

# HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OF

FRONT OF LEEDS AND LANSDOWNE

SPECIAL FEATURE & PHOTOGRAPHS

## MARBLE ROCK

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NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is our first newsletter for 1999 and I know Bill has worked hard on it to get it ready for publication. We have had excellent feedback on the quality of the newsletters and also appreciate the time and expertise that Ted and Pat Hewitt put into its production.

We have had an excellent variety of speakers over the fall and winter and I am pleased to see so many members out to the meetings.

We keep adding to our collection of artifacts and information on the Township all the time. The collection from Darlingside is almost completely catalogued. What we need now is a place to make everything available for people to look at!

Our trip to Fulford Place in April ends our program before the summer break. Please stop and see our booth at the Lansdowne Fair. We always need volunteers to help out so if you have a couple of hours you can spare please let us know. We are also sponsoring the Lansdowne Craft Fair on October 30th and we look forward to seeing you there.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and we will see you in the fall.

ALAN LINDSAY



PRESIDENT

Emery School students  
at Marble Rock Crystal Mine, April 1957

*Photo by Bill Boulton*

### **COVER PHOTO**

### **MARBLE ROCK BRIDGE AND DAM**

from an old postcard.  
*(Society files)*



**DRAW WINNERS - 1999**

General meetings will be held on the THIRD MONDAY of the month, September to November at 7:30 p.m., Community Building, Lansdowne.

Winners of the draws held at recent meetings were:

- January - Irene Grier; a book on the History of the Central Experimental Farm.
- March - Dave Champagne, Theresa N.Y.; a set of prints depicting scenes at the Central Experimental Farm.

*The Historical Society wishes to thank Andrew Graham for the donation of these prizes.*

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**THE FRONT of LEEDS and LANSDOWNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Slate of Officers - 1998 - 1999**

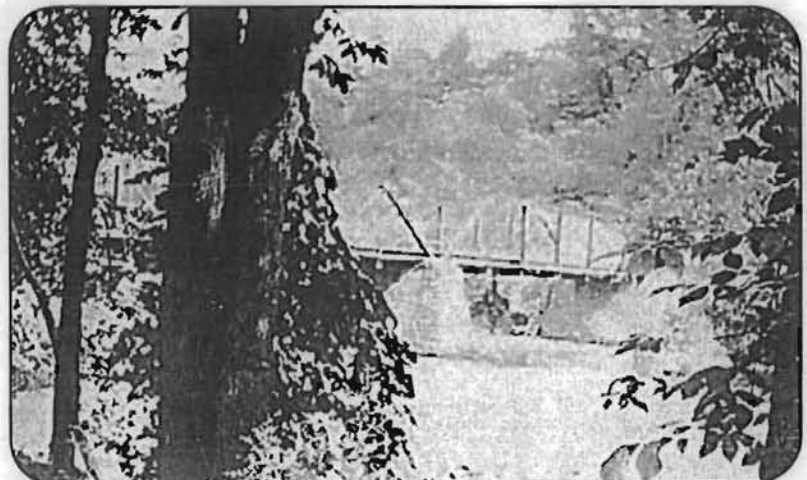
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Laura, Aaron and Justin Neibala with their winning pumpkins  
*Photo by Bill Boulton*



Marble Rock Bridge:  
*Photo courtesy Connie Burns*

**FROM OUR READERS****NEWSLETTER # 10**, page 15, LANSDOWNE CONTINUATION SCHOOL PICTURE

Back Row #6 -Doreen Lappan #8 - Gerald Running

Third Row #6 - Pauline Lappan

(Sorry for the errors and omissions)

**JOHN QUINN DIARY** -February 2 - Candlemas

February 2 observed as a church festival in commemoration of the presentation of Christ in the Temple and the purification of the Virgin Mary. Candlemas, from candel + masse, feast; from the candles blessed and carried in celebration of the feast. (Before the 12 th century)

*Thanks to Marion Joyce for this information.*

**JOHN D. G. STEACY WRITES AGAIN**

In going through my father's correspondence, dealing mainly with the late eighteen eightys and through the eighteen ninetys, I find that, rather than calling their new land by its Anglicized name, Lansdowne, the early Irish settlers about Caintown, Ballycanoe, McIntosh Mills, DulcieMain, and Lansdowne Village, referred to the whole area as Wexford Country. Most, if not all the Irish settlers mentioned in the bulletin came from Wexford, in the South of Ireland, around the town of Enniscorthy. Their main Parish Church was St. Mary's, situated on a steep rise overlooking the Slaney River - and its companion Parish of St. John.

St. Mary is of interest for two reasons - the first, because, in 1832, one Dennis Steacy, his wife and family, left their Irish homes for the last time, attended service there, and walked down the hill, where they boarded a ship that was to carry them to Quebec City. The other reason was that my father, born in that log house near Warburton in 1868, by 1917 was the Head of the Canadian Chaplain Services Overseas, went back "to his roots" and from the ornate stone pulpit in St. Marys, he preached a sermon .. so, when I went back and stood in that pulpit where my father had stood, and looked down at the pews where Dennis and his family had sat - at the stone font where my great grandfather William was christened - there was a feeling of kinship over the years.

This was the Old Wexford Country that the Steacys, the Websters and the Latimers knew, and carried with them to their new land, which they affectionately dubbed 'Our Wexford Country'. A young Irish Priest named O'Kelly arrived at Ballycanoe with his sister Margaret in 1884. Margaret kept very detailed notes on the social and ecclesiastical events that transpired, even the dress with the ribbons that she wore to the opening of the new Catholic Church at Rockport - opened almost at the same time as St. Matthews, Warburton ..... I have been privileged to study many of these letters and notes.

