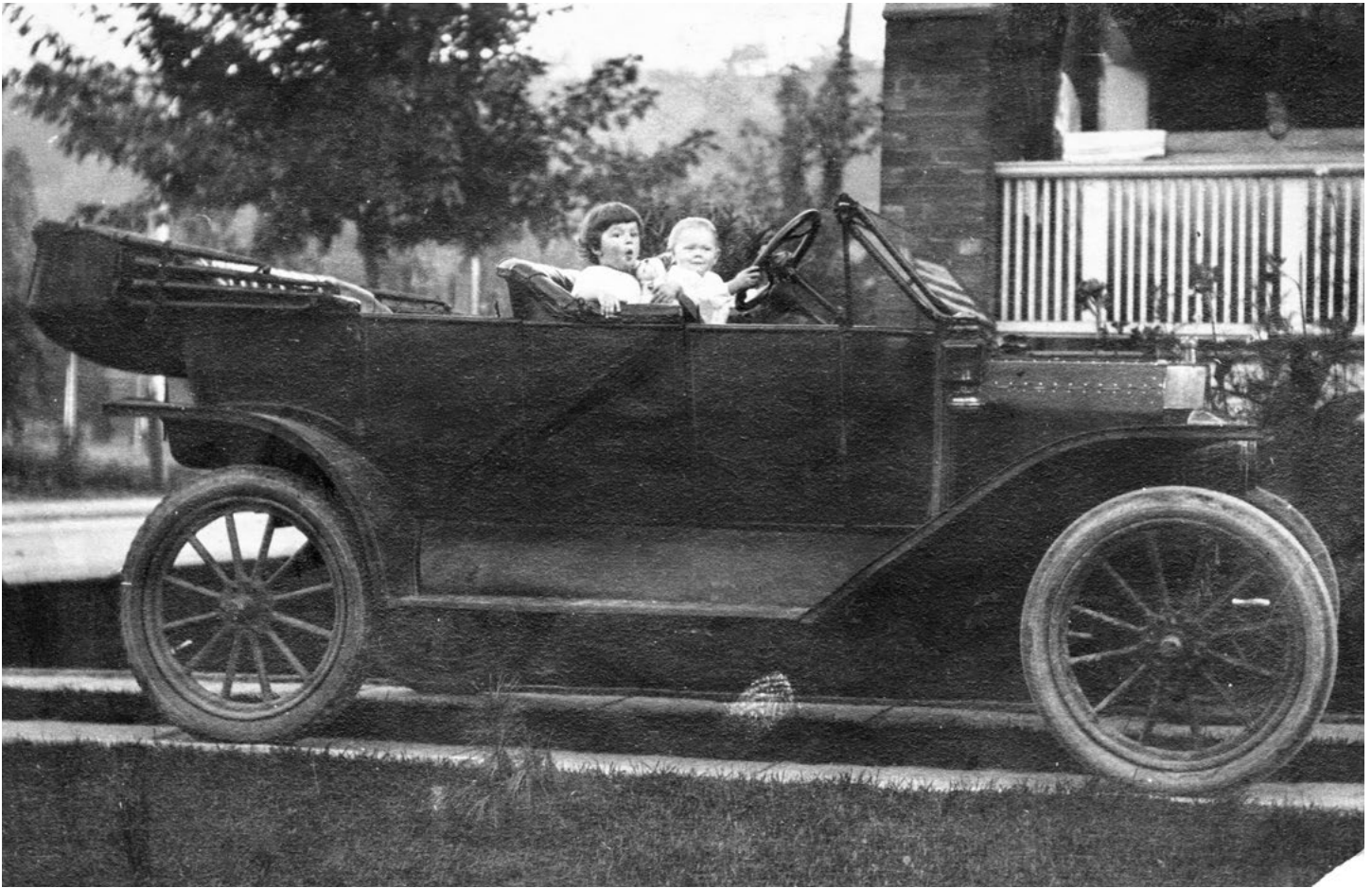


# The Pioneer Times

NEWS VEHICLE OF THE CLOYNE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Road Trip. What a great photo from our flickr collection. This photo is a Lessard Family car. Unknown location, children or date but the car appears to be a 1915 Model T Ford Touring car. Nicknamed the "Tin Lizzie" and "Leaping Lena" the Model T is regarded as the first affordable automobile making travel available to the middle class. *Photo: Carol Lessard Collection, CDHS flickr website.*

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## President's Message

The past year has been a very good one for CDHS and we look forward to continued success.

