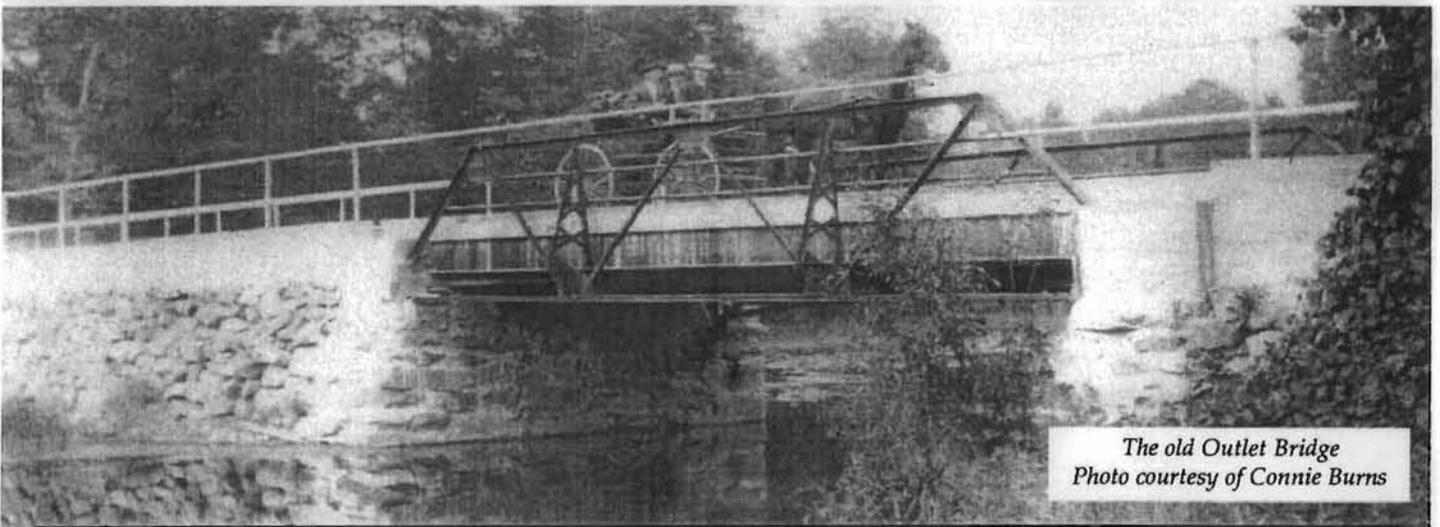




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Building in foreground is the remains of the fort built in 1878 to protect the dam
Photo Courtesy of Ann Cross



The old Outlet Bridge
Photo courtesy of Connie Burns

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

I hope you find this twenty-fourth edition of our Newsletter informative, and it helps to increase your knowledge of the area.

I appreciate the continued interest, support and enthusiasm of the members of the society as we work together with specially invited speakers to learn more about the history of our surrounding area.

Many thanks to Bill Boulton who ably compiled this newsletter, and to Ted and Pat Hewitt for their time and effort put into its production. Thanks also to Nancy Langton for her very efficient job as our treasurer for the past six years.

I am pleased that our application for a Heritage Organization Development Grant was approved in the amount of \$466.00. The money will be used for the publication of our newsletters.

I look forward to seeing and visiting with you at our upcoming meetings.



Bruce W. Foley - President

Bruce W. Foley

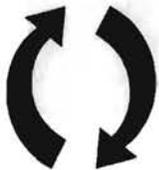
EDITOR'S & PUBLISHERS NOTES - (Bill Boulton)

I apologize for the late publication of this, the Fall/Winter 2005 edition. It is my fault entirely. I have to admit I could not get myself in gear. As well, the Hewitt's computer died and had to be replaced. We promise to do better this year and produce the Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter 2006 within the year.

Does anyone have suggestions for articles for future issues? Better still, would someone contribute an article?

The next issue will feature the stone cutting activity in the township. Does anyone have pictures or information we could use? It is also approaching the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Grand Trunk Railway. I would like to do a feature on that. Any pictures or information would be appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP FEES



General (Family) - \$10.00 Association - \$10.00 Corporate - \$25.00

Our membership term is Sept. 1 to Aug. 31

Memberships available at any meeting or by cheque to:

LTI HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Box 332 Lansdowne, Ont. KOE 1L0

NEWSLETTERS

As our newsletter binder was growing large, we have decided to split it into two.

Back copies of our newsletters are available for \$2.50 each

Copies 1 through 20 are now available in a three ring binder. Cost \$62.00

Copies 21 through 23 - Cost \$18.00 - Binders with all 23 copies will still be available.

Due to the weight and high cost of postage, if these have to be mailed, postage will have to be added.

Also available now is a binder with a coloured cover insert or the coloured cover insert alone.

Ask the Executive for prices.



