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## President's message

Thank you to all members who responded to give our executive their confidence in continuing to represent you without a formal general meeting. And thank you to the same ones and others who have paid their 2020-2021 memberships. We hope that all of our members will submit their membership fees to Gilles Chartrand with this second request. We hope to host a general meeting in the fall as we see our way through the Covid-19 pandemic.

We wish to thank Jeannie Smith for sending in a class photo from the 1950's of St Antoine de Padoue school in Cumberland, Ontario. Although I was growing up in Rockland at that point and several of my relatives were still attending rural schools around Cumberland, there were several faces that brought back memories for me. I hope others will do the same for other classes and other years. The second major focus in this issue is the early history of

the Lemay family in Cumberland Township. An aerial photo of the Marcel Lemay farm from the 1950's sparked a research into their family and into their settlement as parishioners of Sarsfield.

I also wish to thank Ray Lanthier for some questions about Leonard which we have included in this issue and some questions from Barry Goodfellow which shed some light on his family and the Parhams of Carlsbad Springs.

*Gérard Boyer*

## Some notes on the early history of Leonard, Ontario

Thanks to some questions from Raymond Lanthier, we did some property research into Lot 14, Concession 5, where the village of Leonard came into existence with the establishment of a train station sometime around 1900. Raymond had been reading Memories of Leonard by Audrey Poaps and Memories of Cumberland Township by Verna Cotton.

Although this is not an exhaustive search, the following information should be combined with the documents mentioned above and Raymond's personal memories of living in Leonard to produce a more well-rounded and accurate history of Leonard, Ontario.

As explained in a previous issue of the Caboose, properties can now be searched on-line by

going to the onland.ca site. Using this information, here are some facts with regards to the history of Leonard, Ontario.

Lot 14, Concession 5 (New Survey) did not show a lot of property activity until the year 1898, when a new railway was built between Ottawa and Montreal and a railway stop was planned at what was to become "Leonard, Ontario". At that time, Thomas Moffatt owned half the property and Henry Black the other half.

In 1898, properties were sold to the following individuals: Treffley Vachon, Frederick Paquette, Edwin Lough, Richard Moffatt and David Jackson.

In 1902, a parcel of land was set aside for a Baptist Church, trustees being William Wallace, Donald Stewart and Jacob Bogert.

In 1907, Joseph Pariseau sold some land to Robert Poaps. In 1928, Robert Poaps sold it to John Poaps. However it looks like some property records had to be cleaned up. So there is a record, listed in the abstract after 1928, of a 1912 sale of land by Joseph Pariseau to James Troy, who then sold the land to Frederick Bickerton in 1926. In 1927 Frederick Bickerton sold the land to Charles Rathwell. In 1933, Minnie Rathwell is linked to a telephone system for Leonard (?).

Finally in 1955, Robert Allan Poaps sold some land to Léon Lanthier.

*Prepared by Gérard  
Boyer*



- 1 Patsy O'Brien
- 2 Sue Paquette
- 3 Bernie Lafrance
- 4 Danny Lagimoniere
- 5 Robert Thibodeault
- 6 Winnefred O'Brien
- 7 Lise Gaumond
- 8 Hilda Davidson
- 9 Susan Lacasse
- 10 Micheal Lamarche
- 11 Jean Lacombe
- 12 Tim Paquette
- 13 Louise Lacasse
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- 15 Martine Le Guerrier
- 16 Suzanne Levesque
- 17 Richard Lagimoniere
- 18 Rick O'Brien
- 19 Guy Levesque
- 20 Claude Lacasse
- 21 Henry Vanderbrook
- 22 Roland Lafrance
- 23 Andre Lacasse
- 24 Gaston Lagimoniere
- 25 Gloria Gervais
- 26 Mike Paquette
- 27 Ina Vanderbrook
- 28 Roseann McCormick
- 29 Rita Lafrance
- 30 Lise Lamarche
- 31 Susanne Lacombe
- 32 Jean Levesque
- 33 Liette Lamarche
- 34 Edith Paquette
- 35 Vaugh Paquette
- 36 Nicole Thibodeault
- 37 Paul Thibodeault
- 38 Estelle Ethier
- 39 Pat O'Brien
- 40 Peter Vanderbrook
- 41 Gilles Lamarche

## A flu reality check

As of today, June 22, 2020, Canada has had 101,567 confirmed and presumptive coronavirus cases, and 8,742 deaths, mostly affecting seniors.