Several of our speakers in 2019 shared much family or local history with us. At our September meeting we had a speaker from the O.P.P. sharing information to help us avoid being victimized by scammers.

To start the new year we devoted two meetings to strategic planning. This helped us identify our strengths and showed where we can improve. One of our greatest strengths is in our hiring methods which are well established thanks to our former curator. One surprise for many of us is that membership is not the problem we assumed it was.

In 2019 we tried several approaches to find a curator for the museum. To date we have been unsuccessful and we are using backup plans. We continue to explore all possibilities. This year we also need to find someone willing to take on the treasurer's position. Our treasurer informed us last year that he wanted to be relieved of this duty. While concentrating on finding a curator, we neglected his request. This year we must succeed. If you or someone you know would be interested please let us know.

To the board members, the members, the patrons, the committee members, those who prepare lunches for the meetings and all who help with set up and clean up my sincere thanks. We could not do it without you.

Respectfully,

Shirley Sedore, President ❧

ADDENDUM: Due to Covid-19 we don't know when our AGM will be. Please keep your copies of the proposed bylaws until then. STAY HOME, STAY HEALTHY, SAVE LIVES.



Editor's note: All website addresses in the online newsletter are live links. Hover your cursor over the address. When it changes to a hand, click and the website will open. Email addresses and the "Donate Now" button work the same way.

## Report from the Treasurer

It's been a year since we had a financial report in the CDHS Newsletter. With the current Covid-19 epidemic upon us, we also may not be able to have an Annual General Meeting for several months. So, with this in mind, hopefully we can in this short article offer a synopsis of the financial activities of our Society for 2019. Elsewhere in this Newsletter is also the Financial Statement for the Society for the year 2019.

The year 2019 was not one in which we spent a lot of funds on projects. However, we were successful in obtaining funding for three summer students as well as the usual Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG) funding. The HODG funding is a programme developed years ago by the Ontario Government to assist with the operational needs of smaller heritage organizations. This year we were able to receive \$1,545 from it which was used to offset the extra funds we are not granted by our regular institutional granters for the students we employ. The student grant funding we receive pays 75% of the total salaries we pay out, so the HODG funding covered a major portion of this difference.

We paid our students close to \$19,000 this past summer. They did a fabulous job and hopefully, depending on the C-19 concern, might be able to assist us again this summer.

Over the year we were also able to build our Reserve Fund with Raymond-James to the amount we feel is optimum for future projects for which we may need funding beyond what the bank account will supply. In 2019 the investment earnings on these funds was in the order of 10% giving a closing balance in the Reserve Fund of \$4,858.

The Cloyne and District Historical Society Endowment Fund also did well in 2019 with net earnings of around 10% bringing the year end total to \$97,489. This number is after the Society was paid \$2,878 as the yearly designated payment from the Fund. The Endowment Fund is building in a way which will enable us to be self sufficient should the Government granting process dry up in the future. (Refer to the Spring 2018 Newsletter regarding endowment and philanthropy).

The museum sales and its guests' donations provided summer financial deposits totalling \$3,712. Our selection

of books keeps getting better and tends to reflect more the history of the area.

Throughout the year we have been supremely enthused and gratified by the generosity of members and the major donors to our Society. Without the generosity of the membership, current and future projects cannot be completed nor even thought about. The two townships we represent have been most helpful over the years and their contributions have been very much appreciated. Our thanks go out to you-all.

