



Newsletter August, 2003

1. DONALD STUART, A "CHARTER MEMBER" PASSES

It is with sadness that we report the passing of another charter member of the Lost Villages Historical Society, Donald Stuart. For many years, Donald was an active, loyal and dedicated member of the historical society, and his beloved "Lost Village" of Wales was always near and dear to his heart.

The Lost Villages Historical Society was first envisioned at a meeting in the home of Donald and Wilda Stuart. It was there, that a few charter members gathered in 1977, to discuss the formation of a historical society, aimed at preserving the memory of the villages lost to the Hydro and Seaway projects of the 1950s. In those early years, Donald took the bull by the horns, and he was very active with many activities and projects. Shortly after the passing of his dear Wilda, Donald's life was not the same. He missed her dearly.

For many years, Donald had taken pen in hand, and he recorded many thoughts and poems. In 1999, members of the Lost Villages Historical Society were thrilled to see and read his publication "No Road Back, A Grown Boy's Stories of Wales". This was Donald's story of his beloved village, and its publication by Old Crone Publishing, Ingleside, Ontario, was a tremendous success. Having written poems for many years, Donald also published "Anyone Can Write a Country Song" in 2001. Donald has left us with wonderful memories.

Donald Stuart was born on June 19, 1925, and died at the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital on June 27, 2003. He was the son of the late Roy Stuart and the late Clara (Ezard) Stuart. We extend sympathy and prayers to his brother, Bruce Stuart, a member of the Lost Villages Historical Society; his nieces Cheryl Griffith (Don) of Winchester, and Janet Stuart (Larry Markell) of Lunenburg; and his step-children Maralee McLaren (Donald) and Carl Brittany, both of Ottawa. The family requested memorial donations to the Lost Villages Historical Society.

Donald and Wilda Stuart Remember the Lost Villages

We are indeed grateful to the estate of the late Donald and Wilda Stuart, and to Donald and Wilda themselves, for thinking of the Lost Villages Historical Society and Museum, with the recent donation received. Donald and Wilda were always so proud of their collection of Elliott Pottery, made in Aultsville, Ontario, and four pieces were donated to the society: a large earthenware bowl; a glazed, earthenware jar with lid; a large, unglazed, earthenware flowerpot; and a red/brown glazed, earthenware flowerpot, with pie crust edge. A large honey pail, from the J.H. Fickes farm, Wales, Ontario, was donated to the museum, and it will join two smaller honey pails in our museum's store, from this farm. As well, a quilt top, autographed by many personalities from Wales, was donated to the museum. Names on the quilt include: Alice Countryman, Annie Brassard, Gertie Brassard, Mrs. J. Brassard, Lizzie A. Sampson, Retta A. Sampson, Maggie Rombough, Lizzie Wert, Addie Wert, Emma Wert, Bella Murray, Mary Murray, Master Harold Bigelow, Master Cyrus Bigelow, Mrs. W.S. Bigelow, Miss Eliz Miller, Edgar Sampson, Maude Sampson, Wilmont Sampson, Celia Sampson, Aggie Murray, Maggie Murray, Dora W. Stuart, Maude Stuart, Arthur J. Stuart, Kate Stuart, Allan Grant, Amanda A. Grant, Mrs. A.J. Blais, and Emma Stuart.

MEMBERSHIPS DUE

Following the death of our beloved corresponding secretary, Winnifred Murdock, in May, we have been scrambling to fill the void, caused by her sudden passing. As reported in the last newsletter, Winnie was responsible for mailing the newsletters to all our members, and this was an enormous task. Individually, Winnie typed the addresses on all the envelopes. With this newsletter, comes a new manner for mailouts. Addresses have now been entered into a database, and labels will now be printed. Our new corresponding secretary, Paulette Brownell, has assumed the responsibility for getting the newsletters out. As well, she will be updating the membership lists.

Please check over your name and address on the newsletter envelope, and report any corrections, as soon as possible. As well, check to see if your newsletter has a happy face beside the heading for this entry. If so, your dues are required. We hope you will take a moment, and mail your dues to the historical society. You may wish to drop by the museum, and pay your dues at the store. A membership card will be sent with your next newsletter.

If we have made an error with your membership, please do not hesitate to let us know. Some members may have received notes attached with this newsletter, concerning memberships. Please get back to us regarding the contents of these notes.