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Heritage Organization Grant

The Historical Society made an application to the Provincial Ministry of Culture for a Heritage Organization Development Grant.

Our application was approved, and we received \$466.00.

This grant will be used to cover the cost of preparation and distribution of our Newsletters.

We wish to thank the Ministry of Culture for this assistance.

SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

We are participating in the SAVE-A-TAPE program. Save your cash register tapes from:

A & P - DOMINION - SAVE-A-CENTRE

A&P has discontinued the bins for depositing your cash register tapes as you leave the store.

Please give your tapes to any executive member, bring them to a meeting, or drop them in the mail to us.

The Society receives a donation from the companies on a percentage basis.



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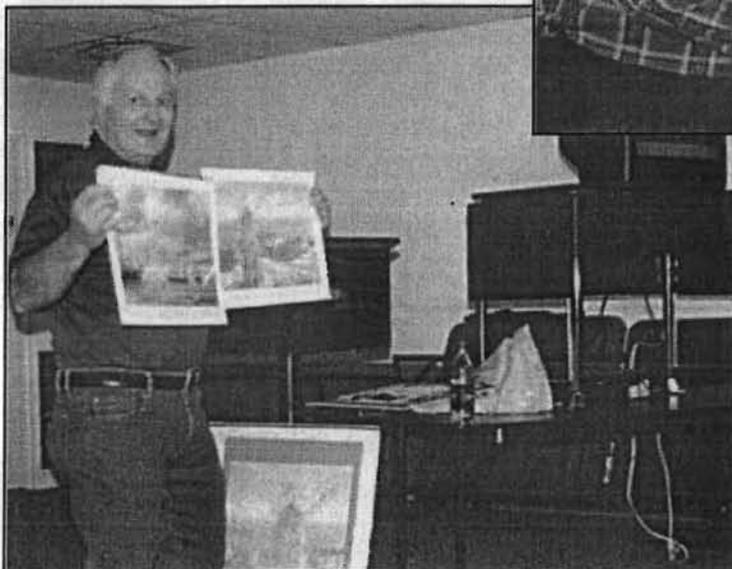
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Sept. 13, 2004
Doreen Webster watches as
Glen George demonstrates Dowsing



Oct. 18, 2004
President Bruce presents Ed Clark with a gift
following his presentation on The Building of
The St. Lawrence Seaway.



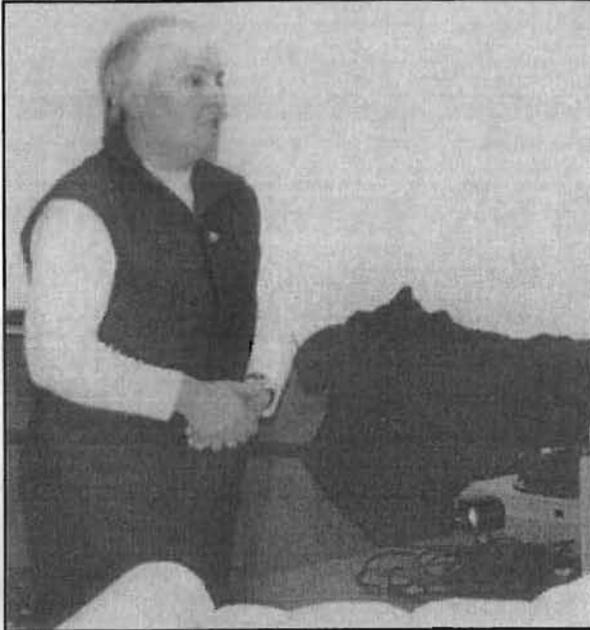
Nov. 15, 2004
Rene Schoemaker retold the story of
The Battle of Windmill .



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Jan. 17, 2005
Kathleen Burch outlined the
History of Jones Creek.



Feb. 21, 2005
Gord Smithson and John Lynn Bell recalled the
history and people of Williamsville.



March 21, 2006
Allen Steinburg showed the Minerals and
Mines of Leeds County.



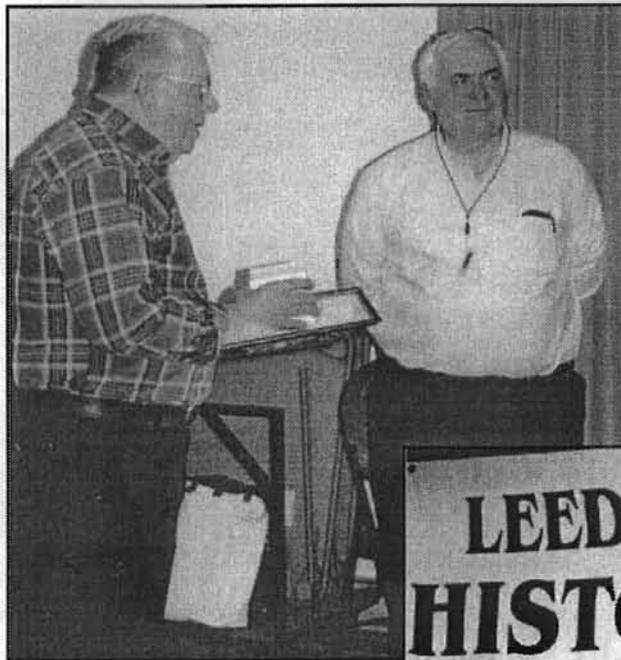
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May 31, 2005

At its official opening, Past President Alan Lindsay presented a painting of Lansdowne District Public School to Pat Schewchuck, Principal of the new Thousand Islands Elementary School.