Later, she returned to her family home in Montreal, and married a very prominent surgeon. Her years in Ballycanoe and the surrounding country left their mark on her, as it does with every one privileged to live there. I will quote from a letter written to the then Reverend Richard Steacy, Richmond Hill, Ontario 1892 ..... "The children have gone to the park with Nanny ...I have given the servants the afternoon off .... Frank is away at a medical conference in Quebec City .... and I am sitting here alone, thinking of you, and our days in our Wexford Country ....".

And I am sitting here alone, with your bulletin beside me, thinking of a seven year old boy whose dearest wish was to ride into Lansdowne - it usually meant an ice cream cone. Thank you for bringing back probably the happiest part of my life.

John D.G. Steacy  
Ottawa, Ontario

*Thank you, Mr Steacy, for this interesting material.*

**CAN YOU HELP ?**

**Member Barbara Salazar, 2 Catamount Lane, Littleton, Colorado 80127 is looking for the following family information:**

Searching for names/dates/places of birth for parents of Eurith (Urithe) Phillips, born 24 May 1819, ????Ireland, married Joseph Copeland, about 1844 in ????Leeds County, settled at marriage in Leeds County, died November 27, 1894 in Winnipeg, Manitoba; burial Fairview cemetery, Listowel. Also searching for birthplace in Ireland of Eurith. Eurith was an only child born five months after her father was killed in an accident. She came to Canada as a young girl and married Joseph Copeland settling in Leeds County. Some of her family names were: Horton(Houghton), Kendrick and Derenzie(Derenzy)-- only clues to her ancestry.

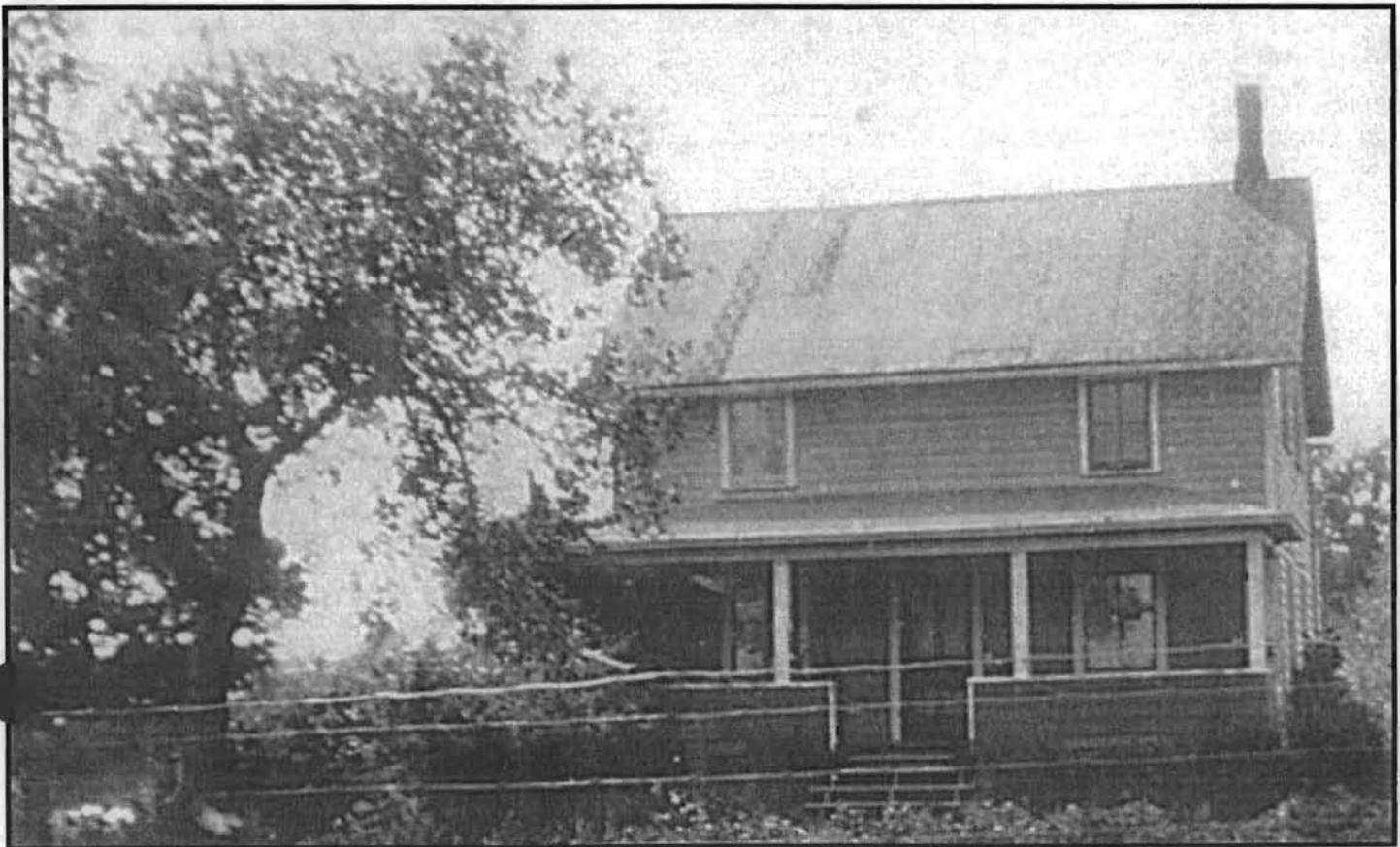
Other helpful clues: children of Eurith Phillips and Joseph Copeland were: Emma, born 1845, married Ephriam Hill, January 1862; Naomi ,born 9 March 1847, in Lansdowne, Leeds County, married Thomas Gregory, 1867; Robert T., born 1848, spouse Katherine McIntyre; Eurith Annetta, born 1853, spouse Lachlan C. McIntyre;Araminta Adelaide, born 10 April 1854, Bluevale, married John Climie Hay, 20 October 1874 in Lucknow; Elizabeth, birth unknown, married Thomas D. Robinson; George Derenzie, born 1850, spouse Minnie Williams; Miriam, birth unknown, married Daniel Kennelly; Susan, birth unknown, married James Green.