Your renewal means so much to our organization, and we look forward to hearing from you. If you do not have a "Happy Face" on your newsletter, then you may be a "Sustaining Member", a member for life, or you may have already paid your dues for 2003. Memberships paid in 2003 cover until May, 2004. The fees are: Individual, \$10.00; Family, \$15.00; Sustaining (Life), \$50.00.

In recognition of all our valuable members, we showcase them in this newsletter.

Lost Villages Historical Society members for 2002-2003:

Adams, Blanche; Aleve, Vello & Sharon; Alguire, Donald; Alguire, Kathleen; Alguire Mary-Lynn; Allingham, Glen & Janet; Amundsen, Adeline; Anderson, George & Janet; Applegate, Connie (Rae); Arbuthnot, Margaret (Peggy); Attridge, Isabel G.; Ault, Dale; Baker Beulah; Baker, Evelyn; Barkley, Margaret; Barlow, Dorothy; Beck, Barbara; Bedingfield, Robert & Frances; Bedingfield, Stephen; Bell, James & Barbara; Black, Ralph & Jean; Blackburn, George; Bredin, Edward M.; Britton, Muriel; Britton, Patricia M.; Britton, William A. Jr.; Brockville & District Historical Society; Brown, Gordon & Sherry; Brown, Sylvia; Brown, William & Rosemary; Brown, Walter; Brownell, Catherine; Brownell, Jim & Paulette; Brownell, Vale (Marcellus); Bruining, Heine & Ann; Buchan, Dallas; Buchan, Dean; Buckland, Arthur; Bull, George & Ada; Burgess, Albert & Marian; Burgess, Rev. Robert & Doris; Bush, D'Arcy &; Canough, Rita; Cassidy, Sylvia; Champeau, Nicole; Childerhose, Robert & Wheeler, Maggie; Clarke, Bonnie (Cross); Collins, John & Jennifer; Cordon Consulting Inc.; Cornwall Township Historical Society; Cutt, Robert; Coulombe, Meg; Cousins, Mrs. Douglas (Jenny Shaver); Craig, Jane & James; Craig, Douglas & Sima; Cross, Luella (Lou); Cull, Melvin & Kathryn; Dafoe, David; Dafoe, Marjorie; Dafoe, Pauline; Denham, Rudi; Donnelly, Reg & Doris; Dotzler, Geri; Duncan, Dale; Duprau, William & Brenda; Eaman, John; Elliott, Carson; Evans, Pat; Ewing, Barbara H.; Favretti, Joy P.; Fenton; Barbara; Flint, James & Joyce; Forbes, Alan; Forbes, Christine; Forbes, Jessie; Forbes, John Hunter; Forbes, Ross & Isabella; Forrester, George & Gloria; Forrester, Rick; Foubert, Patricia; Frederick, Camilla; Froats, James; Fyckes, Bob & Mary; Gallinger, Garnet & Muriel; Gallinger, William & Sharon; Gallinger, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd; Gardner, Mary; Gardner, Tom; Gault, Timothy; Gellately, Ross; Gillard, Ernest & Rita; Glengarry Historical Society; Glover,

