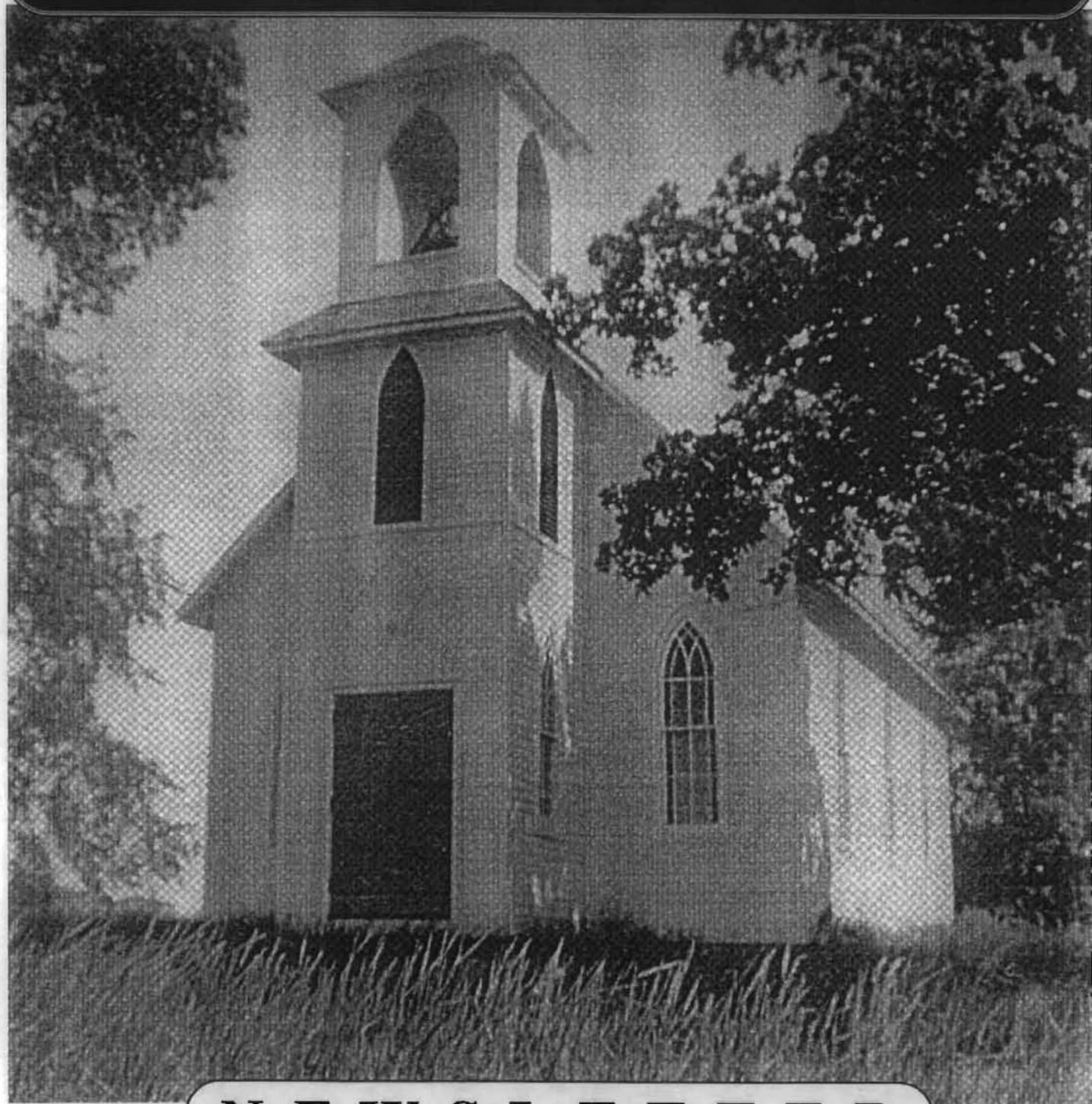


# HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OF

FRONT OF LEEDS AND LANSDOWNE



## NEWSLETTER

Number 10, December 1998

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your new president. I only hope I can begin to fill Bill's shoes. Again I would like to thank Bill for his leadership since we first organized. We couldn't have done it without him.

By the time you read this we will have held our 5th annual Heritage Fair. Its success is possible only because of all the hard work everyone involved puts into it, and your support is much appreciated. In this our major fund raiser. Special thanks to all the contributors and exhibitors. We were pleased to share the day with the South Lake Tractor Pullers again this year.

The cataloguing of the Darlingside material over the summer has revealed an unbelievable wealth of documents and artifacts, as well as some mysteries! We hope at a future meeting to have some of the material on display.

Bill has agreed to look after the publication of the newsletter and we welcome him to this role. Special thanks to the Hewitts for the hard work in putting the newsletter together.

I look forward to being your president and welcome you to our meetings over the winter. Come and bring a friend! If you have any meeting suggestions or artifacts to share, please bring them along.

ALAN LINDSAY



President

President Alan in Prison Cell  
(during visit to Correctional Services  
Museum, Kingston)

*Photo by Bill Boulton*

**COVER PHOTO  
ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH -  
WARBURTON**

Built in 1890 on land deeded to them from John and Eliza Steacy, it continued in use until 1965. It was dismantled in 1968.

