

# THE CABOOSE

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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

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## President's message, February 2017

There was so much material for our last issue that we did not manage to get it all out. Just before publication, we discovered a very detailed description of the WW I veterans from Cumberland Village's cenotaph in a Cumberland United Church newsletter from 2014. We wish to thank the St. Andrew's Church community for allowing us to reproduce five entire pages from that newsletter which complement Dorothy Smith's presentation in the last Caboose. We are pleased to announce that over 240 copies of *Glimpses of Cumberland Township* have been sold to date. We wish to thank our main outlets, the Clarence-Rockland Museum, the Black Walnut Café in Cumberland, Bradley's store in Navan and Péladeau's store in Vars for their

assistance in retailing the book. An official presentation of the book will be made to the Mayor of Ottawa on Heritage Day, February 20, 2017, at City Hall. We wish to advise Sarsfield residents that we have begun exploring the possibility of putting an historical plaque in that community. I am the lead person on behalf of the CTHS and Bob Dessaint has agreed to act as community representative. If any one has historical information to contribute, please contact either Bob or myself and we will be happy to incorporate your information. You will find included in this newsletter a revised membership form. Memberships should be renewed as of May, 2017; please take note of our new mailing address. You may also remit

membership fees to any executive member.

*Finally, this is my third year as your president. My term expires this year. Our members will be asked to consider the following options at our May 2017 meeting*

**A) Nominate and elect a new president**

**B) Vote to disband the Cumberland Township Historical Society because no new president can be found**

**C) Vote to temporarily amend the constitution for one year to allow the current president to remain in place for one more year.**

The May annual general meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lions Curling Club, Navan.

*Gérard Boyer*

## La famille Daoust et les débuts de Daoust's Corners

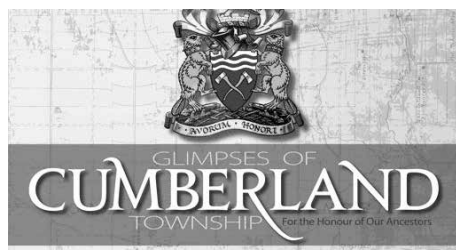
Comme indiqué dans le message du président, nous commençons à préparer l'information pour une plaque historique pour le village de Sarsfield. Il semble que les origines commencent avec une donation de terrain par la famille Daoust pour l'installation d'une

chapelle pour la communauté catholique environnante. Nous savons que c'est Sévère Daoust, époux d'Adèle St-Denis, qui a cédé 3 arpents sur le côté sud du lot 10 concession 4 à l'évêché d'Ottawa en 1864. Ce qui est intéressant, c'est que le terrain qu'il a cédé était à l'ouest du

chemin Bearbrook qui, dans ce temps-là, tranchait le côté est de son lot. Nous verrons plus tard que le chemin Bearbrook a été réorienté sur le même sentier que le chemin de Sarsfield d'aujourd'hui. C'est une des raisons pourquoi l'église St-Hughes est si éloignée du chemin de Sarsfield; dans le temps, le chemin Bearbrook longeait le devant de l'église d'aujourd'hui. Nous pensons que ce lieu de rencontre religieux, que l'on nommait à l'anglaise (Daoust's Corners) a été la raison d'être de la formation de la communauté de Sarsfield. Nous avons inclus une carte de 1862 (la carte Walling) sur la dernière page de ce numéro pour orienter nos lecteurs.

### Glimpses of Cumberland Township

For the Honour Of Our Ancestors



\$30.00

Available at the Black Walnut Bakery and Café in Cumberland, Bradley's Store in Navan, Péladeau's store in Vars and the Rockland Museum.

submitted by Dorothy Smith

## Cumberland October 1, 1888 p. 4

On the occasion of the home coming of the Rev. James Myles Crombie and Mrs. Crombie who have for the past three months been in Scotland, a most enjoyable "welcome home" social was given in the Presbyterian church on Monday evening, September 24th. The church which had been beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens was filled and after the good things had been well discussed the business of the evening began. A most excellent programme of music was presented and the singing of the various anthems called forth the rapturous applause of the enthusiastic audience. Indeed too much praise cannot be given to the ladies and gentleman of the choir for their careful, sympathetic and artistic rendering of the pieces. The efforts of the choir were well sustained by the speakers, Mr. Reid, of the Baptist church, Mr. G.D. Crombie, the much loved and venerable father of the pastor, and the pastor who grave and gay by turns, earned well merited and hearty cheers. After a vote of thanks moved by Mr. Gamble, elder, the goodly company separated, much pleased with their pleasant reunion (sic) which was a social and financial success.

## Vars October 25, 1888 p. 4

The new Methodist church near Dickenson post office is expected to be opened between now and Christmas. When completed it will be a very substantial structure.

Clark Enterprise lodge. I.O.G.T., meets as usual in

Victoria Hall, Vars, on Saturday evenings. The membership has greatly increased during the past two quarters. Bro. A. Lowrie, Lodge Deputy, deserves much praise for so ably performing his duties in connection with the lodge.

Mr. Campbell, merchant, has moved into his new store. Mr. Cheney has also improved his store.

Our resident painter, Mr. Lang, has added to the attractiveness of the place by painting his residence and also made other improvements in connection with it. During this season Mr. Lang has done and extensive business and he is quite busy at present.

A new school house will be built here next summer. This is a want long felt, for the present small log building is altogether inadequate for training the school children of this neighborhood. Miss Chamberlain is teacher.

Mr. G.C. Ronan has a large number of men employed at present taking out timber for lumber and other purposes. The men are located at the shanty which is situated a few miles from Vars.

