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## President's message

For those of you who thought that you were missing a few issues of the Caboose, this is only the second issue since the Navan Fair 2018. It's the best this current president can do, and I suppose two issues is better than none. This issue has two main features. Ivan Tanner sent me excerpts of a letter pertaining to the history of Veighton families, and this one focuses on the Marshalls. We have left it in its author's handwriting. The other main article is Part 1 of a two-part series involving one of Cumberland Village's many

Cameron families. This article is part of Cumberland Village's history and part of a preparation for some Cameron descendants who will be going to Scotland in August to walk the land of their ancestors. The Cumberland part of the story is complex and I hope that the article clarifies the histories of some Camerons, McMillans, Quigleys and Summers. The historical plaque for Sarsfield is finally being made. No announcements yet as to a date for a dedication. And the Early History of Cumberland book is still experiencing editing

problems which we hope will be resolved by the end of this April.

Our exciting latest news is that we are meeting with the Cumberland Community Association in order to determine the locations and subject matter of historical storyboards for Cumberland Village. We hope to get some input at our Annual General Meeting at the curling club in Navan at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday May 8. Hope to see you there.

*by Gérard Boyer*

### 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 four times each year by the Cumberland Township Historical Society.*

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## Cumberland's history to tell

The Cumberland Township Historical Society and the Cumberland Community Association are teaming up to put some of Cumberland's history on display! The historical society already has two storyboards in the works, one on the Old Forced Road (that began at the Ottawa River and went alongside the Wilson homestead on its way to Bear Brook ) and one on the history of Cumberland's docks, one of which still functions. The Community Association is planning on putting at least five storyboards in the village as part of their community enhancement fund. So we are going to work together.

The annual general meeting of the Historical Society is coming

up on May 8 in Navan at 7 p.m. at the Navan Curling Club. All are welcome and we love signing up new members as well as renewing returning members. But more importantly, we are looking for your input. We are setting time aside at this meeting to hear about what the Historical Society and the Community Association are planning. And we are looking for input on the historical priorities in Cumberland Village (as it used to be called).

So please contact members of the CTHS and members of the Cumberland Community Association to indicate which part of Cumberland's heritage should be displayed first in storyboard form for all to read and appreciate.



## Reminder to Renew!!!

Four members have already renewed for 2019-2020. Thank you. It's now time for the general membership to send in your renewals. Or come to the AGM on May 8 at the Curling Club in Navan, 7:00 pm, and renew in person.

# Alexander Cameron

(who moved to Cumberland sometime in the 1860's)



This article is being prepared for a group of Alexander Cameron's descendants who are preparing a genealogical/historical trip to Scotland to explore the farm from which his grandfather was evicted in 1804. So why not share it with our Caboose readers.

Our Cameron ancestor's farm was named Inverskilavuline (spellings are varied), so we refer to our Cameron ancestors as Camerons of Inverskilavuline. And Cameron Street in Cumberland, Ontario, is not named after our Camerons. It is named after Camerons of Fassiefern.

Alexander Cameron was three years old when his grandfather, John Cameron, his father, Paul Cameron, and several of his uncles crossed the Atlantic Ocean together in 1804 from Oban, Scotland, to Montreal. Alexander spent

most of his life in the area of Hudson, Québec, before moving to Cumberland, Ontario, on to land that his son, John R Cameron, had previously purchased: Lot 19, Concession 1 (Old Survey).

We are not sure of the circumstances of the move from Hudson to Cumberland. Although the land was purchased by Alexander's son, it seems clear that some kind of family cooperation was involved in the move. Alexander, aged 65, arrived in Cumberland in 1866 with the following family members:

- his wife, Nancy (nee McMillan), sometimes called Anne
- his daughter Jessie, 36 years old
- his son Donald (referred to as Daniel in our family history), 19 years old
- his grandson Archibald Mc-

Millan, 26 years old (the 1871 census lists him as a Cameron, but he is a McMillan, son of Alexander Cameron's eldest daughter Isabella, married to Hugh McMillan.

- his grandson Alexander, 22 years old, and granddaughter Mary Ann, 20 years old, whose father Ewen had drowned before Mary-Ann was born and whose mother had abandoned to their Cameron grandparents.

They joined the Presbyterian church in Cumberland. One of their immediate neighbours were John and Margaret Quigley, devout Irish Roman Catholics. Two farms over toward the village were Laughlan McMillan and Flora McPhee, devout Presbyterians. We will describe these families more in detail later.

