



Leeds & 1000 Islands Historical Society



Sand Bay School 1910 Original by J.W. Heaslip, Photographer

Back Row, Left: Harold Patience, Willard Thomas, Roy Vanorman, Monnie Slack, Annie McNamee, Katie Johnson, Miss Foster (teacher), Suffy Slack, ?, H. Free, MacNamee, Gladys Snider, Ethel Vanorman, ?

Front Row, Left: ?, ?, Lola Johnson, Alegra Snider, Earl Slack, ? , ? , Clarence Snider, Donald Blair, ? , ? .

From Society Files

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

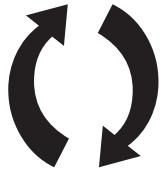
Dear Members:

Activities abounded in the spring as we, in partnership with the Township Library and Heritage Committee, worked diligently to secure a grant of \$25,000 through The Thousand Islands Community Development Corporation from Industry Canada as well as \$5,000 from our Township. This money allowed us to hire a Youth Intern Archivist to oversee the relocation and reorganization of archival materials in all three sectors of the Township. Erika Heesen, a graduate of the University of Toronto's Master of Information studies programme, was hired in June for an eight-month period. Erika will also develop policies and a plan to achieve a sustainable system for preserving and sharing our history.

Every fall is election time for executive member positions. We welcome members who would like to bring new ideas to the table. If you want to become involved do not hesitate to contact me at 613 659-2677 or Pierre Mercier at 659-3785.

Being at the end of my term as president I would like to thank the Executive Members for their support and dedication. I appreciate the opportunity given me to serve on the Committee since 1993. This is a great organization and I wish my successor all the best.

Your President
Yolande LaPointe



MEMBERSHIP FEES - Canadian Funds Please

General (Family) - \$12.00 Association - \$15.00 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

Call for Volunteers....

Interested in heritage buildings, old area legends and stories? The **Municipal Heritage Committee** is looking for volunteers. The committee advises Council regarding heritage matters and promotes local heritage by collecting and publicizing information about our past. The Committee meets once a month and has some sub-committees working on special projects such as cemeteries, heritage inventory, website development and much more.

If you'd like to help out or are interested in finding out more, contact Pierre Mercier at 613-659-3785 or drop into one of our meetings. Visit our website at

<http://www.leeds1000islands.ca/ContentPage.cfm?PageID=43>

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 32 in a three ring binder - Cost \$42.00

Binders with all copies 1 through 32 are still available. Ask for price.

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.



T H E N a n d
N O W

Sand Bay School :

Photo From Society Files

**Converted to house at
1301 Sand Bay Road**

Photo by Bill Boulton



FALL MEETINGS

- Sept 20 J.W. Lackie and Sons Feed Business – Jeff Lackie
 - Oct. 18 **Annual Meeting** – reports, election
 - The Businesses of Mallorytown – David Wells
 - Nov.15 History of LaRue’s Mills – Brian R. Phillips
- All meetings 7:30pm at Community Building, Lansdowne.
Check for Senior’s or Lower Room.**

CONDOLENCES

Since our last Newsletter we regret to report the death of three long time members:
Hugh MacKay and Milton Kelsey of Lansdowne, and Kenneth P. Hogan of Kingston.

To their families and many friends, our deepest regrets.

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 \$969.00.

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.



2010 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards *By Yolande Lapointe*

On June 28, at a reception at the Ambassador Resort Hotel in Kingston, one of the founding members of the Leeds and 1000 Island Historical Society, Bill Boulton, received the Ontario Volunteer Service Award. A well deserved recognition for over 15 years of service. These awards are made annually by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration. **Congratulations Bill.**



In the picture Bill is flanked by Eric Hoskins, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and John Gerretsen, Minister of the Environment. Leeds and Grenville MPP Steven Clark was also present.

Photo by Yolande Lapointe

RESEARCH and REPRINT FEES

Because of the number of requests for information and reprints, **The Society has had to institute a policy.**

Research is done by volunteers. Inquiries will be answered in the order they are submitted as time permits.

Schedule of fees: **Research:** \$10.00 per hour. **Photocopies:** text \$0.25 per copy;
Pictures: print or digital \$1.00 each. Postage will be added

CORRECTION

Your editor admits to a flight of fancy in the "Glen House" article, **Page 10, Newsletter #32.** It should have read: "Wallace's son **Gerald** and his wife Olive". The name "Glen House" came from the Scottish word "glen: a secluded narrow valley, a dale". The Glen House sits at the end of a bay with the land running back to the hills to the north.

Your editor apologizes.

THE HERBISON FAMILY

From a casual conversation at a Doors Open Ontario site, I obtained a great amount of material on the Herbison family. This gives such a vivid account of early settlers life in Sand Bay that I want to print it in the whole. It is too long to add to this Newsletter, so next issue will be a continuation of the Sand Bay story.

