good concert. Met many people there.



### J.D. Ferguson's Diary

Nov. 3, 1938: Freight train goes up. Fred is working with J. Dale. Barnetts and Urquarts order Stroud's tea \$1.70.

Nov. 15, 1938: Go to Nelson Dunning's funeral with A.E. McKeen. Mrs. M. Watchorn's funeral too. Not often two funerals in one day.

Nov. 23, 1938: Angus Scarff dies today. Call on Mrs. J. Spratt and Hugh Camlin. Fred goes to hunt. Little Miss Laframboise calls to buy tea .60.

Nov. 11, 1939: Armistice or Remembrance Day. Do stable chores, repair white picket fence west Stone





The Ferguson Family in 1917. From left: James Jr., Fred, Father John, and Douglas.

House, go to river, gather and wheel up nice bunch of wood, saw any too long, pry up 31 railway ties, turn them over.

Nov. 13, 1939: Lucy McGuire tells me Lena Petrie is dead. Raise and turn over 29 railway ties in pm.

Nov. 14, 1939: I attend Lena (Wilson) Petrie's funeral at Cumberland Cemetery 3:30 pm. Meet N.F. Wilson, R.C. Wilson, Dr. Robertson, Jim Bangs and others.

Nov. 23, 1939: Go to Benjamin Scarff Sr. Funeral with James Hayes. 42 cars in procession. I call up Alice Hayes and Mrs. Carmen Wright on phone with Victoria Burch.

Dec. 3, 1939: Visit Hugh Camlin 2pm. Take him ice, visit again at night 9pm. Dr. Irwin came in pm orders ice bag, etc.

Dec. 4, 1939: They take H. Camlin to hospital.

Dec. 6, 1939: Hugh Camlin died 20 to 11 am in Water Street Hospital. I see Wm. And Aeleen Constant in pm.

Dec. 7, 1939: W. Constant calls for me at 8:40 am. We arrive at Funeral Parlour 9:30 a.m. Mr. H. Camlin's

funeral service held at 10 am. Hymns, prayers, read 14 John. Mrs. J. E. Hayes sings "The Old Rugged Cross" burial service at Cumberland Cemetery about 12 noon. Attend funeral service for Norman Edward's child at 2pm in United Church.

Dec. 11, 1939: I hear Constants leave for Northern Ontario. William Minogue calls with 7+ lbs of butter .25=\$1.85. Mrs. T. Watson calls for meat saw. Fred goes to Ottawa, sells 4 pups, 17 ducks.

Dec. 15, 1939: Go in the evening to C. Wright's house. Many gather to show sympathy and give gifts to bereaved family of Norman Edwards.

Nov. 7, 1940: Do usual chores at stable and hen house, only 8 eggs today. The Greeks are fighting bravely. I hope they win.

Nov. 11, 1940: Leslie Dale calls for his pay for wood \$31.30. I give him cheque for amount. Nettie and I put on two of the last storm windows.

Nov. 12, 1940: Go to Mrs. Fred Barnett's. She takes a lb of tea .75 cash. Fred and boys leave for hunting trip to Barry's Bay.

Nov. 13, 1940: Nettie and I clean kitchen stove pipes. The War news is more encouraging. The British and Greeks being more successful.

Nov. 15, 1940: Nettie and I go to prayer meeting. Present: Mrs. M. Kearns, Mrs. J. E. Hayes, Mrs. J Larocque, Mr. & Mrs. J. MacCormack, Mr. & Mrs. Alex Garvock, Miss Margaret McKeen, Mrs. Charles Fraser, Mr. & Mrs. J.D. Ferguson.

Dec. 9, 1940: Fred and John Dale kill their pig and go to Orleans with Douglas' car to have it repaired there. Mrs. S. Anderson calls with rent money \$15.00. Edmund



Scarff brings a load of hay 2380 Hs @ \$8.00 per ton. John Watson helps off with it. \$9.52, give cheque for amount, they fetch some straw.

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# Lest we forget



## Cumberland Public Cenotaph

Constructed in 1919 and erected to the memory and honour of The Citizen Soldiers of Cumberland who gave their lives in the Great and Second World Wars and the Korean Conflict.