Between 1918 and 1920, the Spanish flu killed 50,000 Canadians, many in the prime of life (Source: Canadian Encyclopedia). Canada had just lost close to 61,000 Canadians due to World War I (Source: the Canadian War Museum).



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*St Antoine de Padoue,  
Cumberland, Student List  
1957*

# A Report on Cumberland Township Schools in 1847

The Journals of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario 1847, available at <http://books.google.com> have interesting comments about the state of Ontario schools in 1847. For our purposes, we thought that we would only comment on the state of schools in Cumberland Township as of August, 1846. Here is an extract from the Report of the Reverend Colin Gregor, District Superintendent of the Ottawa District:

"I have great pleasure in reporting for your information that the Common Schools of this district are much more efficiently taught than they were two years since. This is especially true with regard to West Hawkesbury. English Grammar, Geography,

History, Arithmetic, are taught in all the Schools except one, and in one, Latin is taught along with the branches mentioned. The Schools in East Hawkesbury, though not in so advanced a state, exhibit a respectable degree of progressive improvement. Those of Longueil, Caledonia, Plantagenet, and Clarence, have progressed in a similar ratio, and the average attendance at these Schools, for at least six months in the year, is above twenty-four. Of the Schools in the remaining three Townships – Alfred, Cumberland, and Russell, I am compelled to speak in more qualified terms. They are, and always have been in a low state; but even among them, indications of improvement are discernable. And, upon the whole, I think I

am warranted in saying, that the progress of education through the district is gratifying."

The following statistical report combines the data for Cambridge and Cumberland. There was a total of three schools open on average 8 ½ months a year. Out of a total of 257 children between the ages of 5 and 16 years, 77 attended school. The district superintendent adds the following comment: "The Report from West Hawkesbury is correct and satisfactory; but this can be said of few, if any of the others."

We do not believe that there was a school in Cambridge at that time. We are aware that one of the earliest schools in Cumberland was along the Old Forced Road behind today's Beaton farm. We would appreciate our readers to inform us

as to where the other two schools could have been. We would expect a school in the Cumberland village nucleus and one in the Bearbrook area at that time.

In his summary report for the province, Egerton Ryerson, the founder of Ontario's education system, stated:

"Yet the melancholy and alarming fact still remains, that almost one-half of the children in Upper Canada, of school age, are receiving no instruction in the Schools!"

*Submitted by  
Gérard Boyer*

# Joseph Wilfrid Lemay et Rose de Lima Lamarche

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## Generation 1

1. **WILFRID<sup>1</sup> LEMAY** was born on 10 Dec 1869 in St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Québec, Canada<sup>1-2</sup>. He died on 28 Aug 1928 in Sarsfield, Ontario<sup>2</sup>. He married Rose de Lima Lamarche, daughter of Léon Briault dit Lamarche and Marielle Cyr, on 18 Sep 1888 in St-Philippe, Québec<sup>3</sup>. She was born on 28 Jul 1870 in Québec, Canada<sup>1</sup>.