April 18, 2006

"Railroad Bob" Moore took us for a trip on the Brockville and Westport Railroad.

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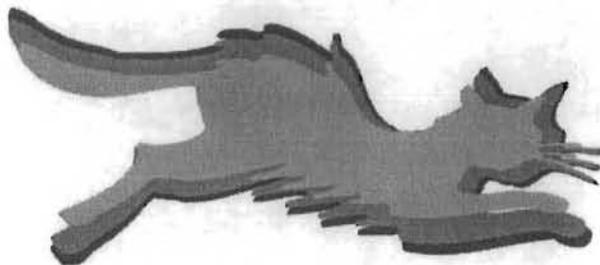
July 2005

Our booth at Lansdowne Fair displayed pictures of the one room schools which are now part of T.I.E.S.





THE HAUNTED HOUSE IN LANSDOWNE



by
Shirley Gibson-Langille

While working on my "All About You Leeds & The Thousand Islands" Exhibition, I heard about the haunted stone house that lies a mile or so north behind the Lansdowne School. Bill Boulton told me that Martha McMullen was born there. She was the mother of the late local poet Gertrude Bowen Webster. This intrigued me. Bill told me he would try to get permission for us to go there.

On July 30th 2003, I went to the Lansdowne Fairgrounds to take pictures of the extraordinary Horseless Carriages that had made a stop there. I met Bill Boulton who told me he had got permission for us to go see the house; however he wasn't able to go that day. Being eager to see it, I decided to venture there on my own. It was a terribly hot day and in the excitement I forgot to bring my bottle of water. It was very hard walking the mile or more across the field that was just full of ruts. When I finally got there, I was shocked to find that the house was surrounded by a barbed wire fence. After coming that far, I was determined to climb over the fence. I managed barely but it was a wonder I didn't tear myself apart!

Soon I was inspecting the inside of the house which was now only a shell. You could see that it had been a well built house from the huge beams that lay over the basement and divided the main and upper floors. There were many interesting windows some broken and others taken out. Gazing in, I suddenly got a very eerie feeling of the ghosts from the past. What a story this house could tell. It echoed the love laughter and tears of all the inhabitants who had once lived there!—

Deciding it was time to leave; I went out and was startled to find myself face to face with a male cow along with many others behind him. Luckily, I found a stick on the ground. I banged it hard on the house to scare them. When they turned around, I made a beeline towards the fence only to find them in hot pursuit behind me. I was so scared I don't know how I got over the fence. I know I landed head first on the ground and just laid there for sometime shaking. It was a long hot walk back and I sure was happy to get to my car and a drink of water!

Usually I do all my drawings and paintings on the spot. This time I think you will understand why I did this drawing from my photos!!!!

