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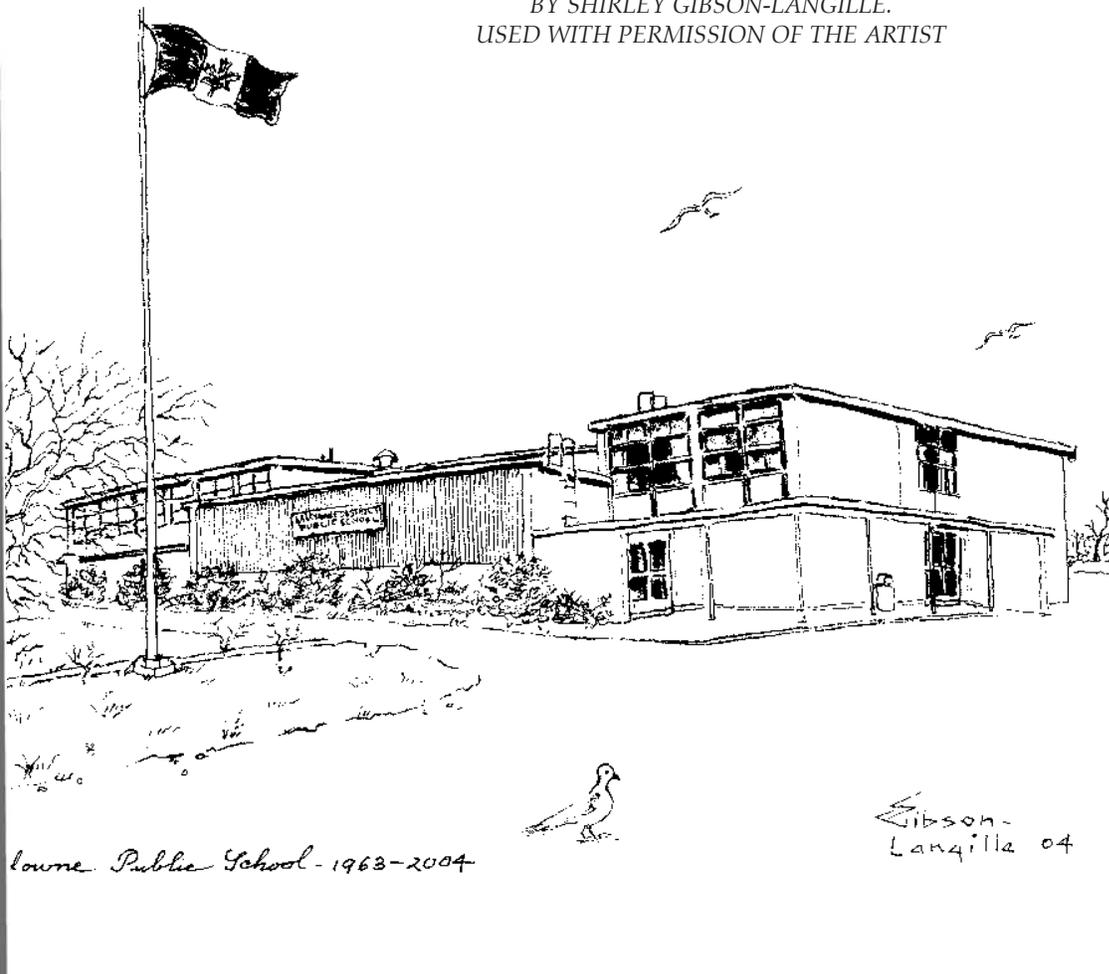
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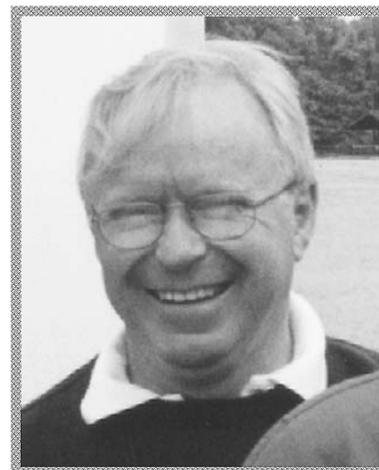
Dear Members,

This is my last opportunity as President to make use of this space in the newsletter so I would like to thank everyone for your support and interest over the last six years. It is your contribution to the Society that makes it so successful.

Again I hope you enjoy this issue of the newsletter. If you have a topic you would like to see us cover, a speaker you think we would enjoy or artifacts you would like us to copy or preserve, please let us know. We very much appreciate your contribution to the Society.

ALAN LINDSAY- PRESIDENT

Alan Lindsay



AND NOW THERE IS ONE

Fifty years ago there were 11 schools in the Front of Escott Township, two of them union schools with Front of Leeds and Lansdowne. The Front of Leeds and Lansdowne had 21 schools, including the 2 union schools previously mentioned. With the closing of Escott, Hiscocks and Lansdowne District schools at the end of the last school year, and the opening of Thousand Islands Elementary School some time this fall, the area represented by these two former townships is down to only one school.

