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"to promote, preserve, and share our past"



President's Message

We hope you enjoyed reading about the history of the 160th Lansdowne Fair in our last newsletter. This edition explores a variety of topics. Our theme for the next edition is "Immigration" and we encourage you to contribute your family's story. We were all very excited that the Ontario Library Association presented its "Archival and Preservation Achievement Award 2025" to our LTI Archives. Please check out our website and the Facebook pages of Leeds & Thousand Islands Historical Society (brand new), Friends of Springfield House Complex, and LTI Archives.

We are grateful to Glenda Olivier for her many years of service as our President. As a proud founding member of our organization, she continues on the board and working for us. She has spear-headed the arrangements for our 30th Anniversary CELEBRATION CRUISE along the St. Lawrence River in June.

Thank you for renewing your membership and for your valued support. *Wilhelmina*

Upcoming Events

Mon March 17, 7:30 pm GM/Presentation: Karen Wand - Lansdowne Community Building
"Boatbuilders of the Thousand Islands, Emphasis on Lansdowne area builders"

Tues April 22, 7:30 pm GM/Presentation: Brian Porter - Lansdowne United Church
The "Royal Trio" on the St. Lawrence River

Tues May 20, 7:30 pm GM/Presentation: Jody Pilon – Lansdowne United Church
"Les Filles du Roi as Essential Figures in Canadian History"

Sat June 21, 6:15 pm - 30th Anniversary Cruise - Rockport Boat Lines

Executive for 2024-2025

Executive Officers

President: Wilhelmina Lacelle
 Past President: Glenda Olivier
 Vice-President: Pierre Mercier (INTERIM)
 Secretary: James Saynor
 Treasurer: Connie Burns, Glenda Olivier

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 Newsletter: James Saynor, Pierre Mercier
 Program: Janet Gaylord
 Social: Betty Bradley
 Website: James Saynor

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⌘ OUR 30TH YEAR CELEBRATION ⌘

Join us on a fun-filled evening River Cruise. "Music, Light Buffet, Cash Bar, & Narration by our Captain Janet Gaylord" Boarding at 6:15 pm in Rockport. \$50 per person. More details and tickets available soon.

from Jan 1994 First Newsletter [Editor, Andrew Graham] Article by Bill Boulton

"We've come a long way, baby." was a catch phrase of the '80's. Perhaps we could borrow it to describe the path of the Historical Society from the evening in August 1991 when seven of us met around a table at the Golden Apple to discuss a common interest.

In January 1992, we received assistance from the Front of Leeds and Lansdowne Council to form a historical society. Their support has been constant over the two years, especially in providing working space for our projects. At our first meeting in May 1993, we did not have enough people present to form a full executive. However, our display at the Lansdowne Fair brought out much interest and material. We sponsored five programmes during the 1992-93 season. Membership rose to over 60. We have been fortunate to receive two grants from Environment Canada through their heritage programme. Under a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Culture, we were able to employ Lisa Thompson for eight weeks this past summer. She completed four major research projects. Hilary-Anne Hamilton will continue to work for us until mid-March under an Unemployment Insurance Programme 25. She has catalogued our growing collection of material, and is also collecting information on schools and churches.

This year we have a full executive, have accepted a constitution and applied for incorporation through the Ontario Historical Society. Again we have planned what will be an interesting series of meetings. This newsletter is another first which we hope to continue on a regular basis.

So, truly, we have come a long way.

MEMBERSHIP LIST 1994

This list represents all those who have, since its inception, joined the Society or found their way onto our mailing list.

