

**FRONT OF LEEDS AND
LANSDOWNE HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

NEWSLETTER



THE BELLES OF THE HERITAGE FAIR '94

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our inaugural meeting in May 1992, we did not have enough present to elect a full slate of officers. As of our second annual meeting, September 8, 1994, we have over 90 members. Our growth and progress has been steady.

This past spring we received a SEED grant from Employment and Immigration Canada which enabled us to employ **Wendy Purdie** for twelve weeks. Much of her time was spent building up our files on churches in the Township. She also started some work on cheese factories.

In the May issue, I mentioned the donation from the family and friends of the late **Ed Warren**. We have received a matching grant from the Ministry of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. This has enabled us to order a microfilm reader and microfilm of early census, township, court, marriage and death records. These will be placed in the Lansdowne Library where they will be available for those who wish to carry out research. We hope to dedicate this equipment during our November 28 meeting.

We also thank **Donevan's Hardware** for the donation of a microfiche reader and **Paul Cote** for historical material to go with it. *(This reader required some repair. This was completed at Collins Bay Institution as a public service by the Correctional Service of Canada)* This is also available in the Library.

I wish to thank **Loverna Montgomery, Paul Cote** and **Andrew Graham** for their contributions to the Executive during the year. We regret they found it necessary to leave us at the Annual Meeting. Joining the Executive are **Martha Landon, Ruth Ralph** and **Ada Hare**. We still have an opening for a publicity chairperson.

With your continued support as members, we look forward to another year of growth and progress.

William E. Bolton,
President

**Front of Leeds and Lansdowne Historical Society
Executive - 1994-95**

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Programs	Martha Landon Ruth Ralph
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From our last edition....

In the last edition, a number of long-forgotten place names were mentioned. In one case, we had an identification. **Mount Webster** was the first name given to the **Outlet**. The Post Office was in the house which still stands just at the bridge. Our thanks to **Keith Sly** and **Adeline Kennedy** for this information.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE FRONT OF LEEDS AND LANSDOWNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The following is the present membership. While we have listed all of those who have subscribed, we encourage you to send in your renewal for 1995.

Prof. D.G. Akenson, Audre Andrews, Winona Ashley, Ella Bennett, William Boulton, Terrace J. Boil, Mr. & Mrs. Keith Burns, Mr. & Mrs. Karl Burns, Mr. & Mrs. George Burns, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Chisamore, Joe Cote, Paul Cote, Gloria Crawford, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Crawford, Geri Dickson, Douglas Donevan, Louise Donevan, Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Donevan, Malcolm Donnelly, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Foley, Jim & Dot Funnell, Janet Gaylord, Mr. & Mrs. Murray Geekie, Anne Graham, Katherine & Andrew Graham, Katherine Graham, Margaret Gray, Mr. & Mrs. Doug Grills, Helen Haig, Diane Hall, Myrtle Hall, Hilary-Anne Hamilton, Mrs. J. R. Hamilton, Ana Hare, N.M. Hart, Jack Henderson, Arnold Herder, Kenneth P. Hogan, Mr. & Mrs. George Horton, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hurrell, Martha Jess, Mary A. Jones, Jim Jordan M.P., Marion Joyce, Vivian J. Keir, Adeline Kennedy, Harry Landon, Martha Landon, Yolande Lapointe, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Lappan, Rose Lappan, Township of Front of Leeds and Lansdowne, Alan Lindsay, Janet Lindsay, Doreen Lowans, Cheryl Lynch, Roger & Margery MacGregor, Mr. & Mrs. Scott Mackenzie, Marjorie Mallory, Linda Mallory-Gibson, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Massey, Bertha Modlger, Loverna Montgomery, Eleanor C. Moulton, Peter Murray, Audrey Newell, Glenda & Bob Olivier, Jim Orth, Joanne Page, Brant A. Peppy, Ruth Ralph, John Reid, Wilma Robertson, Rosella M. Rolfe, Mr. & Mrs. G.V. Roney, Irvin Running, Richard Sandborn, Jacqueline Shields, Mr. & Mrs. George Shire, Keith Sly, Ralph Smith, John & Louise Sorensen, Marion Steacy, Mildred Stevens, Vicky Sturgeon, Audrey Tamblyn, Art & Maureen Thompson, Marie Thomson, Vaida Truesdell, Margel Warren, George Webster, Paul & Doreen Webster, Freda White, Kathy & Larry Wyborn, Brent Zufelt

HERITAGE FAIR, 1994....