Alexander's son Donald,

whom we will now refer to as Dan, ended up marrying Ann Quigley from next door on June 25, 1878, in Cumberland's St Andrew's Presbyterian church. There were probably some religious misgivings on the Roman Catholic Quigley side, as the religions did not always mix well in those days.

John Quigley and Margaret Carroll had established themselves in Cumberland around 1855, purchasing the 50-acre Commons between Lots 18 and 19, Concession 1 (Old Survey). Anne Quigley was probably already born when they first came to Cumberland, but Margaret and Mary were born there. Margaret married John Fitzpatrick, an Irish immigrant who arrived in Cumberland in 1880. John Fitzpatrick and Margaret eventually took over the Quigley farm. Mary married Michael Summers and they

established themselves in Mayo, Québec, across the river from Cumberland. Both the Fitzpatrick's and the Summers are important to remember as they eventually played an important religious part in one of Daniel (Donald) Cameron's and Anne Quigley's children.

Dan Cameron and Anne Quigley had six children: John R., Alexander, Isabella, Mary, Dan and Hugh between 1878 and 1887. They continued to live on Lot 19, Concession 1 (Old Survey) with his parents, their nephew Archibald McMillan, their nephew Alexander Cameron and their niece Mary Anne Cameron. Dan's sister Jessie married Donald McMillan (son of Archibald McMillan and Christine McMillan from l'Ange Gardien) sometime in the late 1870's and moved in with her husband in L'Ange Gardien, also across the river from Cumberland. However, Jessie still maintained a part interest in the Cameron property in Cumberland.

In 1885, John R. Cameron, the original proprietor of the farm in Cumberland and his parents Alexander and Nancy Cameron, decided to split the 150-acre property into four equal strips.

Alexander explained the result of this transaction in a letter written in 1886 to his half-brother, Dougald Cameron.

...The title of the front farm was vested in my son, John R., as trustee in fee simple and agreeable to my wish he has deeded to each one and their share vis. – one fourth to Jessie, my daughter, with whom I am living and the remaining three fourths to his brother, Donald, and to his nephew, Archibald. He, John R., having sold out his claim to the boys. So I am pleased to be able to say that those who had a right to the land have got it.

We finally get to the key link between these ancestors and the group that are about to visit Scotland. We mentioned earlier that Anne Quigley married Dan Cameron in 1878. They had six children: John R., Alexander, Isabella, Mary, Dan and Hugh. And then Dan Cameron Sr died suddenly in 1888 and his widow married Archibald McMillan (Dan Cameron's nephew who had been living with the family since their arrival in Cumberland in 1886. Archibald McMillan and Anne Quigley had five children to add to the six that Anne had brought to the marriage. It would

be interesting to list the subsequent marriages of all of those Cameron and McMillan children, but we will only concentrate on Isabella Cameron.

Isabella is the only one of her family, other than her mother, to have become a Roman Catholic. There exists in our family possession a certificate of First Communion for Bella Cameron from the parish of St Malachie dated May 21, 1898. Isabella was 15 years old at the time. As there was no Roman Catholic church in Cumberland at that time, we wondered where St Malachie parish was located. We eventually discovered that St Malachie is the Roman Catholic parish of Mayo, Québec, a tiny settlement across the river from Cumberland but further inland. It was the home parish for Isabella's aunt Mary (nee Quigley) who had married Michael Summers. We also noticed that Isabella was listed with her Quigley grandparents in the 1891 census, though by 1901 she was back with her mother, Ann, and her stepfather Archibald McMillan.

In 1903 Bella Cameron married George Morin, son of Philippe ( or Philip if you prefer) Morin

and Sarah Summers who lived near Beckett's Creek. George and Bella lived in Rockland in their early married years, as he worked for W.C. Edwards as a carpenter. They later moved to Ottawa for a while and eventually returned to Cumberland, moving on to Lot 10, Concession 1 (Old Survey) in 1914, which some later generations would consider the Morin homestead. The group going to the Cameron homestead in Scotland in August of this year are connected to the children of George Morin and Bella Cameron.

Sarah Morin married Thomas McNeely; Gertrude Morin married Archibald MacRae; Muriel Morin married Jack McWhirter. There will be plenty of Scottish ancestral sites to visit given these name combinations. Our group also includes some MacDonalDs who married in.