D.H. Akenson, Bill Boulton, Connie Burns, Dorothea Burns, George Burns, Joan Burns, Karl Burns, Keith Burns, Donald Chisamore, Paul Cote, Gloria Crawford, Cathy Davison, Geraldine Dickson, Malcolm Donnelly, Doug Donevan, Shirley Fernitich, Bruce Foley, Dot Funnell, Jim Funnell, Janet Gaylord, Murray Geekie, Glen House Resorts, Andrew Graham, Katherine Graham, Betty Green, Ada Hare, Elizabeth Haskins, Mn. Guy Haskins, George Horton, Frank Hurrell, Shirley Hurrell, Adeline Kennedy, Alan Lindsay, Harry Landon, Martha Landon, Yolande Lapointe, Janet Lindsay, Doreen Lowans, Cheryl Lynch, Marjorie Mallory, Evangeline McCready, Van McCready, Margery MacGregor, Roger MacGregor, Laverna Montgomery, Eleanor Carleton Mout, Pat Mulholland, Glenda Olivier, Jim Orth, Ruth Ralph, John Raycroft, John Reid, Wilma Robertson, Glen Shields, Josephine Shields, Keith Sly, John Sorenson, Louise Sorenson, Marion Steacy, Vicky Sturgeon, Audrey Tamblyn, Art Thompson, Maureen Thompson, Marie Thompson, Eileen Truesdell, Vaida Truesdell, Margaret Warren, Doreen Webster, George Webster, Paul Webster, Freda White, Kathy Wyborn, Larry Wyborn

2024-2025 Members

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TLTI Designated Heritage Properties



Escott Town Hall (1871)



Springfield House (1871)



Locust Grove/Mitchell House (c1841)



John Cook House (c1851)



Seaman House (1857)



Stone Haven/Landon House (1848)



Long Point School (1862)



Love Blacksmith Shop (1997)



W P Earl Store (1888)

Municipal Heritage Committee, within the guidelines of the Ontario Heritage Act, it provides advice and recommendations to Council regarding the conservation, education and promotion of the Township's cultural heritage resources. Cultural heritage includes: archaeological sites, cemeteries and burial places, landscapes, natural areas, streetscapes, structures. The committee is composed of 5 appointed citizen volunteers, 2 Councillors, 1 staff member (Planning Department), with the Township clerk as Recording Secretary. It meets publicly four times a year and as needed.



Lyndhurst Bridge (1856-7)

Part IV Heritage Designation

- added to the Municipal Heritage Properties Register through municipal by-law
- statement of cultural heritage value/significance and a listing of significant heritage attributes (Physical/design, historical/associative and/or contextual) in the by-law
- alterations that may impact protected heritage attributes require municipal approval in the form of a heritage permit
- protected from demolition and unsympathetic alterations
- eligible for the Township's Heritage Celebration and Conservation Grant Program



Buell Cemetery (1837)



La Rue Cemetery (1804)



Soperton Cemetery (1803)



Mount Pleasant/Black Church (1877)



Union Cemetery (1871)



Union Church (1871)

Municipal Heritage Properties Register a publicly accessible document of properties that are of recognized or potential cultural heritage value or interest. It includes the following types of municipal, provincial, federal, and international heritage protection (June 2023):

- 81 properties with 'listed' cultural heritage status (Section 27 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*);
- 17 properties designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
- 1 site designated by ICOMOS as an UNESCO World Heritage Site, National Historic Site and Canadian Heritage River;
- 3 properties with Provincial Significance;
- 1 property with a Provincial Easement;
- 2 properties containing a recognized Federal Heritage Building; and
- 1 property with Provincial Significance and designated as a National Historic Site

<https://www.leeds1000islands.ca/en/resources/Heritage-Register.pdf>

from Newsletter #2 May 1994

The Historical Society took another step forward on February 5th when the Ontario Historical Society granted us provincial incorporation. This is the establishment of an organization that is a separate legal entity recognized by the government.

This offers advantages to us:

- (1) the organization is assured a permanent existence and the community is assured of stability in the **organization**~
- (2) the corporation qualifies for provincial and federal **grants**~
- (3) the name of the organization is officially recognized and **protected**~
- (4) as a non-profit corporation, we may apply for registration to issue tax deductible receipts for donations~
- (5) the individual members are not liable for debts or liabilities incurred by the corporation.



Bruce Foley, with sign erected by F.O.L.L. Historical Society

from Newsletter # 3

Front of Leeds and Lansdowne Historical Society Executive - 1994-95

President: Bill Boulton

Vice President: Glenda Olivier

Secretary: Alan Lindsay

Treasurer: Connie Bums

Committee Chairs

Programs: Martha Landon, Ruth Ralph

Archives: Yolande Lapointe

Fund Raising: Malcolm Donelley

Social: Ada Hare

Publicity



Glenda Olivier & Bill B. 2004



Freda White, 1995, dedication of Warren microfilm reader



June 3, 2000 Boat Cruise, Our Society along with Gananoque HS



Carol & Alan Lindsay

Historical Society Presidents

1994 – 1998 Wm E. Boulton
 1998 – 2004 Alan Lindsay
 2004 – 2006 Bruce Foley
 2006 – 2008 Wm E. Boulton
 2008 – 2009 Yolande LaPointe
 2010 – 2011 Connie Burns / Stephen Heaton
 2011 – 2014 Freda White
 2015 – 2024 Glenda Olivier
 2024 – Wilhelmina Lacelle

LOCATION! LOCATION? LOCATION...

