

# HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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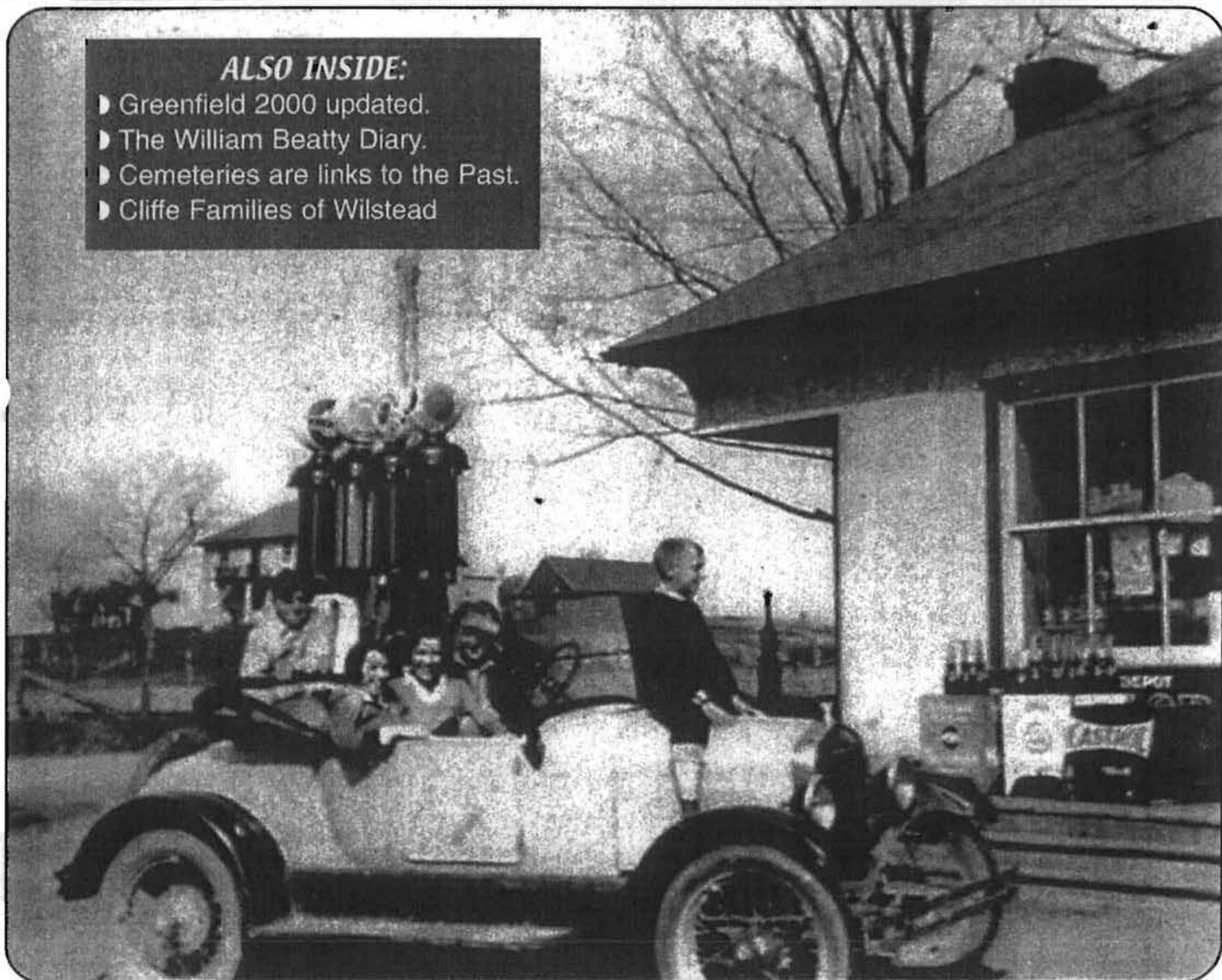
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## NEWSLETTER

Number 13, SPRING/SUMMER 2000

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**PRESIDENT'S**  
**MESSAGE**

**W**elcome to the new Millennium. These are certainly interesting times. We are looking forward to a busy spring and summer in the Society.

A committee has been formed to organize the Greenfield 2000 Project and we are looking forward to seeing the school restored to its former condition.

We are also planning to participate in the Township's Millennium Celebrations and I know you will hear more about this as the plans progress.

We have had some very successful programs over the fall and winter and we appreciate the support and enthusiasm of the membership.

Again thanks to the Hewitts for their expertise in producing our newsletter.

ALAN LINDSAY



PRESIDENT



**COVER PHOTO**  
**Wilstead General Store.**

The store was operated by Hugh and Jill Dandy when it closed in the fall of 1974. The building had been insulated with pine needles, thus it burned very quickly when it caught fire in March 1975.

*(Photo from Society Files)*

## THE EDITOR'S PAGE

This being the first issue of the new millennium we have tried to give the NEWSLETTER a few changes.

With the acquisition of the William Beatty Diary, along with John Quinn's diary and News from 1950, we have been able to give you a look at 150 years.

### Gremlins: A few gremlins crept into issue # 12.



- ✎ Cover photo was courtesy of Marion Steacy.
- ✎ We did not shoot our February speaker, Rev. Canon (Cannon) Purcell.
- ✎ The 1999 - 2000 List of Officers appears below.
- ✎ Greenfield School- pg. 14- should have read "the deed, however, was not drawn until Jan. 11, 1858".
- ✎ Greenfield School Teachers: 1945 - 47 Meribeth Stout,  
1954 - 55 Gertrude Doyle,  
1955 - 56 Ethel Adams.



