



Prince Street, Lansdowne, Looking North. c1922-1924.

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HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

At the April meeting of the Historical Society, Honorary Life Memberships were awarded to two long-time members, Audrey Newell and Florence Crawford.

For several years these ladies were our "scrap book keepers", keeping a record of the happenings of to-day for the enlightenment of the future generations. Audrey also served on the executive in our early years. Florence was always ready to prepare our mailing labels.

Congratulations ladies for effort above the call of duty over many years.



Audry Newell
Photo by Pierre Mercier



Florence Crawford
Photo by Glenn Olivier

CONDOLENCES

*We regret to report the death of life member **Florence Mae Crawford**
& long term members **Karl Burns & David Webster**
To their families and friends, our deepest sympathy.*

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. K0E 1L0

NEWSLETTERS

As our newsletter binder was growing too 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 available in a three ring binder - Cost \$62.00

Copies 21 through 40 - Cost \$62.00 - Binders with ALL copies 1-42 are still available. Ask for price.

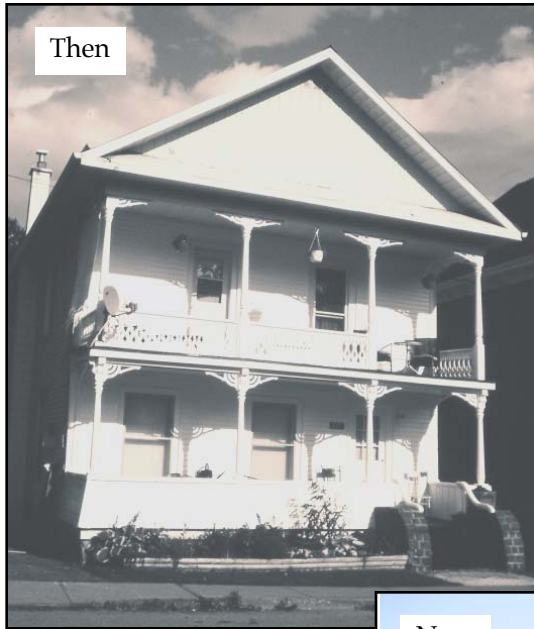
Due to the weight and high cost of postage, if these have to be mailed, postage will have to be added.

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

Ask the Executive for prices.



THEN and NOW - 1087 Prince Street, Lansdowne.



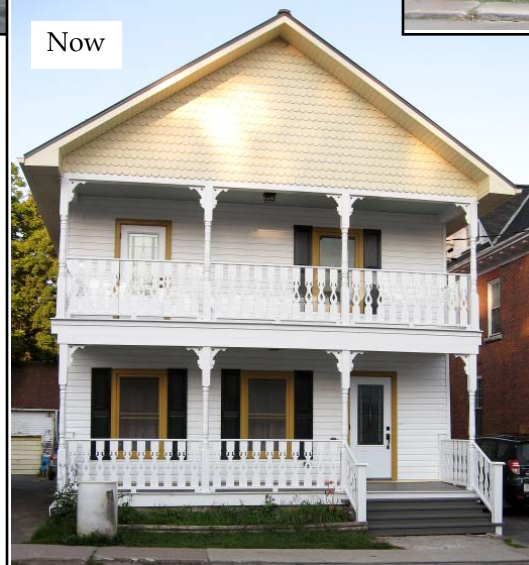
Then

This house was heavily damaged by fire on October 4, 2014.

All Photos by Bill Boulton



After Fire



Now

Reconstruction revealed some interesting facts about this building.

Its post and beam construction and straight sawn sheeting lumber indicate it was probably built in the 1860's. The house started life as a one storey house, and the second floor was added later.

Grenville Mutual Insurance and Innovative Construction have shown great leadership in the detailed reconstruction, bringing it back to its original condition.

Congratulations on a job well done!

FALL MEETINGS

All meetings 7:30 p.m. - Community Building - Lansdowne

Monday September 21, 2015	Ghost Railways of Ontario	Speaker Steve Manders
Monday October 19, 2015	Building of the St. Lawrence Seaway	Speaker Ed Clark
Monday November 16, 2015	Lansdowne - Then and Now	Speaker Bill Boulton

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.