Escott Public School (1965-2004)

Dedication Plaque & "Opening"
 Visitor Book location unknown...
 if you have any information on
 their whereabouts, please let us
 know.



Photo by Peggy Delaney

2007-2008 Executive

Back Row, l-r: Bruce Foley, Ruth Ralph, Pierre Mercier, Rebecca Webster, Duane Dillman, Alan Lindsay, Paul Cote
Front row, l-r: Connie Burns, Yolande LaPointe, Bill Boulton, Anne Graham, Mary Robertson



Sept 2008, Bill thanks Stephen Heaton who spoke on the demise of St. Lawrence Lighthouse Keepers Home

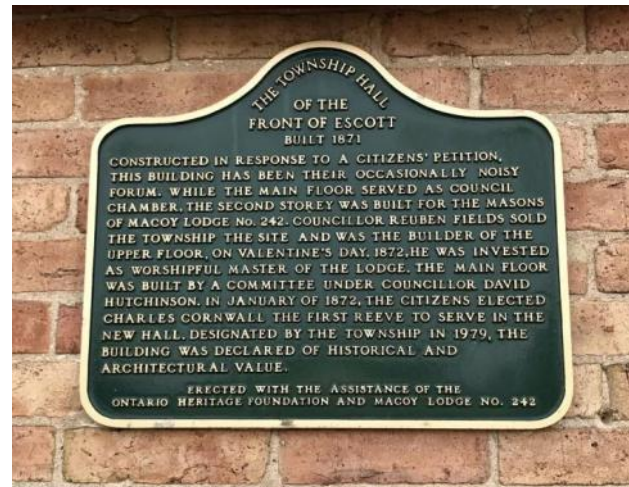


May 2009, Donnie Dorey and Alban Moorhead, trip to Perth with Gananoque Historical Society

LTI Archives

Where We Are Today...


In the 60-foot trailer waiting for restoration to begin on the Town Hall heritage building that is part of Springfield House Complex. Starting in spring 2025, the hall structure will be conserved, with new mechanical systems added and the work space and archival storage capability vastly improved.



Leeds and The Thousand Islands Archives are Here for YOU!

The Leeds & 1000 Islands Archives exists to ensure that the history of the Township is documented. Every family has some record of their part in that history. Please do not let it be lost. When moving, downsizing, or settling estates remember that we accept all manner of historical documents for safekeeping. We welcome photos, diaries, memoirs, family histories, school records, letters, business & farm records, etc. Even billheads tell a story.

If you still want to keep the originals in-the-family, consider loaning your significant items to LTI Archives to be scanned. We'll treat this as a digital donation.

Visit ltiarchives.ca and search our online catalogue to get a sense of what is already in our collection. Be sure to check out the  icon for more about us.

The Archives are OPEN every THURSDAY from 1:00 - 8:00 pm, or by appointment.

To make an appointment for research or to discuss donations:

email archivist@ltiarchives.ca

613-659-3800 (Thursdays)

Pierre Mercier: 613-329-1343

Archives Team: Art Shaw, Donnie Dorey, James Saynor, Keith Sly, Pierre Mercier

Administered by the TLTI Library. We appreciate the support of Cindy, Angela, & staff.



OLA Award shared by the Township, the Library, LTI Historical Society, & the Archives volunteers



Library CEO Cindy Code, Pierre, Mayor Corinna Smith-Gatcke, LTIHS President Wilhelmina Lacelle



Archivist Pierre Mercier, Mayor Smith-Gatcke, past Library Board Chair Brenda Lolley
award photo above thanks to R. Burtch



Archives Team: Yolande LaPointe, Anne Hunt, Art Shaw, Donnie Dorey, James Saynor, Pierre, Keith Sly
group photos thanks to B. Phillips



Lansdowne Craft Fair 2024 was a big success!!!!

