

# Exploring **20** The Past

1992 *Years* 2012

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Historical Society  
1992 - 2002

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### **MEMBERSHIP FEES** - Canadian Funds Please

General (Family) - \$15.00    Association - \$20.00    Corporate - \$30.00  
Our membership term is Sept. 1 to Aug. 31  
Memberships available at any meeting or by cheque to:

**LTI HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**Box 332 Lansdowne, Ont. KOE 1L0**

### Correction

*The caption on the cover picture of #36, Fall/Winter 2011, should have read:  
Frank Fitzsimmons on the right, with his Uncle Charles, at John Fitzsimmon's memorial on Fitzsimmons Mountain.*

## **CONDOLENCES**

We regret to report the deaths of three long time members since our last newsletter:  
**Adeline Kennedy** and **Vivian J. Keir** and **Honorary Life Member - Ruth Chisamore**  
***To their families and friends, our deepest sympathy***

### NEWSLETTERS

**As our newsletter binder was growing large, we have decided to split it into two.**

Back copies of our newsletters are available for \$2.50 each

Copies 1 through 20 are now available in a three ring binder. Cost \$62.00

Copies 21 through 36 in a three ring binder - Cost \$52.00

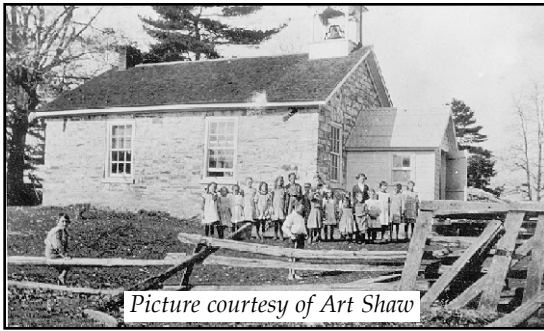
Binders with all copies 1 through 36 are still available. Ask for price.

Due to the weight and high cost of postage, if these have to be mailed, postage will have to be added.

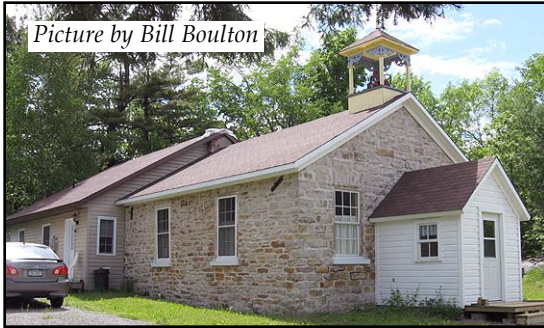
Also available now is a binder with a coloured cover insert or the coloured cover insert alone.

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Picture courtesy of Art Shaw



Picture by Bill Boulton

## THEN and NOW

### Old School Revitalized *By Bill Boulton* **Long Point School**

The old stone school, Long Point School, on the corner of County Road 3 and Long Point Road, has seen a great refurbishing job over the last few years. The work has now been completed.

The school was built in 1862 on land donated by Daniel O'Connor. It closed in 1962, and the land went back to the O'Connor family. For several years it was rented as a house. In 2002 it was purchased by Margaret Brennan, a great-great granddaughter of Daniel O'Connor. She and her husband, Dennis, live in Schenectady, New York. Margaret wished to have a part of the land settled by her ancestors in the 1830's.

The beautiful restoration work has tried to maintain as much as possible of the original, restoring it as close as possible to look as it did originally, even saving the pupils initials carved into the wooden wainscoting. The bell tower was rebuilt and the bell returned to its original place.

Margaret held an open "school house" on June 30 to which any who attended Long Point school were invited.

**To Margaret and Dennis, our congratulations for a fine job of preserving this piece of our township's history.**  
 (For more in-depth information on Long Point School see article by Art Shaw on Page #10)



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### **COME AND HELP US CELEBRATE**

**Monday September 17th. - Community Building**

**6:00 p.m. Roast Beef Dinner.**

**COST: MEMBERS - \$15.00 NON-MEMBERS - \$20.00**

**Tickets MUST be purchased by September 7th.**

*(Tickets will NOT be mailed - PAID Tickets will be Held at the Door for You)*

**Make Cheques Payable to: L.T.I. HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**Box 332, Lansdowne, On. K0E 1L0**

**NOTE: The Regular Programme Starts at 7:30 p.m.**

**TOPIC: Review of Programmes of the Past 20 years.**

### **Heritage Organization Grant**

The Historical Society made an application to the Provincial Ministry of Culture for a Heritage Organization Development Grant. Our application was approved, and we received \$1,545.00 This grant will be used to cover the cost of preparation and distribution of our Newsletters.

**We wish to thank the Ministry of Culture for this assistance.**



## *The Beginning*

By Bill Boulton

*April 28, 1992 Front of Leeds and Lansdowne Historical Society*  
*September 17, 2012 Leeds & 1000 Islands Historical Society*

1991 a group had been talking in twos and threes about the disappearance of local landmarks. Darlingside being placed on the market for sale brought this group to realize that some action had to be taken.

August 6, 1991, a group consisting of Shirley Fernitch, Glenda Olivier, Alan Lindsay, Alexis Girling, Bruce Kivell and Bill Boulton met at the Golden Apple in Gananoque to discuss the situation and what could be done. Joan Barrett, a member of the Escott LACAC, was invited to advise us.