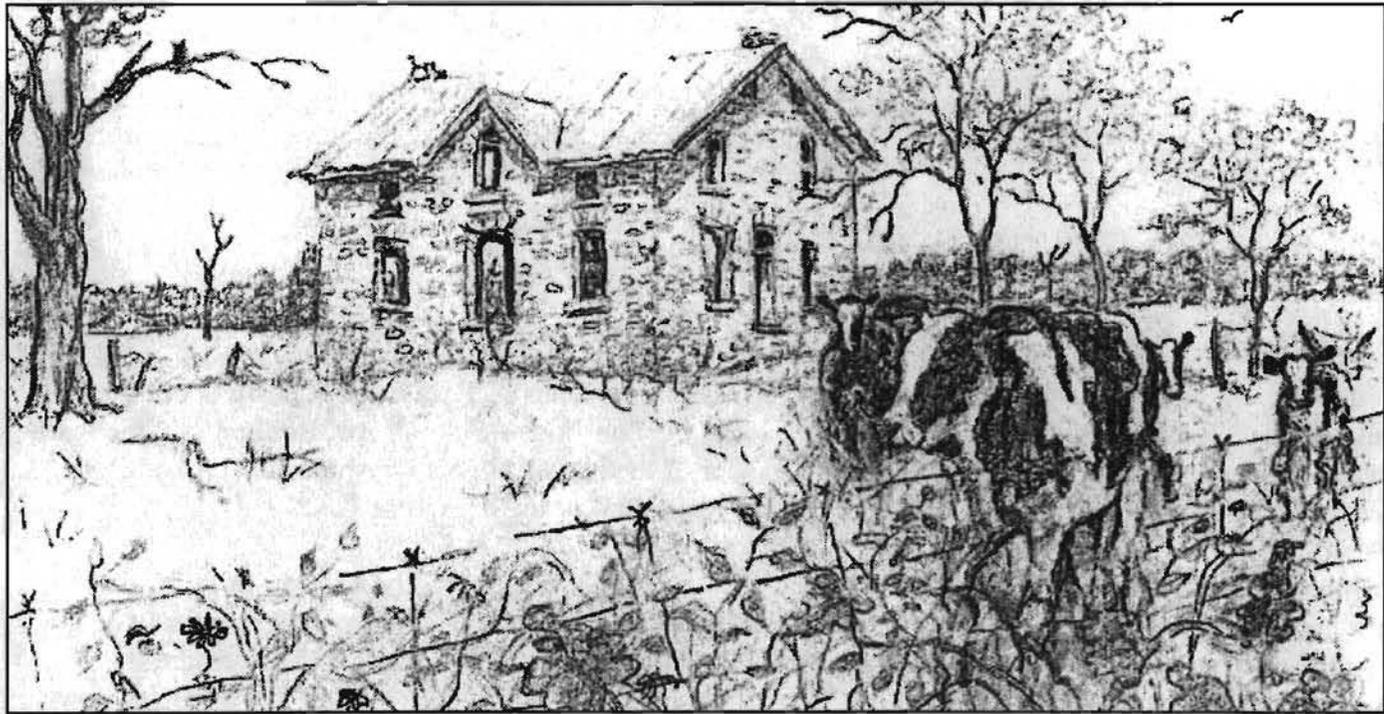
(Shirley Gibson-Langille is very excited about her new project "If Walls Could Talk". She has been busy recording and painting pictures of the abundant old stone walls that are scattered throughout Kingston. She will hopefully be having a show this summer at the Frontenac Club Inn Kingston. Please check her website <http://shirleygibsonlangille.homestead.com>

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THE HAUNTED HOUSE IN LANSDOWNE



The Turner Farms-Lansdowne Village

by Alan Lindsay



Photo and drawing above by Shirley Gibson-Langille

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The Turner Farms-Lansdowne Village

by Alan Lindsay

A stone house stands lonely and abandoned on the hill behind the new Lansdowne school. It is one of two stone houses, the other to the east, now gone, built by the Turner family on lot 17. The lot was granted to Joel Stone in June 1801. Subsequent owners are unclear but the lot was purchased in Nov. 1830 by Robert Turner. In March 1838 Robert sold the west one half of the lot, where the present house is located, to Adam Turner who was likely his younger brother. They had married sisters. Robert 1791-1849 married Margaret Kirker and Adam 1804-1868 married Barbara. They were members of the Kirker family who lived east of Selton. These families had come from Armagh and were likely known to each other in the old country.

Adam and Barbara had three children William James, Jane and Robert. Robert was killed by a horse in 1863. William James married Elizabeth and had a daughter Alma. Jane married Thomas Cornett. They had two daughters and all are buried in Gananoque Cemetery. In Oct. 1909 William sold the farm to Richard Steacy who kept it until 1919 when he sold it the McDonald family.

Robert Turner lived on the east half of the lot. He died in 1849 leaving the farm to his daughter Mary Jane on the death of her mother. He may also have had a son Robert as he is referred to as Robert Sr. Mary Jane married James Alexander McMullin (the original spelling). They had two children Margaret and Robert. Mary Jane died in the early 1860's and James McMullin remarried to Charlotte Graham. They were the parents of Gertrude Bowen Webster's mother Martha McMullen.

In his diary Wm Beatty mentions running a fence line between the two farms in Sept. 1867 for James McMullin and William J Turner.

On March 28, 1879 Margaret McMullin, described as a spinster, heiress and sole devisee of her mother Mary Jane McMullin daughter of Robert Turner, sold the farm to her father James McMullin. Her brother Robert had died accidentally in 1871 (Wm Beatty's diary). On July 5, 1882 Margaret married Robert Alexander Cornett and bought the farm back from her father. In 1893 she sold the farm to John T Warren who in 1908 sold it to the McDonald family. The house on this farm burned when T J McDonald was living there. James McMullin owned the house on Miller Street which he sold in 1888 to the Presbyterian Church for a manse (Lettie Sykes house).

Robert and Margaret McMullen Cornett had five children: Ormand, Wilfred, Amelia, Frances, and Cecil. Ormand and his wife Caroline Graham are buried in Cross Cemetery. Margaret McMullen Cornett died in 1911 in Calgary.