## Navan November 1, 1888 p 4

A very successful bazaar and concert was given here on Thursday, October 18, in the Sunday School Hall, for the benefit of the Church of England parsonage fund. A very nice collection of fancy and useful articles, furnished by the St. Mary's Church sewing club were quickly dispensed of at the bazaar in the afternoon. The concert in the evening was very well attended, the Sunday

school hall being crowded to the door. The programme was excellent, consisting of plays, recitations, music both vocal and instrumental, and speeches. The plays "Stage Struck" and "How they Kept the Secret" were rendered remarkably well. All those taking part in them are amateurs; and they deserve very great praise for the efficient way in which they took their roles. ... [People named ... Miss Campbell of Vars, Miss Alexina Ronan of Russell, Mr. Wm. Clarke, Mr. Wm. Sparks, Sarah Walsh, Katie Bickerton, Sarah Clarke, Ema Walsh, Nellie Jackson, Janie Dagg, Willie Cox, Mr. Lang of Vars]

## Canaan November 22, 1888 p. 4

The roads are in a bad state owing to so much rain.

Mr. William Cooper, one of our oldest farmers, set sail from Quebec last week for Ireland. His son is taking charge of his farm until he returns.

Miss Ida Dawson, who has been absent for a few months, returned home last Thursday.

Several cheese makers have attempted to start a cheese factory in this place. It is to be hoped that the farmers will consent to have one started next spring.

## Cumberland November 12, 1888 p. 4

Several families are reported as about leaving here for Michigan viz: Angus and John McMillan families and sister, Alex. Cameron and family and Duncan McMillan's family.

Chas. Wilson is now preparing a foundation at the wharf on lot No. 15, O.S. for

the erection of mills, and is also about erecting several houses near to the Manse in the village.

The south half of lot No. 17, 1st concession O.S. on which there is a limestone quarry, producing building material of the best quality, and from which the stone for the erection of the C.P. railway bridge over the Rivere (sic) des Lièvres was taken was offered for sale here by public auction on the 15th ultimo, but withdrawn as the offers did not come up to the reserved bid.

The Rev. Jas. Myles Crombie, minister of the church here (Presbyterian) preached at L'Orignal and East Hawkesbury on the 4th last while the Rev. Mr. Fairlie conducted the services in the church here.

L.O.L. No 337 opened their new hall in the village with a ball on the evening of the 5th inst.

## Bearbrook November 22, 1888 p. 4

Our little town is still growing and the rapid progress it has made during the last few months is astonishing.

Mr. W.F. Campbell's fine new store is now completed and proves to be very valuable addition to the other fine buildings around the station. His grainery alongside the C.A.R. [Canada Atlantic Railway - djs] track is in course of erection and when finished will fill a long felt want.

Through the medium of our energetic and enterprising storekeeper, Mr. S.S. Cheeney, we now enjoy the privilege of a bi-daily mail. We are in need of a money order office here, and it would be well for those in

charge of the postal department to make a note of this.

William Shaw's handsome new brick residence is almost finished, the plastering and painting of the inside being left until next spring.

Some of our young girls have gone into mourning owing to some of our boys having left for California.

Mr. George McLaurin, of Ottawa, intends locating here, having purchased from James Thompson two quarter acre lots on which to erect two dwelling houses and an office. [George McLaurin was an Ottawa lawyer and money lender who had been born and raised in Clarence Township – djs]

Through the generosity of John Kennedy, Esq., a free site for the erection of an Anglican church was gifted to the members here who immediately laid the foundation of what is to be known as St. Andrew's church. Donations of building material or pecuniary assistance will be gratefully received by the Rev. Morris Taylor treasurer to the vestry and missionary in charge.

Mr. J. McNally has purchased a lot for the erection of a shingle and planing (sic) mill with sash and door factory, which he hopes to have working by March next.

## Navan Fair Washed Out but...

Our historical society had its booth ready and we were again well represented, this time featuring local heritage hockey. We wish to thank Ray Kowala who generously allowed us to use his visual displays of hockey in days' past. We also had a heritage table hockey set ready to go (although we had to imagine that the players represented Navan, Cumberland, Sarsfield, Vars or Orléans). We had hoped that many area residents would have played in our table hockey tournament, but unfortunately heavy rains on Friday and Saturday kept the crowds away.

***Although bad weather washed us out, significant local history discoveries were made.***

David Williams dropped by and reminisced about his grandmother's accounts of making her way to Cumberland on foot. Her name was Elizabeth Somerville who married Arthur Williams. The Somerville farm was on Lot 8, Concession 1 (Old Survey), behind Thomas McNeely Senior's farm, and she recollected having to open thirteen gates from her farm near Beckett's Creek in order to walk to Cumberland village.

The Beaton sisters re-awakened our interest in where the Old Forced Road may have climbed the ridge at French

Hill. Readers will recall from the last Caboose that snow shoers had not been able to determine the whereabouts of the Old Forced Road at French Hill last January. Ivan Tanner started looking carefully at City of Ottawa aerial photographs and also wanted to verify a story that there may have been an old graveyard in the same vicinity. A short drive from the fair grounds to the property of Pat Hill at the top of French Hill allowed us to do some bush whacking and investigating. We found the path of the Old Forced Road at the back of Pat Hill's property, angling its way south west from the base of the hill to the top where it then turned south-east as it angled its way past the old Levert homestead and eventually followed the same path as today's Sarsfield Road. The part above the hill has long been plowed over, but the path along the hill is still useable today. As for a cemetery, the aerial photographs were probably showing bee hives, not grave stones.