### 1914-1918

Charles H. McKenzie  
Creswell J. Allan  
Robert Leslie Taylor  
Peter J. McLaren  
William J. Splatt  
John A. McKenzie  
Thomas Foye

### 1939-1945

Carleton G. Kennedy  
William H. Lough

### 1950-1953

Robert Victor Arnott



## Navan Memorial Cenotaph

Constructed on June 28, 1987, in memory of Navan Veterans by Navan Veterans and Friends.

The Navan Memorial Cenotaph Committee was headed by Herb Deavy, a local veteran, which was successful in raising the necessary funds from private donations. Veterans Affairs Minister, the Hon. George Hees, present at the dedication, commented that it was a great effort and didn't cost the taxpayers a cent. The story was printed in the Orleans Express, now The Star, on July 1, 1987. Herb has a great scrapbook and video which he will leave to an appropriate local institution for posterity.

### Boer War

1899-1902  
Oliver Thomas Burns

### 1914-1918

Arthur Alywin  
Bryon Armstrong  
Wellington Armstrong  
Charles Cotton  
Fredrick Dagg  
Henry Evans  
George Gregory  
Joseph Hughes  
Robert Kilrae  
Lowell Lancaster  
George Plant  
Garrett Shaw

### 1939 - 1945

David Irwin  
Cecil McFadden  
David Oble  
Alton O'Neil  
Earl Pruner  
William Smith



## Vars Cenotaph

The War memorial was formally dedicated and unveiled on September 20th, 1931 by the Vars Women's Institute.

The cenotaph was unveiled by Mrs. Robert Bonsall and Mrs. Silas Barclay. The Service was led by Rev. W.G. Tabb, late of the Royal Navy and rector of Bearbrook parish; the Reverend's H. Gillingham, pastor

of the United Church, Father Le Pointe. The Women's Institute memorial committee was composed of Mrs. James Mitchell, Mrs. Silas Barclay, Mrs. Dr. H. Geiger and Mrs. F.H. Tanner.

Addresses were made by C.A. Seguin, K.C., MLA for Russell, the Hon. Dr. Donald Sutherland, DSO, Minister of National Defense representing the Prime Minister Bennett, and by Mrs. L.R. Stephen of the National Women's Institute.

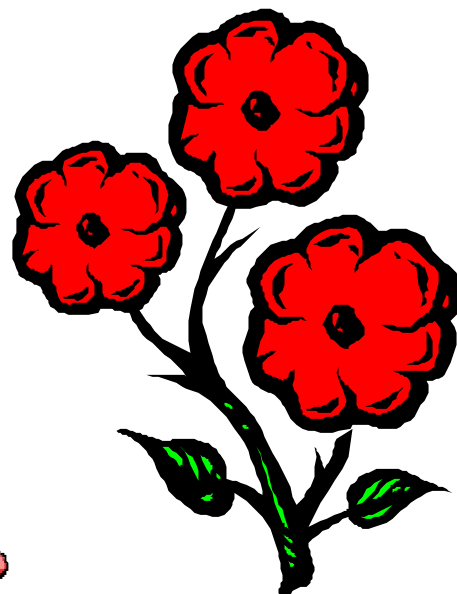


### 1914-19

Private Matthew Barkley, 2nd Battalion, Eastern Ontario Regiment - France 29 March 1918  
Private Wesley Adam Simpson, 38th Battalion, Eastern Ontario Regiment, France, 28 May 1918  
Sapper Robert McElroy, 8th Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops, Belgium, 22 April 1918  
Sapper Charles Ward, 7th Battalion, Canadian Railway Troops, Belgium 7 August 1917  
Private Ernest Lytton Bonsall, 2nd Battalion, Eastern Ontario Regiment - France 29 Mar 1918  
Private Warren Edward Dunning, 16th Battalion, Manitoba Regiment, France 20 May 1915  
Lance Corporal Frank Lyle Cormack, 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles, France, 28 August 1918  
Private Roy Brownlee, 2nd Battalion Eastern Ontario Regiment, UK, 10 Sept. 1916  
Private Frederick George Buckland, 3rd Battalion, Central Ontario Regiment, France 3 May 1917  
Private William Arthur Buckland, 38th Battalion, Eastern Ontario Regiment, Belgium, 30 Oct. 1917