John and Ann Herbison emigrated to Canada from County Antrim, Ireland, in 1804. They settled on Mountain Street in Junetown. The stone house he built is still standing. Their fourth son, Benjamin, born 1839, was an early settler in Sand Bay, homesteading there about 1865. Benjamin's fourth son, Rev. Robert Herbison, born 1870, wrote a fantastic seven page record of his early life in Sand Bay. It will be included in its entirety in the next issue.



RECOLLECTIONS and REFLECTIONS

In 1990 the Leeds and Grenville County Board of Education carried out an Oral History Project as part of an adult literacy programme. Adult Basic Education instructors interviewed senior residents in retirement homes. The following is from an interview by Nancy Abrams with Mr. Paul Slack at Carveth Care. Material is used with Nancy's permission. I have converted the interview into narrative form to try to make it easier reading.

When this interview was done in 1990, Paul Slack was 90 years old and residing at Carveth Care Centre in Gananoque. Paul was born at Sand Bay in 1900. This story focuses on his childhood experiences and memories from 1906 to 1912. ▶ Editor

WE WERE CHILDREN THEN

The house I lived in was a new house father had built. The dimensions were twenty-two by twenty-eight feet, the main part of the house. There were four bedrooms upstairs and a dining room down stairs. It was a storey and a half house. The old kitchen, from the former house, where dad was first married and raised his first family, was moved from near the barn, and attached to the new house as the kitchen. This room was fourteen by twenty feet. The house was located about a mile and a half north of Sand Bay, on the road going to Lyndhurst. (*East side of present Black Rapids Road*). It was built mostly of pine, a clapboard house, painted white.

You did not romp around in the house when we were kids. Upstairs was a spare room where visitors slept when they came. We had to get permission to go in there. Romping around was not allowed in the front room. One time we were rolling a big ball around the floor and making a kind of mess. Mother told us to come out. I told her I wasn't. She grabbed me by the ear and took me out.

We had a big pound apple tree between the house and the old well, down next to the road. The apples would be about five inches in diameter, and supposed to weigh a pound. I can't remember getting any apples off it. We had other apple trees which were called pie apples. Mother made apple sauce or pies from them. We had a bitternut tree. They were uneatable until the frost hit them, then you were able to eat them for a week or two.

There was an old barn and a drive shed and an out house about five or six feet square.

We had a chum, he went to the same school. His name was Paul Dier. He lived about a mile and a half across country from us. He was about 13 years old, a good sturdy young fellow. He drowned in Wiltse Creek. That is a sad memory.

We didn't start to school so early then. I was seven years old when I started to school. We had two and a half miles to walk. When I came home, I had to carry the wood in every day as we didn't have a woodshed. I didn't like that job. When the potatoes were planted, we had to drop them; and when they were dug, pick them up. I can remember when I was eight or nine years old coiling hay during summer holidays. Coils were built about four feet high using a three-tined hay fork. They had to be just right to shed the water until the hay was cured. We thought that was hard work.

The school was covered in shingles, painted a brick colour. It had a porch on the front. The number of pupils varied. One time there were 42. There weren't enough seats. They got extra seats from somewhere and some were set out in the aisles.

I can remember my first day at school. We had outdoor outhouses, and I couldn't read the signs on the door. So I went to the girls. The teacher gave me a reprimand. I told her there was a girl in there, but there were two holes, and she could only use one at a time.

We had classes, not grades. We had junior and senior first, second, third and fourth. Senior fourth would compare to present grade eight. Then you tried the entrance before you went to high school. There were text books for reading, writing and arithmetic. A first class book would cost about 20 cents. There were books for each class. The desks were in rows so that your desk had the seat for the one ahead fastened to it.

The desks were double, two to a seat.

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WE WERE CHILDREN THEN

In school we had a slate, slate pencil and bottle of water. The slate was about eight by ten inches. You did all your work on the slate, and then wiped it clean using the water. We had school books but you had to write a lot of stuff down. I was not fond of that.

By road, it was two and a half miles to school. In the wintertime when everything was frozen, we could go straight across through the woods. That way it would be about a mile. Most of the time we walked. They used to say we got there by "shanks mare". If it was a stormy day, we might get a ride. In the winter it would be by sleigh, in summer, in a covered buggy. In the winter, a good half of the way would be on ice. We would take our skates and skate. We would leave our skates on and walk from one piece of ice to the next.

I didn't like school till I got old enough that I began to see if I didn't go to school, they kept me home to work. I decided I'd rather go to school. In the last four or five years I went to school, I was quite interested.

We had a teacher by the name of Madeline O'Connor. She was a nice person, quite nice mannered. In school she had no authority. If you needed punishment, she'd write a letter to your parents. I didn't like that. We were told not to go off the school grounds. Miss O'Connor boarded across the road at Charlie McDonalds. She went there for lunch. We went across the road to a big beech tree climbed up in it. Miss O'Connor came back and ordered us down. She couldn't get at us, so we stayed up in the tree until four o'clock. She sent a letter home about that.

