



Jan-Feb 2003 Newsletter

1. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

With this message, comes my wish to you for a happy and healthy 2003. After a phenomenal year at the Lost Villages Museum in 2002, we look forward to a busy year in 2003. Our historical society and museum are well profiled in the community, and our website has brought our message to the world.

Weekly, we get a tremendous number of contacts, through email and the post office, and it does take much research and time to provide answers. Hopefully, in 2003, we will have our Research Centre up and running, in the Forbes Memorial Reading Room. Much work is required to get the material catalogued and provided on a data base, and Alan Rafuse has made good progress to date. It will require some "work bees", in order to complete this task.

During the winter months, as we do all year round, our "Lost Villages" products are always for sale at the "Crafter'z Market", just east of Woodland Villa in Long Sault. The market is open daily, except on Mondays. When thinking about giving a gift, make it a "heritage" gift. As well, think about a membership in the Lost Villages Historical Society. This is a gift which keeps on giving, -with monthly newsletters being the greatest gift. The responses received by the society regarding the newsletters have been very positive, and we thank those who contribute to them. We are always looking for stories, news items, etc. etc.

An active membership is vital to the historical society, and we appreciate your efforts to attend the monthly meetings. As in 2002, we look forward to your support in 2003, -attending at the monthly meetings, baking for our bake sales, interpreting at the museum, cataloguing documents at the resource centre, etc. All help is very much appreciated.

HERITAGE DINNER MEETING

The annual Heritage Dinner Meeting of the Lost Villages Historical Society will be held at St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, Ingleside, Ontario, on "Heritage Day", Monday, February 17, 2003. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m., with an old-fashioned turkey dinner and all the trimmings being served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$12.00. Plan to attend our annual Heritage Dinner, and encourage a relative or friend to join you. Plan a carpool, or call a member for a ride. We hope to see you there. Please call Rita Canough at 537-2388, by Tuesday, February 11, 2003, to reserve your place. Guest Speaker: Mr. Jim Bancroft, Mayor of the Township of South Stormont will be the guest speaker. Jim has always been a keen and enthusiastic supporter of history and heritage in the community, and, as an active volunteer himself on many committees and boards, he was recently awarded the "Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal". Jim's presentation to the society will complete the presentations by the local representatives from the federal, provincial and municipal governments.

Don't forget the annual HERITAGE FAIR to be held at Cornwall Square, on Saturday, February 22, 2003. The Lost Villages Historical Society will have a display at this event, and your help is requested. If you can spare an hour or two, please call Jane Craig at 534-8831. Once again, Cornwall's "Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee is sponsoring this event. We congratulate them on this endeavour.

CRYSLER PARK MAPLE SUGAR BUSH TO OPEN!

The Lost Villages Historical Society wishes to commend and extend best wishes of success to the St. Lawrence Parks Commission on the re-opening of the Chrysler Park Maple Sugar Bush, in March, 2003. The sugar bush and shanty will be open daily, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00/adult, and \$2.00/child, ages 5-12.

Members, families and friends of the Lost Villages Historical Society are invited to come to the sugar bush and see the history of sugar making in Ontario. Learn about native and early pioneer sugar making, through outdoor displays. Hike along the Commission's Maple Sugar Bush nature trails to see sap being collected in buckets, or catch a ride on the horse-drawn sap-collecting sleigh/wagon. Watch sap being transformed into syrup and sugar in the early 20th century Sugar Shack. Sample and take home some maple sugar products from the Commission's new

retail outlet, located at the sugar bush. On weekends, enjoy a delicious pancake brunch. Call 1-800-437-2233, or (613) 543-4328, or visit the website www.uppercanadavillage.com

Did you know that two sugar shanties are still in existence, from the "Lost Village" of Moulinette? One is located just east of Long Sault, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brunet, (just west of Chantine Meadows subdivision). This is believed to be the sugar shanty on the Ernest (Pat) Fickes farm, and stands much as it did in bygone years. The second sugar shanty is located directly across County Road #2, from the Moulinette Station, Lost Villages Museum. It is tucked in behind the house, once owned by Grant and Audrey Spinney, and it has been much altered from its bygone days. It is unknown whose sugar shanty this belonged to, however we would be delighted to receive any information on its origin. Could it be the sugar shanty on the old Gallinger farm?