Another Turner family lived in the Fairfax/Bullfrog Bay area known as the Turner Settlement. James Turner 1781-1848 seems to be the original settler and was likely a brother of Robert and Adam as Robert is mentioned in land transactions with James. James was married to Elizabeth and seems to have been married a second time to Ruth who survived him. His children were William, Joseph, James jr., John and Sarah (mar. 1840 Nicholas Houghton). Joseph mar. Eliza Wilson and had a large family. James jr. settled in Gananoque and was a prominent businessman. Doug Matthew and Barbara Gurney are descendants of James jr. John is a bit of a mystery. He died in 1909 but as early as the census of 1881 his wife Ruth (Rosebeck) is listed as a widow. They had two daughters and five sons. The boys all became prominent businessmen in various US cities.



THE OUTLET - *By Bill Boulton*

The Outlet is situated at the south east end of Charleston Lake where the waters drain through Wiltse Creek eventually into the Gananoque River system. This is the only outlet on the whole of this spring-fed lake.

About 1835, Robert Webster built a saw mill on the south west shore of Wiltse Creek, Lot 14, Con.6 Front of Lansdowne. The area became known as Webster's Mills. Land registry records show he probably did not own the land. In 1851 he held a mortgage on the 200 acre property. It is transferred to his name in 1863 for 175 pounds. In the same year he sold the mill rights to Edwin R. Coleman for 250 pounds. At some point the mill was sold to James Greer and burned in 1885. Newspapers of the day reported it was to be rebuilt.

In 1858 a post office was opened with Robert Webster as post master. The postal address was Mount Webster, chosen because of its closeness to Blue Mountain, the center of logging at the time, and because the Websters were the most numerous families in the area. When the post office closed on the death of Robert Webster in 1871, it was receiving mail delivery three times a week. The post office reopened in 1892, renamed The Outlet, with James Greer as post master. He was replaced in 1905 by James Fodey who operated it until it was closed in 1931, one of the last community offices in the area to close. The Outlet post office was located in the white house next to the bridge.

Thomas Kidd came from Ireland in 1822 and settled in what is today the south west area of the provincial park. In 1826, he was instrumental in the opening of the Kidd Road which started at the Front Road, now County Road #2, about a mile west of the turn to Lansdowne, and ran through the dense forest to Charleston Lake. This became a major route for moving between the areas. In 1831 his brother John joined him, buying Lots 17 and 18 in Con. 7, next to his brother's.

Charles and John McDonald, principal merchants at Gananoque, approached the Kidd brothers to establish a line of boats, and "to follow the Gananoque River to Marble Rock, then Wiltse Creek to the Outlet, then make a dash through the unknown waters of Charleston Lake to Charleston" where there were supposed to be quantities of wheat and potash waiting. Capt. Kidd had two boats or bateaux, one ran from Gananoque to Marble Rock, where the goods was transferred to the second for the run to Charleston. This line ran for some years. There is some evidence that there was a tow path along parts of Wiltse Creek where horses would pull the boats. It was heavily used to float logs as well to Marble Rock.

In 1877 the first steam boat appeared on the lake, able to carry 20 passengers. James Greer built the Lily Nicholson at the Outlet in 1884, and was making regular 1 hour and 15 minute trips to Charleston on Saturdays, cost 25 cents. In 1888 he built a larger boat, The Outlet Queen. This proved too large for the trade and too expensive to operate, and was sold to Kingston interests in 1891.

The Gananoque Water Power Company had purchased the water rites in 1875. In 1877 they bought land at the Outlet and built a new dam, raising the water 3 feet. This angered farmers whose land was flooded. A group of locals took action in 1878 and removed logs from the dam. The Power Company posted guards and brought in lumber to build a fort. In June they burned the pile of lumber intended for the fort. Charles R. Colton, an employee, was shot in the arm. The Power Company fenced the area and brought in 12 armed guards. A fort was built on the hill on the east side of the dam. It is believed the remains of this fort were still standing in the 1920's. In November 1879 another dam was built. A year later the farmers' case went to court. Some of the farmers' claims left something to be desired. One said that his land was flooded so badly that his cows could no longer get down to the lake to drink! Judgement in the case came down in May 1883. Several farmers received a total of \$15,000. in compensation. The present dam was built about 1960.



*Steam Boat on Charleston Lake.
Photo from Society files*

This picture is labeled "Outlet Queen" As the Outlet Queen was built to carry over 100 passengers, this is more likely "The Lily Nicholson" built by James Greer at the Outlet in 1884., Round trip Charleston to Outlet 25 cents.

While cottages started to appear on other parts of the lake as early as the 1890's. The first cottage at the Outlet was built on Greer's Point by James Greer, but deeded in the names of his wife and daughter, Sarah M. and Faith, probably in the early 1900's. Other cottage development did not come until the 1930's, when Samuel Horton and William Vandenburg of the Outlet, along with others including Fred McConnell, Percy Earl and Jim Purvis opened up the area along "Burma Road". Now the shores are lined.