Winnifred; Goolden, Sandra; Gowan, Marilyn; Gowsell, Jeremy; Grice, Cheryl; Halliday, Linda J.; Hanniman, Mary; Harrison, Lillian; Hart, Arlene; Harwood, Stan & Nancy (Fickes); Hickey, George & Nancy; Hill, David & Nancy; Hill, Dorothy; Holland, Nancy; Holtz, Eunice; Houmiel, Connie; Howie, Ruth (Forbes); Hughson, John C.; Hunter, Isabel; Hunter, Paul; Hunter, Robert; Johnston, Rev. Irvine; Johnston, Lorne (Bud) & Marion; Jordan, James & Eleanor; Julien, Vivian; Kellog, Sheila (Brunet); Kennedy, Beverley; Kennedy, Helen; Keyes, Glenn & Kay; Kirkbride; Marian L. (Rafuse); Lafave, John & Betty; Lafave, Mary (Brownell); Laflamme, Foch; Lambert, Patricia; Langevin, Simeon & Ruth (Canough); Lefebvre, Daniel; Locke, Noreen; Lalonde, Ivan & Reta; Loucks, Arnold; Loucks, Wallace; Lunn, Judy (Markell/Armstrong); MacDonald, Ranald & Madeleine (Touchette); MacDonald, Wendy; Manson, Lyall; Marin, Clive & Frances; Markell; Ross; Markell, Glenn & Bonnie; Martin, Janet (Forbes); McConnell, Terry & Brenda; McCracken, Marie; McEwan, Bryan & Joan; McGillivray, Alex; McIntosh, Donald & Lucy; McIntyre, Sheila (Forbes); McLaren, Connie; McLaren, Neil; McLellan, Jim & Barbara; McNairn, Nelson & Sandra; McNairn, Kathleen; Merpaw, Cornelius & Sheila; Mezzullo, Mickee (Cross); Moore, Neil; Morgan, Wayne; Morris, Kevin; Morrisburg & District Historical Society; Moss, David; Murdock, Nancy; Murdock, Sally; Murdock, Susan; Murdock, Winnifred; Murray, Janet; Neville, Judy; Nisbet, John & Heather; Nixon, Mavis; O'Connell, Elaine; O'Connell; Patricia; O'Shaughnessy, Doris; Paice, Don; Pate, Angus & Diane; Pearson, Lois; Perrette, Donna; Poirier, Donat & Dr. Jeannine; Poirier, Lillian; Pride, Dorothy; Prosser, Al. & Marian; Quenneville, Arthur; Rafuse, Alan; Rafuse, Nelson; Rafuse, Richard; Ray, Pauline; Raymond, Alice; Raymond, Leda; Raymond, Leonard, Betty & Cathy; Reidy, Martin; Robson, Joe & Anita; Rombough, Lera; Ross, James & Betty; Rupert, Bryce & Enid; Rutley, Lyle & Nancy; Rutley, William & Rosemary; Rutley, Vera; Rye, Tony & Hazel; Salmon, Lenora; Sandilands, Sonia; Sayers, Eugene & Bonnie; Scissons, Betty (Brownell); Scruton, Beverly; S.D. & G. Highlanders Museum; Shannon, Anne E.; Shaver, Eric & Gail; Shields, Anne-Marie; Smelko, Mark; Smith, Brian; Smith, Kaye; Smith, Mona (Beckstead); Smith, RoseMarie; Snetsinger, Harold; Stansel, Marie; Stewart, Keith; Stimpson, Len & Marelle; Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Historical Society; Stuart, Bruce; Stuart, Donald; Sullivan, Greg; Thompson, Audrey; Thompson, Betty; Thomson, Enid (Forbes); Van Baal, John & Gwynne; Vargas, Frances C. (Cook); Warner, Jack & Christine; Watkins, Jim & Anne; Welch, Donald & Jean; Welch, James & Ann; Welch, Lawrence; Wells, Glenn; Wells, Merle & Shirley; Whiteside, Peter; Whorrall, Noella; Windle, Sr. Verna

IN RECOGNITION OF OUR "NEW" PRESIDENT

We tip our hats and salute the fine work being done by our president, Jane Craig. Since assuming the position in May, Jane has done a tremendous job with all the details required at the museum, and this work must be recognized. She jumped into the tasks with both feet, and she certainly knows how to motivate others and get things done. The next time you hear from Jane, whether it be for "goodies" for a bake sale, volunteer hours at the museum, etc. etc., please try to assist. Many, many people have rolled up their sleeves for the historical society and museum, and we are grateful for any assistance. Should you see something to be done, please do not hesitate to do it. Our historical society has been blessed with outstanding volunteers.

CANADA DAY CELEBRATION A HUGE SUCCESS

Canada Day, Tuesday, July 1, 2003, dawned bright and clear, and the weatherman promised a picture-perfect day. That's exactly what we had, and a very large gathering assembled at the Lost Villages Museum to celebrate. The events for the day were under the direction of Lost Villages Historical Society member Carson Elliott, and he did a fantastic job with all aspects of the day's activities. He arranged for an interesting and varied program of entertainment, something to please participants of all ages. A pet show began the activities at 10:00 a.m., and by 12:00 noon, a large crowd had assembled at Ault Park. Following a march in by the Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron #325 Colour Party at 12:00 noon, "O Canada" was sung and remarks were delivered by Mayor Jim Bancroft, Jane Craig, President of the Lost Villages Historical Society, and Jim Brownell, Past-President of the historical society. Participants were encouraged to tour the buildings at the museum site, and a large crowd took up the offer to visit the Fran Laflamme Memorial resource Centre in the Forbes Memorial Reading Room. Alan Rafuse, society volunteer, reported a very busy day in the resource centre.

