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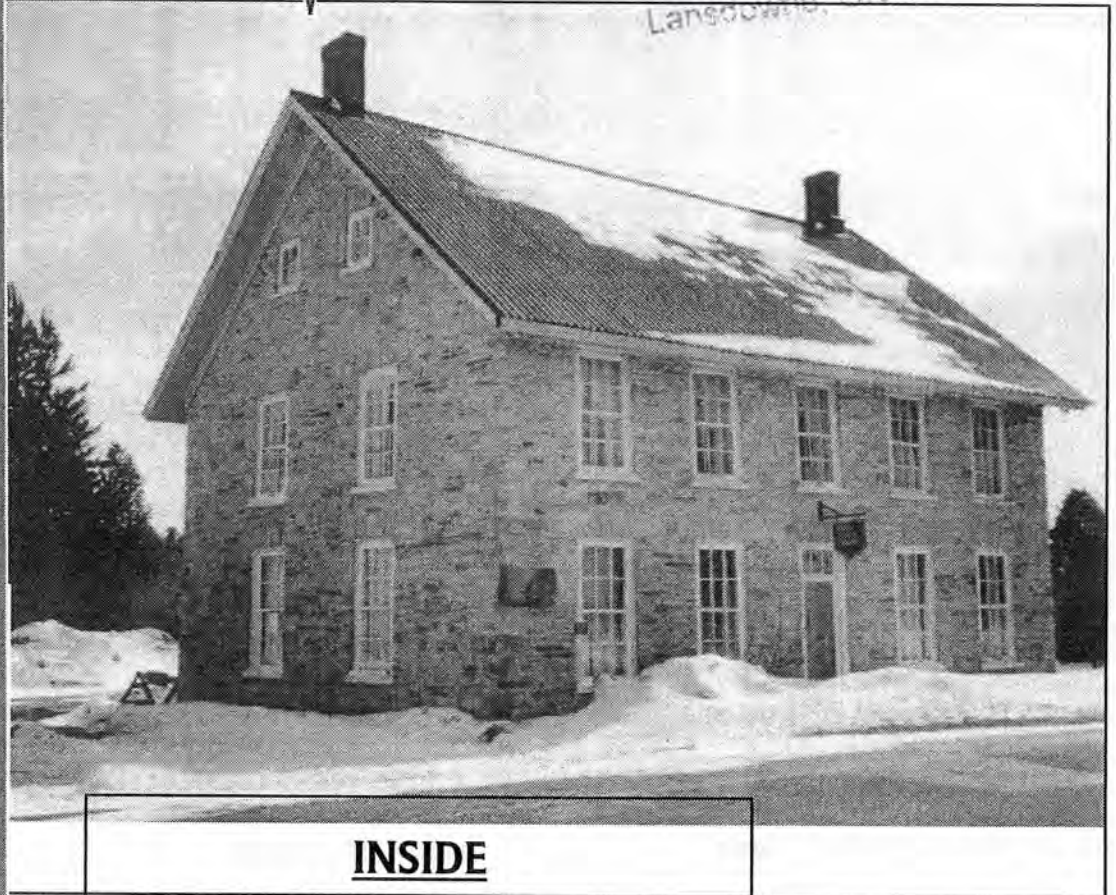
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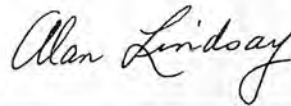
**PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE**

This newsletter marks our tenth anniversary as a Society. We have grown a great deal in ten years. This time we have featured some of the history of Escott Township and we plan to feature the Lyndhurst area next time.

I would also like to congratulate the congregation of St. John's Anglican Church on their 125th anniversary.

Once again I would like to thank the membership for their continued support and to recognize the efforts of Bill Boulton and the Hewitts in putting our newsletter together.

ALAN LINDSAY- PRESIDENT


**RUTH CHISAMORE Receives HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

*Ruth Chisamore cuts the Heritage Day cake in 1998.
It was also her birthday!*

Ruth Chisamore served on the executive of the Society for several terms. As Chair of the Social Committee, she was the one who saw that you got coffee, tea and goodies after each meeting. Even after she resigned that role, she continued to look after our Save-A- Tape programme.

Ruth is now moving to a retirement residence in Kingston. We all wish her the best

For her outstanding service to the Society, The L.T.I. Historical Society awards to her our first Honourary Life Membership.

(Photo from Society files)

LEEDS and THOUSAND ISLANDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY**Slate of Officers - 2003 -2004**

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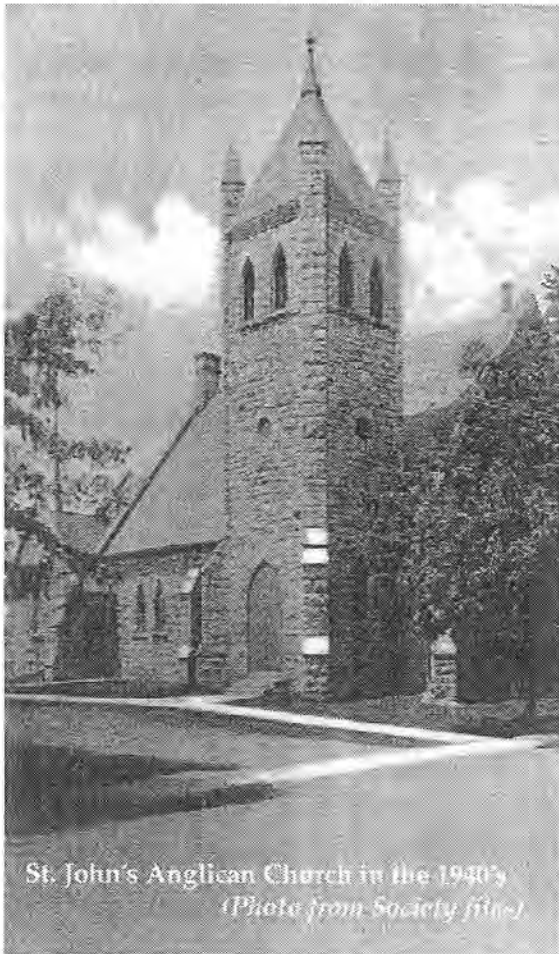
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ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH - LANSDOWNNE *(From Society Files)*

Congratulations to St. John's Church which this year, 2003, celebrates its 125th Anniversary.