The next week, Shirley, Alan, Bill, Alexis and Bruce spent a day driving back roads in the township looking at old buildings.

We consulted John Raycroft, the Township CAO. He advised us to form a Historical Society and advised us to approach council to get their support.

January 1992 Glenda and Bill made a slide presentation before the Front of Leeds and Lansdowne council. Council provided \$300.00 as start-up money.

April 28, 1992, an organizational meeting was held in the library at Lansdowne Public School. Bill gave the slide presentation which had been presented to Council. An interested group attended, but not enough to elect a full executive.

Officers elected were: President - Bill Boulton  
Acting Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer - Glenda Olivier

### Some of the early meeting topics were:

- Sept. 23, 1992: Researching the History of Your Property (Dr. Godfrey Spragge).
- Nov. 24, 1992: Chess With Violence (Hal McCarney).
- Feb. 23, 1993: Visit to Queen's University Archives.
- April 8, 1993: Up The Family Tree – Introduction to Genealogy.
- May 19, 1993: Archaeology, Voices of the Past (Susan Bazely).
- June 12, 1993: Day trip and picnic to Gordon Island.
- Sept. 28, 1993: Report on Summer Project (Lisa Thompson).
- Nov. 24, 1993: Upper Canada Fur Traders (Jim Dobson).
- Jan. 18, 1994: History of Gananoque (John Nalon).
- Mar. 17, 1994: Fashions in the 1860's (Upper Canada Village).
- Apr. 19, 1994: Organizing Your Family Resources (Myrtle Johnson).
- May 1994: Collection From the Community – Show and Tell.
- Sept. 1994: Slide Presentation.
- Oct. 1, 1994: First Heritage Fair.
- Nov. 28, 1994: Show and Tell.

Tour of the Catholic Churches - Boat Tour as Guests of Gananoque Historical Society.

Over the years we have been successful in receiving grants to support several projects. In the summer of 1993, we were fortunate to have Lisa Thompson who carried out research on the Bowen property, Darlingside, Emery School. Wendy Purdy was our summer student in 1994. She worked mostly recording church material from the township. She also did a lot of the preparatory work for our first Heritage fair. Hillary Anne Hamilton came to us in the fall of 1994 on a six month programme, at the end of which we were given an additional three months. To Hillary Ann must go the credit for establishing our picture, slide and archival collections.

Also in 1994, through money donated in the memory of Edwin Warren and an Ontario grant, we purchased a micro film reader and film. This was placed in the library.

In June 1995 the Darlingside property was sold. Through the efforts of Diane Hall and Gloria Crawford at the Township office, we gained access to the store and house. We received permission to remove all paper material and some small items, provided we were finished before the auction people arrived the next Monday noon. Diane arranged for four from the office staff, and three men and a truck from public works to assist. We brought a full truckload of material from there. In 1996, Cheryl Powney, on a Works Ontario Grant, cleaned, sorted and filed all the material we had obtained from Darlingside.

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# The Beginning

By Bill Boulton

At the amalgamation of the Townships of Front and Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne and Front of Escott in 2002, we amended our name to reflect the change. We also adopted a new logo. We have tried, in both our newsletters and meeting topics, to reflect the broader coverage area. We regret that it has not been possible to hold meetings in other areas of the township.

Over the years we have maintained our schedule of seven evening programmes a year with speakers or demonstrations. As well, we have sponsored trips to: Correctional Services Museum, Bolt Castle, Tacks Toys, and Franktown, Perth and Lyn Museums. As part of the Millennium Celebrations, we organized two history bus tours of the township, as well as sponsoring one for SAIL.

As a millennium project, we made an arrangement with the Grier family to restore and use the Greenfield School. This arrangement is still in effect. We thank the Griers for their generosity, and all who donated to, or worked on this restoration. An official re-opening was held on September 10, 2002.

All of this could not have been accomplished without the efforts and loyalty of our members. We have grown from a mere handful to 274 members. Not bad at all! **Congratulate yourself on 20 Years of achievement!**

NOV. 2001 - OIL LAMPS  
KEVIN WHEELER



#1 - SEPT 2006 - THE DARLING  
ESTATE - ALAN LINDSAY

#2 - JAN. 2009 - "VIEWS OF  
GANANOQUE" - JOHN NALON



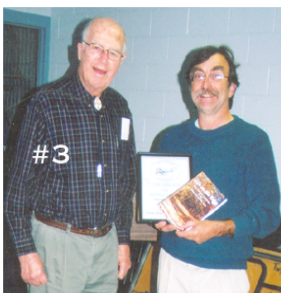
2004 MEETING - 126 SINCE 1992

#3 - SEPT. 2009 - THE  
FIGHTING SEA FLEAS,  
JOHN REID

#4 - SOCIAL COMMITTEE



JUNE 2008 - TED & PAT HEWITT  
ACCEPT VOLUNTEER AWARD



#3



APRIL 2003 - CHAIRS &  
CHAIR MAKING - ART SHAW



MAY 2005 - ALAN LINSAY PRESENTS  
PICTURE @ T.I.E.S. OPENING



#2



#4

-All Photos from Society Files-



OCT. 2003 - HISCOCK CLASS  
VISITS GREENFIELD SCHOOL



APRIL 2004  
VISIT TO LYN MUSEUM



#1



APR. 2008 - L.T.I.  
HERITAGE COMMITTEE



APRIL 2009 - GRIFFIN'S LAKESIDE  
COTTAGES, BOB GRIFFIN



MAY 2009 - BUS TRIP TO  
FRANKTOWN & PERTH

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## THE WEBSTERS - 200 YEARS IN CANADA

By Carol Lynch

*"Irish family overcomes adversity to settle in new land."*

A reunion on June 23, 2012 at Oak Leaf, Ontario, acknowledged the struggles of an Irish family to overcome adversity and celebrate their success at establishing themselves in Leeds County in the early 1800's.