### 1939-45

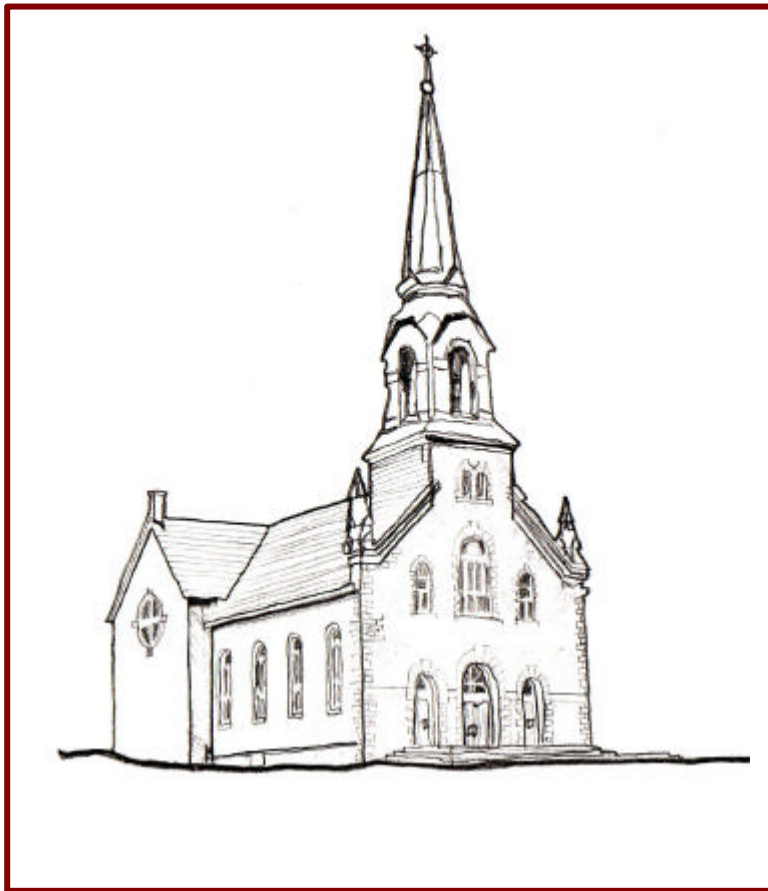
Pilot Officer William Clayton Walsh, 194 Squadron, RAF, India 27 August 1943  
Corporal William Stanley Hill, 4th Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, Italy 1 September 1944



## EGLISE CATHOLIQUE ROMAINE SAINT-HUGUES

En 1867, une chapelle de bois provenant du village de Bearbrook fut transportée à Sarsfield et installée sur l'emplacement de l'église actuelle. Toutefois, la paroisse s'est vite agrandie et il a été nécessaire de construire une église plus spacieuse. La nouvelle église de pierre construite en 1895 est devenue le symbole du village de Sarsfield.

L'église Saint-Hugues est représentative du style architectural néo-roman. Les murs de pierre fortement bossagés supportent un toit revêtu de métal, très visible des champs avoisinants. D'autres caractéristiques distinctives incluent les grandes fenêtres en rosace des murs latéraux, une façade principale qui soutient de chaque côté deux faîteaux élevés et qui comprend de larges fenêtres et portes de forme semi-circulaire.

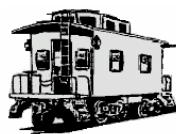


## ST. HUGUES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

In 1867, a wooden chapel from Bearbrook Village was transported to Sarsfield and placed on the present site of St. Hugues. However, the parish soon grew and a larger church was needed. The present day St. Hugues Church, a stone structure built in 1895, has become the symbol of the Village of Sarsfield.