### THE FRONT of LEEDS and LANSDOWNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

#### Slate of Officers - 1999 - 2000

President-	Alan Lindsay
Vice-President-	Bruce Foley
Past President	Bill Boulton
Secretary-	Ann Graham
Treasurer-	Nancy Langton
Member at Large-	Mary Robertson

#### Committee Chairs:

Communications-	Bill Boulton
Social-	Audrey Newell Ruth Chisamore
Archivist-	Yolande LaPointe
Program-	Glenda Olivier
Membership-	Connie Burns

## HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT ?

The mythical beasts of Leeds County - The Round Hill Gopher; or the great animal skelton on the slopes of Blueberry Mountain with the legs on one side shorter than the other?

Next issue member John G.D. Steacy will enlighten you!

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### GREENFIELD 2000 "UPDATE"

While we await the results of our Millennium Grant application, we have started some work on the project. Most of the window sash have been removed for repairs and re-glazing. The windows were covered and the door lock replaced to prevent further weather and vandal damage. The brush and trees growing around the building have been cleared. As soon as it is dry enough, the grass will be cut.

The local 4H Club has offered its services to clean the yard around the building. We certainly appreciate their interest and assistance.

The project has created considerable interest among former students and teachers we have talked to. If you can add to our list of former students, or supply us with anecdotes of your time at Greenfield, please let us know. We are beginning to learn the whereabouts of some of the former furnishings. A large wall map has been returned. An old school type box stove has been donated.

A committee of Joan Burns, Mary Cross, Bessie Edgley and Marilyn McDougal, all former students, has been named. Bill Boulton represents the executive. They have produced a list of approximately 100 names of former students and teachers. Letters have been mailed out asking for their financial support.

We hope to have an Open "School" House sometime in the fall.

#### SUPPORT GREENFIELD 2000

The Historical Society has pledged \$2100.00 to this project. We must raise another \$5000.00 locally to match our grant application. We cannot begin major work until we have money in hand.

**If you wish to give your support to this project, cheques made payable to the Historical Society can be mailed to P.O. Box 332, Lansdowne, Ontario, K0E 1L0. Income tax receipts will be issued for all donations.**

**CAN YOU HELP ?**

**Mrs. K Cleveland, 503 McKenzie St. E., Punta Gorda, Florida, 33590-6126**  
**is looking for the following family information:**

My mother's birth name was Margaret Gorkey. Her step-father's name was Claude Lewis. I believe she was born about 1888. The Gorkey family, Charles, Henry, David, Margaret and Emaline (Emma) (m. Carbano), all lived together "somewhere around Charleston Lake".

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Restoration of Greenfield School as of late June, 2000. The original well is shown in the inset photo- see cover photo issue #12

## THE WILLIAM BEATTY DIARY

The Historical Society has just purchased a photocopy of the 1838 - 1891 diary of William Beatty. The Beatty family first settled on Lot 14, Concession 4 Front of Young, near Caintown. William later bought Lot 18, Concession 3 Front of Leeds and Lansdowne. On that property he built the white house which still stands, and for many years was the home of Harold Johnston and family. We will deal with his move and the building of that house, as well as many other buildings in the area, in later installments.

It is interesting to note the primitive state of the land as they continue to clear and open up new fields. It appears that the change from English money system to the dollar system took place in this period, as he switches back and forth. Deeply religious people, they attended church services at least twice each Sunday. Often his notes include the name of the minister as well as book, chapter and verse of his text. The following is taken from the first six months of 1850.

**January** Elected to the Township council Nelson Shipman, Ira Mallory, J.J. McIntosh, J. Bates, M. Alguire. James Hazelwood elected school trustee.

Received deed for the East half of Lot 13 from Elizabeth Young for 75 pounds.

Elen and her father went to Brockville to see about her drawing land.

Mr. Bell wrote Toronto.

Drew 60 loads of wood at 3 shillings per load.

Attended old Mr. Rath's funeral.

**February** Went to McKinnon's Mill

Was paid \$15. for chopping 60 loads of wood.

Bought at a sale, hay 2 pounds 10 shillings, cow 2 pounds 6 shillings 6 pence, harness 6 shillings.

Drawing cordwood and rails.

**March** Jack, Margaret & Ellen went to Lansdowne on a visit to the Widow Young.

Cut 60 loads of rails in 12 days.

Tapped 140 trees in the sugarbush.

Bought Lemon No. 1 plough for \$11 in Brockville.

**April** Dudley Ackland came to work for 6 months @ \$5. per month.

Fencing between posts on Lot 13, 1460 rails.

Began to plough with oxen.

Ploughed the garden with oxen and planted apple and plum trees and currants.

**May** Went to Coleman Corners (Lyn) and received 4 pounds 2 shillings 6 pence from agricultural society.

**June** Dudley ploughed with oxen where they had logged.

Planted long orange and long white carrots and sugar beets.

Dragged with the horse in the new land.

Went to Farmersville (Athens) with wool. Got 170 kernels of corn.

Robert Kincaid died from a bruise received by wagon running over him. Inquest held.

Jack went to training in Mallorytown. (Militia)

Some of the ministers who preached at Caintown were: Rev. McCallum, Smart, Gordon, Constable, Scoot, Hague, Peden, Watkins, Vanston, Hulbert, Towens, McDermit and Trumaine.