Another teacher was Miss Hildegard McNeely. She was a wonderful entertainer, a good singer. She would read a passage of Scripture to us sometimes in the morning. Other mornings she would tell us a story. She used to tell us things to improve our memory. One that I never forgot was:

**Betty Botta bought some butter,
And she said this butter is bitter,
If I put it in my batter it will make my batter bitter.
So she bought a bit of better butter than the bitter butter,
And she made her bitter butter better.
So, twas better Betty Botta bought a bit of better butter.**

Miss McNeely was my favourite teacher because of her foresight and the time she would spend with you. She would take time to find out how much you could learn. I think that kind of person could bring kids up to think more seriously.

We had a teacher we didn't like much. I went to school early one morning and I used to pick up them little streaked snakes and put them in my pocket. Teachers had a little table and a drawer under it. I put the snake in that drawer. She just got done saying the Lord's Prayer and she opened that drawer to get a book. She saw the snake, let out a squeal, and jumped. First thing you know she was standing right on top of the table. She was going to give me an awful trimming, then she decided to write a letter home. Mother told dad but they didn't let me know because he had a big laugh. He just said leave him alone, he didn't do any harm.

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SAND BAY SCHOOL

Pupils are listed, but not in order.

In the picture are: Madeline O'Connor (teacher), Bazil Gray, Willie Gray, Rupert McCready, Charlie Gavin, Claude Goff, Irene Stringer, Mamie McDonald, Edna Goff, Lola Johnson, Hazel Slack, Paul Slack, Joshua Free, Marcella McDonald, Percy Goff, Martin Slack, Fern Stringer, Raymond McDonald, Vera McDonald, Bruce Johnson, Fern Goff, Sadie McDonald, Elgin Vanorman, Elva Vanorman, Maurice McDonald, Mable McCready, Maxwell McDonald

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WE WERE CHILDREN THEN

The people who lived next to the school had pigs. The pigs came over one day at noon. We got two of them in the school and shut the door. Was there a ruckus in there. They got around and left some messes on the floor. The janitor had to clean it up. There was trouble about that. Nobody would tell who did this. Kids were pretty good that way. They were loyal to one another.

I think the most important thing I learned was to be tolerant. Mixing with other kids, you get quite an idea that way. We had children of all ages and religions in our school. The last two years I went to school, I was getting to be quite a big boy. I didn't want to see somebody giving a smaller person a rough time.

I used to go to the school fair. I got quite a kick out of that. They don't have school fairs anymore. You could buy popcorn and candies and things like that.

We played ball or hockey. The ball we played with we made ourselves. It was made out of cord or old yarn. It would be about the size of a big orange. It was covered with some heavy material, maybe duck. It was sewn together with a darning needle. Instead of throwing the ball to the base, you threw it at the runner. We'd whittle our bats from a little ash tree with a big jack knife. We played hide-and-go-seek quite a bit. We used to ride down hills in the winter. Many of the sleighs were home made. We would go skating at noon.

When we played hockey, we used little round wooden blocks for a puck. Quite often we made our own hockey sticks from Billberry trees, because more of them had a kind of crook in them for the blade. You just put your skates on the boots you wore. They were old spring skates. They had two clips on the front that went on the sole of the boot, and a fitting for the heel. To take them off, there was a little lever that loosened them. We used to try to get an extra pair of boots and take them down to the blacksmith who would drill holes in the skates and fasten them to the boots. I remember seeing a pair of skates my grandfather had. They were all wood with just a bit of steel in the bottom to run on the ice. He would skate five miles from the Outlet to Charleston and bring back groceries.

We used to make basswood whistles. They were made from a piece of green basswood about an inch in diameter. You kept tapping it until the bark came loose. Then you cut a notch in the basswood, and leave a little place in one end which was tapered down. Put the bark back over the wood and whatever air could enter from that end made the whistling sound. I was always very fond of a jack knife. I got my first one when I was eight or nine. I couldn't get along without one. I still have one.

We entertained ourselves in the 1900's. A whole sleigh load would go to the neighbours and have family dances. There was always someone to call square dances. There'd be picnics quite often. People brought a lot of food, nobody paid. We had box socials where you would bid on a box lunch made by a girl, and would get to eat with her. I was quite fond of this girl and I bid \$3.00 for a box. It turned out not too be hers. I got taken that time. Sometimes we would read, play games or just talk. On summer evenings we often sat outside on a flat rock in front of the kitchen. There was a bucket there filled with chips. After the chips were burning, the fire was drowned with dirt causing great clouds of smoke to keep the mosquitoes away.