St. Hugues is a fine example of Romanesque Revival architecture. The heavily rusticated stone walls support a highly visible metal clad roof which is easily seen from surrounding fields. Other distinguishing features include large rose windows found in the side walls, a

front facade which supports tall finials on either side, and wide, semi-circular arched window and door openings.



Dec. 11, 1940: John Dale and Fred butcher pig. John Somerville brings about 3 cords of stove wood. We pile it on the west side of Stone House.

Dec. 13, 1940: Fred kills roosters. Fred is going to Ottawa today with John Dale, takes chickens and eggs.

Dec. 14, 1940: Attend funeral of W.L Taylor, largely attended service at the graveside Dale's Cemetery by Geo. D. Campbell, United Church Minister.

Nov. 6, 1943: I have breakfast at Morley Wyatt's (Newington). Walk back to C. Hawn's calling at L. Arbuthnot's.

Nov. 10, 1943: I buy by ticket for Ottawa .55 (Finch Train Station).

Nov. 16, 1943: Go in afternoon to enquire for Mrs. J. McGonigle, find she is in Westboro, Ontario.

Dec. 14, 1943: Fred gets ready to butcher pigs. H. Laframboise and Mr. LeBarge help him. We have a treat of pig's liver for supper! Mrs. Thomas Brennan died 10 pm yesterday. I am asked to do the service.

Dec. 22, 1943: After dinner go to the funeral at cemetery of Mrs. James McGonigle. Mr. Menzies had the service.

Dec. 27, 1943: I attend Village Council meeting in Maple Hall, same ones put in for 1944. C. Spence, V. Dunning, J.D. Ferguson, R.J. Kennedy is Secretary.

Nov. 21, 1944: Mrs. M.T. Watson asks me to speak at their 50th wedding anniversary. Nettie and I attend, about 100 people there, nearly all took some present. Speeches were made by G. D. Campbell, MR. Cook and myself. About 20 to 11pm when we got home.

Dec. 7, 1944: 3rd anniversary of war with Japan and USA. We are invited to Mr. L. Tucker's house for supper, as Fred is working on hydro, he couldn't go. Buy a cord of stove wood from Gilbert Lemay, \$3.00.



Cumberland Public Cenotaph, 1919



Squadron Leader Irwin Kennedy (Distinguished Flying Cross and bar) in Cumberland Village before heading overseas. Spring 1941

Dec. 11, 1944: Walk to W. Burn's house and back. Scharff soldier boy calls, going over seas.

Dec. 27, 1944: Attend the annual school meeting in School house, about 7 present. E. M. Hayes re-elected trustee. Pay taxes for 1944 at R. J. Kennedy's \$222.17. Sharpe boy has supper with us. Fred and John Sharkey fetch a load of hay.

Nov. 2, 1948: Call at Mrs. John Dale's for key of Maple Hall to get my Bible Case I forgot there on Lord's Day. I churn today. It took 2 ½ hours to bring the butter. Nettie goes to Tuckers and to the Post Office. Mrs. Arthur Barnett calls selling cards. Mrs. M. T. Watson and grand-daughter call for a visit. Nettie calls at Mrs. G. G. Dunnings'.

Nov. 5, 1948: Call at H. Laframboise's house. After dinner I call on School No. 5 speak to children, read 23rd psalm, pray. Call at A. Scharff's house to see baby Freda.

Dec. 1, 1948: Walk down to Reggy Wilson's funeral at Dale's Cemetery. Norman and children, Senator Cairine Wilson and others there.

Dec. 2, 1948: Fred goes to work with young Mr. Scarff cutting logs at Cardinal's Creek.

Dec. 4, 1948: Kenneth Hayes calls collecting for War Memorial repairs.

Dec. 5, 1948: Nettie, Douglas and I attend Mrs. J. Minogue's funeral 2:30 pm in United Church. Mr. Gilbert reads in 15th 1st Cor., 1st Peter and 116 Psalm. Hymns "Do not pass me by" "Nearer My God to Thee". A very large funeral, 80 cars.