The consolidation started in 1960 when the F.O.L.L. Township Area School Board built William Hiscocks. Plans were also started that year for a new school in Lansdowne. It was built at the west end of the village on King Street, opening in 1963, it was known as Lansdowne District Public School. A third school was planned to be built on Highway 32 north of Taylor Road, but the need never arose. Escott Public School was built on the north side of Highway 2 in Escott in 1965.

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ESCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOL



In the early 1960's the schools in the Front of Escott Township School Area Board became overcrowded. so they followed the trend across the townships and built a larger school to accommodate the pupils. Land was purchased for \$5,000. from the Mallory family on the north side of Highway #2, almost directly across from the old Escott school. The cost of the new school furnished was \$207,000. Escott Public School opened on February 2, 1965 with 215 students. It consisted of seven classrooms and a gymnasium. Some parts of the school were not completed for another month. With the opening of the new facility, eight one room schools were closed: Escott, Grenadier Island, Holland, Junetown, Poole's Resort, Rockfield, Rockport and Tilley. Jim Kellar was the first principal. When the school closed in June 2004, the student population had dropped to 65.



GRENADIER ISLAND SCHOOL S.S. #12

There had been a school house on Grenadier Island since 1850. The last school, which still stands, was built in 1925 to the west of the original, about the centre of the island. It was a shingled frame structure with a basement. When it closed in 1964, there were only 3 students. They had to be transported to Rockport by boat. Because this was difficult, especially in winter, the families with children decided to move from the island. Since 1966 the building has been owned by St. Lawrence Islands National Park. The last teacher at Grenadier was T.G. Graham.



ROCKPORT SCHOOL S.S. #14

Records of Rockport's first two schools are unavailable. Rockport's third school was built at the present 33 Old River Road in 1888. It was a frame structure, closed in 1925. It is now a private residence. The fourth school in Rockport still stands at 115 Escott/Rockport Road. It was built in 1925, a two storey red brick building with a porch on the front and a finished basement. It was built by Mitchell and Wilson of Gananoque. It had a grade 9 and 10 class until the early 1950's. It closed in 1965, and is now the Rockport Recreation Hall. The last teachers at Rockport were Jim Kellar and Meda Hill.



TILLEY SCHOOL S.S. # 18

Tilley School was also a union school with the Front of Lansdowne # 15. It was built about 1860 on land provided by William Gowan, brother of Ogle R. Gowan. The building was of brick construction. At one time the door was in the front of the school enclosed with a porch, but it was moved to the side to take it away from traffic on the road.. Originally called Gowan School, it was renamed Bowell after the near-by post office, and finally Tilley. Due to falling attendance, the school closed in 1939 and the pupils went to nearby schools. It reopened in 1954 when the student population got too big for Rockfield. The last teacher at Tilley was Joan Mustard. The school closed in 1963. The building was demolished.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

From the President's Annual Report



Oct. 20, 2003 Ron Tee, "A British Soldier Remembers", shared some of the interesting events of his service in World War 2.

(Photo by Bill Boulton)



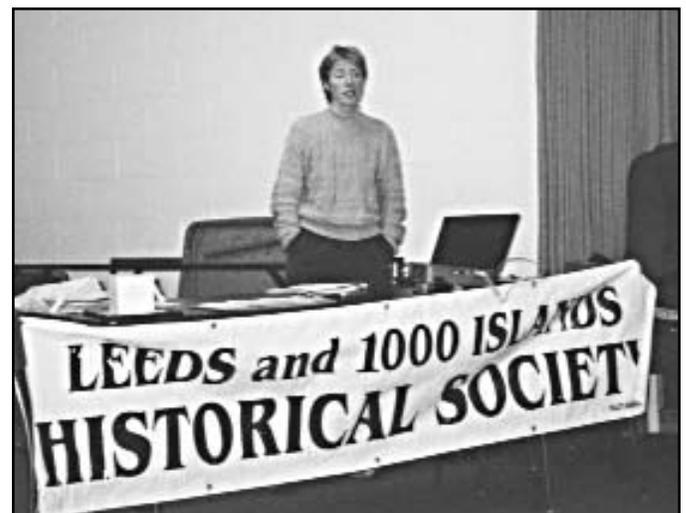
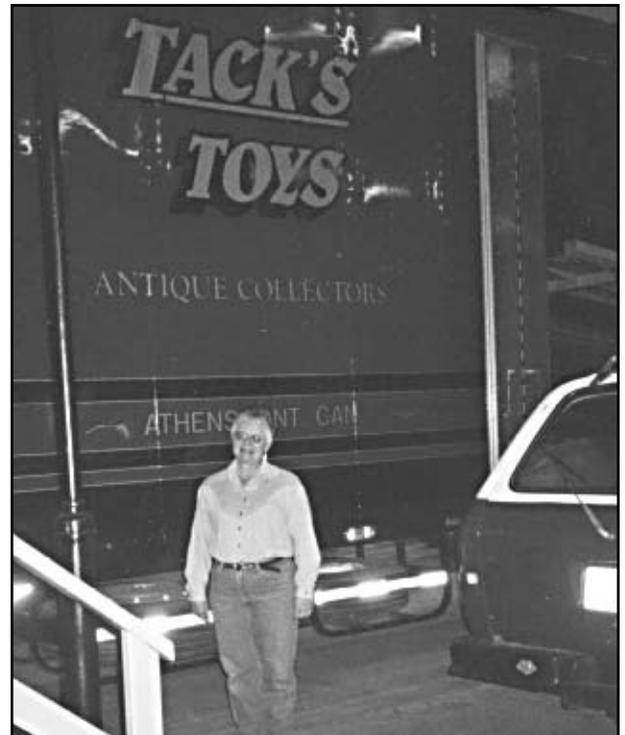
Oct. 29, 2003 Ms. Hambleton's grade 3 class from William Hiscocks School visited Greenfield School.