Singing, dancing, and magic acts entertained the crowds from centre stage, and many, many participants enjoyed a barbecue in the park, and the strawberry social, prepared and served by members of the Lost Villages Historical Society. Over \$600.00 was raised at the barbecue, and the strawberry social took in over \$250.00. As well, over \$140.00 was raised through a 50/50 draw. Entertainment included the Magoo Dance Studio presentation; singer Blaine Millward; Magic

Marc Demontigny Magic Show; soloist Rebecca Runions; Yo-yo artist Dane Dupuis; and "The Friends" Musical Entertainment. As well, Equine Dreams provided horse-drawn wagon rides for people of all ages, and the South Stormont Recreation department provided games and fun for the children. Free "Canada Day" birthday cake was distributed to one and all.

The organizers of Canada Day celebration 2003 wish to thank all those who contributed financial and in-kind support for the activities at the Lost Villages Museum. We are grateful to Heritage Canada for the contribution of \$900.00, and the Township of South Stormont for the donation of \$500.00. As well, we thank the local sponsors, who rolled up their sleeves for our community celebration. The next time you meet someone from one of the following businesses, please support and thank them. Without their help, we would not have had the outstanding success of Canada Day 2003. They were Image Motors, Long Sault; "Nightingale House" Bed and Breakfast in Ingleside; Ingleside's Foodland; Strader's Motor Sales, Morrisburg; All About Pets, Ingleside; Shannon's Creations Flower and Gifts, Ingleside; and TronData Systems Inc., Ingleside. Thank you, one and all. As well we acknowledge those who entered the pet show and the antique vehicle exhibition; Time Machine Enterprises; St. Lawrence Parks Commission; Township of South Stormont; and the 1st Ingleside Guides and Pathfinders.

The Lost Villages Historical Society thanks those members who assisted with the activities on Canada Day. Our thanks to Alan Rafuse for his work in the resource centre; Paulette Brownell, Vale Brownell, Rita Canough, Jane Craig, Nancy Hickey, Mavis Nixon, and Lenora Salmon for their work at the Strawberry Social; and Mary Lafave, Tim Gault, David Hill, and Jim Brownell for their work at the barbecue.

Carson, a job "WELL DONE"! "Thank you" to all members of the Lost Villages Historical Society who participated in the activities on Canada Day. Your attendance was important and appreciated.

LOST VILLAGES "SUMMER DAY CAMP" RETURNS

The Lost Villages Historical Society will, once again, sponsor a "Summer Day Camp" for youths, ages . The camp will be held on Mondays in August, -August 4, August 11, August 18 and August 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year's camp is being coordinated and run by Kasia Kowalski, a volunteer with the program last year. Kasia, a graduate of Longue Public and a student at St. Joseph's

High School, has organized an interesting and challenging program for young participants. For further information on the camp, or to register, please call the museum at 534-2197, between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The cost for the camp is \$35.00/child for four weeks, or \$10.00/child for each week in attendance. Spaces are filling up fast, so register as soon as possible.

"WORLD CHANGERS" ASSISTANCE APPRECIATED

On Monday, June 23, 2003, twelve teenagers from "World Changers", young Southern Baptist teens from across the United States, and their supervisors, arrived at the Lost Villages Museum, with a mission to provide free labour to the Lost Villages Historical Society. Many will remember, that "World Changers" painted the church, store and barber shop in 2002. This year, their tasks included painting the schoolhouse and Moulinette Station, and to replace the three signs on the station. With determination and the spirit of goodwill, these young people scraped, painted and constructed, all the while enjoying their time in the heat of an early summer in Canada. At noon, they enjoyed a luncheon, prepared by the society's president, Jane Craig. Returning on June 24th to complete the projects, these young people, with smiles on their faces and praising God, set about to complete their work. All work was finished by 12:00 noon, and a barbecue was arranged, with Jane Craig and Jim Brownell hosting the event. Following Grace, hotdogs were enjoyed, cold drinks quenched thirst, and ice-cream cones were enjoyed.

Once again, we thank these young people from the "World Changers" organization, and we thank Chuck Charlebois for his kindness in thinking about our organization when planning for projects in 2003. These young people from "World Changers" have left their special mark at the Lost Villages Museum.