Just as we were closing up the booth on Sunday, an inquisitive fair goer was examining our 1840 map very carefully. She was particularly interested in lot 25, Concession 1 (Old Survey). When asked why, she explained that her

mother lived there: Mary Smith from Cumberland. On the 1840 map, Henry Symes had lived there, between his cousin John Symes and his neighbour, Archibald Petrie. We had on hand a book recently donated to the Historical Society which contained water colour drawings of the three farms painted in 1841, but only published last year. Those farms have either been overgrown with second growth or will shortly become subdivisions. Those water colours will be included in the Early History of Cumberland to 1840, not to be confused with the Cumberland Township legacy book that came out this October last.

Finally, Wayne Dunning from Bearbrook passed on a message via Bob Walsh. Wayne lives on the land occupied in earlier times by the Julius Blasdell saw mill. Wayne's mother remembered that there were shanties still standing along the north side of the creek across from their place around the 1930's. There was also a cemetery on the high ground on the same side. We would be interested to know if anyone else knows anything about this or can provide further information.

**Gérard Boyer**

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### Gloria (Cooper) Frewin wrote from Bobcaygeon:

"I was particularly interested in the Jan 2015 issue article "Counting Cumberland".

My grandfather William Cooper was the enumerator for the 1901 Census – District 112 Russell, polling subdivision #5 in the township of Clarence (taken Apr 3 & 4)

It was a touching moment when I realized I was actually looking at my grandfather's handwriting as he recorded the population of the twp.

### Follow-up to Wilson-Cox article in the last Caboose

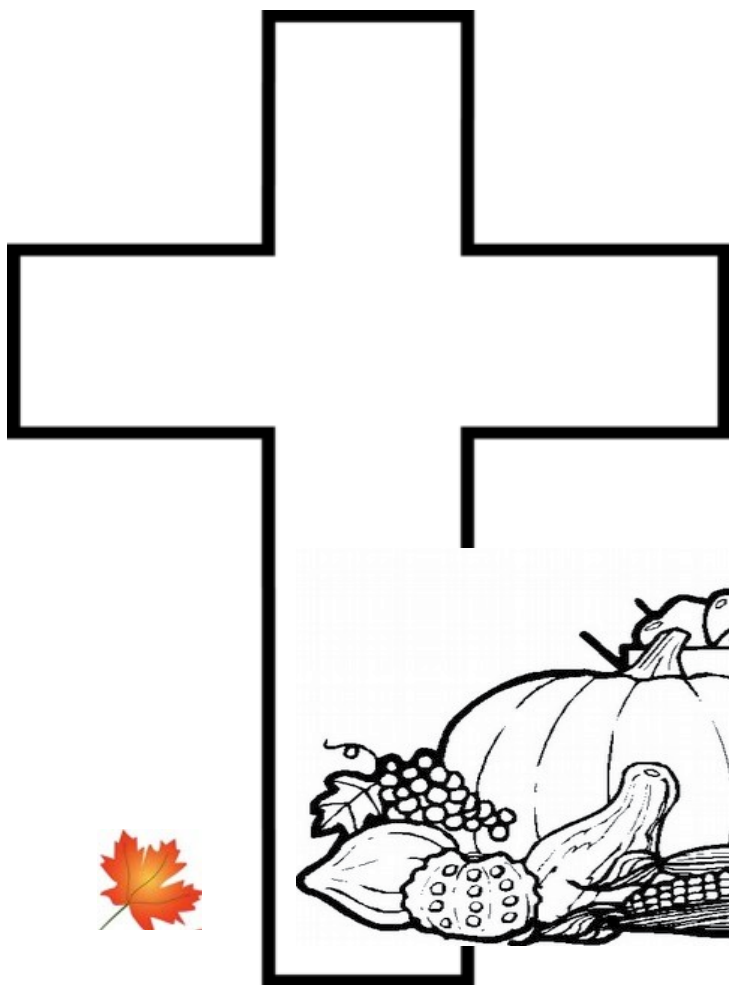
Lynda Rivington contacted me to inform readers that the original Ralph Wilson farm was purchased by Lynda's ancestor Robert Shaw in 1873. He had originally settled closer to Russell and family tradition maintains that when he heard the Wilson farm was for sale, he immediately saddled up his horse, rode to Mrs. Wilson's house (Ralph Wilson's widow) and made an offer that she accepted.



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# *In Touch & In Tune*

## *September 2014*



**Thank  
You**

*"We are to be thankful not just for today  
but also for the past that has lead us here."*

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## Our Cenotaph Remembered



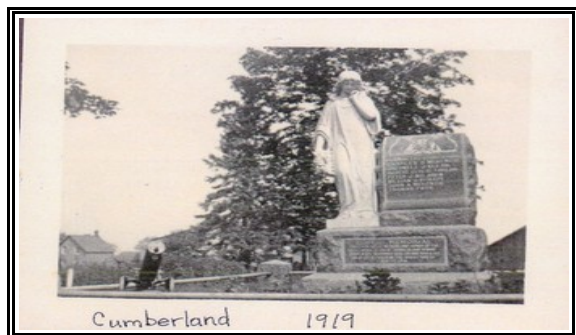
It was called the Great War and it was known to be the 'war to end all wars'. Well, half of that has been true. Any conflict that can be described as the "First World War" no doubt was greater than anything anybody had ever experienced. Sadly, though, it did not put an end to war forever. Nothing ever will. Jesus, Himself, said "There will always be wars and rumours of wars".  
(Matthew 24:6)

For Canada, the Great War began on August 4, 1914 when Britain declared war on Germany. For small communities such as Cumberland, it meant that 44 men volunteered for active duty. Of that number seven men never returned.