BITS AND PIECES

While browsing through a box of newspaper clippings, Jim Brownell obtained the following information from a Standard-Freeholder news story, written by Alex Mullin, and dated December 13, 1960. The article is titled "New Anglican Church Has Storied Career", and related to St. Michael and All Angles Anglican Church, Maxville. Reverend R.H. Hobbs was the Rector, and the story reports that the church started as a Presbyterian, was moved from Dominionville to Maxville as a Baptist Church, and then became an Anglican Church around 1958. Of interest to our historical society is the following quote from Alex's article. "An interesting feature of the renewed building is the church furniture. Much of it came from Christ Church, Moulinette, which was moved to Pioneer Village before the flooding resulting from the Ontario St. Lawrence power project. The pulpit, litany desk, lectern and prayer desk are from this church, and are suitably marked with commemorative plaques. The bishop's chair and credence table are from the former St. Augustine's Church, Eighth Line, Cornwall." In the autumn of 2002, Elaine Hutchison and Cathy Cloutier, former members of the "Dixon Daubers", presented the Lost Villages Historical Society with memorabilia and information from the Janey Poapst collection. With our historical society already owning one of Janey's paintings, "The Rapid's Prince", we were delighted to receive these items belonging to Janey. Of special interest were the five framed collages of Janey's former students. With the photographs mounted and identified, this is an important historical documentation of one of our area's talented artist groups.

Collectors are now seeking Janey's paintings at auctions and flea markets. In 2002, Elaine Hutchison provided the society with a biographical sketch on Janey Poapst. This has been printed in this newsletter.

Did you see the 2003 Large Print Telephone Directory, published by Cornwall's Standard-Freeholder? Featured on the front cover are six photographs taken at the Lost Villages Museum. Exterior and interior views of the Moulinette Station, S.S.#17 Schoolhouse; and the Zina Hill Barber Shop/Manson- apierre Store, are featured. The Lost Villages Historical Society thanks the management and staff of the Standard-Freeholder for their efforts in profiling our museum site.

Did you know that plans are in the works for a "Lost Villages" Reunion/Homecoming in the summer of 2004? Joan (Donnelly) Ellis is spearheading this event, and she has made contact with our society, through the Internet. Joan had placed an item about it on a website, and it was picked up through a search by Jim Brownell. Already, Joan has had a good response to the idea, and 2004 will be the 50th Anniversary of the commencement of the Hydro and Seaway projects. As details about this reunion/homecoming become available, they will be featured in our newsletters, and posted on our society's website.

On December 19, 2002, a phone call was received from Jacques Hebert, Radio-Canada Moncton, New Brunswick, seeking information on the Stormont Chemical Plant, Township of Cornwall, which produced mustard gas during World War II. Michael Metcalfe, Cornwall Chamber of Commerce, had referred Jacques Hebert to Jim Brownell, and Jim called upon the help of Dennis Carter-Edwards, Historian with Parks Canada, Cornwall. Dennis was able to provide material and photographs for a television film crew which arrived in Cornwall on Wednesday, January 8, 2003. Extensive newspaper clippings and notes relative to the production of mustard gas in Cornwall were given to Jim, and these are now filed in our archives.

We wish a speedy recovery to Donald Stuart and Winnie Murdock, two charter members of the Lost Villages Historical Society. Both Donald and Winnie have been "under the weather" in recent weeks. Our prayers and best wishes are with you.

GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

Linda Legree of Calgary, Alberta, seeks information on her grandfather, John Samuel Legree. Her father was told that his father, (Linda's grandfather), was from

Dickinson's Landing, having been born c. 1881. He died in Toronto on January 22, 1951. If you have information on John Samuel Legree, please forward to Linda at her email address: llegal@net-host.com

Agatha Lauzon, R.R.#2, Apple Hill, Ontario, K0C 1B0, seeks information on John Ryan and Elizabeth Ryan, born at Dickinson's Landing.