## **CEMETERIES ARE IMPORTANT LINKS TO THE PAST**

*Submitted by Evangeline Chisamore*

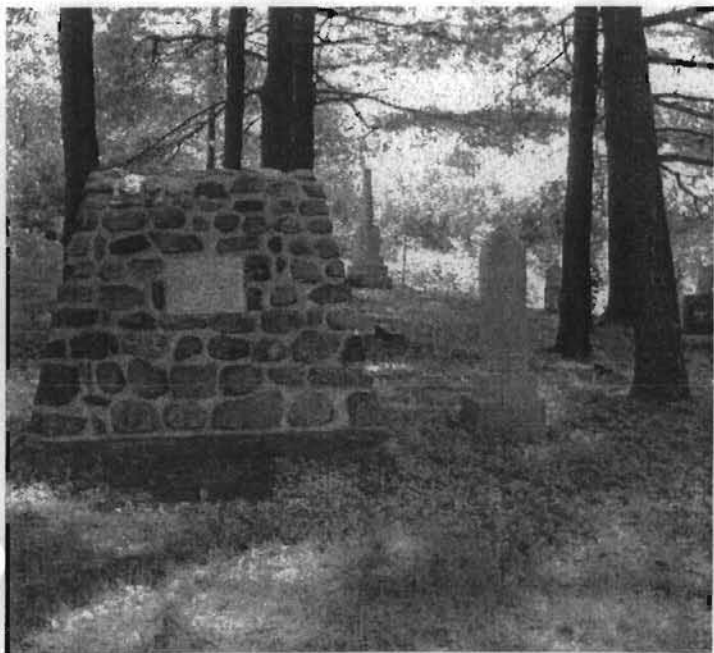
**Dulcemaine Cemetery** is situated north of the village of Lansdowne. George Patience, born in Hampshire, England May 2nd, 1802, settled in the area known as Dulcemaine Corners in the 1830's. He donated a piece of property from his farm for a school and church as well as a cemetery.

The first burial recorded was Fanny Cross, Nov. 30th 1841. She was less than 10 months old. George Patience was buried there in 1866, as well as several members of his family. Well-known people of the community who were also buried here are: Bradley, Cass, Clow, Cook, Cross, Fair, Greer, Hall, Haskin, Humphries, Keating, Killenbeck, Lillie, Mathew, McCready, Patience, Slack, Sliter, Stringer, Truesdale, Watson and Webster.

It appears the last burial took place in the spring of 1951, although no stone was erected. The cemetery was abandoned for many years. In recent years it has been cared for by Leon Montgomery who voluntarily cuts the grass and trims the weeds. Recently a number of the decedents formed a committee to improve and beautify the cemetery.

**The committee members are:** Chairperson - Evangeline Chisamore, Vice-chair - Bruce McCready, Secretary - LoVerna Montgomery, Treasurer - Bessie Ferguson, Trustees - Ken Hogan, Frances Bryan, John Loney, Leon Montgomery. Their first priority is to re-fence the cemetery, with a proper gateway, and the name displayed over the gate.

The interest shown has been very encouraging, with a number of donations received from relatives. The committee would welcome, and greatly appreciate, any donations by anyone who may be interested in this project.



*Photos by Ted Hewitt*

## **COMMUNITY NEWS from 1950**

*(From the micro film files of the Gananoque Reporter the Gananoque Library.)*

### **LANSDOWNE**

Stanley Brown, Eldon Connor and Clauson Sly nominated for Township Council elections on Monday.

House of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beare destroyed by fire

Messrs Calvin Leith, Douglas Donevan and Billie Bradley left on the midnight train for Guelph where they will take a short course.

Lansdowne's oldest citizen, Miss Eliza Latimer dies at age 93

1000 Island Bridge revenue totals \$401,857.00 for the year.

Lansdowne voted on a waterworks area. It was lost on a vote of 50 /50.

Mr. Jock Shields, principal of the public school at Fort Nelson Camp, B.C. has moved to his new school which he says is the most modern on the Alaska Highway.

Anglican W.A. presents the play "Here Comes Charley".

### **WILSTEAD**

The Bethel Church services will be held in the school during the winter.

The barn of Mr. W.C. Landon was blown down in a gale.

Miss June Galway, student at Peterborough Normal School, is teaching this week at Wilstead under the supervision of Mrs. Donald Gray

Wilstead School held a picnic at Gray's Beach.

### **MAPLE GROVE**

Church services at Maple Grove United Church Sunday at 2:30

### **WARBURTON**

Mrs. James Moorhead and Miss Beatrice McCready attended a short course at Queen's University

Mr. Eric Webster was elected president of the Lyn Junior Farmers.

Miss Bessie Horton, daughter of Councillor and Mrs Arthur Horton, and a senior pupil at Greenfield School, is an entry in the Girls' Vocal Solo at the Eastern Rotary Music Festival.

Miss Bessie Horton was ill, and unable to compete in the Music Festival.

The Greenfield and Rockport boys staged an exciting game of hockey at the Lansdowne Arena.

Rev. W.T. Boddy officiated at the Easter service in St. Matthew's Anglican Church.

Arbor Day was observed at Greenfield School on Friday, after which the children went for a hike in the woods.

Pupils of Greenfield and other local schools under the direction of their music teacher Mr. W. Thrasher are preparing for the annual Music Festival to be held in Lansdowne Town Hall.

Congratulations to Bessie Horton and Harold Grier for passing their High School Entrance Exams, and also to their teacher Mr. Bob Alquire.

### **FAIRFAX**

A large number from here attended the hockey match in Lansdowne Arena on Saturday, the first of the season.

### **ROCKFIELD**

The circuit meeting for Rockfield United Church was held..

### **IVY LEA**

Some of the Ivy Lea firemen attended the quarterly meeting in Smiths Falls.

A dance was held at Mount Airy Hotel. Music was supplied by the Lansdowne Ramblers. *(Continued on page 9)*



**COMMUNITY NEWS from 1950** (Continued from page 8)

**GANANOQUE**

C B C broadcast "Salute to Gananoque" and "Neighbourly News" from the High School. Over 500 attended.  
(Editor's note: I was one of them).

A shunting west bound freight train at the Junction crashed into the front of another west bound freight standing at the Station. The caboose and 5 cars went off the rails.

Members of the Gananoque Fire Department received an emergency call to go to Lansdowne to extinguish a roof fire at the home of Mrs. Dr. Bradley.

**EDEN GROVE**

Education Week was observed at Eden Grove School with an "Open House".

**SELTON**

The Selton school children held their Easter Dance.

**SOUTH LAKE**

Hearld Angels Guild met at the home of Mrs. Alfred Sly.

**TILLEY**

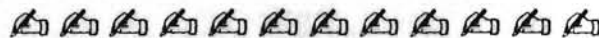
Carol Foley is riding a new bicycle.