(Photo by Bill Boulton)

Nov. 17, 2003 Mary Alice Snetsinger illuminated us with the history of Lighthouses in the 1000 Islands
(Photo by Bill Boulton)

Sept. 27, 2003 Mary Robertson poses with some of Tack's Toys during our visit to the George Tackaberry collection at Athens.

(Photo by Bill Boulton)



YEAR IN REVIEW

From the President's Annual Report



Feb. 16, 2004 Bill Boulton presented a slide "Tribute to Lansdowne District Public School" on its 41st and last anniversary. Assisting were Glenda Olivier, former principal and Pat Shewchuck, present principal.

(Photo by Bruce Foley)

March 15, 2004 Dave Vincent of Eden Scape Landscape Consultants spoke about Heritage Plants.

(Photo by Bruce Foley)



Jan. 19, 2004 Bruce Foley presents Alan Lindsay with a picture of the 1000 Islands Bridge following his presentation on "The Thousand Islands Bridge Company 1934 - 1940".

(Photo by Bill Boulton)



April 19, 2004 The Society enjoyed a trip to the Lyn Museum.

(Photo by Bill Boulton)

ESCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOL (Continued from Pg. #3.)



ROCKFIELD SCHOOL S.S. #20

Rockfield school stood on the north side of Rockfield Road just west of the present #118. The school was probably built in 1866 as minutes of the annual meeting of trustees for 1867 exist. The school was of frame construction, originally verticle wood siding. This was later covered with clapboard and painted white. Mrs. Marion Steacy was the last teacher at Rockfield and moved with her pupils to Escott when the school closed in 1965. The school building was moved to Balleycanoe.



ESCOTT SCHOOL S.S. #17

Escott's first school was built on the north side of the highway, across from the former Township Hall. It was replaced in 1875 by the building at the present 1353 County Road #2. This building was of frame construction insulated with the brick from the former building. The last teacher in the old Escott School was Lorraine Pinch. It closed in 1965, and was

POOLE'S RESORT SCHOOL S.S. #13

Poole's Resort School was built in 1881 on Old River Road. It was moved 30 feet to the east from its original site. The building was of frame construction. It closed in 1965, and has been converted to a residence. The last teacher at Poole's Resort was Minerva Andress. (Editor's Note: I taught at Poole's Resort for two years, my first teaching assignment).

HOLLAND SCHOOL S.S. # 16

Located at 276 Escott/Rockport Road. There had been an earlier school at Holland which was replaced by a red brick building in 1904. The brick was drawn from Gananoque by horse and wagon during the summer. The last teacher at Holland was Catherine Kennedy. The school closed in 1965, and was converted to a private residence.

JUNETOWN SCHOOL S.S. #21

This building at 572 Escott/Young Townline Road, was also a union school with Front of Young (#12 Young). This school replaced an earlier building built in 1845, stones from which were used in the foundation of the new building. It was of brick construction with the windows very high so that the students could not look out. At one time there were close to 60 students in attendance. The school served the community well, as it was used for church services and community meetings and entertainment. Yvonne Landon was the last teacher at Junetown. It closed in 1965, and has been converted to a two story private home.

*Pictures and material provided by the former
Front of Escott Heritage Committee
Thanks also to Anne Hunt and Doreen Hunt*

SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

A & P - DOMINION - SAVE-A-CENTRE

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.

WILLIAM HISCOCKS SCHOOL

(All material and pictures from Society files)



William Hiscocks School had its official opening on November 25, 1960. It was named in honour of Mr. William Hiscocks who had been the local Inspector of Public Schools for several years. The original building was a two story building with five classrooms and a play room. The school had several additions over the years. In 1965 the playroom was converted to a classroom and a gymnasium was added. Later two more classrooms were added. In 1967 two more classrooms were added. The final addition of two classrooms, resource centre and gym change rooms was added in 1969. About 1970 an additional two acres of land was purchased, and floodlights installed on the playing field.

When William Hiscocks opened it replaced 9 one room schools; Emery, Legg's, Wilstead, Eden Grove, Sand Hill, Taylor, South Lake, Willowbank and Maple Grove.



EMERY SCHOOL S.S. #12

Emery School was located on part Lot 20 Concession 3, Marble Rock Road. The land was granted to William Emery in 1798. During the mid 1800's, the Emery family gave land on the south side of the road, and a frame school was built. Some time after 1850 the stone school was built on the north side of the road, on land also donated by the Emerys. The last teacher at Emery was Mrs. Marion McKay in 1959-60. The school closed in June 1960 and the pupils moved to William Hiscocks. The building remains, having been converted to a residence.