**Lansdowne 1899**

- Where were H.S. Merrill's store, Mr. T Gilbert's wagon shop and James Greer's cheesebox factory (Outlet)?
- Miss Jenny Foley, school,teacher of Malakoff was visiting at Wilstead. Where was Malakoff?
- The Gananoque Reporter carried a weekly news column from Willetsholme. Where was it?

**Does Anyone Recognize This House?**

is was the home of Everett T. Rogers and his wife Theresa Eves from 1918 to 1922. It was probably rented. Mr. Rogers was the cheesemaker at Lansdowne Cheese Factory. Their daughter Phyllis was born here in February 1921 with Miss Roxy McCready attending as the midwife.



**THE NEWS FROM '99**

**THURSDAY JUNE 8, 1899**

A big rye in Lansdowne last night, 8 men arrested. (John Quinn's Diary - pg. 13)

**THE GANANOQUE REPORTER, SATURDAY JUNE 10, 1899**

**THE RAILWAY STRIKE:**

Last Saturday it was reported all day that the trackman's strike on the G.T.R. had been arranged, and the men would go back to work on Monday.

Monday morning the men in this vicinity went to work, but were notified during the forenoon that they were not employed, and as they had quit work to go on strike they would only be taken on again as new men. . . . . The men quit work at once.

Lansdowne has been the scene of some excitement during the past two days. A gang of 8 or 9 men was located there, but they did not attempt to do any work in the face of threats made against them. They were denied all assistance, and were not allowed to procure water to drink. Among the lot was a man of powerful build who made himself very offensive about the village, telling what a dangerous fighter he was.

The men became frightened and on Wednesday evening fired several shots from their car in a rather reckless manner. Two of the shots passed through Mr. G.F. Dean's windows. On Thursday warrants were issued for the arrest of the men, and they were removed from their cars and locked up in Mr. Latimer's Hotel. It was expected that the County Crown Attorney from Brockville would be at Lansdowne to prosecute the matter.

A carload of Italians came to Gananoque Thursday morning. At night they were approached by a crowd of about 150 men and boys from the town and country and ordered to move on. They complied, telegraphing Kingston for an engine to move them from the Junction.

**THE GANANOQUE REPORTER, SATURDAY JUNE 17, 1899**

Charges were dismissed as the shooter was a G.T.R. constable and as such was a peace officer sent to protect the men. The men were in the car, their own house; and Statute permits them, being there, to defend themselves and have possession of firearms.

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 21, 1899**

Mr. W.J. Cornett was killed at Lansdowne. (John Quinn's Diary - pg. 13)

**KILLED BY TRAIN:**

Mr. W.J. Cornett, township councillor, who lived at Lot 5 Concession 3, about 4 miles west of the village, was crossing the tracks to the south to go to the lumber yard. His view to the west was cut off by buildings on that side of the crossing. A freight train came upon him from the west. He was struck and thrown some distance. One of his horses was killed and the wagon broken up. The other horse escaped with minor injuries. Mr. Cornett died of his injuries.

*Research from the microfilm files of The Gananoque Reporter at the Gananoque Library.*



**Prince Street, Lansdowne, Ont.,  
Looking north.**

**G.F. Deane's store on right.  
Mr. Deane standing 2nd from  
right.**

*From postcard in Society files.*

**HERITAGE FAIR '98** *(Article and Photos by Bill Boulton)*

The Historical Society held its 5th Heritage Fair at the Lansdowne Fair Grounds on Sunday October 4th. Again it was a beautiful fall day and those attending had an enjoyable time. To add to the tone of the day, many of the ladies dressed in period costumes.

Outside displays included a good number of antique cars, tractors and farm equipment. Returning again this year were Karl Burns with his antique chain saws, deZeeuws with fresh honey and a display of bees, and Robert Webster pressing fresh apple cider. This year we were fortunate to have a blacksmith again. John McGeachy of Kingston demonstrated his skill at the forge and drew an interested audience all afternoon. In the infield, Bill Grier and Clint Fletcher worked with their heavy horses.

The entertainment was moved inside the display building this year. Donna Richards again entertained the children with her puppet show. After a year's absence, the Leeds County Cloggers returned to step for us. For the hungry, Cheryl and Larry provided beef stew and other homemade heritage foods.

Heritage crafts were well represented. Carole Gorson and her beautiful quilts, the 1000 Island Rug Hookers and their traditional hooked rugs, Jeremy Brown with his spinning wheel, and Jack and Lorna Whyte demonstrating chair caning. Mrs. Dorthy Dingman donated a very interesting display of 1930's clothing.