A REVIEW of the BOOK
Written by
William E. "Bill" Boulton

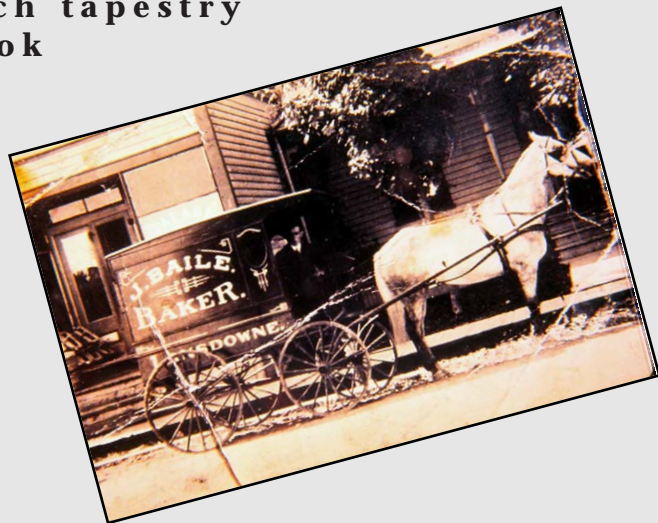
Village Streets and Country Lanes
LANSDOWNE Then and Now

For many years, Bill has regaled audiences with his knowledge about the history of Lansdowne and the area, by doing oral presentations for many different groups. His wry sense of humour and extensive knowledge, backed with his slide shows, always made for an informative and entertaining time! Now you can own one of Bill's presentations.

From cover to cover, Bill's book is both engaging and informative. Through research of the pre-existing official records, prior writings, and newspaper archives Bill has produced a very complete factual history of the village. As the book walks you through the village, the life and times of a former era come to life. The pictures collected and reproduced on these pages are amazing in their quality, and quantity.

Through the pictures of the buildings and special events of days gone by, Bill introduces some of the people of the past. Bill's repertoire of humorous stories, round out a very enjoyable read. The pictures collected here create a rich tapestry which recommends the book all on their own.

Respectfully Submitted
Glenda Olivier



BOOK LAUNCH



SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH.

**LANSDOWNE
COMMUNITY BUILDING**

TIME : 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

For more information contact Bill
by email

boulton@1000island.net

Bill has done extensive research
over many years for his book.

Come and explore "The First Settlers";
"Grave Robbers"; "Lansdowne Cheese Factory";
"The Grand Trunk Railway System";
"Then and Now Sites"; "Businesses Included-

Harness Makers,
Inventors, Auto Repair.

**Personalized Copies
will be signed
by the Author**



PRINCE ST. LANSDOWNE

THEN & NOW



WRITTEN BY

WILLIAM E. "BILL" BOULTON



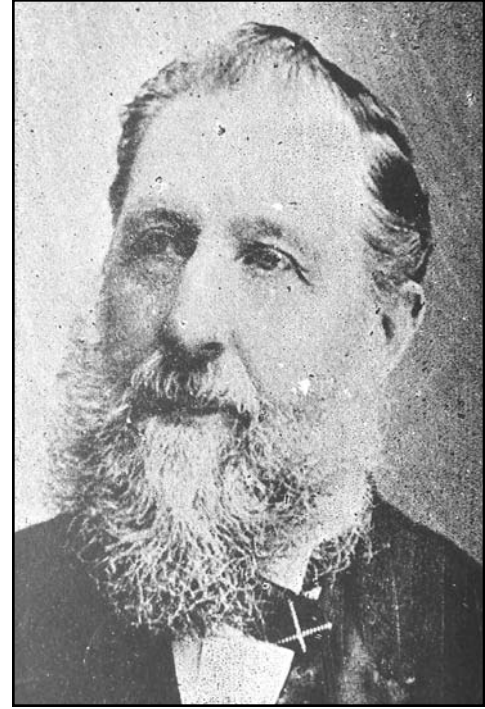
A Party with a Mystery - by Art Shaw

In 1986 the panic died down after the campaign to save the Lyndhurst Bridge. The Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC), which had been formed in response to the Bridge crisis, took on a new project. We decided to start an archive in the township of Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne.

Accession # 986-001, the very first handful of paper to be donated to the new archives, (from Frances Bryan) included an invitation to the 74th birthday party for Thomas Pounder. The invitation was a carte de visite bearing a photograph of Thomas Pounder, on which the wording was inscribed in formal script, and a bow of pink ribbon was affixed through a hole punched at the top.

I had no idea who Thomas Pounder was, and didn't consider it an important question at the time. I was mystified however, as to why the birthday of the man from Boston would be such a big occasion in Lyndhurst .