If you missed the Heritage Fair sponsored by the **Front of Leeds and Lansdowne Historical Society** on October 1, 1994, you missed an informative and fun-filled day. A gorgeous sunny day meant a good crown to view displays and try many of the arts and crafts located at the site of the Lansdowne Fair.

Several members and guests arrived in period costume (see the cover page), some of which were authentic, rather than re-production outfits. We hope to see many more such costumes at next year's fair.

After entering the gate at the Lansdowne Fair Grounds, visitors were able to view several restored antique buggies, cars, tractors and some machinery, including early pumps and one of the first gas powered lawn mowers. A 1940's thrashing machine was brought by **George Burns** and operated at intervals throughout the day.

This machine was previously owned by his father **Taylor Burns** and was a familiar site throughout the area during the 1940's and 50's at local thrashing bees. **Robert Webster** used his hand operated cider press to treat everyone to fresh apple cider.

Inside the red display building, you could watch basket weaving by **Glenda Fraser**, carving by **Helmut Warmbein** and heritage woodworking from the **MacLaughlin Woodworking Museum**. You could also watch or try your hand at spinning wool with **Diana Drysch**, **Gisella Gunther** and **Maxi Ohlroggen**.

Bill Boulton, Society President, created an interesting display of his own and loaned wood working tools, a crystal radio, and a pair of 1913 high button boots. Also, on display was a rope making machine, circa 1900, loaned to us by **John Reid**.

Andrew and Katherine Graham set up a display of antique pressed glass of Canadian and American manufacture. They also offered a number of reference books to help others identify the pattern names.

Several booths offered opportunities to decorate your home or purchase early Christmas gifts: **Louise Sorensen** and **Tracy Semchison** demonstrated their arts and sold some of their nature paintings; the **Ivy Lea Shirt Co.** sold tee shirts and sweatshirts decorated with the trademarks of heritage boat building companies; **Heritage Woodworking** displayed its Victorian screen doors. Close by, **John Sorensen** of **Ballycanoe and Company**, offered the opportunity to acquire antique salvaged materials of historic architectural value.

Other interesting displays included the **Brockville Genealogical Society**, providing advice and selling some of their publications, **Louise Burchell** of **Inkwell Learning** advertising her children's services, a display by the **Bastard and South Burgess Bi-Centennial Committee**, and some beautiful pictorial greeting cards sold by photographer **Marlene Smith**.

The draw for the prizes for the 1994 raffle took place in the afternoon. the winners are listed separately.

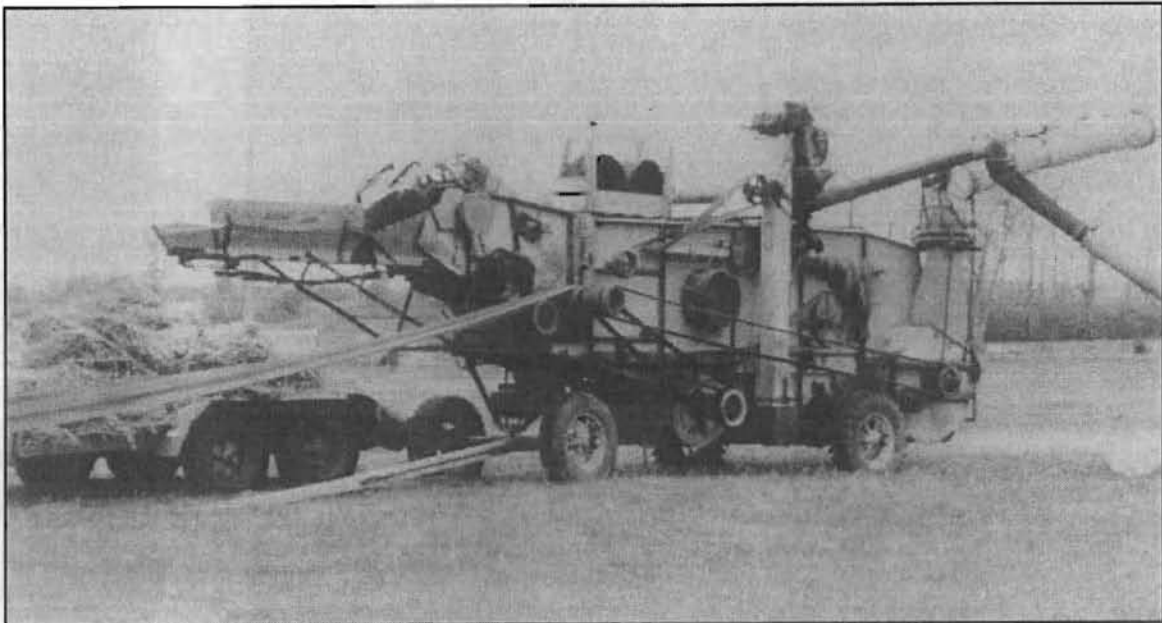
We want to thank everyone for helping to make our day a success. A special thank to the **Agricultural Society** for allowing us the use of the fair grounds.