The coming year will be a trial for the CDHS with us wondering if in fact we will be open; however, the financial reserves we have will keep us afloat to pay the necessary continuing building upkeep and maintenance expenses.

The CDHS has been a financial success for years due in no small part to the work and enthusiasm of its members and associates. We hope to continue in this trend for years to come and to continue as a viable historical resource for the entire North Frontenac and Lennox and Addington Counties and in fact, for Eastern Ontario.

If there are any questions regarding the financial activities of the CDHS, please don't hesitate to contact us through email at <pioneer@mazinaw.on.ca>

Ian Brumell, Treasurer. ✉ (Financial Statement Page 5)

## Donating to the CDHS through CanadaHelps.org

In March, we joined CanadaHelps.org – an online portal for donors to connect to their favourite charity. Through the portal, registered charities, such as the CDHS, can receive online donations which are deposited directly into their bank account. We have never been able to receive online donations until now.

A new button has been added to our homepage [cloynepioneermuseum.ca](http://cloynepioneermuseum.ca) displaying "Donate Now".



Clicking the button takes viewers to our Charity Profile page, introducing our charity. Donors can contribute simply by clicking the button which takes them to a se-



cure page for credit card or PayPal entry. Donors can even contribute "In Memory" of a family member or friend. Online tax-deductible receipts are issued instantly making the entire process of donating very easy.

CanadaHelps.org is a registered charity itself – helping 86,000 charities across Canada receive online donations. The fee for their service for one-time donations is 4% which includes credit card, bank and brokerage charges. Monthly donations have a 3.5% fee. Fees are deducted before the money is deposited into our bank account.

Ken Hook, Webmaster 🌿

## Patrons Report

We continue to be well supported by the people in our community, the wider area and even from places as far away as Winnipeg and Houston who become patrons of our Pioneer Museum. Thirty-six households have paid the membership fees which gives us a healthy roster of forty-eight patrons. It also gives us \$900. to support the Museum. Many patrons support us with their fees alone while others chose to be members of CDHS and donors; others prefer not to be members but are donors. The form distributed for patron and membership renewal also has information on donating and many take advantage of this "one-stop" shopping to make a donation as well. This season to date we have received \$2990. in donations set out on the renewal form.

Catherine Grant, Patrons Committee 🌿

## 2019 COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

During the year we advertised in the newly launched Frontenac Visitor's Guide as well as in the annual Lions Club brochure. We also placed ads for the Yard Sale and produced posters for it. Posters as required for other museum and Historical Society events are this committee's responsibility as well.

We regularly send notices of our meetings and events to the "Discover the Land O'Lakes" magazine, the Frontenac News, the Madawaska Highlander and The Scoop. Distributing our brochures gives us an opportunity to network within the community.

We represented the CDHS at the KAM annual meeting, the Skootamatta Lake Ratepayers' Association AGM, the Lions' Extravaganza, the School Open House and the Genealogy Fair in Tweed. At these we shared information about our organization and had displays or videos.

We collaborated on two newsletters, professionally produced by Cathy Hook, and maintained a relationship with the Kingston Association of Museums and the Ontario Historical Society.

Membership secretary, Carolyn, continues to inform members of events and meetings. Social media, the web site, flickr, etc. are maintained and updated by Ken Hook.

Reported by Marcella, Carolyn and Cathy, Communications Committee 🌿



North Frontenac Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, November 2019. Left Side: Carolyn McCulloch, Gordon McCulloch, Ian Brumell, Red Emond, Chris Bacon, Jim Bacon. Right Side: Roxanne Bradshaw, Marcella Neely, Eileen Flieler, Shirley Sedore, Paul Thiel, Mary Kelly, Michele Burgess. The Township of North Frontenac held the dinner in Plevna to honour the many volunteers in the area. The spaghetti was very good. *Photo: Cheryl Robson – submitted by Red Emond.*