Theives stole 40 pounds of curd from Tilley Cheese Factory.

A school meeting was held regarding the re-opening of Tilley School, which has been closed for several years. It was decided against, the children, therefore, will have to go to Rockfield.

**MITCHELVILLE**

Mr. J. Peck re-opened the cheese factory May1.



## McCrone's Corners - An Early Community

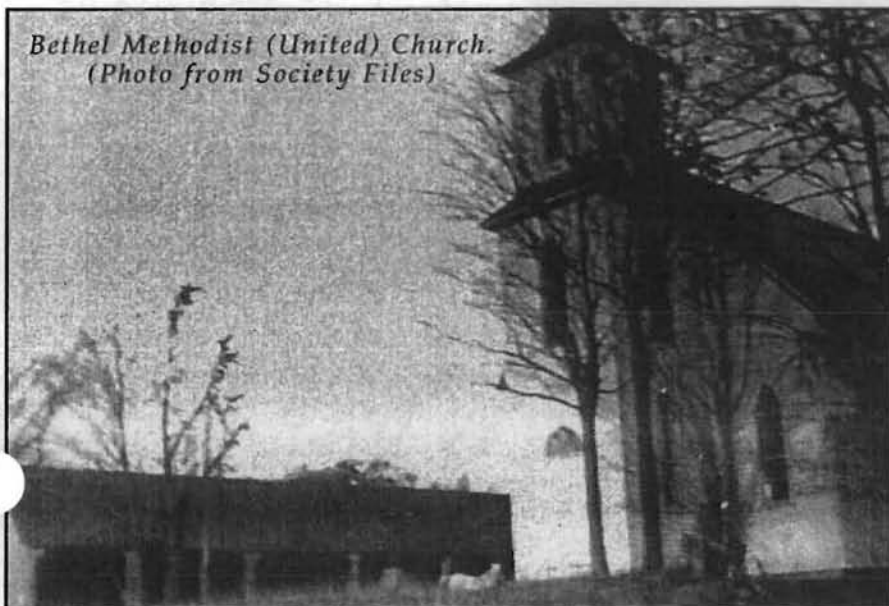
(by Alan Lindsay)

During the middle of the last century a community developed where the King's Highway intersected with what is now known as the Cliffe Road. Originally known as McCrone's

Corners, and later Wilstead, this community had at various times two churches, a store, a carpenter shop and post office, a cheese factory, blacksmith shops, a school, a sawmill and a cemetery as well as being a prosperous farming area.

The land surrounding the Corners was originally granted to James Covill who sold the property to Joel Stone of Gananoque in 1807. Over the years Stone's heirs, the MacDonalds, sold off farms to the various settlers.

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*Bethel Methodist (United) Church.  
(Photo from Society Files)*

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### McCrone's Corners - An Early Community

Hugh McCrone and his brother-in-law Robert Wilson purchased farms on the west side of the Cliffe Road in 1848 and besides farming established a blacksmith business on the northwest corner that was famous for the iron plows which they introduced. Hugh McCrone gave his name to the Corners in those early days. Hugh Breckenridge who settled at the river was married to Mr. McCrone's sister and these families were all natives of Ayrshire Scotland. Mr. McCrone sold his share to Wilson in 1870 and moved to Gananoque. His farm was eventually purchased by Wallace Gray.

The land on the east side of the Cliffe Road to a point north of the corner that probably accounts for the bend in the road was sold by Stone in 1808 to James Halstead who gave his name to Halstead's Bay. He and his brother-in-law Hustin Grant appear to have farmed this land. In 1845 Grant sold his fifty acres north of #2 Highway, that he had purchased from Halstead the same day, to Alexander Hall.

McCrone's Corners was destined to be a "dry" community. In 1865 the now widowed Mrs. Hall (later Mrs. Kenyon Shurtleff) and her son Reuben sold an acre on the northeast corner of the crossroads on the condition that there be "no sale of intoxicating liquor". It is not known how the lot was used but in 1877 it was sold to Norman Gardner and he established a carpenter shop and the post office-the name being changed to Wilstead supposedly to honour Robert Wilson. Norm Gardner is the great-grandfather of George Gray who lives at the south end of the Cliffe Road. The post office closed in 1901 when Norm Gardner died and was relocated in George T. Kyes' house at Kyes' Corners. Various people operated Gardner's shop as a store over the years until it burned in the early 1970's.

The Halls sold the remaining farm to Joseph Cliffe in 1878. Mrs. Shurtleff kept a lot for herself to the east of Gardner's shop. This property was later owned by Billy Kyes who ran a blacksmith shop. More recent owners were Harry and Isabel Rowlands.

The Halls also granted land north of Gardner's for a church and cemetery. This cemetery has long since disappeared but a few stones still stand in another little cemetery on George Gray's farm near the river.

Both of the churches were built about the same time-1875. The church on the southeast corner was known as Bethel Methodist Church and operated until 1901. Norm Gardner's funeral was the last one conducted from this church and it was sold to the Wilstead Butter and Cheese Co. Later it became a dance hall and a machinery shop.

The church north of the corner was a union church built for use by several denominations. The first trustees were Edwin Landon, Charles Gray and Reuben Cross. This church adopted the Bethel name when the one at the corner closed. On July 12, 1943 this church burned and was rebuilt through the efforts of the congregation with materials from Eden Grove and Fairfax churches that had closed.

The original schoolhouse, S S # 5, was a stone building. Early teachers were Rebecca Cornett, May Martin, Philip Heaslip (later magistrate in Gananoque) and Thomas Butterfield who gave his name to Butterfield's Hill at the south end of the Cliffe Road. The stonework of this first school was inferior and it was replaced in 1887 with a frame structure that was used until the late 1950's when Hiscock's School was built.

In the 1860's James Parmeter operated a sawmill on the creek south of the Corners and he may have built the stone house nearby. William Buck also operated a blacksmith shop east of the Corners for many years before 1900 and his shop is still standing.