Louise Mayes, 235 Water St., #307, Prescott, Ontario, K0E 1T0, seeks information on Jacob Ross (U.E.L.) born 1737?, granted land in Osnabruck Township by King George III, around 1784.

Joan Tyo Lalonde, 149 Curtis Road, Potsdam, New York, 13676, Email: joanbill@slic.com, seeks information on the William Carbino family of Sheik's Island. William was born on Sheik's Island in 1829, and married Julia Macue. They had five daughters and one son: Sarah; Jessie E.; Elizabeth; Clara and Mary Jane. Mary Jane was born December 12, 1873 on Sheik's Island, and married James Wilber Castle, (1872-1946), at Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, New York, in 1894. William Edward Carbino was the only son, and never married.

INQUIRY FROM BESSACARR, DONCASTER, ENGLAND

The following note and genealogical information was received from Mr. T.A.D. (Ted) Farran, by the society's corresponding secretary, Winnie Murdock. Is there a connection between Jacob Farrand, and Charles Curtis Farran, mentioned in the letter? This newsletter will provide a "History of Farran's Point", circa 1953-54, by Mrs. J. McCleverty.

"A friend of mine living in Toronto recently sent me copies of a seven page STORMONT COUNTY GEN WEB- History, etc. from page four of which I found the address of your society.

One of my grandchildren has logged to the Lost Villages website, and sent me a copy of that relating to FARRAN'S POINT. I was very interested to note that this name is stated as originating from a JACOB FARRAND.

As you will see from the enclosed notes, I had understood that the name was taken from that of one of my ancestors, CHARLES CURTIS FARRAN, (spelt without a D!). In 1950, my late brother had traced his descendants through four generations, all named Charles Curtis Farran.

I should welcome the observations of your society." The following genealogical

information has been provided by Ted Farran;

Notes from a HISTORY OF THE FARRAN FAMILY by OLIVER FARRAN (1950), and other sources

CHARLES CURTIS FARRAN, born in County Kildane, Ireland, in either 1769 or 1770. Went out to Canada in the 1790s. Married (1808) in Canada CATHERINE BAKER. He died 13 April 1849, aged 79. He left two daughters and one son. (His tombstone was photographed in 1993 in a wall at a HERITAGE VILLAGE near the St. Lawrence River, -created after water levels were raised in the 1950s).

His son, also named CHARLES CURTIS FARRAN, born 1810, "seems to have settled at the place in Stormont County, Ontario, called FARRAN'S POINT, in his honour (or his father?)".

This CHARLES CURTIS FARRAN, born in 1810, married LELIA THOMAS of Madrid, New York. Charles Curtis Farran died in 1883, and Lelia (Thomas) Farran died in 1885, leaving four sons:

1) CHALRES CURITS FARRAN, of Farran's Point, born in 1832, died unmarried in 1916.

2) WILLIAM WALLACE FARRAN, of Clinton, Ontario, born in 1834, married ELLEN ARCHIBALD, died in 1908, leaving two daughters, -one EVA FARRAN married H. T. RANGE of Clinton.

3) JOHN RALPH FARRAN, born in 1837, married in 1876 to FLORA M. ESCUTT, (born 1842, died 1911), and died in 1916. They had three children: (I) FLORENCE CURTIS FARRAN, of Farran's Point, Ontario, born in 1877, married A.W. Daly, also of Farran's Point (died in 1943), still living in 1950? They had three sons. (ii) WILLIAM FARRAN, born 1879, died 1881. (iii) CHARLES WALLACE FARRAN (Kingston, Ontario), born at Farran's Point in 1884, married first in 1909, MYRTLE LAIDLAW (born in 1881, died in 1923). Their family included CHARLES CURTIS FARRAN (Kingston, Ontario), born in Wales, Ontario in 1912. Charles Wallace Farran married second in 1932, LORNA LUCKMAN, born in 1899. A daughter MARION JUNE FARRAN was born in London, Ontario, in 1933.

