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Editor's ramblings (by Jeannie Smith)

Summer weather did not often brighten the area of the old township of Cumberland this July and August, but September offers hope for a glorious warm Indian Summer. The CTHS Garden Party on Aug. 15 was a great success and the following people enjoyed an afternoon of sunshine, stories and songs by the Ottawa River: **Jean-Francois Beaulieu, Bob & Rose-Aline Serre, Verna Cotton, Randall & Mireille Ash, Helen & Bob Burns, Bob & Sally Edwards, Joan & Doug Lancaster, Martin Rocque & Dania Duguay, Bob & Rita Dessaint, Audrey & John Moore, Alice & Angus Wilson, Suzanne & Hugh McCord, Jill & Ken Dale, Wayne Smith & Kathleen Scolah, Eric Smith, Peggy Vaillancourt, Claire Brown, Margaret Lough, Gladys Sharkey and Glen & Jeannie Smith.** **Randall Ash** has done an excellent job organizing the 'Murder in Navan' project which will be wrapped up this Fall. **Joan Lancaster, Joy Barnett, Diane Young and Jeannie Smith** are revising the Dale's Cemetery Book. This project is supported by the generous donation of \$100 by CTHS member **Judi Galloway**. The CTHS received a grant of \$1500 from the City of Ottawa and this will be used to produce the newsletter and to secure materials in the CTHS history room. To access the CTHS history room, ask the Librarian to open the door, then sign the guest book and do your research. This will ensure that CTHS materials are not lost.

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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August 2004 CTHS Garden Party

This picture was taken by Hugh McCord in the backyard of Jeannie and Glen Smith's home in the Village on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in mid-August.

Next meeting of the CTHS

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 1st at 7pm at the Cumberland Public Library on Tenth Line Road (at the Ray Friel Centre). Our guest speaker will be Robert Serré. Be sure to bring a friend along. Light refreshments, as always, will be served.

By the way, have you renewed your 2004-05 membership yet?

Society calendar

For more information on these and other upcoming 2004 – 2005 events, please contact a member of the executive committee or visit our website – www.cths.ca

Sept. 1 st	CTHS General Meeting: 7:00 pm at the Cumberland Branch of the Ottawa Public Library. Our guest speaker will be Robert Serré.
Sept. 5 th	Councillor Rob Jellett's Barbeque & Silent Auction for Cumberland Resource Centre Cumberland Heritage Village Museum (12:00-4:00 pm)
Sept. 12	Perennial Plant Sale at the Cumberland Museum (1pm to 4pm)

Visited our local history room lately?

Have you visited our history room, yet? In addition to family histories you'll find a new book on the shelves – "**Alfred Leduc (1860-1944) ses ancetres sa famille ses descendants son village**" by Leo-Paul Leduc. 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.

And thanks to Joan Lancaster for updating the obituary files that are kept in the wooden cabinets.

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



Corny Weekend	Enjoy an old-fashioned corn roast for just \$1.00 per cob, sample some corny treats cooked in a 1930s kitchen, try your hand at de-kerneling a cob of corn as your children make a corny craft, visit the farm animals or take part in a scavenger hunt. Tell us a corny joke and you will get 2 admissions for the price of one!	September 4, 5 from 10 am to 5 pm (corn roast begins at 11 am).
Harvestfest	Join us as we prepare for the long winter ahead. Learn how to make apple cider, sample fall baking in the Foubert Kitchen, paint a pumpkin, make a harvest craft, take a wagon ride, and participate in a Morse Code demonstration. Watch miniature steam trains ride the rails and enjoy sawmill demonstrations.	October 9 and 10 from 10 am to 5 pm.
An Old Fashioned Christmas	Delight in a horse-drawn sleigh ride, make a Christmas ornament in a one-room Schoolhouse, sip hot chocolate around a roaring fire, and sample a baked treat prepared in a 1930s kitchen. Enjoy live choral performances and don't forget to visit Santa Claus.	December 11, 12, 18, 19 from 11 am to 4 pm.

To forget your ancestors, is like a stream without a source, a tree without roots.

Cumberland Heritage Village Museum Memberships

Become a member of the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum. Help preserve and interpret local heritage. Benefits and Privileges of Individual and Family Memberships include unlimited free admission to the Museum, and a 10% discount in the Museum gift shop. Individual membership: \$20; Family membership (two adults, one household, children under 18): \$25; the membership year is good for one calendar year (January-December). For more information please call (613) 833-3059 or e-mail the City at museums@ottawa.ca.