BITS AND PIECES

-A special "thank you" to society member Judy Neville, for the fine work in crafting the curtains for the MacLeod Log House. The pattern chosen by Judy was most appropriate for this heritage building, and the quick and skillful work in having them crafted was appreciated. Judy contributed the curtains in memory of her father, Earle Brownell, and brother, John Brownell.

-Congratulations to Merle and Shirley Wells, charter members of the Lost Villages Historical Society, on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, on June

27, 2003. Merle and Shirley were married in the "Lost Village" of Aultsville.

-Thank you to James Gordon Jarvis and Wilfred Douglas Jarvis, for the kind donation of the beautifully bound book on the Jarvis/Ferguson families, -"The Jarvis/Ferguson Families of Aultsville, Ontario, Canada, -Ancestors and Descendants, -Great Britain and North America". This 2003 publication gives an account of the family of Douglas Wilfred Jarvis and Nellie Irene Ferguson; their ancestors and descendants; their village of Aultsville, Ontario; the family business; and the inundation of Aultsville by the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Development Project. The book has now been filed in the "Aultsville Collection" at the Forbes Memorial Reading Room, Lost Villages Museum.

-The Lost Villages Historical Society thanks Audrey Brick, widow of the late Frank Brick, Long Sault, for the kind donation of history books to the Forbes Memorial Reading Room. People now understand our society's contribution to the community, and many are willing to contribute and help. Thanks Audrey.

-As well, we thank Harry Valentine, Cornwall, for the kind donation of books and papers, relative to the "life and times" of the late Leonard O'Dette. Harry's dad, the late Bill Valentine, a former teacher at Rothwell-Osnabruck School, Ingleside, was a dear friend of Leonard's, and he had worked closely with him on the two books, "Glimpses, Glances and Sideswipes of Dickinson's Landing" and "Relics and Requiems". Included in the contributed documents was Elizabeth Hoople's "The Hoople's of Hoople's Creek".

-While at our annual dinner in May, Murray and Kay (Ransom) Smith donated some books to the Lost Villages Historical Society. Most books had names of previous owners recorded in them, however a set of "The Campfire Girls" was not identified. In a letter to Alan Rafuse, Kay indicated that the set of books belonged to Mrs. Violet Prowse, aunt to Mr. Gordon Smith, Dickinson's Landing, Ontario. She indicated that Mrs. Prowse spent many holidays in Dickinson's Landing, over the years. "She loved going for boat rides on the St. Lawrence with her nephew, Gordon."

-"Thank you" to Alan Rafuse for painting the letters on the new Moulinette Station signs at the museum. As mentioned, the "World Changers" made these signs, however these twelve people could not wait around for the signs to dry, before beginning the lettering. They had moved on to other projects in Cornwall and vicinity. Alan, you did a great job!

-When speaking about Alan Rafuse, we must never forget the tremendous job he is

doing in the Forbes Memorial Reading Room. He has spent all spring, and now summer, with cataloguing our archival collection. With the material which keeps coming in, it seems that this will be an ongoing project. Stop in and see Alan at work. He just might have a story or two to share. For sure, he will know exactly where to steer you for information and photographs. Wow, do we have an extensive photo collection.

-Thank you to Alex MacGillivray and his neighbour, Robin Deschamp, for their work in repairing the bell at the Sandtown Advent Christian Church. Unfortunately, the hammer broke, and a welding job was required. Robin kindly donated his time to the historical society, and we are indeed grateful for his help. Alex did a tremendous job at repairing the bell. We are so fortunate to have him as an active member. Thanks a million Alex and Robin!

-As reported in the last newsletter, Tim Gault planted the gardens at the museum. He continues to care for them, and we appreciate the help of Mr. Keith Jones, a resident of Lakeview Heights, and a neighbour to the museum site. Mr. Jones has volunteered his time with the weeding, on several occasions, and we are grateful.

-Thank you to all those who baked "goodies" and helped out at the museum site on Saturday, July 12, 2003. On such a miserable day, we were fortunate to have had the support of so many good cooks. On the bake sale, we realized a profit of almost \$200.00. Unfortunately the "trunk sale" and barbecue were rained out. Hopefully, we will be able to hold the full activities on August 23rd. Once again, we will need your help: -books for the book sale, and baked goods for the bake sale. Please make a note of this date, August 23rd, as your support is important to us. Mark your calendar, and please help out with this event.

