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We lose friends

Clinton (Bud) CLAYTON



The Township of North Frontenac lost their Mayor and the County of Frontenac lost their Warden when Bud Clayton passed away on Monday September 1, 2014 at the age of 75.

Bud took ill while attending a conference of the Association of Municipalities in London, Ontario on August 17.

Bud had been involved in municipal politics in the Frontenacs since 2000, when he was elected as a Councillor for North Frontenac Township. Elected Mayor of North Frontenac in 2010, Bud became a member of County Council the same year and took on the role of Warden in 2013.

Bud was also instrumental in the redevelopment plans for Pine Meadow Nursing Home, which are now over 50% complete, and he remained in the role of chair of the management board for the home until his death.

Bud Clayton's colleague, Deputy Mayor Fred Perry summed it up best when he said in a tribute statement to North Frontenac Council: 'Bud was an extraordinary man. .. he loved people. .. he was dedicated, realistic, community oriented and touched so many hearts.'

He was registered to run for a second term as mayor in the municipal election at the time of his death.

Our condolences go out to Bud's wife of 53 years, Jackie, their two sons and grandchildren. Bud and Jackie were supporters and patrons of the Cloyne and District Historical Society.

Excerpts taken from the Frontenac News article *Bud Clayton: Looking back at a Political Career* September 3, 2014 <http://www.frontenacnews.ca>

President's Message

With winter at our door steps, we are entering what appears for many of us to be the quiet phase of CDHS work year. Patrons, members, cottagers and tourists seem to have disappeared. A few of us are left behind, contemplating what could be done to improve on our past success. What are we to do during these quiet and relaxing times? How can we generate enthusiasm for the few of us left behind? Should we sit on our laurels drinking toddies or shovelling snow for exercise whilst waiting for spring to arrive?

Fear not folks, this is not going to happen. Pick your spirit up. There is a lot of work to be done that may reduce your consumption and physical activities. Get Togethers, parties, BBQs need to be organized; historical data, pictures and histories must be gathered and assembled for calendar production; bus trips and other similar activities planned and/or unplanned need to be arranged; and weeding of flower gardens, feeding of black flies, unpacking of artefacts must be coordinated for our annual grand opening. Interesting to note the fun we have during our 'quiet time'.

The success we achieved this summer is the result of work done during last year's 'quiet time' but not necessarily observed by all; and, it will again be repeated this season by dedicated volunteers like you. For those who must leave us, by necessity or choice, just imagine what it's like to shovel your way to your car to make meetings necessary for the planning of activities that will keep our community vibrant and visible in 2015. We know you'll miss us, think of us, and will rush back next spring to assist with the completion of our projects.

To all of you who have volunteered your time and energy in 2014 and the previous year's I thank you. I know that your smiling faces, perhaps with one more crease, will reappear next spring and you can be sure that I and others will be glad to greet you and count on you for a fabulous historical 2015.

I thank you for your support this year, and I especially thank those who have made certain that CDHS has taken a respectable spot on Flickr, close to the Smithsonian. May you all have a great and healthy fall and winter.

J. J. (Red) Emond, President

Financial Report for CDHS to October 31/2014

The Cloyne and District Historical Society has had another successful summer providing information and artifacts to the community and the traveller. Over the summer months the financial position of the CDHS has been enhanced by revenues exceeding expenses leaving profits enough to cover the costs of running our museum and archive.

The number of summer visitors to the museum was greater than last year by around 20% with donations showing a similar increase to around \$1,650. In addition to this we were able to acquire four separate grants for both students and operating expenses. We therefore, were able to hire four students with a subsequent increase in work getting done around the museum. See the article by our museum curator elsewhere in this newsletter.

Over the last year we were also able to enhance our endowment fund, held by The Napanee District Community Foundation. It's value, for 2014 stands at just over \$42,200. This returns, depending on the financial markets, about \$2,500 to the operating expenses of the CDHS.

Further to this, our reserve funds, kept by Raymond-James Financial Services in Kingston, contains close to \$8,000 and has given us an annual return of around 9% over the past couple of years.