The Dagg family

Lorin Byrnes, who lives in Saskatoon, was searching for his relatives in Cumberland and while in the area he visited Dale's Cemetery, the CTHS history room and attended our General Meeting. Thanks to Lorin for the following pictures. Look for further information on this family in future issues of *The Caboose*.

Samuel Byrnes 1868/1942 (son of **Richard Byrnes**, grand son of **Michael J Byrnes**) and **Margaret Dagg** 1875/1939 (daughter of **Sam Dagg** and **Ellen Wall**). These two were born in Cumberland Township and moved to Hazenmore, Saskatchewan circa 1911. Both died and are buried in Hazenmore beside **James Byrnes** (brother to **Richard**).

This picture was taken about 1907 and was probably taken in Rockland, Ontario. These are the three oldest children of **Sam Byrnes** and **Margaret Dagg**. Below left **John Willfred Byrnes** 1900/1978 centre front **Ellen Jane (Jenny) Byrnes** 1903/1994, and right **Caroline (Carrie) Byrnes** 1893/1985.



Margaret and Samuel Dagg



John, Ellen Jane (Jenny), and Caroline (Carrie) Byrnes



Kitchissippi...

Song of the Ottawa River

Kitchissippi Kitchissippi grand old river of the Algonquin
Kitchissippi Kitchissippi long and flowing and golden.

First Nations People paddled its waters, lived along its
shores a thousand years.

Animals, nature to them did matter, river guided,
calmed their fears.

Then came foreigners, French and English, courers des
bois, voyageurs.

Up and down the river, hunters and fishermen, Jesuits,
trappers, explorers.

Once there were tug boats, log jams on the river, now
pollution contaminates the shore.

Gasoline, chemicals, garbage, sewage, dirty water,
it's pure no more!

Known as the Ottawa, mighty waters flowing, seven
hundred miles of river bed.

Waterfalls, rapids, torrents always swirling, towards the
ocean St. Lawrence fed.

Roll back the years of river history, think of the stories of
long ago.

Remember the past, honour the future, Kitchissippi
continues to flow.

Jeannie Smith 1997

Memorabilia from the CTHS history room archives

Many previous members of the CTHS volunteered hours of their time to document Cumberland's history. Patricia Wright, former Township Councillor, conducted numerous interviews and wrote articles for local papers. Pat now lives in British Columbia but is still a keen member of the CTHS.

Our Heritage

by **Pat Wright**, 1976; Special to The Courier
edited by **Elaine (Russell) Findlay** 2004

Lough's settled in Cumberland in early 1800's

The first members of the **Lough family** in Cumberland Township were **Sam** and his wife **Betty Dale**. They left their home in Larne, Ireland in the early 1800's, living for a while in Montreal and Chute à Blondeau, and eventually settling in the Beckett's Creek area. An old map in the possession of **Mrs. Myrtle Russell** dated 1862, shows the name Lough on Lots 5 and 6 of Cumberland Township and two adjoining lots just east of the Clarence Cumberland boundary. Although we know that **Betty** was connected with the pioneer **Dale** family we have not as yet any factual proof. **Betty** and **Sam** had four children, **William, John, Rose** and **Samuel**.

Rose married **George Higginson** of Hawkesbury and had seven children: **William, George, Charles, Boyd, Rosemary, Matilda** and **Charlotte**. **John** married **Martha Dale** and they lived in Hawkesbury. **William** (1790-1852) married and settled in Cumberland. He and his wife, **Mary Dale** (1790-1860) had eight children and are buried in Dale's Cemetery. Their youngest daughter **Margaret** (1834-1889) married **William Smyth** (b.1831) Oct. 21, 1856. One of his grand-daughters, **Margaret**, married into the **Foubert** family. The **Fouberts** were the first family to actually settle and raise a family in Cumberland Township. They lived in a log house still in use as a home immediately east of the Maple Hall in Cumberland Village.