Charles McKenzie, Creswell Allan, Robert Taylor, Peter MacLaren, William Spratt, John McKenzie and Thomas Foy were all killed in action.

Two years after the War had ended a public memorial was erected on the front lawn of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, as Cumberland village had no public park. On Sunday, June 13, 1920 the Rev. J. Woodside described the edifice as a monument to portray "bereaved womanhood". He continued to say that this new cenotaph was constructed "to the memory and honour of the citizen soldiers of Cumberland whose names are inscribed here on and who gave their lives for us in the Great War of 1914-1918."

A pure white marble lady, her head bowed in reverence, bears the grief of the mothers whose sons died so tragically. In one hand she clings onto a garland of flowers that hint of the fresh blooms of youth that encircled these soldiers. Her left hand, curled in thought, rests under her chin. Is she pondering man's inhumanity to man, or hoping that a future will come when human beings will live peacefully together?



Two crossed Union Jack flags embedding in the pink granite, crown the monument to acknowledge Canada's ties to Britain and flag under which our men served.

The site was raised upwards, set on a mound of earth, enclosed with railings of iron, cornered by four stone pillars. Two cannons stood sentinel on each side of the monument as if to guarantee peace.

The First World War will always be remembered as Canada's most deadly conflict. More young men died on the battlefield and in the trenches than in all of Canada's other wars combined. Each year, on November 11<sup>th</sup>, our community gathers to reflect and remember. As we prepare to do the same this year, one hundred years later since the war began, let us recall the lives of those who made the greatest sacrifice of all. With research completed by Jeannie Smith here is a portrayal of the young men from Cumberland who gave all they had for our sake.



### Acting Corporal Charles Henry McKenzie #246203

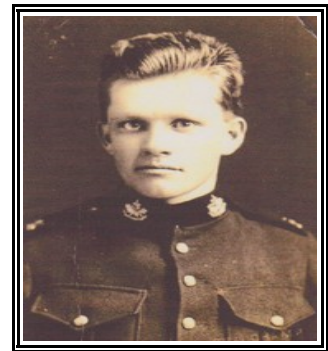
Charlie was the son of James McKenzie of Holland Landing north of Toronto. He was a bridge and building foreman who may have come to Cumberland to work on the railroad. Unlike many Canadians who enlisted, Charlie was not a teenager or a young man in his twenties. Instead he was a 42 year old experienced soldier who had served 6 years as a private and 3 years as a Lieutenant.

Reported to be a tall man, 5'11", he signed up to go overseas with the Canadian Forestry Corps on May 3, 1916 in Rockland. He was assigned to the 207<sup>th</sup>, a sister unit to the 38<sup>th</sup> Battalion of Eastern Ontario, which started recruiting in Carleton County Feb. 1, 1916.

He sailed overseas on June 2, 1917. Fifteen months later Charlie died from war wounds and pneumonia in an English hospital on August 25, 1918. He was a member of the Church of England and is buried in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England. Charles Mackenzie was 43 years old.

### Lance Corporal Creswell John Allan #22833

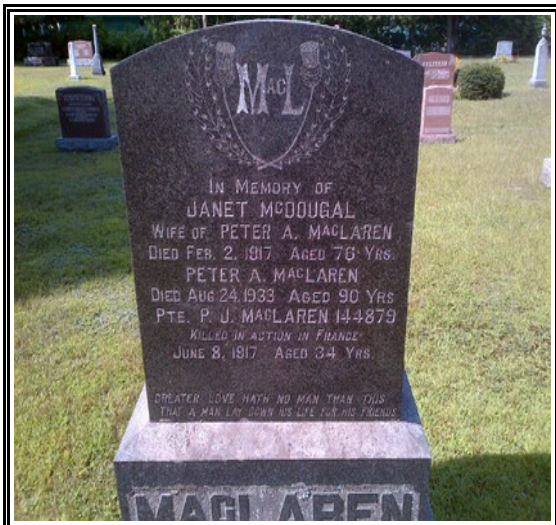
Creswell, an uncle to Fred Jones of our congregation, enlisted on September 29, 1914 – the day before his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday. He was assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Eastern Ontario. While in Cumberland he had been a fireman, working on the railroad stoking the engines. Although he only stood 5'5", he was strong and sturdy and the perfect candidate to be a stretcher-bearer with the medics.



He was fatally wounded in the head and abdomen while carrying injured soldiers to safety.

It was nearing Easter and the Battle on Vimy Ridge was horrific. His mother, Dorothy Beaton Allan, received notification that he had been killed on Wednesday, April 4, 1917. Six days after his death, the Canadians took Hill 145 at Vimy Ridge where Canada became a nation. Creswell was a member of the Church of England and was buried at Aubigny Cemetery near Arras France. He was 25 years old.

### Private Peter James MacLaren #144879



Peter was a young farmer who enlisted August 16, 1915 and was assigned to the 77<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

Private MacLaren was killed by shellfire during a raid on enemy positions near Vimy Ridge on the morning of June 9, 1917. He was 35 years old when he was buried at La Chaudiere British Cemetery in France. His body was exhumed in 1922 and reburied at Dale's Cemetery in Cumberland. The Scriptural inscription on his tombstone is John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this – that a man lay down his life for his friends." On November 18, 1916 two Cumberland comrades were killed in action probably dying close to each other on the muddy battlefield at the Somme. Both John McKenzie and Bill Spratt were in the 38<sup>th</sup> Ottawa Battalion.