As a child, my mother influenced me the most. She would talk to us, saying you shouldn't do this or that. She taught us respect for other people and helped us learn values. There was a little prayer she used to say to us:

**Father we thank thee for the light.
And for the blessings of the night.
For rest and food and loving care.
And all that makes this world so fair.
Help us do the things we should.
To be to others kind and good.**

So that all we do in work or play, we may become more loving everyday.

That was her teaching. 🍵🍵🍵🍵



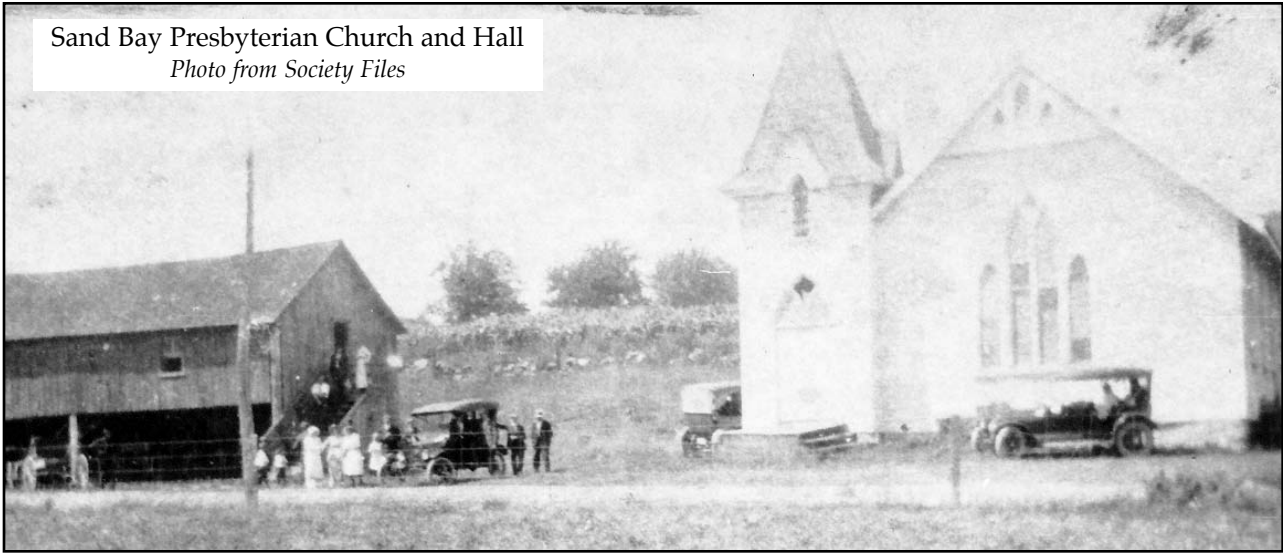
SAND BAY

This article was written in the early 1970's by the Late Miss Katie Johnson, born in, and a long time resident of Sand Bay.

If you travel north from Lansdowne Village, west along Dulcemaine Road, then north about half a mile, you will cross the 6th concession. These roads create the four corners which is the hub of the Sand Bay community

Almost on the corner, east, stands a well kept white frame church. The land was probably part of Charles Lappan's farm. The Presbyterian charge at Lansdowne extended to Sand Bay and this church was built in 1882, during the ministry of Rev. Godfrey Shore. A few of the families attending, some for many years, were Herbison, Blair, McCready, Moorhead (Woodvale), Plunket (Long Point), Johnson, Heaslip, and Patience. The hymns were started by the guidance of a tuning fork.

Sand Bay Presbyterian Church and Hall
Photo from Society Files



The ministers following Rev. G. Shore, (1881-1884), were Rev. Edward N.B. Milliard (1885-1889), Rev. John Fairlie (1890-1901), Rev. T.F. Heeney (1901-1908), Rev. I.N. Beckstead (1910-1927). Some of the elders were Mr. Benjamine Herbison, Mr. Samuel Donevan, Mr. James McCormack and Mr. Norman Johnson. Rev. T.F. Heeney with his sister, Robina, were the first occupants of the new manse in Lansdowne, built in 1902. In 1907 Mr. Heeney and the organist, Miss Florence Herbison, daughter of Mr. Benj. Herbison, Sand Bay, were married. She, a music teacher, was an influence for good in the community and church. The next year they went to Manitoba where she passed away. Later Katie Johnson became organist and choir leader until her family moved to Lansdowne in 1920. Rev. I.N. Beckstead was the last Presbyterian minister. Services were held in the afternoon always, with Sunday School preceding. It was a special and enjoyable event having a service in the morning or evening. Services were held in Fairfax and Lansdowne alternately. On Communion Sundays the three congregations worshiped together, the churches taking turns. Dulcemaine Methodist Church and Sand Bay Presbyterian Church got along well together, helping and sharing. The church and the faithful Roxy McCready cannot be disassociated. I only recall two weddings in the church, those of Mr. J.M. Stoops to Miss Lizzie Lappan; and Mr. Maxwell Greer to Miss Pleasance Herbison. Many changes and removals in the community depleted the congregation and with Church Union on the horizon, the church was rented for a time to the local United Pentecostal Assembly, who then bought it about 1930 and have kept it in good condition. (Continued on Pg. #9)



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In the early days, perhaps when the church was built, a shed to shelter the horses was also built with a good hall above it. In it the Sons of Temperance held their weekly meetings. It was also used for young people's meetings and entertainments. While the church was being renovated the services were held there and it was very cozy. Then it was rented to the Pentecostal people before the church was available to them. This shed and hall was disposed of to Joshua Free, who demolished it and made use of the material. A woodshed was built in its place.