In the next edition of the Caboose, we'll indicate where we are going in Scotland and give a brief summary as to why the assorted Scottish families mentioned above came to Canada.

*Written by Gérard Boyer*

**Cumberland Township  
Historical Society**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**7:00 pm Wednesday May 8**

Navan Curling Club  
Presentations on the "Early History of Cumberland Township, the story" and on Cumberland Village plans for story boards.  
See you there!



### Ivan Tanner responds to the last issue on Veighton

Ivan wrote, "I have a Catherine "Kate" Shaw (1837 - 1929) married my gr.gr Grandmother, Suzanna (James) Marshall's brother, Thomas James. This is from a letter from our family historian, Lillian (Marshall) Smith, written in 1993. I've attached the letter for your entertainment. Catherine Shaw's parents were Martin & Margaret Shaw (no other information about them). Also attaching a couple of pics from the Bear Brook United Church cemetery."

Here is an excerpt from Lillian Smith's letter.

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My Grandmother was Susanna James, born January 1, 1827, in Dublin, Ireland, the daughter of Jacob James, a tailor in Dublin. She married George Marshall of Carlow, Ireland Sept 27, 1845, in Carlow Church<sup>Ireland</sup> Rev Campion performed the ceremony. Susanna, as the daughter of a tradesman, had a good education and had taught in a primary school before her marriage. Five of George's brothers had left Ireland for the "New World" - America - and four of George's family had gone to Australia. When George talked of emigrating to Canada, Mr James was not pleased, and remarked that he didn't educate his daughter to have her go into the bush in a foreign country. But times in Ireland were very bad due to the recent famine, and in June of 1847 the couple with one child, Sarah, and Susanna pregnant with a second child, made their way one hundred miles distant <sup>on foot</sup> to the Port of Cork and set sail for Canada. On arrival they went to Susanna's sister who ~~had~~ married in Ireland to a Mr Daley. They had emigrated a short time before and had settled in Britannia Bay, just west of Ottawa, which at that time was called Bytown. George bought land twenty miles south east of Ottawa + started clearing the land and building a log cabin, walking the twenty miles back + forth from Britannia Bay each week end through bush road. Susanna's second child was born, a boy named Andrew - born October 30, 1847.

About this time Susanna's brother Thomas James came to Canada. The James family, children of a tradesman, had money (a scarce commodity in those days) so Thomas

not wanting to go into bush land to make a clearance for his home, bought the <sup>already cleared</sup> land & cabin from George and Susanna, who moved just south of their line and made a second clearance and built a second cabin, so that the James brother & sister were now next door neighbours with only the boundary line between them.

Thomas James married Kate Shaw, daughter of John George Shaw, who had also come from Ireland & settled nearby, less than a mile west.

Thomas & Kate had three children - Martin, William & Annie, and Martin & Wm & my Dad played together as children. Serious domestic differences developed between Thomas and Kate, due to the fact that Kate was becoming mentally ill (the Shaws had a history of mental disturbances in each generation) and these quarrels finally led to a divorce - possibly one of the first, if not the first, divorce in the New World. This divorce divided the 100 acre farm in two, giving Kate the west half and Thomas the east half. Kate's west half 50 had the house on it, and was thereafter always referred to as "Kate's place". Thomas' east half was eventually sold to Thomas Marshall, my Dad's brother, who had inherited the east half of the adjoining Marshall homestead when Geo Marshall Sr. died (and when my Dad, Geo Marshall Jr, inherited the west half of The Marshall land). Uncle Thomas Marshall died young of a heart attack & his widow sold the 50 acre James property to a neighbour. The Shaws looked after Kate's interests and rented <sup>her</sup> the 50 acres over the years, at times working the land themselves. Kate meanwhile had become violently ill, and was <sup>over</sup>

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confined to a Brockville asylum where she died at the age of 90 - that would be about 1918 or in the early twenties. I remember my parents going to the funeral - Kate was waked in <sup>the former Tannex home</sup> George Shaws home in Vars + buried in Bear Brook Anglican cemetery. They said she looked fresh + much younger than her age.

"Kate's place" could not be sold until her death, so when that occurred, one of her sons either Wm or Martin (both had moved to U.S.A.) came to Canada + sold that 50 acres to my Dad. I remember them having dinner at our home that day - the only time I ever saw any of them.