*Photo from the Anglican Church Archives -  
courtesy of George Horton*



**GENERAL MEETINGS & PROGRAM NOTES - 1999**

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

**JANUARY 18:** HISTORY OF GRENADIER ISLAND - Cathleen Burtch

**FEBRUARY 15:** HISTORY & IMPORTANCE of the EXPERIMENTAL FARM IN OTTAWA - Andrew Graham

**MARCH 15:** DARLINGSIDE REVISITED

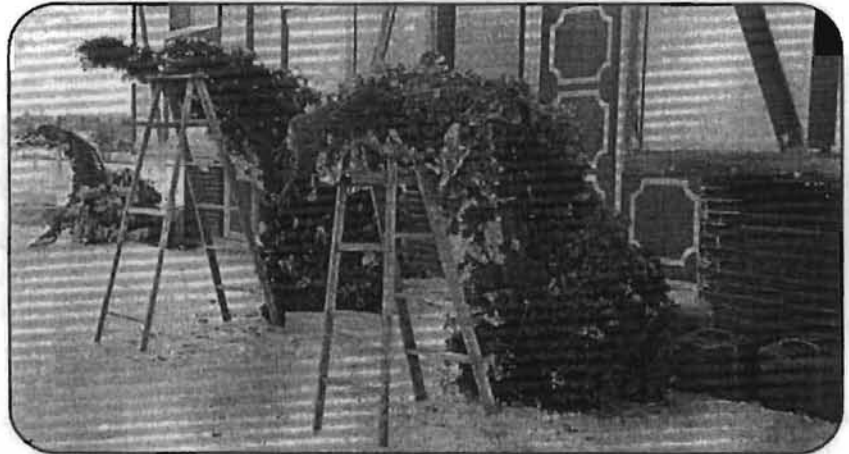
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**THE FRONT of LEEDS and LANSDOWNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
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Ice Storm January 1998 - Two views along highway #2  
 between Lansdowne & Gananoque - *Photos by Ted Hewitt*



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## Early Days and Early Settlers in the Front of Leeds and Lansdowne

NOTE: Since Alan Lindsay's presentation at the February meeting, we have had several requests for a written copy. Following is the text of his talk.

The settlement of the Front of Leeds and Lansdowne was different from the other townships along the river in Upper Canada. It is interesting to look at the way the Township was settled, who settled here and where they settled.

Abigail McNeil, in a story of her life she wrote when she was 97 years old, tells what life was like when she was a child. She was born at Kyes' Corners in 1802. She married Alexander McNeil and lived in the stone house at Lansdowne corner. She spent the last years of her life with her daughter Mrs. Adam Beatty who lived in what is now the Presbyterian Manse in Lansdowne.

"I remember that we lived in the woods. We worked hard to extend our clearing. Wolves and other animals were very troublesome, the wolves particularly, as they killed sheep and calves. They even killed a cow which my husband brought from Lower Canada. When the grain was ripening in the summer, my brothers and I spent the day from early morning till dark driving off the blackbirds and pigeons to save the crop."

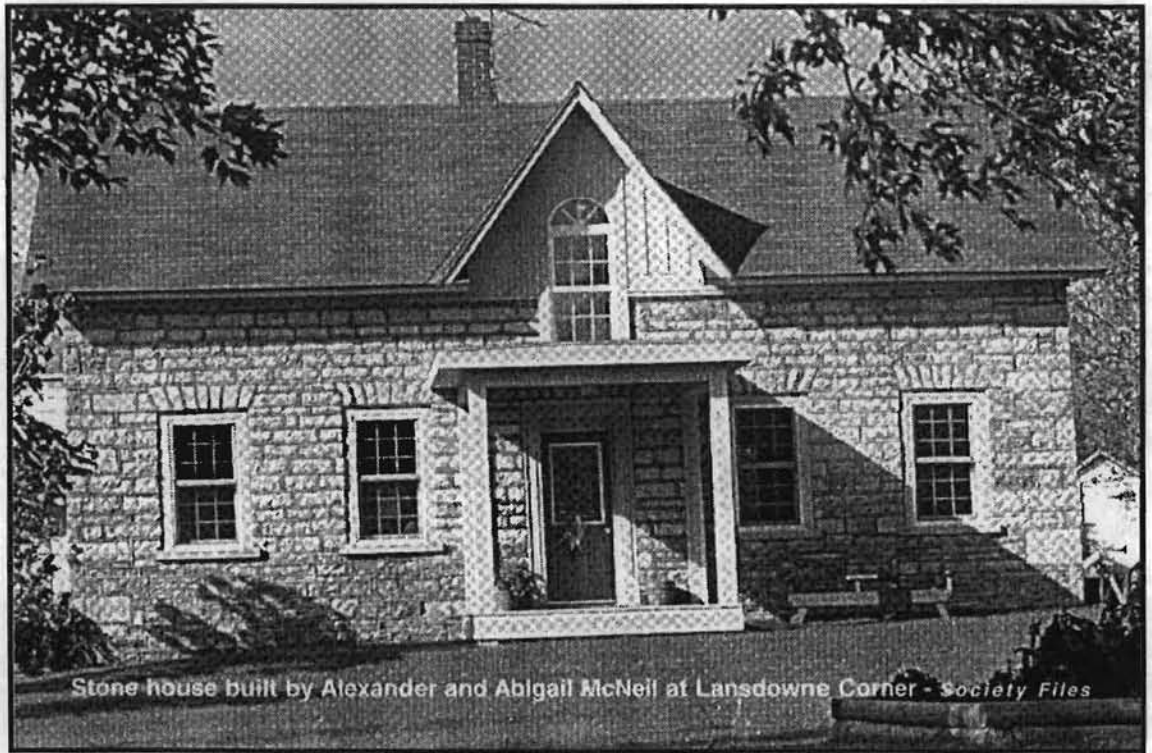
"We didn't have many household articles, mostly just what we could make ourselves. We didn't have carpets, curtains, stoves or crockery. Dishes were scarce in those days, and there weren't many knives or forks. We had to raise what food we had, but we would have wild animals and birds of course. Maple sugar was all we had for sweetening. We made our own clothing from our own flax and wool which we carded, spun and wove ourselves. We made candles and soap. When the fire went out, we had to start a new one with flint and steel."