If you missed us in 1994, do not despair. We plan to be back bigger and better in 1995. mark the first weekend in October on your calendar now.

Anyone interested in providing a display for the 1995 Heritage Fair should write to: The Front of Leeds and Lansdowne Historical Society at Box 332, Lansdowne, Ontario, K0E 1L0 or contact a member of the Executive.

This article was prepared by Glenda Olivier.

THRESHING TIME AT THE FAIR.....



***.....MACHINE OWNED BY GEORGE
BURNS ON DISPLAY AT THE HERITAGE FAIR, OCTOBER, 1994***

RAFFLE WINNERS

Prize winner in our raffle draw at the Heritage Fair on October 1 were:

Dinner for two at the Golden Apple	Diane Hall
Hand Knitted Adult Sweater	Peter Christie
Hand Knitted Child's Sweater	Wilma Robertson
Video: The Thousand Islands	Mike Lynch

Thanks to Shirley Fernitich and the Golden Apple, Vicky Sturgeon, Loral Wings and Hilary-Anne Hamilton for donating the prizes.

PATIENCE...

*An invitation is extended to all who may be connected by name, blood, marriage or affection to **George and Catherine (Snider) Patience** who settled north of Lansdowne , Ontario in the mid-1800's, to attend a reunion planned for July 28-29, 1995, in Lansdowne and July 30, 1995 in Vennachar, Ontario.*

*- for further information contact: **Loverna Montgomery, 659-3599***

BILLS OF FARE.....



This very familiar Lansdowne building, now **Lansdowne Hardware** operated by **Jim Orth** is well represented here in a 1908 postcard of the **Charles Fredenburg store**.

HERALD ANGEL ANGLICAN CHURCH

Herald Angel Anglican Church was located on Lot 2, Concession V of the Township of Front of Leeds and Lansdowne, on **Taylor Road** between the county line and Highway 32.