Twelve years later another copy of the invitation came into the archives, deepening the mystery in the back of my mind. After another ten years, with the benefit of the internet, I did a search which (along with some more recent searching) revealed a few data points. Thomas Pounder was born in Ireland 31 Aug 1830. He immigrated to Boston Mass, where his arrival is recorded on Sept 15, 1848, age 17 years. In a trade directory from 1852, he is listed as a 'soap boiler', boarding at 73 Fourth St. In 1867 he was listed as 'soap maker', and in 1883 he commissioned an architect to draw plans for a single storey flat 21 x 30'. On 6 Sept, 1852, he married Elizabeth Earl from Oak Leaf, Rear of Lansdowne Twp, daughter of Robert Earl and Margaret Ferris, both from Wexford Ireland. How he connected with his wife is another mystery, although it could have been through family connection in Ireland.

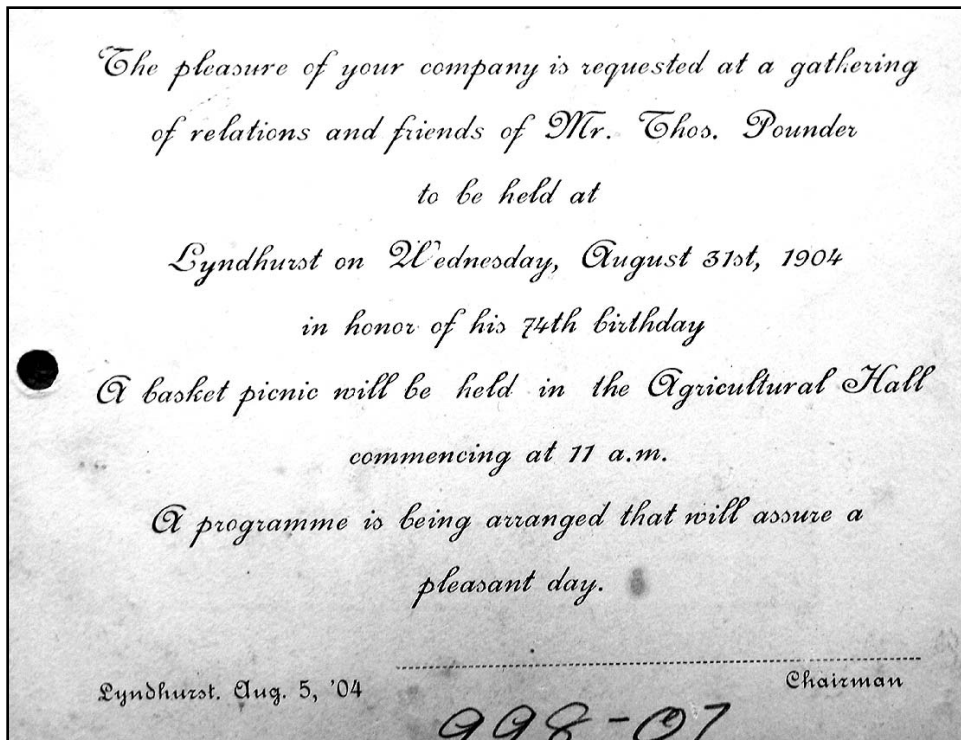


Compliments of Thos. Pounder, East Boston, Mass.

Celebration of his 74th Birthday at Lyndhurst August 31st, 1904

But back to the party. As prosperity afforded, the Pounders moved into a "mansion" in Boston, and maintained close ties to the Oak Leaf area by visiting every summer. His birthday party was already an established tradition by 1896, when this note appeared in the Athens Reporter:

Actual Invitation to Thomas Pounders 74th Birthday Celebration.



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A Party with a Mystery

"The annual birthday party for Thomas Pounder, of east Boston, Mass. was held in Washburn's Schoolhouse last Saturday. Mr. Pounder was 76 years of age (Should be 66 years), and 60 friends and relatives attended. It was a beautiful warm day, and dinner was served in the school yard, with its entrancing view of rolling hills, in autumn colors. While dinner was being prepared, William Earl gave interesting reminiscences of the early days. He is now 72 years of age, and was born on the farm where he now resides. Thomas Moulton, also present, another continuous resident of Washburn's, is six months older. Mr. Earl said the people of Washburn's Corners were all honest people and good neighbors. A feast of fowl, meats, fish and pastry was enjoyed, topped off with ice cream, nuts and candies. It was an animated and joyous scene, and the appreciation of all was extended."

Even so, the extravaganza held in 1904 seems out of proportion. In anticipation, the week before the event, the Athens Reporter commented:

"Thomas Pounder of East Boston, Mass. spent Sunday in Athens with Mr. and Mrs. James Gordon, and is getting ready for his birthday celebration at Lyndhurst next Wednesday. Guests are expected from great distances."