Samuel Jr., married **Kate McFaul**. They spent most of their life in the Buckingham area where he worked for the large lumbering companies although still retaining his lands in Cumberland. According to some old land titles, in the year 1836, **Sam** bought Lot 5 bringing his total land holdings up to 400 acres. Lot 5 had passed from its original owner, **Anne Mattice**, who had been granted the land by the crown in the year 1802, to a

Jacob Waggoner in 1817, to **Walter Beckwith** in 1824, and the creek flowing through Lots 5 and 6, which bears Walter's last name, now corrupted to "Beckett's" Creek. **Sam Lough Jr.** (2nd), and his sons enlarged the mill, and built a dam on the creek. Remains of these buildings can still be seen today. At this period in their lives, the **Lough** family was living in a house close to the old Montreal Road or Telegraph Road as it was known.

Sam and **Kate** had six children: **Mary** married a **Mr. Murphy** and they settled in the United States. **Emily** married **John Hall** of Leonard. **Alex** married **Mary Wall**, **James** married **Jane Blais** and lived in Rockland. **John** married **Lavinia Byrnes** and lived in Cumberland and **Samuel James** married **Rebecca McClymont**. Being the oldest, **Samuel** inherited the property from his father and although he was living and working in Buckingham and Hull in those days, he retained the land in Cumberland.

Samuel James became up-river agent for the lumbering company of Ross and Bigelow. **Sam** (1815-1885) and **Rebecca** (1823-1894) had seven children: **George** (1847-1869) and **Catherine** (1852-1860) who died young. **Eva** (1857-1940), unmarried, settled in Ottawa, **John McClymont** (1860-1950) and **William Herbert** (1854-1916), who both died unmarried. These Lough family members are all buried in Buckingham Cemetery. **Samuel Alexander** (1849-1924) who married **Frances Barnes** (1863-1928) and their children **Percy** and **Arthur** are buried in Dale's Cemetery. Frances' mother, **Elisabeth Barnes** is buried in their plot also.

Arthur Edmund married **Annie Morris** and lived at Wilson's Corners and were buried in Cantley Cemetery. **Sam Lough** spent most of his early life in Buckingham, working in the lumber industry, as had his father and grandfather before him. But in 1853 old **Sam Lough** was ready to retire to his own land in Cumberland and his sons set to and built the lovely old house featured on the home page of the CTHS website (www.cths.ca).

The new house was built up on the hill in the pines overlooking the Ottawa River on Lot 5 and was, even in those days, 1857, a very large and fine house. It was built of log bricks or plane ends, as the type of construction was known. The log bricks, some one and a half feet long and 6" square, were in fact the ends of cut planks which were trimmed off the boards at the mill. They were placed on top of each other and mortared into place. The rooms were large and it had a really beautiful staircase and banister. In this beautiful house in the pines the **Lough grandparents**, daughter-in-law **Frances Barnes** and her children lived while **Sam Alexander** continued to work in Hull. His daughter **Myrtle** recalls how they used to drive the

cutter down to Ottawa to pick up her father when he came home at weekends. In those days the railway ran along the river in Hull but one had to cross by ferry in summer to get to Cumberland or cross the ice in winter.

Son, **Samuel Alexander** married **Frances Barnes** and the first four of their seven children were born while they were living in Hull. **Myrtle Lough** was born in Ottawa. But in 1900 there was a great fire in Hull and **Sam** and **Frances**, who lost almost all their belongings, wisely decided that it was time to move their family back to the country where even in those days the air was cleaner and fresher and they settled in the house at Beckett's Creek where their youngest child, **Frances Eva Rebecca (Fanny)** was born.

The Lough children of this generation were: **Percy Alexander** (born 1884) died in Big River, Alberta in 1910 of typhoid fever; **Myrtle Irene Elizabeth** (1886-1981) married **William H.T. Russell** of Cumberland; **William Herbert (Herb)** (1887-1954) who married **Irene G. Dunning** (1887-1943)(Pioneer Dunnings), **J. Arthur** died in 1891 at 15 months of age; **Stewart Earle** (1892-1963) died unmarried; **Charles Edmund** (1896-1954) married **Grace Garvock** (1904-1962) of Rockland; **Frances Eva Rebecca** (1900-1986) married **Dalton Harold Meredith** (1893-1974) of South Gower (Marlborough Twp). The other children died.

Each generation of the Lough family had large families and are now spread all over Canada and the United States. But many of them and their descendents are intermarried with other members of our pioneer families and are currently living in the Township.