LEGG'S SCHOOL S.S.# 4

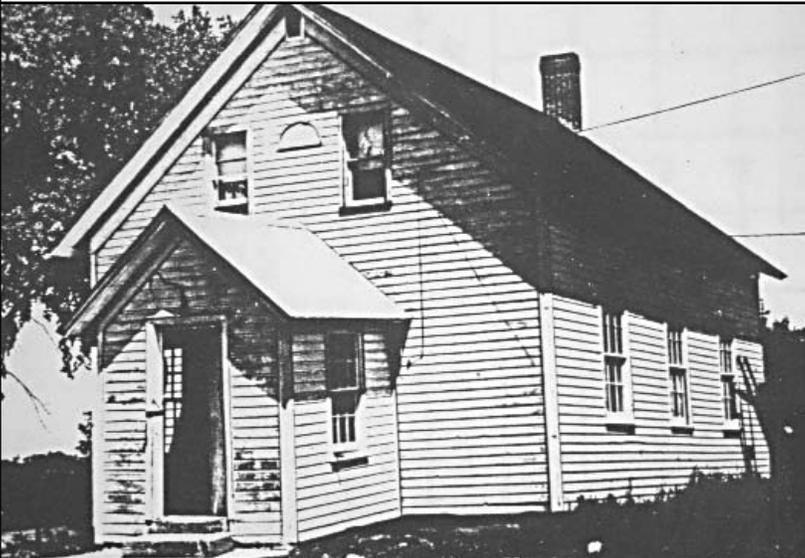
The original school building here was at the north-east corner of Marble Rock Road, corner of the present County Road 2 and Hiscocks Road. In 1862 the trustees purchased 1/2 acre of land about a quarter mile to the north on the east side of the road. from the Legg family. The stone building was probably built about that time. One of the old registers states that the early school records were destroyed, so little is known of those years. The woodshed was originally at the front of the school, but was moved twice., first in 1920 when a small enclosed porch was added to the front of the school, and later to the back of the school when the road was widened. In 1880 a double stone privy was built at the back of the school at a cost of \$42.50. In 1903 a bell tower was added. The attendance varied over the years. In 1937 there were only 7 pupils, but in 1958 there were 38 in six grades, the overflow being

transferred to other schools. The last teacher at Legg's was Mrs. Janet Lindsay. the school closed in June 1960, and the students transferred to William Hiscocks, just a short distance down the road. The building remained empty for some years before it was sold and turned into a residence.

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WILLIAM HISCOCKS SCHOOL*(Continued from Page #7)***WILSTEAD SCHOOL S.S. #5**

Wilstead school was situated on the south side of Hwy. No. 2, about four miles east of Gananoque. There must have been an earlier school on this site as teachers are listed for 1880 and 1884. The white frame school was built in 1887 at a cost of \$508.23. Through the years the school was a community landmark, serving also for church services, Sunday School, concerts, meetings, showers and dances. The last teacher at Wilstead was Mrs. Marion Steacy. The school closed in June 1960, and students and teacher moved to William Hiscocks. The building was sold and converted into a home. In 1965 an explosion followed by a fire destroyed the building.

**EDEN GROVE S.S. # 13**

Eden Grove school was built in 1885 on lot 4, on the north side of the 3rd concession, now known as Eden Grove Road. There had been an earlier brick school on the site which apparently was in poor condition. It was taken down by volunteer labour during the summer of 1885, and the brick used as grout in the walls of the new school. Conveniences were few. There was no indoor plumbing and heat was from a box stove in the centre of the room. When Eden Grove church closed in 1950, the school was used for Sunday School. The school closed in June 1957. The pupils were transferred to Lansdowne, and later to Hiscocks.

**SAND HILL S.S. # 2**

Very little is known about Sand Hill school as it was one of the earliest to close. The first school was built on Lot 19, Concession 5, close to the present Griffin Fishing Lodge. It was of "board" construction, possibly log covered with boards. It was built before 1890. A new school was built on the Gananoque Lake Road at the corner of Martin Carpenter's lane some time between 1900 and 1912. It was of frame construction, a square building with a cottage roof. It closed about 1940. The school section, however, remained active, and they bought their education from Emery School. 5 or 6 students were transported by car to Emery. The building was dismantled in 1857, and rebuilt as a house on Station Road near the Gananoque Junction station.

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WILLIAM HISCOCKS SCHOOL

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TAYLOR SCHOOL S.S. # 17

The first school was built about 1840 on the Nuttall Side road, now known as Airport Road. It was a log school, serving both the Taylor and South Lake areas. In 1872 a new log school was erected on the north side of Taylor Road, about half way between the present county Road 32 and Airport Road. Parts of the foundation can still be found in the field. About 1888 this school was replaced by a frame school on the north side of the road just west of the hill. This

building still stands, although it has been moved back from the road and converted to a shed. The final Taylor school was built in 1952, closer to Highway 32. It was a brick building with two classrooms. The last teacher was Mr. Keith Simpson. The school closed in June 1965 and the pupils moved to William Hiscocks.