# Cloyne and District Historical Society Financial Statements to 31 December, 2019

## Profit & Loss

<u>Revenue</u>	
<b>Historical Society Income - 4-1000</b>	
Misc & Museum Donations	\$1,891.40
Charitable Donations >\$10	\$5,101.61
Federal Gov't Grants	\$15,870.81
Provincial Grants	\$1,545.00
Municipal Grants	\$500.00
Reserve Fund Interest	\$222.00
Endowment Fund Interest	\$5,762.00
Membership	\$470.00
Calendar Sales	\$2,649.00
Other Item Sales	\$334.45
Book Sales	\$1,508.25
Calendar Advertising	\$1,560.00
Special Events - Yard sale	\$671.00
- Christmas Luncheon	\$320.00
Patrons	\$1,250.00
In Memorium	\$90.00
Misc & Interest	\$49.85

**Total Revenue** \$39,795.37

<u>Expenses</u>	
<b>Historical Society Expenses - 6-0000</b>	
Accounting & Office Services	\$100.00
Meeting Expense	\$132.60
Utilities - Hydro, etc.	\$1,412.18
Maintenance & Repair	\$134.90
Postage & Shipping	\$49.63
Office Expenses	\$62.33
Museum Grounds Expense	\$80.00
Archival Purchase	\$390.40
Archival Supplies/Expenses	\$142.05
Insurance	\$2,169.72
Calendar Expenses	\$1,316.65
Other Sales Items Purchased	\$119.00
Book Purchases	\$1,183.33
Sales Discount	\$48.00
Special Events - Opening	\$55.00
- Christmas Luncheon	\$355.00
Patron Expense	\$255.76
Professional Memberships	\$342.20
In Memorium donations	\$150.00
Misc. Expense	\$610.75
Museum Wages & Salaries	\$17,398.20
Museum Payroll Expenses	\$803.94

**Total** \$27,311.64

<u>Expenses</u>	
<b>Communications Committee - 6-3000</b>	
Advertising & Promo	\$369.16
Website Expense	\$108.94
Newsletter Expense	\$436.74
Signage	\$150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,064.84</b>

<u>Expenses</u>	
<b>Equipment Expense - 6-1200</b>	
Office equip/fixtures	\$120.60
Computer/peripherals	24.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$145.44</b>

**Total Expenses** \$28,521.92

**Net Income** \$11,273.45

**Notes**

- Inventory consists of copies of unsold books, calendars and other sales items.
- The funds indicated in the Endowment Fund value are not accessible since it is for future revenue.

## Balance Sheet

<u>Assets</u>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Bank Account	\$5,729.59
Endowment Fund	\$97,489.00
Reserve Fund	\$4,858.00
Inventory	\$2,050.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$110,126.59</b>

<u>Assets</u>	
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Buildings & Property	\$150,000.00
Display fixtures	\$7,404.00
Computer & Hardware	\$3,500.00
Office Equipment	\$4,000.00
Other Equipment	\$1,555.00
Museum Artifacts	\$23,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$189,459.00</b>

**Total Assets** \$299,585.59

<u>Liabilities &amp; Equity</u>	
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<u>Equity</u>	
CDHS Equity	\$184,914.63
Opening Balance Equity	\$58,738.59
Retained Earnings	\$44,658.92
Net Income	\$11,273.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$299,585.59</b>

**Total Liability & Equity** \$299,585.59

# A JOURNEY INTO THE PAST

by Marcella Neely

Long before Hwy 41 was built the army travelled through this region following Native and trapper trails. The Military still use the now Hwy 41 from Petawawa to Trenton.

Highway 41 was built From Napanee to Pembroke in the 1930s. It was declared a Provincial Highway in 1933. It closely follows the Addington Colonization Road which began construction in 1856 and was completed in 1864. It followed wagon trails and footpaths around rock formations and swamps through pine forests. Commonly called the Perry Road because it was started by Aylsworth B. Perry and completed by his brother Ebenezer Perry. Beginning at the Clare River south of Kaladar it wound northward to the Ottawa and Opeongo Road. All there was in Kaladar at that time was a post office and hotel.