Dec. 8, 1948: Fred away with Art Watson. I feed cows hay and later on, hens grain. Mr. Alex Lamoureux calls to rent Stone House. He pays \$5.00 down on rent, is to come Dec. 20th. Hodges brings a load of hay.

Dec. 15, 1948: Go over to "Clearview" to put felt paper on door at head of stairs to make it warmer. Put some on for Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. McQuestion, fix tin around pipe hole in lower room. Nettie calls on Mrs. John Dale who is somewhat better. Barnett girls call about milk. Mrs. L. Thibodeau brings clean clothes here. \$2.75. Play a few hymns on piano.

Dec. 19, 1948: Douglas and family come for supper. We read 100th psalm. All but Fred go to the Sunday School Concert in Maple Hall. All sing well and say pieces well. Brother L. Thomas opens in prayer. Brother H. Howrett Jr. closes in prayer. The Hall was filled. May God bless all.

Dec. 21, 1948: I get a drive to Ottawa with Mr. Simon Morris. Have 2 keys made for Stone House .70. Enquire for Scharff at Bus Station. Go to see Mr. Brown, 150 Albert St. about renting house. Meet Loretta Cameron. Buy presents for John Watson's children \$1.44. Take 4:30 pm bus to Cumberland. Nettie and I attend the school closing concert in Maple Hall. It is about 11 pm when we get home.



Charlie Cotton and Geo Smith in front of Clarke's store, April 17, 1917

Dec. 27, 1948: Douglas and John Watson go on a hunt. About 6 pm we all eat supper. Nettie, as usual, gives us a good supper. Douglas and I go over to Mrs. Legault's (now Donald McRae's, Douglas bought house from Alfred Moreau who moved down to little shack by the river). I am witness. Fred working up near Martin's Corners still.

Dec. 29, 1948: I attend School meeting, then Lloyd Galloway's funeral 3 pm. Call at Byrnes' and Minions'. Walk down, get drive back. We have Wm. McGuire for supper tonight. I give him card about radio address Sat. 9:30 am. Fred drives him home.

Dec. 13, 1949: Call on Mr. G. G. Dunning who is sick. Meet Dr. Tweedie and Georgina (daughter) and her mother (who was a Lavergne).

Dec. 17, 1949: George G. Dunning dies today. Ex Premier W. McKenzie King is 75 years old today.

Nov. 22, 1952: I go to Douglas and Anne's house in Ottawa, come home with them to Cumberland for supper on New Highway. Jean E. entertains us all. Fred comes home late for supper. I retire early after strenuous day.

Dec. 19, 1949: Visit Mrs. G.G. Dunning at Funeral home to see remains of our friend G. G. D. Fred and Campbell Scarff go to Ottawa with Irene Paquette for furniture etc. Cam Scarff stays for supper. Four present at prayer meeting. Mrs. J. E. Hayes, Ella C. Sharpe and boy and myself.

Nov. 27, 1952: I walk to Dale's Cemetery, talk to Nap Paquette who was early too, then Herb Lough. Attend Norah Sharkey Allen's funeral service at grave. 11 cars came. Mr. Rae had committal service.

Dec. 3, 1952: I get ready to go to the meeting near Leonard, Ontario at C. Neely's. About 25 at meeting.

Nov 6, 1955: Brother V.C. Minion calls in PM for me to go to Ottawa to see twelve believers baptized, 5 women and 7 men, in the Parkdale Baptist Church. Mrs. W. Byrnes goes along too.

Nov. 8, 1955: Fred and John Watson go hunting down near Clarence.

Nov. 9, 1955: Thibodeau boy calls to borrow iron. Thibodeau girl returns it.

Nov. 11, 1955: Mr. W. McRae calls. I go over with him and phone to Mrs. H. Sherriffs, Rockland, about trip to Clarence. I walk down to the Ottawa River, look around Fred and Douglas's cabins. I call on Alfred Moreau, see his wife (Rita Lecuyer), he is sleeping. See a white tug boat going up the river.