Myrtle who moved to the western end of the township and onto the **Russell** Homestead still lives there with her son **Bob** and daughter-in-law **Tish**. She is a remarkable old lady of 91 years with a wonderful memory, and during our conversations about the family history was able to tell me many interesting



Bessie Russell with great-grandnephew Ty Russell Findlay (2004)



Frances (Fanny) Lough (11) with her sister Myrtle (25). 1911

stories about the development of Cumberland Village and its people.

Myrtle (1886-1981) and **William H. Russell** (1874-1954) had three children **Eva Elizabeth**, **Isabel Muir** and **Robert Lough** (1915-1992). The girls, unmarried, live and work in Ottawa. **Bob** married **Letitia McCullough** (1924-1979) of Navan and they have two children: **Elaine**,

who is married to **Donald Findlay** and **William George**. **Elaine** and **Don** recently had a son **Robert**, (later, **Trevor** and **Bradley** were born) who I am sure will be a proud member of the eighth generation of our pioneer families. (**Ty Russell Findlay**, son of **Trevor Findlay** and **Kelley Hammel**, born Feb. 14, 2004, is the beginning of the 9th generation of this branch of the Lough family.)

In the year 1911 the house in the pines was sold to **Walter Wilson**, from the children of **Samuel Lough**. And in 1928 some of the land on Lot 5 Conc. 1 came into the **Morin Family**. In 1944 **Mr. and Mrs. Trefley Morin**, on their return from the United States, bought the house in the pines and raised their family in it. I spoke with **Mr. and Mrs. Morin** recently and they recalled the happy times they had raising their family in this lovely old house. When they retired from farming, the house and most of the land was bought by **Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rocque**. Over the years, the log bricks have been covered with a stucco type finish and a large tree, the stump of which can be seen in the foreground of the picture by **Mary Kinsella** in the Dec. 16 issue of *The Courier*, fell and cracked one corner of the roof and wall

Claude & Hélène Rocque purchased the land from the **Morins** in 1972 and moved into the old house with their two sons (**Charles** and **Jean-Marc**) July 1st of that year. Claude sold three quarters of the land to **Jean-Paul Lemay** in 1973 and built a new house that was completed in June 1974. The Rocque family moved over into the new house with newborn, **Martin Rocque** and donated the old house to the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum a few months later.

Darius Farmer (1885 - 1952)

Sa vie, ses réalisations
Deuxième de trios parties
Rédaction : famille J.-D. Farmer
Relecture: Robert Serré

Après maintes discussions sur l'avenir avec son épouse **Marguerite**, une femme d'affaires expérimentée, **Darius** décide de vendre son agence de moulins à coudre Singer. Il achète, d'un commerçant juif de la rue Principale à Hawkesbury, une propriété qu'il répare et agrandit avec l'aide d'un homme bien connu à Hawkesbury, monsieur **Honoré Bertrand**, menuisier compétent dont le fils, **Normand**, avait travaillé dans ce premier magasin en 1923. Au cours de cette même année, **Darius** achète sa première Buick en échange de sa Durand 1919. C'est aussi en 1923 qu'il épouse **Marguerite Côté**.

En 1929, **Darius** ouvre son deuxième magasin dans une propriété qu'il a achetée, rue Principale à Buckingham. Encore une fois, il la répare et l'agrandit avant l'ouverture. Son homme de confiance est **Salomon Desjardins**, un homme à tout faire, père de **Fabiola**, la future épouse de **Gérard Farmer**, fils d'**Ovila**.

En 1932, **Darius** ouvre son troisième magasin à Campbellton, au Nouveau-Brunswick. En 1934, il achète un entrepôt et un bureau central au 51 de la rue St-Paul, dans le Vieux Montréal, avec l'aide de son épouse, une femme très compétente dans le commerce, et de plusieurs autres employés sous la gérance de monsieur **Léo Portelance**.

En 1937, il achète son quatrième magasin, une ancienne boulangerie, partiellement détruite par le feu et située rue St-Jean, tout près des porte St-Jean aux environs du Château Frontenac à Québec.

Darius obtient l'aide de son frère **Ovila** et du fils de celui-ci, **Raymond Farmer**, pour faire les réparations nécessaires. Au cours de cette même année, Raymond est engagé à plein temps comme gérant adjoint par un certain monsieur **Guay**, gérant de ce magasin à l'époque.

En 1939, il ouvre son cinquième magasin, rue Mont-Royal, non loin du boulevard St-Joseph et du chemin Ste-Catherine, où se situait la résidence familiale de **Darius** et de **Marguerite**.