4) GEORGE FARRAN, born in 1841, died unmarried in 1870

HISTORY OF FARRAN'S POINT, circa 1953-54, BY MRS. J. McCLEVERTY

HISTORY OF FARRAN'S POINT

This short history of Farran's Point is based on facts obtained from old residents and may bear some corrections. The name Farran's Point derives from the family of Farran, and belonged to a young man born in Belfast, Ireland, of Huguenot parentage, whose name then was the French one of Farrand. This young man ran away from home and came to Canada. We can picture his journey in a sailing vessel across the Atlantic, and imagine all the adventures which befell him as he journeyed up the St. Lawrence with its densely wooded banks, to a point of land just west of the village, which bears his name. He was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Florence Daly, one of the past presidents of the Women's Institute.

This point of land jutted out into the St. Lawrence where the white house, built by some of his descendants, now stands. It is known to all of us as one of the present day villagers, Mr. Jim Malone, once lived there. It is familiar to some as the Cunningham farm. When the canal was built, this point of land was cut off.

The site of our present day canal and locks was once a bay. The government at that time granted the power generated by the rapids to Charles Farran, the grandfather of Mrs. Daly. Mr. Farran's grant by the crown said that as long as water flows, and grass grows, it was to belong to the Farran's. This backed the water up for a mile along the bay. The power flume stood about where the locks now stand. The street running north and south across Highway #2 was known as Mill Street. The Farran's owned the grist mill at the south end of this street, next came a carding and shingle mill. The grist mill was between Mr. Garnet Well's house, and Mrs. F. Daly's, facing south. A driveshed was where the Well's house now stands. Across on the other side of the bay was a sawmill, also owned by the Farran's. Continually north on this street on the east side, about ninety years ago, was a hotel owned by a Mr. Denney. This was later owned by Sam Johnson, who ran a hall where dances and roller skating were held, and after him by Jim Thompson. Between the hall and where Mr. Homer Rupert's house now stands was a general store owned by Joe Gogo. The Joe Gogo's son, George Gogo, is a lawyer in Cornwall, and lives east of that town, today. Joe Gogo's granddaughter was the mother of Mrs. J.R. Robertson, (Mrs. Mary Daley), who now lives in Farran's Point again. This Mr. Daley lived where Lawrence Murphy's house is today. One of my informants, who is 71 now, remembers when, as a little girl, seeing Mr. Daley, during a day in Lent, doing penance by walking along the street with peas in his shoes.

This Joe Gogo's store was later operated by Mrs. Parrett. On the site of the property of Mrs. F. Daly was a large brick general store and Post Office owned by

Mr. Farran, her grandfather. Later on, Joe Weaver owned this store and Joe Stubbs lived above the store. While the hotel was owned by Jim Thompson, it burned down, also the store operated by Mrs. Parrett. The present day St. Lawrence House was built of brick, mostly from the old Farran store, across the way from where Mrs. F. Daly now lives.

On the opposite corner from the hotel was a general store, ran some 90 years ago by Sid P. Stata, afterwards by Carleton and Herb Pitts, brothers of our old friend, Oscar Pitts. Just north of the hotel on Mill Street was a bake shop owned by Tina Elliott and brother. Mrs. F. Daly recalls that, while a very little girl, her mother often took her to this bake shop, and the kind Miss Elliott always had molasses candy for little girls. Now we journey down the main street of 80 or 90 years ago, where Highway #2 runs today. Where Homer Rupert's house is, Mrs. Parrett operated a hat factory, and today, at the splendid age of 95, still manages the St. Lawrence House of today.

The Bakers owned the present day store of Mr. Black, and lived across the road where Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Marcellus now live, a drain connecting both cellars ran under the road.

The store now operated by Mr. Alex English originally was a large frame building used as a wheelwright's shop, and owned by Isiah Dafoe, the father of Mr. Mossum Dafoe. His home was on the second concession, where Mr. Will Dafoe now lives. Across the street was a carpenter shop, owned by Mr. Robert Sheets, where the Jarvis house now stands. Our President often played in this old shop, when a little girl. The wheelwright's shop was later bought by John and Willie Sheets, who operated a general store there. About 1934, this store burned down, and the present structure was built. Mr. Sheets sold to Mr. Stirling Vallance, and today it is operated by Mr. English.