The bank account as of October 31 stands at \$2,295.29 with no outstanding expenses. We also are awaiting a final payment from two of the granting agencies we are associated with, which should reach us before year end.

Once again, we find our end of year finances in very good shape, with the prospects for the future being just as bright.

If there are any questions about the financial aspects of the CDHS, please do not hesitate to email to <pioneer@mazinaw.on.ca>.

Ian Brumell, Treasurer

Fall News from the CDHS Museum and Archives!

What a glorious summer! I know, some of you are shaking your heads, saying “What is she talking about? It was cool and damp and some days, just plain wet!” However, these are perfect conditions for attracting campers and cottagers to a museum. We actually broke records by having 110 visitors in one day, August 12 - that’s without a tour or any other large group of people. The season started well with 72 people on Opening Day, June 21, continued to another highlight on July 7 with 50 visitors, with August business being brisk right up until the final week before Labour Day. Those of you who follow these numbers will be impressed to learn that there was only one day without any visitors, and that was Labour Day itself, September 1.

So our season overall numbers, including the days we have been open in September, up to September 25, are as follows:

Visitors	1,464
Donations	\$1,643.84
Sales	\$4,931.50

These totals are up by about 20% over last year.

October will see 2 separate groups of visitors who have already booked by phone plus a visit from a secondary school history class at North Addington Education Centre.



NAEC student engrossed in the Museum’s WW1 display
Photo: Margaret Axford

I hope that you will now understand my enthusiasm for the 2014 museum season!

Our staff worked well together. Emma Benn, Mike Deshane and Nick Boomhower were employed last year. Because of our good fortune with granting agencies, we were able to hire a fourth individual, Samantha Benjamin, who fit in very well. In between their

primary duty of looking after visitors, they were able to tackle various tasks, including organizing our slide collection from Mary Lloyd Johnson, catching up with all the archiving which needed to be done and cataloguing the rocks and minerals collection as well as the maps collection. An excellent summer’s work!

I would like to thank Carol Lessard who filled in for me while we were vacationing in Europe. She did a splendid job!

For those of you looking for Christmas presents, might I suggest a few new items in the sales cupboard:

- 2015 CDHS calendar
- Selected books by Paul Kirby, one of our spring speakers – *Burn This Gossip*, *Touring the Past*, *Mary Aylward*
- *The Land Between*, both DVD and text available
- *The Builder*, *The Whitmanite*, *The Conservationist: the personalities that built Bon Echo* DVD by Margaret Axford

For one or more of these items, contact a Board member via <pioneer@mazinaw.on.ca> or Margaret Axford <brumford@mazinaw.on.ca>.

Until next time, Margaret

Museum Patrons

We would like to express our appreciation to all those who sent in renewals for the current year. At this point we have a total of 69 patrons. In addition to the dues of \$25 each, this group made a total of \$2125 in donations. Clearly the financial support of our patrons is making a major contribution to the cost of operating the museum and helped to make possible the expansion and improvements that have been made recently.

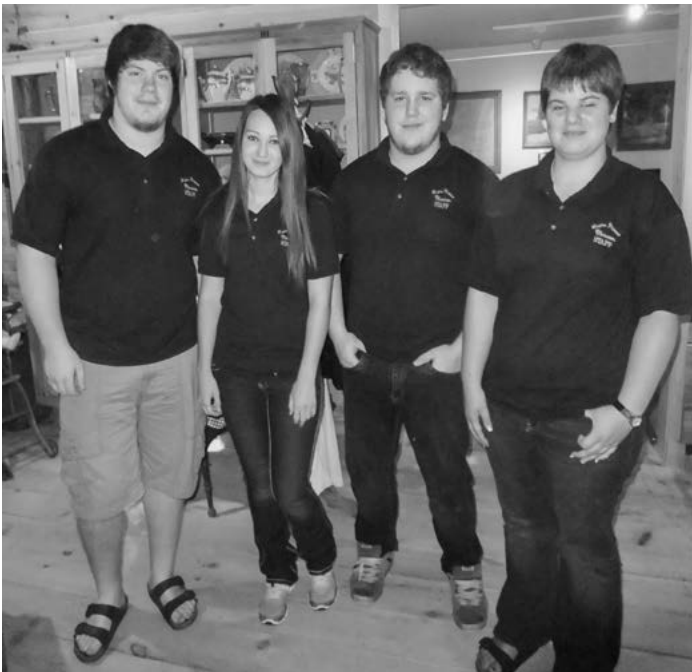
I would also like to express my appreciation to committee members Warren Anderson and Roxanne Bradshaw who are providing me with invaluable assistance.