Nearer the cross-roads was the Sand Bay Post Office until late in 1917. Later the rural delivery, which had been in operation for some time was extended to serve more of the people and it was closed. Miss Margette Running faithfully covered R.R.#4 daily with a horse and buggy. Years before Mr. Patrick Fodey was Postmaster, followed by Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDonald, then Mr. and Mrs. Edward Patience and Myrtle. During those years the mail was taken to and brought from Lansdowne three times each week - Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. (The Family Herald and Weekly Star always came on Thursday). For much shorter terms James Lappan and Joseph Ripley were Postmasters. The house that housed the Post Office stood where Leslie Running now lives and was destroyed by fire when owned by Stanley Running.

The cheese factory and its accompanying home were on another corner. This was purchased in the spring of 1888 by Robert Stringer, and was burned in September of the same year, about a month before closing time. It was rebuilt. When the Stringer family moved to Herkimer, N.Y., the eldest son, Byron, bought his father's business and property. Some of the cheese makers who carried on since then were Robin Grey, James Lappan, Harry Woods, Everett Rogers and Clauson Sly who sold it to Walter Campbell on 1936. Mr. Campbell was the last cheese maker and the factory that had served the community well for so many years was closed in 1959.

Continuing south a short distance was a thriving saw mill owned and operated by Jeremiah Patience, and later by Vincent Goff. Almost across the road was Robert Austen's blacksmith shop. Going east from the corner, on the bank of Wiltse creek across the bridge, years ago stood the tannery owned and operated by Rufus McCready, and his home nearby. The farms of Edward and Charles Gavin used to be owned by Patrick and Barney McNamee. McNamee's Hill is still there, although its crook and steepness have been somewhat reduced.

Just up the northerly grade from Sand bay Corners was a McCready farm, now Kelsey. Across the road lived the Charles Lappan family. A little further on is the cemetery. The Thomas Wallace and George Slack (later Orvill Hall) farms were further along.

The Gananoque, or Sand Bay, Lake is a worthwhile attraction at the end of the road running west. Perhaps there have always been Griffins living near it. Years ago there was a Day family, also Ferguson, Lampson, Free, Herbison, Stennit families not far away. Near the school there were three McDonald families and James Lappan and son Joseph's families near by.

The school produced many reputable, solid citizens. Ernest McCready claimed to be the first pupil to cross its threshold, and he was born in February 1869. Among early teachers were Lena York, Agnes Ferguson, Sadie Berry, Mary Mitchell (Mrs. F. Doak) and Charles Clow up to 1897. Pleasance Herbison and her daughter Lorna Grier were also local teachers. Later Agnes Ward (Mrs. Wilfred Fodey) and Mrs Wm. Griffin were about the last teachers before the school was closed due to scarcity of children. The building was moved later, making a comfortable home for Mr. and Mrs. John Griffin. Other names of families could be mentioned who made their contribution toward making Sand Bay a good place in which to live.



NEWS From SAND BAY - 1912

Feb. 5

Drawing wood is the order of the day.
The people of this area have their ice houses filled.
Mrs. Rolland Herbison is very ill with pleurisy.
Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Earl, Querrin, Sask, visited Mr. and Mrs Maurice Lampson last week.
People are now crossing the ice of Sand Bay Lake.
Mr. Ernest McCready, Milestone, Sask. is spending the winter here.
Miss Grace Campbell, teacher here, leaves for the west in March.
Mr. Cross of Mooretown and Ruben Burtch, Long Point, are sawing wood in this vicinity this week.
Vincent Goff is busy hauling wood to Sand bay cheese factory.

April 12

The people are now busy tapping their sugar bushes.
Mrs. Rolland Herbison is improving.
Mr. Ruben Free wears a smile. It's a girl.
The people are still driving on Sand Bay Lake.
Vincent Goff purchased another farm.
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Thomas visited her parents this week.
Mr. John Avery and Mr Floyd Cresty, Little Falls, N.Y., are visiting Mr. D.W. Vanorman and family.