St. John's Anglican Church in the 1940's
(Photo from Society files)

This is a beautiful, sturdy and solid, church built of stone. It is a replica of many of the small Gothic churches in Britain, formal and dignified in its stance. The stone to build the church was hauled to the site by volunteers from the parishioners, from the Armstrong quarry. Notable is the style of its sandstone cutting, called "Bold Rock Front", and is the only building in the area with this style.

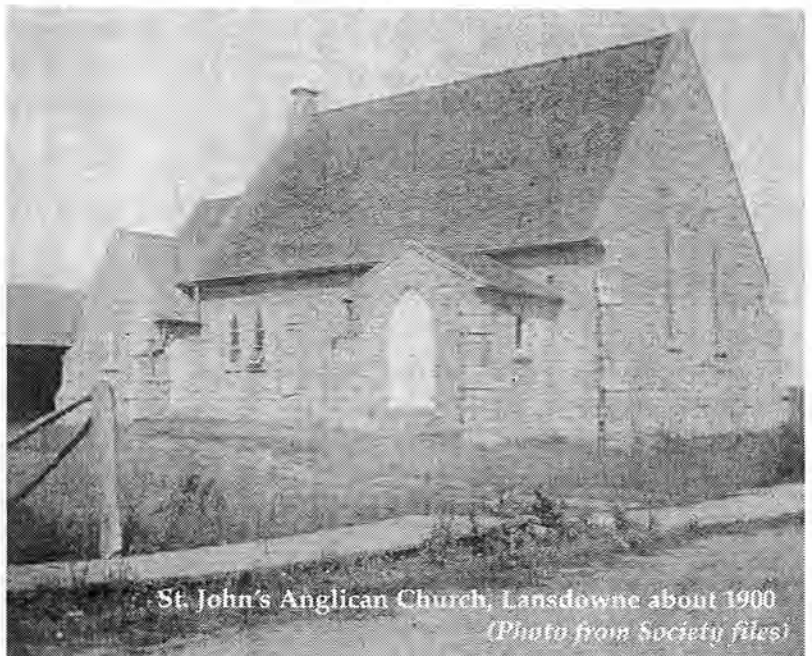
The original Anglican church had been built at Lansdowne Corner in 1838. In 1875 a new parish of Lansdowne was created. With the village of Lansdowne Station growing around the railway, it was felt a new, more central, church was needed. The deed for the church land is dated Feb. 24, 1877, from Alexander and Mary Cornett to Bishop John Travers Lewis for the sum of \$25.00. The cornerstone was laid by the Masonic Brethern on June 13, 1878. Mr. Henry Young, the contractor, was assisted in the stone work by Mr. Montieth. of Lyn and Gananoque, a mason trained in England. The cost of the church in 1878 was only \$3000. The interior of the church is most inviting with its white plaster walls and oaken pews. In recent years the ceiling has been refinished in natural tongue and groove pine.

The church was consecrated in 1906 by Bishop William Lennox. The minister at the time was Rev. Thomas Leach, the wardens Geo. F. Deane and S.E. Johnston.

The land for the Rectory was deeded by Samuel Johnston on Oct. 28, 1889. This has recently been sold. The Memorial Parish Hall was built in 1961 and serves as the centre of parish activities.

Clergy over the years have been:

1875-1881 R.L.M. Houston,
1882-83 T. Bailey., 1883-89 Steane Tighe,
1889-90 C.J. Young., 1900-14 Thomas
Leech, 1915-17 W.H. Towle, 1917-27 Cecil
Winter, 1927-30 J.M. Brownlie, 1931-33
N.R. Stout, 1933-35 C.P.Heaven,
1935-47 A.F. Dowdell, 1947-49 P.G.
Reynolds, 1949-53 W.T. Boddy, 1953-58
M.F.G. Cutts, 1959-61 Lester Mullen,
1962-65 Elmir G. Brown, 1966-67 David
Saunders, 1967-74 Dennis Powell,
1974-76 Stanley Riley, 1976-77 John L.
Hutchinson, 1977-80 Allan D. Hood,
1980-83 Grahame Thompson,
1983-85 Claude Delorme, 1984-88 Karen
Dukes, 1988-91 Donna-Mae Siderius,
1991-95 Marie Warner, 1995-2000 Ron
Horst, 2000-03 Gordon Mintz,
2003 Reg Gilbert.