### **Private John Arthur Albert McKenzie #410931**

John was born in Buckingham, Quebec on May 15, 1893 to John McKenzie and Emily. He was 23 years old when he was with his Company in an attack on Vancouver Trench, north of Courcellette, France. The explosion of a German shell at 6am instantly killed him. His family lived in Cumberland village.

### **Private William Spratt #410941**

Bill Spratt at 5'9" stood a head taller than his pal John MacKenzie. Bill, the son of James Spratt and Harriett Fraser, enlisted February 26, 1915 just four days after John. They were ten digits apart in their regimental number but killed side by side. Bill dying at 27 never fulfilled his talent as a carpenter. His maternal grandmother, Louisa Hurdman Fraser, died in 1910 and would never know that her three grandsons went off to war in Europe. Caroline Fraser's son Leslie Taylor and Harriett Fraser's son Bill Spratt fell to the deaths overseas. Jane Fraser's son, Robert James Kennedy, was the only grandson to survive the war and return to Cumberland.

### **Private Thomas Patrick Foy #145565**

The story of Thomas Foy is tragic indeed. On December 16, 1897, in Liverpool, England, Bridget Dowd Foy gave birth to her son Thomas Patrick. Bridget and her husband George Foy, who earned a meagre salary carting and hauling produce in the dock yard lanes, had spent time in and out of jail for drunk and disorderly conduct and for incurring debts. By 1910, Tom was sent to a 'Boy's Refuge' because he was neglecting school. His parents were indifferent, not caring about the welfare of their street urchin boy.

On May 18, 1911, Thomas immigrated to Canada as a worker for Peter Larocque whose farm was east of Cumberland village. Here Tom split his time working for Peter as well as both farms of Bill and Antoine Larocque. By the time he reached 19 years old, Tom went to Ottawa on November 23, 1915 and signed T.P. Foy in large childish handwriting on his Attestation Papers. He was assigned to the Canadian Grenadier Guards 11<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 87<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force.

Tom was killed in action when he went over the parapet with his Company in the attack and capture of Regina Trench. He was killed near Courcellette in the Battle of the Somme. His death took place sometime between the days of October 21<sup>st</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>, 1916. Private Thomas Patrick Foy's body was not recovered for burial.

As with Peter MacLaren, Thomas Patrick Foy's name is spelled incorrectly on the Cumberland cenotaph. It was excluded from the WW1 Honour Roll in St. Andrew's Church, but, with all due respect, it was included, along with the names of William J. Spratt and John A. McKenzie, on the Canadian National Vimy Ridge Memorial at Ypres, Belgium, on the site of Hill 145.

World peace would only last another 21 years before the horrors of war were revisited in the Second World War. Again, Canadian men and women joined the fight to secure both peace and freedom. In Cumberland two local boys would never return. Carleton Kennedy and Bill Lough both died serving their country.

### **Flying Officer Carleton Gladstone Kennedy #36886**

Carleton was born to Eva Farmer and Robert Kennedy on June 19, 1923. Fondly known as "Tot", he and his older brothers Robert and Irving (Bus) all enlisted following in the tradition of their father R.J. who had served in the First World War. Carleton enlisted with the R.C.A.F. on September 17, 1942 and trained at Fingal, Ontario. Flying Officer Kennedy was killed instantly on August 30, 1944. It was his first mission. At 2:27 am, the aircraft crashed in a field near a railway station in Durham County, England. All crew members were killed in the explosion. His Anglican funeral took place on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Harrowgate Cemetery in Yorkshire, England.



## Warrant Officer William Herbert Lough

Bill Lough was born on September 1, 1922 in Ottawa to Irene Grace Dunning. WWI with Peter MacLaren and Bob Kennedy Sr. In September 1940 as an 18 year old, Bill enlisted with the R.C.A.F. and was trained as an air gunner at the Macdonald Manitoba Camp. He also earned his wireless operator badge in Calgary. Bill was assigned to the 408<sup>th</sup> Squadron. Two years later Warrant Officer Lough was killed with his flight crew on the night of February 7, 1943. The plane crashed over France on a return mission from Germany. William Herbert Lough Jr. lies buried near the Bay of Biscay in Guidal Community Cemetery, France.

With the end of WW2 in 1945, there was an optimism that Canada would never have to fight again. But just a short five years later the Korean War developed and once again a Cumberland youth lost his life in the names of democracy and freedom.

## Private Robert Victor Arnott

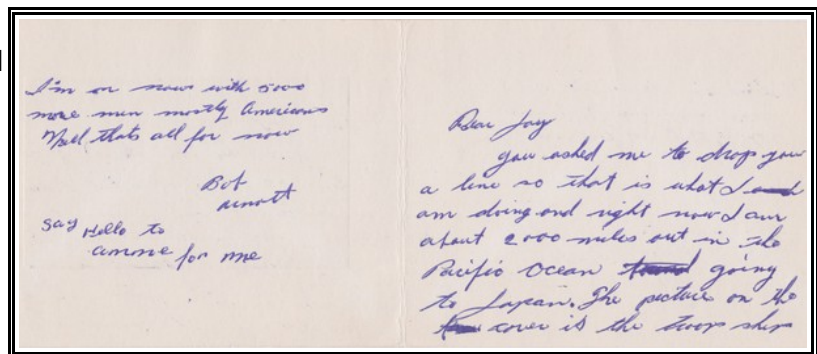
William and Florence Arnott had moved to Cumberland from Wawa in the early 1940's. They had four children Morrison, Richard, Robert and Betty. Along with three other local boys, both Richard and Robert made the decision to enlist to fight overseas. Bob had only been in Korea for one month when he was killed in a rescue attempt of wounded soldiers during a night raid on October 24, 1951. He was just 19 years old.