"My father had one horse. Not everyone had a horse. When we needed flour or meal, I was put on the horse with a bag of wheat or corn or rye across its back in front of me, and I rode alone eight miles to the nearest mill at Escott. There were six miles of wood to go through, without a living soul."

"During the War of 1812 soldiers and others passed along the road, billeting themselves wherever it suited their convenience, frequently taking all the provisions on the premises."

This gives you a little taste of what life was like in the early days.

After the Revolutionary War Loyalist settlers were looking for land on which to re-establish themselves. The land along the St. Lawrence was surveyed in 1783 and



divided into townships ready for settlement. Young and Leeds and Lansdowne were bypassed in this original survey because they were considered too rocky and swampy for farming. The only outstanding feature was the mouth of the Gananoque River which had waterpower potential and was the only passage into the hinterland.

The Front of Leeds and Lansdowne and Young were eventually surveyed in 1788. By this time the Loyalists were already settled in the Royal Townships so-called because they were named after the children of King George III. (Matilda, Edwardsburg, Augusta, etc) As a result much of the Front of Leeds and Lansdowne was granted as extra lots to those Loyalists who deserved them because of their losses in the Colonies. Families such as the McIlmoyes of Cardinal, the Jessups of Prescott and the Wrights of Maitland owned large tracts of land in the Township. *(Continued on page 5)*

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The 1805 census for the Township was the first census that was separate from Elizabethtown and Young. Joseph Landon was the first township clerk. A look at the families on the census and where they lived in relation to these large areas owned by outsiders gives us a picture of what the Township looked like at that time.

It was not a Loyalist area. There were only four; Joel Stone, Thomas Gordon, John Gray and Zebudee Miller. Most were "late Loyalists" who came for the free land granted as "Lord Dorchester's Bounty". The majority of the settlers lived in the Lansdowne part of the Township.

In taking a walk through the Township from west to east we can have a look at where they lived. No. 2 Highway was probably an Indian trail being far enough back from the river to avoid crossing the mouth of streams and creeks.

In the west the first identifiable settler was John Loyd ancestor of Ed Clark. He lived where Willowbank Cemetery is today.



Joel Stone owned most of the land on the west bank of the Gananoque River almost to the Howe Island Ferry Road. He was the most prominent citizen in the Township. He was a native of Litchfield Conn. as was Oliver Landon and they were well known to each other. William Stone was his son and his wife Abigail Cogswell Dayton was likely connected in some way to John McNeil's wife Urana Dayton. Lewis Bissonnette also lived in the Gananoque area. His wife Jane Hagerman had been Stone's housekeeper before he married Abigail and she and Stone had a child. Shortly after she married Bissonnette.

The east bank of the river was owned by Sir John Johnson. He was a very prominent citizen in Upper Canada in a position to get the best land. He built a mill at the mouth of the river but did not live here. He also owned Howe Island known at that time as St. John's Island. Molly Brant the famous Indian leader was his step-mother. Sir John eventually gave his land to his sister who sold it to the Macdonalds - placing both banks of the river in the hands of Joel Stone's heirs.

Thomas Howland was Sir John Johnson's agent and married Susannah Gordon, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Emery) Gordon. Her sister Catrene married William Sturdivant who lived at what is now Chisamore's Point. The tombstone of Howland and Sturdivant are still standing in the little cemetery on George Gray's farm at the river.

Neil McMullen lived on the eastern edge of Gananoque and Silas Pearson also lived in the Leeds part of the Township. Most of the lots to the eastern edge of Leeds were owned by Joel Stone. *(Cont. on Pg. 6)*



The Adam Beatty house where Abigail spent her last years. Now Presbyterian manse. - Society Files

**Early Days and Early Settlers in the Front of Leeds and Lansdowne** *Continued*

Starting in Lansdowne the land to Kyes' Corner was owned by Susannah Jessup. She inherited it from her father Simeon Covill. She was the first cousin of Mrs. Asahel Kyes on this census. The only people who appear to have lived in this block were James Halstead and wife Margaret McNeil and Hustin Grant and wife Jane McNeil. The wives were siblings of Castin Landon and David and John McNeil.

At Kyes' Corners lot 6 and 7 were owned by Asahel and Sarah Kyes. Sarah was the daughter of Lewis Mosher UEL. Her father at some point also lived in Lansdowne. Asahel and Sarah had seven children. Abigail Kyes McNeil, whose story was mentioned at the beginning, was one of these children.