In 1913 the Pentecostal church under Rev. Clarence L. Cross established a campground on land donated by George Reed. At first meetings were held in a tent. Over the years a dining hall, kitchen and other buildings were erected. Individual sleeping cottages were built. In the early 1950's a permanent Tabernacle was built on the site. The camp ground closed in 1977, the land was sold and became Charleston Heights Cottages.

The Outlet has been home to many interesting people over the years. Perhaps two of the most interesting characters were Mary Watson and Dinny Noonan. But that is a story for another time.

Sources: L.T.I. Historical Society Files
Leeds the Lovely - Evelyn Purvis Earl

The Making of Community on the Gananoque River - Glenn Lockwood



DINNY NOONAN

By Bill Boulton

The community known as "The Outlet" was hard to beat when it came to finding scenery or characters. At the western tip of Charleston Lake, it has always been there, as long as any of the present inhabitants can recall. "Old Dinny" had a shack just past the store, but it burned down in 1958, six months after Dinny's death. All that was left was the charred ground and his bed springs.(4)

Dinny was one of about five "Outletters" in his day. Dinny, Mary and Wilbert Watson, all in their eighties (in the 1950's) were timeless personalities of the lake, without whom it would lose much of its colour. With them gone, it will never again be quite the same. Dinny was about 5'8" tall, dark complexion with high cheek bones. He was a simple man, he could neither read nor write. His age was uncertain, but of his racial origin, however, there was no doubt. The cadence of old Ireland was in his soft voice. When asked if he had relatives he said, "Yes, and they know where to find me if they want to". He had a son who was a captain on a Great Lakes freighter.(3)

Dinny lived in a one room shack on the edge of Charleston Lake, just north of the dam. To say it was on the edge of the lake is perhaps being kind. It was surrounded by bull rushes, and at high water season was often in the lake. Evelyn Purvis Earl tells this story: "It was a warm day, and as we passed the small shack near the rushes of the bay we noticed a pair of feet clad in socks protruding beyond the door. Dinny was having a nap, and part of his length was outside his house, as was necessary if he lay on the floor. Outside also was the cook stove, so the shack would be cooler in the hot summer days. He for one had solved the problem of the high cost of living. In the spring, he opens the door of his shack and waits for the fish to swim in. Then he shuts the door and has fish for dinner. When the floor is dry he sprinkles crumbs on it, and again leaves the door carelessly ajar. Results - chicken dinner for Dinny. Driftwood provides his fuel".(1)

Epic are the tales he tells. Or which are told about him by some of his friends. The following are only a few.

Dinny always wore bib overalls. One time he jumped in the lake from the old Outlet Dock, swam around for a while, then came out, still in his overalls.2

To wash his clothes, he would put them in a fish net and take them to where the water flowing through the dam.

His bath tub was also the lake, so you can appreciate the problem that arose from November to April. In the spring if the water got too high in his shack, Dinny would move across the road and stay with Mary, but she would have to clean him up before she would let him in.(3)

Then there was the day a fun-loving local doctor came along and said, "Dinny, a rich American is up the road a piece and wants to see you." "Wait till I put my boots on," says Dinny. "Never mind the boots," replies the doctor. "Come along, he can't wait." Once in the car, the doctor steps on the gas and never stopped until he reached the town of Perth, fifty miles away. There he took Dinny, still in his bare feet, protesting but hungry, into a staid old Victorian hotel for dinner.(1)

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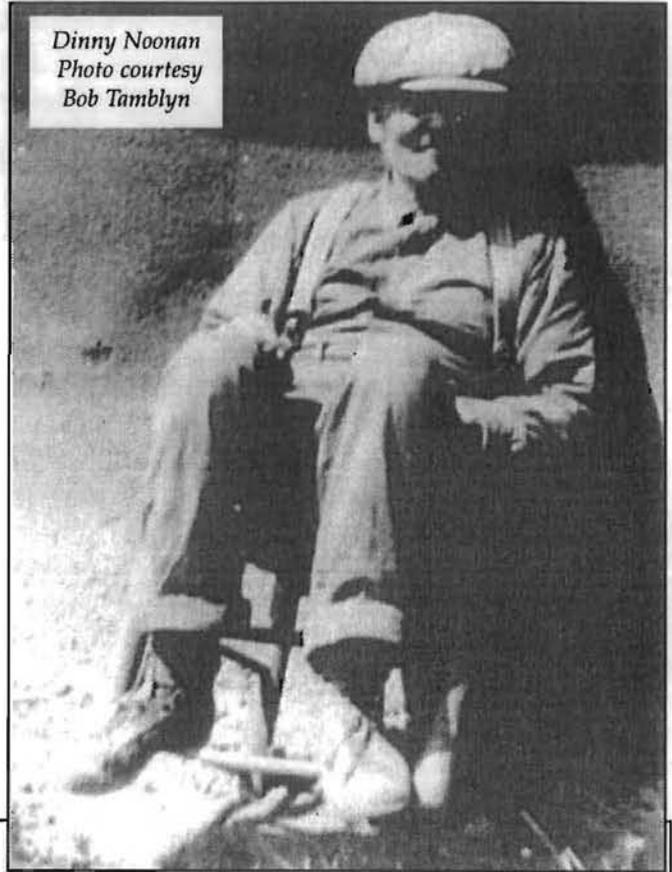