A very special Thank You to all of our crafters! 29 of you rented tables and 5 of you rented booth space. The fair had approximately 375 visitors, not including children. If you did not come, you missed a wonderful day meeting and greeting your neighbours and Christmas shopping, of course. There was truly something for everyone.

We also wish to thank the ladies from the Gananoque Legion who provided lunch this year. Pies, cakes, sandwiches, soups, chili, coffee, tea and cold drinks were all available. Great Job Ladies!

Our Historical Society has organized this event since 1999 and appreciates the dozen members who volunteered to assist this year, along with Glenda's myriad hours of organizing.

CRAFT FAIR 2025 ♦ OCTOBER 25 ♦ HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

WM. BEATTY DIARIES 1838 – 1892

The Historical Society purchased a photocopy of the Beatty Diaries in 2000 and last published an excerpt up to June 1870 in Newsletter #54, 2022. In 1861 William purchased the farm on the east side of Prince St. north of King St. in Lansdowne Village, moving there with his wife Ellen (nee Armstrong) and children. A new house [1215 Prince St., currently listed on the Heritage Register] was constructed over two years and completed Nov. 1863. William farmed, but was also a community leader, laying out area roads, involved in the construction of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, and as president [shown as Wallace] of the Agricultural Society from 1864-1874.

1870

- June
8 John Thomas split 211 rails. I paid him one dollar. Geordy helped Mr. Thompson to saw wood at the Mochin. I put up fence.
10 began to roll the grain. rolled in the north field. a little rain at noon
26 the Revnd Mr. Austin preached in the schoolhouse this afternoon. Little rain at night
27 worked on the roads at the station with the horses and scraper
- July
5 I worked on the roads. Geordy worked at the potatoes. We did 7 days on the roads.
10 The Revnd Mr Simpson preached in the schoolhouse in the morning. I took him to Reeds in the afternoon. Fine day. Very warm.
12 Geordy went to Gananoque to see the orange walk. I was sick in bed all day
13 went to the Kid [Kidd] road along with the most of the people at the station to hunt for two men that killed a guard of the penitentiary . the[y] were seen by Anson Sandon coming down the track this morning. Found them at tracks.
14 got a combined mower & reaper from James McDonald. I am to give him a ___ & eighty dollars, one half in march first, the other half in a year.
20 McDonald came & set up the reaper. We cut the fall wheat. More grass than wheat.
- Aug
3 finished Cornet's oats this forenoon went to Benj. Young's cut some wheat tho' machine did not work. Sent for McDonald to com
4 McDonald came & fixed. It works well.
15 cut the wheat & barley & drew in the remainder of the oats. Fine day. The gods helped.
30 Began to cut the midgeproof [resistant wheat] at Shepards. Hump young & Cornet to draw in
- Sept
7 Went to Gananoque with 16 bushel of wheat and attended an agricultural meeting
13 Sowed grass-seed in the North field. The seed that I sowed in the spring did not come. We dragged it as the ground is very dry

- Sept Heavy rain & wind this morning. Cleaned up & we had a fine dung bee.
 16 Got most of the amt. put in on the North field
 19 I began to dig a well below the house. Geordy drew some stones of[f] the North field
- Oct Samuel Moorhead came here this morning and we commenced to blast a
 24 well a little north of the house in the garden. The rock is very hard
 31 Worked at the well. The rock is a great deal softer [after 5+ days digging]
- Nov Worked at the well. Took out 50 pails this afternoon. Geordy went to a raise
 1 of G. Youngs. Adam came home from the woods this afternoon
 2 Worked at the well. We took out 60 pail fulls this morning. Worked till night. The water came in very fast. About a pailfull every 1 ½ minutes. We had to stop doing anything mor at it rhis fall. We were only 7 ½ days, we are 4 feet 9 inches in the rock.
 7 I went with I. McMullen, S Findlay, Wm I Turner, J Shields for lumber to Marble Rock for the Church
 21 I went to John Bradley's & got the __ Ram. Put him with the sheep
 23 Snowed & snowed all day. No work done
 25 James McMullen & I cleaned out the inside of the church in the forenoon. Geordy plastered the stable. The snow is going of[f] very fast
 26 Plastered the cow stable & other fixing about. Rabie Beatty brought Ellen home in the afternoon. Her mother is not better

THEN & NOW



Egg Grading Station
 LTI Archives 2016-012-039



King St. W, Lansdowne, 2024

KENWOOD

More pictures from the LTI Archives collection that includes our cover image. Ednor and Lina Marsh of Rochester had the cottage built on Grenadier Island starting in the fall of 1923.