The area from the Kyes property to Ebenezer was known as Hay's Land. It was owned by the heirs of Governor Hay who had been one of the colonial governors in the Thirteen Colonies. His grant consisted of 1200 acres in the first and second concessions and was undeveloped for many years.

The next settlement centered around Lansdowne Cemetery and was settled by John McNeil and Oliver Landon and his sons. The settlement became known as Landonville and was the centre of local government for the Township for many years. The yellow house beside the cemetery where Russel Todd lived sits on a small piece of land Oliver Landon saved for himself after he sold the rest of his holdings to his sons. Oliver owned the land down to Walter Kyes' with the exception of the lot on the east side of the Kidd Road. This lot belonged to Susannah Jessup. Oliver had purchased it from Lemuel Covill but he neglected to get a deed for it before Covill died. As Covill's heir Susannah inherited it and having a husband on the Land Board guaranteed that she got title to it. Oliver had cleared several acres and built three houses before he discovered he didn't own it!

Joseph Landon was the Township clerk for many years. He also had a potash works and a mill and an inn called "The Sign of the Hart". He was also a preacher and exporter. William Henry Landon lived where Thorold Cross lives, Benjamin lived at Ken Steacy's and Oliver Jr. lived where Walter Kyes lives.

John Gray (son Hugh) seems to have owned the land at Dinny Reid's but was gone from Lansdowne by 1806. His daughter Margaret was married to Peter Rosebeck who had died in 1804. For some reason she does not appear on the census but lived in the area for many years through several marriages and financial entanglements.

The next area to the east where settlement occurred was at Lansdowne Corner where Phineas Baldwin received a grant.. His wife was Sarah Landon, a niece of Oliver. Daniel Baldwin was their son. A sister of Sarah's, Caroline Landon married Henry Plumb. One of their daughters Patience married Oliver's son Erastus (ancestor of Sadie Allen, Mary Peck, and Byron and Clair Landon) and their daughter Parney married Timothy Guild of Mallorytown. Phineas Baldwin and some of the Guilds and Mallorys moved to western Ontario and settled around the little community of Guilds on the shore of Lake Erie.

Zebudee Miller lived at Selton and his only surviving child Mary married John Trickey. they were ancestors of Billy Trickey. There were four Trickey brothers; John, Henry, William and Peter. William lived north of Ivy Lea but little has been discovered about him or his family. Daniel McNeil also lived in this area.

Israel Bowen arrived in Lansdowne in 1795 and settled west of the village. He later went to Lombardy area but one of his sons' stayed in Lansdowne.

There is very little information available on any of the other families living in the Front of Leeds and Lansdowne in 1805. Settlement was in the first and second concessions in Lansdowne and the first concession in Leeds.

Settlement changed very little until after the War of 1812 when the first wave of Irish settlers arrived: Websters, Latimers, Clendennings, McColloughs, Johnstons, Creas, Bradleys - mainly in the Lansdowne part of the Township. Susannah Jessup started to sell off her holdings in the early 1820's. Settlement in Leeds started a bit later in the late 1820's with the arrival of families from Scotland - Waldies, Haigs, Darlings, Browns, Mitchells and others east of Gananoque.

There were many connections between these early families. After 1815 the Township took on a different look with the arrival of new settlers.

It is difficult to find much information on these early settlers as the old cemeteries have disappeared. Trickey's at Selton, Winstead, Gananoque and various family cemeteries are just a memory. The records they left are very sparse and difficult to find. The census data does not mention names of family members. Tracing our ancestors can be a very difficult job but at the same time rewarding. Catching a glimpse of their life and times is most interesting.



**Census of the Township of the Front of Leeds & Lansdowne - 1805**

<u>HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD</u>	<u>WIFE</u>	<u>CHILDREN</u>
Joel Stone	Abigail (Cogswell, Dayton)	2
William Stone	-----	
Silas Pearson	Elizabeth	3
Leweis Bissenette	Jane (Hagerman)	2
John Loyd	Mary	6
Neal McMullen	Elizabeth	5
John Gray	Charity	4
Hugh Gray	-----	
Daniel Minton	-----	
Benjamin Minton	-----	
Thomas Howland	----- (Susannah Gordon)	
Samuel Howland	-----	
Thomas Gordon	Catarene	1
William Trickey	Anna	8
Zebudee Miller	-----	
Zebudee Anthony	Cloe	2
Israel Boen (Bowen)	Isabella	3
Hustin Grant	Jane (McNeil)	4
Christopher Russeo	Magdalene	1
Andrew Shepherd	Sarah	
John McNeil	Irena (Urana) (Dayton)	4
Daniel McNeil	Elizabeth	
Asahel Kyes	Sarah (Mosher)	4
William Sturdivant	Catrena (Gordon)	2
John Fields	Elizabeth	
James Halstead	Margaret (McNeil)	
Oliver Landon Sr.	Lois (Beach, Loomis)	6
Joseph Landon	Elizabeth	2
Benjamin Landon	Polly (Cross?)	2
Oliver Landon Jr.	Castin (McNeil)	1
William Henry Landon	Thankful	1
Erastus Landon	----- (Patience Plumb)	
Phineas Baldwin	Sarah (Landon)	2
Daniel Baldwin	Anna	

60 Adults  
 29 Male Children  
 36 Female Children

**REMINISCENCE**

**PRESIDENT'S NOTE:** In my February letter announcing program changes after "The Ice Storm", I tongue-in-cheek, gave my impressions of what your grandchildren might think of our experience. To quote, "Imagine, learning that their ancestors had no electricity- heated their homes and cooked on wood stoves - trimmed oil lamp wicks". Shortly after I received a letter from member John. D. G. Steacy in Ottawa picking up on my comment. I found his letter so interesting that I asked his permission to print it here. His second letter appears first.