The committee will be meeting in November. Gordon Sparks, Patrons Committee Convenor



CDHS museum staff favourite memories!

Four summer staff worked this year at the Cloyne Pioneer Museum and Archives, under the guidance of Curator Margaret Axford. The museum was open every day during July and August from 10AM to 4PM. The staff shared their favourite museum memory.



Museum Summer Staff LtoR: Nick Boomhower, Emma Benn, Mike Deshane and Samantha Benjamin
Photo: Carolyn McCulloch

Emma Benn – “My favourite memory at the museum occurred on a day last year when I was working by myself. It had been a fairly quiet day and I was sitting at the desk doing work when suddenly a biker came in. He had a rather reserved and tough demeanor and after I had greeted him I kept my distance. The man went around the museum and circled back to the desk where he asked me if the old church organ still worked. I told him that it did and asked him if he would like to try it. He gave an unsure nod and I took him to the organ, staying only a minute before retreating again to the desk. A few minutes later I heard the most beautiful music coming from the other room. It turns out the man was a natural and could read every bit of sheet music and could recall old tunes from memory. I worked and listened to him play for what seemed like quite a

while before he showed up yet again at the desk, this time with a smile on his face. We then carried on a conversation about how it had been years since he had played an organ and how being able to play it had made his day. He turned out to be one of the nicest people I had ever met. That day taught me a lot, not only about people, but about the importance of preserving our local history because it truly makes a difference to many people. Never judge a book by its cover.”

Samantha Benjamin – “My favourite memory at the museum was when my co-worker, Nick, told me that my pay-cheque would be really late. After he told me this I went ahead and planned on how I would deal with not having my pay-cheque on time. The very next day Ian came in and handed me my cheque! Nick had me convinced that I wasn’t going to get paid until much later! That is my favourite memory because when I look back now it was silly that I fell for that trick.”

Mike Deshane – “My favourite memory of the museum would have to be the grand opening of the new addition (2013). After the volunteers put months of hard work into the new addition, it was finally ready to open for the summer. I was asked by our president, Red Emond, to MC the event. During the day I was asked to introduce members, bands, and give information about the event. The feeling of seeing everyone enjoying all the hard work we put into the museum, as well as being an MC of the event, was tremendous!” 🌿



Thank You!

This is not the first time that The Order of the Eastern Star, Tweed Chapter #148 has shown their generosity to the The Cloyne & District Historical Society. President Red Emond is shown accepting a gift of \$450.00 from member Faye O’Brien. The money was raised at a dinner dance in Madoc during the summer.



CDHS Now a Member of The Commons on Flickr!

by Ken Hook

During the summer, the Cloyne and District Historical Society (CDHS) was accepted into an elite group of museums and archives around the world called *The Commons*. (<https://www.flickr.com/commons>)

'The key goal of *The Commons* is to share hidden treasures from the world's public photography archives.' Participating institutions (<https://www.flickr.com/commons/institutions/>) include the Smithsonian Institution, The Library of Congress, George Eastman House (Kodak), and the CDHS – a total of about 90 organizations worldwide.

The prerequisite of joining *The Commons* is the 'Rights Statement' which deems all photos/documents on The Commons site are available for free public access. Downloading by viewers is without any known restrictions. The Commons was developed by Flickr.com – a social media photo sharing site with millions of views every day. Flickr.com, founded in 1994 is owned by Yahoo!

Why did we join The Commons?