This year two Women's Institutes displayed their Tweedsmuire Books, Lansdowne and Junetown. The Leeds and Grenville Genealogical Society again offered their research material for all interested.

Chris O'Grady's impressive display of cameras and related material was a hit with all. Frances Galley had herbs for sale and Anne Hunt displayed her heritage doll making.

The entries in the Giant Pumpkin Contest, in both the under 10 and 10-16 year categories topped even last years, the winner weighing in at 253 kg. This year we had no adult entries in the Giant Pumpkin Contest, and no children entering a scarecrow.

Through the co-operation and considerable effort of the South Lake Tractor Pullers, we were again able to offer an Antique Tractor Pull. We thank them for their efforts in providing a good show. All in all it was a good Heritage Fair and we thank all who assisted in the preparation and took part in the day.

We have been fortunate in having excellent co-operation from the weather for our Heritage Fairs over the last five years, only one very cold day. It is always a gamble though, as so much of the activity is outside. There is also considerable competition for displays and participation from other events in the area. The preparation of the Fair has placed a heavy load on the executive, especially on a few keen supporters. The crowds have not materialized as we had hoped and the return for effort has not been substantial.

***For these reasons, Heritage Fair #5 will be the last.  
The executive has decided to discontinue the operation of the Heritage Fair.***



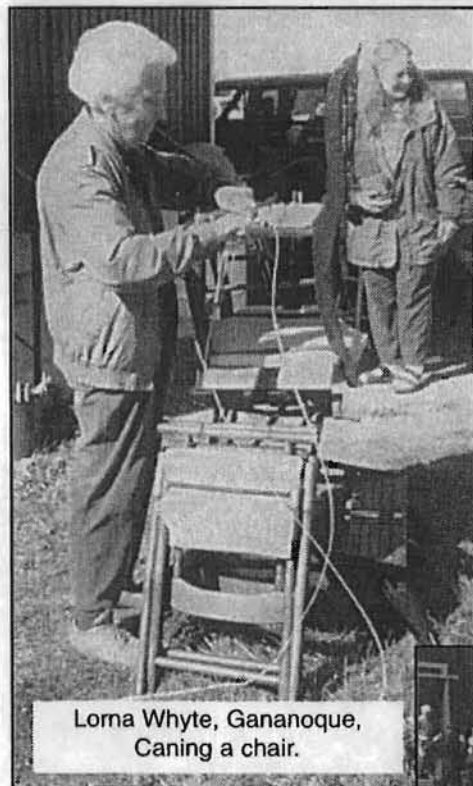
1000 Island Rug Hookers.



Blacksmith John McGreachy, Kingston,  
at the forge.

**HERITAGE**  
**FAIR '98**

*(All photos by Bill Boulton)*



Lorna Whyte, Gananoque,  
Caning a chair.



1897 Racing Sulkey owned by Virginia Tye.  
1927 Massey Harris Manure Spreader restored by Ed Clark.



**ANTIQUÉ TRACTOR PULL**

With the assistance of the South Lake Tractor Pullers, we were able to hold an antique tractor pull as part of the Heritage Fair. We acknowledge their efforts and thank them for it. They gathered sponsors for all the classes, and made the event known around the tractor pull circuit.

**RESULTS OF THE TRACTOR PULL:**

Up to 3700 lbs. - Sponsored by Newell's Garage, Lansdowne

- 1st. - Paul McCalpin, Gananoque - 173'6"
- 2nd.- Rob Daye, Portland - 157'
- 3rd. -Tom Daye, Elgin - 154'7"

3700- 4700 lbs.- Sponsored by Beebrook Farms, Gananoque

- 1st. - Jamie VanHook, Brockville - 254'10"
- 2nd. - Perry McCalpin, Gananoque - 243'1"
- 3rd. -Peter Sloan, Gananoque - 241'9"

4700 - 5700 lbs. - Sponsored by Chris Nash Building, Lansdowne

- 1st. - Harry Day, Delta - 227'4"
- 2nd. - Perry McCalpin, Gananoque - 219'8"
- 3rd. - Chris Nuttal, Gananoque- 171'7"

5700-6700 lbs. - Sponsored by Shortall's Sand and Gravel, Gananoque

- 1st.- Ron Chase, Gananoque - 204'7"
- 2nd. -Adam Daye, Portland -203'3"
- 3rd. - Chris Nuttal, Gananoque- 179'

6700 -7700 lbs. - Sponsored by J.W. Lackie and Sons, Lansdowne

- 1st. - Laurence MacDonald, Toledo - 216'8"
- 2nd.- Ron Chase, Gananoque -208'7"
- 3rd. - Terry Dixon, Brockville - 208'1"

7700 - 8700 lbs. - Sponsored by BMD Transportation, Lansdowne

- 1st. - Tom Daye - 236'1"
- 2nd. - Laurence MacDonald, Toledo - 235'10"
- 3rd. - Terry Hawley, Merrickville - 235'4"



Jeff Sloan pulling with a Cockshut Tractor

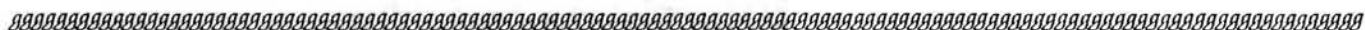
**ANTIQUA TRACTOR PULL** - (Continued from page 9)