Joseph Wilfrid Lemay and Rose de Lima Lamarche had the following children:

- i. **JOSEPHAT<sup>2</sup> LEMAY** was born on 12 Jun 1889 in St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Québec, Canada<sup>1,4</sup>. He married Alda Charlebois, daughter of François Xavier Charlebois and Marie Arcand, on 11 Feb 1910 in Lefaivre, Ontario<sup>5</sup>. She was born on 20 Apr 1890 in Alfred, Ontario<sup>6</sup>.
- ii. **JOSEPH ONÉSIPHORE LEMAY** was born on 12 Feb 1891 in St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Québec, Canada<sup>1,7</sup>. He married Isabelle Potvin, daughter of Jean-Baptiste Potvin and Mathildée Desjardins, on 10 Jan 1910 in Sarsfield, Ontario<sup>8</sup>. She was born in Dec 1891.
- iii. **MARIE LAURE ARTHÉMISE LEMAY** was born on 22 Dec 1892 in St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Québec, Canada<sup>1,9</sup>. She married Léonard Ouelette, son of Joseph Ouelette and Marie Lefebvre, on 17 Apr 1917 in Sarsfield, Ontario<sup>8</sup>.
- iv. **JOSEPH EUGÈNE DONAT LEMAY** was born on 29 Nov 1894 in St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Québec, Canada<sup>1,10</sup>. He died on 28 Dec 1961 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada<sup>11</sup>. He married Laura Joanis, daughter of Donthée Joanis and Mathildée Cardinal, on 23 Oct 1916 in Masson, Québec<sup>12</sup>.
- v. **JOSEPH OVILA LEMAY** was born on 05 Feb 1897 in St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Québec, Canada<sup>1,13</sup>. He married Marie Olivine Renaud on 15 Jun 1926 in Angers, Québec<sup>14</sup>.
- vi. **H GILBERT LEMAY** was born on 17 Dec 1898 in St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Québec, Canada<sup>1,13</sup>. He married Marie Médule Charlebois, daughter of François Xavier Charlebois and Marie Arcand, on 16 Feb 1920 in Alfred, Ontario<sup>15</sup>.
- vii. **JOSEPH ASIAS LEMAY** was born on 15 Oct 1900 in St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Québec<sup>1,16</sup>. He married Antonia Potvin, daughter of Charles Potvin and Emma Montreuil, on 03 Oct 1921 in Eastview, Ottawa, Ontario<sup>17</sup>.
- viii. **ARLEMAGNE LEMAY** was born on 11 Nov 1902 in St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Québec<sup>9,18</sup>. He married Marie-Louise Lamarche, daughter of Télesphore Lamarche and Marie-Louise Charbonneau, on 31 Dec 1928 in Eastview, Ottawa, Ontario<sup>19</sup>. She was born in 1903 in Lefaivre, Ontario<sup>20</sup>.
- ix. **MARIE LAURANNA VIENNA LEMAY** was born on 26 Jun 1905 in St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Québec, Canada<sup>7</sup>. She married Charles Laviolette on 30 Oct 1939 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada<sup>21</sup>.
- x. **JOSEPH EMMAUS EUGÈNE LEMAY** was born on 22 Jun 1907 in St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Québec, Canada<sup>7</sup>. He married Cécilia Lebeau on 15 Sep 1929 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada<sup>22</sup>.
- xi. **D LORENZO LEMAY** was born on 07 Jun 1909 in Sarsfield, Ontario<sup>3</sup>. He died on 28 Aug 1973 in Orléans, Ontario<sup>23</sup>. He married ÉVELINE BROUSSEAU. She was born on 25 Nov 1911<sup>23</sup>. She died on 13 Nov 1981 in Orléans, Ontario<sup>23</sup>.
- xii. **JOSEPH ALDÉRIC LEMAY** was born on 23 Sep 1911 in Sarsfield, Ontario<sup>8</sup>. He married Gracia Giroux, daughter of Zénophile Giroux and Julie Marie Joanise, on 16 Jun 1936 in Sarsfield, Ontario<sup>24</sup>. She was born in 1916.
- xiii. **MARIE ISABELLA ANETTE LEMAY** was born on 21 Oct 1913 in French Hill, Ontario<sup>6</sup>.