We have many resources in the museum and archives which are accessible through staff and members. Due to the seasonality of the Pioneer Museum and Archives these resources are not easily accessible by the public ten months of the year and are not accessible by non-visitors. Photos, documents and videos uploaded to our own Flickr page create a database of resources which is easily searchable by anyone at any time. This results in a huge traffic increase over our website and will hopefully drive visitors back to the CDHS website and ultimately into the Pioneer Museum during the open season.

How do I access the CDHS Flickr page?

Perhaps the easiest way is to visit our website: www.cloynepioneeremuseum.ca and click on the Flickr logo at the bottom of the page. You do not need to have an account or sign in to browse the photos. If you wish to comment on any of the photos you will need to open a free account and sign-in.



How many photos do we have on our page?

At the time of print we have uploaded 200+ photos (documents or videos). We are only beginning. Some members of The Commons who joined years ago have 1000's of photos uploaded.



The Flieler General Store has received over 1400 views on Flickr. The photo was taken around 1960. *Photo: Eileen Flieler Album*

What is some of the Flickr terminology?

The 'Photostream' is simply all the photos on our page. When we post a new photo it's automatically placed at the top of the page so you can easily see what's new.

A 'Fav' is a photo someone has marked as a favourite. When a visitor marks a photo as a 'Fav' the photo is copied to the top of their own Flickr page. All the tags and photo information remain with the photo.

'Tags' are keywords we attach to photos to help viewers when searching. Any number of tags can be attached to photos and could include names, places or even dates. For instance, a photo of Mike Schwager could be tagged: Mike Schwagger, Mike Schwager, Bon Echo, park, Bon Echo Inn, 1922, etc. Notice the spelling of Schwagger/Schwager. Using both tags will increase the chances of being found in a search since both spellings could be used when doing a search.

How Do I Perform a Search?

In the top right corner of the Photostream (homepage) is a search box. Type a name, date or place and select 'Search Everyone's Uploads' or 'Search CDHS's Photostream'. Picking the later will only search photos the CDHS have uploaded.

How Do I Comment on Photos?

Flickr is about sharing photos and comments. If you wish to add a comment or name someone in a photo or add an interesting tidbit you simply enter information in the comment box however you need to sign-in to make a comment. If you don't sign-in you can still view comments on a photo if they exist.

What is an Album?

When people give us permission to upload their photos to Flickr we place them in an Album to organize the photos with the donor's name. For instance, the Eileen Flieler Album contains 23 photos. There may be a short history or explanation about the photos in the Album description.

How many viewers are we receiving?

Because we are members of The Commons we are experiencing over 1000 views per day. The longer a photo is 'posted' the greater the number of views will be received. Some of the most popular photos include the Flieler General Store (Eileen Flieler Album) and the Clayton Moore Family (Alfred Ross Osborne Album). These photos are approaching 2000 views each. Dozens of photos already have in excess of 1000 views.



The Kaladar Railway Station dated 1925 has received over 1400 views and has been included in the *History of Canadian Science and Technology* collection. Pictured are Roy Spencer and his wife. The other name is likely 'Chittick'. *Photo: Alfred Ross Osborne Album*



This photo of the Kaladar Flinton School was taken September 12, 1929. Someone commented on Flickr 'this guy was a good photographer.. look at the quality of this photograph. Except for the kids that moved the faces are clear and sharp. Even today it doesn't get much better'. *Photo: Carol Lessard Album*

How can my Photos be Included in our Flickr page?

Contact the Cloyne and District Historical Society's president, Red Emond, at 613-336-8011; Carolyn McCulloch at 613-336-6858; Ian Brumell at 613-336-2203, or email pioneer@mazinaw.on.ca for more information.

We continue to add photos to our Flickr site so we encourage you to visit often.

In the Autumn 1993 edition of *The Country Connection Magazine* the following letter and response was printed in their Mailbox section (letters to the editor).

'Pioneer Museum in Cloyne

I am a recent subscriber to your interesting magazine. I see that you are doing an article on Highway 41 for your fall issue. I would like to make you aware of our pioneer museum on Highway 41 in Cloyne. It is a small log cabin nestled in the pines right next to the Barrie Township Hall, and is operated by the Pioneer Club. We have many relics from the old settlers of the area and would appreciate being mentioned in your article. I am, at present, president of this club and our staff at the museum are all members of the club who volunteer their time spent at the museum work (and they enjoy it, too).