2013-021-073



2013-021-010



Spring 1924 2013-021-327



2013-021-149



1927 2013-021-368



Tourboats [Snider?] 2013-021-384

YOUR NEWSLETTER 🍷 YOUR NEWSLETTER 🍷 YOUR NEWSLETTER

We welcome you to contribute articles on any appropriate subject. The theme of #58 Fall/Winter 2025 will be "Immigration". We are especially interested in your family's stories.

NEWSLETTER BACK ISSUES: All but the last few are available on-line

<https://ltihistoricalsociety.org>

HARD COPIES ARE AVAILABLE: Ask an executive member for pricing.

Leeds & 1000 Islands Historical Society MEMBERSHIP FEES

General (2 votes) - \$20 Corporate - \$50 Lifetime - \$350

Available at any meeting, by mail, or on-line <https://ltihistoricalsociety.org>

Membership term is Sept 1 to Aug 31. You may pay for several years at a time.

Our newsletters are distributed as black & white hard copies or e-mailed full-colour.

Condolences: Somani

We are saddened to acknowledge the passing of Izzy (Nov 16) & Anoor (Dec 24, 2024) Somani, proprietors of the Lucky Dollar Store, Lansdowne; long-time supporters of the Historical Society. In 2006 they graciously provided the side of their building for the GTR Station mural.

Condolences to Aqeela and the family.



Last fall, the LTI Historical Society participated in our Library's reading program by displaying 2 stars in plain sight: one on the Railway Heritage sign on Grand Trunk Avenue and the other in an upper window of the former Town Hall, thanks to Freshmart management. Did you happen to notice them?

STAR
SCAVENGER
HUNT



“The Participation of Canadians in the American Civil War ...” by Guy Larocque

Excerpts from a 14-page article which can be found at lthistoricalsociety.org under Projects

The Canadians that went on to join the fight

Why did they take part in the fighting? Looking for adventure, to join the fight against slavery, for monetary gain or in search of a better life abroad..... These are just a few reasons that may have led Canadians to join the conflict.

How many Canadians were in the battle? This is a much more difficult question to answer. Indeed, numbers from 40,000 to 60,000 (20,000 were French-Canadians) have been claimed, but the reality is that no official registries were maintained.

What we do know is that the majority of those who participated did so under the flag of the Union. It is also known that approximately 37,000 Canadians were already working in New England before the outbreak of hostilities, which gave them an incentive to join. In addition, during the war, recruiters travelled through Canada, offering monetary bounties to those who signed a contract².

In some cases, recruiters used excessive tactics. The newspapers of the time displayed articles regarding the disappearance of young men who, under the influence of drugs or alcohol, did sign a recruitment contract. It is also reported that men were attacked and transported to the US unconscious to be conscripted into the army of the Union³. Some parish's registers mention names of parishioners who left to join the American war. The priests of the time addressed this problem "Settlers leaving the colony" during their sermons.

It should also be noted, that official records indicate that, three Canadians reached the rank of General and that 29 received the Medal of Honor, the highest American honor.

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² \$402.00 in case of the 2nd Michigan.

³ *La Minerve*, 6 décembre 1863 ; *Le Canadien*, 15 mars 1865



Guy Larocque, second row & second left, re-enacting; 1st Sgt, 7th Illinois Co H Infantry, Florida



Nathalie Perron, kitchen is ready. She hand sewed reproduction flag in the picture to the left.