The Sheets home was where Mr. Lloyd Sheets now lives, and Miss Escutt boarded there when she taught before her marriage.

The Kerr Brothers owned the property that now belongs to Mr. Moyle. They operated a general store and Post Office. The road from the station ran down to the river. The Kerr sawmill was on this road, below today's Post Office. The mill houses were on the road where the present day Church is located, and where Mr. Malone has now built.

The old houses are all gone, except one where the late Wallace Steen lived. The Steen's moved the house back to its present site.

The Kerr grist mill was across from where Mrs. Charles Amell now lives, and its foundations are still to be seen.

The school house was opposite Kerr Brothers' General Store. Miss Flora Escutt, from Morrisburg, taught there until in January of 1876, she married John Farran. They were our President's parents. They lived till 1885 in the brick house now occupied by Mrs. Ella Johnston. Later, they moved to the large brick house, now occupied by Mr. Sterling Vallance.

Taylor Gorrell, one of the first masters, lived where Mrs. Ella Johnston now lives. Our W.I. hall was the next school house built after the one across from Mr. F. Moyle's store. The last two teachers were Mrs. Stubbs and Miss K. Sheets. The present school was built about 1895. Some of the early teachers were Misses McEwan, Hazel, Countryman, McRae, Elma Shaver, Mrs. Wyatt, Mrs. Weaver, Messers Hugh Countryman, Henry Relyea, Willis Sheets, Vancamp, -these names are not in order of term.

The church of today was once a white house, which stood in a field west of the village, on the hill at the point of land cut off for the canal. It was then an old inn. It was donated by C.C. Farran, to be used as a church, and moved to its present site. Down by Mr. Bern Baker's new house was a grist mill, owned by Mr. Robertson, who lived where the Catholic Church chapel now stands. The Tullock's from Croil's Island originally owned Mr. Willis Sheet's farm.

Where the Rivier family now live was the Baker Stage Coach Inn. This was the home of our President's great-grandmother, who was a Miss Baker.

Some of the early residents bore the names of Farran, Kerr, Donnelly, (the old house was originally where Edwin Donnelly now lives), Sheets, Jarvo, (where Howard Rutley now lives), Burke, (where Mr. Malone now lives), Dafoe, (whose home was at the end the road, past the present school), Osler, (where Mr. Fred Osler now lives), Baker, Stubbs, (where Mrs. Hayes now lives), Berry, (on one of the side streets).

Tin shops were operated by Duval, Eamon, and Kerr.

Now there's much that some of you older members will recall, that I've been unable to obtain, and probably corrections which I'd be glad to make. I'd appreciate any further information, as I'd like to place this history in the Log of the school register, for future references. I'd like to thank Mrs. Daly and Mrs. Ella Johnson for helping me.

Sadie Fox: -(Mrs. Frank Clark) Marble Shop, where Herb Barkley now lives. Joe Stubbs: -Marble Shop, between Bedingfield's and Barkley's. Millinery Shop: -Mrs. Fox, Janet Cameron: -Finch, (Adventist), early teacher. Minnie Smith: - Morrisburg, teacher. _____

STORY OF THE MILLE ROCHES ARENA, FEBRUARY 8, 1936

Following the recent article in the Standard-Freeholder, by Mr. Donald Russell, Cornwall, it was felt that the following information about the Mille Roches Arena would be of interest to members and visitors to the historical society's website. This information is taken from the "Souvenir Programme" , at the time of the formal opening on February 8, 1936. The following were the Officers for the arena board: President, George A. Butzer; Vice-President, I.G. Fleming; Secretary, F.E. Barkley; Treasurer, P.F. Johnston; Directors, W.S. Fleming; Douglas Easter; Joe Robertson.

STORY OF THE ARENA

Always an enthusiastic hockey centre, Mille Roches now boasts of a covered skating and hockey arena which will stand for many years to come as a monument to the progressiveness of a group of public spirited citizens of the community who, in the fall of 1935, realized that there was an excellent opportunity for a covered rink in Mille Roches, and undertook the formation of the Mille Roches Arena Company, which resulted in the construction of the present arena, now enjoyed by skating and hockey fans of the entire region.