Irene Wallace, Cloyne

Editor: *Thanks to you and your club members for your contribution to preserving rural Ontario's past. We are well aware of Cloyne's Pioneer Log Cabin Museum. It is mentioned in our Article 'Up the Addington Colonization Road' (in this issue), which was written before we received your letter.'*

Up the Addington Colonization Road

by John Keith

It must have been with mixed feelings that families, their backs turned away from the comforts of the little frontier towns, entered the dark forest up a trail officially called the Addington Colonization Road. What hardships lay ahead for families taking up free grant lots many miles from stores, mills and other conveniences available to the south. On the other hand, what satisfaction could be gleaned from building one's own home, clearing the land and making a living from it? What pride of ownership was garnered as the deed to a sizable piece of land was earned, through hard work and perseverance?

The Addington Road, commonly called the Perry Road after the Perry brothers who built it started at the Clare River, south of Kaladar in the present day County of Lennox and Addington. A network of older roads connecting existing frontier settlements reached the Clare River from the south. On completion, the Addington Road twisted its way northward over hills and through swamps, past



The original Cloyne Pioneer Museum opened in 1982.

Mazinaw Lake with its Gibraltar-like rock, majestically rising out of the depths. It continued northward through even more rugged country to the Denbigh area where some pockets of fertile soil coupled with a good mill site, fostered a small community. Denbigh's close proximity to the giant lumbering operations along the Madawaska River made it an even more attractive place to settle. Any surplus from the little farms could easily be sold to the lumber camps in the area. Road construction was stalled at the Madawaska River as bridge after bridge spanning it was smashed down by giant clumps of pine logs that jammed up at the site. Eventually the Addington Road was completed through to the Ottawa and Opeongo Road to the north, a link with the Ottawa Valley to the east, and the Peterson Road and points west to Muskoka and Georgian Bay.

A Road Through the Wilderness

Provincial Land Surveyor A. B. Perry won the contract to build the Addington Road and 45 miles of it was constructed by 1856. It was a formidable task. First a route for the road was surveyed through virgin pine forest. The land presented the greatest challenge, its Precambrian rock jutting out everywhere and trapping water in hollows, creating swamps and all but impassable wetlands that reached far and wide. Eventually a trail was blazed, guiding the work crews through the bush. They hacked down the trees and hauled them off to the side, often leaving large stumps on the roadway to rot in the ground. Little grading or levelling was done and travellers of the early road had to pick their way around the stumps, over steep hills and into the muddy swamps.

Rows of logs, called corduroy, were laid down across the lowlands to help keep beast and wagon from becoming mired in the mud. Even so, it was next to impossible to travel the Addington Road during spring thaw when mud was everywhere. Winter was the easiest time to get around on the pioneer roads. Horse and cutter could move along on the snow and ice that built up right over the swamps and old tree stumps. Travel by canoe and other watercraft along rivers and across lakes was the preferred mode of transportation for most of the year. And of course, walking was the only way many people got around. Some farmers carried heavy sacks of grain over great distances to reach the nearest mill.

The Addington Colonization Road was completed from the Madawaska River to the Ottawa and Opeongo Road by A. B. Perry's brother, Ebenezer who was also the land agent for the settlement of the road area. He distributed free grant lots to settlers who came in to try to establish self-sustaining farms on rough land in a harsh climate. One hundred acre parcels of land were distributed along the road. Pioneer families had to build a house, live on the land, clear it and have at least 12 acres under cultivation within four years. Only then could they get the deed to their farm lot. The settlers were also expected to keep the section of the road passing their property in good repair.