The event itself was described in the following superlatives:

" Aug 31, 1904 The largest birthday party ever held in Leeds County was that in Lyndhurst on August 31 for Thomas Pounder of Boston, when 1,000 relatives and friends met to help him celebrate his natal day.

Thomas Pounder was born in Ireland on Aug. 31, 1830, and at the age of 16 years in the year 1846, he came to America to seek his fortune. Upon landing in Boston he obtained employment in the soap manufacturing business. Six years later he met and married Miss Elizabeth Earl, daughter of Robert Earl of Lansdowne. They fought successfully the battle of life, and three children were born to them, only one, William, now surviving, and he is in business with his father. In Boston Mr. Pounder was described as 'the soap millionaire'. However, he is now in the real estate business, having recently sold his soap factory and business. All these years Mr. and Mrs. Pounder did not forget their Leeds County friends, and nearly all have had the pleasure of being entertained in the Pounder mansion in Boston. Three years ago death took away Mrs. Pounder, and Mr. Pounder has never emerged from under the shadow of this great sorrow.

He has continued to make his annual visits to Leeds County, and his friends decided to honor his 74th birthday with a grand picnic, and invite all the relatives. Robert Harvey of Lyndhurst was named director of the giant celebration and the various committees he appointed did their work well, and the party was held at the Lyndhurst Fair grounds, which were transformed into a bower of beauty. The large main building was almost completely covered with sprays of cedar, and trimmed with Mountain Ash berries, and flowers in profusion. Above the long table,s streamers of white were hung, with the festoons bearing sprays of cedar at intervals. Tables seating 465 were laid in three wings of the building, while in the East wing a platform was erected, and tapestries hung on three sides to form into a stage. Here the orchestra discoursed excellent music during the dinner hour, the orchestra consisting of Mrs. and Miss Horton of Sand Bay, William Warren of Brockville, Miss Grey, Miss Knapp, and Miss Lee, A. Jacob and Mr. Wood of Lyndhurst.

Mrs. F Bresee was in charge of the decoration of the rotunda, which was gaily bedecked with mottoes, flags and bunting.

But the tables -- who can describe them. Long reaches of snowy linen, bedecked with cut flowers, and supplied with the choicest viands the culinary skill of the ladies could produce. In the center of the main table a beautiful birthday cake, faultlessly iced and decorated bore this inscription 'To Mr. Thomas Pounder from his nieces, Eva and Annie Earl.' To serve the guests there was a whole battalion of young people, and they did their work so well there was no confusion, and order prevailed everywhere. With surprising rapidity, with courtesy unceasing, with every care and attention, close to 1,000 guests were served between 12 and 3 PM, making a record of which any first class hotel might be proud. Mr. Pounder moved from table to table, receiving the guests, and exchanging greetings with all.

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A Party with a Mystery

Around the grounds, relatives met.....friends, many.....demonstration in his.....then he called upon the choirs of the village to join in a welcoming chorus. Although from three churches, their voices blended in well balanced tone. Rev. A. H. Sovereign was the first speaker, and his address 'Our American Friends' was positively brilliant. He spoke of Mr. Pounder as being a British subject, who had found a home under the Stars and Stripes. He said some of the very best Americans had been born and bred in Canada, this fact probably accounting for the success of the United States. Miss Bertha Pierce of Athens gave a vocal solo, following which Rev. Meridith spoke on 'How to make friend and how to keep them.' He said the large representative here today was a testimony that Mr. Pounder knew how to make friends.

Miss Frankie Bresee sang 'That's what the daisy said', and then the Rev Beveridge spoke, his topic being 'Influence.'

Rev R. B. Patterson of Athens was invited to speak, and after congratulating Mr. Pounder upon the passing of life's 74th milestone under such happy circumstances, he expressed the wish that all these evergreen decoration would symbolize a green old age for Mr. Pounder, and when the day comes when there will be light at eventide, all present will meet at that great banquet where parting shall be no more.

Mr. Pounder was then called to the platform, and he said this was one of the happiest days of his life. The cream of Leeds County had come to do him honor, as well as friends from Kingston, Boston, Toronto, and Georgian Bay. His heart was too full of joy and gladness to express his thanks in words. He said he thought as he witnessed the great rejoicing on the ground of old friends who hadn't met before in years, and of families who had been reunited and as he watched countless men shaking hands, and women kissing and embracing each other -what a great and happy reunion there will be on the Other Shore when we allthe merits of Christ, with those who have gone before. He said one of the joys of growing old, to every Christian, is that one's life work is nearly done, and the great reward and reunion is near. No Christian fears death, it is the release to a wonderful new life in the heavenly kingdom, where pain and sorrow are known no more.