St. John's Anglican Church, Lansdowne about 1900
(Photo from Society files)

YEAR IN REVIEW

From the President's Annual Report

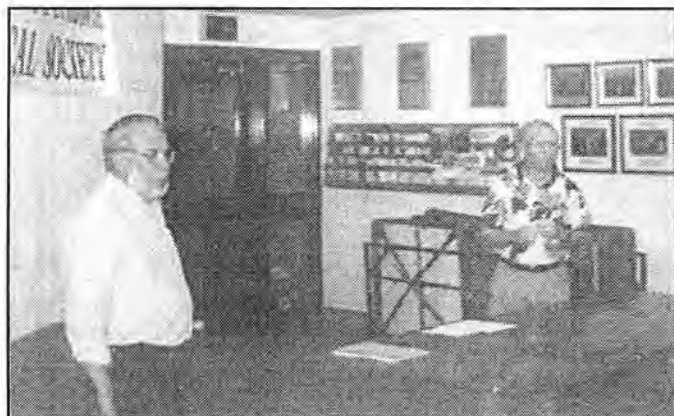
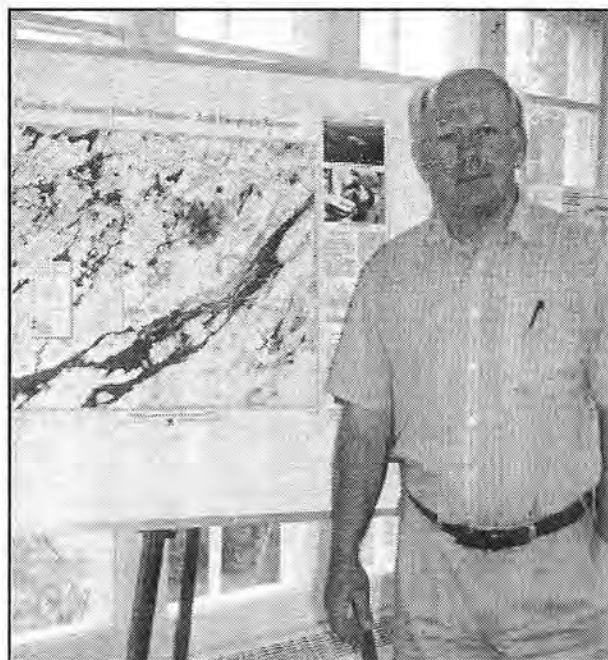


Sept. 7, 2002 Ethel Adams and Lydia King cut the ribbon held by Andrea and Josh Grier to open the renovated Greenfield School. (See pages 11 and 12, newsletter #18).

(Photo by Bill Boulton)

Sept. 16, 2002 Norm Ruttan outlined the work of the Thousand Islands and Frontenac Arch Nature and Historical Network.

(Photo by Bill Boulton)



Oct. 21, 2002 Bill Boulton showed slides of the Lansdowne area taken by the late Mary Peck.

(Photo by Bruce Foley)

Nov. 18, 2002 Blu Macintosh presented the history of the 1000 Islands Charity Casino site.

(Photo by Bill Boulton)



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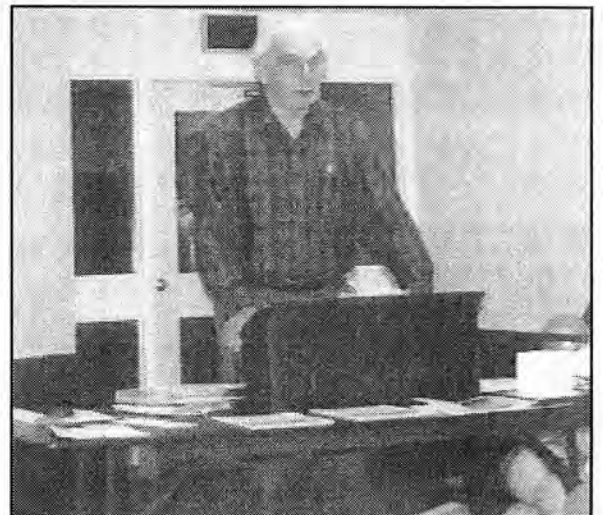
Jan. 20, 2003 We had an evening of "Show and Tell" with items from our own collection and items brought in by members. Ed Clark shows off a hay knife.

(Photo by Bill Boulton)



Feb. 17, 2003 The Township L.A.C.A.C. Committee presented an overview of their work. Art Shaw speaks, while other members sit to the left.

(Photo by Bruce Foley)



Mar. 17, 2003 Eric Webster read from and talked about the poetry of his mother, Gertrude Bowen Webster.

(Photo by Bill Boulton)

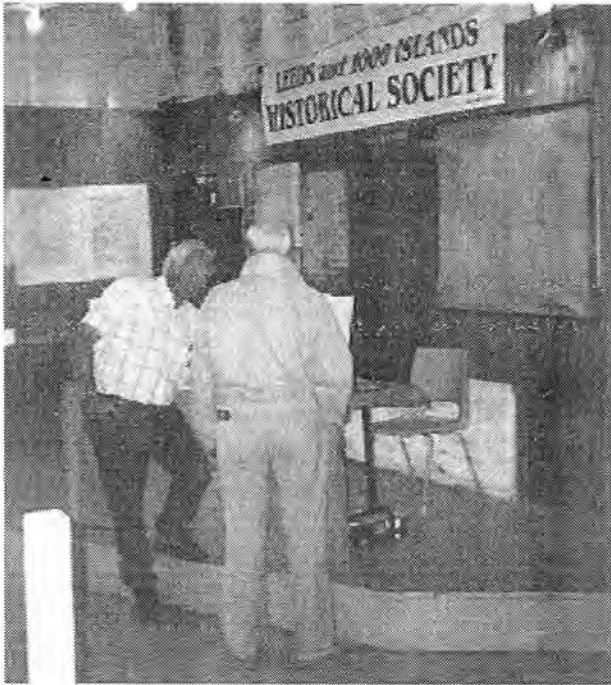


April 21, 2003 Art Shaw traced the history of local chair making.