8700 - 9700 lbs. - Sponsored by Southlake Tractor Pullers, Gananoque  
1st. - Tom Daye, Elgin - 262'8"  
2nd. - Terry Hawley, Merrickville - 255'8"  
3rd. - Kevin Smith, Delta - 250'10"

Open - 9700 lbs. and up - Sponsored by The Sloan Pulling Team, Gananoque  
1st. - Darrell Elger, Kemptonville - 264'4"  
2nd. - Tom Daye, Elgin - 256'4"  
3rd. - Terry Hawley, Merrickville - 253'4"

28 Tractors, 48 entries  
Weighing done by pad scales - Richard Raisin, Delta Agricultural Society  
Pullback Tractor - Smiths' Goldendale Farms, Lansdowne  
Announcer - Gordon Brundige, Frankville

Thanks to all the workers who helped during the setup and pull.



**HERITAGE FAIR PRIZE WINNERS**

**GIANT PUMPKIN CONTEST**

**Under 10 years**

1st. - Michael and Taylor Reid, Lansdowne - 413lbs.  
2nd. - Aaron Neibala, Lansdowne - 275 lbs.

**10 - 16 years**

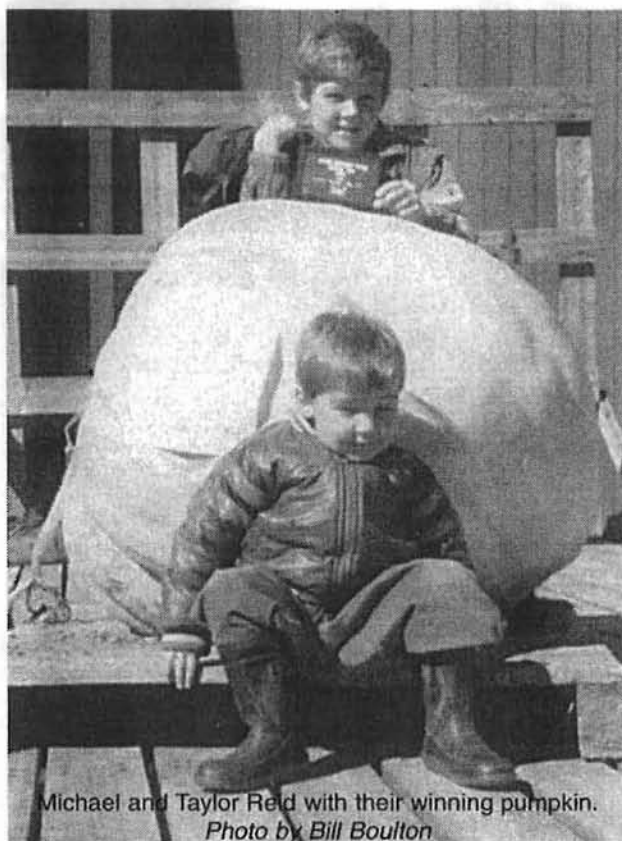
1st. - Justin Neibala, Lansdowne - 557lbs.  
2nd. - Laurel Neibala, Lansdowne - 222lbs.

**ANTIQUA CAR - PEOPLE'S CHOICE**

Tom Neal, Lansdowne - 1941 Plymouth

**OLDEST ENTRY**

Virginia (Reid) Tye, Chaffey's Locks - 1897 Racing Sulkey



Michael and Taylor Reid with their winning pumpkin.  
Photo by Bill Boulton

THE STEACY FAMILY (Part 2) by Alan Lindsay

The second son of Dennis Steacy to settle in Lansdowne was Richard Steacy (1819-1884). He farmed at Warburton and married Annah Evans Williams.

Children of Richard and Annah Steacy

John (1836-1899) known as "California" m Eliza Alexander (1834-1897)

Joseph m Gertrude Cross, ?Shaw, ?Healy

William m Martha Webster, Robert m Eva Grier - Anna May m Andrew McCormick

Richard m Clarissa Seaman - Harry, Bertha, Clara

Evans (1847-1927) m Mary Esther Earl (1856-1930) - Wairton, Ont.

George H. m Margaret Earl - Wairton, Ont.

Robert (1852-?) m Maria Warwick

Mary Jane m James Edgar, Thomas Sly, Samuel Jacobs - daughter, a Mrs. Wills of Lansdowne

Victoria Joyce (1860-1918) m George Cook (1865-1951), Harold

Eliza (1838-1900) m 1) Wm. Danis 2) John E. Steacy (one family history says she was Richard's daughter - see Steacy Family - Part 1)

Children of John(California) and Eliza Steacy - (several of the children were born in California)

Amy (Annie) m 1) Cyrus Cross 2) Alymer Weart

Matthew (1867-1935) m. 1) Alice Kendrick - Peachy Madill

2) Mary Smith Landon - no children. (see Quinn Diary, Jan. 15-21).

3) Janet Hurst - Alex, Alvin, Jean, John Hurst

Alexander John

R. Evans m 1) Leticia Keating, 2) Lizzy Scott - Recce

George W. m Lennie Cross - Leslie, Gerald

Children of Joseph and Gertrude Steacy

Joseph m Clara - Lennard, George, Francis, Florence, Charles, Victoria

John Richard

George Washington m Maggie Carpenter- George, Joe, Maggie, Wm., Thomas, Garnet, John

Effie

Robert

Thomas

Florence

Marble Rock Cheese Factory.  
Photo from Society Files



## **MARBLE ROCK**

Marble Rock was once a thriving community on the shore of the Gananoque River about 6 miles north of Gananoque. There was a store, tavern, post office, saw mill, grist mill, cheese factory and school.