13 March, 1998

Yours is a very interesting, well constructed , and carefully produced news bulletin. In my many years serving the Canadian Government ----I have read literally hundreds of information bulletins - some well worth the reading time- others so bad that I simply initialed them and passed them on ----. Therefore I know a good product when I see one - and yours is a good one.

Like my father, who was born in a log house near the village of Warburton, and spent his boyhood years about the Lansdowne country - then became a school teacher at the old stone schoolhouse on the Union Cemetery Road - then went on to become a Church of Ireland Priest, first at St. Pauls in Toronto, then as the Chaplain General of the Canadian Forces in World War One - finally spending his declining years in an Ottawa parish - - Like him, I, too spent boyhood time about the Lansdowne Country. And, like him, I went into the military, then civilian service in many parts of the world. And , like him, there is a part of me that is reserved for the Lansdowne Country.

Indeed, you may use my letter for publication. I should be honoured. *(Continued on page 9)*





My Friends:

16 February, 1998

To quote from your newsletter of February, 1998: "Imagine, learning that their ancestors had no electricity-heated their their homes and cooked on wood stoves- trimmed oil lamp wicks"

Until quite recently - the nineteen thirty's were, in my lifetime, quite recently - that is exactly how we lived on the farms in Leeds, Lansdowne, and through much of rural Ontario. The word 'Ancestor' does make me feel old..

Way back then, the farm year was laid out, almost by necessity. Ploughing, planting, fencing, work on the barns occupied the summer season - besides caring for the cows, pigs and sheep (the chickens pretty well cared for themselves). Milking (by hand) morning and evening. Milk either separated with a hand cranked separator, or strained through cheesecloth into large factory cans already mounted on a wagon modified for the purpose.

The chickens gave the women a little house money; the pigs paid the taxes and supplied us with much of our meat; and the 'herd' every farmer's pride, paid the heavy money for machinery, seed, and buildings. Our winter was taken up still milking the cows, going down to the bush to cut next year's wood - wood was always cut one year in advance. One of my earliest memories was of the crosscut saw - and my uncle telling me that "I don't mind giving you a ride on the end of that saw, but I will be damned if you can drag your feet".



My bed was made of a straw tick (Mattress). Each spring and fall, the old straw was dumped out, the tick washed, and filled again with fresh straw. On top of this was a feather tick - then flannelette sheets - a blanket - and every bed had a hand made quilt. In the dead of winter, on the coldest night, a night during which the liquid in the potty under the bed froze - - all curled up in that soft cocoon it was as warm as toast. Getting up was the problem..

Horses had to be exercised in winter, or, like humans, they would get fat and soft. Many a morning, when this exercise period arrived (Usually dragging a home-built snow plow up and down the road), the horses would balk, and decide to stay in the stable where it was warm. And many a morning, I joined them in the stable when it became time

to do the necessary because the two holer was very cold, with the bare bottom exposed to the wind blowing from beneath .....



The "New House" built in 1878 on Warburton Road. Now home of Percy and Ann Steacy.  
Picture courtesy of Percy Steacy.

St. Matthews Church at the East end of the Town of Warburton, was used, almost from the day it was built in the 1880s as a summer church. However, it did have the occasional winter service - and the neighbouring farm boys went up on a Saturday and lit the wood stoves. There were very long stovepipes, put up in winter, and taken down in summer, that were filled with very cold air, and when the stoves were first lit, there were backdrafts, pouring smoke from the stoves, and filling the church with the smell of maple .....

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(REMINISCENCE - Continued from page 9)

I am not an ancestor ...Yet ... . My ancestors came with an axe, and a good pair of Irish hands, and built up the countryside that I eventually knew. Things I took for granted: schools; cheese factories; grist mills; churches; and miles and miles of fences. Mostly split rail. And the wells they dug .. and the proud day when the new windmill was delivered -

I have rambled on too long. Tonight, a talk on the early families of Leeds/Lansdowne is being presented in the Lansdowne Community Building by Alan Lindsay. My brother, Harold, and I would like to attend, but, at this distance, it would be impossible.

The cheese factories and St. Matthews Church are gone. The Big School at Dulcie Main is no longer a school. The burying ground, at the top of Dulcie Main Hill, from which the ghosts arose when I was a boy .. is all but forgotten. But the room in which my grandfather was born in 1839 is still there, on the Modler Farm at Wilstead. My father was born in a log house near St. Matthews hill. That house was replaced by the 'new' house in 1878 .. Now owned by Percy Steacy, a great, great, great, grandson of Dennis, one of the men from Enniscorthy and Wexford, who, with their women and children, laid the foundation for Leeds and Lansdowne .....