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JANUARY - JUNE 1900  
 NOTES from the DIARY of JOHN QUINN

- Jan. 1-6      Old Mr. Jacob Day died, age 78. Township election day. Helping John E. Steacy thrash and butcher pigs. Thrashed at O'Gradies, last job of year. A big concert for soldiers going to South Africa.
- Jan. 7-13      Big thaw and rain, roads all ice. District Orange Lodge met at Lansdowne. Helping Mr. Smith draw hay.
- Jan. 14-20      Very cold with snow, then rain and thaw. Mon. - aint doing anything. Took a load of 7 to Maple Grove to District Temperance Lodge.
- Jan. 21-27      Very cold, 10 below, every place all ice. Uncle George Patterson came home. Took Uncle George an the girls out to Aunt Saries at Crosby.
- Jan.28-Feb 3      Went to Dunk Reeds to buy firewood. Took 3 hogs to Lansdowne, \$4.00 a hundred weight. Helping Tomas Bryon. Jan. ends and Feb. begins very rough. No good sleighing.
- Feb. 4- 10      Very heavy snow. S.O.T. held a social and intertainment. Took Uncles Robert and George out to Aunt Sarys, then went to Portland to Aunt Lizzies. Horse trots at Lansdowne.
- Feb. 11-17      Warm, spring like. Uncle George went home to Bitish Clumba. Tea meeting at Dulcamaine. Uncle Edward Summers came to visit. Sat. - there is nothing a doing.
- Feb. 18-24      Uncle Edd and Mary went home. Drew last load of stove wood from Mr. Horton's. Butchered a pork. Helping Tomas Bryon cut stove wood for W.N. Bowen.
- Feb. 25-Mar. 3      Terribly cold. Mr. Heaslip was 75. Week of snowing and blowing, worst of winter. Roads full. Sat.- Whole gang out breaking roads. No travel, but male and some rigs got through.
- Mar. 4 - 10      Old Mr. Superleses died. Terrible stormy weather. Got a cord of dry soft wood from the mill for 75 cents. Helping Wess Johnston draw logs to the mill.
- Mar.11 - 17      Drew home last of stove wood. Good sleighing now. Got 5 gals. of coaloil for \$1.20
- Mar. 18-24      Cutting wood for W.N. Bowen. Attended Grand Lodge in Prescott, came home on the midnight train. Went to Herb Leacock's wood bee. Helping Role Johnston cut wood.
- Mar. 25 - 31      Nice, warm weather; the wheels are running again. Helping Roll Johnston with his sirclur saw. Putting out minnur.
- April 1 -7      Mr. Joseph Turner died. Cutting stove wood at N.W. Bowen. Helping Mrs. William Patience saw wood.
- April 8 - 14      Nice but cold north wind. Frogs are croaking. D.B. Johnston and Rube Austin had a law suite over a horse trade. Fri. 13 - Good Friday - very nasty, rain and snow.
- April 15-21      Easter Sunday, warm spring day. Started to build Patent Fence. Sold 5 bushel of peas to J. Weston. Mrs. John E. Steacy died, age 90.
- April 22- 28      Finished building fence. Started Spring work. Sowing wheat and oats.
- April 29 - May 5      Mr. Heaslip helping with Spring work. Old Mr. P Lappan died, funeral in Gananoque. Finished work at home, started on the Keating place.
- May 6 -12      Martha and I was out at Elgin. Mr. Heaslip helping at \$1.50 a day. Old Mrs Thomas was buried.

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**SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM**

We are now participating in two Save-A-Tape programs. Save your cash register tapes from:

**BALDREE'S - YOUR INDEPENDENT GROCER**  
 and  
**A & P DOMINION SAVE-A-CENTRE**

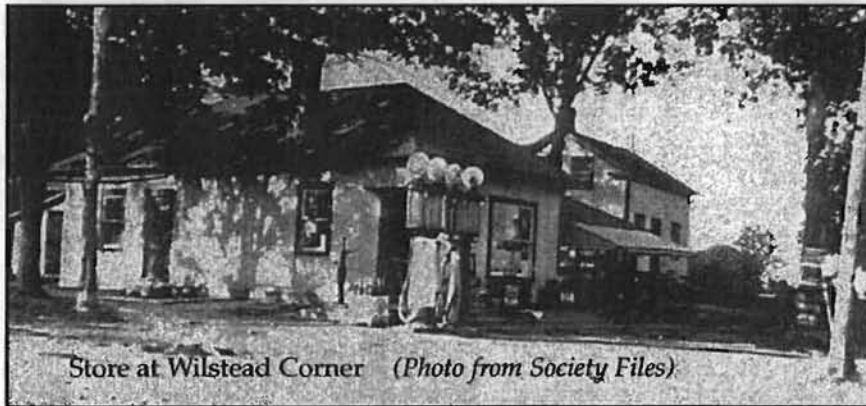
Please give your tapes to any executive member, bring them to a meeting, or drop them in the mail to us. The Society receives a donation from the companies on a percentage basis.