La deuxième Guerre mondiale est déclarée en septembre 1939. Plusieurs employés des magasins **J.-D. Farmer** doivent laisser leur emploi pour s'enrôler dans l'armée et défendre notre pays. Parmi eux, il y avait **Raymond Farmer**, soldat à Québec, son frère **Marcel**, pilote à Trenton (Ontario), **Roger Côte** de l'armée de l'air, **Guy L'Heureux** de l'armée, **Marcel Raymond**, soldat, **Lucien** et **Gaston Giroux**, soldats, et plusieurs autres. Bien sûr, pendant la Guerre 39-45, il était très difficile d'obtenir de la marchandise pour fournir tous les rayons des magasins.

Darius était aussi un très bon organisateur dans la vente de gros immeubles à Montréal. Par exemple, pendant la guerre, il a vendu deux grands immeubles en une seule nuit!



Raymond Farmer, Jean-Noel Dessaint and Lionel Farmer

Pendant et après la Guerre 39-45, **Darius** et **Marguerite** ont continué à promouvoir le commerce de magasins jusqu'en 1950, mais ils se sentaient fatigués, et pensaient avoir bien mérité un bon repos et la retraite. Alors les propriétaires des magasins Continental n'ont pas hésité à acheter la grande entreprise **J.D. Farmer**.

Peu de temps après leur retraite, **Darius** et son épouse songent à se choisir une place pour le «grand repos» dans le cimetière de Sarsfield. Après en avoir parlé au curé **Laflamme**, ils décident d'y construire un magnifique calvaire qui remplacerait la vieille croix en bois. Sous ce beau calvaire, six places sont réservées à la famille immédiate, où reposent **Darius** et **Marguerite**.

Darius, **Marguerite** et leurs deux filles, **Eugénie** et **Jacqueline**, visitaient régulièrement Sarsfield, et étaient fiers de notre ancien curé **Laflamme**, ainsi que des paroissiens.

Nous devrions tous apprécier davantage les dons offerts à la paroisse par la famille **J. Darius Farmer**. Dans la vie, bien souvent, on regrette ce qu'on n'a pas fait...Pensez-y bien!

(À SUIVRE)

MARRIAGES SOLEMNIZED BY PETER LINDSAY, RUSSELL COUNTY 1858 - 1859

Date	Groom	Age	Parents	Bride	Age	Parents
Jan. 18	Moise Labreche	21	Felix Labreche Henrietta Picard	El Millet	22	Frances Millet Elmira Andais
Feb. 5	James Hall	50	Samuel Hall Elizabeth Hall	Mary Ann Cummings	21	Robert Cummings Rachel Cummings
Oct. 4	Robert Knsella	26	Thomas Kinsella Margaret Kinsella	Catherine McQuigg	17	Francis Fiskey Sarah Fiskey
Oct. 5	Duncan Dejeuness	28	John Dejeuness Christiane Dejeuness	Catherine McQuigg	27	Duncan McQuigg Mary McDiarmid
Oct. 18	Jeremiah Colin	28	Samuel Colin Elizabeth Colin	Elisa McDiarmid	20	Malcolm McDiarmid Mary McDiarmid
Nov. 4	Robert Holmes	21	Samuel Holmes Mary Holmes	Margaret Wylie	22	George Wylie Margaret Wylie
Nov. 19	James Sullivan	27	James Sullivan Catherine Sullivan	Margaret Birch	22	Thomas Kinsella Margaret
Dec. 13	John Larocque	26	John Larocque Lisette Larocque	Matilda Paquette	21	? Louisa

1869

Date	Groom	Age	Parents	Bride	Age	Parents
Feb. 25	George James	28	George James Elizabeth James	Sarah McCuaig	20	Robert McCuaig Mary McCuaig
Jun. 21	Robert Heney	30		Hanna Maria Walsh	17	William Walsh Ann Walsh
Jul. 7	John H. Walsh	32	John Walsh Isabella Hicks	Letitia Walsh	21	George Walsh Eliza Kerns
Jul. 19	John Todd	27	David Todd Margaret Todd	Isabella Cook	17	Samuel Cook Annie Cook
Aug. 2	Jean Carpentier	21	Leon Carpentier Angele Dagenais	Salome Larocque	18	Joseph La rocque Marie Corneau
Dec. 27	William Nelson Dunning	29	G G Dunning Lucy B. Dunning	Maria Rice McLaurin	21	Peter McLaurin Maria Rice McLaurin
Dec. 29	Oscar Brooks	25	Caleb Brooks Ann Brooks	Ellen Dunning	19	Hiram Dunning Johanna Dunning