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## Sources

1 1901 Census of Canada.

2 Ontario, Canada, Deaths, 1869-1947.

3 Ontario, Canada, Births, 1858-1913 , The family was living on Lot 5, Concession 5, Cumberland Township.

## Sources (cont.)

- 4 BMS St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Québec, Il a été baptisé Joseph Wilfrid Stanislas, mais il a depuis porté le nom de Josephat.
- 5 BMS St-Thomas, Lefaivre, Ontario, Josephat habitait Sarsfield lors de ce mariage.
- 6 Ontario, Canada, Births, 1858-1913.
- 7 BMS St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Québec.
- 8 BMS St-Hughes, Sarsfield, Ontario.
- 9 BMS St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Québec.
- 10 BMS St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Québec.
- 11 Ontario, Canada, The Ottawa Journal, 30 Dec 1961.
- 12 BMS Notre-Dame-des-Neiges, Masson, Québec, Donat était de la paroisse St-Hughes de Sarsfield. Cette même journée, la soeur de Laura, Emma, s'est mariée à Alexandre Émery dans la même église.
- 13 BMS St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Québec.
- 14 BMS l'Ange-Gardien, Angers, Québec, Joseph Ovila est paroissien de Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Eastview et ses parents sont de Cardinal Centre, Gloucester.
- 15 , Canada, Marriages, 1826-1938, Joseph Gilbert est fermier de Sarsfield. Marie est née à Montebello mais réside à Alfred lors de son mariage.
- 16 BMS St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Québec.
- 17 , Canada, Marriages, 1826-1938, Mariés à Notre-Dame-de-Lourdes, Eastview. Il habitait "The Quarries" et elle habitait Eastview. Elle avait été baptisée à St-Anne, Ottawa.
- 18 Ontario, Canada, Marriages, 1826-1938, He was 26 when he married in 1828 in Eastview, Ontario.
- 19 Ontario, Canada, Marriages, 1826-1938.
- 20 Léon.
- 21 BMS Sacré-Coeur, Ottawa, Ontario, Charles est le fils de Monsieur et madame Sévère Laviolette de Buckingham et "Laurencia" comme elle s'appellait alors était de la paroisse de Sacré-Coeur, Ottawa.
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# Les Lemay de Sarsfield



Les Lemay de Sarsfield étaient déjà les Lemay de St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Québec. Vers 1908, Joseph Wilfrid Lemay, sa femme Rose de Lima Lamarche, et leurs dix enfants sont partis de St-Philippe et se sont installés sur une terre du canton de Cumberland, le lot A de la Concession 5 (New Survey). Les deux parents étaient natifs de St-Philippe d'Argenteuil et y avaient vécu toutes leurs vies. Nous ne savons pas pourquoi ils ont laissé leur « chez eux » au Québec.

Joseph Wilfrid et Rose de Lima ont trois autres enfants à Sarsfield : Lorenzo en 1909, Aldéric en 1911 et Anette en 1913.

L'aîné des enfants, Josephat, épouse Alda Charlebois de Lefavre en 1910. En 1913 Joseph Wilfrid achète le lot B Concession 5 (New Survey), côté est, et passe cette propriété

à Joséphat et Alda en 1917.

Le deuxième plus vieux, Onésiphore, épouse Isabelle Potvin à Sarsfield, aussi en 1910. Joseph Wilfrid lui laisse sa terre en 1918 et il se déplace au canton de Gloucester où on le retrouve avec son épouse et sept de ses enfants dans le recensement de 1921 : Osias, Léon, Lauranna, Emmaus, Lorenzo, Aldéric et Anette.

Donat Lemay épouse Laura Joanis de Masson, Québec, en 1916 et c'est à lui que Joseph Wilfrid donne le lot B, Concession 4, (New Survey), dont la photo dans ce numéro du Caboose.