**JOHN QUINN DIARY-** *(Continued from page #11)*

- May 13 - 19      Went to Sand Bay to church in morning, then IOOF Sermon in afternoon. Working on Keating place. Got 23 pounds tea from Rob Moxley. Finished spring work.
- May 20-26      Warm but heavy rain and hail. Planted 4 bushel of potatoes. May 24- Queen's Birthday. Went to Kingston. Bought a cap and 2 shirts - \$1.55.
- May 27-June 2      Drove to Sand Bay to church. Eclipse of the sun. Boring post holes along road. Cheese sold for 9 1/2 cents a pound. Very heavy fall of rain.
- June 3 - 9      Went to Gananoque to Conference Meeting. Got two tires set on buggy. Helping George Humphrey build Patent fence, \$1.00 a day.
- June 10 - 16      J.E. Steacy and I spent Sunday at J.T. Slacks. Working on the road. Martha and I went to Lindhurst to District Temperance Lodge. Went to N.R. Johnston's raising. Helping N.W. Bowen build chimneys.
- June 17 - 23      Went to Kingston to military camp. Mrs. Henry Patience died.
- June 24 - 30      Went to Elgin, then to Lindhurst to church. Went back to Kingston to military camp. Had a sham battle at camp. Had a grand march all through the city, 14 miles. Sat. June 30 - The sholders came home from camp today

**McCrone's Corners - An Early Community**

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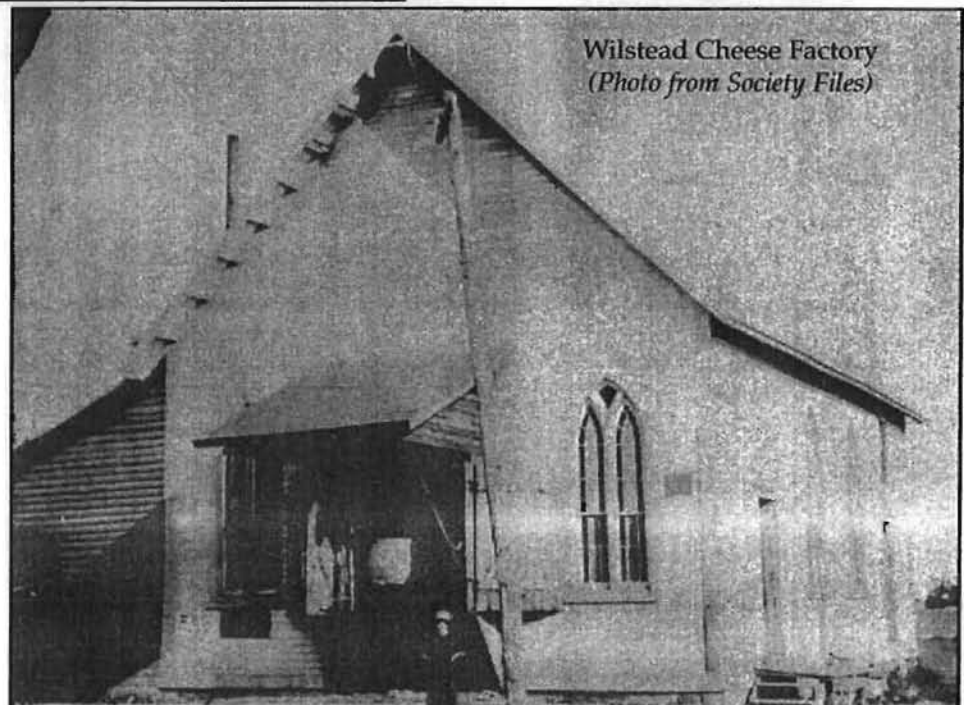


Store at Wilstead Corner *(Photo from Society Files)*

The Cliffe and Modler families developed the farms north of the Corners on both sides of the road. Other families that settled in the area in those early times were Steacy, Dodds, Waldie, Anderson, Richardson, Rogers, Landon, Stratton, Boyce, Elliott, Cross, Gray and Kyes to name a few.

New methods of travel, the opening of Cow and Gate, rural mail

delivery and the movement of families marked an end to the closeness of the community and it gradually ceased to be a vital part of everyday life. Many of us have fond memories of stopping at the store for a soft drink and bubblegum when it was operated by Mr. and Mrs. Groves and Arnold and Ruth Day. The old Bethel Church stands as the last stark reminder of the busy spot along the highway that Wilstead was in days gone by. □



Wilstead Cheese Factory  
*(Photo from Society Files)*

The Cliffe Families of  
Wilstead by Alan Lindsay

Four Cliffe brothers, John, Henry, Anthony and Samuel emigrated from Wexford Ireland in the 1830's and settled north of Wilstead Corner. Richard Cliffe, believed to be a nephew, also came with the family.

**John Cliffe 1795-1870** married Elizabeth Ruttle (Ruckle) 1808-1895. Elizabeth was a member of the Ruttle/Ruckle family that settled north of Lansdowne.

Children: Daniel 1837-1913 mar. Margaret Brown - family went to Ft. William , Ont.

George 1838- mar. Elizabeth Ann Clendenning - 10 children

Margaret 1839- mar Daniel Ruttle - 2 daughters

Jane mar. Israel Bowen - no family

Clara 1834 - 1907

Agnes mar. Thomas Ruttle

**Henry Cliffe 1801-1865** mar. Elizabeth Modler Nov. 4, 1830 in Limerick Ireland. His second wife was Mary Ann.

Children: 1. John 1830-1897 mar. Ann Baker - Wm. Henry (g-father of Sadie Allen), Elizabeth, Susannah mar. James Cornett, Margaret mar. Henry Heasler, James, Minnie, Wesley, Fred, Edgar, Ella mar. Robert Wilson (lived beside Wilstead School).

2. Thomas 1836-1899 mar. Elizabeth Grothier -lived where Malcolm Donnelly lives only two of their children lived to adulthood: Georgieanna mar. Loftus Bryan and Agnes mar. George Sly.

3. Mary Ann mar. Amos Carpenter 4 children

4. Elizabeth 1843-1923 mar. Herman Martin

5. Henrietta 1845-1924 mar. Daniel Day Patterson

6. Emeline 1855-

**Anthony Cliffe 1807-1869** mar. Lucinda Millar 1809-1874

Children: Margaret 1838-1924 unmarried

Charles 1841-1931 mar. Laura Holdcroft - 5 children

Joseph 1847-1911 mar. Alice Webster - Albert mar. Pearl Anderson (parents of Joe and Charlie), Gertrude mar. Curtis Anderson, Maude mar. John Seal

Mary 1852 -

**Samuel Cliffe 1808-1892** mar. Agnes Cochrane 1826-1899 - lived on the Will Webb farm  
11 children. family went to Michigan in 1874.