During my research, I discovered that many of our ancestors left their mark in history, here are a few:

Sarah Emma Edmonds



Born in New Brunswick, she fled her home in 1850 to avoid a forced marriage. To survive she disguised herself as a man and used the pseudonym of Frank Thompson and sold Bibles. When war broke out she was living in Flint, Michigan. "Frank" joined the 2nd Michigan Infantry Co. as a soldier. She took part in the "Battle of First Bull Run" and the campaign of the Peninsula. At the Battle of Fredericksburg, she was an aide to Colonel Orlando M. Poe and at least on two occasions had to cross enemy lines, once disguised as a woman "and what is even more surprising" as a Negro.

In 1863, her unit the 2nd Michigan was serving Kentucky. Edmonds contracted malaria and fearing that her true gender would be discovered by the medical staff, she deserted. Later she worked as a nurse for the United States Christian Commission and published a popular series of her experience as a nurse and spy. After the war, she married L H Sleeve, [Seelye] a Canadian, and raised three children. After several years of effort, she finally received a military pension. Just before her death in 1898, [La Porte, Texas] she became the only woman to be received into the Grand Army of the Republic.



William Winer Cooke

Born in "Mount Pleasant", Upper Canada, he joined the 24th Cavalry Regiment of New York at the age of 17. Making the military his career, he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel by the end of the war in 1865. In 1866 he re-enlisted and joined the 7th Reg. Cavalry. He died with General Custer at the "Battle of Little Big Horn" [1876]. His body rests in Hamilton, Ontario.

Calixa Lavallée



Born in Vercheres, Quebec in 1842, he left for Rhode Island at the age of 15 years. At the outbreak of hostilities, he was recruited by the 4th Rhode Island and served as a musician. By early fall 1862 he was their main cornet. After being wounded in the leg in the Battle of Antietam he was discharged in the fall of 1862. Calixa did not make his mark in history as a result of these actions during the Civil War but as a composer (1880) of "O Canada", the eventual Canadian national anthem. He died in Boston in 1891 and in 1933 his remains were brought back to Montreal.



John Lang Bray

A native of Kingston, Ontario, he graduated in medicine at Queen's University in 1863. He joined the "Confederate Army Surgeon Corp", Richmond, Virginia. There he served until the end of the war. Back home, he continued to practise medicine and became President of the Canadian Medical Association. At his death in 1915 he was buried in Maple Leaf Cemetery in Chatham, Ontario.



Jerry Cronan

Born in Canada in 1833, Cronan was a member of the 10th Louisiana Infantry. He fell in 1864 at the "Battle of Spotsylvania". He was buried at Arlington Cemetery before it became a cemetery dedicated to the Union. Thereby Jerry Cronan has the double distinction of being the only Canadian and Confederate soldier to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington DC.



Edward P. Doherty

Canadian-born Edward was an officer in the army of the Union. He was placed at the head of the detachment that captured and killed John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln. Indeed, 12 days after the assassination of Lincoln, Booth received a fatal shot on April 26th, 1865, in a barn in Virginia.

Obviously, this document only relates the actions of a few Canadian-born who took part in the activities of the Civil War. Unfortunately, the vast majority of those who took part will remain anonymous.....

-----Selected from pgs 8-10

Public Domain photos
found on-line [J. Saynor]

Local Participants



Caintown Cemetery
Image: S. Hackett

INSCRIPTION: DAVID / SON OF / JAMES & MARGARET / FERGUSON / DIED AT / THE BATTLE OF / WELDON RAILROAD. / AUG. 21. 1864. / AGED 25 YEARS. / HE DIED / AT HIS POST

There is a findagrave memorial 75940770 for David Ferguson, no headstone picture. Originally buried at Blick's Farm, reburied in 1866 at Poplar Grove National Cemetery Plot 1243, Petersburg, Virginia. A database for the cemetery shows Ferguson or Furgeson Company H, 1st Regt NY Light Artillery
1861 Census – shown as a labourer living w parents & 8 siblings. Log home built in 1849.

George Shipman (son of David & Elizabeth) died at Hilton Head in US Civil War. Noted by Alan Lindsay in Newsletter #36/2011. No other details.