After Mr. Pounder sat down, he was again called to the platform and presented with a goldheaded cane, suitably inscribed, by two little girls, Mildred Singleton and Constance Harvey, on behalf of the people of Leeds. Mr. Pounder tried to reply, but was so overwhelmed no words would come, so with a muttered thanks, he resumed his seat. A closing chorus by the three choirs, and the national anthem brought the program to a close. In another building, Mr Gainford of Athens served 25 gallons of ice cream, which disappeared rapidly.

Only two mishaps occurred to mar the day. Peter Kendrick fell off a load of chairs and was unable to attend, and Mrs. C. B. Tallman fell and broke one of her arms at the close of the meeting.

The many fine equipages that brought the guests to the grounds were the subject of great interest, and a little horse trading was done on the side. The fine piano used for the occasion was donated by Mr. C. M. Quinn of Lansdowne, agent for all kinds of musical instruments.

P. P. Slack, baker of Athens furnished the following order for this picnic: 75 pans of bread, 100 dozen buns, 100 dozen doughnuts, a six storey cake, and he roasted 800 lbs of beef.

The various committees in charge of the festivities were:

R. Harvey, chairman; table convenors - Mrs. F. B. Sheffield, Mrs. J Kirkland, Mrs Robert Wood, Miss E. Roddick, Mrs. R. Harvey, Mrs. George Rooney, Mrs. J Singleton, Mrs. F. W. Bresee, Mrs. E Kenney, Mrs. Alex Sheldon, Mrs. Joshua Wiltse, Mrs. Hill Earl.

Other reference to Mr. Pounder appeared in the paper in following years,
including this from 5 May, 1909:

"A letter received from friends of Uncle Thomas Pounder, of Boston, states that the stroke he suffered has left him completely helpless"

He lived another 4 years however, and died of Bronchial pneumonia on 13 Jan 1913.

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A Party with a Mystery

The answer to the nagging question about the huge birthday party, which had bothered me for 28 years, came to light in 2014, with another donation to the archives from... wait for it...Frances Bryan. Folded inside Frances' copy of the book "LYNDHURST – A CENTENNIAL HISTORY" by Anna Harvey (who by the way was daughter of R G Harvey the chairman of the party organizers) was a single paragraph in typescript as follows:

***"Mr Pounder was an American. He used to come over here in the summers. He would wear a tall silk hat. Everybody thought he was very rich. Some even thought he was a millionaire. Word got around that he had taken an interest in the churches of Lyndhurst, and there was reason to believe that he was likely to leave substantial bequests to them. So they got together and prepared a spectacular picnic for him. Two cattle were butchered. The Fairgrounds building was bedecked with evergreen boughs. There was much practicing. Miss Harvey's father was master of ceremonies. Everything went fine. Mr. Pounder was much impressed with the care and speeches. But when he spoke, there was no mention of a gift of money. He went away afterward and as the years passed by, not a cent ever came to the Lyndhurst churches.
(A. E. Harvey: 1968)"***

The Wild West?

From the diary of Rev. Henry Gordon, minister, St. Andrew's Church, Gananoque.

24 February, 1840 Isaac Gorman

Buried in the presence of the Hon. John MacDonalld, W. S. MacDonalld, Alex Auchinvole and a number of others. He died of a blow haplessly received from and in the house of one of the residents of the village to whom in a state of intoxication he seems to have given some provocation. The event created a very sad and strong sensation in the village and the more that it happened about the same time with the death of a young Frenchman (they died within an hour of each other) who was killed by a pistol ball while travelling in the stage. Preached with special application to these events from (illegible) 12.11 on Sabbath 1 March 1840 to a crowded congregation.

On the same day 24 February 1840 Baptism. John son of Isaac Gorman deceased and Agnes Gorman nee Rogers. Born 28 December 1839. (Agnes Gorman was a sister of Samuel Rogers of Gananoque and Holmes Rogers of Wilstead).

April 1840

Attended the funerals of Denny Wilson and (unnamed) Bennett soldiers belonging to the 4 Battery of Militia stationed in Gananoque who died and were buried within a week of each other the latter death was by falling in the River Gananoque. It is to be feared that interference was connected with the death of both. Delivered a short address to the Company on both occasions.