Going back in time to 1993, let's travel the highway Northward from Kaladar with the Pioneer Club. (In 2001 the Pioneer Club evolved into the current Cloyne & District Historical Society).

Kaladar village was originally called "Scouten". In 1890 the name was changed to "Kaladar Station" then in 1950 it became "Kaladar".

In early days the village was South of #7. Some early settlers were Forbes and Morton. When the railroad was built in 1882 a nearby French village moved here. The railroad attracted traders, trappers, lumber business, and tourists.

The first post office opened on January 1st, 1885.

After serving the community for several years, the first school burned down in 1930. It was rebuilt and used for education until 1944 when it was moved to Highway 7. In 1971 the school closed and was converted to the first Community Club. Folks celebrated heartily back then. Dances could be held every night of the week and moonshine flowed freely. The first law enforcement officer, Dan Wager, tried to put a stop to the moonshine. This building

was the hub of the area until 2019 when it was closed due to lack of support.

In 1926 the United church was built with donations from T. Eaton, Robert Simpson companies as well as local donations. It was dedicated in 1928 and served until 1966. It was sold due to lack of attendance. During the 1950s over 50 families lived in Kaladar.

The Kaladar Hotel was built South of #7 on Hwy 41 by John Lewis and Harriott Woodcock. It was moved North of the highway in 1934 by new owner Robert White. It had changed hands several times over the years. Some of the owners were Mr. & Mrs. Walt Vilneff, former Chicago Blackhawks player, Glen Brighton & his father as well as brothers Nelson & Cliff Murphy, also Ellett Morris, then Bill Brown. The Trickey family operated it for 30 years before selling it to Andy and Donna Anderson in 1989. It closed in 2006, was torn down in 2018. The property is now owned by the Ministry of Transportation.

Across the road from the hotel was the Tryon's Boarding House.

During the 1940s, the Rathbun Lumber Co. operated in the area. Stoklosar Mine was South of the railroad tracks and in 1945 the Sawyer Stoll Lumber Co. moved in. Sawyer Stoll closed and moved to Tweed in 1967.

In 1946 Bence Motors opened a small service station, vehicle repair and sales business. Several upgrades and ex-



Bence Motor Sales - Kaladar 1985. Photo: Bence Family Album, CDHS flickr website



pansions happened over the years but it is still operating and still within the Bence family. There was an old road winding around the business at one time. It ran passed Leona Neal's over Johnson's Hill.

In the mid 1940s, after the war, two airforce pals, Little and Dunbar opened a Shell station, vehicle repair and restaurant on the Northeast corner of the highway. Mrs Dunbar is believed to have operated the restaurant. It was later sold to Roy Holtzauer who started a fuel busi-



Highway 41 and 7 Junction - Kaladar 1950. Photo: Vintage Kingston Album, CDHS flickr website. Find more photos of our area at [vintagekingston.ca](http://vintagekingston.ca). Original photo source [thekingshighway.ca](http://thekingshighway.ca).

ness from the location. He also ran an American Motors car dealership for a short time.

He sold the fuel contract to Don Woods in the 60s. The location was sold to the Borozka's who later sold it to Gary Grewal. It is still a Shell station. Much expanded and modernized.

In 1955 a motel and Sunoco gas station opened on Hwy 7 just West of Hwy 41. Evidence still exists in the remains of the abandoned motel.

In 1956 the Ontario Provincial Police took over law enforcement. The organization was restructured and headquartered in Napanee in 1996. The Napanee detachment continues to serve our area from that base.

There were pockets of small farms but mostly rock continuing North. A rooming house was on what is now the Northwest corner of Flinton Road and #41. After prohibition it became a hotel. After World War Two Dorla and Alma Thompson built a restaurant on the East side of the hwy. It has had several owners and upgrades but the location is still a restaurant. Now Addison's.