SOUTH LAKE S.S. # 11

The first school in the area was the log school mentioned in Taylor school. In 1864 a grant of land was obtained on the south-west corner of lot 5 concession 4 on South Lake Road. The first building was of log. It was replaced by a stone building which was poorly constructed. This building was replaced by a frame building set on the ground.. It was built to the east of the former building. About 1925 a basement was built under the school and a furnace installed. Electricity was installed in 1929. South Lake school closed in December 1965, and the students were transferred to William hiscocks.

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WILLIAM HISCOCKS SCHOOL

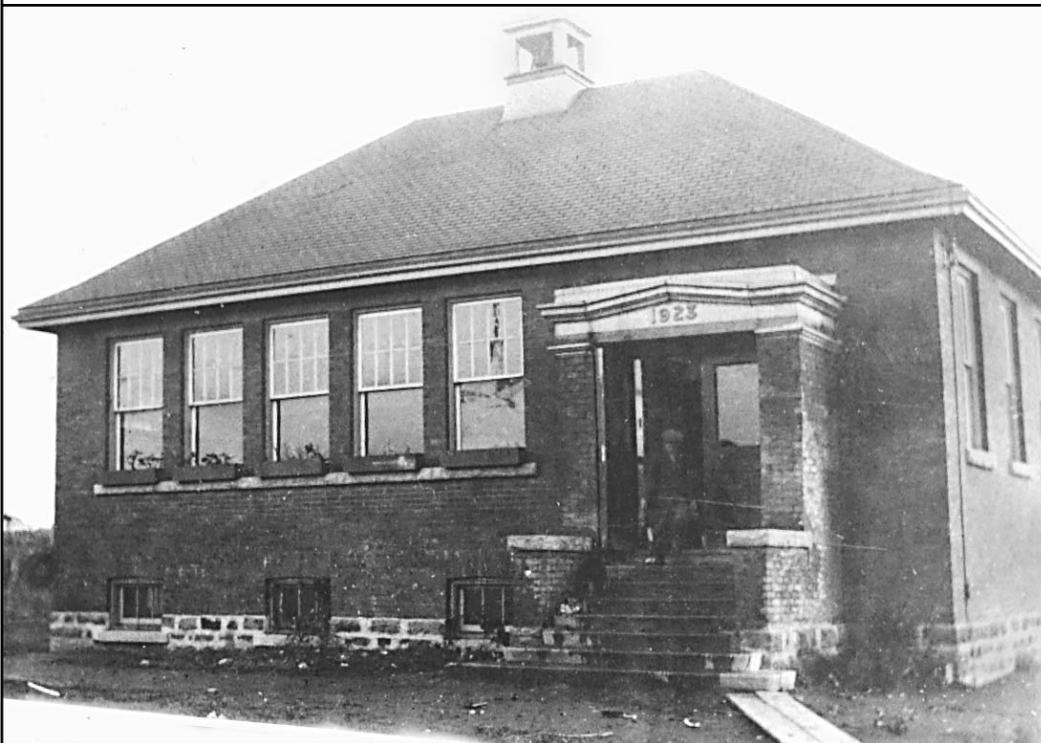
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MAPLE GROVE SCHOOL S.S. # 10

The original Maple Grove school was a log building to the west of the present building. The date for this building is not known, but it is known that there were 96 students in the school in 1884.. It was so crowded that pupils sat three to a desk, with older ones on benches along the walls. Tenders for a new school were called in March 1884, and the new building opened that September. The classroom was one big room with a high ceiling. There was a basement and heat was provided by a furnace. The original bell tower was removed sometime before 1924. When Maple Grove Church closed in 1946, Sunday School was held in the school. Due to overcrowding, a temporary partition

was erected in 1958, and a second teacher hired. Maple Grove school closed in June 1962, and the pupils transferred to William Hiscocks. The building was leased or sold to various community groups for several years. Eventually it was converted into a house.



WILLOW BANK S.S. #1

The first log school was built in 1844 on land owned by John Godfrey Lloyd. This site is now part of Willowbank Cemetery. In 1868 the trustees decided to build a new stone school. Land was purchased from William Lloyd on the south side of the highway. This building housed the school well for many years. In 1923, with the school population at 30 - 45 pupils, a new school was needed. The old stone building was removed, and a new brick school with inside toilets and a coal fired furnace was started.

Due to construction delays, the building was not ready in September. Classes were held in a house until the new building was opened in September 1924. Miss Isobel McLaughlin was the first teacher. Willowbank closed in June 1964, and the students transferred to William Hiscocks School. The last teacher at Willowbank was Jean. F. Pearson.

(All material and pictures from Society files.)

LANSDOWNE DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Plans for a new school in Lansdowne began in 1960. The school population at Victoria, S.S. #9, had grown to about 170 in five rooms. Crowding was so bad that some students living to the west of the village were bussed to William Hiscocks. Construction of the new school in the west end of the village began in 1962. Cost of the new building was \$215,055.17.

The Gananoque Reporter of the day gave this glowing report: "The school is a modern two-story electrically heated building containing 8 classrooms, a gymnasium-auditorium, office, teachers' room, and up-to-date washroom facilities. The desks and educational equipment are of the most modern design, the blackboards being green and the lighting indirect. With its excellent educational equipment, combined with ample playground and parking facilities, the school is designed to serve the children of Lansdowne Public school area for many years to come".