At Eighty one - I remember.                      John Steacy



**NEWS FROM '33**

A four page section of The Recorder and Times from Saturday, April 29, 1933 was preserved in a scrapbook found among the Darlingside material. Here are some interesting points:

**KING EDWARD HOTEL - Toronto**

You can stay at one of the continent's traditionally great hotels at a cost as low as \$2.50 per day

4% Interest paid on deposits. The Brockville Trust and Savings Company

Showing at the Capitol Theatre: Whistling in the Dark and 42nd Street

LIPSON'S One day special. Boys' Tennis boots 69 cents

**NEW FORD V-8** 112-inch wheelbase, eight-cylinder engine, aluminum cylinder head,  
over 80 miles an hour, remarkable riding comfort  
\$630. up (Ontario bumpers, spare tire and taxes extra)

**ROODE BROS. Limited** 26-36 King St. E. Telephone 837

**CHIMNEY FIRE WAS FOUGHT AT TILLEY**

Tilley, April 27. - Residents here were called to the home of Wil Earl on Thursday last when a severe chimney fire threatened destruction to the dwelling. A large number of neighbours arrived on the scene shortly after the alarm was given. No serious damage was done.

Ernest Doughty has been a recent caller at Walter Barrett's

Charles Foley has purchased a new horse.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Foley have been recent visitors at W.H.O. Foley's.

Mrs.H.O. Webster and Harold Webster were Sunday visitors at William Webster's.

The Tilley cheese factory has resumed operations for this season with Wilmer Bradley continuing as the maker.

Reginald Grier has spent several days visiting friends and relatives in Brockville.

Orville Grier has purchased an automobile from Gordon Horton.

W.C. Webster has purchased a number of milch cows recently.

Several from this district attended an auction sale on the property of Norman Lappan last week.

THE STEACY FAMILY (Part 1) by Alan Lindsay

Dennis Steacy (1770 - 1884) and his wife Elizabeth Graham (1772 - 1860) emigrated with their 12 children from Wexford Ireland in the 1830's and settled north of Brockville. Three of their children William, Richard and Joyce settled in the Lansdowne area.

William Steacy (1809 - 1882) settled north of Wilstead on the farm still occupied by his decendants the Modlers. William married twice; first to Sharlot Ennis (1820 - 1862) and second to Jane McVeigh (1822 - 1877). There were no children by his second marriage.

Children of William and Sharlot Ennis Steacy

John E. 1840 - 1919

Samuel 1843 - 1918 m Margaret Haig and Hannah Latham Phillips

George m Annie ?

Benjamin m Emma ?

Joseph 1847 - 1910 m Dinah Landon 1840 - 1918 chn. Wm., Alberta, Ernest, Glen

Grace 1849 - 1919 m John C. Stafford

Eliza 1851 - m ? Kerr

Sharlot 1855 - 1923 m John Bower

William 1853- 1949 m Agnes Amy

Robert 1857 - 1937 m Jane Webb

Dilmond 1859 - 1936 m Wilhelmina Mohrmann

Thomas 1861 - 1928 m Jane Ann Curry

Of these children George, Benjamin, Eliza and Dilmond went to California.

The decendants of Robert and Thomas were featured in a previous newsletter on the Snider family.

John E. lived in Warburton and married Eliza Steacy. One family history states she was a daughter of Richard but her marriage record to her first husband William Davis gives her parents as a William and Ann Steacy. John E's second wife was Luisa Smith Stratton, widow of Harney Stratton.

Children of John E. and Eliza Steacy.

Wm.

Charlotte 1867 - 1933 m Edwin Fair 1862 - 1943

Reverend Richard Henry m Elsie Denham ch. Richard Henry Jr.

Robert J. m Margaret Tweedy and Rebecca Moulton Webster

Dr. Walter Evans m Bertha Zella Pierce

Charles 1875 - 1945 m Florence Kellett

Victoria 1877 -1966 m Wm. Webb ch. Bessie m Robt Pringle

Alberta d.y.

Lena d.y.

Children of Charlotte and Edwin Fair

Lena Maude 1883 - 1958 m Charles Legett

Ethel Pearl 1888 - 1905

Edna Mae 1890 - 1958 m John Thompson

Muriel Bertha 1891 - 1958 - school teacher at Athens

Steacy 1907 m Leona Gagnon

John 1895 - 1897

Betty 1911 m Robert Cecil Earl



Ice Storm - January 1998 - O'Grady Rd.  
looking East. Photo by Ted Hewitt

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**JOHN QUINN DIARY**

The notes from John Quinn's diary for 1897 in the last two issues of the Newsletter created quite a bit of interest among readers. Again in this issue we are recording some notes for the year 1898. Spelling is original.