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DINNY NOONAN

Dinny was basically an honest man, but it was said if he needed something, such as food, he might help himself. Wilmer Danby drove the bread route for Stringer's Bakery. He would stop the truck outside Dinny's shack and put a loaf of bread at the rear of the truck and walk around the truck. When he returned to the back, the bread was gone. Clark McCready was another bakery driver on the route. As the houses were close together, he would leave his basket of bread and pastries at the back of the truck with the doors open, and drive slowly from house to house. He became suspicious that pies were disappearing from his basket. One day, as he slowly passed Dinny's, he jammed the brakes on. Dinny came flying into the truck holding a pie. One time in the winter after a fresh fall of snow, he went down with a wagon to the Dulcemaine Church, took what wood he wanted from the drive shed, and went home, leaving a clear set of tracks behind him.

Dinny Noonan
Photo courtesy
Bob Tamblyn



Dinny's Cabin Print of drawing by
Ivan E. Scott courtesy of George Shire

DINNY IS TIMELESS

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JULY – DECEMBER 1905
NOTES from the DIARY of JOHN QUINN

- July 1 – 8 Old Mr. McClary died. Drew load of cheese. Helped C.E. Earl on his barn. Mr. Foster and Miss Fredenburg were here. Very hot, 100 in shade. Cultivated potatoes and corn, put mowing machine together. Drew up some rails for wood. Commenced haying. Miss Hanna went home to Finch. Old Mrs. Cavanaugh was here. Fixed wagon rack and drew 5 loads of hay to Lansdowne.
- July 9 – 15 L.O.L. #26 had a Church Parade to the English Church. Helping C.E. Earl put cement floor in barn. Got a young pig from C.E. Earl. Raking and putting in hay. Went to Prescott to the Celebration (July 12). Miss Moddler and Will Cook here.
- July 16 – 22 Mary and Mrs. Moore was out here. Raked and drew in hay. Terrible thundred storm, John L. Foley's buildings burnt. Terrible big storm of hale, rain and wind. Crops badly damaged. Had a calf die. 30 loads of hay in. Had doctor for mother.
- July 23 – 30 Finished cutting hay with machine. Finished drawing hay from Big and Back fields. Mr. Warren Landon died. Terrible heavy rane, grane all beat down.
- July 31 – Aug. 5 Went to Gananoque, had picture taken. Howing the roots. Helping Patsy Sullivan stack hay, \$2.00. Got a pare of heavy shues. Helping Ben Gavin stack hay, \$1.50.
- Aug. 6 – 12 Quarterly Meeting. Helping W.B. Warren. Cut wheat, Patsy Sullivan helping. Cutting grane with sythe. Binding for Patsy Sullivan, \$3.00. Mary came out. Amos McNeil died.
- Aug. 13 – 19 Uncle Edd went home. Cut oats, all that's ripe. No harvest, to wet. Went to Gananoque, Mary Summers went with us. Concert at night. Drew in 6 loads of wheat and 3 of oats.
- Aug. 20 – 26 Went to Mr. Moddlers in after noon. Helping Mr. Smith. Got a suite of clothes, \$9.00. Jas was helping Smiths. Miss Rosey Patience was married. Finished binding. Pulling peas. George Summers came out. Drew load of cheese.
- Aug. 27–Sept. 2 Mary was home to day. Billy Earls barns burnt. Setting up saw mill and sawing with W.B. Warren \$1.25 a day.
- Sept 3 – 9 Went to Glen Buell to saw with W.B. Warren. Sawed all week, came home on Saturday.
- Sept. 10 – 16 Drew thrashing wood and commenced to put out minure. Picking off stone. Thrashing at Mr. Jackson, Patsy Sullivan.
- Sept. 17 – 23 Thrashing at Mr. Smiths, George Humphries, O'Sullivan. Martha came home. Sick with cold. Fixing granary. Drove to Lansdowne and got horse shod all round. The girls drove to Uncle Edds.
- Sept. 24 – 30 Girls came home from Elgin. Helping John Lappan put cement floor in cow stable, \$1.25. Dug potatoes. Lizzie went back to New York. Thursday first day Lansdowne Fare. Went to fare in afternoon. Martha and I went to Gananoque. Month ends very dry and hot.
- Oct. 1 – 7 Martha, James and Mary went to J.Q's. Digging potatoes, 267 bushel. Martha went back to Montreal. Thrasher here to day, 640 bushel. Thrashing at C. Earl and Mr. Smith. Old Jas. W. Smith died.
- Oct. 8 – 14 We went to Church. J. Quinn and Mrs. out here. Went to Lyn to help C.M. Quinn put up a windmill at Charly Sniders. Went to Lyndhurst with grist of wheat 6 bushel and feed 16 bushel.
- Oct. 15 – 21 Blanch Bopery was here. Commenced to plow. Putting out Minure. Drove to Lansdowne in afternoon. Cold and wet, froze hard last night.
- Oct. 22 – 28 Plowed all week. William John Runnings buildings burnt. Drove out to John Quinns, got 2 young pigs.
- Oct. 29–Nov. 4 Very cold, ground frozen hard. Putting out minure. Put up box stove. Went to Lansdowne in afternoon. Helping Fred Jackson thrash. L.O.L. #26 had an Oister supper.
- Nov. 5 – 11 Very cold, 4" snow. Plowed most of week, including garden. Old Mr. Jas. Gavan died. Drove to Lansdowne.
- Nov. 12 – 18 Commenced feeding stock for the first time. Very cold and some snow. Banking the house. Helped Ross Smith butcher. Went to Lansdowne.
- Nov. 19 – 25 Mrs. Wesley Johnson was here. Butchered the pork, 325 pounds. Mrs. Mulvaugh and Murla came out. Got 28 pound cheese.
- Nov. 26–Dec. 2 Spring like day, thunder storm. Helping Ross smith put up board fence. Helping Johsa Humphry cut wood. Roads terrible rough.
- Dec. 3 – 9 First sleighs out. Wes Johnston, Gordon Johnston and I commenced cutting wood.
- Dec. 10 – 16 Light snow. Mary was home. Mr. Harry Allen died.