November 11

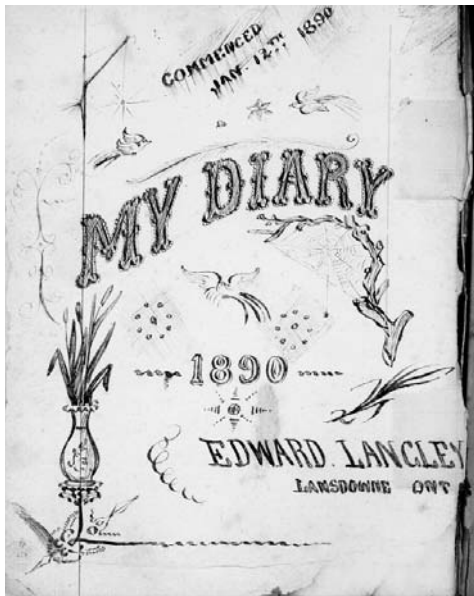
Rain is needed very badly, as the ploughing is getting very hard.
Mr. J.J. Lappan, Lyn, made a business trip to Sand Bay recently.
Miss Lena Burnash, Kilburnie, was a guest at Wm. McDonald.
Messers Frank Lappan, Ray McDonald, the Misses Vera McDonald and Sadie McDonald, motored to Cushendall to attend the Hogan-Burnash wedding.

June 28, 1926

The funeral of Charles Raymond McDonald, whose tragic death took place on Thursday, by the premature explosion of a charge of dynamite, took place on Saturday.
Deceased was twenty-eight years old.



The George Slack Home, 101 Black Rapids Road, as it looks today. (See Recollections & Reflections - Pg. #5)
Photo by Bill Boulton



MY DIARY - EDWARD LANCLEY - 1890

*This diary was recently given to us by Byron and Martha Landon.
It belonged to a hired man working for Byron's grandfather
at the farm on Fairfax Road.
The writing is beautiful, almost a work of art.*

- Mar. 2** Church in the evening. A student from Kingston preached from Hebrews fourth chapter seventeenth verse and gave a description of the ark.
- Mar. 3** Drew four loads of Pressed Hay. E.J. Landon started to Smith Falls. Near evening there were two sun dogs, they were the brightest I had ever seen. You could not tell which were the brightest the sun or they. At night there were two circles around the moon one was larger than the other & the larger one cut through the other and seemed to go through the centre of the moon
- Mar. 4** Drew Barley to the station. Hay Cars are gone. Snowed a little in the evening but it did not amount to very much.
- Mar. 5** We drew two loads of logs to the mill in the forenoon we broke down the long sleigh so we drew all the lumber home on one sleigh and put two teams on it In the afternoon we brought two small loads. The ice in the creek broke through.
- Mar. 6** Took one load of Barley to Lansdowne & cleaned a load of twenty-five bags for the morning.
Erastus returned by the express
- Mar. 7** Drew three load of barley to the station. Price has gone down two cents only thirty-five cents now. Roads good.
- Mar. 8** Finished drawing the barley. Drew last two loads in the afternoon. Returned the cultivator to J.W. Mann's Brockville by express.
- Mar. 9** Church in the morning. A Probationist from _____ preached from Numbers xxiii 10. The first lesson was taken from 2nd Corinthians 7 and the second was the nineteenth Psalm. Splendid Wheeling.
- Mar. 10** Drew four logs to the mill and brought home four loads of lumber. Mr Thompson brought seventy five bags to be filled with oats to be taken to Manitoba next week.
- Mar. 11** Cleaned two hundred and fifty bushel of oats and the men came and drew them away. Drew two loads of cordwood. In the afternoon drew two elm logs to mill and brought home two loads of lumber. Rained from noon until evening
- Mar. 12** It rained a little all day. The ice is all gone off the land and the ground is beginning to thaw out. The creek will hold up yet. Drew 180 rails in forenoon. Drew one load of lumber from the mill on the wagon and two load of cordwood.
- Mar. 13** Very muddy. Piled over oak lumber and put up the fence around the barn and in the lane.
- Mar. 14** Drew rails all day. We got one of our teams through the ice and had quite a bother getting them out. The ice in the creek has all broken up, and we have given up the notion of crossing it for a while.
- Mar. 15** Set the drag saw in the forenoon and in the afternoon sawed fifty seven logs. It commenced to snow towards evening. Signs of sleighing tomorrow.
- Mar. 16** Church in the evening Mr. Mackleroy preached from Luke 23rd chapter and the twenty-sixth verse.
- Mar. 17** Sawed rest of logs in the morning and in the afternoon sawed all the sled wood. Mr. Joel S Landon was buried today. Commenced to snow a little towards evening.
- Mar. 18** Moved the saw over and sawed up sled wood at E.J.'s and at four o'clock sawed thirty-four logs.
- Mar. 19** Sawed rest of logs – sixty-four in all and moved to Clandro Realons and sawed thirteen load of sled wood in the afternoon.