-Mark your calendar for two September events at the Lost Villages Museum. On September 13th and 14th, the Lost Villages Museum will participate in "Doors Open Ontario", a program sponsored by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. Our museum will be the site for the 13th annual "Apples and Art" Studio and Heritage Tour, Saturday, September 27th and Sunday, September 28th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Artists displaying their work at our site include: Teen Dancause, Micheline Tanguay, Gilles Givogues, Anne-Marie L. Shields, Joan Bingley McGillis, Pat Campbell, and Joan Julien. For your free "Apples & Art" agenda and map, stop by at the Lost Villages store. Spread the word to your family and friends.

-Have you seen the postcards which are now being sold at the museum's store. Postcards were often requested by patrons to the museum's store, and our society's

member Anne-Marie Shields designed the postcards which we have for sale. With her artistic talent, we are excited about this new product at the museum site.

VETERAN FROM THE LOST VILLAGES

Once again, the "Veteran's Display" has been remounted and assembled at the Lost Villages Museum in the Sandtown Advent Christian Church. As had been reported, some time ago, all the photographs were laser copied by the Long Sault Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. While out of the frames, the Lost Villages Historical Society also made laser copies, and these are the photographs which now are displayed at the museum. The originals are now in the Forbes Memorial Reading Room.

Just recently, many more photographs were found among the documents and papers from the Fran Laflamme estate. These, too, will be copied and mounted in frames. As well, the Legion has requested copies for their archives. If you have photographs of our "Lost Villages" veterans, we would be delighted to receive a copy/copies. When doing the laser copies, please request a copy in the size 5 X 7 inches. As well, we do have a number of photographs which are unidentified. By mid-August, these will be assembled in the Forbes Memorial Reading Room at the Lost Villages Museum. Please stop by, and help us to identify these photographs. Your help is appreciated. Society member, Catherine Brownell, was able to help us positively identify some of the servicemen. Thanks for your help.

REFLECTIONS ON "MAPLE GROVE"

The following information, written by Fred Inglis, was found by Alan Rafuse, among the documents in the Fran Laflamme collection. Written in the early 1950's, we are taken back to the hamlet of Maple Grove, and surrounding area. As a follow-up to the information supplied by Fred Inglis, Alan Rafuse has added some remarks.

The original Cornwall Canal, according to a Historical Sites monument at Lock 20, in front of Ernie's Hotel, was built between 1834 and 1842. It was enlarged between 1876 and 1904. Work went on continuously to improve it.

Rustic Raconteur King of the rustic raconteurs I've met here so far is Jim Roys,

85-year old retired farmer, who lives alone in a century-old farm home on the highway, just east of here. Unshaved, healthy, except for a touch of rheumatism in his knees, for which he uses liniment that will blister a horse, he stands as straight as a ramrod. His sturgeon fishing days are an epic in themselves.

Jim was a hot fiddler in his day, played violin in a four-piece orchestra on excursion boats on the river. "The others were Charlie Wright, he was a good violinist, William McNairn and John Fulton, but they're all dead," Jim recalled. We played on the "Minnie K", an old side-wheeler, he added.

Long Memory Born of U.E. Loyalist stock, five generations of them now buried in Maple Grove Cemetery near here, and one of the oldest in Upper Canada, Jim has a long, clear memory, can name you day and date.

Jim stuffed another stick of wood in the ancient kitchen stove, reached behind him for a leaf of crude tobacco, stuffed it in his pipe, lit it with a big match and puffed reflectively.

"There were five mills opposite the hotel in Mille Roches, but they all went up in smoke," he recalled. "Two or three houses went with them. There was a grist mill, a saw mill, a butter tub factory, a shingle factory, all run by water. It was an awful fire. I was about 12 then. They were never rebuilt."

"There were two hotels in Old Mille Roches, tremendous big places, where coach people stopped over. There was a big ballroom upstairs in each hotel." Jim relit his pipe and continued. "There was a hotel at Moulinette called the "Pea Green", but it was torn down."

Jim's father, William Roys, was a lumber man and had shanties in the bush when this land was covered with timber. He built rafts of logs and loaded them with cordwood and floated them down to Montreal, where he was paid for them in silver.

No Paper Money I remember when I was a boy," said Jim, "he brought home a bag of silver and put it on the table. It was so heavy, I couldn't lift it. There was no paper money in those days."

In an open shed behind Jim's house, I saw many relics of a century ago; an Indian sled and a child's sleigh, made by Jim's father; a cider press, "It cost \$80.00."; a harness maker's saddle; a barrel churn; cider kegs; and a Snider rifle. But the most interesting was a stone house, about 12 feet square.