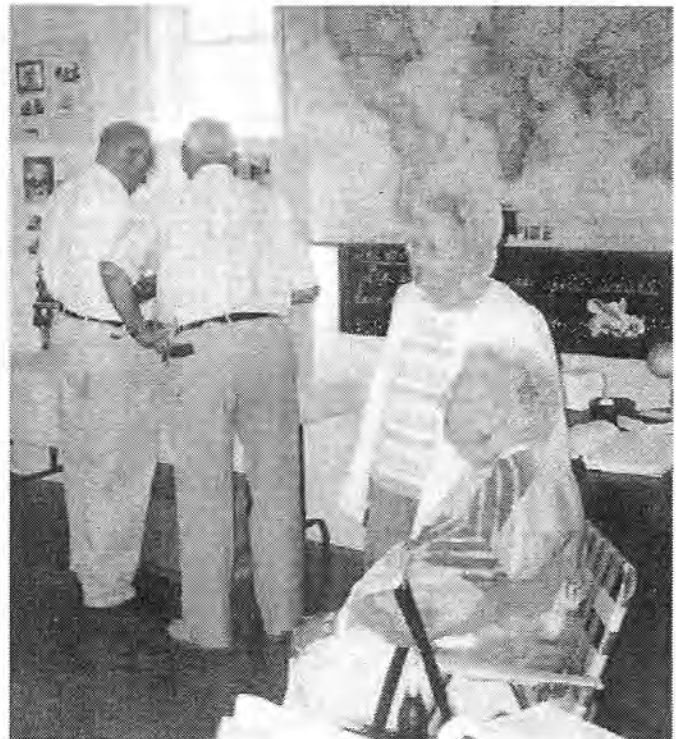
(Photo by Bill Boulton)

YEAR IN REVIEW

From the President's Annual Report



July 18 - 21, 2003 Our Lansdowne Fair display showed old maps of the area. *(Photo by Bill Boulton)*



Aug. 23, 2003 Marion (Webster) Steacy, former pupil and teacher at Greenfield School, chats with Joyce Dodson, a former parent, at the Greenfield School open house.

(Photo by Bill Boulton)



Under the guidance Of Bruce Foley, community signs have been re-erected in Tilley, and will be at Sand Bay Corners

(Photo by Bill Boulton)

During the year, Alan and Bill made presentations for The Arthur Child Heritage Centre, Lansdowne Senior Citizens Club, and S.A.I.L.

SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM

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.

Both A & P and Baldree's in Gananoque now have provided bins for depositing your cash register tapes as you leave the store. Please deposit them into the bin marked L.T.I. Historical Society.

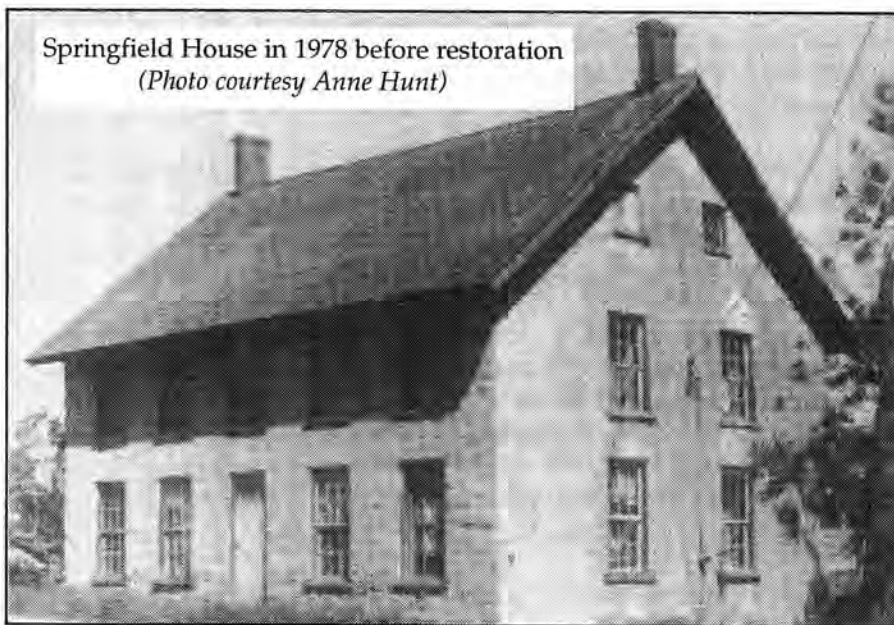
SPRINGFIELD HOUSE

(By Mary Joan Barrett)

Tucked away in the village of Escott stands Springfield house, an impressive stone building whose origin was somewhat of a mystery. Its recent history is more familiar to the local population who now know it as the Escott Library and Heritage Centre. However, when it was purchased by the Township of Escott in 1978 it was uninhabited and in a derelict state.

There has never been any doubt that Springfield House is a gem of a heritage structure, but the public knowledge of the building's history has been skimpy.

In a letter to the editor of the Brockville Recorder dated September 14, 1871, mention is made of a new hotel and a proposed township hall for Escott. "A Town and Masons Hall are to be erected here immediately... There is also a large hotel to be built. The walls are commenced. The building will be of stone." The letter was signed, Traveller. What is today known as the village of Escott, was in the 1870's, more specifically called Springfield.



Springfield House in 1978 before restoration
(Photo courtesy Anne Hunt)

The construction of Springfield House was closely connected with that of Front of Escott's Township Hall in more ways than one. Indeed, the man who owned the land where both buildings would appear was Reuben Fields. Fields was a local sawmill owner, carpenter and builder and the sometimes Reeve of Escott for many years - as well as being a prominent Mason. When the Township Council under Reeve Fields decided it was time for a proper hall, and simultaneously the local Masonic Lodge felt a great need for a regular meeting place, Fields sold them his land for \$50. The downstairs of this building was to house the township hall and the second storey was constructed by and

for the Masons of Macoy Lodge #242. The lower portion of the hall cost \$700., and the upper \$686.