Research: J. Saynor



LTI Archives
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Canadians Who Enlisted in U.S. Colored Troops

Name	Regiment	Birthplace	Date & enlistment	Age, occupation, notes
Abbott, Anderson	Contract surgeon	Toronto	1863 Washington DC	
Ackley, Ebenezer	5 th Mass. Cavalry	Wellington, CW		34 laborer, deserted
Albert, David	102nd USCT		1864 Detroit	26 laborer
Alfred, John	102 USCT		1864 Detroit	37 farmer, drafted for 3 years
Allen, John	102 USCT		1864 Pontiac Mich	
Amos, Thomas	38 th USCT		Buffalo, NY	39 laborer, enlisted for 1 yr
Anderson, Andrew	11 th USCT HA [Heavy Artillery]	Kingston, CW	Providence RI	
Anderson, James	102 nd USCT		1864 Detroit	
Anderson, James	38 th USCT		1865 Morristown PA	
Annick, John H.	54 th Mass	Toronto		
Bailey, James	102 nd		1864 Detroit	18 farmer, died 20 nov 1864
Baker, Nelson	26 th	Toronto	NYC	22 laborer
Barker, Francis	26 th	Little York CW	1864	26 farmer
Bell, Thomas H	26 th	Toronto	1864	18 laborer Sargent
Benjamin, Henry A.	11 th USCHA	Hamilton	1863 Providence	22 baker
Benson, John	29 th USCT	Toronto	1864 Wilmington, Del	16 teamster Sargent
Benton, James	43 rd USCT		1864 Rochester	18 farmer, died 17 Dec 1864
Berom[w]an, Morgan	43 rd USCT		1864 Syracuse	29 laborer Corporal
Berryman, Henry A.	11 th USCT HA	Hamilton		22 barber, enlisted Sargent
Binos, Daniel	102 USCT		1865 Detroit	19 laborer
Blackburn, Benj	102 nd USCT		1863 Detroit	26 laborer, enlisted for 3 yrs Sept deserted Dec
Blackwell, Henry	3 rd inf USCT	Toronto	1863 Philadelphia, PA	18 Hostler
Blakewell, Henry	3 rd inf USCT	Toronto		18 Hoster
Blocker, James H	102 nd USCT		1864 Detroit	25 cook, substitute
Bolton, Squire	102 nd USCT	Sandwich CW	1863 Detroit	18 laborer, enlist 3 yr
Boyer, John	102 nd USCT		1865 Detroit	41 farmer, enlist 3 yr substitute
Brant, John	25 th USCT		1865 Watertown, NY	20 barber, sustitute #
Britley, George	102 nd USCT		1864 Pontiac MI	28 laborer
Brodie, Isaac	102 USCT	Malden [?]*	1863 Detroit	18 laborer
Brookins, Philip	102 nd USCT		1865 Detroit	22 farmer
Brooks, Benj	102 nd USCT		1863 Lansing, MI	19 chairmaker enlisted for 3 yr in Oct, deserted following Aug

substitutes were contracted to "fill-in" for another who wished to avoid military service

* there is a Fort Malden in Amherstburg & Malton, near Toronto was settled c1819

Names from early in the alphabet of those with Ontario connections. Adam Arenson, an American historian, has published a database of about 1700 names from the research of Richard M. Reid and Tom Brooks. * official 1863 term for Black troops led by White officers

<https://adamarenson.com/crossing-the-border-after-the-underground-railroad-the-emancipation-generation-of-african-north-americans-in-the-united-states-and-canada-1860s-1930s/canadian-born-members-of-the-us-military-during-the-civil-war/>

"Many Black Canadians can trace their family roots to Loyalists who emigrated North in the 1780s after the American Revolutionary War. American slaves had been offered freedom and land if they agreed to fight in the British cause and thousands seized this opportunity to build a new life in British North America." Many of them and their descendants were then part of military service in 1812, 1837, and 1863.

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/people-and-stories/black-canadians#01>

Research J. Saynor

DR. ANDERSON RUFFIN ABBOTT 1837-1913

Anderson Ruffin Abbott was born in Toronto in 1837. His parents, Wilson and Ellen Toyer Abbott, were free people of colour who came to Canada in 1835 in pursuit of economic advancement and social justice. Abbott was educated at the Elgin Settlement near Chatham, and then studied at the Toronto School of Medicine. He received his medical licence in 1861, becoming the first Canadian-born doctor of African descent. Upon completing his studies, Dr. Abbott became one of eight Black surgeons to serve in the Union Army during the American Civil War and served with distinction as the surgeon-in-chief at Freedmen's Hospital in Washington, D.C. In 1871, he settled in Chatham, where he established a medical practice and served as president of the Wilberforce Educational Institute. He also became Kent County's first Black coroner, president of the Chatham Medical Society and associate editor of the *Missionary Messenger*, the official publication of the British Methodist Episcopal Church. Abbott eventually returned to Toronto. He is buried at the Toronto Necropolis.