The original English settlers named the area Marble Rock in the early 1800's. A huge ridge of marble granite runs along the Gananoque River. Long before the settlers arrived, the native people paddled up the river, portaged the falls, crossed Gananoque Lake and entered Charleston Lake through Wiltse Creek.

Thad W.H. Levitt's 1879 History of Leeds and Grenville states "At an early date John Howard, son of James B. Howard, built a mill at Marble Rock". John Howard was also granted lot 13, Con. 8 Elizabethtown in 1800 and lot 22, Con. 6 Wolford in 1801. Both had water rites. It is possible he was a mill builder who established mills and then moved on as he is not listed as owning land at Marble Rock.

William Emery Sr. was granted lot 20, Con. 3 Leeds on March 6, 1798. The land was transferred to his son Thomas about 1820. Three of Thomas' sons married Legges, possibly sisters of Josuah Legge. John, William, James, Walter and Levi Emery all lived at Marble Rock.

Thomas and his wife died in 1852-53 and part of the land including the mill passed to his sons George and Levi. Included was 1/3 part of the Marble Rock water privilege. In 1856 they sold the Mill site to James Coleman for 325 pounds. The Emery family still held land in the area as well as 2/3 of the water privileges. The Coleman mill must have been a considerable business as it was mortgaged for \$87,625. in 1862. The Gananoque Power Co. bought the water privileges in 1863.

While both mills appear to have been operated by the Emery family at one time, the grist mill was operated for a time by Thomas Dickson who came from Scotland in 1865. Later this building served as a cheese factory before being destroyed by fire. A new cheese factory was built to the north on Gananoque Lake Road. After this factory closed it was dismantled by Lewis Griffin.

Lewis Emery operated the store and post office in the building that is now the home of Bob and Cathy Griffin, 16 Old Mill Road. The post office opened in 1872 and closed in 1898. The mail was brought from Gananoque Junction by various means, even overland by foot in bad weather. The postmaster's salary was \$72. a year. This building also housed a tavern.

Over the years there have been 3 dams at Marble Rock. The first log dam was built, perhaps before 1800, by the Emery Bros. a couple of hundred feet up the river from the present dam. This dam had a sluiceway at both ends, the saw mill on the east bank, and the grist mill on the west. When the second dam was built a large amount of land was flooded further up stream. It was at this time that the guard house was built. It was of log construction, about 10 feet square, lined with steel plate, complete with gun ports. Parts of the steel wall can still be found on the hill at the east end of the present dam. Although the dam was guarded for a number of years, apparently no shots were ever fired. The present dam was built in the early 1920's by The Gananoque Light, Heat and Power Co. (now Granite Power Corp.).

In the early days, vast quantities of logs were cut from the heavy timberland far upstream and rafted down the lakes, streams and river. The rafts were taken apart above the dam and the logs allowed to proceed singularly over the dam. Sometimes the logs would jam up. A young man would have a rope tied around his waist while the other end was held by an older man on shore. He would take an axe, and after removing the obstructing log, would throw the axe into the river, jump into the river in the opposite direction from the moving logs, swimming back to shore with the aid of the rope. When the logs were all below the dam, they would be loaded on barges to be delivered.

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**MARBLE ROCK**      *(Continued from page 12)*

An old wooden bridge crossed the river near the site of the present bridge. When this collapsed, the township took over the road and named it Mill Road. The name is still in use on the west side of the river, the road on the east having been named Emery Road. The second bridge, of steel construction with a wooden deck, was built just south of the dam about 1923. It collapsed under the weight of a heavy truck in 1975. The present bridge was built some distance down stream.

Other industries flourished on the underlying rock of the area. A quarry near Marble Rock, on the back of the present Dickson farm, supplied excellent 'paving blocks' used by cities in the past to pave around their streetcar tracks. The stone was cut into blocks by expert stonecutters, loaded into horse drawn wagons to be taken to Cheesborough where it was loaded into railway cars. During the second World War quartz crystals were in demand for electronic equipment. A mine operated at Marble Rock from 1944 to 1948. The site was never mechanized, the rock being dug out of the hillside by hand. It closed when the demand ceased after the War. The remains of an old lime kiln could also be found near Marble Rock.

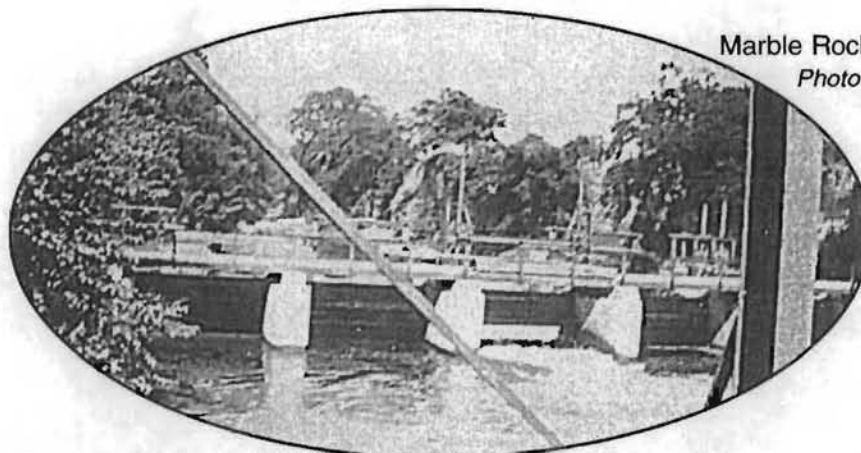
The school at Marble Rock was known as S.S. # 12, Emery School, the land having been donated by the original family. The school, of stone construction, still stands on the north side of the road at the corner of Eden Grove and Marble Rock Roads. It was probably built before 1850. Before that time there had been a log school directly across the road. Emery School closed in 1959 and the pupils moved to Hiscocks School. Further along Gananoque Lake Road, at the sharp turn to Griffins, stood Sand Hill School. It closed perhaps as early as 1940 and was moved to Station Road in 1950 where it is still used as a storage shed.