Descendants of the Webster family gathered at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Oak Leaf, the weekend of the 23rd of June, 2012 to share their common heritage. The event was the 11th. reunion of descendants of the Webster family that immigrated from Country Wexford in Ireland to Upper Canada, British North America.

Details of the early history of the family are sketchy. However, the close connection of the name to terminology found in the wool industry of long ago provides a clue. Turning wool into clothing was a major pursuit in medieval times. Those that weaved the wool into cloth were known as "Webbers" and it is believed the feminine gender of Webber evolved into Webster suggesting members of the family were involved in the weaving trade.

The fact the family was Protestant also provides another clue as to why they settled in Ireland. It is known that members of the family were deeply involved in a major conflict that pitted Catholics against Protestants in the late 1600's.

James II, the English King who converted to Catholicism, raised the ire of Protestant nobles who feared his policies would restore the power of the Roman Catholic Church. In a bid to oust James, the nobles sought the help of William of Orange, King of Holland. James was forced to leave England and found refuge in Ireland with its predominately Catholic population. William transported his army to Ireland to confront James. Among those serving with William were three brothers of the Webster family. It is not known if these men accompanied William from his native Holland or if they were already established in England and decided to join the English army headed for Ireland. With his Irish partisans, James met William's army on the banks of the Boyne River, a shallow, marshy waterway in east-central Ireland.

Outnumbered almost two to one and facing a vastly superior force of trained soldiers, James was soundly defeated at the Battle of the Boyne on July 12, 1690. Presumably for their support of William, members of the Webster family were granted lands in the Townlands of Garrybritt near the village of Ennisorthy in County Wexford, southeastern Ireland. A descendant of one of the Webster's who had supported William in the Battle of the Boyne had three sons: Robert, Nathaniel and John. Robert and John Webster were the ancestors of the families who immigrated to the settlements of Lansdowne and Oak Leaf in Leeds County. It is said that Nathaniel's descendants came to the Brockville area. From these original members of the family, the family tree includes in excess of 7,000.

The Battle of the Boyne was only one of a series of conflicts in which Irish Catholics were pitted against English Protestants. The Catholics rebelled because they could not own land, had to pay rent to absentee English landlords and also pay a tithe to the Church of England. One incident in this on-going strife was to have a profound effect on the Webster family.

During the Irish Rebellion of 1798, an uprising against British rule in the Kingdom of Ireland lasted several months (23 May – 23 September). The United Irishmen, a republican revolutionary group influenced by the ideas of the American and French revolutions, were the main organizing force behind the rebellion. The United Irishmen organization crossed the religious divide with a membership comprised of Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists, other Protestant "dissenters" groups, and some from the protestant Ascendancy. The Society openly put forward policies of further democratic reforms and Catholic emancipation, reforms which the Irish Parliament had little intention of granting. Edward Webster, a major in the British Dragoons, was called away from the family home to join his regiment. Seizing the opportunity, the Catholic insurgent surrounded the Webster homestead and set it on fire. Ironically, as the house burned, an old Catholic servant helped members of the family to escape.

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## THE WEBSTERS - 200 YEARS IN CANADA

Robert Webster and his large family hid in nearby hedges and ditches clad only in their night clothes. After two nights and a day, they were suffering from hunger, thirst, exposure and fatigue. Realizing they were in a precarious position, the family attempted to walk to the settlement of Wexford via Enniscorthy where British troops were stationed. Robert was holding his two-year-old son, Nathaniel, when the rebels wielding their pikes, started to stab him in the chest. No less than seven rebels lifted their pikes, still imbedded in the man, and held the body above their heads for a considerable time before casting over the wall of the Enniscorthy Bridge into the river below. Meanwhile, tiny Nathaniel, who had been dropped by his father during the attack, was trampled by the mob until his older sister, Mary, rushed into the melee and saved him but not before the child was maimed for life. When the eldest son, Edward, learned of his father's brutal death, he was enraged, and rushed his troops to Wexford, arrested eleven of the rebels and hanged them before midnight.

(Photo Courtesy - Carol Lynch)

Robert's widow was left with 11 children. Edward, the eldest, stayed in Ireland. Nine of Robert Webster's children, some of whom were married by this time, immigrated to Canada between 1812 and 1817 – Mary, Martha (Mattie), Elizabeth, Margaret (Peggy), Eleanor, Roberts B. Sr., William Sr., Barbara and Nathaniel, settling in Oak Leaf. Some settled in the Lansdowne area while others established themselves in central Leeds County at the rural settlement of Oak Leaf, near Athens. Research has revealed that Thomas immigrated in 1817 to Prescott and later to the Bay of Quinte and Cavan Township, but it is not confirmed that this is a son of Robert.