**Richard Cliffe 1832- ?** lived Gananoque mar. 1st Mary Jane Brown. Children: Allison Jane mar. Hiram Capes (went to Webwood Ont), Adam, George  
mar. 2nd Mary Jane Martin.

Children: Richard Alexander mar. Catherine LaFrance-May , Mary, Fabian, Catherine, O'Gorman  
Mary Jane mar. Joseph Byron - 6 children

Wm. John mar. Henrietta La Sha - 8 children (Agnes mother of Cliff LeClair,  
Berton father of Michael)

Special thanks to Joe and Agnes Cliffe of Wilstead and Michael and Susan Cliffe of Ottawa

## **LEGGE SCHOOL S.S. #4**

*(by Alan Lindsay)*

The original school building was on the north-west corner of the present County Road 2 and Hiscock Road. This road was originally known as Marble Rock Road. On March 14, 1862 the trustees of S.S. #4 purchased 1/2 acre about a quarter mile north on the east side of the road from the Legge family. The Legge farm later belonged to the Actons, the farm being where 1000 Trailer Sales is now located. The present stone building was probably built about this time. One of the old registers states that the school records had been destroyed so little is known about the early years.

In 1871 the money to pay the teacher was collected by each child who attended paying 12 1/2 cents per month, the remainder raised by a tax on the rateable property, and by grants from the municipal and provincial governments and the clergy reserve. 1885 appears to be the last year money was received from the clergy reserves. In 1871 the teacher was paid \$184. By 1873 the teacher's salary had risen to \$360., but dropped to \$335. in 1874. \$1. was also paid that year to clean the school. Also in 1874 the school received \$2.50 when the building was used for election purposes. This use continued for many years.

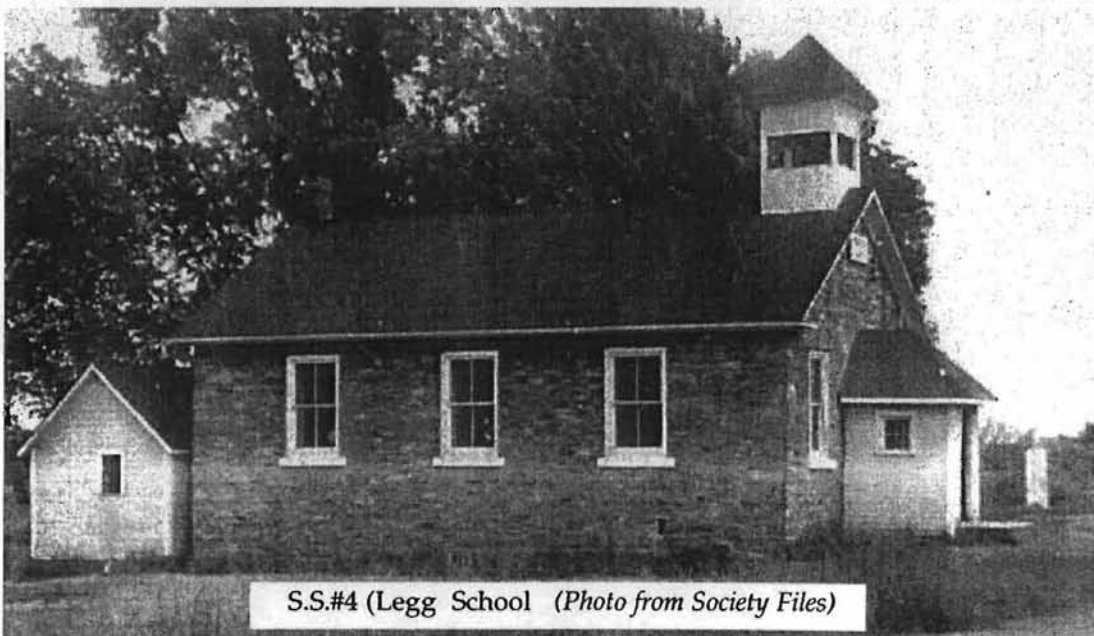
The woodshed was originally on the front of the school, but was moved twice, first in the 1920's and replaced with a small enclosed porch, and later to the back of the school when the road was widened. In 1880 a new double stone privy was built on the rock ledge at the back of the school. Cost of the building was \$42.50. In 1903 the bell tower was added at a cost of \$4.00. At one time there was a high board fence along the road in front of the school.

Inside there were blackboards between the windows on the sides and above the platform at the front. On either side of the front blackboard were cupboards for library books.

Water had been obtained from the cheese factory next door and later from a spring on the edge of the swamp behind the school. One of Bob Cunningham's cows fell in the spring and drowned, so a well was drilled in the early 1950's. Hydro was installed about 1940.

The swamp was a perfect place for the students to play and skate at noon hour. There were generations of wet feet and pant legs! The teacher rang the bell in the belfry to get everyone back to school. In 1957 another half acre below the hill was added to the schoolyard to provide additional play area so that home run balls did not end up in George Kane's garden.

The attendance of the school varied over the years. In 1937, for example, there were only 7 pupils, but in 1958 there were 38 in six grades, the overflow being transferred to other schools in the area. The school closed in 1960 and the



S.S.#4 (Legg School (Photo from Society Files)

pupils transferred to the new William Hiscock School a short distance down the road. The building remained vacant for some years before it was sold and turned into a private residence.