Subsequently, a memorial service was held for Bob at St. Andrew's United.



A true treasure is a postcard that Joy Morin received from Bob Arnott aboard the troop ship that carried him to battle front.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream has flowed over the decades. But the valiant war efforts made by these individuals should never fade from our memories. Their names are inscribed in honour to be viewed and remembered for decades to come.



## Private Robert Leslie Taylor #145163

Robert Taylor was the second born son to Isaac Taylor and Caroline Fraser on July 29, 1884. He was the great uncle of Kim Taylor of our congregation today. Robert farmed along with his older brother Ernie, on the family farm at Taylor Creek. Upon enlisting for duty on November 20, 1915, Leslie was assigned to the 73<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Infantry of the Royal Highlander of Canada- the Black Watch.


In less than a year, on November 13, 1916, he was severely wounded in the head and later died in the Royal Halifax Infirmary in Halifax England on February 13, 1917. The Cumberland native was one of the million victims of the four month long Battle of the Somme in France which was one of history's largest slaughters. Private Taylor was 33 years old.



## A soldier's last letter...

Halifax, Dec 31, 1916

Dear Lulu



Received your letter this morning and was glad to get it as it is quite a while since I got a letter from home. I didn't get any of the parcels that were sent to me for none of them had arrived before I was wounded and they don't send them back from France, so I won't get them at all. However they will be divided among the other boys and dear knows they need them, and I shouldn't have anything to complain about if I get three or four months in England. Am getting along pretty good now and in a few days more expect to be able to get outside. Got up today about ten thirty and had a wash and shave, the first time I have washed and shaved out of bed since I came here. Am able to walk about a little now but very shaky yet. My ear is still very painful at times. The specialist had a look at it yesterday and said it was doing fine but hadn't much hope of my hearing coming back. However the other ear has improved wonderfully and I can hear pretty good now so I'll be all right.

Another convoy of a hundred and eighty came in last night and every place is chuck full. Our nurses were changed too so everything is kind of mixed up today. There were only five of us in here and we were

so well looked after. It was a happy little home and we have been keeping Christmas all week. The place is filled up now so it won't be near so nice.

I had a card from Irene the other day and she asked me to go and see them. We all get ten days furlough when we leave hospital so I think I'll spend part of the time there for there is not much sport in knocking round alone. It is quite a long way from here but not far from the camp where Sid Walsh is so I'll give him a call too. Well I guess this little letter will do for this time.

So Tra La ... Leslie

Pte. Robert Leslie Taylor was born in Cumberland on July 29, 1884 to Isaac W. Taylor Jr. and Caroline Fraser. His siblings were Ernest, Louisa (Lulu) Coburn, Laura Carson, Ethel and Mabel. Leslie joined the 73rd Battalion of the Canadian Infantry and was wounded at the River Somme, France on Nov. 13, 1916 and died in hospital, in England, Feb. 13, 1917 and is buried in Yorkshire, England.

## Samuel Barnard – Cumberland Village Resident (1843 – 1866)

*About two months ago, I received a call from a Mr. Robert M. Wilhelm, Rhinecliff, New York, looking for information about a Samuel Barnard who had lived in Cumberland beginning in about 1843. I happened to be in Ottawa at the time and was spending time at the Land Registry Office in Ottawa, so I told him that I would see what I could find. The exchange between the two of us has been rich in historical information and leads to other areas of interest which some of our readers may help us with. (Gérard Boyer)*

Samuel Barnard's name first appeared in the assessment rolls for Cumberland Township in 1843, on lot 16, Concession 1 (Old Survey). He was assessed for 5 acres cleared (out of a total of 200), two horses and one milk cow. His assessment totals were not very different from anyone else's. There was no municipal organization at the time. Cumberland Township would not be organized until 1850.

There were several families of a Presbyterian bent in the area and Samuel Barnard's name appears in the first communion rolls of the Presbyterian church of Cumberland, officially established in 1844. (We remind the reader that there was an active Presbyterian church building along the river as early as the late 1820's).

Assessment rolls for 1844 and 1845 show little change in the rateable value of the property, however in 1846, 10 acres were reported as cultivated with a total of 2 horses, one cow and 2 horned cattle on the property.

The only major change for 1847 was the assessment on a one-storey hewn house. The family would have lived in a temporary shanty until that year.

1848 is the last year that assessment data are available to us. Samuel had up to 16 acres cleared with no other significant change.

As was often the case, settlers purchased their properties several years after initial settlement. Samuel Barnard purchased lot 16, Concession 1 in 1855 from John Dixon of the Township of Cornwall in the County of Stormont. The property had initially been granted to Elizabeth Otto in 1798 as a Free Grant. No one actually ever settled on the property until Samuel Barnard arrived. He paid one hundred and seventy five pounds for it.

On April 7, 1857, Samuel Barnard sold a 10,000 square foot lot to the Presbyterian Church of Canada for 5 shillings. Representing the Presbyterian Church of Canada were Collin McRae, Charles Hunter and James Anderson of Clarence. Witnesses were David Lough of the Township of Clarence, foreman, and William Lough of Cumberland, millwright. The following quote illuminates the nature of this sale in the religious context of that time:

"Division had come to the Presbyterian Church in Scotland and this division spread to the new land. Sometime around 1850 a Free Church was formed and Cumberland now had two Presbyterian Churches. The Ault Kirk had the substantial stone building on the river shore at the west end of the village. In October, 1851 it is recorded that 'the communion roll was read and purged.' It was found 61 members still remained where there had been over 90. Unfortunately the records of the Free Church have been lost but that congregation erected a frame

building on the road to Ottawa on the corner of lot 16 at the west end of the village (where the highway garage now stands). This road had been opened to Ottawa in 1850."