Just north of Addison's, the property now occupied by the new firehall was also previously owned by the Thompsons.

A little farther along on the west side Jim Lloyd operated a garage during the 1950s. In the late 70s he sold it to Bill Head who ran a Sport and Bait business from the location. The business closed and building demolished around 2000.

A Steadmans store was built where Maschke Funeral Home now stands. After Steadmans the building was an ambulance base in the south half and a furniture and gift store in the north half.

Immediately to the north, Fritz Nussberger opened Yamaha Sports in the 1990s. He also built storage units on the property. For a short while after the Yamaha business vacated, a coffee and bake shop operated from the building. This general area was once the farm and saw mill of Welly Thompson.

*Foot note: This information is primarily from the late Tommy Thompson (reeve) and the late Edgar Boseley as told to and recorded by Roxanne Bradshaw in 1993. Excerpts from John Keith's article provided Addington Rd information (The Country Connection magazine, Autumn 1993). From the book "The Smiling Wilderness" by Frank B. Edwards came some Addington Road confirmation. John Bolton's memories enhanced the Northbrook section and Ford VanNess provided the list of Kaladar residents. Roxanne arranged and conducted the bus trip for the Pioneer Club in 1993.*

We will continue into Northbrook in the next issue.

**1950's Families on Highway #41 from Kaladar to Northbrook** (Starting 2 miles South of #7 and going North), prepared by Ford Van Ness.

Hugh and Annie McMan  
Ryerson and Maggie Delyea  
Frank and Ruth Delyea  
James and Letta Hayes  
Johnny and Mrs.Carrie Hayes  
George and Mable Hayes  
Ed Hayes  
Mark and Florence Knight  
Harold and Elsie Kinkam  
Lionel and Jean Jamieson  
John and Irene Tryon  
Bill and Hilda Salmond  
Ferdinand and Mary Anne Pierson  
Carman and Jean Head  
Wilfred and Ruby Woods  
Arnold and Kathleen York  
Oscar and Ruth Hynne  
**York's Store**  
**Highway Seven**  
**Kaladar Hotel**  
**Dunbar's Garage**  
Walter and Beatrice Oliver  
Fred and Florence Keller  
Oakley and Olive Parks  
Ed and Mrs. "Boomhour" Woodcock  
Reg and Ethel Wood  
**Penticostal Church**  
Art and Laura Shultz  
"Izak" Issac and Ruth Delyea  
Art and Noan Dunbar

Fred and Eliza Berry  
Russell and June Van Ness  
Claude and Beaatrice Parks  
Ken and Mrs.Rae Lloyst  
Roland and Ethel Keller  
Bill and Dorothy Hughes  
Tom and Sarah Parks  
Millard and Florence Oliver  
Doug and Dorland Scott  
Ira and Alma Forbes  
Alfred and Helen Knox  
Ernie Marsh  
Clayton and Edith Lobb  
Steve and Victoria Evans  
Ernie and Hazel Van Ness  
Ward and Emma Lloyd  
Clarence and Olive Shaw  
Oubry and Mrs. Blanche Benn  
John and Mrs. Mary Savaginy  
Louis and Dolly Lessard  
Collin and Mrs. Grace Thompson  
Steve and Eva Wood  
Charley and Mrs.Wood  
Len and Mrs.May Turner  
Almonte and Mary Lloyd  
Jim and Daisy Lloyd  
Ivan Lloyd  
Restaurant  
Dorland and Alma Thompson  
Mel and Mrs.Ruth Green  
Wellington and Bessy Thompson  
Ervan and Mrs.Bessy Atkins  
**Northbrook**

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## The Flying Doctors of Northbrook

by Ken Hook

Often, we receive photos in round-about ways. Recently President Shirley Sedore was contacted by Mandy Salmond about some photos that related to the Flying Doctors of Northbrook. Mandy's neighbour is Sue Milne, daughter of Dr. Milne who was one of the doctors that served the Northbrook Medical Centre when it was located in the former Northbrook School – now the Lions Hall.