William Webster Sr. and his wife Alice Murphy had 6 children, Sarah, Edward, George, Robert, John and Jane. Sarah married William Nalty, a Land Agent from Leeds County. He had traveled to the newly surveyed Clearview Township in the summer of 1841. He convinced his brother-in-law, Edward Webster, to join him in settling in the Mad River Valley. Edward laid out the village of Creemore in 1842 naming the streets after members of his family. His brother, George Webster, came to Creemore in 1848 and built the first two taverns, a store and some dwellings in the community. He later surveyed and established the settlement of Websterville, just west of Creemore.

Nathaniel, the second son of the old soldier or some of his descendants, came to Canada and settled in the Brockville area. We believe it was New Dublin – Richard, William, Thomas and Nathaniel.

The other son, John, had four children, all boys: Robert, John, Edward and William. Robert took part in the same rebellion in which his uncle Robert had been killed. In May 1798, he died on the battlefield at Vinegar Hill. John (second generation) had three children: Henry married Bridget MacGoven, Margaret married Henry Trickey and Nathaniel married Maria Armstrong and immigrated in 1817. Edward, the third brother, is known to have taken a prominent part in the Irish affairs. William, accompanied by his wife, formerly Jane Rath, and his four sons and three daughters came to Canada in 1822, having sailed over with a fair wind in six weeks and landed in Quebec. They travelled to Brockville on a Durham boat and finally made their way through the forests to Lansdowne. They settled on and cleared the place now know as "The Stone House Farm".

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Nelson Webster (1858-1938) & his wife  
Victoria Storey (1856-1947)

**W.W. Black**

West End  
GANANOQUE



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## **THE WEBSTERS - 200 YEARS IN CANADA**

**Prominent members of the Webster family include:**

**The Hon. John Webster (1856 – 1928),**

Member of the Conservative Government, representing Brockville, first elected in 1911. He was appointed to the Senate in 1918 and served to 1928.

**Nelson Webster (1858 – 1938),**

Warden of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville and organized the first family reunion in 1922.

**Edward Webster (1817 – 1902),**

Founder of Creemore, Ontario in 1842.

**George Webster (1825 – 1913),**

Founder of Websterville, Ontario in 1875.

**Dr. Albert Edward Webster (1866 – 1936),**

Dean of Dentistry at the University of Toronto (1915 – 1923),  
Editor, the Dominion Dental Journal (1900 – 1935).

We were very honoured for the 200th. reunion celebration to have Irish cousins coming from Ireland. This was the first time during 200 years that members of the Webster family in Ireland have made the trip to Canada. They are 7th. generation of Edward Webster, the major, during the Rebellion of 1798.

*Article from News & Views, Newsletter of the Leeds & Grenville Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society, used with permission.*



**The Twelve children of Nelson (1858-1938) and Victoria Webster.  
Nelson is a grandson of William Webster and Jane Rath, who came to Leeds County in 1822.**

**L to R. Back Row:** Jennie, Margaret, Pearl, Mabel, Wilhelmina, Anna, Ford, Robert.  
**L to R Front Row:** Elizabeth, Alice Mary, Victoria (Mother), Nelson (Father), Thomas John, Martha (Toll).





## **FAMILY REUNION AT LANSDOWNE**

*This article is copied from The Gananoque Journal, July 5, 1922.*

### **Centenary of Nathaniel Webster's Arrival in Canada Celebrated Fine Gathering of his Descendants – Officers and Delegates**

Lansdowne, July 5 – Lansdowne on Tuesday evening, July 4, was the scene of the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the arrival in Canada of Nathaniel Webster from Ireland. Descendants of the original Leeds County Websters gathered to the number of between three and four hundred at the Agricultural Hall on the Fair Grounds at Lansdowne, where a monster banquet was held. The hall stands on the homestead which was taken by the first Webster when he settled on the shores of the St. Lawrence. The banquet commenced at six o'clock and three different sittings at the tables were required to accommodate the large number present. The gathering which ranks as the largest ever staged anywhere in Eastern Ontario. was representative of all parts of Canada and the United States. During the banquet music was furnished by an orchestra composed of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steacy, Toronto, Mrs. T.J. Webster, Warburton, and Miss Spicer. The programme consisted chiefly of toasts, vocal and instrumental solos which were well rendered by Mr. T.J. Webster and Mrs. Albert Cliffe. The chairman, Mr. Nelson Webster, made a short address and thanked the committee for the able manner in which the affair had been handled.

The first toast "The King" proposed by the chairman, Nelson Webster. The second toast "Our Empire" proposed by Mr. H.O. Webster, and responded to by Senator John Webster, M.P. of Brockville.

Senator Webster dealt largely on Canada's part in the late war which he said was proof to the world of Canada's loyalty to the Empire. He also spoke on the immigration question and defined the Oriental immigration in this country as a menace to Canada and a question that needed the immediate and serious consideration of the Government.

Other toasts were "Ireland" proposed by Mr. Joseph Webster, Elkhorn, Man., responded to by Rev. Cecil Winter, Anglican Rector at Lansdowne. The toast "Canada" proposed by Mr. Arthur Webster, Toronto, and responded to by Mr. W.O. Webster, Endora. "Our Fore-Fathers" proposed by Mr. Thomas J. Webster, Warburton, responded to by Mr. Charles R. Webster, Kingston. A silent toast was proposed by the chairman to Captain Leslie Webster of Calgary, killed in action with the 50th. Battalion. The last toast "Our Guests" proposed by Mr. Robert Webster and responded to by Mr. W.H. Corbett, Tomales, California.