Laure Arthémise épouse Léonard Ouelette à Sarsfield en 1917.

Onésiphore Lemay, mentionné plus haut, achète le côté nord du lot 1, Concession 5 (New Survey) de Margaret Burroughs en 1922. En 1926 Onésime vend son premier lot

à son frère, Gilbert Lemay, qui avait épousé Marie Médule Charlebois à Alfred en 1920. À noter : la sœur de Marie Médule, Alda, avait marié le frère de Gilbert, Josephat.

Joseph Wilfrid Lemay et son épouse Rose de Lima Lamarche se retrouvent en paix dans le cimetière de Sarsfield, la paroisse qu'ils ont adoptée vers 1908 et dans laquelle bon nombre de leurs enfants ont élevé leur propre famille.

Nous invitons ceux qui en connaissent plus sur cette famille de nous contacter afin de nous aider à mieux connaître leur histoire. Nous nous demandons toujours pourquoi ils ont choisi Sarsfield. Et nous nous demandons quel était le lien entre la famille Charlebois de Lefavre/Alfred et la famille Lemay.

*Préparé par  
Gérard Boyer*

## Les terres du canton de Cumberland # 5 Lot B, Concession 4 (New Survey)

Cette terre est acquise par Duncan MacDonell en 1821. Duncan MacDonell est l'arpenteur qui a complété l'arpentage du canton de Cumberland en 1821. Une partie le long de la rivière Outaouais avait été arpenté autour de 1798. Son travail est récompensé en terres concédées par le gouvernement du Haut-Canada (aujourd'hui l'Ontario). Duncan MacDonell obtient 5,612 acres anglais de terre en 1821, dont il vend en grande partie à un entrepreneur Montréalais, Thomas Thain, en juin, 1821.

Mais Duncan MacDonell ne se préoccupe pas de cette propriété et donc, en 1832, George Dunning de Cumberland prend possession de 130 acres lors d'une vente du sherriff. L'autre 70 acres est par après acheté par un Thomas Muir lors d'une vente du sherriff en 1844. Par 1853, tout le lot appartient à la famille Kinsella, famille pionnière de Cumberland. Le côté ouest du lot (100 acres) est ensuite acheté par Robert McArthur en 1886 qui la garde jusqu'en 1900. En 1910 c'est au tour de David Williams de devenir propriétaire et enfin, en 1918, Joseph Wilfrid Lemay l'achète et la remet aussitôt à son fils, Donat Lemay. De Donat, la terre tombe à Ovila et de lui à Marcel Lemay. Lorsque la photo de la ferme a été prise dans les années 1950, c'était la ferme Marcel Lemay.

## Propriétés acquises par les Lemay entre 1908 et 1922



## Robert J. Goodfellow and Robert Parham

Barry Goodfellow asked us about his ancestor's early land dealings near Carlsbad Springs. Here is what we found.

Lot 20, Concession 9, East half was first granted to Thomas Ross in 1828. By 1849 it had been acquired by Lemuel Cushing, a Montreal businessman. The West half was granted to Patrick Morris in 1869. Charles Parham acquired this property in 1886.

Charles Parhami, his wife, Jessie, and three of his children moved into this area shortly after 1881. The area was called Eastman Springs, which most of us now know as Carlsbad Springs. Charles Parham came from a small town on the Quebec-U.S.A. border: Franklin, Valleyfield, Québec. He was probably looking for investment opportunities as he owned both the East half of Lot 20, Concession 9 and the West half of Lot 20, Concession 10 when Robert J. Goodfellow arrived. He also owned Lot 19, Concession 10. He may have owned other properties. He passed away in 1903 in South Indian (now named Limogesii).

On April 12, 1899, Charles Parham sold the west half of Lot 20, Concession 9 to Robert J. Goodfellow for \$1.00 (Instrument 6275). Parham then gave Goodfellow a mortgage on the property (Instrument 6277). I couldn't make out the amount on the abstract.