The pioneer cemetery for this area lies just north along the Gananoque Lake Road. It has been restored through the efforts of local residents. The oldest graves are those of Nelson Perry who died in 1869 at the age of 29 and Thomas H. Shaw who died in 1887 at age 17. Also buried here is Olive, wife of John Emery, who was 80 years old when she died in 1890.

Further north along the Gananoque Lake Road is Griffin's Lakeside Cottages. The Griffin family came to Canada from Vermont in the mid 1800's. They were fishermen and trappers, living off the land. William Griffin started the current business with his sons Ernie and Lewis in 1928. Ernie and Lewis still live on the site, the business being managed by Lewis' son Bob.

Today few signs of its prosperity remain, Marble Rock has become a quiet area of farms and homes. Several of the farms are still owned by descendants of the pioneers. Many new homes have been built in the area, and as well it has become a favorite site for summer homes along the shore.

*Article prepared by Bill Boulton from Society files and interviews with Ernie, Lewis and Bob Griffin..*



Marble Rock Dam.  
*Photo courtesy Connie Burns*

**1899 - LAST DAYS of the NINETEENTH CENTURY  
NOTES from the DIARY of JOHN QUINN**

- Jan. 1-7 No snow an the roads are very rough. 22 below zero. A big storm followed by a warm day and heavy rain. Went to Gananoque with a grist of wheat. Mr. John A. Steacy died.
- Jan. 8-14 Stormy, blustery, roads in bad shape, no sleighing..Drew home fire wood. Helped Mr. Smith draw in a stack of hay, 50 cents. Went to Brockville with Role Johnston and his pork.
- Jan. 15-21 Weather varied from blustery and rain to warm spring like. Went to Lansdowne to District Orange Lodge. Helping neighbours set incelidge, cut straw and fire wood. Mrs. Mary Landon and M.W. Steacy was married.
- Jan. 22-28 Weather varied from very warm to cold and blustery with snow and 10 below zero. No sleighing. Chopping wood.
- Jan. 29-Feb.4 Mr. Robert Stringer dead. Weather varied from 15 below to 5 above zero. Helping W.N. Bowen to draw grain to Lansdowne.
- Feb. 5-11 Weather varied from nice and warm to cold and blustery. No sleighing but fine wheeling. Went to Brockville to attend County Orange Lodge. Sawing wood with John E. Steacy.
- Feb. 12-18 Mrs. Foley died. Davy Armstrong's sister died. Soft weather with a little rain and snow. Took 30 bushels of oats to W.P. Moore, 30 cents a bushel. Helping O.W. Landon cut stove wood.
- Feb. 19-25 Hornerite church was opened today. William Armstrong died. First cow calved last night. No sleighing, good wheeling.
- Feb. 26-Mar. 4 Very disagreeable weather, wind from south with rain and snow. Drew loads of oats to Lansdowne; 65, 74 and 69 bushels..
- Mar. 5-11 Terrible storm, snow, rain and big wind. Joined the Sons of Temperance at Lansdowne. Finished cutting wood, 50 cords.
- Mar. 12-18 Heavy rain, snow and sleet. Roads very bad. Helping Role Johnston tap in sugar bush. Took a grist of feed to J.E. Steacy's to get ground.
- Mar. 19-26 Helped John Quinn to move to C.A. McNeils. Went out to Uncle Eead Somers. Stayed until Monday.
- Mar. 27-Apr. 1 Very cold. Good sleighing. Drew home stick of timber for the horse stable.
- Apr. 2- 8 Easter Sunday. Mr. Robert White burried. Mr. William Read died. Very wet, roads are terrible.
- Apr. 9-15 Mr. Sam Donevan raised barn. Sowed grass on field across road. Frogs are croaking for the first time this spring. DeWolf's barn at Lansdowne was burnt. Bought 4 bags of potatoes from Robertson an Burns at 55 cents per bushel.
- Apr. 16-22 Fixing up fences and letting off water. Bought a cow for \$28. at auction. Butchered a pig, 220 lbs. Got a Spade Harrow an a horse from C.W. Quinn.
- Apr. 23-29 Mr. Nicklis Horton was burried. Commenced to plow on Keating Place. Got a new watch chain with a jewel, 75 Cents. Had Joshawa Humphery sow 7 bushels of peas.
- Apr. 30-May 6 IOOF marched to the M E Church. Sowing wheat, Mr. Heaslip helping, \$1.50 a day.
- May 7- 13 Miss Lizzie Molton died at Leeds. Finished sowing wheat on Keating place, 52 bushels.
- May 14-20. Went to old Mr. Wart's funeral. Sowed barley. Took mother to Rockport to go to the Islands to work. Went to Elgin to Uncle Eead Somers for seed potatoes. Mary Eliza came home with me for a visit.
- May 21-27 Finished sowing grain. Got new pair of shoes, 75 cents. Putting minure on garden and putting in garden stuff. Finished planting potatoes.
- May 28-June 3 Cool, very heavy thunder storm, roads very muddy. Got a new minure fork. Went to Lansdowne to get a tub fixed. Piled out 30 loads of minure. Took Mary Eliza Somers home.