THE BEATTY DIARIES

The Beatty family have just moved from Yonge Mills to their new home on Lot 17, Concession 3, east side of Prince Street and Outlet Road, from the top of the hill to Tower Road. They are occupying the old house on the property at the present 1251 Outlet Road.

1862

- April 5,** Ad and Ellen came home about noon. Had to come by Dulcemain the road so bad, rain and snow.
- 6,** Went to meeting to hear Rev. Mr. Bain, a New Connection minister preach in the school house.
- 8,** Went to Brockville on the cars (train) to attend the Court of Queens Bench as a grand juror. Wm. Fitsimmonds chosen as foreman. Justice Richards presided. We were dismissed at 5 o'clock. Received \$3.20. Came up to Lyn on cars. Stopped at Nelson Shipmans.
- 10,** Went to the old place and then to Mallorytown on foot. Took the cars for Lansdowne.
- 11,** Drew some rails to the concession. Dr. Redmond came to go to Websters.
- 12,** Ad went to old place to bring up a cow.
- 13,** Went to church and heard Rev. Mr. Carol.
- 14,** Drew some rails to the consession line. Dr. Redmond came here this afternoon. He went to see Mr. Webster. Ad came home with a cow and 2 calves.
- 15,** Drew rails along the road from the house.
- 16,** Finished drawing the rails. They are a poor lot.
- 22,** Ad went to Ben Youngs for some carrots. Dave came up from Yonge, he is going to help me with fences.
- 23,** Began to make fence commencing at south-east corner. A little snow.
- 25,** Worked at the fence along the road running north. Fine day. The plow I sent to Brantford for came to the station this morning.
- 26,** Went to Yonge this morning on the cars.
- 30,** Began to plow. Went to a raising at Mr. Johnstons.
- May 1,** Ploughed. Set out some current bushes in the new garden.
- 3,** Ellen went to Mallorytown on the cars for to go to the old place.
- 5,** Worked on the fence.
- 6,** Finished the fence up to the barn at the house.
- 7,** Began to plough. Ad came up with the cattle and old Bett.
- 8,** Ploughed.
- 9,** Began to plough along the road.
- 10,** Sowed 5 bushel of the Garden peas and 2 bushel of the John Young peas. I met Ellen at the station, her and Bessy came up on the cars from Mallorytown. Fine day.
- 12,** Went to Gananoque on foot to the Court of Revision to see if they would take anything off the assessment of this place. They would do nothing. Went to raising of barn at Mr. Websters.
- 16,** Sowed 2 bushel more of peas. Plowed the garden at house and a little up at the new place.
- 18,** The Rrv. Mr. Beain preached in the school house.
- 22,** David finished plowing the west side and the north field and then began the east side.
- 26,** Dr. Redman sent his team to help me.
- 27,** Sewed oats north field east side. R, Johnston dragged. C and B Young, T. Bradley, W. Turner, J. Johnston came to the bee in the afternoon.

Charles Ferris Rath

December 19, 1840 – December 26, 1940
"Grand Old Man of Lansdowne"

The Rath Homestead was located at 284 Union Road, 5 minutes north of Lansdowne.
The photograph pictured below shows the homestead which was built in 1881.



The home, at which Charles Ferris Rath celebrated his 100th birthday, is now my home. Mr. Rath was fondly known as "*the grand old man of the Township of Lansdowne*" and insisted that he be driven to his homestead, from his daughter's place in Mallorytown, to celebrate on this very special day. Dr. J.H. Lohead did the honours of driving him on this happy occasion.

As I write this article, I am sitting in the room in which 90 people called that afternoon to wish Charles well. This room was banked with flowers as you can see in the photograph depicted here. He was presented with a lounge chair and ottoman as a token of appreciation of the community and a special operator was engaged by the local telephone company to take the calls that poured in from all parts of the province.



Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King extolled Charles stating
"that you have devoted so many years to the beautifying of your community."