The election of officers was as follows: Hon. President, Mr. Joseph Webster, Elkhorn, Man.; Pres. Mr. Nelson Webster, Lansdowne; Secretary, Miss Emily F. Webster, Ottawa.

The meeting adjourned with the singing of the National Anthem, and met on Thursday morning at Lansdowne Dock from where they proceeded on a tour of the islands per the steamer, Missisquoi, which had been chartered for the occasion, dining in one of the Government pavilions near Gananoque. ☞☞☞☞☞



## LONG POINT SCHOOL *By Art shaw*

Beginning in 1842, School Section #5 in Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne was served by a log school on Richard Singleton's farm near Singleton Lake. In 1853 the trustees of SS #5 purchased a lot for a new school from Daniel O'Connor. In the winter of 1862 they called tenders for the construction of a stone school, to be known as Long Point School. Joseph Simmons won the tender to build the school at a cost of \$372.00. Sophia Jones was the first teacher, having started the year 1862 in the Singleton School and moved into the new school in September.

150 years later, Long Point School still stands, at the corner of County Rd 3 and Long Point Road. In those years, British North America became Canada, Canada West became Ontario, and its builders and early students became the revered as the progenitors of many proud families. For 98 of those years it was the hub of the community. Besides being the seat of learning for the children in a wide area, it also held church services, Sunday Schools, funerals, elections and movies. It stood at the same corner as the post office (1891-1914) and the cheese factory (1902-1951). In lead mining days there were 85 students enrolled, who sat three to a seat and three on each of the deep window sills. At the other extreme, there were three students in 1942.

After it closed in 1960, it was bought back by the descendants of Daniel O'Connor and used as a rental property. In 1986 it was designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. It was empty from the mid 90's until 2002 when Margie and Denis Brennan from Schenectady N.Y. bought it. Margie is also a descendant of Daniel O'Connor, and an avid O'Connor genealogist and historian. They have restored the school to its original appearance inside and out. Under the 1913 embossed tin interior they found the 1860 wainscot, chair rail and window trim. The rotted floor and hewn floor joists had to be replaced, the stone masonry was pointed, and the roof replaced. The bell was returned to the restored belfry from the lakeshore cottage of another O'Connor cousin. The old front door was refurbished, complete with the initials carved over the years, and an addition was built on the west end to house the services required of a modern residence. Thus, their living room is the old school room, intact.

On June 30, 2012, the school was the scene of a 150th anniversary reunion. The event was 150 years and four days after the entry in the account book saying "Paid Joseph Simmons for building the school... \$372". Students and descendants of students gathered at the invitation of the Brennans, bringing with them their memories, pictures and mementos. Mayor Bruce Bryan, an alumni, unveiled a plaque commemorating the historical designation, and the crowd included several nonagenarians, one having driven herself from Madoc.

There was a new book for sale, especially for the occasion, describing the history of the school in detail. It is 54 pages, containing the whole story including 19 class photos between 1880 and 1960, and much lore of the community. One hundred copies were printed, and it is still available from Art Shaw at a cost of \$10.



Long Point School 1888 - Photo Courtesy Art Shaw

**Back Row L-R:** Ike Plunkett, Joe Tye, Frank Tye, Johnson Moorhead, Alfred Ellis (behind Johnson M), Sarah Liza Sheldon, Jane Moorhead, Patience Ellen Singleton, Ella Seabrook, Maggie Kelsey, Liz Henderson, Edith Lee, teacher Fanny O'Donahue, Benny Thurston, John Moorhead (trustee), Charles O'Connor (trustee).

**Front Row L-R:** Charlie Tye, Ross Killenbeck, John Plunkett, unknown, Edith Tye, Patience Tye (Mrs. Jim Dillon), Sophia Sheldon (Mrs. Benedict Kelsey), Sadie Bryan, Lizzy Tye (kneeling), Lydia Spicer, Charles Burns, Jim Burns, unknown, Will Warren?, Fergus O'Connor, Horace Warren, Ed Kelsey, Phillip Kelsey.