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**JOHN QUINN DIARY - (Continued from page 14)**

June 4-10 Mrs. ??acha Landon died. A big excitement at Lansdowne for the railroad gang. A big ryet in Lansdowne last night, 8 men arrested. Trile at Lansdowne today. (Editor's note: This must have been exciting as entry is very confusing).

June 11-17 Mrs. Steven Findlay died. Went to O.W. Landon's raising. Terrible hot, 90 in the shade. Commenced to do rode work. The Mare folded.

June 18-24 Worked on the road for Role Johnston and W.N. Bowen, paid \$1.00 and 75 cents for the two days. Putting new floor in stable. Mr. W.J. (William) Cornett was killed at Lansdowne. Went to Brockville with a load of hay for Roland Johnston.

June 25-30 Got a new lumber wagon from W.P. Moore for \$50. an the old wagon. Working at Role Johnstons all day tending masons, \$1.00. Went to Gananoque with a grist of wheat. Month ends very hot.

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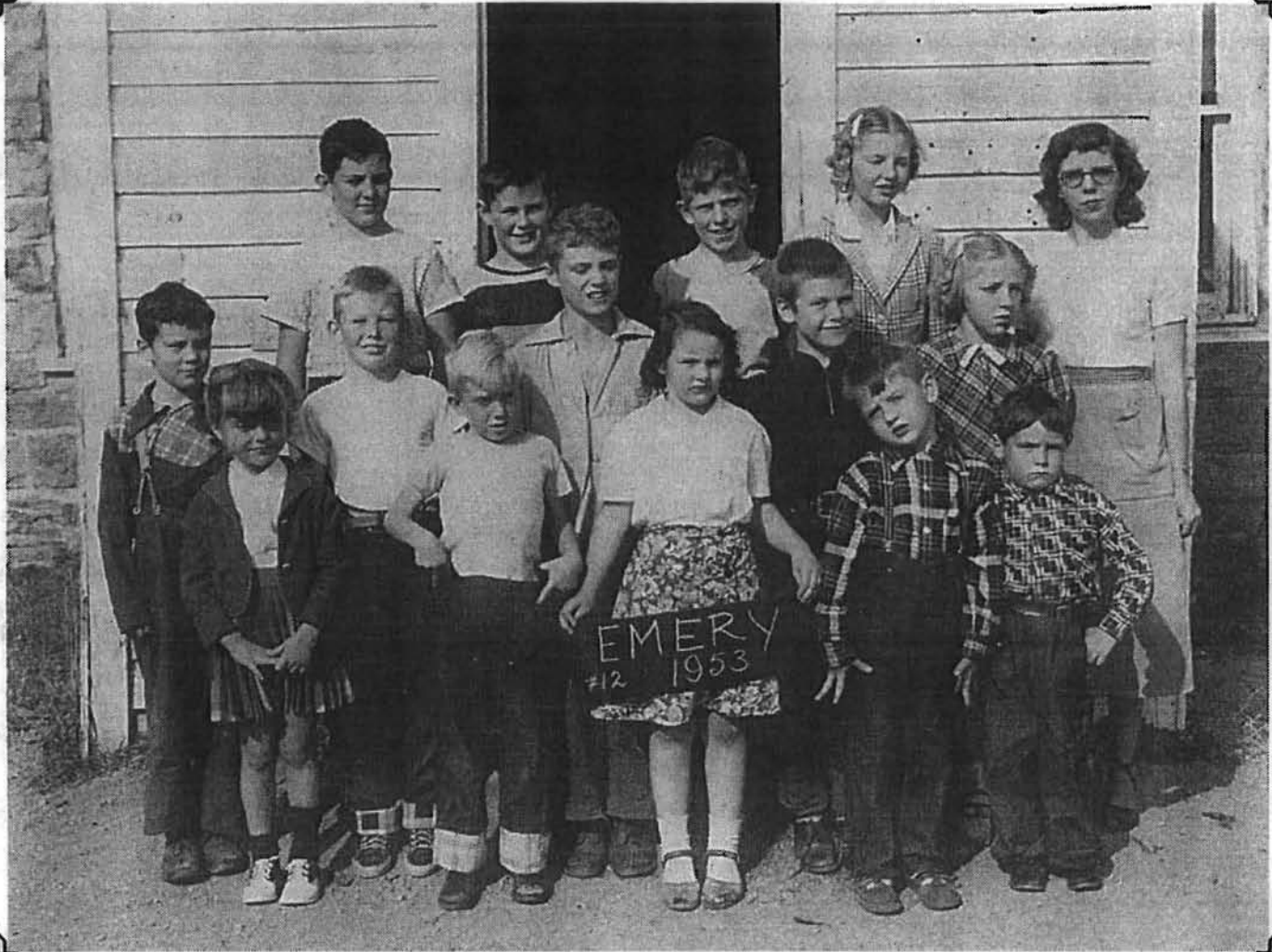
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**EMERY SCHOOL - 1910**

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