"That's a bake house, " said Jim, with a smile. "You'd better have a look at that." As the door opened, I saw three brick hearths. Above the right hand one was a bake oven, which Jim said baked enough bread to keep the shantymen for a week. The left hand one was covered by an iron kettle, used for butchering, and the centre was an open fireplace, with an iron crane, used for general purposes. As I glanced at a smoke charred log overhead, with nails in it, Jim explained, "That's where they smoked hams."

Priceless Relics I think a historical society should preserve these priceless relics before the waters of the proposed St. Lawrence Seaway swallow them up for all times.

"There will be no deep waterway, " Jim declared, solemnly. "There are American people making a living at keeping it going. One sides wants it, and the other side working against it. It'll never come."

But that's not the way Transport Minister Lionel Chevrier, QC, of Cornwall, sees it. If he and his government have their way, Canada will go it alone, if it can get the necessary authority from the U.S. side. It has the pledged co-operation of power people on both sides.

If this country is going to support 45 or 50 million people they say Canada will have in the next 30 years, this large and latent power resource must be harnessed. If the products of our farms, forests and factories are to reach foreign markets in ever-increasing quantities, then the Seaway must be deepened to accommodate larger vessels from overseas. Most people here believe it is only a matter of time, perhaps three years, maybe five.

Alan Rafuse Reflects, -with Contributions

In a casual discussion with Bob McGillivray, (Alex's younger brother), we brought back memories of our boyhood days and talked about Jim Roys, Stanley McNairn, Jeffrey McNairn, Welland Hartle, Ernie Runions, etc. etc., mostly in the Maple Grove area.

Apparently, a few years before the Seaway and Power Projects, Stanley McNairn wished to buy the Roys farm. Jim Roys would have nothing to do with it, and, instead, sold the farm to a Merpaw family. It would be interesting to know if that is the same family that acquired "Pioneer Corner".

Anyhow, Jim Roys lived in his home, (more or less as a hermit), until the house burned. He was getting quite disabled with arthritis, and needed periodic assistance to go into Cornwall (or wherever) for supplies. There was a fellow who worked on the Guard-Gate, (right next to Jim's house), who took Jim shopping (bartering) once a month, and checked on him almost daily. This fellow's name was Harry Pescod. Bob Fyckes would probably have more information and memories of that, as he also worked at the same place.

It was one day when Jim was taken into town that his house burned, while he was away. The Hydro boys were burning brush and trees, between Jim's house and Welland Hartle's cottages, with the wind from the east. The age of Jim's frame house made it like a tinder-box. All it needed was a spark. There were questions at the time whether it was done deliberately, so they wouldn't have to move it. If the wind would have been westerly, would they have burned eight or ten cottages? We'll never know.

Jim was forced into a nursing home, and only lasted a few weeks, succumbing to a fragile, weakened, and shall we say, broken heart.

P.S. My grandfather, (mother's dad) visited with Jim Roys on a weekly basis, all through the summer. I used to tag along once in a while, and listen intently to their stories of the late, and not so late, 1800's. They were both about the same age. My mom's dad was born in 1867, Confederation Year.

A note from Jim Brownell: A tombstone, now in St. Lawrence Valley Union Cemetery, and moved from St. Andrew's United Church Cemetery, Moulinette, bears the following inscription, -James A. Roys, 1867-1958; his wife, Maggie W. Moss, died April 20, 1899, age 33 years and 4 months; Bella Moss, 1864-1937, wife of Rev. James Hastie.

McNAIRN'S TO CELEBRATE AT REUNION

The first-ever McNairn Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2003 starting at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Nelson and Sandra McNairn, 130 County Road #2, Cardinal, Ontario. The first international McNairn Reunion is being hosted by Judi McNairn, Cheryl "Zetta McNairn" Grice, and Nelson and Sandra McNairn. Organizers will be taking donations to cover expenses (\$20 CDN per family is suggested). There will be a potluck-style luncheon around 1:00 p.m. They will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, and participants are asked to bring a

side dish, such as a salad, chips, cookies, etc, and drinks. As well, participants are being encouraged to bring lawn chairs and their own table service, (plates, cups, utensils, etc.).