As a community enterprise, the Mille Roches Arena has been a great success. Much of the credit for the construction of the rink is due to the diligent efforts of Floyd E. Barkley, who formulated the idea of a covered rink in Mille Roches, and then, by interesting citizens of Mille Roches and Cornwall in the proposal, saw the usual open air rink fade into oblivion, and the present covered arena constructed. Mr. Barkley had the support of many Mille Roches and Cornwall citizens in the proposal, and it was not long after the formation of the Mille Roches Arena Company in October, 1935, that shares were being sold by members of the company.

Construction of the arena was commenced on November 1, 1935, and contractors turned the completed job over to the arena company on December 19, 1935. Ice was made and everything was in readiness for the initial opening of the arena, which took place on Christmas Day, when there was skating and a hockey match.

Strongly constructed of galvanized iron over a framework of timbers, the arena, which is located on the Tait property, facing the county road running north of the village, is of the oval shape, and is 200 feet long, and 90 feet wide. It has an ice surface 180 feet long and 75 feet wide, which is brightly illuminated by 21 500-watt lamps. Rafters are so located that there is a clear vision of the entire ice surface from any part of the arena. The rink was erected at a cost of approximately \$10,000, and has a seating capacity of 860, and standing accommodation for 500.

Spacious and warm dressing rooms are located at the front of the arena, where there is also a refreshment booth. The arena is equipped with every convenience for both skating and hockey fans. A hockey score board and time clock is located at one end of the arena, while music on skating nights is made possible through a special sound system.

Thomas Gallagher and William Raymond, Jr., are in charge of the ice-making.

INFORMATION ABOUT OUR COLLECTION

In the spring of 2002, Alan Rafuse donated a number of framed photographs to the Lost Villages Historical Society, depicting various ships on the St. Lawrence River. These photographs now hang in the Fran Laflamme Memorial Resource Centre. Alan took pen to hand and provided notes on the ships which are pictured. Information about two of these ships are provided with this newsletter, and subsequent information will be provided in the March newsletter.

M/V (MOTOR VESSEL) "BLUE RIVER"

Pictured down-bound in the Cornwall Canal at Lock 20, abreast of Ernie's Hotel at Maple Grove. OWNER: Upper Lakes Shipping Limited BUILT: Canadian Vickers Limited, Montreal, Quebec, 1930 HULL NO.: 116 DIMENSIONS: 260' X 43'6" X 20' FORMER DATA: Launched as the barge "Redchief". Converted to a powered bulk freighter at Muir Brothers Dry Dock Company Limited, Port Dalhousie, Ontario, and given last name in 1934. LATER DATA: Sold for scrap in 1968, to United Metals in Hamilton.

STEAMER "J.N. McWATTERS"

OWNER: Scott Misener Steamships Limited BUILT: Canadian Vickers Shipyards Limited, Montreal, Quebec, 1961 HULL NO.: 276 DIMENSIONS: 730' X 75' X 39' CAPTAINED BY: Captain Allan R. Rafuse

DATA: The christening of this vessel for Mr. Jack North McWatters was an act of honouring him in recognition of over thirty-two years of service to the Misener organization. he was born in Watford, Ontario, on May 23, 1908, and was educated in the public schools and attended Queen's University.

He began his business career with Canada Steamship Lines in 1927, and in 1928, worked in the offices of the Canadian National Railways. In March, 1929, he joined the company now known as the Scott Misener Steamships Limited, as a bookkeeper. He became assistant secretary of the firm in 1934, secretary and a director in 1942, and vice-president in 1945. In 1970, he was elected president of the firm, and he became vice-chairman of the board in August, 1973. He died at St. Catharines, Ontario, on July 1, 1974.

The steamer J.N. McWatters set a St. Lawrence Seaway record on August 12, 1961, in loading 24,316 gross tons at Seven Islands, Quebec, for Cleveland, Ohio, delivery. This record stood until September 9, 1963, when it was broken.