## Franklin Gifford Moore DDS

by Alan Lindsay

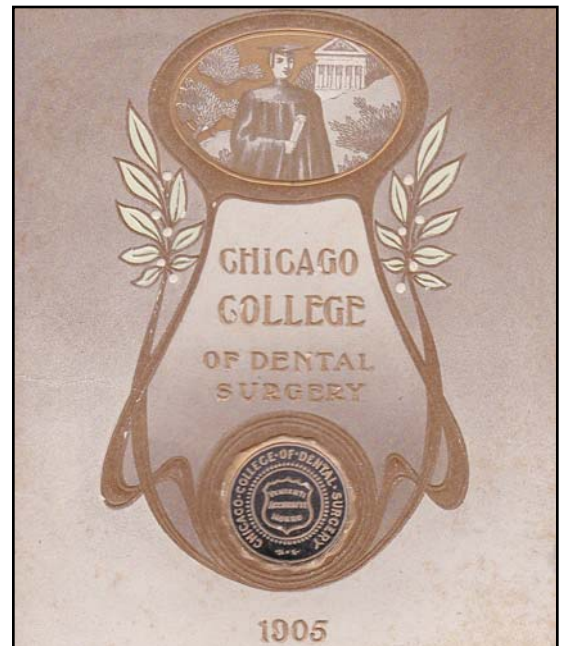
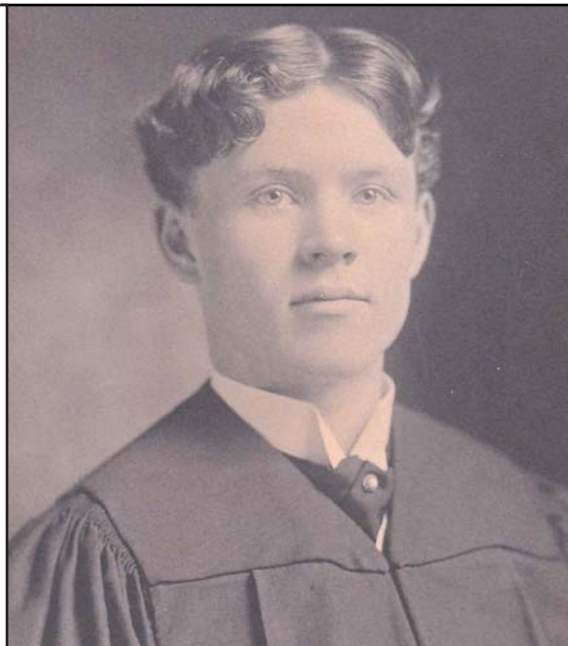
Franklin Gifford Moore was born on December 8, 1885, likely in Lansdowne. His parents were Walsingham P. Moore Jr. (1845-1936) and Isabella Ennis (1858-1933). His grandfather Robert Ennis (1819-1898) was a shoemaker who owned the land at the top of the hill in the village. He had his shop there in a pine woods and sold the property to Henry Mulvaugh who built what is now the Freshmart. Robert Ennis built the first house in what became the village of Lansdowne more than fifty years before his death.

Franklin Moore went to public school in Lansdowne and high school in Gananoque and later attended the College of Dental Surgeons in Chicago Illinois. He graduated on May 2, 1905. He practiced in the office of Dr. Brady in Chicago for a time and then moved to Balcarres, Saskatchewan, where he opened his own office and he practiced there until he retired. He later moved to California where he lived until he died, sometime before 1955.

Franklin married Florence Ida Pickering and had three children Carmichael, Gifford and a daughter who married Fred Schaller. He had three sisters Florence (J. D. Wetherall), who lived in Brockville, Clara (W. D. Fisher) of Regina and Sadie (W. V. Peterkin) of Winnipeg. His brother Samuel John Paul Moore (1883-1971) lived in Lansdowne and was married to Gladys Cross. Two brothers, James and William died as young children.

Dr. Franklin  
Gifford Moore and  
his  
Certificate  
1905

*Photos Courtesy of  
Alan Lindsay*



### FAMILY OF WALSINGHAM MOORE SR.

***Walsingham Moore (1808-Aug. 27,1852) married Sarah Davis. Both are buried in Union Cemetery.***

**Children:**

- Fanny (Aug. 19,1837-1918) mar. 1862 Benjamin S. Bradley (1826-1908) (see family Page #14)
- Sarah (1839-Jan. 31,1880) mar. Alexander Heaslip (see family Page #14)
- Jane (1840-1919) mar. 1st Benjamin Tackaberry -(see family Page #14) mar. 2nd her brother-in-law Joseph Doak.
- William (1843-July 2, 1871).
- John (1844- ) mar. Mary Ann Warren-dau. Elsie
- Walsingham Jr. (1845-1936) mar. Isobel Ennis (1858-1932) (see Franklin Moore Story above)
- Margaret (1847-1883) mar. Joseph Doak (1839-1919) -grandparents of Ivan Doak

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## ACCOUNT WITH EDWARD LANCLEY

The Historical Society has recently been able to see an account book from the Landon Farm dating back to 1847. Two pages deal with Edward Lancelay, the writer of the diary. One page is recorded here.

### Commenced work 1886

	Note Paper		
	By cash Sand Bay entertainment		\$ .35
<b>1887</b>			
<b>Feb.</b>	Per pictures		.40
<b>Feb.</b>	I pair Duck pants 50cts Making 25		.75
<b>Mar.</b>	1 pair boots		2.60
<b>Mar.</b>	By cash open Lodge		.10
<b>Feb.</b>	By cash tea meeting		.25
<b>Mar.</b>	Freight charges on box		1.90
<b>May 13</b>	Postage on 2 letters		.20
<b>June 30</b>	By cash		.50
<b>July 12</b>	By cash		1.00
<b>July 26</b>	By letter paper		.10
<b>Aug. 6</b>	1 Hat		.10
<b>Sept. 7</b>	By Cash		1.00
	Excursion		.65
<b>Sept. 3</b>	By Suit Clothes		15.50
	2-1/2 yds. Duck @22cts. Making 25cts.		.80
	5yds. Shirting @ 15cts. Making 40cts.		1.15
	Felts 1pr.		.75
	3 pair mittens		.75
<b>Aug.</b>	Repairing Boots		<u>1.20</u>
			\$28.35



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### OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS

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## **MY DIARY - EDWARD LANCLEY - 1890**