There will be tents for shade, folding tables and chairs, a computer (hopefully!), and a portable toilet. Organizers hope to have all sorts of things available for guests to look at - photos, charts, etc. If participants have McNairn-related memorabilia that they would like to bring along to show (especially PHOTOS!), they are encouraged to do so. It is hoped that a scanner will be available to scan photos, and Cheryl Grice will be taking photos all day long with her 35mm and digital cameras.

Cheryl (Zetta McNairn) Grice, of Muncie, Indiana, a member of the Lost Villages Historical Society, has indicated that this reunion will take the form of a very informal "backyard BBQ"-type get-together, with nothing fancy, but just a chance to meet some of those long-lost McNairn cousins. It will be an opportunity to meet other family members, relax, chat, and have a good time. Please reply, as soon as possible, to: cheryllgrice@cs.com or judi@jamcnairn.com.

If any members of the Lost Villages Historical Society have photographs or memorabilia relating to the McNairn family of Maple Grove, the organizers would be happy to hear from you. If you have info to share, please leave such at the Lost Villages Museum, (Forbes Memorial Reading Room), and we will see that the contributions are copied and returned.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Please circle the date September 15, 2003, as the date for the Lost Villages Historical Society's September meeting. This meeting will be held in the Forbes Memorial Reading Room at the Lost Villages Museum. At this meeting, we will report on the summer activities at the museum, and highlight the events for the fall. Our historical society continues to work hard to profile and sustain our operations, and your attendance at our monthly meetings is most encouraging to those who work so hard. Please circle this date on your calendar, and plan to attend. The meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m.

BUS TOURS A SUCCESS

To date, two Sunday bus tours have been hosted by the Lost Villages Historical Society. Yesterday's tour, Sunday, July 27, 2003, was sold-out, and participants

returned with wonderful stories and remarks of appreciation. Once again, we thank our tour host, Mary Lynn Alguire, for her valuable work to our historical society, and we thank Blyth Watson, driver for Kevin Waldroff Bus Lines, for his expertise and kindness to our patrons. Since joining our historical society, Mary Lynn has provided valuable volunteer service, and we are truly appreciative of her generosity. Bus tours are filling up fast, so if you and your friends, family or neighbours plan to go, it is suggested that you get your tickets early. They may be obtained at the museum, at The Picket Fence Craft and Gift Shoppe, across from the museum on County Road #2, or at Zeran's Crafter's Market, just east of Woodland Villa in Long Sault. Thank you to Tim Gault, Jane Craig, Vale Brownell, and Jim Brownell for their work in hosting the barbecues. If you could spare some help for a bus tour barbecue, please give Jane Craig a call. Many hands make light work.

IN MEMORIAM

WALTER PRUNER Sympathy is extended to Lillian (Raymond) Poirier and Alice Raymond, members of the Lost Villages Historical Society, on the passing of their brother-in-law, Walter John Pruner, Ingleside Ontario. Walter was the beloved husband of Lydia (Raymond) Pruner, and the father of Gary (Joan) of Belleville; John (Barbara) of Long Sault; Carolyn Strachan (George) of Ingleside; Connie Desjardin (Rejean) of Cornwall; Linda Connelly (Pat) of Ingleside; and Deborah Jodoin (Arthur) of Newington.

PETER VAN BAAL The members of the Lost Villages Historical Society extend sympathy and prayers to John and Gwen Van Baal, on the passing of John's dad, Peter Van Baal, on June 17, 2003, at Woodland Villa, Long Sault. Peter Van Baal was also the father of Betty and Richard Lamarche, and grandfather of Christine, Carrie, Nicolaas, Rebecca, and Jentry.

DONALD CASSELMAN Our sympathy is extended to the Casselman/Neville families, on the passing of Donald Casselman, on Thursday, July 10, 2003. Donald Casselman was the beloved husband of Leitha (Warner) Casselman. Many will remember that Leitha Casselman and her daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Ron Neville, donated the Sandtown Advent Christian Church to the Lost Villages Historical Society.

NELSON ALGUIRE We extend sympathy and prayers to Lost Villages Historical Society member Kay Alguire, on the passing of her brother-in-law, Nelson Alguire, on Saturday, July 26, 2003. Nelson was the husband of Bonnie (Hawthorn, and the late June (Sefton), and the father of Sandra, Richard, Heather,

Dianne, Keith and Lauren. He was predeceased by sons Ron and Geoffrey. Left to mourn are sisters Glennis Alguire and Ethel Grandmaison.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.