Text of the bilingual plaque installed 27 Nov 2008, by the Ontario Heritage Trust and the Chatham-Kent Black Historical Society at the W.I.S.H. Centre in Chatham, Ontario. Abbott is the first name in the chart, pg 17.

<https://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/pages/programs/provincial-plaque-program/provincial-plaque-background-papers/dr-anderson-ruffin-abbott>

Editor's Note: Research suggests there were about 36 Black individuals in our area in 1861. More in the next newsletter. AND if you have more information on local participants in the U.S. Civil War, we'd be happy to receive it.



Dr. Abbott, 1900
Toronto PL Archives
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Heritage Interpretive Signs in the Township

There are approximately 50 signs, described in Newsletter #55 Fall/Winter 2023. They were placed by the Township, the provincial and federal governments, our historical society and other community groups. They can't all be shown here but their location can be found on an interactive MyGoogle Map at

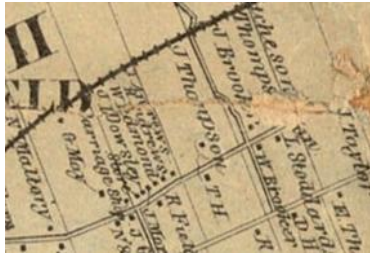
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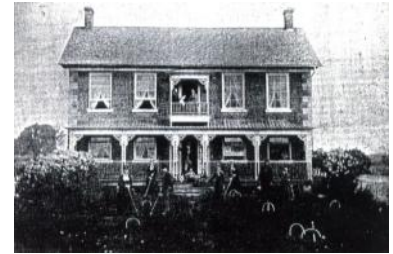
J. Brooker & Hutchinson/Hutchison Connections



Photo thanks T. Sanburn



Wallings 1861 map segment



from LTI Archives T. S.

1861 Wallings Map shows J Brooker & a house on western half of Lot 19, north of King's Hwy., with a W. Brooker [brother William] directly opposite on the south side of King's Hwy. [House extant]

1. **James Brooker** b. c1782 England, d.1851 ON + **Martha Buell** b. 1780 England, d. 1851
Son
2. **James Brooker** b.1805 Escott, d.1857 Mallorytown + **Nancy Buell** b.1805 Mallorytown, d.1871
Son
3. **James Brooker** b.1831Escott, d.1918 Elkland, Mich.
+ **Lois Thompson** b.1842 Escott, d.1916 Cass City, Mich.

1861 Canada Census shows **2-storey brick home built in 1853**

1864 James immigrated to Michigan w intention of enlisting in Union Army. Initially he was refused for health reasons but then accepted, though never called up due to war's end. His immediate family and some extended family joined him in the USA.

Sister to 1. James Brooker

- Lovina Brooker** b.1799 Brockville, d.1879 Elkland, Michigan
+ **1. David Hutchinson** b.1799 Escott, d. 1885 Escott
Son
2. **David W Hutchinson** b.1829 Escott, d.1911 Escott + **Martha Moxley** b.1841 ON, d.1924

SURNAME CHANGE to HUTCHISON adopted by all their sons:

Norman, Joseph, James, David, Firman, & George

- Son
3. **David W Hutchison** b.1879 Escott, d.1949 Escott + **Florence Guild** b. c1882 ON, d.1960
Son
4. **Wm David Hutchison** b.1903 Escott, d.1972 ON + **Nellie Sherwood** b.1908 Elgin, d.1982

Brother to **1 David Hutchinson, Wellington Hutchinson** b.1815, d.1860
+ **Ellen Thompson Rogers** 1822 UC, d. 1887 Iowa

After **Wellington's** death, on 1861 Census, **Ellen** was shown as Head of Household, pt lots 19 & 20
On the west side of Lot 19 is Hutchison Road. See also Newsletter #23/2003.

Richard & Mary (Brooker) Moxley bought the J Brooker house pictured above in 1866.

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