Lot 20, Concession 10 was originally granted to Lemuel Cushing in 1858. He sold the east half to S. Keough. The railway went through sometime after 1882 and Keough sold to Parham in 1884. In 1909 the land came into the possession of a Mr. Stanley who then sold the land to Robert J. Goodfellow in 1913.

*Prepared by Gérard Boyer*



# Russell County's first election to the Parliament of Upper Canada 1834

Sometimes when we are researching one item, another unsolicited gem pops up. In researching my McNeely ancestors in Cumberland Township, I came across an online copy of Daniel O'Connor's diary. Daniel

O'Connor was one of Bytown's (now Ottawa) earliest prominent citizens, arriving there in 1827 just when construction had begun on the Rideau canal. I know that my McNeelys were along the Rideau River in 1829, very close to Bytown, and I

hoped to find some reference to them in his diary.

Although I did not find any reference to what I was looking for, I found a list of all of the voters in the above-mentioned election. At that time Russell County included Bytown and Gloucester. Only land-owners could vote, and here is a list of those who voted from Cumberland Township:

There were 155 voters in total and the two contestants were Daniel O'Connor from Bytown and Thomas McKay from New Edinburgh. Thomas McKay won with 81 votes. Everyone from Cumberland voted for Thomas McKay

except Joseph Kinsella.

Source: Diary and other memoirs of Daniel O'Connor (and his family), amicus 4392710.

Further to the above, I was surprised by the names of John Frost and John Frost Senior. They were not early developers or settlers of Cumberland Township. However, John Frost did purchase Lot 18, Concession 5 (New Survey) in July 1834, though he never lived there. The lot eventually ended up in the hands of someone who did live in Cumberland Township: G.G. Dunning in 1850.

NAME	LOT	CO N
Joseph Kinsela	11	1
Walter Beckworth	4	1
John Frost	18	5
John Froste Sr	18	5
Henry Sims	25	1
Joseph Laflame	30	1
William Dale		1

## Descendants of Charles Parham

### Generation 1

1. **CHARLES<sup>1</sup> PARHAM** was born on 30 Mar 1825 in Québec, Canada<sup>1</sup>. He died on 21 Dec 1903 in South Indian, Russell County, Ontario<sup>2-3</sup>. He married (1) **MATILDA JOSEPHINE DAME** on 23 Sep 1858 in Russelltown, Chateauguay, Québec<sup>4</sup>. He married (2) **JESSIE MACLAREN** on 24 May 1871 in Foster, Brome-Missisquoi, Québec<sup>4-6</sup>. She was born on 22 Apr 1843 in Valleyfield, Beauharnois-Salaberry, Quebec, Canada<sup>1</sup>.

Charles Parham and Matilda Josephine Dame had the following child:

- i. **CHARLES<sup>2</sup> PARHAM** was born on 06 Aug 1859 in Russelltown, Chateauguay, Roussillon, Québec<sup>4</sup>.

Charles Parham and Jessie MacLaren had the following children:

- ii. **DANIEL PARHAM** was born in 1872 in Valleyfield, Beauharnois-Salaberry, Quebec, Canada<sup>7</sup>.
- iii. **HELLEN PARHAM** was born in 1875 in Valleyfield, Beauharnois-Salaberry, Quebec, Canada<sup>7</sup>. She married Graham Wellington Cowan on 09 May 1899 in Eastman Springs, Ontario<sup>8</sup>. He was born in Gloucester, Ontario<sup>8</sup>.
- iv. **JOHN PARHAM** was born in 1882 in Valleyfield, Beauharnois-Salaberry, Quebec, Canada<sup>7</sup>.

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- 4 Michael Manning Family tree.
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- 7 1891 Census of Canada.
- 8 Ontario, Canada, Marriages 1826-1937, He was the station agent at Hammond and a widower. She was living in Eastman Springs.