Nov. 22, 1955: I go out with Ed Minogue and wife on mail route. They let me off at gate of Nelson Scharf. I walk in (quite a piece), slip one place, fall, not hurt. I visit Nelson Scarff, 37. He is a very sick man but braving up well. I walk over to Amos Scharff, read and pray. Edmond kindly drives me home.

Nov. 23:1955 Go over to "Sugar Bowl" store for corn flakes and puffed wheat.

Nov. 25:1955 I put a little sign up on top veranda of Stone House "To Let. Apts."

Nov. 30:1955 I hear this morning that Arnold Moffatt is dead, also his mother-in-law Mrs. Robinson. The Lord comfort them.

Dec. 1. 1955 Miss Joyce Kennedy picks us up and kindly takes us to Ottawa. We were waiting for the bus at John Watson's garage. She and her mother also take Art Watson and his wife up in the car too. We call at Hulse and Playfair.

Dec. 2:1955 Attend Arnold Moffatt's funeral service in United Church, Cumberland. Mina McLaren calls with flowers from Arnold Moffatt's funeral.

Dec. 3: 1955 Mrs. Norman Smith, (Jeannie's mother-in-law, Luva), half way to Rockland, calls with dozen eggs for us. I pay her up to date \$1.10.

## Letters from our readers

I had just turned six, but I can remember the morning of Dec. 7th, 1939, as clearly as today. The new house built in April (on Trim Road between Carmen Wrights' and Ken Findlays') burned to the ground. We lost everything. The fire was caused from faulty wiring. My father (Norman Edwards) went to Toronto to convince the government to make wiring inspections mandatory. He did succeed and was asked to run as a Township Councillor, and in 1948, he was elected Reeve, replacing Marshall Rathwell.

Our baby brother, Barry Cecil, was born on July 21, 1939, so he was 4 1/2 months old when he died. My 3 older brothers, Harold, Ron and Bob were at school (#6 Trustee Percy Findlay went to tell the teacher, his wife Madelaine, to close school for the day.) Myles was 3 1/2, so he and I were still at home. I had been in the house, but for some reason I went to the barn (at 10 am) to speak to my parents who were finishing the morning chores. I saw the smoke first and told my



parents. They ran to the house and Daddy raced in to get the baby. Meanwhile, Myles came outside on his own. My Dad couldn't find the baby the first time he went in. When he came out and asked Myles where Barry was, Myles told Daddy that he was too heavy for him to carry. The baby had been in a wicker basket which was squeezed between 2 high-backed wooden chairs. It was routine to put a baby's basket like that in those days. It was a mild day and we stood outside in our shirtsleeves. Daddy went back in the second time and zig-zagged across the floor in the smoke and found the baby, but he had been in the smoke too long. He lived about 2 hours. Somebody took Mum, Myles and the baby to Freda Wright's where he died. I was sent to Allan Findlay's parent's home, then in the evening our whole family went to stay with my grandparents William and Florence (Watchhorn) Edwards at their farm on Frank Kenny Road (where Lower-Saxony Stables are today).

*Helen Burns, Navan Ontario*

My ancestor Alexander McLeod came to the Cumberland area in 1833. The family scattered after 1848 when the mother Nancy Campbell McLeod died. They came from Scotland to Cumberland after Duncan was born (Feb. 8, 1833 in Scotland (Helensboro). At least 8 other children were born between 1834 and 1848 in Russell County. Alexander McLeod went with son Duncan to Michigan, and is listed in the 1870 Census as 87 years old.

I traced a baptism record for Catherine, daughter of Alexander and Nancy, which is said to be of St. Andrews Church on June 19, 1838. I assumed this was St. Andrews in Ottawa. I'm wondering if it really was the St. Andrews Church of Cumberland. Was there a cemetery in Cumberland in 1848? I was in Cumberland a few years ago, but was unable to confirm the grave of Nancy Campbell McLeod.

*Raymond McLeod Nebraska USA*

I am trying to gather information on Captain Archibald Petrie, who is my great, great, great grandfather. I am interested in learning what he did in Cumberland, his military history, who his siblings were, and who his parents were. Archibald Petrie (1791-1864) married Catherine Wilgress (1806-1876), their daughter, Frances Anne (1839-?), married James Sieveright (1832-1916).