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(Continued from Pg. #11) **MY DIARY - EDWARD LANCLEY - 1890**

- Mar. 20** Moved circular to Hugh McKays and sawed until afternoon and brought the machine home where we arrived at half past eleven, roads are all muddy and bad.
- Mar. 21** Commenced to put on a load of hay but it was too windy and we drew it into the barn.
- Mar. 22** Finished loading hay and drew to Cole at Lansdowne. Piled wood in the woodshed.
- Mar. 23** 5th Sunday in Lent. A Probationist preached a splendid sermon from Luke. He depicted the crucifixion and it was very good. Sun rises 5:57, sets 6:14, moon 9:40
- Mar. 24** Cleaned up eighty bushels of oats and drew them to Lansdowne. Drew one load of hay down from upper place to the big barn.
- Mar. 25** Cleaned up a grist of feed, twenty-four bags in all. Brought four bags of barley from W. Webster. Rained all afternoon but cleared off at dark.
- Mar. 26** It snowed a little to-day but not to amount to anything. The funeral of Mr. James Grier took place in the Union Church. He was buried under the Orangemen of which he was a member. There was quite a turnout in spite of the unfavourable weather. Piled wood in the woodshed, commenced building the stack.
- Mar. 27** We split wood at home today. Wild geese seem very plentiful this season. The boys followed a flock but did not get a shot at them. Brought home a load of lumber from the saw mill, the roads are in a terrible state. Fed the heifer.
- Mar. 28** It commenced to snow early this morning and continued all day. It drifted so we had no signs of sleighing unless the wind moderates. Piled wood in the woodshed.
- Mar. 29** Received letter from home and from Sis also a book and some cards for my birthday which however came two days late but better late than never. Took a grist of feed as far as Hortons and twenty bushel of oats to Lansdowne.
- Mar. 30** Snowed considerably last night and there is not bad sleighing. Today is bright, with a few squalls of snow which do not last long. Church in the evening. Mr. Florence. Preached from the first chapter of Genesis. He explained the making of the World. Good sleighing but not very many there. A fire was out from somewhere. Have not found out where it is at present.
- Mar. 31** Drew two loads of elm lumber to Gananoque. The roads are not in a very good shape.

The 1000
Islands
Community
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\$25,000 For
The Archives
Project.

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(Left to Right) Erika Hessen archives youth intern, Linda Chadwick L.T.I. Library CEO, Pierre Mercier Historical Society Vice-Chair, Gord Brown MP Leeds-Grenville, and Terry Wood Corporation Director 1000 Islands Community Development Corporation



Archivist Hired to Reorganize and Revitalize Archives in the Township

“At the archives we’re bringing people together and contributing to the quality of life in the Township by preserving, sharing and celebrating our roots”.

Yolande Lapointe, Historical Society Chair.

Erica Hessen, a graduate of the University of Toronto’s Master of Information Studies programme, has been hired by the Leeds and the Thousand Islands Historical Society to oversee the relocation and reorganization of the archives of the Township. Erica’s eight-month contract position is made possible by a grant of \$25,000 provided by the 1000 Islands Community Development Corporation at their Annual General Meeting Friday, June 25.

A further \$5,000 to assist with the start up costs was contributed by the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands at the Council meeting on June 28.

The Historical Society is the lead partner of a consortium including the Municipal Heritage Committee and the Public Library Board. Erica will oversee the relocation of the Lyndhurst Archives, the Lansdowne Archives and the Escott Archives to temporary storage space provided by the Township in the Escott Town Hall. The archives will ultimately be located in the new Township library.

The three collections (Lyndhurst, Lansdowne & Escott) will be reorganized and re-catalogued but will retain their own identity. New policies and procedures will be developed for a sustainable volunteer-based service. A business plan will encourage community development and identity building while promoting educational and economic benefits to the Township.

For more information, or to donate items,
please contact the Archivist:
Erica Heesen

archivist@ltihistoricalociety.org

(613)888-1856



Family of John Griffin and Lucy French

John Griffin born ca. 1789 and married Lucy French born in Canada ca 1896. One record indicates he was born in the US; others Canada. His parents (as yet) are unknown but he may have been a son of Charles, Joseph or Samuel Griffin. John and his family have long been associated with the Sand Bay/Gananoque Lake area. He appears there on the 1839 census with 3 male and 2 female children.