On learning of the proposed hall for Escott, a young farmer from Quabbin, called John Gerald Kavanaugh, had seen the potential for a new hotel in the village right on the King's highway. His mind had been turning to the thought of making an investment since the death of his father, Garret, in May of 1871 had left him a small inheritance. J.G. considered how new business would be passing through the Village of Escott. He also envisioned councillors possibly having to spend the night at Escott after long and stormy sessions. The Masons, too, would be coming from some distance for their regular meetings and would require food and lodging, and perhaps a little nip to warm them on a cold winter's night or refresh them on a hot summer's eve.

Kavanaugh, a young man in his early thirties at the time he built Springfield House, had been born in MacIntosh Mills as had Reuben Fields. Whether this was a coincidence he played up in his dealings with Fields is not known. At any rate, he apparently worked out an agreement to lease and then purchase the land adjacent to the proposed new hall and put the building up at his own expense. It is not known where Kavanaugh got the inspiration for the design of his building. It was not at all typical of the Victorian buildings of the 1870's, but was more suggestive of the Georgian style which flourished in the 18th century particularly in the United States. The use of stone in the construction was unusual, in that it is believed that the stone was not local stone, but was brought from Kingston. It is also thought that the stonemason was James Kavanaugh, J.G.'s brother.

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SPRINGFIELD HOUSE*(By Mary Joan Barrett)**(Continued from Page #7)*

By December of 1871 Springfield House was up and operating as a hotel. The actual papers deeding the land to Kavanaugh for \$40 were not drawn up until April of 1873, by which time the hotel had been in operation for more than a year. Sometimes business deals were not put on record, and Mr. Kavanaugh and Mr. Fields may not have bothered to register the land transfer until the time came when a mortgage was needed. Or perhaps the original intention was to simply lease the land and purchase at a later date. At the same time, Kavanaugh arranged a mortgage on the hotel for \$210. This suggests that the business may not have lived up to his expectations or that he had overextended his enterprise.

J.G. Kavanaugh was not destined to continue in the hotel business for long. In May 1875 he sold the place to Henry Andress for \$950. Within a few years he moved to Manitoba with his family. Springfield house remained in the Andress family for nearly 100 years. Henry Andress and his wife Lucy, with their 14 children made good use of the big house.

Hannah Andress was the 9th child in the family, and the one girl who never married. Her father died in 1902, her mother in 1910, and Hannah continued to live in the big stone house after their deaths. In a letter, Hannah refers to her home as the "Stonepile", and indeed put the name at the top of the letter as her address.

At some time Hannah found the house too large for her alone, and she made a decision to rent out half of it to tenants. In 1924, Ernest Carl Kelly (known locally as Ernie) and his wife Fanny lived for one year at Springfield house. He was secretary of the Springfield Cheese factory and simultaneously served as the township clerk for a number of years. At the time they lived in the house, there was a grocery store in one corner of the building.

Whatever secrets and stories might have been in the attic of the "Stonepile" were destroyed. All the old papers were burned by the last tenant who lived there while the house was still owned by Hannah Andress. When she died in 1951, she left the place to her niece Myrtle, who was Mrs. Charles Miller.

Myrtle lived there until 1971. Although the exact date of purchase is not known (it was not registered until 1977) Myrtle appears to have sold the place around 1951 to Pearl Fenlong. Land registry records show the old hotel was purchased by her for \$800 (less than it had sold for 100 years before). This is another indication that the building had fallen into a state of neglect over the years.

Ron Fenlong, the son of Pearl and George Fenlong, was born at Springfield house in 1952. The eight Fenlong children and their parents lived in the big old house for a number of years, later renting it out. At the time the Fenlong's lived there, the house was no longer divided in two nor was there a store in the building. When Springfield House was purchased by the township, it had been vacant for some time.

Springfield House continues to be a treasured community landmark.

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PHOTOS PAGE #9.**BOTTOM:**

C. Heaslip General Store, Escott, in the 1930's

(Photo courtesy Anne Hunt)

TOP:

King's Highway #2 at Hutchison Road looking west toward Escott, probably in the 1920's

(Photo courtesy Spencer Trickey)

VILLAGE VIEWS from SPRINGFIELD

*The following are newspaper clippings from 1871 quoted by Mary Joan Barrett in *The History of Springfield House*.*

"Here we will have a new hotel, which will be known as Springfield House, which was built and will be opened by J.G. Kavannah(sic), at an expense of about \$1400. The roof is on, the windows are glazed, and the floors are laid, and the joiner work is going ahead, when the plastering is done "mine host" will open his house. The building is 30 x 40 and is two storeys high. The walls are built of stone, which had to be drawn from quite a distance."



"Across the street from these buildings, H.G. Taylor owns a store where there is kept a good assortment of general merchandise. Next door, west, J.L. Dowsley owns a small store in which the Post Office is kept. Next season he intends to build a new brick store to take the place of the old one. Next building is a Blacksmith shop where C. White has just started."

"You pass on still further to another building where you find yourself in "Springfield Carriage Factory" owned by J. Greer. Some years back buggies and carts were manufactured by him, but of late years he

changed his plans and purchased machinery for a steam saw mill and feed mill... There is also a cheese factory in the place, owned by C. May who has sent 83,500 lbs. of cheese out of his factory this season. He ships directly to England... These buildings with a few dwellings, comprise Springfield.

This bird's eye view of what we know today as the Village of Escott, illustrates what a thriving place it was.