Samuel Barnard also purchased Lot B, Concession 5, New Survey on the same date.

*The 1861 census of Canada West lists the Barnard family as follows:*

- Samuel Barnard, farmer, born in England, Free Church, 56, living in a stone 1 & ½ storey house
- Ann, born in Ireland, Free Church, 51
- Charles, born in England, Free Church, 22, unable to read or write
- Bernard, born in England, Free Church, 19
- John Dartlen (?), labourer, born in England, Free Church, 40, not a member of the family.

The 1862 Walling map indicates where Samuel Barnard lived, as well as the Free Church and a schoolhouse next to his residence along the Queen's Highway on Lot 16, Concession 1 (Old Survey).

Samuel Barnard was a school superintendent in 1854. His daughter Sarah was listed as a teacher in Canaan in 1855. She taught 12 pupils and earned £26 15s. She married John Gamble on July 2, 1860 in Ottawa. John Gamble purchased the Barnard farm in 1869.

Samuel Barnard died January 24, 1866. He is buried in Dale's cemetery, Cumberland, Ontario and the tomb indicates that he was a native of Essex in England and that he was 60 years old when he died.

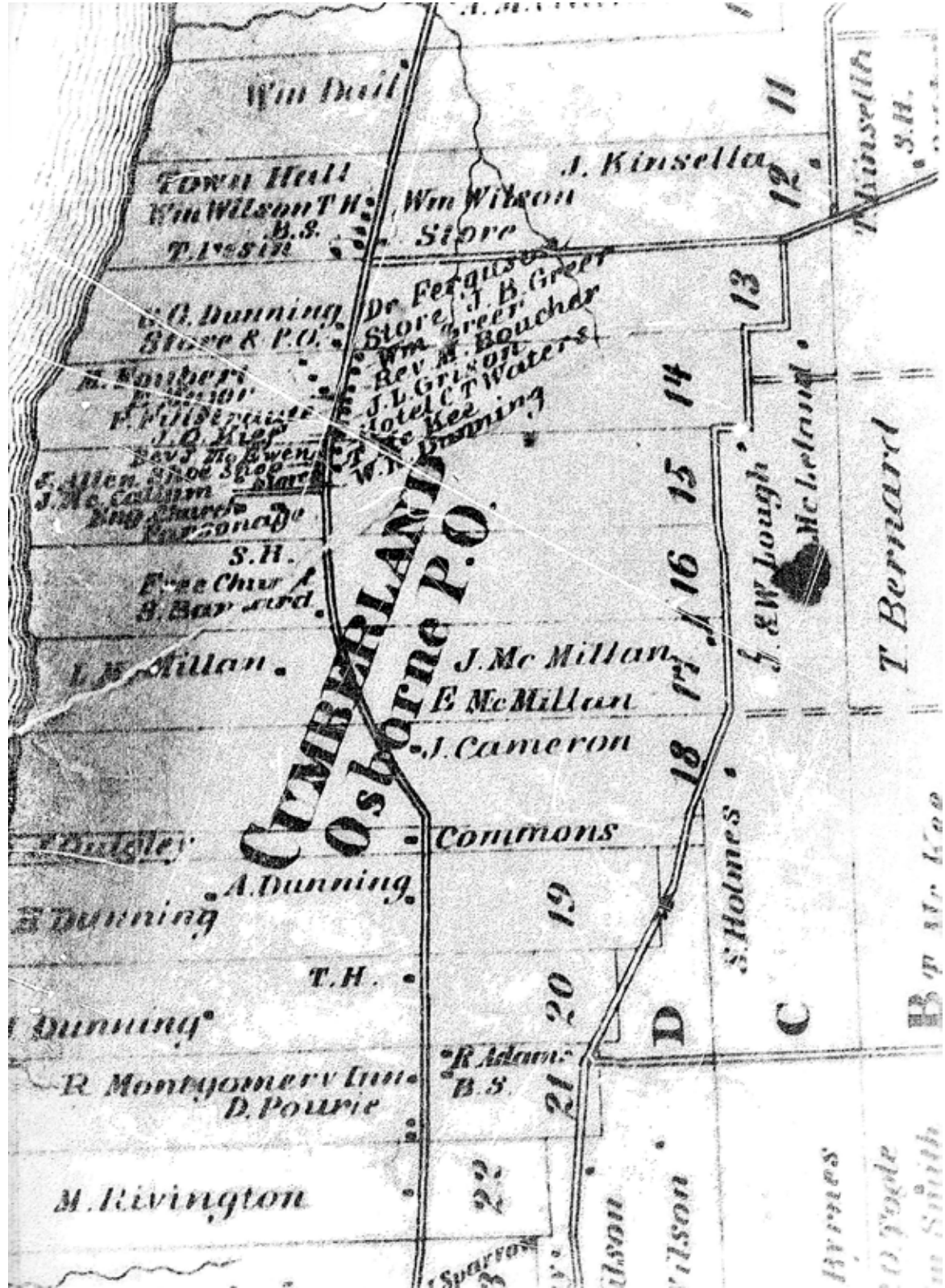
We find Ann Barnard in the 1871 census of Canada. She was 64 years old living in Aylmer, Quebec. Although born in Ireland, the census indicates that she was of Scotch ancestry. She was living in the home of her brother in law, John Clauson, 54 years old, a bailiff, married to her sister Isabella.