- Jan. 1: The month begins very cold an blustry. North wind, 30 below zero.  
Jan. 2-8: 35 below zero. Big snowstorm. Township election day. Warmed up remainder of week.  
Helping thrash at several neighbours. Butchered, cut up and salted pork.  
Jan. 9-15: Good sleighing, horses sharp shod. Went to Gananoque to District O.L. Big Lecture in Orange Hall. Nasty storm, sleet an rain. Most of week spent chopping wood.  
Jan. 16-22: Very best sleighing. Alexander Mcrady burried. Old Mr. Brian died.  
Jan. 23- 29: Cold, 30 below zero, stormy, roads all filled up. Drew home 2 1/4 cords of wood, paid \$1.00 per cord.  
Jan. 30-Feb. 6: Very cold an stormy, roads blowed full. Helping to saw wood.  
Feb. 6-12: The wethur is getting milder, roads very soft an bad. Crows are around again.  
Feb. 13-19: Sap is running. Getting out wood and saw logs.  
Feb.20-26: Cold an blustry, heavy snow. Helping Roland Johnston pack ice.  
Feb. 27-Mar. 5: Mrs. Jos. Chisamore died. Provincial election, Webster an Beatty ran.  
Mar. 6-12: Mis Amy Webster died. Getting out wood, 55 loads out now.  
Mar. 13-19: Wet an foggy. Robins around again. Helping to cut rye.  
Mar. 20-26: Cleaned up 65 bushels of oats. Helping Mr. Smith fix bridge. William Patience died.  
Mar. 27-Apr. 2: Roads very muddy. Lots of people plowing. Mrs. David Johnston died.  
Apr. 3-9: Comenced to plow. Drew load of oats to Lansdowne.  
Apr. 10-16: Easter Sunday. Very warm, 95 in shade. Comenced spring work. Sowing oats. Got 2 cows. Got 3 young pigs for \$5.  
Apr. 17-23: Sowing oats and plowing. Mr. Haslip helping with his team. Wed. rained for 24 hours with sum snow an hail.  
Apr. 24-30: The IOOF Lodge marched out to church. Sowing peas.  
May 1-7: Mrs. Freaman Moore died. Finished plowing.  
May 8-14: Put a new floor in kitchen an painted it. Mr. Thomas Burns died.  
May 15-21: Planted potatoes, millett an oats. Took heffers to pasture. Helping O.W. Landon clear land.  
May 22-28: Heavy rain. Built shed for milk wagon. Helping Mr. Smith draw stone 1/2 day, paid \$ .50  
May 29-June 4: Finished planting potatoes, beans an carrots. Old Mr. Green was burried. Shearing our sheep.  
June 5-11: A big day at the Horner Tent at Dulcaman. Went to Sam Johnston's barn raising.  
June 12-18: Mr. Renolds preached his farewell. Building fence, working on road scraper.  
June 19-25: Doing road work. Lillie Molten was burried. Went to Lansdowne to County O.L.  
June 26-July 2: New minister Mr. Simpson. Comenced haying. Went to Gananoque to I.O.O.F.  
July 3-9: Drawing in hay. Harry Bell was buried.  
July 10-16: L.O.L. Nos. 26 an 100 had a church parade, 100 to Presbyterian an 26 to Jubilee Church.  
Went to Kingston to 12th July Celebration. Ross Smith helping me draw hay.  
July 17-23: Wessly Moxley an Robert Enness were buried. Cutting an drawing in hay.  
July 24-30: Comenced harvest. Pulled peas. C.S. Minfort shot himself.  
July 31-Aug.6: Got a new buggy. Drawing in peas an oats. Old Mrs. Rath was burried. (Continued on Page 13)

**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.

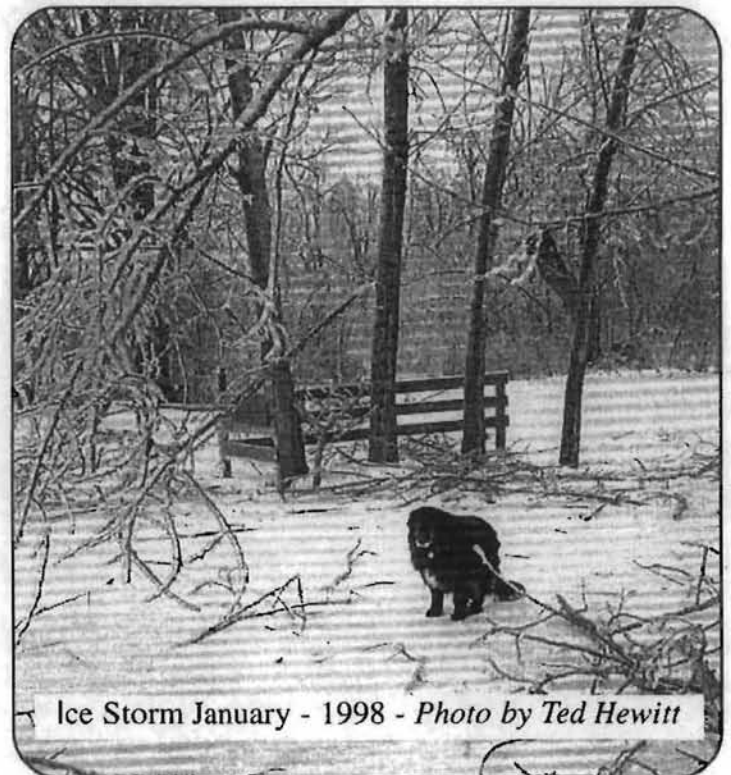
**JOHN QUINN DIARY - (Continued from page 12)**