Farming the Rocks and Swamps

In a letter to the Commissioner of Crown Lands dated October 22, 1860, Ebenezer Perry indicated that of the 309 'gift lots' offered along the Addington Road, 185 were settled. He expressed optimism about the plan to colonize the lands along the road eluding to its 'mild climate for the latitude'. He reported good crop yields and remarked on the healthiness of the settlers. The truth was that it became increasingly difficult to give the lots away. Some of the settlers had already given up and moved on. The Addington Road was surveyed in as straight a line as possible with the surrounding land laid out in rectangular lots. There was no regard for the abundance of bare rock and swamps. It was not possible for families to scrape out a living on many of the parcels of land being doled out. The whole experiment to open up to farming the vast tract of land between the Ottawa River and Georgian Bay was doomed to failure from the start. There was little understanding of agricultural science and it was thought that land that could support pine trees could be farmed to produce grains and vegetables. One report even claimed that snow could fer-

tilize the soil. Much of the area around the old Addington Colonization Road remains remote today, impossible to farm. A few old farms remain, located on small pockets of soil fertile enough to grow crops year after year. Logging was the real life blood of the area along with a smattering of briefly successful mining ventures. Now tourism brings economic vitality to the region, with accommodations, stores and service industries located by the sparkling lakes, rushing rivers and rugged highlands.

Hwy. 41 and the Old Road Route

Highway 41 runs from Napanee to Pembroke, connecting the eastern Lake Ontario region with the Upper Ottawa Valley. Built in the 1930s, it follows some of the old Addington Road. Highway 41 intersects Highway 7 at Kaladar, a busy crossroads community. Originally called Scouten after an early Postmaster, many travellers of the Addington road stopped over at one of the hotels here on their journey. Kaladar was Headquarters for the giant Rathbun Lumber Company that reworked many of the old timber limits in the area during the latter part of the last century. The railway came through in 1890, contributing to Kaladar's success. When the Canadian Pacific Railway built a new line along the lake Ontario shore in 1915, however, rail traffic through the village declined drastically.

West of Highway 41, north of Kaladar is Flinton (originally called Flint's Mills), an old mill town named for nineteenth century politician and entrepreneur, Billa Flint. It was here that land agent, Ebenezer Perry set up an office to dispense location tickets to settlers of the Addington Road. North of the road to Flinton along Highway 41 is Northbrook which grew up around the old road during the last century. A thriving community today, with stores, accommodations and other services, its name has changed a few times over the years. The settlement has been called Beaverbrook, Springbrook and Dunham's Place.

The small village of Harlowe grew up east of the Addington Road, north of Northbrook, around a few pockets of fertile land. Bumper crops of wheat, corn, turnips and potatoes were grown here, lending credance to Ebenezer Perry's overly optimistic appraisals of the suitability of the whole Addington Road region for farming. Sections of the old road are still accessible from Highway 41 at intervals between Kaladar and Denbigh. The occasional remnant of a pioneer homestead can be seen here and

there with an old snake rail and stone fence line, and a delapidated log building or two amid the undergrowth.

Cloyne, farther north on Highway 41 was another stopping place along the Addington Road. Once catering to both lumberers and the surrounding farming community, Cloyne enjoys the benefits of an expanding tourist trade today. Its pioneer museum tells the tale of the life of early Addington Road settlers. Visitors to the nearby Bon Echo Provincial Park take advantage of the services available at Cloyne. Bon Echo, with its imposing landmark, the giant Mazinaw Rock, is enjoyed by thousands of campers each year. The original road hugged much of the shoreline of Mazinaw Lake. Highway 41 continues northward through Vennacher Junction. The Mississippi Colonization Road crossed near here. Commonly called the Snow Road after Provincial Land Surveyor, John Snow who surveyed it, it rambled in a northwesterly direction from the Mississippi River in the County of Frontenac all the way to Bancroft at the junction of the Monck and the Hastings Roads.

A few kilometres farther up the highway is the quaint community of Denbigh, an early mill town once much larger than it is today. Many of its commercial buildings have been converted to private residences. A few Algonquin Indian families were living in the area when the first lumbermen came up Madawaska River to cut down the giant pine trees. When the Addington Road reached the Denbigh area, a few German immigrants settled there. More German families came in and the village became known as the German Settlement. A saw mill and a grist mill were constructed. A post office was established in 1863 and the village name was changed to Denbigh after Denbighshire in Wales. Stores, a blacksmith shop, school and hotel were built. The population swelled to 200 while the lumbering was in full swing. Denbigh was the commercial centre for a large area of Addington Road country. The trip from Kaladar to Denbigh along the old colonization road in the 19th century, took the better part of two days to complete. It was a tiring and sometimes painful experience, up and down endless hills, over bumpy corduroy and around the rocks and tree stumps. Today, the trip takes less than two hours by car up modern Highway 41.