*Thanks to an Ottawa Journal obituary, we learn that Ann passed away in 1890 in her brother-in-law's home in Aylmer and that she was buried between Hull and Aylmer in the old Presbyterian cemetery often called Conroy's or Bellevue.*

**DIED.**  
**BARNARD**—At the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. John Clauson, Aylmer, on Thursday, 13th Feb., 1890, Ann Taylor, widow of the late Samuel Barnard, of Cumberland, Ont., aged 80 years and four months.  
The funeral will take place from the above residence to-morrow (Saturday), at 10:30 o'clock a.m., to the Presbyterian church, thence to Conroy's cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend.

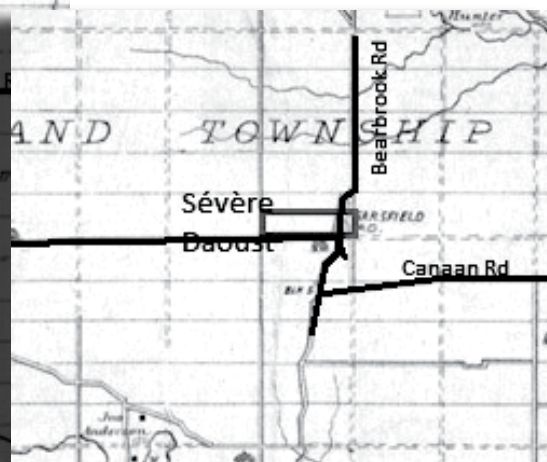
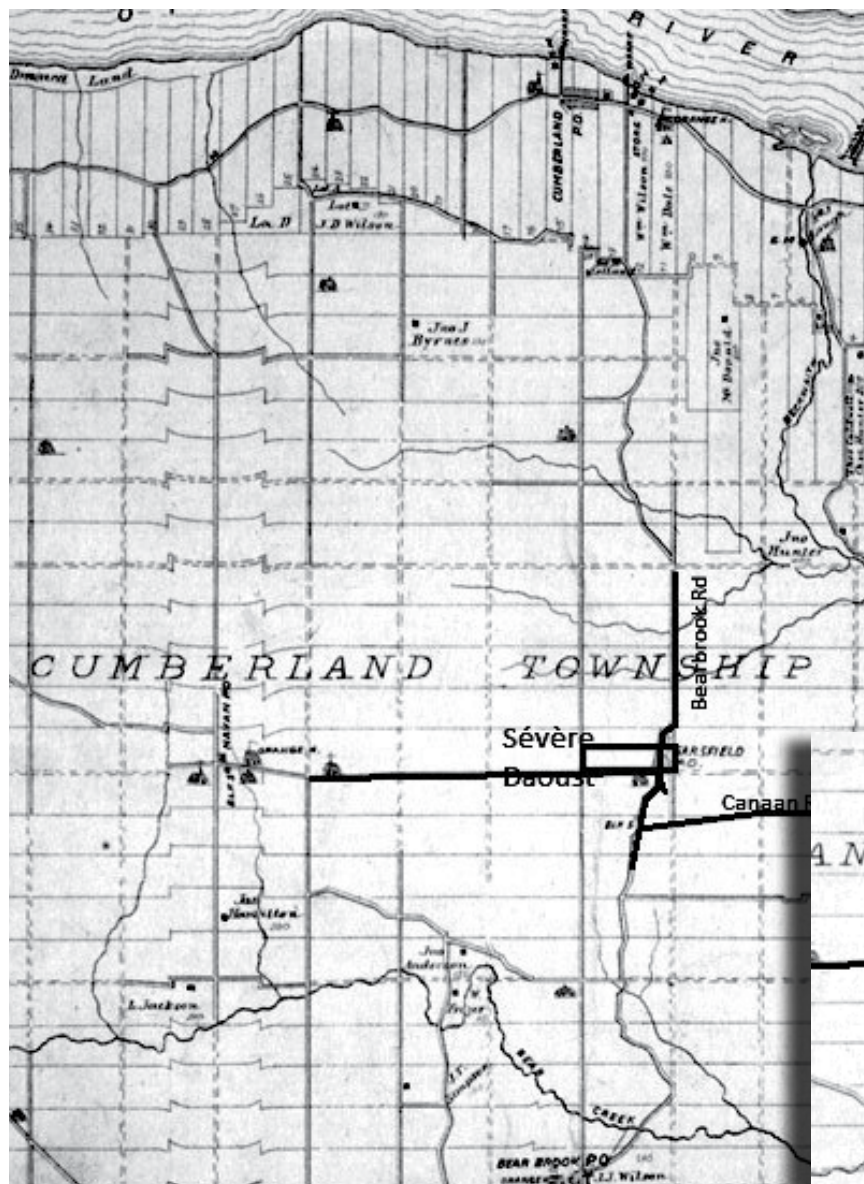


It was interesting for me to realize that Ann Barnard's maiden family name was Taylor, as was her sister's who had married John Clausen from Aylmer. It turns out that two Clausen daughters from Aylmer married Cumberland-born men. In 1882, Annie Taylor Clausen married Hugh Gordon Cameron, a lumber clerk working in Hull, son of Allan Cameron and Catherine Cameron. And in 1886, Isabella Taylor Clauson married George Ira Golightly, a farmer residing in Hull, son of James Golightly and Eliza Walker. Were these Taylors related to the Taylors who purchased the former lands of Joseph Laflamme and which Taylor creek is named after? Readers, please respond.



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