The new school with 10 classrooms and a student population of 272 officially opened on February 22, 1963. With its opening Victoria, Dulcemaine and Greenfield schools closed. Later students from Rapid Valley, Mitchelville and some from Tilley schools also transferred here.

Lansdowne District Public School closed in June of 2004 and was demolished over the summer.



SAND BAY S.S. # 18

Sand Bay was a union school with the Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne. The school section was organized about 1861. Land was donated by William Horton. In 1915 there were about 30 students. This number had declined to 7 by the time the school closed in 1954. The students were transported to Fairfax until it closed in 1957, then to Greenfield. Mrs Agnes Fodey was the last teacher at Sand Bay. She had also taught there about 1915. The building was moved to the Griffin farm and renovated into a house. The land was returned, in accordance with the original agreement, to the Ferguson farm, direct descendants of the original donor.



FAIRFAX S.S. # 14

Fairfax school was located on Lot 20, Concession 4, on what today is known as Fairfax Road. About 1845 a building of either log or stone was built. Until recently the foundation of this building remained. In 1862, this building was replaced with a frame building. The school closed in June 1957 and the pupils were transported to Dulcemaine school. Mrs Agnes Fodey, who had transferred with her pupils from Sand Bay, was the last teacher in the school. The building was sold in 1960 and converted to a house.



OAKVILLE SCHOOL S.S. # 7

We have very little information on Oakville school. We know that at one time it was called Porcupine school. It was located on Lot 13, Concession 1, on the north side of the present 1000 Island parkway, at that time River Road, just west of Flagg's Creek. Walling's 1861 map shows a school in this location, but it could have been an earlier log one. The school still had 17 pupils when it closed in 1957. They were transported to Lansdowne. The last teacher at Oakville was Gertrude Doyle. In 1960 the building was sold to Charlie Donevan and converted into a home.

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LANSDOWNE DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL (Continued from Page #11)**SELTON S.S. # 8 & 13**

Prior to 1867 there was a school on the north side of the present Selton School Road at Reynolds Road. It was found to be "in a bad state of repair. Escott Township had a school farther east on Selton Road. A union school section was formed and a site closer to the centre of the school section was chosen. A lot was purchased from Charles Stewart on the north side of "the now travelled road to Rockport". The school was built of brick. The last teacher at Selton was Mrs. Madeline Andress, who had also taught there in 1929. The school closed in 1957 and the pupils were transported to Lansdowne. The building was converted to a house.

**EBENEZER SCHOOL S.S. # 6**

Ebenezer school first stood on the north east corner of the present Lansdowne Cemetery. It was moved to its present location on land purchased from Wm. Day about 1886. Improvements to the school included the installation of chemical toilets in 1934, drilling a new well in 1944 and a music program in 1936. The last teacher in Ebenezer was Wilma Steacy (Hartley). The school closed in 1957 and the pupils were transported to Lansdowne. The building was sold in 1960 and converted into a house.

**DULCEMAINE SCHOOL S.S. # 16**

A school was erected at dulcemaine Corners under a voluntary subscription by early settlers in 1844. This was a log building with a slab roof, probably built by a "bee". The location was near the road at the south-west corner of the cemetery. In 1844 this school was known as S.S. #6, changed to S.S. #14 in 1855, and to S.S. #16 when boundaries were changed in 1857.

In 1857 a new school was built on "the sunny side of the hill", the south-east corner of the cemetery. This was a brick building, costing 111 pounds, 19 shillings. This building stood until the 1950's. Due to lack of space, a new school was needed. It was built on top of the hill, to the north, in 1912. For its time, it was a very modern school. It had a basement with a cement floor, and was heated by a furnace. This building continued in use until December 1962 when pupils moved to the new Lansdowne District School

**GREENFIELD SCHOOL S.S. # 3**

Greenfield School was situated on the north end of Lot 20, Concession 5. The land was originally given to the trustees of School Section 17 by David and Mary Grier in 1855. The first building, of logs, was constructed and used as a common school. At some time before 1877, the section number was changed to # 3. It is thought the present frame building was built about that time. In December 1962, after 108 years of service to the community, teacher Wayne Anderson and 13 pupils moved to the new Lansdowne school. In 1964 the land and building were returned to Mr. Carmen Grier, grandson of the original donor, as had been stipulated in the original agreement.

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LANSDOWNE DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL *(Continued from Page #12)***VICTORIA SCHOOL S.S. # 9**

At the annual meeting of the school board in 1911, plans to replace the 1872 Brae Head School in Lansdowne were discussed. At a special meeting in January 1912, the site on Garden Street was chosen. Mr. B. Dillon was chosen as the architect, and the tender of Wm. McConnell and Son for \$7945.00 was accepted. The building was completed and opened for classes in September 1912. The official opening took place in 1913. Discussions of an addition first took place in 1937, but no action took place until the early 1950's when a room was opened in the basement. In 1952 a one-room addition was added to the back. The Continuation School, which had used the two upstairs rooms, closed in 1956. This allowed the

elementary school to expand into this space. Victoria School closed in December 1962, and the students moved in January 1963 to the new Lansdowne District Public School. The building served as the Township office for a time, and is now the Victoria Apartments.