*(Alan Lindsay attended Legge School for 7 of his 8 years of public school. Original material is from Fairgrove Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History.)*



**LEGGES SCHOOL S.S. # 4 - 1912**

**Back Row (left to right):** Isa Hutchison, Della Gray, Vera Boyle, Miss Ethel Brown (teacher), Mildred Haesler, Muriel Haesler

**Front Row (left to right):** Lena Gray, Roy Haesler, Greta Richardson, Ray Haesler, Elmer Haesler, Hilda DeWolfe

*(Photo donated to the Society by Mrs. Doreen DeWolfe)*

**TEACHERS AT LEGGES SCHOOL**

1871	Miss Crays	1901	Miss Victoria Steacy	1927	Miss Pearl Latimer
1872	Miss Sliter	1904	Miss N. Whitmore	1930	Miss Vaida Webster
1874	Mr. Wm. Goodbody	1905	Miss J. Lynette	1930	Miss Irene Patience
1878	Miss Livingston	1907	Miss K. Connor	1937	Miss Janet Darling
1879	Miss Stevens	1909	Miss E. Fair	1945	Mrs. Alita Abrams
1881	Miss Robinson	1910	Mr. Frank Bolin	1946	Mrs. Hazel McGonegal
1882	Miss Yule	1910	Miss J. Bryson	1947	Miss Jessie Ferguson
1883	Miss Tighe	1911	Miss Nellie Scanlan	1949	Miss Josephine Caiger
1884	Mr. W.C. David	1912	Miss Ethel Brown	1951	Mrs. Winona Kyes
1885	Miss Burns	1914	Miss Gertie Cliffe	1953	Betty Gates
1886	Miss Clendenning	1914	Miss Hilda DeWolfe	1955	Anna Munro
1887	Miss Wafer	1915	Miss Pearl Webster	1956	Mrs. Margaret Gray
1888	Miss Legge	1916	Miss Lucy Murray	1957	Mrs. Helen O'Neill
1888	Miss McCallum	1918	Miss Ruby Morris	1958	Mrs. Janet Lindsay
1890	Miss Clendenning	1919	Mr. Bruce Webster		
1895	Miss Haines	1919	Miss Myrtle Wright		
1896	Miss Bailey	1921	Miss Helen Smades		
1897	Mr. W.C. Steacy	1923	Miss Anna Munro		
1898	Miss Carroll	1924	Mr. Charlie Kenny		
1899	Miss Johnston	1925	Miss Agnes Robinson		

*Information obtained from general registers. Some dates are approximate*

**Paid up MEMBERSHIPS as of JULY 2000**

<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>	<u>LAST NAME</u>	<u>FIRST NAME</u>		
AKENSON	PROF. D.G.	JORDON	JOE M.P.	SMITH	OMAR
ANDREWS	AUDRE	JOYCE	MARION	SMITH	SUSAN
ASHLEY	WINONA	KAISER	HOWARD	SORENSEN	JOHN & LOUISE
BLACKBURN	HELEN	KEIR	VIVIAN J.	STEACY	JOHN D. G.
BOULTON	WM.	KELSEY	LLOYD	STEACY	MR. & MRS. H.R.
BROWN	JACK	KENNEDY	ROBERT	STEACY	MARION
BURNS	DONALD	LACKIE	KAYE	STEACY	RICHARD
BURNS	GEORGE	LALANDE	ELAINE	STEVENS	CECIL
BURNS	JOAN	LANDON	GLENDENE	STURGEON	VICKY
BURNS	KARL	LANDON	HARRY	TAMBLYN	AUDREY
BURNS	KEITH & JOAN	LANDON	YVONNE	THOMPSON	MAVIS
BURNS	TOM	LANGTON	JIM & NANCY	TRICKEY	R. SPENCER
BURTCH	RITA	LAPOINTE	YOLANDE	TRUESDELL	VAIDA
CHAMPAGNE	DAVE	LAPPAN	ROSE	WARREN	MARGEL
CHISAMORE	DONALD	LAWSON	RICHARD	WATKINS	BILL
CHISAMORE	RUTH	LEGGETT	LYNNE	WEBSTER	ROBERT
CLARK	ED	LINDSAY	ALAN	WEBSTER	PAUL & DOREEN
COTE	PAUL	LYNCH	CHERYL	WHITE	WILBERT
CRAWFORD	GLORIA	LYNCH	DAVID & BEV	ZIMMER	JOHN E.
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CROSS	DONNA	MACKENZIE	SCOTT		
CROSS	THORALD	MACKIE	NELLIE		
DELANEY	PEGGY	MALLORY	MARJORIE		
DESJARDINS	MELANIE	McDOUGAL	MARILYN		
DICKSON	GERI	McKAY	HUGH & MARION		
DOAK	BOB	MODLER	BERTHA		
DOBSON	JOYCE	MONTGOMERY	LEON		
DONEVAN	CHAS	MONTGOMERY	LOVERNA		
DONEVAN	DOUGLAS	MOORHEAD	ALBAN		
DONEVIN	LOUISE	MOULT	ELEANOR C.		
DUSTO	JUDI	MULHOLLAND	PAT		
EDGLEY	LAWRENCE	NALON	JOHN		
EDWARDS	CAROL	NEAL	TOM		
FLOEY	BRUCE	NEWELL	DORTHY		
GEEKIE	NANCY	NEWELL	WM. & AUDREY		
GIBSON	LINDA	NUTTALL	MR. & MRS. BEN		
GILBERT	D. E.	OLIVIER	GLENDA & BOB		
GRAHAM	ANDREW	ORTH	JIM & CATHERINE		
GRAHAM	ANNE & TOM	PAGE	STEPHEN		
GRICE	LINDA	PILON	TELESPHORE		
GRIER	ROSS	POPE	ALICE		
GRIFFIN	ROY	REID	JOHN		
GRILLS	DIANA	REID ROBERTSON	MARY		
HAFFIE	JOHN	RONEY	.G.V.		
HALL	DIANE	RUNNING	IRVIN		
HALL	MYRTLE	RUNNING	MR./MRS. .MURRAY		
HAMEL	HUBERT	SHERREN	MONA		
HOGAN	KENNETH P.	SHERWOOD	CHARLOTTE		
HORTON	GEORGE	SHIRE	GEORGE		
HUNT	ERIC	SLY	KEITH		
JACK	MURRAY	SLY	SANDRA		
JONES	MARY A.	SMITH	BRIAN		

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