*From *The History of Springfield house* by Mary Joan Barrett. Used with the author's permission.*



SPRINGFIELD METHODIST CHURCH*(By Bill Boulton)*

Springfield Methodist Church was located on the south side of Highway #2, just east of the Township Hall in Springfield, later called Escott. In later years it was known as Escott United Church. Some confusion can be caused here as there was a Springfield Methodist, later United, north of Gananoque as well.

In 1884 the Wesleyan Methodist body, Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada and the Methodist Connexions joined to form The Methodist Church of Canada. As early as August 8, 1885, the Quarterly Meeting of the Mallorytown Circuit of the Methodist Church listed classes being held at Springfield.

At a meeting held in Springfield on February 20, 1888, it was moved by David Hutchinson, seconded by James B. Moxley "that we build a church 30 feet by 40 feet with tower and spire". The pastor at the time was Rev. Wm. Pearson. A building committee was appointed. George Dowsley was requested to draw specifications and plans. A piece of land was purchased in Lot 17, Concession 2 Front of Escott from James B. Moxley and wife and deeded to the Methodist Church Escott for \$25.00. It was described as "6 rods wide, 8 1/2 deep, East of Town Hall, lot south of highway". A call for contractors was advertised in the Times and Recorder and Journal newspapers. Two tenders were received, Mr. Cornett for \$1425.50 and Wm. McConnell for \$974.00. The McConnell tender was accepted. \$300.00 was to be paid as soon as the church was enclosed, and the remainder when it was finished.

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**TOP**

Springfield Methodist Church, Escott
(Photo courtesy Anne Hunt)

**LEFT**

Looking west along Highway 2, Springfield Church, Escott Township Hall and Springfield House.
(Photo courtesy Spencer Trickey)

SPRINGFIELD METHODIST CHURCH*(By Bill Boulton)**(Continued from Page #10)*

The corner stone was laid by the Masonic Order on Friday June 29. Dinner was served in the school house yard, 50 cents for adults and 25 for children. At that time the school would have been directly across the road from the church. The Mallorytown and Escott choirs were to sing. The church was finished and dedicated on Thursday October 31, 1888. There was a sermon in the morning, dinner at 12, a sermon in the afternoon, and speeches in the evening. Geo. Taylor, Member of Parliament took the chair at the dedication. There were to be three more sermons on the Sabbath following.

On December 3, 1888, the balance of \$474.00 was paid to Mr. McConnell. At a meeting on December 26, it was decided to build a shed 22 feet deep to the east and south of the church to shelter the horses.

In 1890 the church was canvassing the congregation to buy an organ for the church. At a September 21 meeting, it was decided not to buy the organ due to lack of support.

The church had a series of caretakers in the early days. 1890 Miss Martha Address \$12.00 a year; 1894 Mrs. Wilbur \$18.00 a year; Jane Dowsley \$25.00 a year; and 1898 Andrew Shipman \$2.00 a month for 6 months.

In 1890 the Escott charge separated from Mallorytown, and a new charge consisting of Springfield, Rockfield, Greenfield and Rockport was formed.

The Gananoque Reporter noted on October 29, 1898 that "The Methodist people of this circuit have been planning for some years to build a parsonage. It is now an accomplished fact, and a credit to the place". On April 20, 1897, the Trustees of the Escott Congregation of the Methodist Church purchased from Henry M. Andrews and wife a small parcel of Lot 17, Con. 2, for \$100.00. The newspaper went on to say "The land, building, furnace and furniture will cost about \$1,500, all but \$650 is in hand from subscriptions. The people have done well.... It was thought appropriate that the opening be celebrated by a circuit gathering on the 11th. Dinner and tea were served and a programme for afternoon and evening provided, but owing to very unfavourable weather few came". The parsonage was used by the church until the circuit was again reorganized in the mid 1940's. It was sold to Fred Barrett on August 15, 1950. It was sold again in 1960, and "The Parsonage" still stands at 369 Escott Rockport Road, the home of Anne and Morley Hunt.

The church seemed to go through some interesting times in its early days. In 1897 they had to borrow \$65 from the minister to make repairs to the church. They bought 8 1/4 cords of wood for \$14.44. In 1898 Delmer Hunt was appointed to lead the "Quoire", and his sister Martha as organist. In November 1898 the church was insured for \$800 with Grenville Patron Mutual Insurance. A well was dug and a pump installed for \$9.50 in 1903.

Spencer Trickey attended this church as a boy. He remembers a horsehair stuffed chesterfield behind the pulpit, and a painting of Gabriel and the angels on the wall. Mrs. Barrett played the pump organ. The seats were highly varnished with many coats, and would become sticky in the hot weather so that when you went to get up, you found yourself stuck to the seat.

With church union in 1925, all of these churches became United Church of Canada. In 1944 the Escott Charge was reorganized, with Rockfield going to the Lansdowne Charge and Escott and Rockport to the Mallorytown Charge. As years passed, the attendance declined and it became harder for one minister to cover four preaching points. In May 1959 the official board of the Mallorytown Charge moved that Escott worship with Mallorytown for a trial period until September. The Escott church officially closed on Monday September 14, 1959. It appears that the building was dismantled very soon after. A Lyndhurst man bought it and used the material to build a house. On February 13, 1961 the Escott property was advertised for sale. It was purchased by the township and the works garage was built on the site.