**RAPID VALLEY SCHOOL S.S. # 15**

In the early years of the settlement, pupils attended school in the upstairs of a brick house on a farm just to the north of Union Cemetery. When this house burned, a log school was built where the Union Cemetery gates now stand. In 1862, land near the west end of Union Road was purchased from Thomas Bradley, and the stone school was built. The school was first named Malakoff after a battle in the Crimean War. The first teacher was John Roberts. Later the school was named the Johnston School, as this was the common name of the community. Still later it was given the name Rapid Valley for a creek which flowed down the hill behind the school.

For some reason, this school seemed to have more male teachers than others in the area. In 1935, the pupils raised \$9.00 at their Christmas concert, and bought an organ for the school. During Education Week in 1939, the school held an "open door", where visitors could watch the pupils at work. This must have been a novel event at that time. Rapid Valley did not join the Township Area Board, and remained independent until it closed in June 1963. Mrs. Linda Grice was the last teacher. Students transferred to Lansdowne in September 1964.

**MITCHELVILLE SCHOOL S.S. # 19**

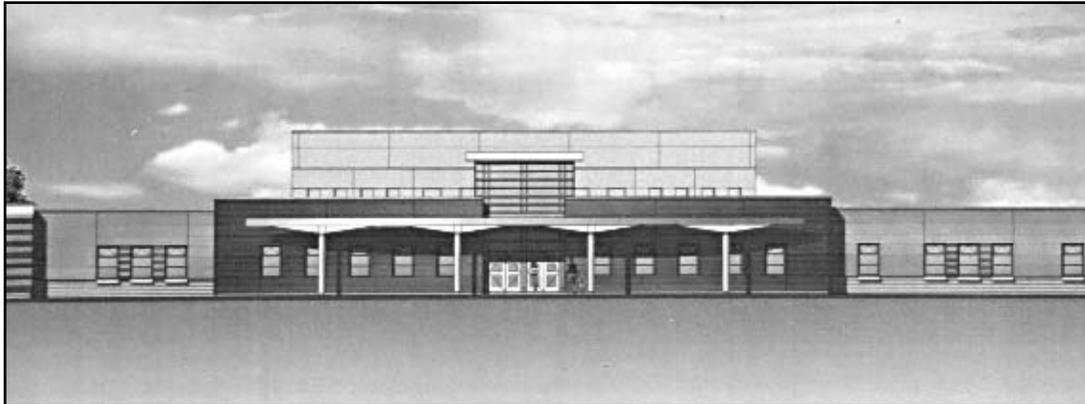
Mitchelville School stood on a plot of land on the south-west corner of the present County Road #2 and Blue Mountain Road. The land was donated by William Mitchell, and was part of the clergy reserve granted to Valentine Mitchell in 1820. The Rev. John Carroll was appointed to select the site of this school as it was a union school between the Townships of Fronts of Leeds and Lansdowne and Escott. The school, built in 1880 and painted reddish-brown, was the traditional "little red school house". The first teacher was Miss Jennie Johnston at a salary of \$200. In 1897 a belfry and a library were added. The building was always well used for community events. Mitchelville remained independent of the Township Area school boards. In 1962 the board applied to the Township Area School board to purchase education and transportation to Lansdowne School until the new District school was opened. The last teacher at Mitchelville was Mrs. Lettie Mitchell, who had also taught there in 1910 and 1918-19. The school closed at the end of June 1962 and was converted to a house.

(All material & photos from Society Files)