### **DOMINION DAY - TUESDAY**

- July 1** Drew from McKee place 21 loads, two teams at work part of the day. Picnic at Horton's Grove. Some went from here, raining at time of writing, 9:30. Rained nearly all night returned from Malacoff about half past ten.
- July 2** Drew 10 load from McKee Place. The strawberries were ordered from P.M. Namee Sand bay.
- July 3** Drew 7 load from McKee Place. A Strawberry Festival was held in the Church. There was a very large crowd. Strawberries and ice cream was furnished by the Church to all who would pay 10 cents per plate and 10 cents admission at the door. The Lansdowne Choir & Fairfax sang two pieces each. Mr. F Sooker gave two recitations. Cleared about 25 dollars.
- July 4** Put all the straw out on the Donevan Place piled it on the east side of the barn. Brought down the horse rake and mowing machine. School broke up for the holidays.
- July 5** Commenced mowing. Mowed field back of the barn on the McKee Place. Bought a potato weeder from Mr. TP Smiths in the morning and Erastus went back and cultivated the potatoes.
- July 6** Church in the morning. Very good attendance. Mr. Fairlie preached from
- July 7** Drew in one load of hay. It commenced to rain as we were going out for the second and we did not get any more in. Received notice of cars being at station for hay. Mrs. O. Bradley died.
- July 8** Drew two load of hay to Lansdowne. A heavy thunder storm raged here nearly all afternoon. The lightning was very sharp. Mrs. Bradley funeral took place to-day. Buried at the Ebenezer.
- July 9** Drew in six load of hay from field behind barn on McKee Place. One load of pressed hay to Lansdowne. Berries are very plentiful, 34 quarts picked to-day.
- July 10** Drew in five loads of hay from back of E.J.'s and drew one load of rakings from back of the barn. Mr. Keaton helped us in the afternoon. Commenced cutting piece east of barn on McKee place.
- July 11** Drew in 3 load of hay from the S.W. corner field no. three and raked and drew in 4 load from meadow opposite home barn. Put some hay over the horse stable. We have twentyone loads in altogether up to this evening.
- July 12** Two hundredth anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne which was celebrated in Brockville. The day was fine & very warm. Mowed part of field no. three on McKee Place & cocked up 102 near the bushes. It looked a little like rain towards evening but it blew over.
- July 13** Church in the morning. Mr. Fairlie preached from Luke XIV 15 verse "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the Kingdom of Heaven". Very good attendance. Went to Mr. Samuel Donevans for dinner.
- July 14** Drew in hay from field above the bushes and four load from north half of field no. three. Mowed West side of the road and commenced on fall wheat ground. Drew in 8 loads to-day three being put in the big barn.
- July 15** Four o'clock this morning an electrical storm passed over this section. A flash of lightning struck Mr. Amos Clares house running down the Chimney knocking down stove pipes and coming out of the stove door which it broke open scattering ashes and soot all over the room. Drew in 4 loads of hay from north half of field no. three. Mowed rest of meadow in field no. four.
- July 16** Raked Fall Wheat ground and drew in eight loads of hay. Commenced mowing on the Donevan Place.
- July 17** Drew in one load and a half. It rained a little all day. We put out straw on McKee Place and commenced putting out rye straw on "home place". Hoed potatoes. Went to Mr. W.C. Wraths for hay tedder.
- July 18** Turned over hay on Donevan Place and took machine home. Commenced building a stack at the McKee barn. Drew in loads 8 of which we put in the stack.
- July 19** Moved up to Donevan Place. Mowed field 9. Drew in with the two teams, put hay into the shed.
- July 20** Church in the morning. Our Pastor preached a good sermon from Luke XIX 23, XIV 25. "If any man cometh unto me and hath not his own father and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren & sisters yea and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple".
- July 21** Drew in on Donevan Place 13 loads. Mowed rest of the field North of the ledge and over the ditch. We commenced putting into the barn.
- July 22** Drew in load on the Donevan Place Built a stack pen back and commenced mowing the field back of the house at home. And drew in two loads we put into the big shed.
- July 23** Drew in 4 load which we put into the shed, finished mowing field back of the barn. Raked field on Donevan place back of big ditch and cocked up all of it.

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(Continued from Page. #13) **MY DIARY - EDWARD LANCLEY - 1890**

- July 24** Drew 6 loads off of back field on Donevan place and put them in a stack. I mowed until half past ten beat the rain coming on. I had to stop. Put out straw on McKee place & at home. Raining still 9:15.
- July 25** Rainy weather. Hoed and ploughed out potatoe and in the afternoon raked field north of house. Erastus and Mr. Keaton cocked some of it up. Oscar mowed after supper. Clearing off at time of writing 9:20  
Mary started for Athens.
- July 26** Brought the hay tedder from Mr. Raths but did not use it very much. Raked the field back of the house and drew in loads. Cocked up all the hay we had cut down. In the evening I returned the tedder to Mr. Rath and from there to Lansdowne. Received letter from Mr. Wallace.
- July 27** Church in the morning. Mr. Fairlie preached from Luke XV the first ten verses.  
Today the weather was splendid and cool .
- July 28** Drew in 15 loads, 5 of which were put on the stack on the Donevan place. And the shed.
- July 29** Finished drawing from the field behind the house at home & commenced to draw from old rye ground. Drew two loads from field West of the barn. Cut the same this morning and cocked it up after supper. Changed the fork into the barn. Some signs of rain. Field of hay on Donevan place 39 loads.  
**This is my fourth anniversary of leaving Dear Old England.** Drew in fifteen loads.
- July 30** Early this morning there was some signs of rain so we commenced early to draw in and drew in one load and putted off three. Mr. Quinn & Henry Elliott and we drew in 24 loads altogether. The rain kept off but it sprinkled some all afternoon. Broke the cut bar on the mowing machine.
- July 31** Drew 8 loads into stack West of the swamp hole & 2 into the shed it rained just about noon and we did not draw any more. We borrowed S. Donevans mowing machine and kept two of them going nearly all afternoon. Henry and Mr. Quinn went away to the Quarry at noon, intending to return to-morrow. Uncle Tom's Cabin Show was at Lansdowne this evening. Mr. James McCormack's house was struck by lightning and did considerable damage, making a hole in the roof, knocking plaster off & cracking it in some places & after running thru the rooms went down through the cellar wall.