Aug. 7-13: Cutting an drawing in oats. Fixed up granery an getting ready to thrash.  
 Aug 14-20: Thrashed 200 bushels. Finished harvesting. Went to Lindhurst with grist.  
 Aug. 21-27: I was thrashing at Tommy Ruttles with J.E. Steacy. Charlie Taylor died.  
 Aug. 28- Sept. 3: Comenced putting out minure. Very hot an dry. Got a new pair overhalls.  
 Sept. 4-10: Thrashing with Aly Wart at various farms.  
 Sept. 11-17: Mr. John Cowan preached to Orange Men at Dulcamaine. Helping cut corn .  
 Sept. 18-24: Thrashing with Aly Wart at various farms.  
 Sept.25-Oct. 1: Lot of cases of Tophide Fever. Comenced to dig potatoes, very poor crop.  
 Oct. 2-8: Tues. and Wed. Lansdowne Fair. Thrashing with Tom Webster at W.B. Warren, Billy Earl, Mort Landon, Wallace McNeil, J.B. Landon  
 Oct. 9-15: Thrashing at Robert Allen, Humfry Young, Webster Bros. and Slacks.  
 Oct. 16-22: Plowed. Terrible rain. Got a cow from Willy Burns.  
 Oct. 23-29: Thrashing at Smiths, Sam Fares, Ally Wart. First snow.  
 Oct. 30-Nov. 5: Plowing. Comenced to feed stock for winter. Big oister supper at Warburton.  
 Nov. 6-12: Plowing. 5" snow. First sleighing.  
 Nov. 13-19: Nice soft day, snow is going. Plowing and ditching.  
 Nov. 20-26: Working on road putting on broken stone. 10 below zero. Butchered pig, 170 lbs.  
 Nov. 27-Dec.3: Thrashed at home, 904 bushels. Thrashing at C.E. Rath, Robert Johnston. Old Mr. Mcloclan was burried.  
 Dec. 4-10: Terrible snow storm, roads all blocked. Thrashing and grinding,  
 Dec. 11-17: Roads all drifted full, 10 below zero. Still thrashing.  
 Dec. 18-24: Mr. Cowan preached to the Odd Fellows at Lansdowne.  
 Dec. 25- 31: Hardly any snow but the weather is getting cold. Finished thrashing for the fall  
 Butter 16 cents a pound. Pork 6 1/4 cents a pound.

**THE STEACY FAMILY (Part 1) by Alan Lindsay**  
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Children of Robert J. and Margaret Steacy  
 Anna May m Phillip Leadbeater chn. Lloyd, Freda  
 Watson Percy died in a farm accident  
 Winnie m Elmer Bryan  
 Harry 1902 - 1958 m Hazel Mac Donald  
     chn. Iris m Bill Landon  
         Frances m John Fodey  
         Elmer m Elaine Wheeler  
         Charlotte m Wm. Chisamore  
         Lolly m Don Couglar  
         Harold m Gwen Carter  
         Laurence d. age 2 months  
         George m Lynda Scott  
         Sheila m Wm. Haydon

John Erastus 1904 - 1976 m Thelma Tye 1906 - 1975  
     chn. Calvin m Rita Stewart  
         Russell m Marion Roswell  
         Robert 1940 - 1974  
             Percy m Anne Hannah ■



Ice Storm January - 1998 - Photo by Ted Hewitt

**REPORT OF LANSDOWNE CONTINUATION SCHOOL**

Report of Lansdowne Continuation School for the term examinations at Christmas time 1942.

**Grade IX** - Audrey Hill, Conde McKay, Alban Moorhead, Dorothy Burns, Rhea Slack, Calvin Steacy, Doreen Burtch, Robert Webster, Alma Alguire, Marion Running, Shirley Williams, Eunice Kelsey, Joan McNeil, Shirley McConnell, Winnie Funnell, Wendell Gamble, Wellesley Beecraft.

**Grade X** - Lloyd Kelsey, Frances Fodey, Robert Burns, Ronald Moorhead, Paul Peck, Viva Jack, Doreen Lappan, Pauline Lappin, Blaine Slack, Jean Shields, Nina Slack.

**Grade XI**- James Reid, John Bulger, Doreen Kirk, Forest Bradley, Helen McClary.

**Grade XII**- Howard Sly, Paula Turnbull, Wilhelmina ? (Webster).

*The remainder of the article has been cut off. We have not published the marks. However, we might not be above bribery! Six of those named are present members of the Historical Society.*



**SENIOR CLASS 1942 - 43**

**Back Row:** ? Running, John Bulger, Jim Reid, Howard Sly, Forrest Bradley

**Front Row:** Wilhelmina Webster, Wilma Earl, Paula Turnbull, Helen McClary,  
Doreen Kirk

*Picture courtesy Audrey Newell*



**LANSDOWNE CONTINUATION SCHOOL 1942 - 43**

**Back Row:** Howard Sly, John Bulger, Wilma Earl, Wilhmeina Webster, Marion Running, Doreen Haffie, Eunice Kelsey, ? Running, Forest Bradley.

**Third Row:** Jim Reid, Shirley Williams, Doreen Burtch, Helen McClary, Paula Turnbull, Joan McNeil, Doreen Kirk.

**Second Row:** Shirley McConnell, Nina Slack, Audrey Hill, Alma Algure, Jean Shields, Winnie Funnell, Vivia Jack, Rhea Slack.

**Front Row:** Lloyd Kelsey, Wendell Gamble, Conde McKay, Robert Burns, Ron Moorhead, Blaine Slack, Robert Webster, Calvin Steacy

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