Highway 41 veers to the northeast past Denbigh while remnants of the old Addington road continue northward to the Madawaska River. The Addington Road extension

from the Madawaska River to the Ottawa and Opeongo Road was built by land agent, Ebenezer Perry. Much of the area can be explored today by travelling the Letterkenny Road north from Quadeville in the Madawaska Valley. The community of Harriet's Comers grew up along the Addington Road at the present day Rockingham Road intersection. That is where the Peterson Colonization Road crossed. It ran from the Ottawa and Opeongo Road, at Brudenell, all the way to Muskoka Falls, 180 kilometres to the west. There is nothing left of Harriet's Comers now and the Peterson Road has been reclaimed by the bush to the east of the Letterkenny Road.

A few kilometres west along the Rockingham Road, is the ghost town of Rockingham, a once busy mill town on the Peterson Road. Its 19th century stores, school, hotel and tannery are all gone, but some of the old commercial buildings are still in use as private homes. On a hill overlooking the road below is St. Leonard's Anglican Church. Although well maintained the board and baton structure is no longer used for services. The old church with its accompanying graveyard are mute reminders of a bygone era. Back along the Letterkenny Road, the land rises to a ridge where a few farms are still in operation. Around a bend and down a long hill is beautiful Gorman Lake. A short distance farther the Addington Road ended at its meeting with the Ottawa and Opeongo Road.

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Enhanced boundary signs/hwy 41, coordinated by the communications committee with the ON Ministry of Transportation and Townships of North Frontenac and Addington Highlands.

Summer Fun & Fundraising

by Carolyn McCulloch

Victoria Day Weekend in the Land of Lakes has become the traditional time for yard sales. We think that ours, held in the Barrie Community Hall, is over-the-top. If you can't find what you want at our sale it probably hasn't been invented yet. We have been able to acquire a few items for our Museum over the years, and the leftover articles are recycled in the Community afterwards. This year they went to The Flinton Community Club. Organizer Wendy Hodgkin reports that our gain for this major fundraiser was \$968.40. We shall be back again in 2015, so please save your gently used items.

The Cloyne Pioneer Museum and Archives opened for the season on June 21 to the now-familiar strains of The Pickled Chicken String Band. Players Joe Grant, Susan Fraser, Mark Rowe, Peter Chess and Dave Guest again delighted us by playing roots music with a twist. Many thanks to Gord McCulloch and his BBQ team. The day produced a profit of \$208.36.

Our visit to the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa will be a cherished memory for many of our members. We didn't quite fill our comfortable bus, so there was a shortfall of \$71.24.

In July, we took part in the first Greater Madawaska Area Showcase. Mayor Peter Emon formally thanked us and said that the event was a great success. Carol Lessard and museum staff member were not only able to promote the museum, but sold merchandise at the show.

North of Seven Community Day was the brainchild of Dr. Gray Merriam of the Frontenac Stewardship Federation. Some of the prominent exhibitors were Geologist Dugald Carmichael, writer Orland French, and Leora Berman of The Land Between. The Cloyne and District Historical Society hosted the visitors in the Museum with The Human History North of Seven. Because our volunteers worked in the kitchen, the BBQ and the Museum, we made a profit of \$255.00. Aside from the tremendous spirit in trading stories about our land, this collaboration was a perfect example of how community partnerships really work. We were able to purchase our supplies at a discount from the Friends of Bon Echo, we

donated our leftover frozen food to the Lion's Golf Day who in turn were raising money for the local Food Bank.