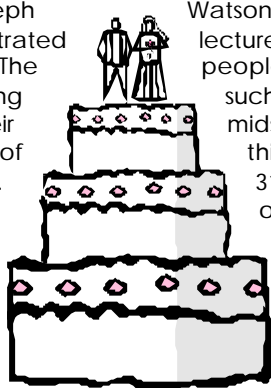
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## Ottawa Journal Nov. 6, 1891 Canaan

One of those happy social events which is always looked forward to with interest took place at St. Paul's church, Canaan, on the evening of Oct. 28th, when Miss Lena, the charming daughter of Mr. B. Watson was led to the hymenial altar by Mr. John E. Dawson, son of Mr. L. Dawson of Clarence. The nuptial ceremony was performed by the Rev. Joseph Kinsella, a retired clergyman of Canaan and uncle of the bride, after which the happy couple took the evening train to North Indian where they will spend their honeymoon among the friends and relatives of the bride. Mr. Joseph a series of illustrated temperance. The proud of having speaker in their he is a native of Saturday, Oct. beloved and Robert Clarence, peacefully lovely bud fair, called early doom.

Watson jr. is delivering lectures on people feel very such an eloquent midst, especially as this place. On 31st, Willie, only son of Mr. Watson, of passed away. "This so young and hence by Just came to show how sweet a flower in paradise would bloom." Miss Ettie Guernsey is suing Mr. John Kinsella for breach of promise of marriage. Messers. Dawson and T.J. Melvin, the plaintiff's solicitors, have not disclosed the particulars of the case, but judging from the nature of the claim, they will be sensational. Miss Sarah Larmer, organist in the St. Paul's Church, is now taking music lessons from Professor James Daly, our most renowned musician and it is to be hoped after a few terms from such an efficient teacher, together with our famous choir, that we will have better music in our church in future. Miss Elizabeth Watson, daughter of E. Watson, who some months ago had to undergo the painful operation of having one of her legs amputated, is now as far recovered as to have the lost member replaced by one of cork and is now able to walk around with comparative ease. Bears are quite numerous here now. Mr. J. Dawson and L. Melvin each shot about one last week. Mr. and Mrs. R. Latimer have returned from Colorado, where they have been staying since last spring for the benefit of Mr. Latimer's health. His friends will be glad to see that he has returned much improved.



here on Tuesday morning when it was discovered that Mr. McCallum's store had been burglarized during the night. It appears that the robbers made an unsuccessful attempt to break in the upper window, but failing there, they tried the front door and soon gained entrance. The noise awakened Ernest McCallum, who sprang up, seized a revolver, but before he could get time to use it, the burglars made quick their escape and not race has since been heard of them. A grand marriage ceremony took place last Sunday in the English church, when Mr. David Latimer of Sarsfield and Miss Carrie Larmer, youngest daughter of Mr. Alex Larmer were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The Rev. Mr. Tupper conducted the marriage ceremony while Miss H. Daly officiated at the organ and Mr. Thomas Watson acted as best man while Miss Fannie Kinsella acted as bridesmaid. After the marriage, the happy couple drove to the home of Mr. A. Larmer, accompanied by a large circle of friends. The bride received a large number of presents, among which was a grand organ from her father. A very pleasant time was spent during the evening. Miss Ida Dale, of Cumberland, is now visiting among her friends here. They all seem delighted to see her as she has been in California for several years. The population of this place is still increasing. The wife of Mr. Oliver Haney presented him with a bouncing pair of boys. Both mother and children are doing well. On Sunday, last the Rev. A.N. Dunning of Cumberland preached a very powerful sermon from Acts viii, 35. The hall was filled with an attentive congregation. The young people of this place propose attending the singing class conducted by Prof. James Daly, at the Wesley College, Navan.

*Contributed by Diane Young*

Nov. 19. The farmers here are almost through with their fall plowing owing to the recent heavy frost. Mr. Alex Casselman, who has been running the cheese factory here for the past summer, returned home on Saturday last. Considerable excitement prevailed