Known children of John Griffin and Lucy French:

- Henrietta** b. ca. 1830
- Joseph** b. ca 1832 mar. 1)Elizabeth Liza Ann Plunkett? 2) Ann DeWolfe on Dec. 6, 1858
 - William David 1857(Long Point)-1925(Long Point) mar. Mary Ann Russell on Mar. 26, 1895
 - Lucy Ann b. 1861 mar. Edward Voodree of Escott Jul 20, 1882
 - Louise 1866-Apr. 15, 1892
 - Dorman (listed as a son age 14 on census of 1881)
- John** Dec. 25, 1835-Oct. 8, 1911 mar. Mariah Perry Sept. 18, 1834-Nov. 10, 1912 (b. Crosby)

Children of John Griffin and Mariah Perry

- Harriet** b. Nov. 23, 1855
- William David** Oct. 31, 1857-1952 mar. 1)Delia Patterson 2) Mary Ann Hill 1865-1947
- Ellen Susannah** b. Dec. 9, 1860 mar. George Theobald b. 1856 in Troy NY
- Sidney** Apr. 15, 1852-Aug. 27, 1930 mar. Rachel Ann Pritchard Feb. 6, 1860-Nov. 22, 1917
- Jeremiah** Oct. 8, 1865-Mar. 26, 1936 mar. on Aug. 31, 1892 Mary Edith Slack Oct. 8, 1873-Oct. 29, 1951
- Leeman** b. Mar. 10, 1868 mar. Emeretta Watson b. ca. 1875
- Charles Edward** Nov. 16, 1870-1934 mar. 1)Dorothy Emery 1874-1900 2)Lucinda Watson b. 1881
 - Minnie 1892-1892, Ida Viola 1893- , Ethel Edna 1897-1901
- John Wesley** b. Nov. 26, 1872 mar. Lucy Arvilla Cross b. May 15, 1879
 - Gerald Edward b. Feb. 3, 1904 mar. Emma Uptergrove-dau. Helen

Children of William David Griffin and Delia Patterson/Mary Ann Hill

- David John** Oct. 31, 1881-Oct 1,1932 mar.Lena Pelow 1889-1979-->Ross(Viola Perry), Kenneth, Cora
- Laura** Oct. 28, 1885-May 7, 1904
- Gordon** Mar. 25, 1887- mar. Elizabeth Sinclair-->Rita(Don Todd), Bessie(Bruce Free), Doris(Bert Bell)
- Richard** Aug. 5, 1890-Apr. 20, 1907 (killed by a horse)
- Florence** b. ca. 1895 mar. Claude Bevins
- Myrtle Blanche** b. ca. 1896 mar. 1) Franklin Deeks 2) Dr. Cornell

Children of Sidney Griffin and Rachel Pritchard

- Alice Edna** 1883-1964 mar. William Shaw 1875-1944-->Isabella(Hawes), Hazel, Irene(John Brickstock), William (Doris Baker), Leonard (Fern Matthews), Ford, Carl, Pauline (Eber Reid), Nettie (Henry Andress), Verdun Blanche (Edwin Galoway)
- William James** 1885-1969 mar. Bertha Bevins 1887-1966->Lewis(Eva MacMillan), Ernie(Vera MacMillan)
- Lillian** b.1887 mar. Gib Matthews
- Renie** 1890-1964 mar. Robert Heaslip-->Phyllis (John Arbuckle), Dorothy, Helen(Warner Lips), Ina(Russell Moore)
- Richmond** 1893- mar. Edith Andress-->Eva mar. William Meggs
- Mary** 1897-
- Wallis** 1905-<1911
- Delbert** b. & d. 1917

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Family of John Griffin and Lucy French

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Children of Jeremiah Griffin and Mary Edith Slack

- Edith** 1893-1936 mar. Elmer Cross-->Vada(Arnold Truesdell), Eva, Clark, Hubert, Gary, Michael, Donald
- Gertrude** 1896-1975 mar. Christopher Andress
- Clark** 1898-1923 mar. Bella O Hare-->1 daughter
- Jean** 1901-1990 mar. Harold Tedford-->Garnet(Eva Amirault), Audrey(Gordon Rombough), Doreen (Don Roche), Donald(Elizabeth Grier)
- John Henry** 1903-1988 mar. Cora Whitmore-->Hilda(Ben Nuttall), Hazel(Wm Conklin), Roy, Lorna, Rae.
- William James** 1905-1970 mar. Lillian Sheffield-->Betty(George Warren), Ronald
- Keitha May** 1907-1995 mar.1) Roy Tedford-->Sidney, Dennis, Trudy, Tracy, Jamie, Stephen2) Cedric McDonald.
- Anna** 1909-1995 mar. William Knapp-->Gertrude (Tom Hefferman), Arlene(Joseph Reid, Elizabeth(George Sinclair)
- Jerry** 1910-1990 mar. Ada Larose--> Lawrence, Marilyn
- Patricia** 1912- mar. John Lackie-->Robert(Kathleen Lappan),George(Ruth Struthers), Shirley(Ernest Moorhead), Ralph(Donna Keating)
- Archie** 1914-1981
- Marjorie** 1917- mar. Gerald Hampton-->Lorraine (Thomas Hill), David
- Clarence** 1919--? mar. Mary Carpenter-->Joan, Alan, John

**Many thanks to Larry Lackie for the use of his research
in preparing this family tree.**

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