When Tom Marshall's daughter (my cousin Lois) was disposing of her Dad's papers, she came across a copy of that divorce of your grandparents. When Tom bought the lower 50, I suppose he got a copy <sup>along</sup> with the deed as a clearance of the title. Lois, recognizing its historical value, gave the divorce papers to the national archives in Ottawa, retaining two copies, one of which she gave to me for the family tree history, and which I will include in my book.

Probably there are gaps in the above story which you could fill from your own knowledge. If so, I would be grateful if you would write me and tell me of them. I'm anxious to complete my book while I am still in good health.

The log house from "Kate's place" has a continuing history.

When my brother Albert Marshall was a young man my Dad, George, bought the Morrison farm for Albert. It lay along the northern boundary of Kate's place. When Dad bought Kate's place, he therefore owned all the land across the concession from our southern boundary to the Morrison northern boundary. Dad built a house and barns for Albert on his place, and after buying Kate's place, moved Kate's old log house across the line to Albert's land to serve as a farm building. When Albert sold his farm to Fred Muggleton, Fred and his wife Jean cleaned up the cabin & in 1977 we held the annual Marshall Family Reunion around the original cabin. Then Fred sold the farm to a stranger who used the cabin as a studio. In 1988 my son Eddie bought the cabin, dismantled it, numbering each log, trucked it nearly 300 miles to his farm at Moffat near Guelph, and there rebuilt it, putting in new door, windows, <sup>floor</sup> and had a mason build a magnificent stone fireplace reaching to the roof. Ed plans to set up an antique and gift store in his great grandfather's original cabin. It's rebuilt solid enough to last another one hundred and fifty years. Ed is a teacher - he rents out the farm land.

I have a snap of the cabin as it looked on Albert's farm the day of our Reunion there in August 1977. The picture will be in my book. I also have, among my still packed books & albums, what I have always believed are your <sup>great great</sup> & my great grandparents, the <sup>Jacob</sup> James couple in Ireland - They look to be short & stout (as Susanna was). Susanna & George Marshall made a trip back to Ireland in 1888 to see their remaining relatives.

This is now Aug 27 - I've been a long time finishing (over

That photo was in my ancestor album that was given to me.

# Les terres du canton de Cumberland



## Les terres du canton de Cumberland #2

### Lot 6, Concession 3

Cette terre est concédée de la Couronne en 1828 à Anne McArthur. Nous soupçonnons qu'elle l'a obtenue parce qu'elle était soit l'épouse d'un Loyaliste ou peut-être sa fille. Elle a vendu cette terre en 1830 à un nommé Honey Forsythe pour la somme de cent livres sterling. Il semble que ce n'était qu'un investissement pour lui. La terre change de propriétaires plusieurs fois

avant qu'elle tombe dans les mains du médecin de Cumberland, le docteur James Ferguson, qui l'achète en 1882. Il ne semble pas qu'elle soit encore exploitée.

Selon le livre souvenir du centenaire de la paroisse St-Hughes de Sarsfield, Ferdinand Lepage achète la partie nord de la terre en 1903 de la famille Ferguson. Cette vente a été confirmée légalement en 1919. La partie sud avait été vendue par la famille Ferguson à Gédéon Labrèche en 1907, selon une recherche au bureau

d'état civil.

Qui était ce Ferdinand Lepage? Selon le livre anniversaire de la paroisse mentionné plus haut, Il serait né à Lefaivre en 1871. Il avait épousé Cécilia Cayer née en 1867. Nos recherches n'ont pu confirmer son acte de baptême, mais nous avons trouvé les détails suivants :

Le recensement de 1911 indique que Ferdinand est né au Québec en 1872 et que son épouse est aussi née au Québec en 1867. Ce document indique que la famille a immigré des États-Unis en 1903 et que tous leurs enfants sauf les deux derniers sont nés aux États-Unis. Nous savons qu'Alice (en 1906) et que Lucien (en 1911) ont été baptisés à Sarsfield.

Autre fait relié et particulièrement triste, c'est que le frère de Ferdinand, Aldérique Lepage, perd son épouse âgée de vingt-quatre ans à la suite de la naissance d'un enfant, Marguerite Valérie.

Nous demandons à nos lecteurs de nous aider à mieux connaître l'histoire de l'arrivée de cette famille à Sarsfield. Depuis leur arrivée, cette terre est devenue « la ferme Lepage ».



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