JULY - DECEMBER 1904 NOTES from the DIARY of JOHN QUINN

- July 1 - 2 Nice warm day with rain at night. Howing all day.
- July 3 - 9 Took Andy out to Uncle Edds. Nearly ever body is haying. Got brick and mortar for chimney. Paid H. Mulvaugh \$25. on cow. Went to Gananoque with a grist of flour and wheat. Drawing in hay. Drew a load of cheese. John Quinn and family was here. Miss H. was out here.
- July 10-16 L.O.L. went to Church in Presbyterian. Cultivating potatoes. Went to Perth to the celebration. Lizzie and Miss H. went with me. Lizzie went back to New York. Went to Will McCreas Rasen of Barn. Drew in hay.
- July 17-23 Terrible thunder storm. Gordon Johnston helping to draw hay. Bought new sythe. Finished sything in big field and drew in 6 loads.
- July 24- 30 Drawing in hay. Helping Smiths. R. Smith helping draw hay. Finished haying, 32 loads.
- July 31- Aug 6 Funeral of Mrs. Tomas Action, she was Sary Ann Patience. Helping Mr. Smith at haying, \$1.00. I was sick today.
- Aug. 7 - 13 Quarterly Meeting. Lots of grane cutting. Helping W.B. Warren to grind. Old Mrs. John Landon was buried. I took Miss H. down to Dick Hortons. Cut 3 acres of barley for H. Young.
- Aug. 14-20 Comenced harvest, cut some wheat. Grinding at mill all day. Drew in 4 loads of wheat.
- Aug. 21-27 Mary was home. Got Bill shod all around. Mixing mortar for chimney, had Patsy Sullivan helping. Helping O. Sullivan draw in grain. Grinding all day at Lansdowne. Thrashing for W.B.W. at W. Burnses.
- Aug. 28-Sept. 3 Drawing oats. Martha came home from Montreal. Finished harvesting and haying. Comenced to put out minure. Thrashing for W.E. Earl and at home. Sold 2 cattle for \$30. to Bradley. Took Martha out to Aunt Sarries at Elgin.
- Sept. 4 - 10 Came home from Elgin. Sold bull for \$15. Comenced to plow. Garfield Shepherd died. Went to Gananoque with Martha.
- Sept. 11-17 Martha, Mary and Miss. H. were here. Martha went back to Montreal. Picking stone and sowing grass. Putting out minure. Drew a load of cheese.
- Sept. 18-24 Mary was home. Went to mallorytown at night. Sold a pork to Dan Bradley. Thrashing with E.J. Warren at D.B. Johnstons, Will Todds, W. B. Foleys, W.N. Bowens. Very cool terrible thunder and rane. Last day of Lansdowne Fare.
- Sept. 25-Oct. 1 Raly Day at Lansdowne Sunday School. Thrashing at C. Dewolfs, E.W. Johnstons, Jas Pecks. Another thunderstorm and rane. Old Mr. Plunkets funeral. Charley Horton built chimney on house.
- Oct. 2 - 8 Nice but cool. Thrashing at Charles Armstrongs, Jas Grames, E. Surpless, Frank Surples, Will Shepherds, Summers, Ed Shields, Riley Moors. Ida Johnston got married.
- Oct. 9 - 15 Started to plow again. Hill Warren and Hill Latimer got married. Helping Patsy Sullivan to fill silo.
- Oct. 16-22 Miss H. was out. Thrashing at Owen Sullivan, George Humphry, Wes Johnston. I went to Gananoque, Miss. H. Went with me. Plowed all day, very wet.
- Oct. 23-29 John Quinn and family here. Plowed all day. Mary had the horse over to Lansdowne. Got Bill horse shod all around 40 cents. Put up the box stove. First snow storm. Another heavy snow storm. Got 10 lbs. pork from O.S. Young. Mary took sick with pluricy.
- Oct. 30-Nov. 5 Quarterly meeting. Big political rally in Lansdowne. Got 300 lbs. feed for \$3.70. I went to Lansdowne. Dominion Election, 700 for Taylor. I was putting out minure. Old Mr. John Earl died. I paid for the stove.
- Nov. 6 - 12 Cold with snow. I took Miss H and her sister up to Mrs. Modlers. Commenced feeding cattle. We butchered 2 pigs, 500 lbs. Cut and barrelled the pork. Stuble land frozn too hard to plow. Dug the garden. Went to Lyndhurst with Ben Gavin. Brought young cattle home from pasture
- Nov. 13-19 Went to Lansdowne for load of lumber to fix upstairs. Got George Dillon to fix upstairs. Horse Dillon and Maggie Rath was married. Finished fixing house.
- Nov. 20-26 Finished plowing today. Ditching and spreading minure. 23 I drove to Brockville. I got married. 7p.m. A lovely warm day
(Ed. Note: Was the bride the Miss H mentioned so often?)
24 We drove from Brockville to Frankville. Very cold.
25 We drove from Frankville to New Boyne. A.E. Sliter was put in vault.
26 We drove from New Boyne to Burgess.
- Nov. 27-Dec. 3 27 We went from Burgess to CranWorth. Very nice but cold day.
28 We drove from CranWorth to Portland.
29 We drove from Portland to Elgin. A very heavy snow.
30 We got home from our trip. We drove to Lansdowne in afternoon. Wife was in Lansdowne visiting.
- Dec. 4 - 10 Mr. J Sheperd and Miss Modler was out here. Snow and sleet. Started to work with W.B. Warren cutting logs at the Armstrong place. Paid 50 cents for 3" file. Lots of sleighs running. Drove to Lansdowne.
- Dec. 11-17 Cold and stormy day. Working in bush for W.B. Warren. \$1.00 a day. Drove to Lansdowne, Mrs went with me.
- Dec. 18-24 Annual milk meeting. Very stormy day, 10" snow. Working in bush. Went to John Loneys stone bea. Went to Gananoque. Mrs. Eddy Burns died.
- Dec 25-31 Christmas. 10 below. Went out to Lansdowne to church. Helped Ross Smith butcher pigs. Got the horses shod all round. Old Mr. Blare was put in vault. The month and year ends very fine and mild, it thawed all day.

T.I.E.S to TOMORROW



And now there is one - Thousand Islands Elementary School - T.I.E.S. This name was chosen by the parents' council to signify the joining, the ties, of the three schools into one. Plans for the amalgamation of Escott, Hiscocks and Lansdowne schools began in 2001. Construction of the new school in Lansdowne began in August 2003. It will be 50,000 square feet and cost about \$6 million. It will have 14 classrooms, gymnasium, daycare centre, computer lab and resource centre, two early years rooms, music and art rooms. The three old schools closed in June 2004, and Lansdowne school was demolished during the summer. Pat Shewchuk, principal of Escott and Lansdowne Schools, was named the first principal of T.I.E.S. Already over budget by \$1.5 million, the school was not ready for use in September 2004, but opened in late December 2004. In the meantime, students were housed in the Escott and Hiscocks buildings.

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