(Continued from Page #11) **FAMILY OF WALSINGHAM MOORE SR.**

**Family of Fanny and Benjamin Bradley**

Angeline (1863-1865) and Ida  
 Margaret Ann (1864-1928) mar. Wm Cliffe (1856-1911) (he was grandfather of Sadie Allen)  
 she was his second wife-went to Boisevain, Manitoba.  
 Alma (1866-1904) mar. Thomas Edward Burns (1864-1931) Children: Gordon (son Karl Burns), Milton (chn: Keith, Bessie, Dorothy (Funnell), Joy (Reed), Robert, Lloyd)  
 and Taylor (chn: George, Joan, Marilyn, Garry, Donald).

**Family of Sarah and Alexander Heaslip**

Agnes (1862-1931) mar. William Burns (1855-1935) -chn: Arthur, Wesley, Bryce, Elmer, Harold, Mae (Lorimer), Beulah (Denby), 2 others died young.  
 William.  
 Sarah mar.1st Simon Trickey -chn: Simon, Billy (grandfather of Sandra Sly), Bryce, Agnes  
 mar .2nd James Running.

**Family of Jane and Benjamin Tackaberry**

Sarah, Alice, John, William, Emma, George, Robert, Lillie Mae (grandmother of Walter Humphrey), Benjamin Jr.  
*Benjamin Tackaberry was killed while hunting with one of his sons. While digging under a large boulder to scare an animal from under it the rock rolled on him.*

**Sources:** John Acton's "Bradley History", Bob Doak, Bob Burns, Dr. Wm. Burns, Trickey family research.





## Views of the Past

By Bill Boulton

Lansdowne Association for Revitalization, better known, as LAFR, was formed three years ago. Its mission is to try to beautify the village and make it an attractive place for visitors as well as residents. They have placed sponsored flower boxes at businesses, planted and tended flower gardens, and placed benches. These have been paid for through Township grants and money raising events.

Twelve banners have been placed on hydro poles throughout the village. Most of these have a local historical background and can be changed seasonally. These were also provided through township grants and fund raising.

On Friday June 15th, four new murals were unveiled on the front of the Freshmart Store in Lansdowne. When Silvan and Yurlick Fernitich, co-owners of Freshmart, decided to revitalize the front of their store, they partnered with LAFR, and allowed four murals with a historical theme to be placed over former windows.

The main picture is one taken in 1895 of the store front with Miss Maggie Smith in an upper window. Miss Smith appears again in a mural on the same window. (See page #12). The other two are views of Prince Street in the 1920's, one

facing north, the other facing south.

On hand to take part in the ribbon cutting were MP Gord Brown, MPP Steve Clark, Mayor Bruce Bryan, Deputy- Mayor Heidi Connaroe, LAFR Chair Michelle Jackson, as well as Silvan and Yurlick Fernitich, Freshmart co-owners. A light lunch and social time was held in the next door 1890's former Township Hall following the ribbon cutting.

The Freshmart building has an interesting history in that it has been owned by only two families in its 122 year history. Built by Henry Mulvaugh in 1890, it passed to his



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daughter Myrta Shields and her husband Robert. Clifford Nunn bought the business in 1946, and passed it on to his daughter Shirley Fernitich and her husband, Syl, who passed it to their sons Silvan and Yourlick.

Congratulations to all involved in this endeavour. ◀◀◀◀

*To continue work like this more pictures of the past are needed.  
If you have old pictures of the area, consider donating them to the Historical Society,  
or directly to the LTI Archives  
If you wish to keep possession of the pictures, consider allowing them to be digitized.  
Pictures are returned to you immediately.*



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AALDERS, WINNIE	FUNNELL, DORTHY	LAPPAN, ANN	RONEY, GERALD & MARIAN
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ARBUCKLE, DON & GLORIA	GILBERT, DAVID	LYNCH, ED & PATTI	SHAW, ART
ARROWSMITH, BRENDA	GILBERT, JUNE & DOUG	LYNCH, PETER & CAROL	SHEFFIELD, SHARYN
ASTLEY, ROGER & MARNIE	GRAHAM, ANDREW	MABEE, KEITH	SHERREN, MONA
BARR, DAVID & PENNY	GRAHAM, ANNE	MACDONALD, ANN	SHIELDS, JACQUILINE
BELL, EMILY & HOWARD	GRAHAM, KATHERINE	MACKENZIE, WANDA	SHIRE, DAN
BICKERTON, DOUG & ANN	GRAY, CHARLES & ANN	MACKINTOSH, DOUGLAS & BLU	SHIRE, GEORGE
BOUCAUD, JOAN	GREBBY, JOHN & MARIE	MACLEOD, JOHN & MARION	SLY, KEITH
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BOYD, JIM & ELIZABETH	GRIER, JAMIE & TRACIE	MALLORY, LINDA	SMID, HENRY
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