JANEY POAPST - 1908-1996, by ELAINE HUTCHISON, "DIXON DAUBER", July 15, 2002

Janey was truly a remarkable woman of this South Stormont area. It is not only Janey's talent as a painter, and her willingness to share her knowledge with so many others, but her indomitable spirit, generosity, and love of life, that makes Janey Poapst a lady to be remembered.

She was born in 1908 at Cranbrook, British Columbia. She was one of eight children. As soon as Janey was able, she went out to work, so her parents would have one less mouth to feed. (This is how Janey told the story), Her family later moved to the Prairies, where she met her late husband, Charlie Poapst. They worked on various farms in the west until they had saved enough money to buy an old blue Ford car. With their first child and all their belongings, they travelled east to the Newington- unenburg area in this blue Ford. There was no road across Northern Ontario, so part of the trip was by the United States. Janey would tell many stories of this difficult and eventful trip. They worked very hard to establish their first home in this area, only to have it burn to the ground.

She and her late husband, Charlie, ran a market garden south of Newington. In the spring, the area gardeners would buy their vegetables and flower plants from this couple, as they were the only people with a green house. This was long before

there were plant outlets scattered around the city of Cornwall, each spring. They also took their produce to Cornwall each week to the farmers' market. Later, Janey and her husband purchased a farm on what was once called the Lower 6th Concession, but now called Dixon Road in South Stormont. They continued their market operation until Charlie became ill, and then Janey lovingly cared for her husband until he passed away.

Then a wonderful new door opened for Janey. The government began a program for seniors which provided busing to St. Lawrence College in Cornwall, and instruction in various crafts, on a weekly basis.

Janey's love for painting was reborn! She loved her weekly trips and her wonderful talent of painting blossomed. Janey, being the generous and kind person she was, wanted to share what she had learned with others, so she decided to give art lessons, and she and her good friend, Leda Raymond, came up with the name "Dixon Daubers". Perhaps here, I should mention that Janey never charged anyone a cent to come and learn to paint.

From January to April, Janey's door was open, in the morning, afternoon and evening, easels set up on her kitchen table, and a warm welcome to anyone from 6 to 90 years, to come and paint. Oh, what wonderful glorious times were enjoyed around that kitchen table. If there were too many for the large table, Janey would set up card tables. Janey never gave formal lessons. Each person chose what they wanted to paint. Janey would walk around the table, or sit and watch the canvases come to life, as Janey would say. Sometimes, she would offer suggestions, or sit down and actually paint a section, while explaining how and why this was the best way to accomplish an effect. She never belittled anyone's efforts. She had the talent of encouraging and teaching that was unique. She willingly shared her knowledge, paints and brushes, and her delicious biscuits, heated in the warming oven of her massive old cook stove.

Before the budding artists would leave each time, many would take their pictures upstairs, to the room above the kitchen, to dry. Here, they would have a chance to see the drying paintings that others were doing. Because so many came at various times, it was decided that we should have an "Achievement Day", so all the Daubers could see the finished paintings.

Over eighty-five individuals became Janey's Daubers. After fifteen years of opening the doors to the joys of painting for so many, Janey became too frail to carry on. To pay tribute to this outstanding and unique individual, a luncheon was held.

All of us who had the privilege of knowing Janey will always hold her, and those times around her kitchen table, as very precious memories.

IN MEMORIAM

The Lost Villages Historical Society extends sincere sympathy to the following historical society members who lost loved ones in recent weeks.

To Mary and Bob Fyckes, Nancy & Stan Harwood, and Kathryn and Melvin Cull, on the passing of Mary's brother, and Nancy and Kathryn's uncle, George A. Rutley, at the Glengarry Memorial Hospital, in his 83rd year. His funeral was held on Monday, December 30, 2002, at the Brownlee Funeral Home, Finch, Ontario, with interment in Hillcrest Cemetery, Newington.

To Bud and Marion Johnston, on the passing of Bud's brother, Wendell Cyril Johnston, at the Cornwall General Hospital, on Friday, December 27, 2002, age 85 years. The funeral was held in First Baptist Church, Cornwall, on Tuesday, December 31, 2002. Wendell Johnston was a native of Moulinette, and moved his family's home to Highway #2, Long Sault, at the time of the Hydro and Seaway projects.

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