The challenges of developing a sustainable medical clinic in the area were enormous.

In 1972, a portion of the Northbrook Community Centre was rented for the purpose of a medical clinic. Helen Yanch of Flinton worked in the clinic for about 3 years as Receptionist-Secretary. In a telephone conversation with Helen she remembers:

"The Clinic ran in Northbrook for about 3 years. An organization called PSI (Physician Services Inc.) paid for the rent and supply of doctor services Monday, Wednesday and Friday. One doctor at a time would fly up from Kingston with a pilot, land at the Northbrook air strip (near Pine Meadow Nursing Home) and walk cross-lot to the Clinic. The Clinic was open 5 days a week, staffed by Helen and Tish Butson who was a Nurse Practitioner.

A team of 17 Kingston area doctors provided service to Northbrook. Dr. Richard Milne, Dr. Jim Berry and Dr. McMahon were three of the doctors that came most often. I think Dr. Milne was the main organizer.

The doctors came even in the winter, the pilot attached skis to the aircraft for landing in the snow."

Tish and Helen were instrumental in operating the Clinic when doctors didn't attend Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tish performed duties of a Nurse Practitioner, repairing cuts, advising pregnant Moms, calling the doctors for advice providing prescriptions. Tish would provide emergency services if needed on the weekends. According to Ken Douglas, Tish Butson was instrumental in applying for and receiving PSI services in Northbrook.



Helen Yanch "wore a lot of hats", making appointments for the doctors and specialists if needed, counting pills, receiving calls and even cleaning the Clinic – whatever was necessary. During this time period she had her oldest child, Emily. At that time maternity leave was only 3 months so Emily too would frequent the Clinic in her early years.

From about 1940 to 1969, Physician Services Inc. (PSI) ran a doctor-sponsored prepaid medical care plan in Ontario. This was organized by the Ontario Medical Association. PSI was a not-for-profit corporation. PSI was financially sustainable. It was closed in 1969, when the Province of Ontario started OHIP.

*Photos: Dr. Richard Milne Album, CDHS flickr website. Information provided by Helen Yanch and Ken Douglas.*

To read more about the history of the Flying Doctors and the Land O'Lakes Medical Centre which opened in 1980 visit our flickr website.



## 2020 Calendar



We still have a few copies of the 2020 CDHS Heritage Calendar which features schools past and present in the Kaladar/Denbigh corridor. The cost is \$15.00. To make arrangements for a calendar visit our on-line book store.

[www.cloynepioneeremuseum.ca](http://www.cloynepioneeremuseum.ca)

# Following the Timber



Joy Saw Mill, early 1900s. Near Cloyne. *Photo: Vintage Kingston Album.*

"Following the timber" isn't a phrase you hear nowadays. But in the 19th century, this was a way of life for many people who worked in the logging industry. As lumber companies aggressively cut timber, whole forestry regions were depleted, triggering the company to move westward in search of new forests. Those dependent on the

companies for their livelihood had to "follow the timber" and set up life in a new region.

Today, if you head north on Highway 41 past Highway 7, you'll come to the area where many French Canadians settled. They had followed the timber from Quebec. In the mid- to late-1800s, the Mazinaw region was the new timber frontier. Some of the lumber companies ran their operations on a fairly small scale, but others were massive, having built up their wealth as they expanded from New Brunswick to Quebec and then to Ontario. Most notably, the Gilmour Lumber Company ran operations in the Mazinaw region and floated its logs to Trenton.

In 1888, the Gilmour sawmill in Trenton was said to have the largest cutting capacity in the world. This meant that its demand for logs was huge, but even with its extensive timber rights in the Mazinaw and the Algonquin areas, the mill never ran at full capacity. The intense pressure to keep feeding the mill triggered massive investments in a new transportation technology: a tramway that could lift logs out of one lake and transport them to a different watershed so they could be floated to Trenton.