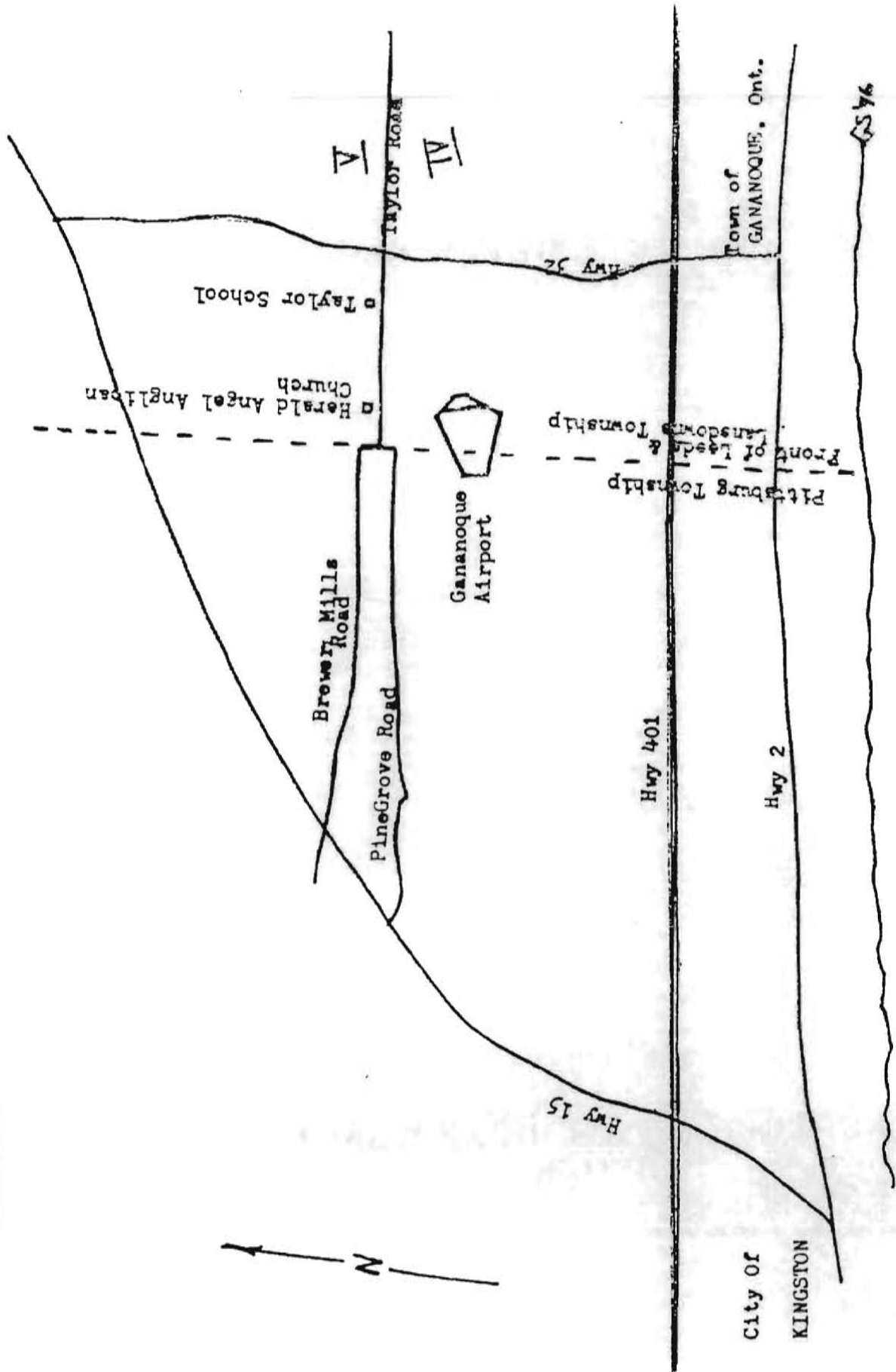
The **Rev. John Carroll** ministered to residents of the whole area who looked to Christ Church Gananoque for their spiritual leadership. Some time after 1854, a fine white frame church with a metal roof was built. Inside it was finished with varnished tongue and groove lumber. Heat was provided by box stoves at each end of the building. A drive shed was located to the west of the church.

We are told that at one time attendance was so large that there was not room inside for all. In good weather, children had to listen to the service through the open windows while seated outside. Over the years, membership declined and the church sat unused for several years. The drive shed was dismantled in the early 1970's and rebuilt as a storage shed on the **Routledge** farm. The church was torn down. All signs of the building have been bulldozed and covered. To-day, there remains only the cemetery which originally occupied the eastern half of the property.

Rev. John Carroll, the first minister of the parish, died in 1881, age 52; and his wife **Sophie** 1874, age 41, in 1874.

Articles from **Herald Angel Church** have been preserved at **Christ Church** as a reminder of the link between these congregations from the earliest times.

Material for this article came from a history originally supplied by Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Sly and material collected by Wendy Purdie in 1994.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

PLEASE CIRCLE: NEW

RENEWAL

**INDIVIDUAL: \$5.00
ASSOCIATION: \$10.00**

**FAMILY: \$ 10.00
CORPORATE: \$25.00**

OUT OF TOWN MAILING: ADD \$2.00

CANADIAN FUNDS, PLEASE

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