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DINNY NOONAN

Dinny made a few dollars rowing cottagers or fishermen on the lake. A local businessman had an island near the Outlet. On Sundays he and friends would go to the outlet and Dinny would row them over to the island, along with their chosen "refreshments" for the day. Being very considerate of their well being, Dinny would make several more trips to the island, knowing, of course, that he would be invited to have something stronger than the waters of Charleston Lake.

Robert E. Steacy's family had a cottage on Hope Island near the Outlet. Mr. Steacy says, "About Dinny, I knew him well." "We had hens and a rooster on the island" "When we came or went, Dinny was always there to move stuff by boat to or from the island." "Sometimes if we came home late, walking along the dark road, a voice from the shadows would say, "Good Evening", I don't think Dinny ever slept."(4)

Dinny was a Catholic, but didn't work too hard at it. One day walking home from Lansdowne, the local priest stopped to offer him a ride. "Are you a Catholic?", the priest asked. "Oh yes, a good Catholic", Dinny replied. "Then how come I haven't seen you at Mass?" "This is my stop, let me off right here", was Dinny's reply.(3)

There was the affair of the thieving rooster. "I looks out the window," said Dinny, "and sees him slingin' the inyions (onions) over his shoulder. So I says to Mrs. B. 'Your rooster is stealin' my inyins.' 'Oh, but I have no rooster!' says Mrs. B. Next day I looks out again, and there he is, slingin' the inyins over his shoulder faster than ever. So I gets my twenty-two, and I shoots the rooster. Out comes Mrs. B. 'You shot my rooster!' she hollers. 'But', says I, 'you said you had no rooster'." The story ends right there. (And Dinny enjoyed chicken stew)(1).

Dinny died and was buried at St. Patrick's Cemetery on December 3, 1957. His shack burned on July 4, 1958. Several neighbours tried to put it out, but it was completely destroyed. It was thought the fire started by some American kids celebrating the 4th with fire crackers.

There was a time when every community had its character, someone who danced to their own tune, usually not that of the community. These were all interesting people. They seem to no longer exist. I feel we are much poorer for their lack.

The following sources were used in the preparation of this article. My thanks to the individuals who shared stories.

- (1) Leeds the Lovely, Evelyn Purvis Earl, The Ryerson Press 1951 (2) Adeline Kennedy
(3) Robert E. Steacy, Houston Texas (4) The Recorder and Times, Betty McDowell, July 26, 1958

JULY - DECEMBER 1905 NOTES from the DIARY of JOHN QUINN

- Dec. 17 - 23 Mr. George Humphry died. Very good sleighing. Went to Lindhurst with a grist of wheat and feed. Helping C.S. Horton saw. Mr. Joseph Stuart died. Nomination Day, went to Lansdowne in afternoon.
Dec. 24 - 31 Mary was home for Christmas. A lovely brightday, not very cold. Ethel Heaslip died. Went to the bush. Mother and Mary went to Lansdowne. A very heavy fall of snow.

Editor's Note: This is the last installment of John F. Quinn's Diary



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