Springfield Methodist Parsonage
(Photo by Bill Boulton)

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SPRINGFIELD METHODIST CHURCH*(By Bill Boulton)**(Continued from Page #11)*

Ministers who served this charge over the years were:

The first minister was John A. Cross

1891 J. Ainsworth

1892-93 W.J. Wood

1894-96 Archibald G. Robertson

1897 Isaac Hall

1898-1900 W.J. Conoly

1901-03 Isaac Nelson

1904-06 J. Howard Philps

1907 W. George Bradford

1908 Alex Fokes

1909-10 D. Webster Pomeroy

1911 H.J. Sheridan

1915-17 James Leech

1918-20 John Puttenham

1921-24 L. Sheldon Throop

1925 Alfred Bishop

1927-28 John D.B. Knox

1929-34 John A. Black

1935-36 A.E. Oliver

1937-42 D.J. Cambell

1943 W.H. Day

1945 J.N. Lovelace

1948 R.M. McMullin

1956 J.A. Veldhuis

Editor's Note: This article was written with assistance from the Lansdowne United Church office, Anne Hunt, Spencer Trickey and others. Thanks to all.

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH ESCOTT*(From Society Files)*

St. Paul's Church is found on the north side of County Road #2 (formerly Highway #2, The King's Highway), once the only link between Upper and Lower Canada. The church overlooks the village of Waterton, once known as Escott Mills.

The building is a small frame structure of white clap-board with a graceful steeple. It stands on top of a rocky outcrop of land. In 1876 this land was donated to the then Bishop, John Travers Lewis, by John Phillips and wife Susan. Except for a small grant, the money for the church was raised locally and the cost was not in excess of \$1000. The building was finished in 1877.

The interior of the building is of tongue and groove wood, painted a soft green to match the carpeting. Long ago the heating was most likely supplied by a wood stove, but now radiant heating makes the building comfortable even on the coldest winter days. A new electronic organ provides the music.



The first service at St. Paul's was held on Jan.21, 1877. The celebrants were the Rev. Houston and Archdeacon Parnell of Kingston. In 1977, the one hundredth anniversary of the church was celebrated with a re-dedication service led by Canon J. Hutchison and Archdeacon F. Payne. St. Paul's holds many memories for the parishioners, and these serve as an incentive for its future.

St. Paul's is now used only for special services. ❖

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Escott
(Photo by Bill Boulton)

William Willcox UEL*(By Alan Lindsay)*

William Willcox, an early pioneer and Loyalist whose family has an interesting history both in New England and Canada, lies buried beneath a simple stone in Lansdowne Cemetery. He was born about 1769, the son of Hazzard and Eunice Willcox, probably in Vermont or Upper New York State. His father, Hazzard, died of wounds he received in the Battle of Bennington in August 1777 while fighting for the British.

William probably settled first in Ernestown above Kingston where he married Sabra Fairfield on August 28, 1797. His sister Sarah who married Freeborn Watson and his brother Hazzard Jr. were also in Ernestown. Another sister Sabra had married Amos Wright of Augusta. She had been granted 800 hundred acres of land in the Fairfax area of Lansdowne. William appears on the census of Elizabethtown in the early 1800's but seems to have lived for many years near Bath. His wife Sabra died July 17, 1818.

On September 20, 1831 he married Rebecca widow of Joseph Landon of Lansdowne. Little is known of their life together but in 1841 he sold his farm in Ernestown to a nephew. On June 3rd of the same year Rebecca bought, from Augustus Plumb, the farm at Kyes' Corners where Mrs. Grills lives today. William's will of 1843 still gives his location as Ernestown but when he died Feb. 17, 1844 he was buried in Lansdowne Cemetery. On May 3, 1845 Rebecca sold the Lansdowne farm to David Bone.

He had two children by his first marriage. His daughter Clara married Marshall Spring Bidwell who was a prominent citizen and a member of the provincial legislature. He supported the reform movement and William Lyon Mackenzie who opposed the Family Compact. After the Rebellions of 1837 Marshall and family escaped to the United States never to return.

William's son John S M Willcox married Mary Landon of Lansdowne on July 24, 1832. He undoubtedly met her through his new step-mother but her relationship to Rebecca is unknown. John and Mary had a large family. At some point before 1850 they moved to the Whitby area where they are buried along with several of their children. One daughter Mary married George Leech a member of the Lansdowne Webster family.

Rebecca married again to Sterling Demming. At some point they seem to have gone to Massilan Iowa where Sterling died in 1880 and is buried.

Rebecca spent the rest of her life with Philip Heaslip and family in Gananoque. Mrs. Heaslip was the former Janette Willcox but her relationship to Rebecca is unknown. She was born at Bath in 1841 but she attended school at McCrone's Corners (Wilstead) where Philip Heaslip was her teacher. They were married in 1855. She may have been a daughter of John and Mary Willcox, Rebecca being her step-grandmother. She must have been living in the area during the 1840-50 period to have attended school here.

Rebecca, who was a daughter of Matthew Elliott of Cole's Corners near Brockville, died August 6, 1891 and is also buried in Lansdowne Cemetery. She was born in Connecticut Oct. 21, 1796 and came to Canada when she was four years old. □

EDITORS NOTE: As Alan Lindsay researched this article he discovered that the correct spelling of Wilcox was with only one "L"; however; in some areas, including his grave marker, it is spelled with two "L's". It is unclear which is more correct.