1870

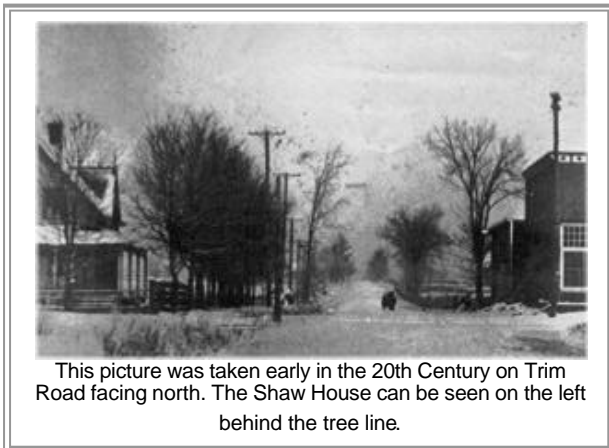
Date	Groom	Age	Parents	Bride	Age	Parents
Jan. 1	Richard Olmstead	39	Senos Olmstead Serena Allan	Jessie McCrea	34	Colin McCrea Mary McCallum
Jan. 31	Baptiste Raymond	23	Baptiste Raymond Mary Labelle	Mary Daoust	32	Hyacinthe Daoust
Feb. 15	William Reynolds	25	William Reynolds	Eliza Milligan	20	Robert Milligan Mary Ann Beattie
Feb. 22	John Mackie	34	Robert Mackie Mary Mackie	Margaret Shaw	39	George Shaw Mary Ann Shaw
Feb. 23	John Clarke	28	John Clarke Mary Ann Clarke	Eliza Marshall	20	Patrick Melvin Mary Melvin
Mar. 1	John Martin	28		Annie Melvin	18	Patrick Melvin Mary Melvin
Mar. 28	James Gamble	40	John Gamble Jane Gamble	Jane Borland	27	Alexander Borland Charlotte Borland
Apr. 4	Benjamin Watson	30	Jonathan Watson Margaret Watson	Nancy Rickerd	20	Richard Rickerd Mary Anne Rickerd
June 29	Thomas James	38	Jacob James Sarah James	Catherine Shaw	29	Martin Shaw Margaret Shaw
Jul. 7	Charles Harrison	23	David Harrison Ann Harrison	Sarah Ann Switzer	20	Joseph Switzer Elizabeth Switzer
Oct. 25	William Campbell	30	Robert Campbell Nancy Campbell	Catherine Marshall	19	George Marshall Susan Marshall
Nov. 28	Robert Milligan	48	David Milligan Jane Milligan	Letitia Switzer	44	Christopher Switzer Sarah Switzer

Laura's Corner... The Shaw House

This white house, located at 3466 Trim Road on the corner of Smith Road, was built in 1876. **Samuel R. Calvin**, one of the first settlers in Navan, bought Lot 10, Concession 9 from the Crown in 1808. In 1856 he sold the west half to **John Lough**, and in 1876, **S.R. Calvin** sold the east half to **Malcom McKinnon**. At this date **Malcom McKinnon** erected a log-constructed structure, covered with clap board, which is now the front part of the building known as Shaw house. In 1878 **William Shaw** purchased the house and added to the original building a summer kitchen and wood



The Shaw House (Laura's Corner) today.



This picture was taken early in the 20th Century on Trim Road facing north. The Shaw House can be seen on the left behind the tree line.

shed. Architecturally, the house is a good example of the Neo-Gothic style. The decorative edging around the eaves and the veranda, sculptured in a picturesque manner, are Gothic elements frequently seen on houses built in Ontario from the mid 1800's to early 1900's. **George Shaw**, who married **Mary Sparks**, bought the property and farmed there for many years. Their family consisted of **Harold, Laura, Carleton, Edna, and Ethel Shaw**. The house was later owned by their daughter **Laura** and is now willed to the five grandsons of George Shaw. Dr. Herbert **Greenidge** practiced medicine in this house for a while. The property was also known as a Carriage Stop for a period of time.



www.laurascorner.ca