Log Drive. *Photo: Bon Echo Park Album.*

The Gilmour Lumber Company built two tramways to supply its Trenton mill: one in the Mazinaw region and one





Jack ladder. *Photo: CDHS archives.*

much further west at Dorset, Ontario. The fates of these investments were vastly different. The Mazinaw tramway, a major engineering triumph in the 1850s, moved logs from Mazinaw Lake to Pringle Lake by means of a lift system and a railway of sorts. It consisted of a jack ladder, powered by steam, to lift logs up a steep embankment from the lake (100 metres long, 35 metres vertically) and horse-drawn carriages to pull the logs along wooden rails until they reached Pringle Lake.

By itself, that sounds like a huge investment, but consider also that the terrain was swampy. This meant that the



Log Scalers and Ranger – Sawyer Stoll, Massanoga. *Photo: Mary Lloyd Johnson Album.*

area had to be built up by hand using earth and stone to elevate the rails above the swamps. The Mazinaw tramway was used as early as the 1850s and continued for about 40 years, a remarkably long run. Its Dorset cousin, built in the 1890s, was not so fortunate, lasting only two years, in part due to a lack of sufficient water supply to operate it.

In the second half of the 19th century, the population in the Mazinaw area swelled with loggers and their families. Life was not easy for the women whose husbands were



Sawyer Stoll Lumber Mill, Massanoga. *Photo: Mary Lloyd Johnson Album.*

away logging during the winter, but they had the basics – a good community, a school for their children and access to a wide variety of goods from the local general store.

To get a better appreciation of this fascinating era in Ontario's history, you can visit the Cloyne Pioneer Museum and Archives. There you'll see a diorama of the Mazinaw tramway and a large model of the old log schoolhouse, which was constructed using two walls of the original schoolhouse. You'll also enjoy looking at the old photographs covering everything from logging to community life to tourism associated with Bon Echo Provincial Park, less than a 10-minute drive north of the museum.

Normally the museum opens in mid-June, but this year the timing is less certain owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. You'll have to wait to hear about the province's schedule for re-opening tourist sites. In the meantime, you can browse the on-line collection of old photographs to inspire your future travels.

*This article has been reprinted with permission from author Helen Cutts, Kingston Association of Museums (KAM) volunteer. It is on the KAM website: <https://kingstonmuseumsblog.com/>*

*All photos are from The Cloyne and District Historical Society flickr website. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/cdhs/>*





Monday November 18, members of the CDHS visited the South Frontenac Museum in Hartington to view two of the museum's most prominent collections and displays – the "146th Overseas Battalion" and "First World War Nurses". Doug Lovegrove, a former Canadian Army Sgt. spoke to members about the 146th, WWI soldiers from Frontenac County. During his research Lovegrove came across so much interesting information about Canadian nurses in WWI, his wife Debbie, also retired from the military, became involved.

Read more about the 146th battalion.  
<http://146battalion.ca/>

Read about our visit to the museum in Craig Bakay's article *Cloyne historians visit Harrowsmith for WW1 lectures*.

<https://www.frontenacnews.ca/south-frontenac-news/item/13562>

*Photos: Ken Hook.* All photos of our visit are at the South Frontenac Museum website.  
<http://southfrontenacmuseum.ca/news-posts/>



Holly Baines facilitated a strategic planning session during our February 17 meeting. Members split into three groups based on interest in Museum & Archives, Membership, and Programming. Membership group LtoR around the table: Dave Woodruff, Marcella Neely, Nancy Davis Mayer, Julia Garro, Carol Lessard, John Bolton, Jane Bezodis.

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## Events - 2020

### General Meeting Dates

All General Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month, 1PM at the Barrie Hall in Cloyne.

**April 20 - Cancelled**

**October 19**

**May 18 - Cancelled**

**November 16**

**September 21**

Because of COVID-19 restrictions we have postponed our AGM indefinitely. Check our website from time to time to see what events are proceeding.