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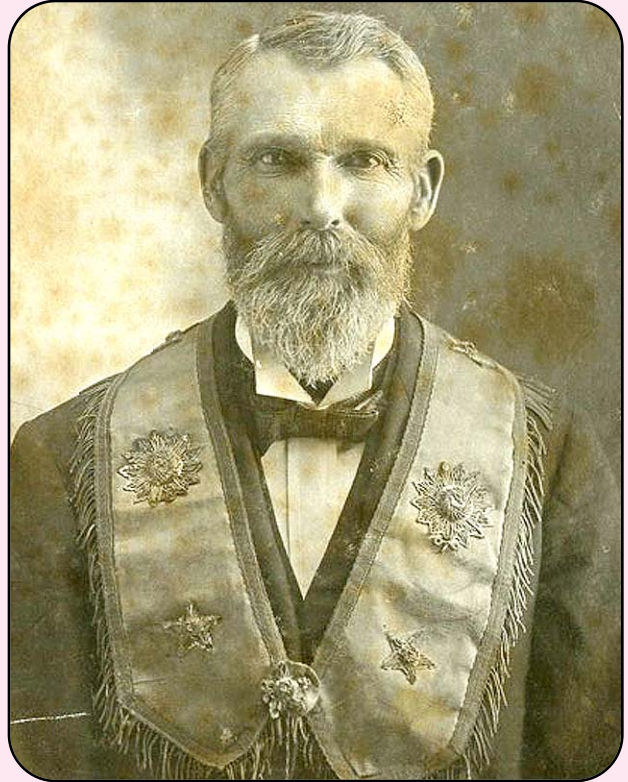
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Charles Ferris Rath

December 19, 1840 – December 26, 1940 "Grand Old Man of Lansdowne"

Some examples of Charles' dedication to community are:

- Union Cemetery Board President for 55 years, "one of the finest rural cemeteries to be found in the Dominion", a "model of order and beauty".
- stewardship of the United Church.
- member of the Lansdowne Agricultural Society for 74 years, first President awarded a diploma in appreciation of his work on behalf of agriculture.
- Loyal Orange Association for over 80 years joining at 17, was a County Master.
- President of Brockville Dairyman's Board.
- Salesman for the Rapid Valley cheese factory.
- one of the most progressive farmers of the district



What was it like when Charles was growing up?

He recalls light furnished by a twisted rag dipped in grease. When a fire went out a visit to the neighbouring house was made for a shovelful of coals. The first stoves he remembers were cast in Brockville. We have discovered the openings for chimneys in the bedrooms upstairs.

Barn raising bees were usual in those days. A gallon of whiskey was purchased, costing 25 cents a gallon. When the job was done, the party began. Our barn still stands sturdily and we estimate that it was built around 1850, using mostly Hemlock. The family remained living in a log house so that the barn could be built before the homestead house in which we now live.

In the 1840's, taxes were about \$4 for one hundred acres. Most people simply couldn't pay their taxes under the financial conditions of the day. For example, a farmer received only 6 cents a dozen for eggs.

Charles Ferris Rath was truly a remarkable man, a marvel of the Lansdowne Community. He was so well known that he was sometimes even mentioned in the Watertown Times newspaper.

As a gardener myself, I found it interesting when his daughter mentioned that he was fussy about weeds and at 97 went about the farm pulling noxious weeds. If you have any related information about him, please contact me at 613-659-3836 or lacellew@1000island.net. David and I would enjoy knowing more. Thank you.

Written by Mrs. Wilhelmina Lacelle with assistance from Bill Boulton, Delene Cross and Norm Rath, great grandson of Charles. Norm came to visit us last year with his son and grandchildren. He also supplied the photographs used in this article.

What's the story on your house?

I challenge you to research your home and share it in our Historical Newsletter.



Lansdowne's Olympic Connection - by Alan Lindsay

**Canada's best amateur wrestler and Olympic and Commonwealth star
has family roots in Lansdowne.**



Photo courtesy of
Tyler Deschamps

Earl Gray McCready was born in Lansdowne on June 5, 1905 to parents Elgin McCready and Lila Gray. That same year the family moved to southern Saskatchewan. His brother Andrew and sister Pauline were born in Saskatchewan. He grew up in several towns; Ogema, Milestone, Amulet and Bures where his father farmed. These communities no longer exist but a stone monument where Bures was located recognizes Earl as living there. He taught school for a time in Querrin, a nearby town, before following his interest in wrestling.

He was strong and well- built from working on the farm. He became interested in wrestling and started on the road to success in 1926 in the Canadian Championships in Vancouver. He was 5' 11" weighing 238 pounds which placed him in the heavyweight category. His 1926 defeat of American, Charlie Strach, led him to Oklahoma State Stillwater College on an athletic scholarship where he played football and wrestled as an amateur. His nickname was "The Moose".

Over the next three years he won all but three of his victories by pin. He was the first 3 times National Collegiate Athletic Assoc. (NCAA) champion, first foreign born NCAA champion and still holds the record for the fastest fall in an NCAA final - 19 seconds.

In 1928 he was the flag bearer in the Olympic Games in Amsterdam and came 6th in the freestyle heavyweight tournament. He competed in the 1930 British Empire (now Commonwealth) games in Hamilton and won gold in the freestyle heavyweight competition.