Our sought after historical Calendar is produced each year, reflects times past and is a collector's item for many in the area. We estimate that the profit at the end of the project will be over \$2800. Well done to the team who prepared the 2015 calendar: Eileen Flieler, Wendy Hodgkin, Gord McCulloch, Red Emond, Shirley Sedore, Ian Brumell, and Marg Axford. Over fifty percent of the CDHS calendars were sold by Cecily Matacheskie. If you have old pictures of our catchment area (Kaladar to Denbigh, and Flinton to Plevna) and can tell us a bit about them, we would love to see them, scan them and return them to you. Just think, your ancestors and their stories could be in one of our future Calendars!!



Great food and great friends at the pot luck luncheon hosted by Elinor Duncan. *Photo Elinor Duncan*

Pot Luck Luncheon: There were not a lot of sunny days without rain in the summer of 2014, but one of them was July 21, when CDHS held our annual pot luck lunch at Elinor Duncan's home. About 25 members and friends attended and enjoyed the excellent food and conversation while sitting on Elinor's super-deck overlooking her lake. Elinor claims to have enjoyed the experience of hosting us very much, although she modestly did not take credit for the fly-over which marked the end of the festivities. The aircraft which buzzed us looked to be military, so we have our suspicions that our esteemed President pulled some old strings. Thanks to all who came, brought food and helped Elinor with the logistics. Particular thanks to Elinor for putting up with us. ✂ Catherine Grant

Events

November

Meeting of the CDHS

Monday November 17, 1PM

Barrie Hall – Cloyne

'We're all stories in the end' – Harry Andringa of Flinton will share his childhood memories. He grew up in the Netherlands during the occupation and liberation of Holland. Lunch will be served, before the general meeting. Everyone is welcome.

December

CDHS Christmas Luncheon

Monday December 8, 11:30AM

Pineview Free Methodist Church – Cloyne

The Cloyne and District Historical Society and their friends celebrate Christmas with a home cooked Turkey Dinner. Join the fun at Pineview Free Methodist church at 11.30AM, for luncheon at 12 noon. Tickets should be purchased in advance from Sandra Sparks 613 336-0157 for \$18.00. Share your Christmas joy by bringing a donation for the Food Bank.

Annual Toonie Christmas Party

Saturday December 13, 1PM

Barrie Hall – Cloyne

The Annual Toonie Christmas Party is happening again at the Barrie Community Hall. Enjoy singing the Carols, performers, poems and stories of Christmas past. Arrive at 1PM for the best seat. Enjoy mulled cider and hot chocolate with the best holiday baking around. Santa Clause will arrive around 3PM, and you will be home by four.

January 2015

Meeting of the CDHS

Monday January 19, 1PM

Barrie Hall - Cloyne

A Box of History – The accumulation of memorabilia can often be a puzzle waiting to come to life. The Museum was fortunate to receive such a box this summer. Margaret Axford, in her own appealing way, shall piece it together for us. Everyone is welcome. Lunch will be served, before the general meeting.

Robbie Burns Supper

Saturday January 24, 2015

Lions Hall – Northbrook

Be there, as Gordon Sparks addresses the haggis. (It is worth the price of admission.) Don your tartans, and come for neeps and tatties, lots of Scotch and some Scottish Country Dancing. Cocktails are at 5.30PM and Supper is at 6.30PM. Reserve your tickets early from Gordon Sparks 613 336-0157 or Ian Brumell 613 336-2203.

February

Meeting of the CDHS

Monday February 16, 1PM

Barrie Hall – Cloyne

Shirley Sedore will be doing a presentation on the Sedore family history.

March

Annual General Meeting of the CDHS

Monday March 16, 1PM

Barrie Hall – Cloyne

Members shall vote on the election of the Board of Directors

April

Meeting of the CDHS

Monday April 20, 1PM

Barrie Hall – Cloyne

General Meeting – Everyone welcome

May

Mammoth Yard Sale

Saturday May 16, 9AM

Barrie Hall – Cloyne

Save your gently used items

Call Carolyn McCulloch 613 336-6858 for pickup

Meeting of the CDHS

Barrie Hall – Cloyne

Monday May 18, 1PM

General Meeting – Everyone welcome