Grave marker of William Willcox at
Lansdowne Cemetery
(Photo by Bill Boulton)



JULY - DECEMBER 1903
NOTES from the DIARY of JOHN QUINN

- July 1 - 4 Crushing at L. Factory and W. Fares pit. Terrible thunder storm.
- July 5 - 11 Fitting up machine and crushing in Gananoque.
- July 12 - 18 L.O.L. nos. 100, 26 and 27 church parade to Greenfield. Went to Kingston to Celebrations. Crushing at Will Butchers, Andy Clendens and Jos. Enneses.
- July 19 - 25 Crushing at Dodds. Terrible big rane, nothing done for two days.
- July 26 - Aug. 1 Crushed at Chas Grays and Tom McCrays. Miss H. and I went to the river.
- Aug. 2 - 8 No crushing, men all away. Big rane for two days.
- Aug. 9 - 15 Mr. Heaslip died. Took Fred Warren to the river. T. Harpell helping with haying, drawing from George Mathus.
- Aug. 16 - 22 Spent Sunday at river with E.J. Warren. Worked in saw mill yard. Crushed at McCrays and Henry Armstrongs. Got hurt moving crusher. Laid up, took day off.
- Aug. 23 - 29 Mr. Bradleys factory was burnt. Unable to get out of bed for three days. Went back to work on crusher on Thursday, got hurt again and laid up rest of month.
- Sept. - 5 Month begins wet.
- Sept. 6 - 12 Martha came home. Crushing at W. Shepperds and Norm G. (Gardner's)
- Sept. 13 - 19 Uncle Andy came. I was able to walk. Jas. and Andy helping Mr. Smith at harvest. Uncle Edd came home from Toronto. Uncle Edd and George went home. Uncle Andy went away. Martha went to Gananoque. Still not able to work. Mrs Barney McNamee died.
- Sept. 20 - 26 Mrs. John Allen died. Lansdowne Fair. Martha went back to Montreal. Finished harvest, repaired plow. Went to gananoque with Rolo Johnston. Have not been able to work for 5 - 6 weeks.
- Sept. 27 - Oct. 3 Finished crushing at Gardners. Broke a wheel on crusher. Tom Bryan helping put out minure. Tom Bryan and I went to Lyndhurst Fair.
- Oct. 4 - 10 Miss H. and I went down to Fred Latemores. Crushing at Martin Crosses, Will Cooks. Got 57 bushel of oats from A. Willsey. Rain, muddy.
- Oct. 11 - 17 Old Mr. Keating died. Went to Farefax. Crushing at John Lappans and Ezery McKay. Thrashed 400 of oats and 100 of wheat.
- Oct. 18 - 24 Finished crushing at McKays but too soft to move machine.
- Oct. 25 - 31 Crushing at H. Cooks, Nate McKays and Warren Landon. Heavy thunder storm.
- Nov. 1 - 7 Crushing at Kises. First snow of fall.
- Nov. 8 - 14 Crusher broke down, moved it home for the season. Started to plow. Filled up load of grane to go to mill in Gananoque, 25 bushels of feed and 6 of wheat.
- Nov. 15 - 21 Heavy storm of ice, snow and rane. Some people trying to plow but ground freezing hard. Went to Dave Sliters barn raising.
- Nov. 22 - 28 Very stormy, snow and rane. Got a new coat in Lansdowne \$3.00. Very cold 2 below zero. Mary came home. Took some hay to Mrs. Heaslip. Helped John Lappan draw hay.
- Nov. 28 - Dec. 5 Helped John Lappan put up windmill. Got Bill sharp-shod. Blustry, 2" of snow.
- Dec. 6 - 12 Was up to John Bryans. First sleigh run. 10 below zero. Helping B.W. Warren get ready to grind. Working at the mill, paid 50 cents.
- Dec. 13 - 19 John Quinn was here. (There were two John Quinns in the area). Working in mill. Went to Gananoque with a load to attend L.O.L. #51. WBW hurt his foot.
- Dec. 20 - 26 Butchered a pig, 275 pounds. Working in mill. Took Mary to Aunt Sarres, she is very sick. Christmas Day, cold 15 below zero, roads all ice.
- Dec. 27 - 31 Very cold and blustry, worst storm of the winter. Got a grist at Lansdowne 12 bushel. Working at mill. Will Johnston, Dick Horton and Herb Cook got married tonight. Year ends very cold and blustry. Went to Marble Rock with S.H. Warren and into Gananoque.

Times are farly good. Priceses are good. Wages are very high from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per day.

The Hutchinson Family of Escott

David and Asa Hutchinson were early settlers in the Springfield area of Escott Township. Both were born in Hebron Conn. sons of Moses Hutchinson. Asa is recognized as a Loyalist. The family of David is connected to many local families. At one time the Springfield area was known as Hutchinsonville.

David Hutchinson 1732-1803/4 married Sibyl Bill and Esther _____. His will mentions children: Elias, Joab, David Jr, Reuben, Sibel and Kerren.

Elias was wanted for treason in 1812 and fled to the U.S.A. where he died in Putnam Co. MO in 1846 leaving 11 children.

David Hutchinson Jr. married Hannah Comstalk. Their son, also David, married Lavinia Brooker daughter of James Brooker and Martha Buell. The Brooker home was the large brick house at the corner of the Hutchinson Rd. and #2 Highway.

Family of David and Lavinia Hutchinson

Mariam (David Patterson), David Wesley (Martha Moxley), Rachel (Elijah Flagg), Martha (George May), Sarah J (Wm. Smith & Ambrose Cross), Wellington (Mary Andress), Robert J (Martha Smith) and William (Christina Smith).

Family of David Wesley and Martha Moxley Hutchinson

Firman (Adah Gibson)-3 children

Norman (Margaret Rath)-Charles, Norman, Mary, Lydia (one of the former teachers who attended the re-opening of Greenfield School), Ethel.

Joe

James

David (Florence Guild)-Wm (Nellie Sherwood), Helen (Laurence Frolic), Goldie (Elmer Dack)

George-a doctor in western Canada

Mary Etta (Wm J Cross & Walter Hollead)

Ida (Selwyn Kendrick)

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