He turned professional in 1930 and had a 30 year career in the ring in cities all over the world. In 1933 he dethroned the British Empire champion Jack Taylor. He was the Canadian Heavyweight Champion three times. In 1958 he had his final match in Maple Leaf Gardens.

He and his wife, who he married March 10, 1934, retired to Edmunds Washington where he operated a massage parlor. Ill health was a problem in his later years and he passed away in Seattle Washington Dec. 9, 1983.

He has been recognized by the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, the US Wrestling Hall of Fame, the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame, the Wrestling Observer Pro Wrestling Hall of Fame and the Calgary Stampede Wrestling Hall of Fame. In 1967 he was inducted into the Canada Sports Hall of Fame.

Although he is little known or recognized today he had a long and successful career as a Canadian athlete and champion.



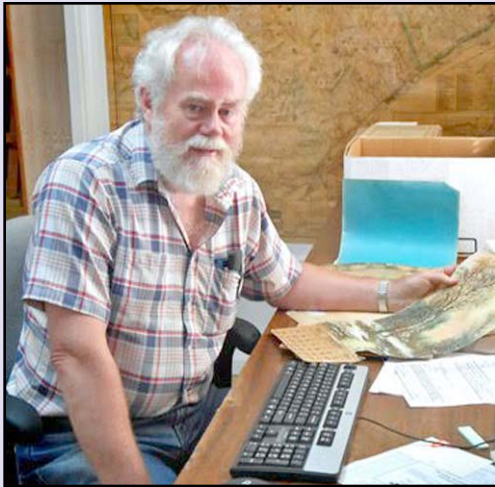


LTI Archives: Article Submitted by Art Shaw

preserving, protecting and promoting our past for our future...

Who We Are:

The Leeds & the Thousand Islands Archives is a partnership between the **Leeds & 1000 Islands Historical Society**, the **Township of Leeds & the Thousand Islands Municipal Heritage Committee**, and the **Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library**.



Archives volunteer Art Shaw
Photo by George Dunbar

The Library administers the Archives and includes a line for the Archives in its annual budget request to the Township. In addition, the Township provides the old Escott Town Hall to house the Archives.

What We Are:

Somewhat over half of the archival material held in the Archives is owned by the Township. This includes many Township documents such as Minutes and By-laws and tax assessments as well as materials such as private photographs and documents collected over decades by the Municipal Heritage Committees.

The Historical Society's large collection is very similar in composition comprising thousands of documents and photographs collected over decades. We also have almost 300 files of research on local families, listed in our catalogue.

What We Do:

Our mandate is "To acquire, preserve, promote and make available the historical record of the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands."

Where We Are:

We are currently located in the former Front of Escott Township Hall in Escott.

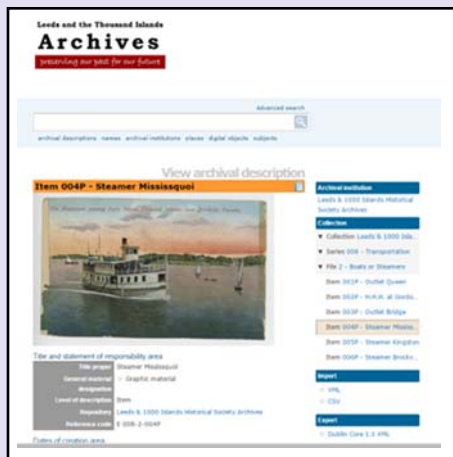


Image of typical Archives catalogue page.

When We Are:

We are open Thursdays 1-8 or by appointment. **We are also available twenty-four hours a day 365 days of the year through our online catalogue at <http://www.ltiarchives.ca/>.** At our website catalogue you can search by keyword for descriptions of our holdings and occasionally even find copies of some of the images we have scanned.

Virtually all of the Historical Society's photograph collection has been catalogued with a copy of the image attached. Hats off to volunteer Donnie Dorey for her Herculean efforts to bring this about.

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LTI Archives:

What We're Doing:

Right now the Archives is involved in several projects beyond our regular accessioning, cataloguing and housekeeping, including assisting with research for interpretive signs, assisting in several genealogical research projects, partnering with regional organizations and the Township in cultural activities, appearing at regional events and of course conducting our on-going Digitization Project.

Township Heritage Programmer Nathalie Jones drawing the winning ticket in the Genealogical Research Contest.



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The Digi Project:

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Ferry arriving at the Alexandria Bay Dock, circa 1900.
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